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## ALUMNI PLAY A HIT

### Scores Triumph in "The Whole Town's Talking"

A comedy as clever as any home talent production shown in Hays in many a day was "The Whole Town's Talking," last night at the Hays Catholic Alumni Association. With a cast well-balanced and well-trained and a vehicle not too heavy, the play furnished an evening of highly enjoyable entertainment to an unusually appreciative audience.

With a reversal of the ordinary situation where there is a marriageable daughter in the family, Henry Simmons became the intriguing matchmaker in the person of Gabriel Brull, the role was skilfully and amusingly carried out. Mr. Brull was entirely at home in character of a scheming husband and father who almost brought disaster down on his own head through his efforts to set everything right for everybody else. Miss Tillie Kuhn was the modern and liberal-minded wife of Henry who played her part effectively and was a perfect foil for her very busy husband. Miss Margaret Mackey as Ethel Simmons, daughter of Henry and Harriet was not only good to look upon but she had her character well in hand and was a charming college girl whose ideas were certainly not old-fashioned.

James Wasinger stood out as a clever and versatile actor in the part of Chester Binney, business partner of Henry and suitor for the hand of Ethel. Under the spell of her charm and a little competition on the side he blossomed forth as a flower. Mr. Wasinger took his part out of the amateur class. Letty Lythe, motion picture actress was portrayed skilfully by Miss Alexia Schuler who was not only the dainty, petite star but was natural and easy in her role. Albert Spies was the "heavy" of the play. As Donald Swift he was a violently jealous lover of Letty and an erstwhile prizefighter who preferred to settle differences with his imaginary rivals in the time-honored primitive way that left nothing to the imagination. His interpretation of the part was highly satisfactory. Francis Staab was the sleek, handsome "moneyed" lover from Chicago who played his part well but lost his sweetheart largely through the lack of co-operation with "father." Miss Florentine Gottschalk and Miss Angela Beilman were friends of Ethel who gave a light but effective touch to the play. They were decorative to the piece and finished in their parts. Miss Vera Basgall was Annie the maid and a very good one she was too. Of a part that offers little in interpretation she made for herself a role that stood out. Paulinus Dreiling was sartorially perfect as a taxi driver. Mr. Dreiling has displayed his finesse as an actor on previous occasions where his lines were longer. Miss Eleanor Dreiling was the hit of the evening as Sadie Bloom a dancing teacher who well-nigh upset the apple cart for the Simmons family. She was rough and tough and didn't care who knew it but subsided into a peace-loving citizen as soon as her property was restored to her. Miss Dreiling's handling of the part was excellent.

Alma Weigel, diminutive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Weigel won the hearts of persons in the audience with two vocal solos, "I'm Painting the

## BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Jany. 17.....	Hays 25, Wakeeney 12
Jany. 22.....	Hays 18, Hill City 25
Jany. 25.....	Bunker Hill 10, Hays 11
Jany. 31.....	Ellis at Hays
Feby. 5.....	Wakeeney at Hays
Feby. 12.....	Russell at Hays
Feby. 14.....	Quinter at Quinter
Feby. 18.....	Ellis at Ellis
Feby. 24.....	Quinter at Hays
Feby. 28.....	Bunker Hill at Bunker Hill
Mch. 4.....	Russell at Russell

Clouds With Sunshine," and "Tiptoe Through the Tulips." Her voice was sweet and clear and her stage presence winsome. Mr. Weigel also sang two solos with mandoline accompaniment.

The play was coached by Mr. Wm. A. Toepfer, Frs. Dennis and Camillus.

### THREE HAYS ATHLETES ARE MEMBERS ST. MARY'S FIVE

Three members of the Hays Catholic High School basketball quintet have survived the final cut at St. Mary's College, and are now members of the 1930 university basketball squad of the Knights, Kansas Conference contenders.

Izzy Werth, letterman in basketball last year again has won his position over a host of candidates and will play a forward for the Knights this season.

Clem Werth, speedy floor man with Hays Catholic High three years ago, making his bid for basketball honors for the first time at the eastern state school has won a place as a forward on the squad of sixteen men also, where his speed and ability have been mighty useful in the last two games played by the Knights.

Tony Weisner, under-the-basket-flash, and lanky center under the Lane regime at Hays is playing regular center for the Knights and so far has been doing a great job of it. When his former mates, the Werths, are in the game with him, they make things hum under the basket for the Knights, and his height has been instrumental in controlling possession of the ball from the tip off.

Lew Lane, their former coach is assisting Coach Duford with his basketkeeters, and the Knights loom as conference contenders with a vengeance this season. Sixteen men survived the final cut made recently.—(From Hays Daily News.)

### FATHER DENIS ON SICK LEAVE

Hardly had Father Florence returned from the hospital, when the doctor ordered a rest from active duty for the Prefect of Discipline at the school, Father Denis. He had not been feeling very well for some time and during the holidays he suffered a slight breakdown. The doctor says with a short layoff from all exacting work, Father Denis will be his usual sturdy self.

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## OFF TO MISSIONS

### Former Hays Priests Leave for Porto Rico

The end of January will witness the departure for Porto Rico of Fathers Eugene, Edmund, Gregory and Robert. All these are members of the Capuchin Order, and they all saw service in Hays and other parts of western Kansas. Father Eugene was formerly Rector of the school, and did a great deal of good work in connection with the drive for the New College.

Fathers Edmund and Robert were teachers in the school, and will be remembered by the older boys. Father Gregory was here at Hays as Pastor of the local parish. These priests have a large host of friends in these parts, and we recommend the departing missionaries to the prayers of these friends. In the party of departing missionaries is also Brother David, O. M. Cap. He had never been in these parts of the Province. Very Rev. Fr. Thomas, O. M. Cap., former pastor of Hays and present Provincial, will accompany the missionaries and install them in their new home. Fr. Thomas will return to the States the middle of February.

### RETREAT FOR BOYS AND FACULTY

The annual retreat for the boys was held from Sunday, January 12, till Thursday, January 16. The Very Rev. Monsignor Heflinger, the Rev. Retreat-Master held the boys' attention during the several days of recollection. On account of previous appointments, Monsignor could not stay to finish the course of lectures, so the Very Rev. Fr. George, O. M. Cap., Pastor of the local parish held the lectures on the last days.

While the boys were in retreat, the priests at the Monastery were having the same spiritual exercises under the guidance of Rev. Fulgence Meyer, O. F. M., noted author and preacher of the Franciscan Order from Cincinnati, Ohio. The priests' retreat closed Friday morning, Jan. 17.

Fr. Denis went to Grainfield to help out for Christmas. He also assisted at Park the same time. For New Year's day he went to Dodge City to assist Fr. Klug. At present Fr. Denis is in a hospital resting up. During his absence Prof. Weigel and Coach Larry Brennan are handling his classes. One of the priests on the faculty is taking care of the Journal work.

## THE H. C. C. ALUMNI AND THEIR PLAY AT VICTORIA

They came over here one Tuesday evening and staged "The Whole Town's Talking" in our High School Auditorium. Next morning there were disappointed people at Victoria—all those who did not get to see the performance. The whole town was talking about it. Now, we have seen excellent plays at Victoria—we have put them on ourselves. But this one was different; it had a finish about it that one commonly associates with professional acting only.

There is no need of mentioning names. If I mentioned G. Brull as an actor of exceptional ability—and he surely is, I should have to go on and mention them all. For they all fell into their roles as naturally as if the parts had been specially written for them. Some one said that James Wasinger took the play out of the amateur class. They all did. In the hands of any other cast, the play might have proved to be a great success; in the hands of the H. C. C. Alumni, it was simply superlative.

I'd walk a long way (in this gasoline age) to see it again. Yes, I'd walk a mile just to hear G. Brull phone the manager of the theatre that he cannot come, because he is sick," they are all sick—they ate something—Binney?—He ate a whole lot of it." And I'd be willing to pay my entrance fee over just to see and hear Vera Basgall, the maid, asking Binney for his autograph. I don't understand yet how he could refuse her naive petition, even though his cue called for a denial.

I do not know who all was responsible for the success. But whoever selected the players "knew his onions." And whoever directed the play understands dramatic art. There is some evidence that Father Camillus had a hand in it; for once, a hurried exit threw the door-curtain wide open and exposed Father to view in the act of prompting; he also seemed flushed with the triumph of the evening.

The people of Victoria enjoyed the play, and they know a good thing when they see it. They hope that the Alumni will make good their promise and come back next year. The whole town will be talking about them before they come.—(Victoria Notes in Ellis County News.)

### CLOSE OF SEMESTER

Final examinations were held on January 23 and 24. The first semester came to a close on Friday January 24. The following day was midyear holiday. The new semester opened on Monday January 27. Reports are being sent to the parents.

### RETURN OF DIRECTOR

Rev. Fr. Florence, Rector of the school has resumed his duties after a few weeks of rest at the local hospital. Fr. Florence's trouble is gradually yielding to the doctor's care.

Father Richard had the pleasure of helping out in his home parish during the holidays, viz., Emmeram. His mother who has been ailing for some time is improving nicely. Fr. Richard is still working hard at learning French.

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## QUOTH THE SAGE

If you keep your peepers open, you'll see that bearded old Socrates was far from wrong when he said that a fellow gets some sense only when he wakes up to the fact that in this world there are many million numb-skulls and that he might be among the numbest. In other words, the gent, Mr. Know-it-all, (and his number is legion) who thinks he knows everything, is only one more of those people who, as sage Barnum remarked, are born every minute. And here are plain, cold facts to back up these statements.

Out our way, there's a fellow who can tickle the keys on the piano so slick that he has to keep a raft of music on top so it won't dance all over the room. Why, his poor piano got so thin from over-exercise that a few dames thought of asking for the reducing recipe. Well, he has a rich uncle, who may know more about farm machinery than the genius who invented them, but who thinks a Major Key has something to do with the army. Before Christmas, said uncle happened to be loose in Kansas City for a few days, and while there he spied a two-thousand dollar piano on sale for a cool thousand berries. He had a warm spot in his heart for his nephew and he decided to grab the bargain. The salesman had a well-oiled line, besides having the ability of telling a sucker by the eye-lashes. Why, this certain piano was perfection itself. A rare beauty, all mahogany, a dandy color, highly polished and, above all, what a soothing and soft tone it had. And one more fish obligingly choked on the juicy hook. The deal was closed. But truth will out, even if murder won't these days. Two weeks later the flaws began to appear. This and that note was getting tinny, and several were already out of tune. That wonderful piano turned out to be a doctored-up second-hand instrument.

Something on the same order happened to my uncle a year ago. He's an old priest, and he knows what's what when it comes to running a parish. One Sunday he announced that a new organ was a gift that would be appreciated. But I guess he expected to get it only after a few more hints, because he almost passed out when some men came to install a new organ the following week. He was walking on air until he and the organist examined it. It was a theater organ, and what good is a theater organ in a church? One of his benevolent but misguided parishioners had thought it would be just the thing, and bought it at a moment's notice.

I read about another one of that type in the paper lately. Another divorce case was in full swing some-

where along the Union Pacific. A young wife, just married, claimed a divorce on the grounds that she had to live in an ugly house. It seems that she was a pretty good artist, having gone to a fashionable school. Her beau had oodles of money, but as is often the case, the brains of a jelly fish. After he popped the question, he ordered a swell home to be built as a surprise for wifey. He was always butting in on the plans of the architect and the interior decorator. He had his way, and the result was a costly mess. And when wifey lamped that "gorgeous palace," she almost went into a spasm, and stylishly sued for a divorce.

Moral: Know when you need advice and information! And follow the advice.

J. B. S.

## THE SISTER-NURSE

Many dread the sight of the hospital. They see in it a house of terror. But once sickness has forced them to seek its beneficent services they go forth from its walls with a changed attitude. This change is due largely to the silent influence of the Sister-nurse.

Day and night the Sister-nurse toils to relieve the sufferings of others. She serves one and all with vigilant care. She goes from one sick bed to the other and with a radiant smile dresses the wound of the unfortunate, administers medicine to the sick, lays the pillow a little higher or a little lower,—all to bring more comfort to the bedridden.

The services of the Sister-nurse have softened hearts that the reasonings of the wisest could not influence. Listen to the tales that have come to us from the battlefields! Even veterans of the Civil War still recall those figures who, like messengers from another world brought them aid in their dire need. And today bigotry is often dispelled and conquered by the living example of Christian charity witnessed in a Catholic hospital. Many souls are won for God by the silent influence of the Sister-nurse.

The nurse is recognized by all as an inestimable aid to suffering humanity. In the Sister-nurse, however, we see the ideal nurse. Here scientific knowledge is combined with faith—with a faith that teaches us to see brothers and sisters in our fellowmen. Christ's words: "What you have done to the least of my brethren you have done to Me", become a motto of the Sister-nurse. The law of love is fundamental in Christianity and it is the dominating principle in the work of the Sister-nurse. The efficiency of the lay nurse cannot be questioned, but it grows in proportion as faith and love pervade it.

In view of all this, the citizens of Hays and of Western Kansas appreciate, or at least should appreciate what is being done for them by the good Sisters of St. Agnes who so ably conduct the St. Anthony's Hospital in our town.—L. D.

## MILES OF WHEAT

The wide open spaces of Ellis County are a vast wheat field. This is a scene upon which the eye loves to rest. Each autumn the carpet of pleasing green is spread over the fields. Even in winter, when nature sleeps, the slumbering sprout of wheat is ever ready to lift its little head as soon as a warm sunbeam gently taps it. In spring the green is renewed and gains in freshness. And when summer comes, it is changed to golden yellow. Then you may go out and see how the south wind beats the field into rolling waves of golden grain.

When the first settlers planted their scanty seed on this vast prairie, pros-

pects were not so favorable. But as the years went on these pioneers, mindful of the motto: "Ad astra per aspera," brought more and more land under cultivation so that Ellis County ranks today with the leading wheat sections of the world.

In return for the blessings of God, the people of Ellis County built worthy houses of worship. Their churches are the pride of the prairie; they are also telling signs of deep faith. They are live centers of assembly for the people, not only on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation, but also on week days.

Beside the church stands the school. Realizing the need of the latter, the pioneers erected educational monuments of no inferior class. Every little town boasts a parochial elementary school, and a number of towns, of a Catholic high school. Competent teachers in religious garb devote their entire lives to the teaching and training of youth. No teacher can be better qualified for the task than they; theirs is an occupation of a life time, a vocation, not a mere means of making a livelihood. Associated with this is their ability to teach Christian ideals, which they rather exemplify in their daily lives than teach in words.

Ellis County is still dreaming its most pleasant dreams: the completion of St. Joseph's College, where its boys may pursue the higher studies in a Christian atmosphere. A few more wheat crops will make that dream come true.

Wheat is the "staff of life" in Ellis County. It has built churches, schools, and homes. Thrice daily the family eats the produce of the land which it tills in the sweat of the brow. Daily, too, it may assist at the Eucharistic Sacrifice where the Savior deigns to be clothed in the white robe woven from the wheat of the fields. Here is realized what a poet so elegantly expressed:

"O Sacred Bread, O Mystic Host, O Snowy Gown of God!  
O dream of every blade of wheat that flickers in the sun—  
And shall we rise up beautiful and fragrant from the sod  
And be the raiment for the Holy One?"

—D. U.

## Freshman Notes

Richard Staab, one of our honorable freshmen, is one of the first ten on the basketball squad.

Father: "What excuse have you for coming late this morning?"

Lieker: "I ran so fast I didn't have time to think of one."

A generous Scotch lad intended to give his girl a ring, but—the line was busy.

Bob: "What are New Year resolutions good for?"

Dan: "I'll bite. What?"

Bob: "To be broken."

Joe Stramel is a new member of our class for the second semester.

Ben Jacobs is a hot number in a pinochle game. Some say that you can't even beat him.

Fink: "You want to fight?"  
Pete: "Yes, sir, and I'll—"  
Fink: "All right. I'll hold your coat."

Teacher: "You were not at school yesterday, Johnny. Were you sick abed?"

Johnny: "No teacher, I was sick a-school."

Father: "You write that page five times."

Chuggy: "I wasn't doing anything."

Father: "That is why I am giving you something to do until after four o'clock."

## With the Faculty

Fr. Florence, Director, is back on the job. He still limps slightly, but he says, "every day, in every way, I'm getting better and better." Maybe psychology has its uses anyway.

Fr. Herbert, who was acting Director during Fr. Florence's stay at the hospital switched to Fr. Denis' prefect job as soon as the latter went away on sick leave. Fr. Herbert assisted with the solemn services at Severin on Christmas day.

Fr. Alfred wended his way to Concordia, Kansas, to assist with the Christmas work at the Cathedral. Ellis, too, has been enjoying the services of Fr. Alfred lately.

Fr. Camillus has been back since Fr. Florence's trip to the hospital. He is also back at Hyacinth on Saturdays and Sundays. The collection work for the New College is being done by mail.

## Alumni Notes

Dr. A. A. Herman and Adolph Kuhn went to Salina to attend a convention of the hardware dealers. Everybody wonders what new kind of torture instrument Doc Herman found there to use on his patients in the dentist's chair.

Gabriel Brull, president of the H. C. C. Alumni Association, made a business trip to Kansas City the middle of the month.

Francis Staab who is continuing his studies at St. Mary's College was home for the holidays, and took part in the Alumni play.

William Mermis, home for the holidays from St. Louis University called to see his former teachers.

Julius Bahl and Gus Werth, former boys, are doing well on the K. S. T. C. Hays basketball team.

Tony Wiesner, Izzy and Clem Werth are doing the same thing at St. Mary's College.

Fidelis Wasinger is the proud father of a baby. Congratulations to you Fidelis, and good luck to mother and baby.

Several of the Alumni at Victoria helped out with the various odd jobs that are connected with putting over a play. When we traveled to the neighboring city to stage the comedy, "The Whole Town's Talking," they were right on the job to assist in any way they could. Thanks for the co-operation.

The following announcement has been received:

"Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hale of Medelia, Minn., announce the engagement of their daughter, Patricia Kathryn, to Dr. Joseph S. Schaefer, of Rochester, Minn. The wedding will take place in February."

Dr. Schaefer was a member of the '18 class.

Scoty Riedel, '23, is the father of a baby boy. Good luck to you and family, Scotty.

**HAYS WINS FROM BUNKER HILL**

**Fast Work Last Seconds of Play Gives Blue Jays 11 to 10 Score**

What was expected to be a loss for the Hays Academy was turned into victory Saturday, Jan. 25, when Basgall and Gerstner, forwards for the Blue Jays scored baskets in the last seconds of play to defeat the Bunker Hill High School five in a hard fought tussle, 11 to 10.

Hays was leading at the quarter 4 to 2, while by the half Bunker had managed to score a basket to even matters at 4-all. Bunker at the end of the third quarter had a one-point margin, and until the baskets by Basgall and Gerstner it looked as if Bunker would have the long end of of a short score.

Groves, captain of the Bunker five was perhaps the outstanding player for the visitors, while Basgall and Gerstner annexed most of the Hays baskets.

HAYS			
Players—	G	FG	F
Gerstner f	1	0	1
Basgall f	2	0	1
Mackey c	0	0	2
Stanton g	1	3	2
Rupp g	0	0	0
Staab f	0	0	0
Totals	4	3	6

BUNKER HILL			
Players—	G	FG	F
Goves f	2	1	2
Morton f	1	0	3
Reisign c	1	0	0
Shaffer g	0	1	0
Mahoney g	0	0	1
Messimer f	0	0	0
Dana g	0	0	0
Totals	4	2	6

Wood, Kansas Wesleyan, referee.

**WIN FIRST LEAGUE CLASH**

**Catholic Blue Jays Take Wakeeney High to Cleaning, 25-12**

The Blue Jays of the Hays Catholic Academy won the second game of the season; also the first Union Pacific League encounter when they took Wakeeney High School into camp with a 25 to 12 score at Wakeeney on Friday, January 17.

The Blue Jays took the lead early in the first quarter and at no time thereafter were they threatened seriously for it.

Captain Stanton of the Academites was the high scorer, with 12 of his team's points. For Wakeeney Duncan was the scoring luminary.

Keberlien, diminutive guard, was injured in the second quarter and forced to leave the game with a dislocated elbow. His injury may be of

sufficient seriousness to keep him out for practically the remainder of the season.

The line-up and score:

HAYS			
Players—	G	FG	F
Gerstner f	0	5	1
Basgall f	0	0	0
Mackey c	1	0	1
Stanton g	5	2	1
Keberlien f	0	0	0
Rupp g	3	0	0
Peay g	0	0	0
Totals	8	7	3

WAKEENEY			
Players—	G	FG	F
Monroe f	1	1	2
Deitz f	1	0	0
Duncan c	2	0	3
Keyser g	0	0	3
F. Keyser f	0	0	2
Heckman f	1	1	0
Rhodes g	0	0	0
Totals	5	2	10

Referee: Anderson, Hays Teachers.


Fr. Matthew helped out at the local parish during the holidays with the confessions and other work. He also went to Antonino to assist at some of the services.

Mystery surrounds the vacation of Prof. Val. Weigel. What he did, (or whether he was done) where he went, nobody seems able to find out. We have a hunch that he tried his luck with a gun on the local jack rabbits. But it seems he had no luck, for there are no stories current as to success, and if Prof. manages to hit even one thing at which he shoots, well, that's news. Neither have we heard anything from him lately of achievements in the pinochle line. Mysterious.

**Speed of Ostrich**  
A full-grown male ostrich stands some eight feet high, from the crown of its head to the ground, and weighs about 300 pounds. Its speed, when running "all out," is said to attain 28 miles an hour. At such times it is generally believed to derive no small help from its wings, used as sails.

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**LOSE OPENER**

**Hand One to Dorrance Five to Tune of 11-7 January 10**

The Hays Catholic Academy Bluejays lost the 1930 season opener on Friday, January 10, when the strong Dorrance High School team defeated them 11 to 7, at Dorrance.

The small court was one of the obstacles in the Hays team's road to victory.

The absence of T. Wiesner, Giebler and F. Wiesner, stars of the 1929 championship team, was keenly felt, although the present five did their work as well as could be expected in the first game.

Hoellel, for the Dorrance team, was high scorer, while for Hays Academy Mackey, Basgall and Gerstner were all contributors.

The line-up and score:  
**HAYS**

Players—	G	FG	F
Gerstner f .....	1	0	0
Basgall f .....	1	0	0
Mackey c .....	1	0	4
Stanton g .....	0	0	2
Keberlien g .....	0	1	0
Rupp g .....	0	0	0
Staab f .....	0	0	0
Peay f .....	0	0	0
Dreiling f .....	0	0	0
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>

**DORRANCE**

Players—	G	FG	F
Heffle f .....	4	2	4
Lind f .....	0	0	0
Heinze c .....	0	0	0
Brady g .....	0	0	0
Batthorex g .....	0	1	0
Sprinkel g .....	0	0	3
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>

Gish, referee.

**HAYS LOSES TO HILL CITY**

**Blue Jays Get Small End of Score January 22, 25-18**

The Hays Academy Blue Jays suffered defeat when on January 22, they invaded the camp of the Hill City quintet. The game, played on a small court with what appeared to be deceptive lighting, proved disastrous to the win column of the Academites, when Hill City emerged on the long end of the 25 to 18 score.

The game was one of the fastest, according to Hill City natives, ever played on that court, and we might incidentally add, probably one of the roughest.

For Hill City, Thurlow, star forward, was the scoring ace and Scroggins took the honors as a great floor man.

Gerstner and Basgall were the scoring luminaries for the Hays five.

The line-up and score:  
**HAYS**

Players—	G	FG	F
Gerstner f .....	2	2	1
Basgall f .....	2	2	0
Mackey c .....	2	1	1
Stanton g .....	0	0	1
Rupp g .....	0	1	0
Peay g .....	0	0	0
Dreiling f .....	0	0	0
Stabb f .....	0	0	0
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>

**HILL CITY**

Players—	G	FG	F
Thurlow f .....	4	4	1
Hall f .....	4	0	1
Scroggin c .....	2	1	0
Bayce g .....	0	0	3
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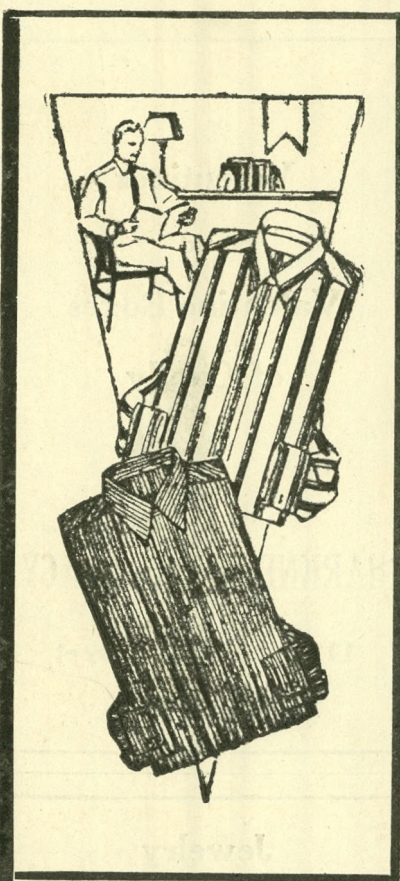
Coach Larry Brennan spent his Christmas vacation with his people at Mt. Olive, Illinois. Larry says he enjoyed the few days with his home town friends and relatives.

Father Frederick, Dean of the Junior High School helped out at Ellis for Christmas. He also managed to get to Severin later in the day to assist there. During the holidays he and Fr. Herbert made a business trip to Pittsburg, Kansas, in the interest of the Friary Press. These two priests are the "big guns" in the print shop. Fr. Frederick also helped out at Lincoln Center, Kansas, a few Sundays, during the pastor's illness.

Father Mathias, pastor of Severin, had solemn services at his church during the holidays. He was ably assisted by Frs. Herbert and Frederick.

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**Senior Notes**

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Stanton: Ha! A miricle play evidently.

Beilman: Will these shoes wear long?  
Dealer: Wear long? Why sir, nobody has ever yet come back for a second pair.

"Now," said the leader of the College band, "we'll play 'Stars and Stripes'."  
"Gosh!" exclaimed Stanton, "I just played that."

Weigel: Boucher, there are only two things that keep you from being a good dancer.  
Boucher: And what's that?  
Weigel: Your feet!

Logan (to his girl): Every time I see you I think of heaven.  
His Girl: Then you had better come closer to me.  
Logan: Why?  
His Girl: Well, it's the closest you'll ever get to heaven.

They walked down the lane together,  
The sky was flooded with stars.  
He reached the gate before her  
And opened wide the bars.  
She neither smiled nor thanked him,  
Because she knew not how.  
For he was just a farmer lad,  
And she a Jersey cow.

Logan has accepted a job with the Strand Theatre taking tickets. The patrons of the Strand now see two shows for the price of one. As they enter they see his feet (which are the largest known) and then they can go into the theatre and see another show. Logan is now going around school mumbling, "Check, Sir." "Thank you, Sir."

All the boys report enjoying their Christmas vacations.

Ott: Say Joe, when was Adam born?  
Joe Schmidt: In the late afternoon, just a little before Eve.

English Prof.: This is the last class till after retreat.  
Stanton: Oh, no, father. I can't

retreat. I'm so far back in my lessons now.

Some of the Seniors have ordered class sweaters. They will be white with a blue "30" and we wonder who are going to wear them.

**Junior Jolts**

Dreiling: "Peay, what is the name of your canary."  
Peay: "I call him Joe."  
Dreiling: "What does Joe stand for, Joseph or Josephine?"  
Peay: "I don't know. That is why I call it Joe."

Richard Keberlein is breaking his New Year's resolutions one by one. He is beginning to sleep in study hall again,—or still.

Alfred Kock has again the use of his right arm. He took it out of the cast two days ago, and we hope everything is all right now.

Rusty Schmidt did not return from Christmas vacation and is missed by the Juniors, because "Rusty" was a good fellow, as well as a good student.

Here are some of the New Year's resolutions made by the Juniors:  
H. Leiker: To keep his mind on

his lessons.  
Koch: To be more careful, and not run around (in school or otherwise.)

Dreiling: Didn't make any, so he couldn't break any.  
Keberlein: Not to sleep in class, and to be on time.

Peay: To leave dreamland and to study his books.  
Mackey: To be good in English class.

Rohleder: He forgot it was New Years and was waiting for the Easter rabbit.

Eaton: To leave the fairer sex alone.  
Wasinger: To be in every night at ten o'clock.

Rupp: To smoke Old Golds.  
Klenda: To keep better company.  
Otter: To mend his way.  
Palen: To come to the evening study hours.

Richard Keberlein fell and dislocated his elbow in the basketball game between the Blue Jays and Wakeeney, and Rich probably will not be able to play for the remainder of the season. We are sure go-

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## The German Catholic Schools in Southern Russia

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### CHAPTER II

In the year 1768 the last colonists came to Russia. Immigration came to a standstill both on account of the war of Russia with Turkey and Poland and also because the German Princes forbade emigration to their subjects threatening all who tried to emigrate with confiscation of property; and if they went to Russia they were not allowed to return to Germany. But at the same time the authorities connived at the emigration of such individuals as were no asset to the country, and thus an undesirable element came to Russia among them also criminals who evaded the law.

The colonists were soon disillusioned when they arrived in Russia. In the "Manifest" it was stated that as soon as they came to Russia they were to declare whether they wished to remain in the towns and cities and practice a trade or profession or settle in the regions designated and pursue agriculture. But when the first settlers arrived they were persuaded to adopt agriculture as a means of livelihood, and those who wished to insist on their rights were compelled to go with the rest. Thus teachers, soldiers, noblemen, and others who knew nothing about agriculture were forced to take up work in the fields. Some of the teachers became farmers and taught school at the same time. The soldiers and some officers enlisted in the Russian army.

During the first ten years the Russian government received no particular benefit from the new colonies. It even had to furnish the necessary food in order that the farmers could subsist. The colonists were constantly harrassed by the neighboring savage tribes of Kirghiz, Kalmucks and Tartars; crop failures together with climatic conditions and sickness were the cause of much hardship to the colonists. From the very beginning some of the settlers became homesick and tried to return to Germany but were on the way either robbed of all they had and killed, or else driven back by the Cossacks to the original settlements and there forced to stay. Gradually the colonists began to prosper and industrially became a great asset to Russia.

It must be said to the credit of Catherine II of Russia that she really had the welfare of the German colonists at heart, but her officials were not always in accord with her. Among other things Catherine had allowed the colonies to choose their own form of government, exempting them from the jurisdiction of the Russian officials, requiring however, submission to the prevailing civil law. Each colony was ruled by a mayor (Vorsteher) assisted by two or four councilmen ("Beisitzer"), and a secretary ("Schreiber"), the legislative body being made up of the heads of fam-

ilies. Since 1789 several colonies formed a district ("Kreis"), the highest official of which was called ("Obervorsteher"). These in turn were subject to a special office in Saratov whose personnel were a supreme judge ("Oberrichter") and two members, a secretary, a book-keeper, a translator, two physicians, and a surveyor. The office was erected March 17, 1766, and subject to the "Tutel-Kanzlei," (Protective Chancery) in St. Petersburg, instituted in 1763. The land of the colonies remained the property of the government, and was divided periodically (one to six or more years) by lot, each one receiving an area in keeping with the male members in his family. The result of this was the retardation of agricultural progress. Since 1906 individuals could acquire land as personal property. In regard to land ownership the matter was different in the colonies in the Black Sea districts. There the colonists could own the land from the very beginning of their settlement. This accounts partly for their greater prosperity. In regard to self-government they had the same privileges as the colonists on the Volga. They were under the supervision of the "Tutel-Kanzlei" (Protective Chancery) at St. Petersburg with a subordinate office called "Provisionary Council" at Ekaterinoslav. In 1876 all the German colonists were placed under the direct administration of the Russian district officials and the "Tutel-Kanzlei" at St. Petersburg for the German colonies was abolished.

The colonies in South Russia near the Black Sea were established at a

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### JUNIOR JOLTS (Continued from page 5)

ing to miss you, Rich, and hope that the prediction is wrong.

Roy Eaton just received a wrist-watch a few days ago, but does not have it now. Where it went to, no one knows, but Roy isn't trying to find it, and has not offered a reward. So we are going to take one guess, and there you are.

Albert Dreiling says that since the prohibition law was passed things are so dry that after taking a shower bath one must take a whiskbroom and brush the dust off.

It was so cold yesterday that Alfred Kock started to say something to Eaton and the words froze in his mouth and so Eaton had to read them.

Henry Leiker has been studying real hard lately, but every once in a while he has a blank look on his face. We think it is catching, Peay and Dreiling being the first to have it.

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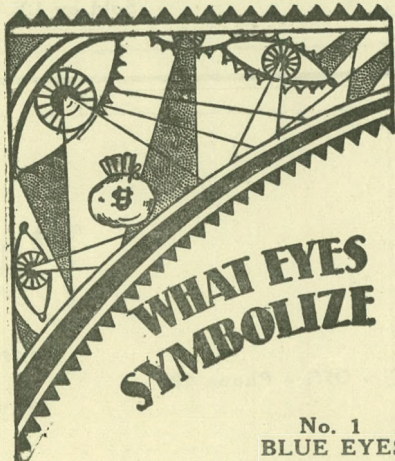
much later period than those on the Volga. These colonies were founded by Alexander I. The first settlers arrived at Odessa in the summer of 1803, and in the following year were settled in the regions near Odessa. In 1813 more colonists arrived mostly from Wuerttemberg who had formerly been in Prussian Poland. From the year 1804 to 1852 about 209 colonies were established in the Province of the Don Cossacks. In 1914 the number had risen to 1077. The Catholics numbered about 195,641 in 1897. After the first few years of failure on account of the climate, drought, locusts and sickness they became very prosperous. Some of these colonists remained in Odessa and followed some kind of a trade and thus established different industries. These colonists were also of a better element than those who came to the Volga in so far that they understood farming. The Emperor had given special instructions to his emissaries to enlist only industrious colonists and especially such who knew farming. People who were good farmers and who understood the cultivation of vineyards, the art of horticulture, etc. were induced to settle in South Russia. Thus the colonies were from the very beginning in a better position than those on the Volga and this together with transportation facilities of their products from the port of Odessa accounts for their rapid development and prosperity. It is of note that those colonies who were of mixed denominations were not as prosperous as those which consisted of but one denomination and nationality.

The secular authorities did little or nothing in regard to the schools in the colonies. Although Catherine II took great interest in the schools and brought about many reforms in the educational system of Russia, yet it seems she was not able to impart her enthusiasm to her officials. The German colonists had been established in Russia to serve as examples of good farming and to be teachers of the different trades, but the agents of Catherine did not see the need of education for farmers. Exceptions did occur here and there especially among the officials in the colonies around Odessa. Duke Richelieu and especially certain officials of the "Provisionary Council" for the colonies in South Russia, for instance Samuel Kantenius, and Eugene Von Hahn, did much to further education among the colonies. Eugene Von Hahn was in particular responsible that central schools were founded in the colonies where teachers could be trained. The government authorities only took things in hand when they realized that many of the colonists could not read the instructions sent to them by the Russian Government. In regard to the Catholic parochial schools the situation became somewhat better when the Diocesan seminary was established at Saratof in 1857. When Reverend Francis X. Von Zottmann became Bishop of the Diocese of Tiraspol 1872, he reorganized the Diocesan seminary and allowed also such boys to study at the seminary as did not wish to become priests. After graduation these boys were employed as teachers and sextons in the villages. From this time on the paroch-

ial schools looked forward to a better future especially since the Bishop constantly urged his people to employ good teachers and to pay them an adequate salary.

The Catholic schools received their greatest blow when in 1898 they were put under direct government supervision. Since that time all schools in the colonies have been under the supervision of the Minister of Public Instruction and were subject to the inspection and control of the directors and inspectors appointed by the "Curator" of the respective provinces. The whole curriculum was prescribed by the state, even the program of classes for each day and the clergy had no longer anything to do with the school except give religious instruction. The curriculum included the following subjects: reading, writing and arithmetic, religion, languages (German and Russian), singing. Text books were prescribed by the state, and although some of these contained slanders against the Church they nevertheless had to be used. The Russian language was prescribed as a medium of teaching in all schools. Since however, the children did not understand Russian, German was generally the language used in teaching. The State also established district schools, called ministerial schools, to which all children might go. Without doubt the children received a better education in these schools than in the parochial schools as far as secular branches and especially the Russian language was concerned, but the religious training of the

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children was greatly impeded. The majority of the teachers at these schools were not Catholic, but strongly imbued with irreligious principles. Furthermore, the priest's hands were tied since he was not allowed to dissuade children from going to these schools. Thus Catholic education was greatly hampered and even when Nicholas II in his Edict of Tolerance promised considerable religious freedom the situation did not become much better since this promise remained on paper and was never fulfilled. Only the high schools were allowed to choose their rectors and deans, otherwise matters remained the same as before. This was the status of German Catholic parochial schools in Russia until the Revolution in 1917 when all Catholic schools were closed.

**CHAPTER III  
TEACHER TRAINING**

From the very beginning the German colonists felt the need of secondary schools, particularly for the training of teachers. The first teachers were capable men, since they were either students, or noblemen, or professional teachers who had received a liberal education in Germany. But when these men died or became too old to teach, there was none who could take their place. At first teachers were selected from the pupils of the first teachers, but when these had passed away the situation became serious. The colonies as early as 1770 petitioned the Russian government for a school which would serve primarily as a training school for teachers, but they were not even given an answer. At that time private individuals conducted schools in which more advanced education was given than in the parochial schools. Some of the wealthy people also hired tutors to give to their children and sometimes also to the children of their relatives and acquaintances a higher education. These cases were apparently not very frequent and the colonists as a class became indifferent to education, especially after they had become rather wealthy and this without having received an education.

The Russian government could, however, not fail to notice the sad effects of the indifference of the protective chancery ("Tutel-Kanzlei") in regard to the schools in the German colonies. In 1802 Karl Jwanowitsch Hablitz, commonly known as Senator Hablitz, reorganized the office at Saratov and the colonies on the Volga and also devised a plan in regard to the education of a number of boys from the colonies. He proposed to the office at Saratov that in each district one orphan boy be selected and sent to the Russian elementary school at Saratov in order to learn the Russian language. The individual communities were expected to defray the expense of these boys. After graduation the boys were to be employed as secretaries in the office of the chief magistrate ("Obervorsteher") of a district and also teach the Russian language to the German children, in order that in course of time there would at least be one or more persons in each village who could speak Russian fluently. Senator Hablitz, however, overlooked the fact that those people who had adopted orphans were not willing to allow them to go to school especially after they had brought them up and were now able to work. The office soon had occasion to witness this fact. No-

where could the mayors of the villages of districts get orphan boys. Then Hablitz suggested that boys be chosen from large families. Even greater difficulties were encountered here. The parents were unwilling to send their children away from home, then the colonists would rather pay board and tuition for an orphan boy than for a boy from a large, but wealthy family. Yet this plan was adopted and finally several boys entered the Russian school at Saratov. The office considered the event of importance and notified the Minister of the Interior, Prince Alexie Borisowitch Kurkin, that four boys had graduated from the Saratov normal school and were ready for the office of secretary and teacher. At the same time the office made the suggestion that the salary of the secretaries of the district be raised. On account of the small salary of both secretaries and teachers, few colonists were inclined to send their children to the school at Saratov. Even the salary which the office proposed was not much of an incentive.

Although the suggestion of Senator Hablitz was finally carried out and the lack of competent secretaries had been taken care of to a certain extent, the language situation in the schools remained the same as before. These secretaries did not find time to teach the children the Russian language, and so this task fell again to the school teachers who themselves frequently could not even read Russian correctly.

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