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Bishops Give Spiritual Guidance



Most Reverend Mariano S. Garriga, D.D., LL.D.

Bishop of Corpus Christi; ordained July 2, 1911; appointed Titular Bishop of Siene and Coadjutor to the Bishop of Corpus Christi "cum jure successionis" June 20, 1936; consecrated September 21, 1936; succeeded to See March 15, 1949; Assistant at Pontifical Throne, April 14, 1951.

To More Than Half-Million Souls



Most Reverend Adolph Marx, D.D., J.C.D.

Auxiliary Bishop; ordained May 2, 1940; appointed Titular Bishop of Citrus and Auxiliary to the Bishop of Corpus Christi July 6, 1956; consecrated October 9, 1956.

Night reigns. A ray of white pierces the void--another--and another. Dawn. Aurora with her rosy fingers lifts the light-laced veil of darkness, flooding the heavens with glory.

In ancient Roman mythology, Aurora was the goddess of the dawn. Each morning she opened the eastern gates of heaven so that the sun god might drive across the sky.

This yearbook is another Aurora, one of reality. Here you will find a dawn of a different kind. This Aurora unlocks the magnificent gates of the mind so that the desire to learn might burst forth. As the eagerness progresses, knowledge is conceived. Daily this knowledge reaches new, exciting horizons.

Ignorance is night. A ray of knowledge pierces its void... another... another. Dawn comes, flinging across the heavens of a child's wonder, an aurora of realities called facts.

The quest for knowledge is a lifelong pursuit. The high school years constitute the sunrise of this eternal quest. They begin the morning of basic learning and initiate the glorious day of experimentation and discovery. They represent one of the pinnacles of our learning.



With the completion of the \$250,000 gymnasium pictured in the upper left hand corner of the aerial photograph, building complex. The addition school to slightly over one million and Blessed Sacrament own and



000 gymnasium pictured in the upper left hand corner of this section brings the total value of the building complex to slightly over one million dollars. Sisters of the Incarnate Word staff the school.

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Mother M. Benedict, Sister Agnes Marie



Mother M. Benedict, B.A., M.A.
Superioress General of the Sisters of Incarnate
Word and the Blessed Sacrament.

Mention the name of Mother Benedict and the face of every student lights up. Mother's glowing enthusiasm and flowering friendship have endeared her to everyone she has met.

After teaching sophomore English and speech for two years, Mother Benedict was elected Superioress General of the order.

Mother Benedict, your first year of service in this position has constituted a dawn to the community.

In recognition of this dawn, and of the wonderful faith, hope, and light that you embody, we lovingly dedicate the 1963 AURORA to you.



With her usual enthusiasm and sincerity, Mother M. Benedict graciously thanks her favorite students for the assembly in honor of her feast day, March 21.

Bring New Dawn



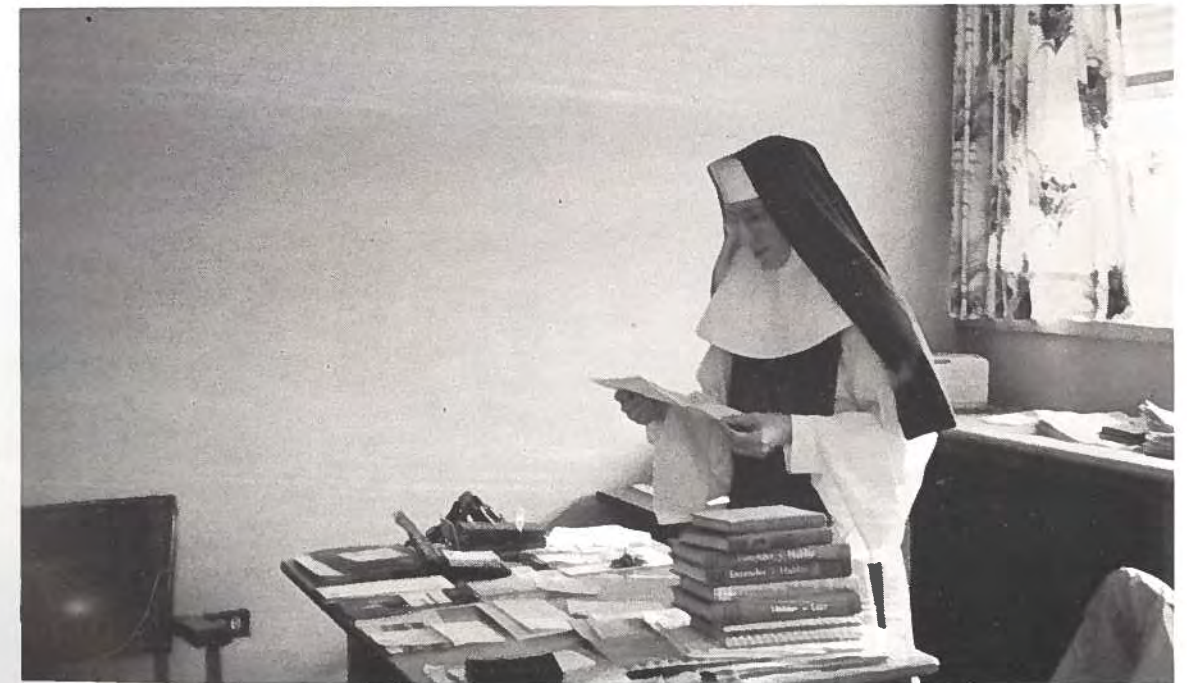
Sister Agnes Marie, B.A., M.A.
. . . alumna, principal, teaches English III.

For one year Incarnate Word Academy has flourished under the able direction of Sister Agnes Marie, a former graduate.

The devoted guidance she has given us as principal, teacher, and friend will remain in our hearts forever.

Sister Agnes Marie, as you have dedicated yourself to us that we might enjoy the fruits of your labors, so we dedicate the fruit of our labors, THE AURORA of 1963, to you.

This year has been a dawn for us, as these years are to all students, but this is your special dawn.



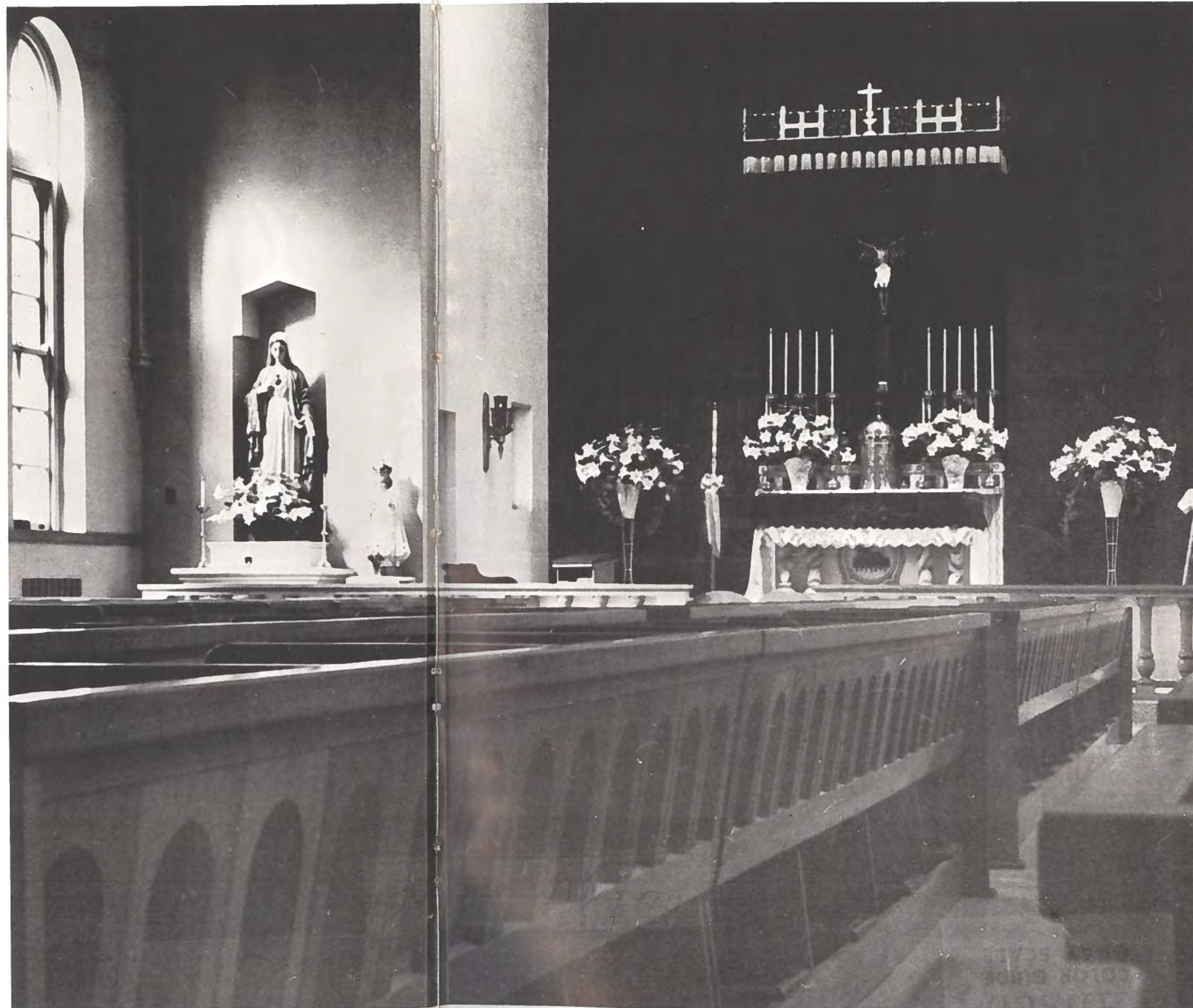
Sister Agnes Marie successfully attends to the business of her new position in her office, focal point of the school.

FACULTY AND CURRICULA

It is only fitting that the chapel should represent this section, for from it our teachers draw the faith and love with which they administer the school system. The teachers are characterized by complete dedication and patience that know no limits. These qualities have been instilled in them by the Divine Guidance to which they give their lives. Each day they pass this divine touch to us for the dawns we have yet to meet.

At Incarnate Word Academy, as in any other Catholic educational institution, the Faith is the background and guiding hand. The curricula is varied, modern teaching methods are used, but the entire system embodies the eternal truths of love and faith.

Each day is a dawn for teachers and students alike--a dawn of Christian knowledge.



CHAPEL

Soul and Mind Seek Guidance



Sister Mary Caroline, B.A., M.A.
... teaches Religion I, III; sponsors
Junior C



Student body gathers in worship on March 25, feast of the Annunciation. Celebrant of the Mass for the feast of the order was Very Rev. William T. Thompson, Chancellor.

Representatives from each English class gather around their common inspiration, William Shakespeare.

Left to right; Barbara Olivarez, Sandy LeBlanc, Sally Park, and Terry Mendleski,



Sister Mary Grace, B.A., M.A.
... alumna, bookstore manager, teaches English I, II, and two college English classes; sponsors the National Honor Society and Freshman A.



Speech, Journalism Specialized

Mrs. Robert Daugherty, B.A.
... alumna, teaches English IV and journalism; sponsors The Crown and Aurora.



Crown honors have been won this year through the efforts of Denise Sheridan and Kathleen Kennedy, co-editors; Grace Ford; Shelley Bourdon; Mrs. Robert Daugherty, sponsor; Rosaena Gutierrez; Patty Rodholm; Roseanne Prihoda; Frances McCarthy; Karen Murray; and Kris Malins.



Willanna Willis gestures dramatically as she presents her monologue before the speech class.



Sister Mary Lucy, B.A., M.A.
... Guidance Counselor, teaches Spanish I, Speech; Drama Club sponsor.

Social Studies Make Alert Voters



Sister Mary Stanislaus, B.A.
... Treasurer, teaches World History,
World Geography, and American
Government; sponsors the senior class
and the Civics Club.



Civics Club mem-
bers put classroom
knowledge into
practice as they
visit the County
Courthouse to see
justice in action.



News magazines, the atlas, and the
globe provide the informational background
for Geography class reports given by Denise
Sheridan, Claudette Calvin, Patty Rodholm,
and Bessie Weil.



Study of Past Prepares for Future

Sister Mary Philomena, B.A.
... teaches World History, American
History; sponsors Sophomore C.



Flags from the world's many
nations bring home the facts of
history and culture that make
up the teaching of World His-
tory for Maria Ines Gonzalez
and Sandra Pope.



Examining relics from one
of the worst conflicts to en-
gage the country, the Civil
War, are Roseanne Pihoda,
Grace Ford, and Frances
McCarthy.



Sister Mary Genevieve, B.A., M.A.
... teaches American History, general
math, Religion, sponsors Sophomore B.

Math Teachers Busy Year Round



Sister Anna Marie, B.A., M.S.
 ... Alumna, teaches Algebra I, II,
 geometry; sponsors Freshman D.



One geometrical figure, a cone,
 plus information from the textbook
 are helping aids to Patty Chapman
 and Carol Sue Carlson as they at-
 tempt to unravel the mysteries
 posed by geometry.

Sister M. Catherine helps Barbara Olivarez solve a knotty problem which has arisen
 in connection with her trig project.



Sister Mary Catherine, B.A.
 ... teaches Religion II, French
 II, geometry, and trigonometry
 - analysis.



Science, Pilot to the Future

Sister Jeanne Francis, B.S., M.A.
 ... teaches biology; sponsors Sophomore
 A, Research Council, and the Angels.



Kathy Olson and Christine Walker carry out an experiment in
 bacteriology as Sister Jeanne Francis supervises.



Sister Anita Therese, B.S.
 ... Alumna, teaches Latin I, chemistry, and
 Algebra I; sponsors Freshman B and Chemistry
 Club.



Chemists Mary Pollack, Carol Sue Carlson, Koula Lolos, and Jo
 Ann Phillips tour Pittsburg Plate Glass. Pictured also is Mrs. Dorothy
 Stewart, guide.



Mrs. Lamar Cantu, B.S.
 ... teaches general science.



Romance Languages are Travelogue

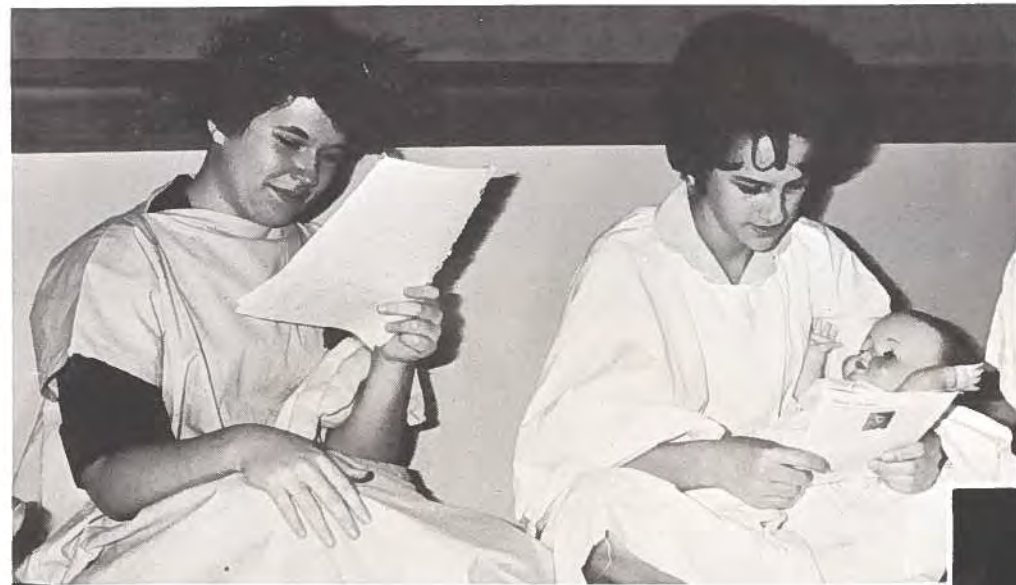


Sister Aquinas, B.A.
... teaches French I, English II,
III; sponsors Sophomore D.



French II students Susan Foley,
Sophie Dunne, and Christine
Catron, travel posters in hand,
dream of a visit to "Gay Paree"
with its Arc de Triomphe and
Eiffel Tower.

Dressed in official Roman toga, sophomores Patty Chapman and Kathy Hooker
celebrate the Ides of March.



Sister Mary Luke, B.A., M.A.
... teaches Latin II, English I and
IV; sponsors CCD Helpers and
Sophomore B.



Espanol Welcomes Deutsch

Mrs. Norman Foster, B.A., M.A.
... teaches Spanish II and III; sponsors
the Spanish Club.



Mrs. Norman Foster reveals the history of an authentic Spanish shawl to Spanish
students Sue Meyer, Sherry Brown, Dolores Childers, Annette Sykora, and Ann
Hogue.



Nancy Neuman, Mary Nowicki,
Mrs. Nowicki, and Janice Kohlhaas
seem engrossed in the German news-
paper they employ as aids in under-
standing the people as well as the
language of Germany.



Mrs. George Nowicki, Oriental Seminary,
University of Berlin
... teaches German.

Electives Are Career Courses



Sister James Marie, B.S.
... teaches home economics and Religion I;
sponsors home economics club.



Pat Shepard, Mari Jo Tangney,
and Martha Cortinas find that
homemaking isn't all play as
housecleaning day rolls around.

Index cards and a filing cabinet
are tools that aid industrious
students Cornelia Houseman,
Marilyn and Carolyn Miles in
developing bookkeeping skills.



Sister Mary Ruth, B.A.
... alumna, registrar, teaches typing I,
Religion II, bookkeeping; sponsors junior
A homeroom and Student Council; pre-
fects the boarders.



Business Courses Prepare Girls

Sister Mary Anne, B.A., M.A.
... Alumna, teaches Religion I, IV,
bookkeeping and typing; sponsors
Junior B, Business Club, and CCD.



Carolyn Miles proves that Sister Anne's
antique typewriter is still in working
condition as Cornelia Houseman and
Marilyn Miles look on doubtfully.



Expressing her usual warmth, Sister Mary Xavier pauses from her duties as librarian
to exchange a friendly greeting.



Sister Mary Xavier, B.A., M.A.
... Alumna, Librarian, teaches Shorthand
and Typing II; sponsors Our Lady of Grace
Sodality.



Music Department Makes Strides



Sister Joan, B.M.
... teaches piano.

Sister Joan gives private instruction to pianist Maria Salinas.



Under the direction of Mr. Roger L. Melone, the choral club entertains the student audience during an assembly.

Mr. Roger Melone introduces the orchestra who will give their rendition of several numbers for the student body.



P. E. Classes Gain in Fitness



Physical education students enjoy a fast game of volleyball in new gym.

Mrs. Edward Shand, B.S.
... teaches P. E.



Mrs. C. E. Minnegerode, Jr., B.S.
... teaches P. E.

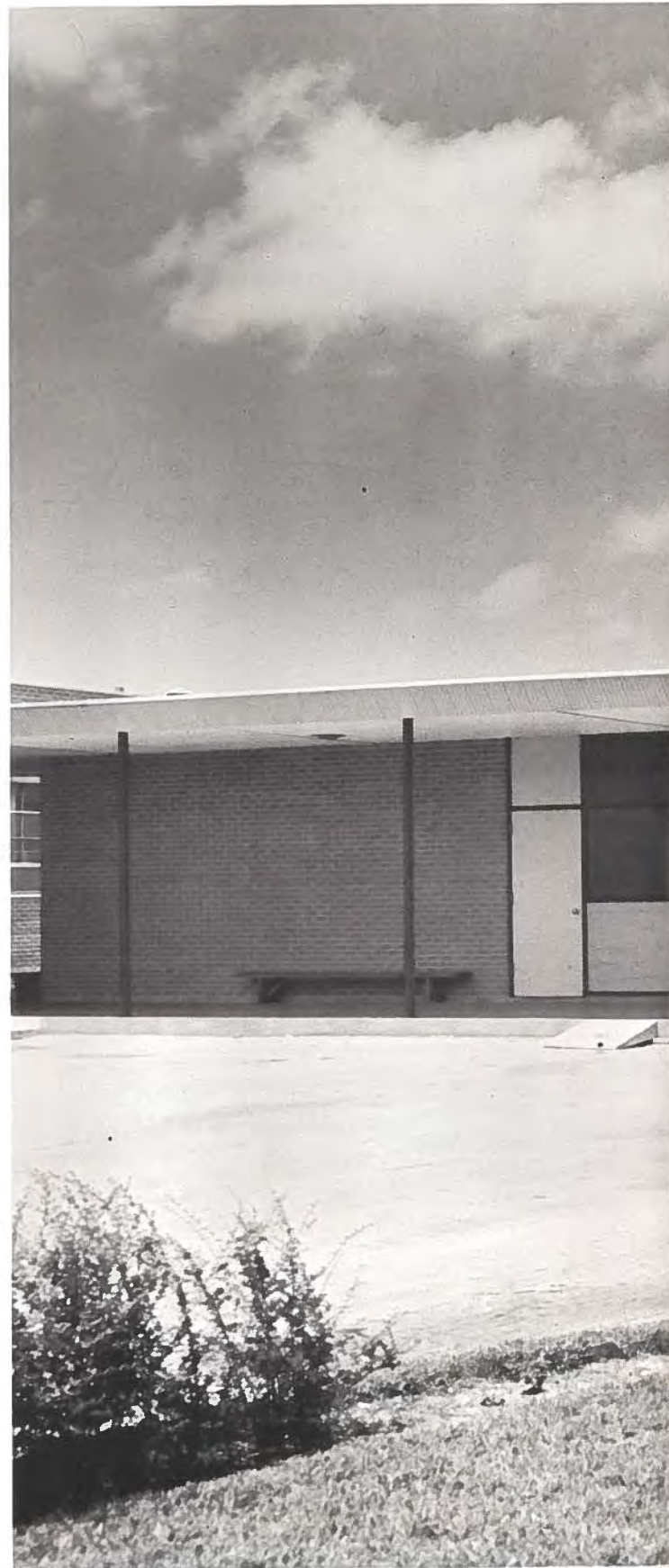


FRESHMEN

Two dawns are represented at this point--the first light of education symbolized by the kindergarten; and the brighter, broader morning of learning experienced by the student upon her entrance into high school.

The dawn of education, be it elementary or secondary, is in a sense the dawn of our lives. For knowledge is light, and our early years of learning are an embarkation point for the research and discovery which characterize true knowledge.

Freshmen are at the threshold of four years which will bring them the insight and desire for learning that unlock the gates of ignorance, flinging them wide for the blinding light of wisdom.



KINDERGARTEN

Officers Steer Year's Course



Freshman A homeroom officers pictured on the kindergarten slide are president Carol Connor and treasurer Hazel Childress. Awaiting their turn in line are Sherre Cantwell, secretary, and Mary Pat Devine, vice-president.

Joyce Roach and Beth Malins, vice-president and president, respectively, of Freshman C plan the next homeroom meeting. However, Martha Kennedy, president, and Rita Lane, vice-president of Freshman B take a brief rest from their duties as officers. Not pictured are Diana Hinojosa, secretary, and Cecilia Kelley, treasurer of Freshman B.



Freshman D officers mix business with pleasure in the kindergarten playground. Left to right are Bernadette Rollins, treasurer; Rosa Vega, vice-president; and Skippy Young, president. Not pictured is Bonnie Tate, secretary.

Freshmen Undergo Initiation



Lynn Allen Ofelia Alvarado Anna Alvarez Pat Baca Marilyn Bailey Pamela Barnes



Theresa Bath Norma Bazan Hilda Benavides Paula Bentley Barbara Berger Sylvia Braden



Viola Bueno Patricia Burgess Carolyn Busker Mary Lou Caldcleugh Irma Cantu Sherre Cantwell



Cynthia Carlucci Vaughn Celum Lenore Chamberlin Blossie Chatman Hazel Childress Mary Clark



Linda Kurtz and Carol Ann Polasek eat their curds and whey during the Freshman initiation, September 14.

Freshmen Adjust to High School



Pamela Cole Carol Connor Pat Corcoran Bedilia Corona Lorraine Cabbage Adrienne Davila



Maria Elena Davila Irma De Leon Mary Pat Devine Joeline Dittlinger Sandra Domingue Nancy Downey



Mary Jane Ducote Susanne Dunegan Donna Eagen Isabel Esparza Anna Marie Espinosa Elvia Flemister



Charlotte Flores Irene Friedman Rosalinda Fuentes Adriana Garcia Josephine Garcia Loretta Ann Garcia

Freshmen Mary Beth Malins and Paula Rummelhart show spirit in student council president rally.



Freshmen Take Entrance Exam



Virginia Garcia Edna Jean Gonzales Maria Ines Gonzalez Nidia Gonzales Robin Goss Marilyn Grant



Joan Griffith Peggy Gudka Jo Ann Gwinner Joan Havelka Marie Hernandez Carol Herr



Viola Hinojosa Diane Hooge Sue Houden Dolores Kassner Cecilia Kelley Martha Jo Kennedy



Diana Kleffner Geraldine Kosarek Veronica Krenek Anna Mae Krnavek Linda Kurtz Brenda Kuykendall



Rita Lane Mary Laughlin Donna Lewis Geraldine Lindsteadt Rose Mary Logan Lilly Lozano

16 Bake Sales Add to Gym Fund



Sandra Lozano Betty Jane Lueggie Ester Lugo Madelyn Machen Mary Beth Malins Mary Ellen Martinez



Margaret McDade Cathy McHugh Theresa Mendleski Suzette Mitchell Elizabeth Mokry Delma Moreno



Gilda Morin Johnnie Myres Nancy Neuman Janice O'Bryant Mary Anne Pagano Karen Ann Palmer



Alexis Cecilia Perez Odessa Pfeifer Carol Jean Polasek Sandra Pope Angie Ramirez Mary Jane Ramos



Katherine Reicherzer Sandra Rendon Linda Rezac Gloria Richter Joyce Roach Kathy Roach

Freshmen Form Largest Class



Estella Rodriguez Linda Rodriguez Bernadette Rollins Paula Jo Rummelhart Amelia Salazar Carmen Salinas



Rose Mary Sanchez Mary Susan Scott Marsha Shaw Judy Ann Simcik Kathryn Slosson Patricia Smith



Delores Snell Viola Stillman Mari Jo Tangney Bonnie Tate Patricia Tepera Yvonne Terry



Margaret Mary Thompson Rose Mary Tienda Rosa Maria Vega Katherine Victor Rita Walsh Margaret Weber



Judy West Margaret Mary Wharton Yolanda Wilburn Barbara Rose Williams Christine Wilson Margaret Young

SOPHOMORES

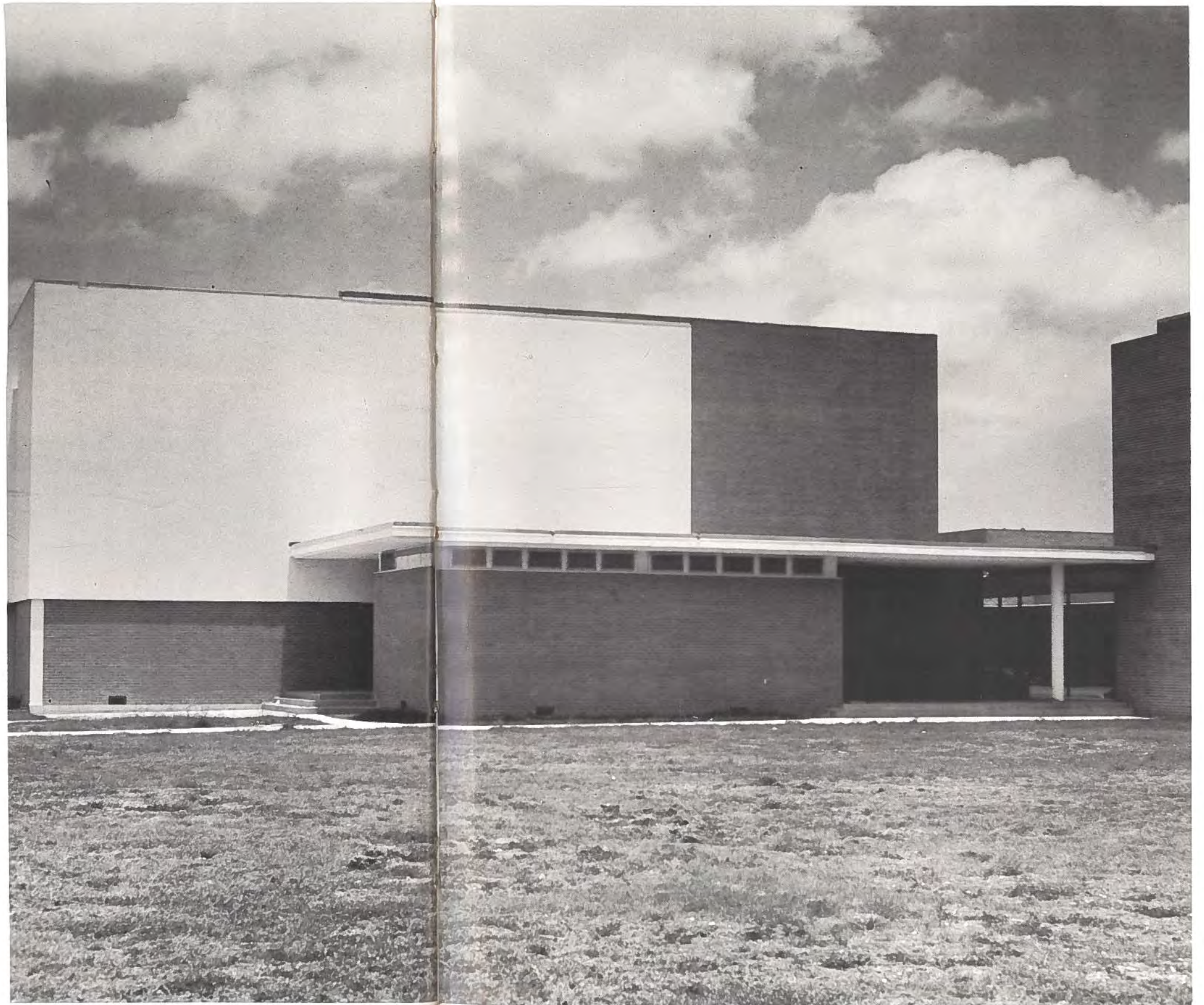
The gymnasium brings a very special dawn--the dawn of complete education of soul, mind, and body. Indeed, the ancient Greeks advocated a "sound mind in a sound body", and modern education is fast adopting this principle.

Physical fitness is not a thing to be scoffed at. It is an essential part of our well-being, and is a duty to ourselves and our country. The welfare of individuals, taken collectively, is the welfare of our nation.

Our new gymnasium is the site of many student activities--assemblies, basketball games, dances. Sophomores are on a firmer footing as they partake of the many activities after serving their apprenticeship during their freshman year.

The gym is the background of memories of the "fun" side of high school life--the part necessary to maintain the equilibrium of the students. For "all work and no play make Jill a dull girl."

The gym provides the opportunity to complete the educational entity of the student--soul, mind, body.



GYMNASIUM

Officers Head Successful Year



Sophomore "A" vice-president, Patty Chapman and secretary, Carol Carlson smile proudly as they enter new gym. Not pictured are; president, Dorothy de Cordova and treasurer Danielle DuBose.

Showing off new ping-pong table are Sophomore "B" officers; treasurer Sandra LeBlanc, secretary Susan Foley, president Margo Flores, and vice-president Mary Alice Guzman.



Ready to serve cokes from the counter in the gym lobby are Sophomore "C" president JoAnn Phillips; vice-president Ester Martinez; and secretary Colleen McHugh. Not pictured is treasurer Mary Ellen Nicholson.



Sophomore D officers pictured in front of mural in the gym are left to right Rita Rumer, treasurer; Christine Walker, president; Sandra Smith, vice-president; and Beverly Windstrup, secretary.



Sophs Tour Moon at Assembly



Cynthia Alvarez

Donna Avant

Patricia Beck

Judy Besse

Madelyn Bolech

Sherry Brown



Isabelle Camp

Olga Cano

Carol Sue Carlson

Phyllis Carpenter

Mary Imelda Carranco

Gloria Casares



Suzanne Castner

Diane Chamberlin

Patty Chapman

Rita Chatman



Susan Foley interviews Sherry Brown during a special skit presented at the Teachers Appreciation Day assembly, February 14.

Caesar Reigns at Roman Banquet



Dolores Childers Mary Coco Martha Cortinas Diane DeAlejandro Dorothy de Cordova Elda De Los Santos



Gail Dement Danielle Du Bose Annette Dunegan Sophie Dunne Mary Cecilia Eaker Dana Falcon



Margo Flores Rosemary Flores Susan Foley Ernestina Garcia

"Et tu Brutus," exclaims modern-day Caesar, Colleen McHugh, as she returns the blow of Brutus, Diane Chamberlain, in the Latin II class' presentation for the Ides of March.



Sophs' Decorating Wins Prize



Gricelda Garcia Maria Lusia Garcia Rena Mae Garza Gloria Gonzales Mary Catherine Gribben Mary Janet Gross



Alice Gutierrez Mary Alice Guzman Frances Haas Helen Hagerman Susan Harrod Betty Hatch



Sandra Hattersley Beverly Hentges Armandina Hernandez Lydia Hernandez



Mary Ellen Nicholson and Patricia McLaughlin create an Oriental atmosphere in Christmas decoration competition.

Sophs Down Jrs. in Basketball



Shirley Hill Kathy Hooker Mary Gail Hunsaker Dolores Jackson Glinda Jusko Elaine Khoury



Veronica Kleffner *Too Busy Not Shown* Margarie Kuratko Sandra Le Blanc *Photo not available* Linda Longoria Mary Longoria Mary Lopez



Mary Esther Martinez Beverly MateIske Colleen McHugh Mary Alice McKenzie

Spirit is personified as Jo Ann Phillips, Sandra Le Blanc, Elaine Khoury, Sherry Brown, Isabelle Camp, Sue Meyer, and Carol Sue Carlson model way-out fashions for the School Spirit Fashion Show.



Future Cheerleaders Practice



Patricia McLaughlin Marlene Meehan Sue Meyer *Too Busy Photo not available* Patricia Miller Mary Frances Mir Patricia Sue Moorman



Rita L. Morris Barbara Netek Mary Ellen Nicholson Kathy Olson Marina Ortiz Jackie Pratz



Yvonne Perez Charlotte Petru Jo Ann Phillips Valerie Ann Pollack Theresa Poses



Sherry Brown makes a special effort to make points with a winning smile for School Spirit Day judges Sister M. Catherine, Sister M. Lucy, and Sister M. Grace.

Sophs Prepare Junior Year



Ida Ragusin Pamela Rezac Patricia Riley Ernestine Robertson Suzanne Robinson Lamar Rodriguez

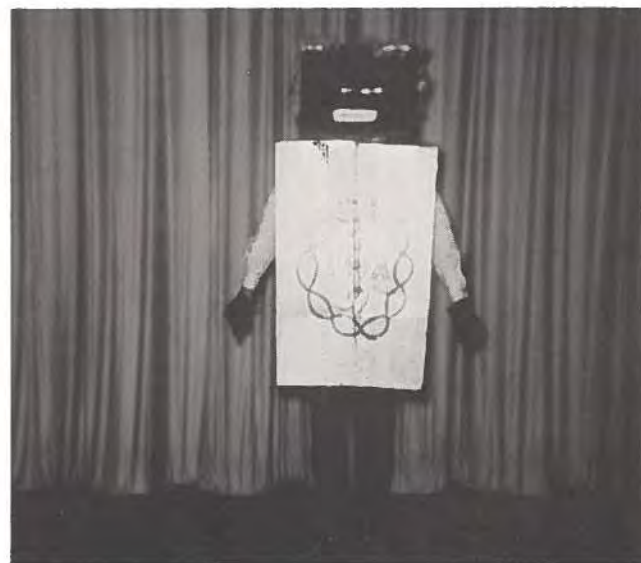


Maria Rodriguez Rita Rumer Jane Saavedra Madeleine Lorraine Sachnik Esmeralda Salinas Sylvia Salinas



Joan Schanen Hannah Schultz Carolyn Shaw Patricia Shepard Rosemary Simons

The age of automation rears its ugly head as Dorothy de Cordova portrays a robot during the Teachers Appreciation Day assembly.



Sophs Show Teacher Appreciation



Ann Smith Sandra Smith Rose Marie Sturm Rita Sulak Linda Sullivan Annette Sykora



Mercy Tamayo Janet Thompson Sandra Thompson Adrian Till Gracie Torres Christine Walker



Peggy Wendland Willanna Willis Alicia Wilson Peggy Wilson Beverly Windstrup



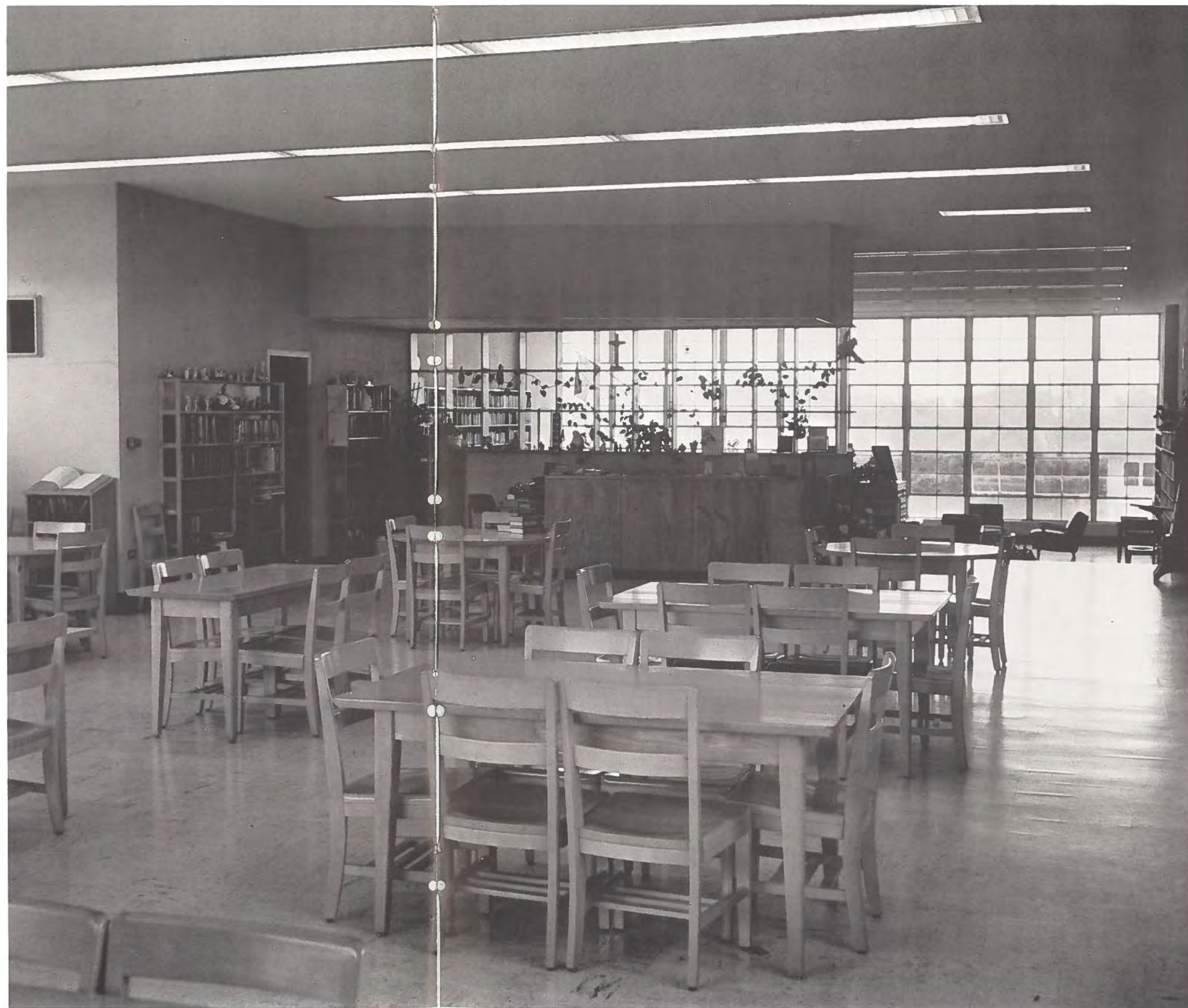
Gloria Casares gets in everyone's hair as the little sister in the IWA-CCA production of "Seventeenth Summer", April 18 and 20.

JUNIORS

The library represents a special dawn for the student--the challenge of the wisdom of the world, and its ignorance. The textbook used in class is not the only source of learning for a young person, but many students fail to realize this fact. Research and the depth and breadth of knowledge it obtains open the door to the dawn of insight, thought, and wisdom.

The third year in high school has already seen a background in fundamentals. Now is the time for expansion. Juniors are looking ahead to the senior year which is built around the expectation of the expansion and development yet to come.

It is fitting, then, that the juniors find their special Aurora in the library amongst the books that hold up their destiny.



LIBRARY

Officers Plan Yule Assembly



Browsing through books in spare moments are Junior "A" officers: president-Dawn Dorsey; vice-president-Rosa Garcia; secretary-Mary Helen Adams; and treasurer-Kathy Dreis.

To keep abreast of world happenings, Junior "B" officers: Koula Lolos, treasurer; Mary Kris Malins, president; Susan O'Brien, vice-president; and Barbara Olivarez, secretary, look through periodicals.



Junior "C" officers: vice-president-Margaret Victor; secretary-Janie Trice; president Chris Salem and treasurer-Beatrice Thomas use library as study hall during lunch periods.



Juniors Eye Future Status



Mary Helen Adams

Linda Alaniz

Eva Arriga

Alice Barrera

Sharon Baughman



During the campaign assembly for election of Student Council president, supporters Roseanne Prihoda, Nancy C. Miller, and Grace Ford "shoot it up" with a nominating speech and skit.



Janet Baumgartner

Jane Boudreau



Shelley Bourdon

Laura Camp



Frances Carter

Therese Carter

Christine Catron

Mary Lee Cox

Margaret Cuevas

Boots and Saddles Accent Dance



Dolores Cykala Betty Cordova Mary Dempsey Madlyn Dillon Dawn Dorsey



Sue Dreiling Kathy Dreis



Decorating for the Junior western dance, Sister Caroline surrenders her prize boots to Rose Wagner for special effects.



Mary Escalante Magdalen Falcon



Susie Feasilier Willie Ann Foehand Anita Garcia Nora Garcia Rosa Garcia

Jrs. Sponsor Goodwill Projects



Trisy Garcia Wanda Garcia Joyce Gootee Susan Green Sandra Gribben



Students reveal Christmas desires as jolly old Saint Nick listens during the Junior assembly, December 21.



Margaret Mary Grime Annette Harrington



Kathryn Hensley Ann Marie Hogue



Rose Karam Janice Kassner Janelle Kimmey Janis Kohlhaas Geraldine Kresse

NMSQ Prepares Juniors for Future



Kay Kronke Judy Kuntscher Ann Logan Koula Lolos Gloria Lugo



Mary Kris Malins Mary Ann Mallia



Elaine Mandes Gloria Martinez



Juniors prophesy the seniors' futures in a School Spirit Day seance. Communicating with the spirits were Janie Trice, Jane Boudreau, Christine Catron, Janet Baumgartner, Diann Moore, Sue Dreiling and Sharon Baughman.



Sandy Mathison Shirley Matula Frances McCarthy Nancy McGuire Jennifer Mims

Juniors Head '63-'64 Deanery



Joanne Mireur Margaret Mokry Diann Moore Karen Murray Bobbie Myres



"Going once... going twice... SOLD," exclaims Frances McCarthy at the junior class White Elephant sale, May 15. Classmates Karen Murray and Joanne Mireur view with approval.



Margaret Netek Sally Nye



Susan O'Brien Barbara Olivarez



Cecilia Perez Janell Ann Petru Linda Pfiefer Mary Pollack Roseanne Prihoda

Juniors Measured for Rings



Jackie Priour

Sandra V. Ramirez

Evangelina Reta

Frances Reyes

Laura Ann Ritchie



Janie Robinson

Sylvia Rodriguez



Yolanda Rodriguez

Chris Salem



Roseanne Prihoda, Joanne Mireur, and Sandy Mathison sit one out during the Christmas Formal.



Nedra Scharlau

Shirley Startz

Sharon Stone

Annette Suldou

Rosalie Strubhart

Juniors' Song Provokes Tears



Beatrice Thomas

Patsy Tolin

Janie Trice

Dolores Valcik

Maria Del Carmen Valdez



Already once-defeated juniors Roseanne Prihoda, Jane Boudreau, and Magdalen Falcon warm the bench as they watch the Junior-Sophomore basketball game with a group of future freshmen.



Gloria Valdez

Mary Jane Vasquez



Kathleen Verburgt

Laura Ann Veselka



Margaret Victor

Rose Wagner

Kathy Walsh

Bessie Warner

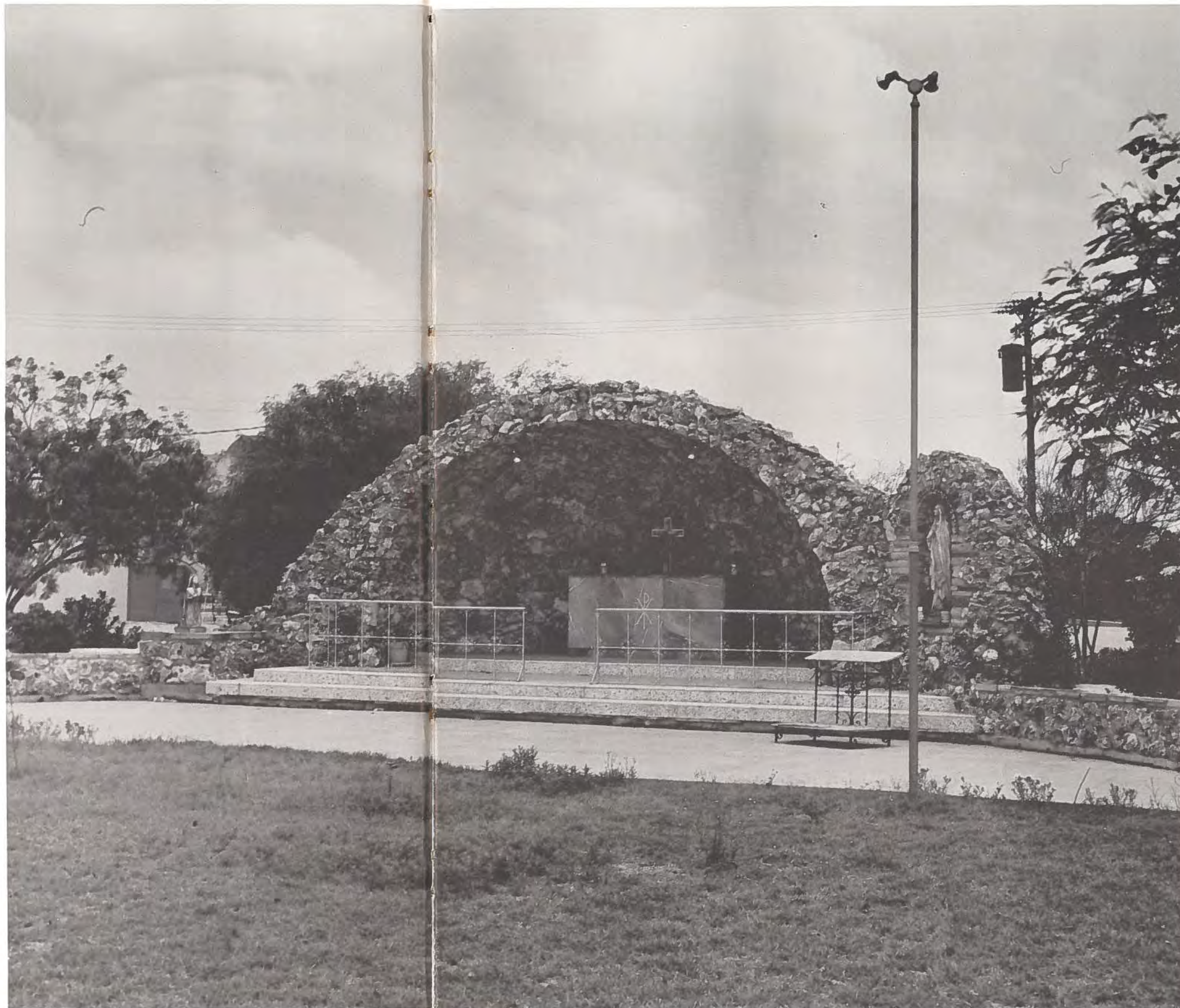
Delores Ann Washington

SENIORS

AURORA is an ever-recurring goddess, and one of the brightest dawns she brings to us is our graduation from high school. Our senior year is one of anticipation and searching. There is a touch of sadness in leaving the real birthplace of our knowledge, it is true. But it is the purpose of this same birthplace to make us ready to find even more new dawns in the years of our lives to come.

All that we have learned in this short span of four years serves to open the door to further knowledge, experience, and insight. Each student has her own goals to reach, her own paths to explore. In anticipation of more dawns to come and more doors to open, she will need a background of faith and strength.

This preparation begins with prayer. The peaceful Grotto of Our Lady is the perfect place for each senior to implore God's help in living in His light continuously, eternally--a perpetual Aurora.



GROTTO

Weil, May End Brilliant Years



Valedictorian Bessie Dan Weil attained the school's top honor with a four years' average of 96 11/40.

Her future plans consist of four or more years of college, preferably at Our Lady of the Lake College, San Antonio, or Loyola University, New Orleans.

Bessie is considering majoring in sociology or psychology.

At graduation Bessie was the recipient of the Alhambra Award given to the outstanding student in Citizenship, Religion, and Leadership.

Salutatorian Jean May has received numerous honors in connection with her science project which won first place in the National Science Fair, Albuquerque. Jean is also the recipient of the Eagle of the Cross, the highest honor given to Catholic Youth in America.

Jean plans to major in chemistry or mathematics.

Jean received the Bell Telephone Co. Award to the outstanding science student at graduation.



Officers Plan Neptune Prom



Bessie Weil
President



Marilyn Miles
Secretary

Patty Rodholm
Vice President



Nancy Miller
Treasurer



1963 Senior Class Numbers 79

Rings Bestow Senior Status



ROSEMARY BEALE
 CCD 1; French Club 1;
 Angels 1, 2, 3, 4-Cap-
 tain 2; Red Cross 1, 2;
 Chemistry Club 4.



KAREN BERGER
 Sodality 1; CCD 1, 2, 3,
 4; Crown Staff 4.



BRENDA
 BRUNKENHOEFER
 Student Council 3;
 Business Club Treasurer
 4.



GWEN BUCKLEY
 Reporter 1; Secretary 3;
 CCD 1, 2, 4; Student
 Council 3, 4; Future
 Teachers 3; Drama Club
 2, 3-Parliamentarian 3;
 Pep Squad 1, 2, 3, 4-
 Manager 3.



BARBARA CERNOCH
 CCD 1, 2, 3, 4.



KATHY CORCORAN
 Parliamentarian 3; CCD
 1, 2, 3, 4; French Club 1;
 Civics Club 4; Aurora
 Staff 3; Pep Squad 3;
 Drill Team 3.



CAROLYN CUEVAS
 Student Council 1.



SONDRA DABE
 President 1; Parliamen-
 tarian 2; Treasurer 3;
 CCD 1, 3, 4; Student
 Council 1; FTA 3; Latin
 Club 1; Aurora Staff 3;
 Pep Squad 2, 3, 4; Cheer-
 leader 4; Vocation Club
 1; Crown Staff 4.



CLAUDETTE CALVIN
 Research Council 2, 4-
 Secretary 2; Aurora
 Staff 4.



SYLVIA CAMPOS
 Civics Club 4.



CRISELDA CASAREZ
 Student Council 1; Fu-
 ture Teachers 2; Science
 Club 1, 2, 3; Drama Club
 1; Homemaking Club 1,
 2-Vice-Pres. 1; Aurora
 Staff 4; Business Club 4.



DOROTHY CASSARA
 Pres. 2, 3; CCD 1, 2, 3,
 4; Student Council 1, 2,
 3, 4-Treasurer 4; Latin
 Club 1, 2-Reporter 2;
 Pep Squad 2, 3, 4-Trea-
 surer 4; Red Cross 1;
 Drill Team 3.



PAT DIEGEL
 CCD 1, 2, 3, 4; Business
 Club 4.



SALLY EDEN
 Secretary 1, 2; Sodality
 1, 4; CCD 3; Homemak-
 ing Club President 3.



KATY ESCALANTE
 CCD 1, 2, 3, 4; Drama
 Club 3; French Club 1.



JANICE FERRIS
 CCD 2, 3, 4.

Seniors Enjoy Many Privileges



YVONNE FLANAGAN
Parliamentarian 1; CCD
1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Squad 1, 2.



ELSA FLORES
CCD 1; Spanish Club 1,
3.



GRACE FORD
President 1; Secretary
2; CCD 2, 4; Student
Council 1, 2; Crown
Staff 4.



ANITA GARCIA
CCD 1, 2, 3; Spanish
Club 1, 2, 3-Reporter 3.



JEANETTE GEORGE
Historian 1; Drama Club
1, 2; Civics Club 4;
Aurora Staff 3.



ROSAENA GUTIERREZ
Vice-President 3; CCD
1, 2, 3, 4; Student Coun-
cil 3, 4; Spanish Club 1,
2, 3; Treasurer 2, Presi-
dent 3; Civics Club 4;
Crown Staff 4.



MARIA GUZMAN
CCD 1; Spanish Club 1.



DOLORES GARCIA
Parliamentarian 1; His-
torian 2; Reporter 3;
CCD 1, 2, 3, 4; Spanish
Club 1, 2, 3-Sec. 2,
Vice-Pres. 3; Civics
Club 4; Pep Squad 1.

Miss Moneybags Tops Senior Dance



ANN HAFHEY
Sodality 1; CCD 1, 3, 4;
Drama Club 3, 4; Span-
ish Club 1, 2.



MARTHA HOLMES
CCD 1, 3, 4; Drama
Club 3; Latin Club 1, 2;
Pep Squad 2; Business
Club Secretary 4.



GERTRAUD HOLTHAUS
Foreign Student from
Germany; Student Coun-
cil 4.



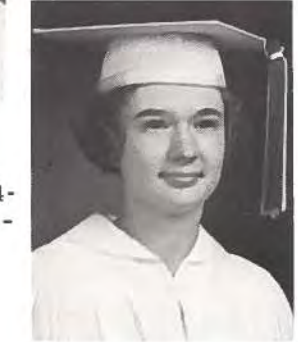
CORNELIA HOUSEMAN
CCD 1, 2, 3, 4; Student
Council 3; Drama Club
2, 3, 4-Treasurer 3.



BARBARA KELLEY
Reporter 3; CCD 1, 2, 3,
4-Secretary 4; Spanish
Club 1; Civics Club-
Reporter 4; Aurora Staff
4; Pep Squad 2, 3, 4-
Secretary 4; Red Cross
Reporter 2.



KATHLEEN KENNEDY
Parliamentarian 2; Re-
search Council 1, 2, 3, 4-
President 2, Vice-Presi-
dent 3, President 4;
Latin Club 1, 2; Angels
1, 2, 3, 4-Captain 4;
Crown Editor 4.



ANNETTE KLAERNER



CORALYN HUNT
CCD 1, 2, 3, 4; Drama
Club 3; Spanish Club 1;
Pep Squad 2; Business
Club President 4.

Seniors Observe Law at Work



JUDY KOLLER
Treasurer 1, 2; CCD 2, 3, 4; Boarder's Club 1, 2, 3, 4.



THERESA LAUDADIO
Historian 1, 2, 3, 4; Sodality 1; CCD 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 1, 2-President 2; Civics Club 4; Pep Squad 2, 3; Crown Staff 4.



MARGARET LE COMPTE
CCD 3, 4; Civics Club 4; Homemaking Club 1; Library Club 1, 2-Vice-Pres. 2.



GEORGIE LEVEK
CCD 1, 2, 3, 4; Civics Club 4.



BARBARA MATHISON
President 1; Sodality 1; Student Council 2, 3; National Honor Society 2, 3, 4; Drama Club 3; Drill Team 1.



JEAN MAY
President 1; CCD 1, 2, 3, 4-President 4; Student Council 1, 2; National Honor Society 3, 4; Future Teachers of Amer. 3; Science Club 2, 3, 4-Vice-Pres. 2, Treasurer 3, Rept. -Hist. 4; Pep Squad 1, 3.



MIRIAM MELLON
CCD 1, 2, 3, 4-Treasurer 4; Homemaking Club 1; Pep Squad 2, 3-Parliamentarian.



DOROTHY MATHIEU
Sodality 1; CCD 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 1, 2; Civics Club 4; Yearbook Staff 3; Pep Squad 1.

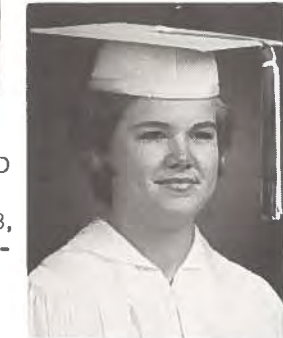
Pepe Sparks Senior Assembly



CAROLYN MILES
Vice-President 1, 2; President 3; CCD 1, 2, 3; Student Council 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Squad 2, 3, 4; Drill Team 3.



MARILYN MILES
Secretary 1, 2, 3, 4; CCD 1, 2, 3; Student Council 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Squad 2, 3, 4; Drill Team 3; Cheerleader 4.



NANCY MILLER
Reporter 1; Parliamentarian 3; Treasurer 4; Sodality 1; CCD 1, 2, 3, 4; Future Teachers 3; Latin Club 1, 2; Civics Club 4-Pres. 4; Pep Squad 3.



BEVERLY MENDLESKI
Reporter 1, 2; Sodality 1, 2; CCD 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 1, 2; Pep Squad 1, 2, 3, 4; Cheerleader 4.



EDITH MOKRY



DONNA KAY MONTGOMERY
CCD 4.

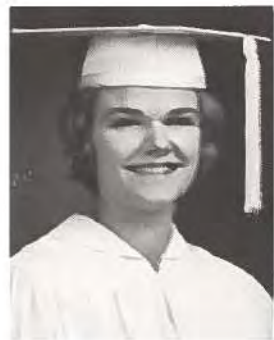


NANCY JEAN MILLER
CCD 1, 2, 3, 4; Red Cross 1, 3-Representative 3; Business Club 4; Aurora Staff 4.



VIVIAN MUNOZ
CCD 1, 2, 3; Spanish Club 1, 3; Civics Club 4; Angels 3.

Senior is Schoolwide Favorite



DOROTHY NECKAR
President 1, 2; Sodality 1, 2; Student Council 1, 2, 4; CCD 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 1, 2; French Club 3; Civics Club 4; Crown Staff 4.



MARIE NEWELL
CCD 1, 2, 3, 4; Drama Club 3; Pep Squad 2; Business Club 4; Boarder's Club 1, 2.



MARY NOWICKI
Future Teachers 3; Drama Club 3, 4-Reporter 4; French Club 1.



JANE OAKLEY
Sodality 2, 3; Student Council 3; National Honor Society 2; Drama Club 3; Crown Staff 4.



KATHY OST
CCD 1, 2; Civics Club 4; Red Cross 2, 3, 4.



SALLY ANN PARK
CCD 3, 4; Civics Club 4; Treasurer 4.



YOLANDA OLIVAREZ
CCD 1, 2; Spanish Club 1, 3.



JEANETTE PAVLASEK
CCD 3, 4; Civics Club 4; Pep Squad 1, 2.

New Senior Door Christened



MARY LOU RAMIREZ
CCD 1, 2, 3, 4; Drama Club 2, 4; Spanish Club 1, 3; Pep Squad 1; Boarders Club 1, 3, 4-Vice-President 4.



CECILIA RED FOX
CCD 1, 2, 3, 4; French Club 3; Civics Club 4; Pep Squad 1, 2, 3; Drill Team 3.



DIANNE ROACH
CCD 1, 2; Latin Club 1, 2-Parliamentarian 2; Pep Squad 1, 2, 3; Drill Team 3.



PATTY RODHOLM
Treasurer 2; President 3; Vice-President 4; Student Council 3, 4; CCD 1, 4; Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4-Secretary 3; National Honor Society 3, 4; Future Teachers Vice-President 3; Latin Club 1, 2-Treasurer 2; Pep Squad 3; Drill Team 3; Crown Staff 4.



MARIA SALINAS



THERESA SEWARD
Secretary 1, 2; Historian 3; CCD 1, 2, 3, 4-Vice President 4; Student Council 1, 2; Spanish Club 1; Business Club 4.



DENISE SHERIDAN
Reporter 1; Parliamentarian 2, 3, 4; Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4-Treas. 3; CCD 1, 2, 3, 4; NHS 3, 4-Vice-Pres. 4; Future Teachers 3; Latin Club 1, 2-Sec. 2; Civics Club Parliamentarian 4; Pep Squad 2, 3; Drill Team 3; Crown Editor 4.



MARY FRANCES RUNTE
Treasurer 1; CCD 1, 3, 4; Drama Club 3; Latin Club 1, 3.

Seniors Supply Faculty Goodies



LAUREN SHILLER
Secretary 1; Student Council 1; Drama Club 1; Spanish Club 1; Home-making Club 1.



LESLIE SHILLER
Spanish Club 1, 2; Drama Club 4; Aurora Staff 4.



MARYE ANNE SPARKS
Reporter 3; CCD 2, 3, 4; Drama Club 2; Boarders Club 2, 3, 4-President 4; Business Club 4.



ARNEITA STONE
CCD 2, 3; Drama Club 3; Civics Club 4; Pep Squad 1, 2, 3, 4.



ANITA JAEN TEASDALE
CCD 1, 2, 3, 4; Business Club 4.



PAULA THOMPSON
President 1, 2; Vice-President 3; CCD 1, 2, 3, 4-Reporter 3; Student Council 1, 2, 3, 4-Secretary 3, President 4; NHS 3, 4; FTA 3; Latin Club 1, 2-Vice-President 2; Civics Club 4; Aurora Staff 3, 4; Pep Squad 2, 3, 4.



JOSEPHINE VALDEZ
Parliamentarian 1; CCD 1, 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club 1; Civics Club 4; Red Cross 1, 2, 3, 4.



DORA SUAREZ
CCD 3, 4.

Fun, Food, Frolic=Senior Day



MARY HELEN VALKA
CCD 1, 2, 3, 4.



WILLIBALDA VASQUEZ
CCD 1, 2, 3; Civics Club 4; Angels 3, 4.



MARY ALICE VELA
CCD 1, 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club 3; Homemaking Club 2; Business Club 4.



LINDA WALDREP
CCD 3, 4; Homemaking Club Historian 1; Pep Squad 3, 4; Drill Team 3; Business Club 4.



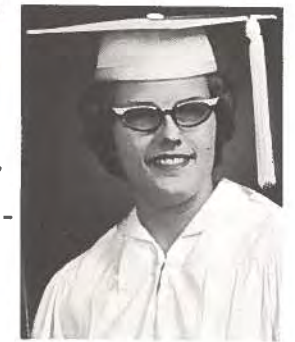
BESSIE DAN WEIL
Vice-President 1, 2; Secretary 3; President 4; CCD 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council 1, 2, 3, 4-Reporter 2, Vice-President 3; NHS 3, 4-President 4; Future Teachers 3; Civics Club 4; Aurora Staff 4; Pep Squad 2, 3; Drill Team 3.



JUDY WHITE
Historian-Reporter 1; CCD 1, 2; Student Council 3, 4; Drama Club 2; Civics Secretary 4; Pep Squad 1, 2, 3, 4.



RICKI WINDSTRUP
Treasurer 3; CCD 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council 1, 2, 4; Future Teachers 3; Latin Club 1, 2-Historian-Reporter 2; Civics Club Vice-President 4; Aurora Staff Editor 4.



JOAN YAKLIN
CCD 1, 3; Drama Club 3, 4-President 4; Aurora Staff 4; Boarders Club 1, 2, 3, 4.

Seniors of '63 Observe Old



Senior Theresa Laudadio walks with several freshmen being initiated on Initiation Day on September 14.

Leslie Shiller pins ribbon on Beverly Mendleski who was named Miss Money Bags of '63 at the Senior Dance on February 1. Beverly was also presented with a nosegay made out of paper money.



Seniors (left to right) Rosaenna Gutierrez, Jane Oakley, and Nancy J. Miller mount steps of County Courthouse on way to view a trial with other seniors.

Senior Class Officers (left to right) Theresa Laudadio, Marilyn Miles, Nancy C. Miller, Patty Rodholm, Mary Nowicki, Bessie Dan Weil, and Denise Sheridan sing at the Senior Assembly on Future Freshman Day, March 27.



Traditions, Adopt New Ones



Beverly Mendleski prepares to bury Senior Troubles at Senior Burial on March 27 while Barbara Mathison, undertaker, watches and Senior Officers weep wildly. Ricki Windstrup, Dorothy Cassara, and Katy Escalante shed their tears while beating the death tune on the drum.

Bessie Dan Weil, Senior Class President, hands Sandra Mathison, future Senior Class President, a rose signifying the privileges and the troubles which come with being a Senior. The Rose Ceremony was held on School Spirit Day on May 10.



Dorothy Neckar desperately tries to capture apple in apple dunking contest which was part of School Spirit Day.

Nancy C. Miller and date pose in front of one of the scenes which turned Exposition Hall into King Neptune's Kingdom at the Senior Prom on May 18. This scene depicts a map and the treasure found as a result of it.



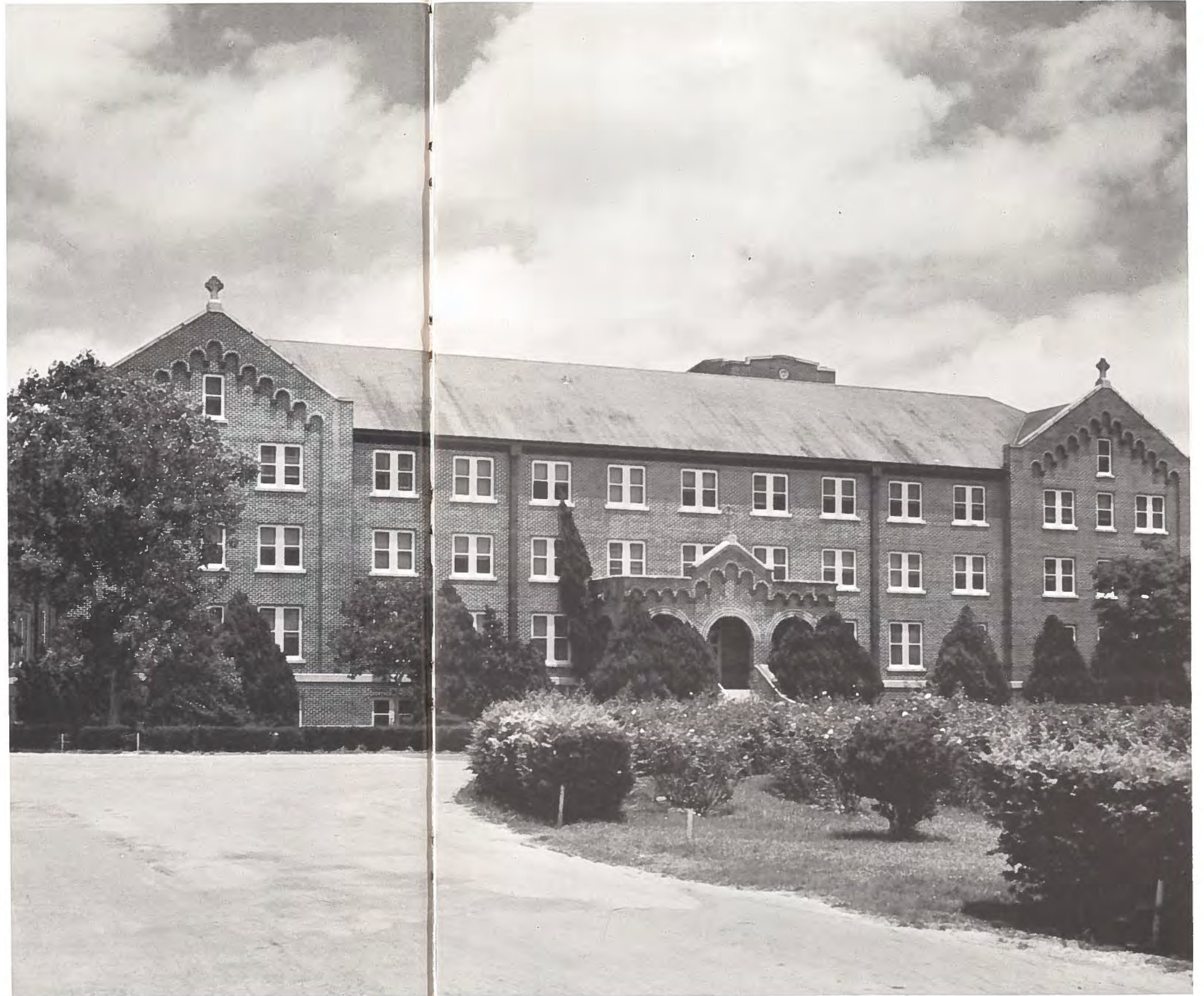
CONVENT

Incarnate Word Academy has given us an education which is truly our dawn--our dawn on the day of life. As dawn expands the horizon to meet the day, so education expands our horizons and we begin to see more, do more, and to live with a new insight. We are exploring, seeking, finding. We find new interests, new paths to follow.

It is the purpose of the various extracurricular organizations to foster our new interests and to help us to pioneer our new paths.

The school itself has seen the dawn of complete education with the gymnasium. Soul, mind, and body can now be educated with the devotion and care that have always characterized the teaching. The organizations reflect this educational entity. There are religious clubs and societies that seek to bring into the modern student's life the faith she will need in the years to come. Academic clubs, centered about the languages and the sciences, foster a desire to learn and an interest in exploring the world. Rounding out the educational whole is the athletic organization, encouraging and providing an outlet for student enthusiasm and interest in sports.

The extracurricular organizations bring life and school spirit to our educational community. They are the stepping-stone from the dawn of our knowledge to the day of our experience.



ORGANIZATIONS

CCD, Sodality Continue Efforts

CCD officers are shown holding a working session. Ramrodding all the organization's projects are Barbara Kelley, secretary; Theresa Seward, vice-president; Jean May, president; Miriam Mellon, treasurer; and Patty Chapman, parliamentarian.



Sodalists enacted scenes from the mysteries of the rosary October 11 as the student body recited the rosary for the success of the Ecumenical Council. At the podium is Mary Kris Malins, prefect of Our Lady of Grace Sodality.

Student Council Develops Citizenship



Student Council Officers: (standing left to right) Kris Malins, parliamentarian; Susan O'Brien, reporter; Patty Rodholm, secretary; Dorothy Cassara, treasurer; (seated) vice-president, Dawn Dorsey; Sister M. Ruth, sponsor; president, Paula Thompson.

Busy delegates to the State SC convention Colleen McHugh, Trudie Holthaus, and Dawn Dorsey pause to study sign post in front of Abilene High School.

The delegates learned much about new SC activities at the annual three day convention in Abilene, Texas.

Other delegates were Susan Foley and Mary Kris Malins.

Trudie Holthaus, honorary Student Council member, attended as a foreign student from Germany.



Panelists Susan Foley, Kris Malins, Rosa Garcia, and Jo Ann Phillips discuss the various aspects of life at IWA. Moderator for the Future Freshmen Day panel was council president, Paula Thompson.

NHS Organizes, Begins Work



Pictured with roses and lighted candles, traditional parts of the installation ceremonies, are NHS officers Christine Catron, treasurer; Denise Sheridan, vice-president; Bessie Weil, president; and Susie O'Brien, secretary.



Discussing plans for a bake sale, are members Susie O'Brien, Koula Lolos, Sue Dreiling, Barbara Olivarez, and Sandy Mathison and Sharon Baughman in the foreground. The La Salle Chapter of the National Honor Society, organized in 1961, has proven to be one of the most active organizations in the school.

Patty Rodholm, Barbie Mathison, Bessie Weil, Jean May, and Denise Sheridan admire the trophy in the lobby after new additions are made. Other members not pictured are Paula Thompson, Carol Sue Carlson, and Margo Flores.



Trip, Play Occupy Club Members

Sleepy-eyed Civics Club members Dorothy Cassara, Rosaena Gutierrez, Denise Sheridan, Paula Thompson, Edith Mokry and Katy Escalante rose at 5 A.M. to board the bus for a day of sight seeing in Austin, Texas.

The trip gave the civics students a real insight into their State government.

Civics Club officers are: president-Nancy C. Miller; vice-president-Ricky Windstrup; secretary-Judy White; and treasurer-Sally Park.



Teenage love blooms in the IWA-CCA production of SEVENTEENTH SUMMER as Jack, portrayed by Jackie Rodholm, and Angie, played by Nela Houseman, discuss summer plans. The play was held in the CCA gym on April 18 and 20.

SEVENTEENTH SUMMER was the drama club's major production for the year.

Amateur Scientist Work Hard



Organized in 1949 by Sister Jeanne Francis, sponsor, the Research Council has a long list of achievements to its record. Officers who direct the club are Kathleen Kennedy, president; Susan O'Brien, vice president; Claudette Calvin, secretary; Mary Kris Malins, treasurer.



Mixing various batches of chemicals keeps members of the Chemistry Club on their toes. Carol Sue Carlson, Sharon Stone, Madeleine Sachnik hold their breath as Jo Ann Phillips experiments. Sister Anita Therese, sponsor, supervises.

Clubs Aid Vocations of Tomorrow

Items of Spanish art are explained to the Spanish Club by Mrs. Norman Foster, sponsor. The Madonna in tile evokes special interest.



Marie Newell stitches seams for a red wool costume for the "Make It Yourself with Wool Contest" which was one of the many activities entered by Homemaking Club members.

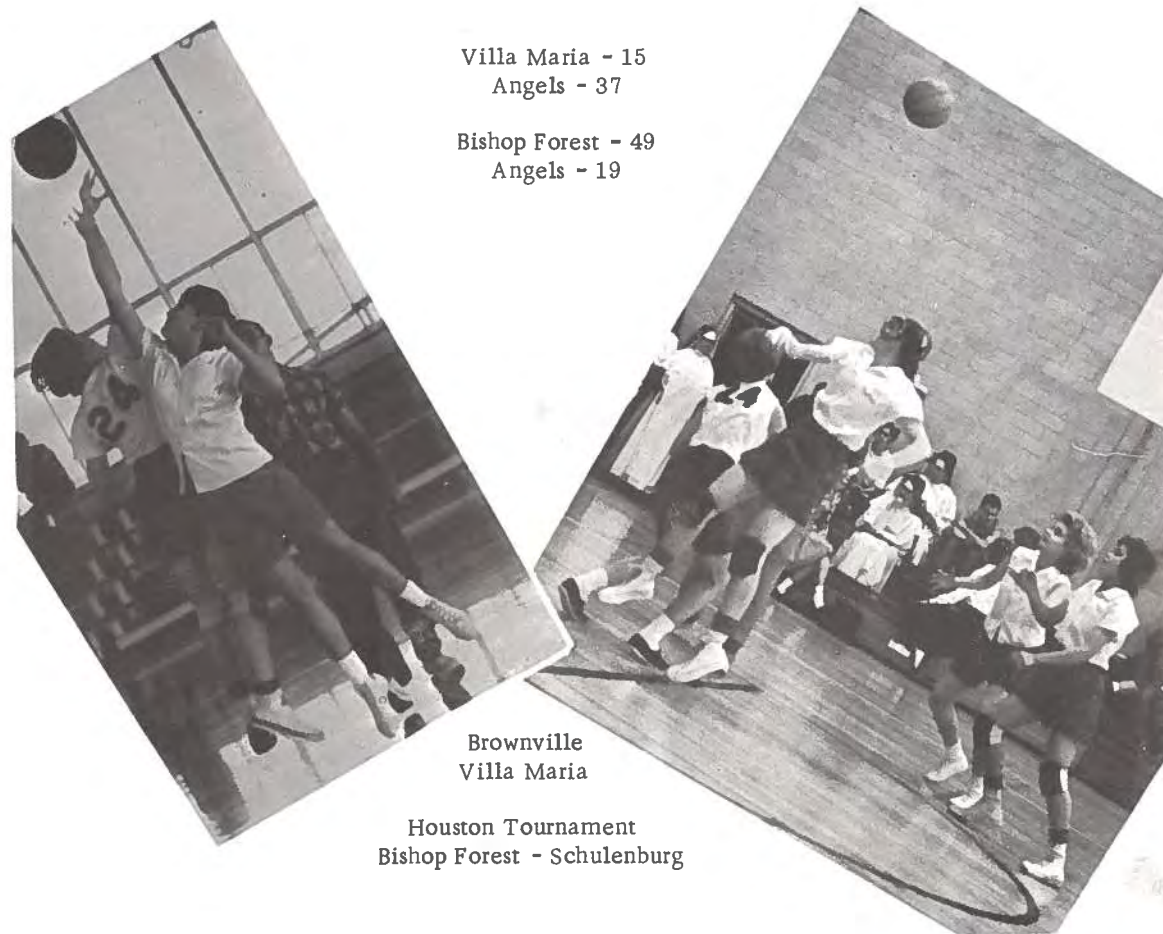
Trying out a new typewriter which was recently added to the business department are Business Club officers Brenda Brunkenhoefer, treasurer; Betty de Cordova, vice president; Martha Holmes, secretary; and Coralyn Hunt, president.



Angels Win Sportsmanship Award



Top Row, left to right: Kathy Olson, Norma Bazan, Beatrice Thomas, Mary Jane Vasquez.
 Middle Row: Mary Gail Hunsaker, Rita Chatman, Phyllis Bailey, Nidia Hernandez, Elaine Longoria, Dolores Washington.
 Bottom Row: Phyllis Carpenter, Mary Cecilia Eaker; Captain, Kathleen Kennedy; Co-Captain, Rosemary Beale, Gail Dement, Lynn Allen.



Villa Maria - 15
 Angels - 37

Bishop Forest - 49
 Angels - 19

Brownville
 Villa Maria

Houston Tournament
 Bishop Forest - Schulenburg

Activities Bring in Money

The Midwinter Family Festival sponsored by the Parents Club gave members a chance to play varied card games such as bridge, canasta, pinochle, or hearts. Another attraction was bingo.



Preparing the traditional menu for the tenth annual Ham Dinner which is the yearly money-raising project of the Alumnae are Mrs. Lawrence Vrazel, president; and Sister Mary Anne, moderator.

Boarders take time out for an after school snack in the recreation room where many activities keep them busy in their "home away from home".



ACTIVITIES

The classroom opens the gates to learning, but many times the facts and principles embodied are abstract. The student naturally desires to gain experience in addition to her knowledge. The various activities of the school are geared to satisfy this desire. They provide a background for rousing school spirit, fellowship, and good humor among the students.

The main doors to the school are wide indeed, and the student entering IWA finds herself in the broad world of study, interest, and activity that typify high school life.

As Aurora moves gracefully across the skies the darkness fades in awe to the dazzling light of the sun. Gradually the stars in their constellation groups in the imaginary belt of the zodiac fade from view. So, too, do the actual realities of activities fade. But the memories of them will always remain.



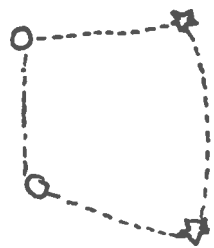
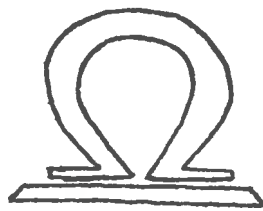
ENTRANCE

September Sparks Off 1962-63



Concluding HOWDY DAY activities, September 7, was a general assembly at seventh period at which the ice was broken between new and old students.

Scales



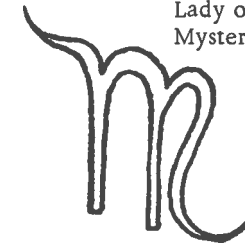
His Excellency, the Most Reverend M. S. Garriga, D. D., LL. D., Bishop of Corpus Christi, dedicated the new gymnasium in ceremonies September 17.

October Brings Entertainment

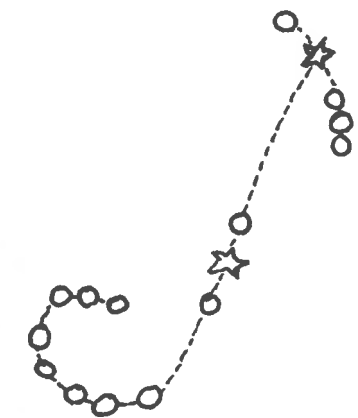
Scorpio



To support the Ecumenical Council which opened October 11, the Sodality of Our Lady of Grace re-enacted scenes from the Mysteries of the Rosary.



Over 200 parents attended 10 minute sessions during the Parents Club "Follow the Schedule Night", October 17.

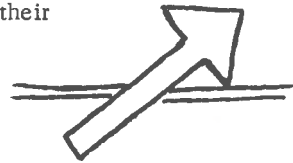


November Brings Yearbook, Dance

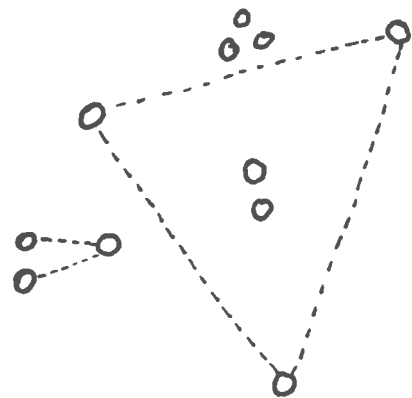


Sister M. Ruth, 1962 AURORA sponsor, smiles happily as the yearbook is distributed at the autograph party in the cafeteria, November 19. Students line up in the background to receive their copy.

Sagittarius



These juniors have donned boots, stetsons, and revolvers to publicize the Junior Sock Hop, November 16. They are Laura Vesselka, Kathy Walsh, Janie Trice, Rose Wagner, Dolores Washington, Roseanne Prihoda, and Chris Salem.



December Eventful Month

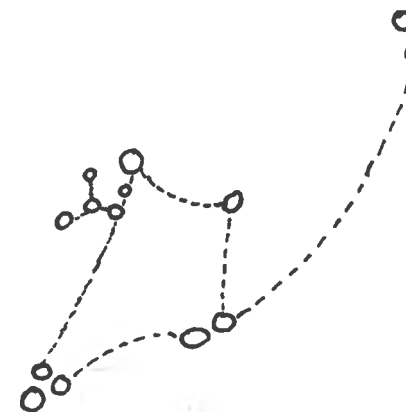


Karen Murray, Mary Coco, and escorts seem to be enjoying themselves at the annual Christmas Formal.

Capricornus



Christmas bells and candles adorn the back door to add a yuletide note to the school.



January Initiates New Year

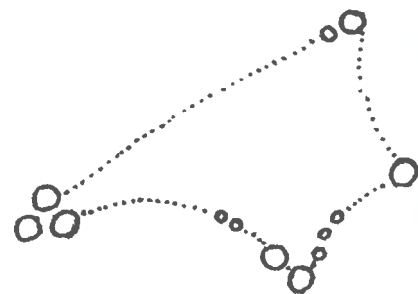


Chapel-bound Dorothy de Cordova, Susan Foley, Colleen McHugh, and Diane Chamberlin prepare to get the most out of their 1963 retreat. This year's retreat-master, Father William O'Connor, O.M.I., came from New Orleans, Louisiana.

Aquarius



Mrs. J. H. Johnston and Mrs. Lawrence Vrazel talk over preparations for the annual Ham Dinner given by the Alumnae to raise money for the school. In the cafeteria with them is Sister Mary Anne, Alumnae moderator.

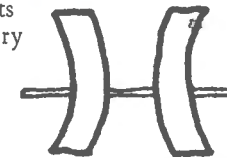
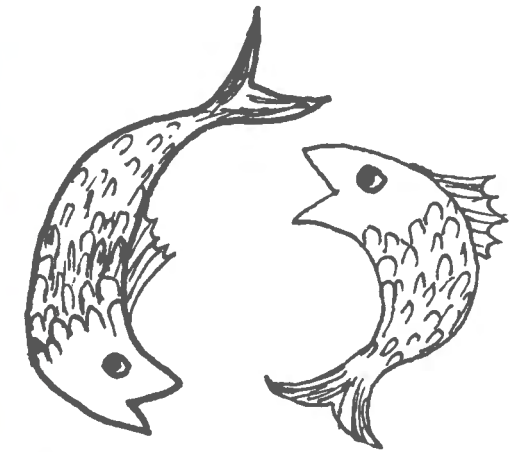


February Sees Success, Tragedy

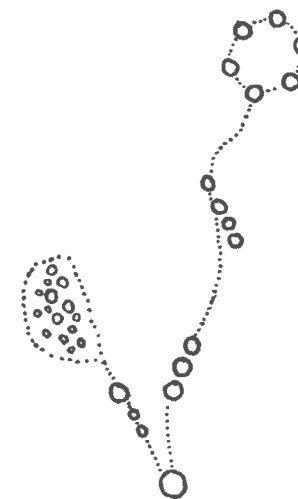


Chosen the senior with the richest personality, Beverly Mendleski, "Miss Moneybags," chats with chaperones at the senior dance, February 1. Offering their congratulations are Mrs. Raymond F. May and Mrs. T. L. Miles.

Pisces



Students were alarmed by the collapse of one of the dressing room walls in the gym. Perhaps most surprised of all was Kathleen Kennedy, who pushed it down!

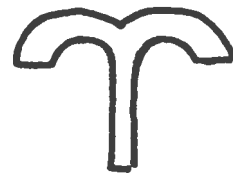


March Winds Spur Activities



"This is the fiction section", explains Carol Carlson to Future Freshmen on their guided tour of the school.

Aries



Los Ninos Cantores de Monterrey made a guest appearance before the student assembly on March 8. Varied selections were sung.

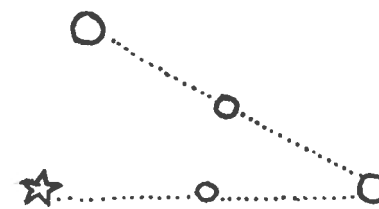


April Brings Shower of Events



Sophomores express typical I. W. A. ideal singing "I Enjoy Being a Girl." The Talent Show took place April 19.

Taurus



Del Mar College Newman Club presents its aims to seniors. Father Robert Clark, moderator, and student members address the class.

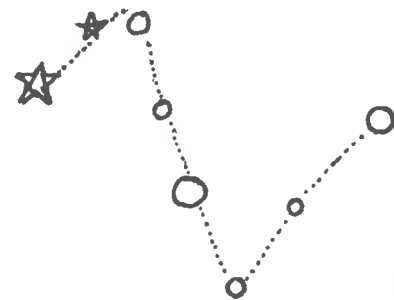
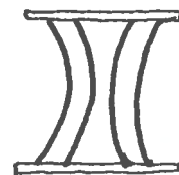
May Activities Bring That Wonderful

Year To Grand Close



Marilyn and Carolyn Miles display the sparkling fish, colored shells, and coral that transformed Exposition Hall into King Neptune's Kingdom for the prom, May 18.

Gemini



School Spirit Day shines on many activities. Hungry students exhibit their spirit by competing in the pie-eating contest.



Joint Baccalaureate services for Incarnate Word Academy and Corpus Christi Academy were celebrated at Corpus Christi Cathedral, May 26. Rev. Thomas J. Jenniskens, S. J., Corpus Christi Minor Seminary, was the principal speaker.



Seventy-nine seniors received diplomas from His Excellency, the Most Reverend M. S. Garriga, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of Corpus Christi, in commencement exercises at Del Mar Auditorium, May 28.

Students Bring Numerous



Sandy Mathison consults her American History book in preparation for her trip to the state capitol, Austin, as a Girls State representative.

Delegates will elect officers to run the state, county, and city for one week.

Denise Sheridan, co-editor of THE CROWN, and Susan Foley, associate editor of THE AURORA, display their award winning work.



Ricki Windstrup was selected as the school's Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow. Linda Waldrep won first in advanced typing in the CBEA, San Antonio.



Mary Janet Gross, Rita Rumer, and Christine Sue Walker received awards for their many hours of volunteer work as Shamrocks at Spohn Hospital.

Honors to Incarnate Word



Prize winning student scientists Jean May and Kathleen Kennedy are congratulated by Bishop M. S. Garriga who has always taken an interest in their work.

Jean May placed first in the National Science Fair after winning the South Texas Regional.

Kathleen won a trip to the Junior Science and Humanities Symposium at West Point.

Addressing the student body, Mary Kris Malins exhibits her outstanding leadership qualities. Mary Kris has excelled in religion, journalism, and science.

Mary Kris was named alternate to the grand prize winner of the South Texas Regional.



Mary Beth Malins, with her ever-ready smile, works hard in the biology lab. Beth took grand prize in the Junior Division of the South Texas Regional for her botany project.

FAVORITES

At dawn we can still see a few stars that the dazzling light of day has not yet dimmed. Accordingly, at Incarnate Word Academy there are also stars that shine out of the dawn that encompasses the entire school.

Chosen for their intelligence, ability, personality, and beauty, these girls personify Aurora, the lithe, laughing goddess of sunrise.

Our "Auroras" lead in all phases of high school life--academic and social. They epitomize the broadening horizons and the dawn of learning experienced by all the students.

Although the favorites possess external qualities in abundance, we must also remember that these assets in themselves are not worthy unless behind them lies a beautiful soul.



FRONT OF SCHOOL

Sallye Eden Mardi Gras Queen



Portraying the immortal Juliet, Queen Sallye Eden reigns over the Court of Shakespearean Splendor at the eighth annual Mardi Gras Ball, February 26.

Other duchesses from Incarnate Word were Theresa Laudadio, Princess of France; Miriam Mellon, Desdemona; Cecilia Redfox, Miranda; Denise Sheridan, Viola; Anita Teasdale, Imogene; Paula Thompson, Adriana; Marie Valka, Rosalinda; Bessie Dan Weil, Mariana; and Judy White, Helena.

Weil Captures Both Top Honors



BESSIE DAN WEIL

Gala holiday excitement reached its peak at the annual Christmas Formal as Bessie Dan Weil was named the Schoolwide Favorite. The senior class president received the title along with a nosegay and a gold charm.

In April Bessie, already bearing the title of 1962 Miss School Spirit, was again chosen to epitomize the school's 1963 ideal of the school-spirited student at the climax of School Spirit Day.

Other nominees in the running for the title were seniors Miriam Mellon and Paula Thompson.



Freshmen Favorites Bow



"Frosty the Snowman" was the theme song as the freshman favorites were introduced at the Student Council Christmas Formal, December 26. Elected to represent the four classes were Kathy Roach, Most Representative; Joyce Roach, Best All Around; Cathy McHugh, Most Beautiful; and Sherre Cantwell, Most Popular.

Sophomore Favorites Introduced



"Jingle Bells" spiritedly pealed through Exposition Hall as sophomore favorites bowed at the "Caroler's Christmas" Formal, December 26. Polling the winning votes were Jo Ann Phillips, Most Popular; Susan Foley, Most Representative; Adrian Till, Most Beautiful; and Linda Longoria, Best All Around.

Junior Favorites Presented



To the rousing strains of "Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly", junior favorites bowing at the annual Christmas Formal, December 26, were Mary Kris Malins, Best All Around; Dawn Dorsey, Most Representative; Margaret Netek, Most Beautiful; and Janie Trice, Most Popular.

Senior Favorites Highlighted

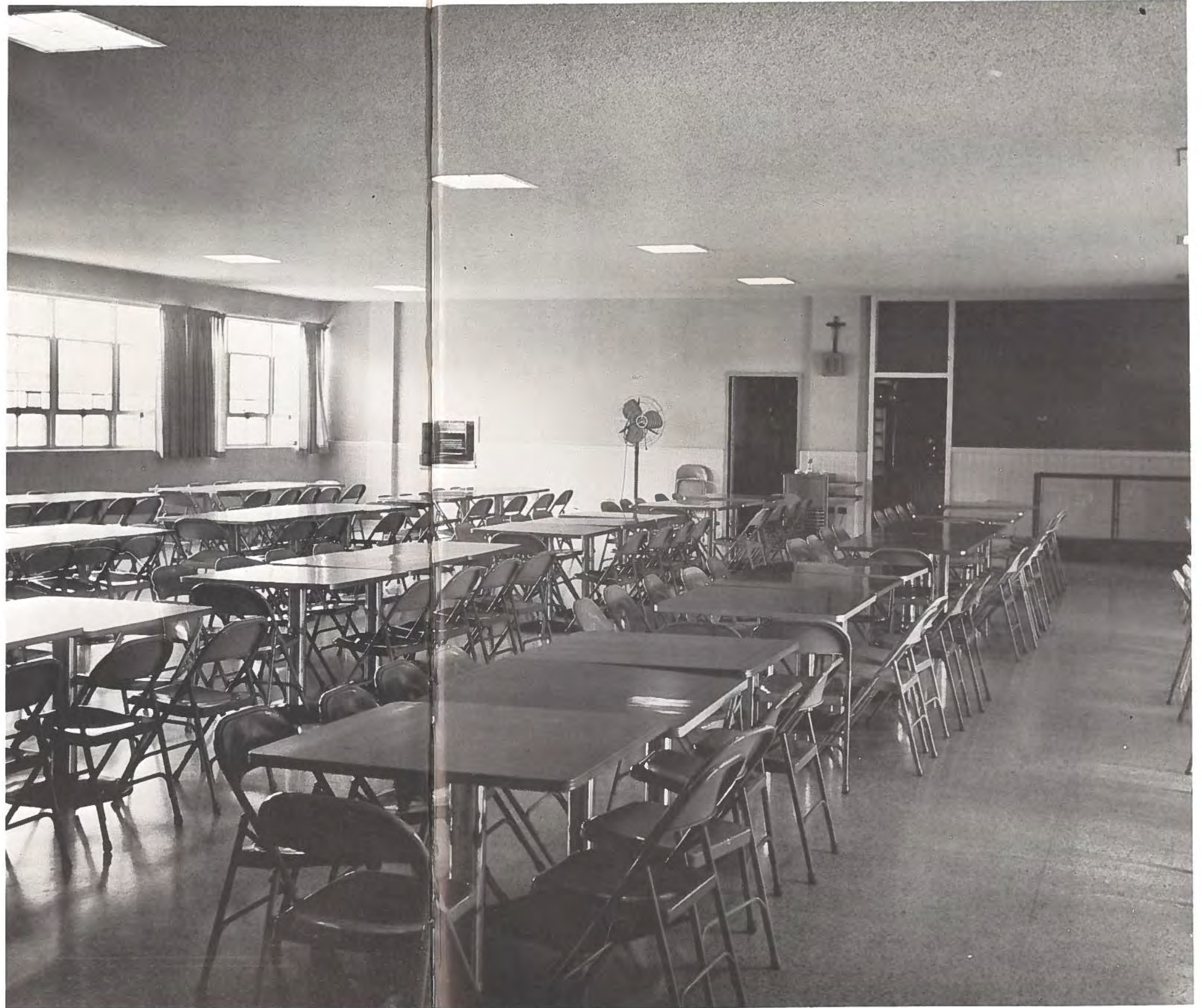


Against a "Winter Wonderland" background of musical notes, angels, gaily-wrapped gifts, and bells, senior favorites were presented at the "Caroler's Christmas". Dorothy Cassara, Most Representative; Barbara Mathison, Most Popular; Theresa Laudadio, Most Beautiful; and Patty

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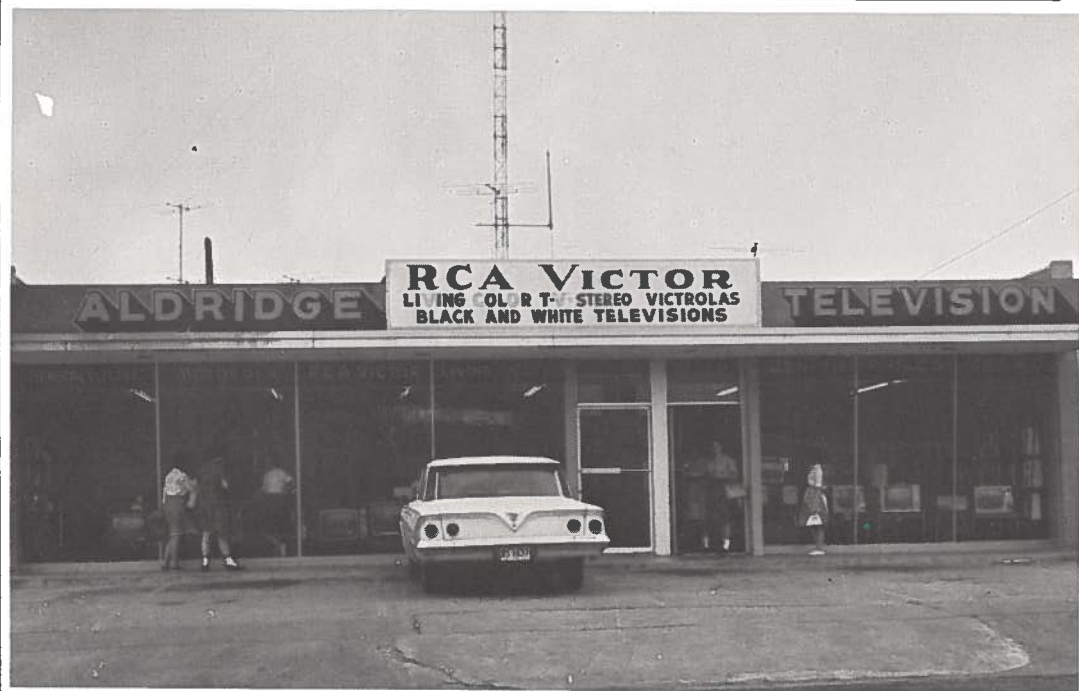
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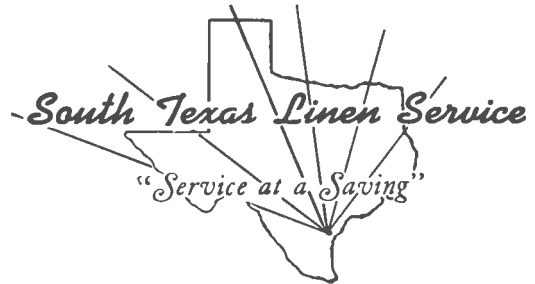
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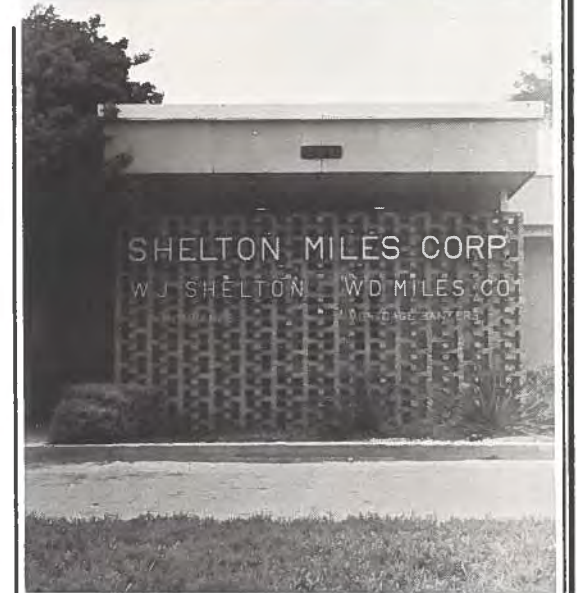
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