## BASKETBALL SEASON OPENS

## First Game was a Victory, but Since

Then Team Has Lost Steadily
The basketball team motored to Bison on January 22, for the first game of the season. The quintet showed up in good form and scored a victory. Ever since then a jinx has been camping on the trail of the team, causing them to lose four games in succession.

## H. C. A. 31, Bison 17

The first and only victory was won from Bison on their own court in a fast game. The final score was, Hays 31, Bison 17. The game opened with Pike scoring a basket from the tip-off. Hays scored several more baskets before Bison succeeded in scoring. Thereafter Leo Staab, Pike and Red Jacobs scored at regular intervals. The teamwork was nearly perfect. Whenever Bison became dangerous, one of our men would shot a ringer. A number of subs also got a chance to show their skill. "Sandy" felt mighty proud of the team and looked forward to a successful season. But the fates decreed otherwise.
H. C. A. 15, Ellis 16

Ellis H. S. was their tool. On January 29 the squad went to Ellis and was defeated. The game opened with Hays scoring several baskets in quick succession. Hays kept the lead until near the end. The first half ended in a 12 to 3 score. Several lucky shots plus a number of free throws by Ellis gradually closed the gap until they had the score tied in the last quarter. A free throw gave Ellis the lead and the game.
H. C. A. 19, LaCrosse 26

The home season opened with La Crosse as guests. And wishing to be polite Hays allowed the guests to win the game, but only after putting up a good fight. Pike shot a ringer from the opening tip-off. Thereafter both sides scored throughout the game. Hays showed better team-work than LaCrosse, but had hard luck in scoring. The game was very close, there never being more than a two point difference, until the last few minutes of play when LaCrosse shot several baskets in quick succession. Cavin and Russell scored most of the points for LaCrosse.
H. C. A. 18, Menlo 26

On February 5, the team from Menlo was the guest of the H. C. A. and as guest was allowed to win. Menlo took the lead right from the start and kept it throughout the game. It was a poor game from the Hays point of view. And so was the second game with LaCrosse.
H. C. A. 15, LaCrosse 30

When the H. C. A. paid LaCrosse a return visit on February 12, LaCrosse did not play the role of kind hostess, but rather that of pirate, by taking this game also. Hays scored first and held the lead at the end of the first quarter, but the half ended 17 to 10 in favor of LaCrosse. The final score showed LaCrosse the winner by a fifteen point margin.
Did you read the ads? If not, you missed something. Consult the ads in the Journal and patronize these advertisers.

## LIFE and DEATH

Out of the mist,
As though just kissed
To light, the sun appears, In dewy morn
A day is born;
Thus life begins with tears.
Then to decline,
All things resign
And light begins to fade.
With setting sun
The day is done
And darkness follows shade.
And so with man,
Brief is the span
Of life, as a day in spring.
When all is o'er
Death seals the door
And friends a requiem sing.
But at the doom
Out of the tomb
Will resurrection be.
Effaced from sin
The soul shall win
A blessed eternity.
-Br . Florian.

## REV. ALUMNUS SINGS MASS

Rev. August Koerperich, '16, Officiates in College Chapel

On February 9, Father Koerperich, '16, the first of the alumni to enter the priesthood celebrated high mass in the College Chapel. Only the Angels know what sentiments and prayers were his during this time.
Father Koerperich graduated from the classical department in 1916 Thereupon he went to Kenrick Seminary to study philosophy and theology. He was raised to priesthood on August 14, 1921, in the Cathedral at Concordia by the Rt. Rev. Francis J Tief, D. D. After spending several weeks as chaplain to the Sisters at Nazareth Academy, Father Koerperich was put in charge of four mis sion churches with headquarters at Minneapolis, Kansas. He stayed there only a short time when he was made pastor of the Sacred Heart Church at Greenleaf, Kansas, where he is at present. He has also been a member of the Board of Examiners o the Diocesan schools.

Athough Father Koerperich is $10-$ cated at quite a distance from his Alma Mater and kept very busy he nevertheless finds time to visit his Alma Mater at frequen intervals This time, however, we had something more than the usual reception And it was our little chapel that af forded the accommodation. Father Koerperich was pleased ,yes, surprised to see such an improvement. Undoubtedly he was thinking to himself, why couldn't we have had such a chapel in our time? Yes, what good such a chapel could and would have done for the students in those times will and is already shown by the new spirit among the students since we have the chapel. We hope and pray that with our chapel and good spirit among the students we may produce more graduates who will follow in the footsteps of Father Koerperich.

## FRESHMAN

The Freshman class is dead, buried, iam foetet. Perhaps with the coming of sprnig, the class will resurrect.

## H. C. A. BEATS QUINTER

## After Winning Seventeen Games They Lose to Hays

By a score of 19 to 18 the H. C. A. basketbal team defeated the Quinter team Friday, February 19. It was the first defeat for Quinter this seaSon. The game was played in the sheridan colliseum as a preliminary against the Salina Wesleyans
Quinter Salina Wesleyans
Quinter took the lead in the first ew minutes of play, scoring one point from the foul line, but held this lead only a short time, for Pike for H. C. A. shot two free throws and the first quarter was over. Hays gained steadily and the half ended 12 to 7 in Hays' favor.
Victory was due to Hays' superior team work. Short passes upset Quin ter. Quinter showed flashes of fast team work in the begining of the second half.

Leo Staab was high point man with nine points and Pike second with five. Bahly shot one long one Staab won the game in the last twenty second of play.
The line-up
H.C.A. (19)
Bremenkamp
L. Staab

Jacobs
Bahl
G. Werth
fas: Quinter (18)
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Summary
Jamison
Goff
Porter
Substitutions-H. C. A.: I Werth for
Staab; A Werth for Bahl; Bahl for Jacobs.
Field Goals-H. C. A.: Staab 4,
Bremenkamp 1, Jacobs 1, Bahl 1 Fouls-Hays 5.
Referee-Osborne Timer-Schuel er. Scorer-Bronson.

## EDUCATIONAL MOVIE SHOWN

On the evening of February 10 the faculty and students were favored with an educational entertainment in the form of a film describing the making of the McCormick-Deering tractor of the International Harvester Co.
The film was very interesting and instructive. Mr. Gamble, the firm's representative, lectured throughout the showing of the six reels. The students enjoyed it very much and are grateful to Mr. Gamble for his interesting talk. They also wish to thank Messrs. Schlyer and Arnhold who were instrumental in having the picture shown.
H. C. C. NEWMAN CLUB PLAY

## Drama, "Under the Flag" Well Presented to Capacity House

On Monday, February 9, the Newman Club presented for the public the drama, "Under the Flag", to large and appreciative audiences.
The plot of the drama held the auddience spell-bound during the whole performance. The acting was exceptionally realistic. Francis Bollig had his voice so well under control that many thought he was actually weeping during the prison scene.

Francis Murphy, the Irishman, and Joe Schenk, the colored janitor, kept the audience in good humor by their humorous repartee. Theodore Urban in the role of Padre acted very naturally. Bernard and Hyacinth Roth could not have acted a difficult part more naturally. They enunciated very distinctly. Thomas Holzmeister and Julius Bahl also did well. In fact the whole cast was well chosen and each and every one, from Francis Stramel, the messenger boy, to Walter Ross, the governor, deserve honorable mention as showing great histrionic ability.

The orchestra rendered good selections between acts.

Following is the cast of characters and program of music:
Cast of Characters-

T. Holzmeister (Morris' Friend)
John Firman - J. Bahl Rastus (Gerald's Father) J. Schenk
(Blake's Pal)
Ricardo Gutierrez - Walter Ross William Ewing (Gover Province)
William Ewing - - Cuban W. Knol Father Delgato in Cuban Army)
Sanchez
(A Priest)
(A Farmhand)
Pedro
(A Negro Jailer)
C. Oberle

Program of Music-
Overture, "Enchantment"
Herrmann
Pride of the Navy .Schumann "Melection
"Music"
Fr. Kmoch
For Love and Honor W. Albert

Boy Scouts
and Honor P.. Henneberg

## SANTUARY OF CHAPEL DECORATED

Father Casimir, O. M.Cap. assistant at St. Joseph Church, Hays, found time to decorate the sanctuary of the Chapel. His work has added much to make the Chapel more devotional.

The students appreciate the work which Father Casimir has done and want to express their gratitude.

## MINSTREL ANNOUNCED

Father Alfred professor of music, has announced that practice will begin in a few days for a Minstrel Show to be put on for the public during the latter part of April. Watch for the date! It's going to be a hum dinger.

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## LENT

This holy season of Lent, although not strictly an apostolical institution, is of extreme antiquity. The reason for such a great Church fast of six weeks as a preparation for Easter is very evident.

What kind of a preparation or let us rather say reparation could Lent afford to students? This holy season of Lent allows to the students another opportunity to redeem themselves for their past negligencies in studies and other important undertakings. Fasting, although a very noble sacrifice, is not the only one, and since students are more or less dispensed from such an obligation they should therefore resort to some other mortification. Students have hundreds of chances to make a little sacrifice during this holy season. Here is just one little instance which struck my mind and which may, so to say, serve as an initiative for Lenten resolutions. Now, since winter has finally set in story books are again our pleasing companions. Much of our spare time is used for reading; a very good thing we all admit since well selected reading can be a source of inspiration and a powerful influence for good. But to come to the point, let us here draw a comparison between fasting and the selection of reading material. During Lent it is customary to abstain from certain favorite foods as an act of mortification. Now there are many students who have a very strong liking for fiction reading or magazine short stories. Why not make a little sacrifice by changing over to the more beneficial reading of instructive essays and history or for that matter at least historical novels?
Undoubtedly very few have ever thought of such a sacrifice, if such we may call it. But try this little plan once, besides your "quit smoking" plan.and see what intellectual benefit besides the great spiritual good you derive. Remember such a sacrifice is for your own good.
-X. Y.

## THE TONGUE

The tongue is an object of great interest. As social beings we are interested in what assists us in keeping civilization alive. Aesop's Fables contain many stories, which, while untrue, contain a vast amount of common sense. One of these fables illustrates my subject to perfection.
Years ago when Aesop was a slave, his master bade him prepare a special
dinner on two successive days. For brings about a reformation in the the first meal he was to prepare the lives of men.
best meat he could procure, and for the second, the worst he could find. For both occasions Aesop chose tongue. When his master saw this, he demanded an explanation. Aesop calmly replied: "The tongue is the best thing in the world when used wisely, but the worst, when used indiscreetly."
The tongue is a small piece of muscle inside the mouth. It is very flexible. By means of the tongue we are enabled to judge correctly what appeals to the tastes. When sick, the doctor examines the tougue of a person; if it is coated, he immediately knows that the stomach is not in order, for the tongue is one of the first organs to be affected. The tongue, therefore, is an important factor in regard to the health of the body.
Men tried to oppose the will of God by attempting to build a tower reaching from the earth to the heavens. God thwarted their plans by simply changing their language, so that they could not understand one another. As social beings we have here a striking example of the torgue's importance. Civilization
denconds upon man's ability to convey his ideas to others.
The good that the tongue does is unlimited. It is necessary for the public worship of IGod. Through the modium of the tongue we ask aid necessary in assisting us to keep God's commandments. The tongue is an instrument through which knowledge is imparted to others.

Several years ago the Johnstown dam burst. A man, riding ahead the raging waters, warned the people living in the valley and thus saved many lives. It was Paul Revere's tongue that roused the American colonists and saved them from the dangers that threatened them. The trade and commerce of the world depend largely on the tongue for their existence and expansion. The tongue advises and admonishes to good and noble deeds and not infrequently

Having read of the good that the tongue does we must turn to another phase, namely, the evil committed by the tongue.

Blasphemy, swearing and cursing come from the abuse of the tongue. It is the channel through which bad stories are circulated and whereby good morals are corrupted.

While many objects may be compared with the tongue, the following example will suffice. Fire is very useful and yet may cause much harm. Aa long as it is kept under control it benefits man, but once beyond bounds, destruction and ruin follow. So the tongue; if used correctly, it will be the source of much good, but if unchecked, it will cause scandals, enmities, lawsuits, etc.
Therefore control your tongue, for

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nothing is more contemptible than a talkative man. The proverb, "Think twice before you speak," contains sound advice. Many a hasty word has caused the fires of jealousy and hatred to flare up, which have led to quarrels, lawsuits and even murder, for a word once spoken can never be recalled. -Forrest Barker,'28
"Kansas Some Wonderful Town" The following is a clipping from a Charleston, W. Va., paper

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MANY VISIT COLLEGE CHAPEL
Former Directors of the College Among the Visitors
Since the formal opening of the little College Chapel, recorded in the last issue of the JOURNAL, many alumni and other friends of the College have visited the Chapel and have expressed their delight at the cozy place of worship now afforded the students.

It so happened that on the same day the Rev. Father Cyrill, O. M. Cap., now pastor of the Sacred Heart Church at Ness City, and Rev. Father Gilbert, O. M. Cap., now pastor of St. Mary's Church at Ellis, visited the College and the Chapel. They were very much pleased with the Chapel and congratulated the Rev. Director on accomplishing what they both knew to be a necessity.

Father Cyrill and Father Gilbert both were in former years Director of the College. With the practical eye of pastors they noted the absence of many necessary things and on departing gave a donation towards the Chapel. Father Cyrill also donated a set of small Stations of the Cross. These will be erected for the Lenten season.

The students wish to express their appreciation of the kind gifts and ask the Rev. Fathers to kindly remember the Chapel and its needs.

## IT PAYS TO GRADUATE

If you scan the "want columns" of the daily papers under "Young Men Wanted," you will notice that the advertisements offering the best positions contain the phrases: "must be high school or college graduate," or "high school or college graduate preferred." Business men have found by experience that it pays them to pay more and hire educated men who will closely apply themselves to their tasks and do their work neatly, promptly and accurately. It is from the ranks of these "preferred" men that the future superintendents, managers, and presi dents are recruited.

## H. S. S.

We had an increase in our class Isidore Sauer has joined our ranks The Sophomore Class now numbers twenty-three.

Four members of our class are go ing ont for basketball in the Church League.
The semi-final examinations were quite stiff, but they are over and so is all the worry.
All the boys are going to try and make an average of ninety this semester so that they will not have to take the finals.
This class is dead. Perhaps with the return of spring new life will come.-F. B.

Your boy needs a High School Education. We need the money to build your school. Pay up your pledge.

## Exchanges

The Men's Glee Club of Hays State Teachers College recently completed its second annual tour of the estern part of the state. They sang to 1500 people in Hutchinson, Kansas. Congratulations!
The H. C. C. Journal acknowledges the receipt of the Creighton Courier, Omaha, Nebraska.
Teacher: "Willịam, do you know Lincoln's Gettysburg Address"?
Student: "No, I don't even know his telephone number." - Guidon, Kansas Day didn't seem to create much of a stir in school this year. Several students of both the high and grade school were heard asking on the street, "Why are the flags out today?" We apparently take more interest in Mr. Ground Hog than in our state's birth.-The Dickinsonian, Chapman, Kansas.

The Hour Glass, St. Marys, Kans., is piloted by a new editor, Leonard Bares. Much success in your undertaking. The retiring pilot no doubt thought that new blood would do the staff some good. His success, however, did not look like bad blood. F. B.

## "O. K."

Do you know the history of the or igin of O. K.? It is said that General Jackson used these letters to indorse official papers as correct (orl korrect). This was a hit at Jack son's supposed illiteracy. Another authority says that Jackson used to indorse legal documents O.R. (order recorded) and that the $R$ was mistaken for a K. This was a hit at Jackson's penmanship. Another explanation is that in Colonial days the best tobacco and rum were imported from Aux Cayes (o'ka) and thus became a popular expression for excellence.

## C. F.

Our class has no knockers. As our professor remarked, the place for knockers is outside the door

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God's blessing on the contributors!

## Classical Juniors

On account of the snow there was no class on Thursday. This gave some of our class a chance to make a little money cleaning sidewalks.

Simon Schoendaller and Walter Ross who live in the country were held up by the snow. Simon has not showed up yet but Ross pulled in Friday morning after the second morning session. He believes in the motto: Better late than never.
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## THE WHISTLE

Do you remember Lincoln's story about the little steamer with the big whistle? Every time they tooted that whistle it blew off so much steam that the boat stopped running.

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## GEORGE WASHINGTON

George Washington, the first President of the United States, was born in Westmoreland county, Virginia, Feb. 22, 1732. At the age of 16 he was made surveyor of the large Fairfax property in Virginia, through his brother Lawrence, who had married into the Fairfax family. In this work he camped out in the forrests for months and was in constant danger from Indians. When the French and Indian war broke out he was sent by Governor Dinwiddie, of Virginia, to warn off the French, and his vigorous defense of Fort Necessity gained him, when only 23 , the place of com-mander-in-chief of all the Virginia forces. He served in Braddock's campaign, and at Fort Duquesne, although he had two horses shot under him and four bullets passed through his coat, he was one of the few officers not wounded, and the Indians believed him to lead a charmed life.

With the close of the campaign, he married Mrs. Martha Custis, a wealthy widow, and settled down at Mt. Vernon, which his brother Lawrence had left him. Here he lived for twenty years the life of a southern planter, cultivating his estate and owning a very large number of slaves who were set free at the death of his wife, by his will.
He was several times a member of the Virginia legislature, where Patrick Henry called him "for solid information and sound judgment, the greatest man in the assembly," and in 1774 was sent to the Continental congress. After the battles of Lexington and Concord, congress, on motion of John Adams, unanimously selected George Washington as com-mander-in-chief of the army. Refusing any salary, he accepted the position, asking every gentleman in the room to remember his declaration that he did not consider himself equal to the command; a humility that went with him in all the high places to which he was called. He hastened to the camp at Cambridge Massachusetts, where he assumed the command July 2, 1775. His courage, prudence, firmness and perseverance through defeats, jealousies, disaffection and lack of men and supplies, never failed, and brought the war to a successful issue in 1783 . His influence secured the quiet disbanding of the discontented army, and he himself retired to his home on the Potomac. When the convention met in Philadelphia in 1788 to frame the Constitution he was its presiding officer and approved the Constitution, and when the time came under its
provisions to elect the first President, there was only one choice in the country and Washington was made the first President of the United States by the unanimous vote of the electors in 1788, and re-elected unanimously in 1792; but declined an election in 1796.

His prudence and firmness and good judgment were as much needed in the forming days of the young republic as they had been in its struggles for liberty, and gradually with the help of his wisely selected cabinet the many difficult problems of the new government were settled.
He made his farewell address Sept 17, 1796, and retired to Mount Vernon. Within a short time, however difficulities with France threatening war, Washington was again called to the command of the armies of the United States. In the midst of these military preparations, he died after a short illness, Dec.14, 1799. In the resolutions adopted in congress at his death, moved by John Marshall, occurs the well-known expression, "First in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen." He was six feet, two inches high, with a large frame, brown hair and blue eyes; very dignified and self-controlled. He had no children, but adopted two grand-children of his wife.
Washington has been universally deemed the greatest of Americans, and one of the noblest public characters of all time.
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## LINCOLN'S HONESTY

Is there one of us who has read the life of Abraham Lincoln without having been inspired? Not a single person who reads subsequent stories can claim a more lowly beginning than "Honest Abe." Clerking in grocery stores was quite the thing in Lincoln's time. Many successful men of his generation got their start that way.
Histories do not tell us, though, of men who used their spare time as Lincoln did. "I will study," he said "and when the time comes, I will be ready." Lincoln made the most of his spare time as a grocery clerk in the store of Denton Offuts in the village of New Salem, Ill. This was the first position that he held after leaving nis father's roof in August, 1831, at the age of 22 , to make his fortune. On rainy days and in dull moments, he improved his mind by the study of English grammar, chiefly a book called Kirkham's grammar.
Here, too, he laid the foundation for his title of "Honest Abe." It is told of him that once when he inadvertantly charged a customer six and one-quarter cents too much, he walked three miles, after the store closed, to return the money. He made a similar reparation when he discovered that the scales he had used to weigh out a pound of tea were not accurates.

His biographers do not mention what his salary was, but it is recorded that his employer, Mr. Offuts, had paid him 50 cents a day to take a flatboat and cargo down to New Orleans the previous spring. Mr. Offuts had too many irons in the fire, and his business, as Lincoln put it, "petered out."

Before the store was fairly closed, however, and the clerk out of employment, the governor of Illinois called for volunteers for the Black Hawk war, and Lincoln immediately enlisted, in April, 1832. Very much to his surprise, he was elected captain of the volunteer company.

On his return from the war in August, 1832, he went into a partnership with William F. Barry to conduct a grocery store in New Salem. Lincoln had no money, but his reputation for scrupulous honesty immediately established his credit. The venture proved unsuccessful, and the partner untrustworthy. He decamped, leaving Lincoln to take the responsibility for the joint indebtedness. It was seventeen years before Lincoln was able, from his modest earning as a lawyer, to clear up this indebtedness. The Irish World.

## STUDY OF CLASSICAL LANGUAGES

The so-called dead languages are are coming to life again, according to Dean Andrew Fleming West of the Princeton Graduate School and President of the American Classical League, who declares that the classics, for a long while neglected by sudents in colleges and universities. are regaining their place in American institutions of learing. According to figures compiled by the Dean, Latin heads the list with approximately $1.000,000$ students throughout America now studying the language of the ancient Romans. Dean West is an ardent advocate of the classics as an entrance requirement to American universities. When it is considered that, apart from its cultural value, the study of Latin and Greek is indispensable for a knowledge of scientific nomenclature, it is not
surprising that the classical lan-
guages are coming back to their own. guages are comin

## COLLEGE HAPPENINGS

Half of the school year is over and those heart-rending and nervetickling semi-finals are passed. Most of the students have passed this lap of their journey toward education successfully. Some have perhaps only "slipped by." For them and also for those who have been more successful in the grind there is room for improvement. Remember that the faculty has agreed upon a rule that reads something to the effect that all students who make at least a 90 percent grade in their respective branches are exempt from the final examinations. Keep this fresh in your memory and the finals might be something of the past.
Lincoln's Birthday was celebrated in the class room. Classes were dismissed after the first afternoon period.
Since the dedication of our little Chapel much has been done to improve our place of worship. All the improvements have been realized through the contributions of kind friends and benefactors.

Various donations have been made by some kind benefactors who do not allow us to mention their names. Nevertheless the sacristans, to whom these secrets have been confided, feel it is their duty to at least record the fact and by means of the college paper express to such and all other benefactors the heartfelt thanks and appreciation of the students.
Regular services are held in our Chapel. Mass is said daily at 6:45 a. m., at which many receive holy communion and the rosary is prayed for our benefatcors. On Sunday the first mass is at 7 o'clock and at 9 o'clock is high mass and sermon. On Saturday and Sunday evening at 8 o'clock is devotion and benediction. During Lent devotions will be held on Wednesday and Friday evenings.
Musings of F. C. Werth after the semi-finals:
The laurel crown above my head
Has fallen down, its leaves are dead.
To which Murphy good naturedly replied:
Scepter and crown must topple down When old exam gives us a slam.

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We shall bring to each lonely life smile;
But what have we brought today?
We shall give to truth a grander birth,
We shall feed the hungry souls of earth;
But, this is the thing our hearts must ask:
What have we done today? -Selected.
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## Alumni and Former Students

Dominic A. Vonfelt, ' 24 is coaching the St. Fidelis High School Basketball team.

Daniel Pfeifer, '25 has found time to referee basketball games. Dan is at present, manager of an elevator at Toulon.

Two of the alumni have their hat in the political ring. Earnest J. Malone, ' 17 is candidate for the County Attorney and Alois Schmidt, '24 is a candidate for the office of Clerk of the District Court. Success to both.
Edmund A. Karlin, '19 and Mrs. Karlin are the proud parents of a baby boy. They have given hin the name Gerald. Congratulations!
Joseph Wm. Staab, '19 and Mrs. Staab are happy over the arrival of a baby daughter. She now bears the name Mary Agnes. Sincere felicitations!
Barthol G. Herman, '22 was met on the streets of Hays one day recently and immediately, even before being approached on the subject, handed over a dollar to pay for his subscription to the JOURNAL. He does not want to be without it.

Barthol is clerk in the bank at Liebenthal.

The same does not happen when some other alumni are met. But one thing is appreciated and that is that alumni do not fail to make themselves acquainted with priests whom they might meet.

Felix Roth, '24 must have inclinations to study law, judging from the fact that he is so interested in the Revised Statutes of Kansas. Felix comes to borrow this book almost every week. The College and Faculty are always willing, glad and ready to help any of the old "grads" if at all possible. Come and call!

Here is a new "line" on the two Linuses, Linus Basgall '25 and Linus Jacobs ' 25 . They made a trip to Wichita to consult a specialist. Linus Jacobs had to discontinue his studies at Notre Dame on account of eye trouble. The Journal hopes that nothing serious will develop and that both will soon be well.

Bernard G. Huser, ' 23 has received his teacher's certificate and is now 'holding forth' in a district school
near Victoria. Congratulations and success!

Another alumnus, Romuald A. Leiker, '15, has announced his candidacy for the office of County Clerk. Success to you!

Mark J. Ryan, 19 and Lawrence H. Ryan, '23 with their mother visited the college on their way home from Salina. Call again!

Leo J. Ryan ' 25 has sent in his subription price and promised to canvass for the JOURNAL. Waiting for results.

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## Catholics and the National Capital

The District of Columbia State Council of the Knights of Columbus, has through offering prizes for the best essay on the subject "The Part Played by Catholics in the Establishment of the Seat of Government in the District of Columbia" brought to light some significant but often forgotten facts demonstrating that Catholics had a dominant part in the establishment of Washington, capital city of the nation. To mention just a few things.

The bulk of the ground on which Washington stands had been owned since the time of the Red Men by Catholics and was sold to the Government at a very small figure.
The brilliant young engineer who planned the city originally and whose plan is still being followed today a century after his labors were performed was Pierre Charles L'Enfant, a Catholic, who came to this country with Lafayette.

The architect who designed the White House, the Capitol, the Treasury, the Patent Office and the present District Courts of Justice was a young Irish Catholic, James Hoban of Charleston, S. C.
One of three Commissioners named to establish and develop the city of Washington was the Catholic, Daniel Carroll, of Rock ICreek and the first Mayor of Washington, appointed by President Jefferson was Judge Robert Brent a Catholic and a nephew of Archbishop Carroll.

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sculptor who decorated the Capitol was a Catholic.

By such contests as the one sponsored by the Knights of the District many things of interest can be unearthed and perhaps also things of an historical value, and therefore should be encouraged throughout the country. -B. J. R.

## BITS O' NEWS

Al Brueggeman, Jake Brueggeman and Frank Moeder of Leoville and Selden, respectively, called on Father Florence at the College.
The Rev. John G. Wolf and the Rev. William J. Butzer, who made Hays their headquarters while examining the schools of Ellis County, visited the College and Chapel.

Fathers Jordan, Herbert, Camillus and Florence spent the mid-year holiday at Catherine.

Father Eugene, director, and Father George went to Ness City on business Wednesday and were caught in the blizzard. They had not yet returned as we went to press.

Father Lewis, whose health has been failing, resigned from the faculty and went to Herndon for a rest.
Fathers George and Jordan attended the meeting of Third Order Directors held at St. Joseph's Monastery on February 10.

Father Michael and Father Edwin
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showed their interest in the College and Chapel by paying several visits. Lawrence and Leo Ryan were here attending the Newman Club performance.

During the absence of Father Robert, Father Camillus assisted at the parish church.

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## MUSIC

Plato has said, "Music is a moral law. It gives a soul to the universe wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, a charm to sadness and gaity and life to everything. It is the essence of order and leads to all that is good, just and beautiful." What more could you expect from one sub ject?
How essential music is in the educational field can be driven home when we read that Dr. John J. Tigert United States Commissioner of Education, says, "After the Three R's comes Music." Every day babies cry for music, children dance to it, we rest by it, we get married by it, and our friends see to it that we have $t$ at our funerals.
Music is the most ancient of Arts. Even before life commenced upon th's earth, it was here in the winds and the waves; when the first trees, flowers and grasses appeared it was among them.

When man came, music became the most delicate, the most subtle and the most powerful medium for the expression of his emotions. In all ages, it inspired men with hope, kindled their love, gave a voice to their joys, cheered them on to valorous deeds and soothed them in times of despair. Through its influence human nature has been uplifted, sweetened and refined; and with the aid of men it has become a Fine Art- from Tubalcain to Thomas Edison.

Music has myriads of voices and instruments. It is in the hearts and on the tongues of all men, in all lands and among all people: the ignorant and the unlettered know it, not less than the rich and learned. For it speaks to all men, in a language that all understand; even the deaf hear it, if they but listen to the voices of their own souls.

It is the food of love. It has taught men gentleness and peace; and has led them onward to heroic deeds. It comforts the lonely and harmonizes the discord of crowds. How glowingly Shakespeare sings the praises of music:
"When griping grief the heart doth wound,
And doleful dumps the mind oppress,
Then music with her silver sounds,
With speedy help doth lend redress.'
"Thus true music, Heaven's precious gift to man, is relished by all creatures as so fitly expressed in the sentiments."-Plato.

## COLLEGE SOPH STUFF

A few weeks ago the College Sophs were "all" loaded down with hard work and they were "all" overcome with worries on account of the semi-finals, so that they were "all" tired out for a whole week. But now they are "all" over the spell; they are starting out from the beginning again and they are "all" trying to surpass the ninety mark this semesr which will dispense them from he final examinations.
Someone compared the "big four" with an uid Ford car which never hits on four. He said that Bollig and Vinc miss out because they are jealous of Babe and Ted being such good singers. And he says Babe and Ted miss out because they are jealous of Bollig and Vinc being so good in Latin and Greek. This is all a mistake. The big four has always stuck together in fight and in fun and they always will as long as it is possible to
do so.
The big four have selected as their motto: "P-E-P". "P" stands for personality and politeness, " $E$ " for energy and earnestness, "P" for push and pluck.

Says Teddy: Betting on a losing team leaves one cold in the fresh "owe"-zone.

Since the cross-word puzzle fad has died out we notice an oversupply of erasers in the "stationary" depart ment

Talking of cross-word puzzles, Father Director good humoredly suggested that students should try to fashion their accounts after crossword puzzles-get them squared up.

## Latin Poetry a la

Jacobus Spratt edebat no fat,
Eius uxor edebat no lean;
Itaque videtis inter them both
Lamberunt pottelam clean.
Humpty Dumpty in muro sedebat,
Humpty Dumpty casum magnum habuit.
Omnes equi regis et omnes viri regis, Humpty Dumpty iungere non potuerunt.
-B. $R$.

## SENIOR CLASS NOTES

The American History class have completed their course with wonderful success, and are now busy study ing the Constitution of the United States.
We are most happy to say that at the end of the first semester Julius Bahl is leading the class with his report. Congratulations, "Bally"! We are proud of you!

The class rings have been recetved and of course they are the best ones ever worn by any graduation class.

Since nearly all objects have a north and a south pole, Fisher thinks he is no exception. He thinks he has the north seeking pole in his head.
"Humanism" is the rediscovery of Latin and Greek. Oberle thinks Latin and Greek are superhuman.

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DR. KERBY DEFINES CATHOLIC EDUCATION

In an address held for the students of Trinity College, Washington, D C., the Rev. William J. Kerby, Ph.D. of the Catholic University defined the meaning of Catholic education. He said, in part:
"It (Catholic education) aims to substitute the direction of life for the habit of drifting with life. It aims to give the students right direction, and to displace every tendency toward mistaken direction of purpose, effort and spirit. The right direction which the college aims to give is fixed by the teaching of Jesus Christ, by the axiom of Christian culture, by the Christian law of social relation, and by the high spiritual compensations that are in keeping of God. The college aims so to teach the principles of self-control, and of self-discipline, so to interpret human obligations, so to widen the power of fine appreciation, as to enable the students to shape their individual purposes in harmony with the plans of God. It seeks to give them social
and spiritual power beyond their personal need in order that they may contribute generously through influence, service and example to the upbuilding of the Kingdom of God in the heart of humanity. It aims so to chasten the valuations which guide them and the delights which alure them, as to make them effective interpreters of the harmony of Divine life, each in his own particular sphere."
There is a world of meaning in the foregoing few sentences and all students, as well as alumni of our Catholic colleges would do well to consider them seriously and often.-N. C. W. C. Bulletin.

Prof.: What is a vacuum?
Knoll (thinking) : I have it in my mind, but cannot express it.

Prof.: I believe there aren't any weasels in Kansas.
Bruno: Yes, there are two in the museum.
Red: I am king in our home.
Rich: Yes, I know. I was there
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CHARACTER BUILDING AND THE SMALL COLLEGE

The Saturday Evening Post some time ago published an appeal under the heading, "Strengthen the Small College," which rather than the big university, is the backbone of higher education in the United States. We quote a paragraph or two:
"The very limitations of the small institution preserve it from danger of becoming unwieldy, top-heavy, or over-extended. What it lacks in plant it makes up for in personnel. Its very smallness encourages individuality rather than standardization. The human contacts are closer. Men play a larger and freer part. They are not overwhelmed by rules, buildings, overwide choice of courses, complex social life and over-elaborate administration. There is as much to be said for the simple life in education as in the world at large. In all essentials a college is merely a group of teachers and learners. A dozen young men gathered in a shady place might be the kernel of an institution of the soundest learning, if only a Plato sat in their midst.
"Associated with the large universities are great and learned men by the score; but as students multiply, their work must become more and more executive in its nature. They must distribute their courses among more subordinates and suffer their own personalities to be diluted by those of their assistants. Whether they will or no, they must face the problems of mass production."
The Post points to a real difficulty which is beginning to make itself felt in the great universities with their thousands of students. The personal touch, the direct influence of teacher upon student, is lacking. This lack may not be so greatly felt in the case of graduate or special professional courses, which are taken by students who have had their general education under the direct touch and influence of teachers whose energies were not distributed over several thousands of students. But a university which is faced with "the problems of mass production," to use the Post's phrase, is at a certain disadvantage as compared with the smaller college in respect of the most vital thing which enters into the education of young men-namely character building under the direct influence and supervision of teachers who are well fitted to do that delicate and essential work.-Fortnightly Review.

## Commercial Juniors

Our class play: "The Freedom of the Press" made a great hit at the Holy Name Smoker February 14. Thanks to Father Camillus who is our English professor.
Some of our class think that the subject: Constitution is awfully dry This is the first time that Francis Murphy finds any subject dry.

Two students of the Junior Com mercial Class were in the College play:"Under the Flag." They both played well.
Damian Riedel has taken to the task of collecting stamps. Another young man going to ruin with the Stamp Act in his head. In typewriting the other day he wrote "stamped" instead of "stained."
Nicky Leiker was once claimed to be a great snow-heaver. But he lost that title on Thursday when he was asked to clear the sidewalk at his house He probably had that title when no snow was in sight.F. F. S.

## DO YOU KNOW THAT-

The smallest Catholic church in the world is on the old Palo Alto plantation in Louisiana. The chapel is large enough for a small altar and standing room for the priest celebrating mass. The congregation occupies benches outside of the chapel.
The new cable to connect Great Br:tain and the United States via Newfoundland is finished and will be lail early in 1926. It is claimed that it will not only be workable at the hithorto unheard of speed of 2,500 meters, or 500 words per minute both ways simultaneously, but will make it possible to operate several separate circuits without in any way interfering one with the other.

Officially the geographical center of the United States is 39 degrees, 13 minutes, 26.636 seconds west latitude and 98 degrees, 32 minutes and 30.506 seconds north longitude. These figures show that the central spot is on the Meade ranch, about ten miles north of Lucas, Russell County, Kansas.
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For the first time in the history of the University of North Dakota, the all-university convocation address was delivered by a Catholic priest the Rev. Dr. John A. O'Brien, director of the Catholic Foundation at the University of Illinois.
The Prince of Wales has set a new style in overcoats. It is said that he recently appeared in public sporting a bright-green leather overcoat with a fur collar.

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