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*St. Patrick's Cathedral
(before the fire)*



A campus snow scene

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Class '40

CLASS HISTORY

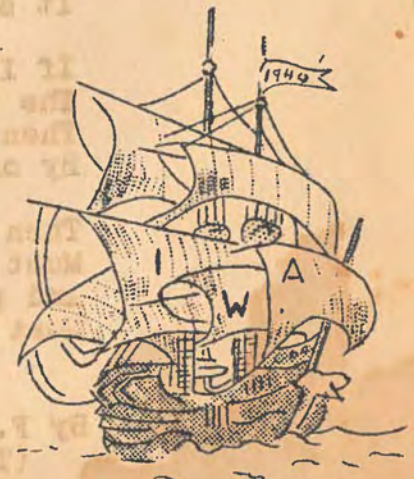
Come, readers, let us stroll down memory lane and bring back, for one brief second, those happy days of our high-school years.

On September 5, 1936 we began our journey over the sharp edges and unknown trails of the freshman year. Oh! how dumbfounded we were when we eagerly observed those unexplored fields of knowledge. We quaked whenever a dignified Senior deigned to cast a suspecting eye upon us. Although the Seniors of that year failed to initiate us, we found a nine month's initiation in first year Algebra. With slow and loitering steps we cleared our first and most terrifying "hurdle."

With laurels from our freshman year heaped about us, and with assured self-confidence we entered sophomore-land. Somewhat weakened by the Juniors' superior air, we waded through a course of General Science and rejoiced, when at the end of the year, we bade farewell forever to Algebra. In May, we made our debut into the school social world, when we entertained the Seniors of 1938 with a party.

At last the day arrived when we were Juniors and could be called Upperclassmen. Again we viewed new worlds to conquer as we advanced onto the field of Geometry. And conquer it, we did, for on the rough field we left, strewn about, the simultaneous equations, quadratics and graphs--our conquered foes. Then followed the biggest feature of the year: the Junior-Senior Banquet.

The summer vacation of 1939 passed quickly enough and September 4, Labor Day at that, found us registering at the Academy-- signing up for the final and heaviest program of studies. Next day we admitted to our ranks four newcomers: to wit, Beulah Heck, Judy O'Brien, Vernell Manning and Vivyan Amason; however, it was not till September 26 that we organized class and elected officers. Evelyn Gallagher was chosen to guide the destiny of the class and account for its good or ill repute to the world at large. To aid her in the administration of affairs, she was given the following officers: Lorraine Frohnhoefer, vice-president; Carolyn Compton, secretary; Jamie Tom, treasurer.



Perhaps it may not be said of us that our decisions, our tastes, and our opinions have always been a hundred per cent in accord; however, we have striven to put aside our own selfish interests whenever the good of our class has been at stake. And now that the end is not far distant, we are filling up our spare moments with exchange of autographs, souvenirs, and goodwill parties. Time and experience have combined to cement the friendships that we have formed.

Jamie Tom '40

A DEFENSE OF POETRY

Some say all poetry is dross
And folks sometimes condemn it;
To such it may be all a loss,
But I find treasure in it.

When I can chide my dearest friend
With words so wrapped in honey,
(That may be true) but not offend,
'Tis worth much more than money.

If I can call a spade a spade
In bland poetic measure,
No enemy my words have made
And I have "had the pleasure".

When I can point the better way
Without one scornful meaning,
In sonnet or in simple lay--
It starts my heart to singing.

If I can wring from foe or friend
The tears of sad repentance,
Then dry those burning tears again
By one sweet lyric sentence;

Then poetry, like some sweet song,
Must be a thing of beauty
And poets in a motley throng
Must have a sacred duty.

By F. W. Wright,
(Tex-Mex Laureate)
April 5, 1940



Evelyn Gallagher
President



Lorraine Frohnhofer
Vice-President

SENIOR
CLASS
OFFICERS



Margaret Body
Class Goat



Carolyn Compton, Sec'y



Jamie Tom, Treasurer, and
Class Officer



*Eileen Cooper
Salutatorian*



Kathleen Blakey



Maxine Murray



Claudia Sullivan



Beulah Heck



Dorothy Gollihar



Vivyan Amason



Evelyn Bridges



Judy O'Brien



Effie Champion



Vernell Manning

**
Bella Mae Wright*



CLASS PROPHECY

"Tempus fugit" thought I, as I paid the taxi driver his fare and made my way to the convention hall. No sooner had I been ushered to a seat than the speaker's words fell on my ears--

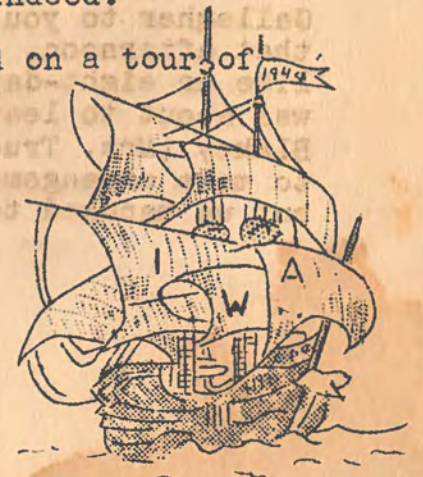
"Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Convention: We are here to discharge a duty and a trust--of giving to the Democratic Party a nominee for president, with whom they can carry the vote of the country. A glorious opportunity is offered us. We must account for it to succeeding generations. We can speed the nation in a career of grandeur eclipsing all past achievements. Therefore do I appeal to the wisdom and judgment of this convention. Even at this hour I appeal for Governor Maxine Murray of Texas."

It does not seem possible, I went on musing--twenty years ago that lady was a naive, unambitious, carefree lass. The speaker's eloquent language again restored me to consciousness. He continued:

"I do not hesitate to stress the cause of my candidate. She is an ideal American. Her character, her record, her ability, her worth, her convictions, are above reproach. Twenty years of public life have left her, unscarred, irreproachable, and incorruptible."

Well, time will tell, says I. The political world is O.K. for those who are that way, but give me something with a tang of culture. The late evening found me on my way to the Metropolitan Opera, where Clella Mae Wright was even then singing the role of Lucia in that beautiful opera, "Lucia di Lammermoor", with Judy O'Brien, mezzo-soprano, playing the part of Alice, Lucia's devoted attendant. Both were superb, I thought. The performance over, I hurried back stage to greet my old companions. They were happy, indeed.

Back in my room at the hotel, I started on a tour of reminiscing.



What of my other long-lost friends, members of Class '40 Jamie Tom, valedictorian of the class, had graduated with honors from Incarnate Word College, San Antonio, and had later written me a few times from Washington, D. C., where she had gone as Secretary of Labor. Here was my chance to run down from New York. No sooner said than done. I boarded an electric train de luxe and sped on my way to see my little red-haired classmate. And oh, the meeting! Busy as she was, she proved a perfect hostess. It was with feelings of genuine regret that I kissed the Secretary of Labor goodbye and started for the South.

Making train connections has always been the bane of my traveling experiences; however, it was this very thing that led my steps right to the front door of the hotel in Beaumont that had just come into the proprietorship of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Arnold, the latter being the former Vivyan Amason of good old I.W.A. days. To do her justice, Vivyan treated me royally. She had lost little of her vivacious disposition in spite of the fact that she had practically reared a lovely family of eight children.

Home at last! There was no rest in store for me till I contacted the members of Class '40 who had made Corpus Christi their home--it took me several days to finish the job. My first visit was to my Alma Mater, where I was cordially welcomed by two or three of my former teachers and our beloved classmate Carolyn Compton, now Sister Mary of the Atonement. For her benefit particularly I recounted my recent meetings with the members of our class; how delighted she was to learn interesting developments, though of course the local papers were splashed with headlines about Maxine's nomination.

I stepped across the Convent threshold and straightway to the "Morris Undertaking Parlors--" Mrs. Morris (Evelyn Gallagher to you and me) declared she just knew I would come that afternoon. Well, we gossiped and gossiped till I felt like an eight-day clock that needed winding up. Just as I was about to leave, however, a car drove up and Kathleen Blakey (Mrs. Truett Whitmire) alighted. She really had come to make arrangements for the burial of a distant relative, but we managed to get in a little tete-a-tete on the side.

At home I picked up the afternoon paper, scanning it casually. A headline caught my eye--I reread it. Guess what! Nicholas Murray, world's heavy-weight champion was scheduled to appear in Corpus Christi the following week. Making the trip with him would be his popular bride of sixteen years ago, Evelyn Bridges. Here, thought I, is where I make an appointment at the beauty parlor--I certainly want to look my best when "Lady Murray" comes to town. So I called 2-5025 and made arrangements to have a "light wave" and a manicure at the beauty salon, owned and operated by Mrs. Jack Higgins, the erstwhile Claudia Sullivan.

Strange it seemed, that I should have been able to contact such a large percentage of my class in so short a time. My only regret was that I could not make personal reports on all my fellow classmates. I had to content myself with what news the mails would bring. Eileen Cooper had long ago given up a would-have-been brilliant career to marry a home-loving young gentleman, James Leaney of Notre Dame renown. Margaret Cody had dedicated her promising young life to the care of the blind in a New Orleans institute. Dorothy Gollihar, who had graduated with high honors from a select music school in Paris, returned promptly to marry the young man of her choice, Walter Krause; but they made their home in Los Angeles, California. Beulah Heck had long since startled the world with her discovery of a cure for "sleeping sickness". Too bad she could not have discovered it when we were seniors. Effie Champion, Mrs. Werlie Addison, had been named heir to a large estate and had moved to Saltillo, largely for the sake of Werlie's health. Vernell Manning, who was the first of our class to embark on the voyage of married life, had made Yoakum her home town.

It remains but for me to give an account of my own state of life at this time. I had reached the advanced age of thirty-eight, a typical old maid, with a penchant for social welfare work. But I was happy and contented.

Lorraine Frohnhoefer

Class '40

A Tribute to Class '40

What greater tribute could we pay our "Sweet Girl Graduates", Seniors of 1940, than to say you have lived up to the great traditions of your school, and, in so doing, you have earned, and won for yourselves, all the honor and glory of those traditions. You have perpetuated the great work of a wonderful institution, and now what a satisfaction it must be, as you ponder the years since your first day in that dear old school. How difficult the task of your education seemed then! But by your courage and determination how quickly the years rolled by, and how steadily and efficiently you climbed the ladder of knowledge, year by year, until now, when you stand at the top rung, triumphant and happy in the realization of your accomplishments. Under the guidance of unexcelled tutelage, by the aid and sacrifices of good parents, and the favor of a kind Providence, you have attained, to your great credit, the height that is the envy and aspiration of every student.

Sweet girl graduates! You are our pride today; for we, too, share in your glory and success. What then do we wish for you? Greater successes? Greater triumphs? Yes, all of these; but more than this, we want you to carry the memory of today with you through life to augment all your accomplishments with the sweetness of the dear moments you are living in these "todays" of your graduation. Let those happy moments permeate your every act, and so help you to shape and share a happier destiny. And to us who have helped you on your way to success your diploma is as a torch that will burn brightly for you, and in this thought we say:

Bright is the torch within your
grasp today,
Be it yours to hold on high!
Keep well beneath its brightening
ray,
Lest shadows dim your sky.
And let it shine before your
path
Like warming sunbeams bright;
No fears, no doubts can live,
and last
For long in such a light.

Fred W. Wright



Seniors enjoying "Class Day"
Helder Park, Sinton, April 1



Two of a kind!



Tangled up?



Seniors pose for Kodak Lens - Reliance

CLASS WILL

Listen, my Friends, and we shall tell,
While our minds are clear for one brief spell
Of our impish ways and childish prattles,
How we dispose of our goods and chattels.

Vivyan Amason, vivacious and smart,
Leaves to Ada Frohnhoefer
Her expansive heart.

Beulah Heck with a mania for time,
Leaves to Carolyn Culver
Her liking for rhyme.

Margaret Cody, a genuine imp,
Leaves to Ethelyne Baimbridge
Her fondness to primp.

Carolyn Compton, so tall and so fair,
Leaves to Cecilia Whelan
Her businesslike air.

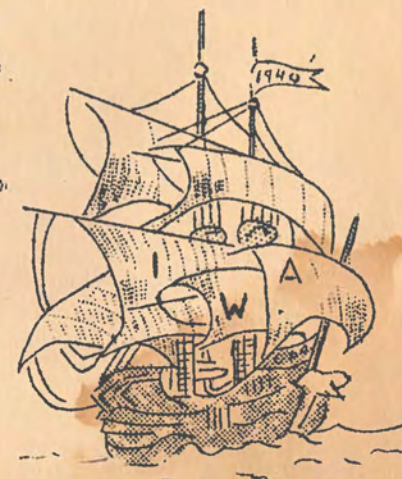
Lorraine Frohnhoefer so simple and sweet,
Leaves to Margaré Friday
Her notes so she'll cheat.

Evelyn Gallagher our only coquette,
Leaves to Patricia Gregory
Her secrets to get.

Judy O'Brien with a soprano voice,
Leaves to Gloria Ontiveros
The songs of her choice.

Claudia Sullivan, so social and free,
Leaves to Anna M. Benson,
Her invites to tea.

Kathleen Blakey so sweet and serene
Leaves to Laura Mae Russell
Her excellent mien.



Evelyn Bridges, so bubbling with fun,
Leaves to Bettie Rose Simonton
What's left of her gum.

Effie Mae Champion, so good and so wise,
Leaves to Pauline L. Brown
Her coquettish eyes.

Eileen Cooper, as one of the class,
Leaves to Margaret Friday
Her tests all to pass.

Dorothy Gollihar, stately and tall,
Leaves to Catherine Chester
Her height, cause she's small.

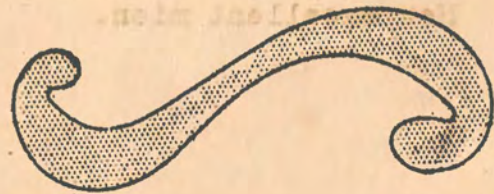
Maxine Murray, honest and true,
Leaves to Mary Farias
A mighty good clue.

Vernell Manning with curly black hair,
Leaves to Annette Albrecht
Her nonchalant air.

Clella Mae Wright, with eyes of sky blue
Leaves to Rosalie Manire
Her singing so true.

Jamie Tom, so charming a lass,
Wills to Mary E. Salender
Her own honor pass.

Judy O'Brien
Vivyan Amason
'40



The Cast - "Jessica's Journey" - Senior Class Play.



SENIOR CLASS PLAY

Jessica's Journey, a ripping roaring; rollicking comedy, was played before a capacity audience Friday evening, April 26 at the Wynn Seale Junior High.

The cast received some swell compliments on the performance, but the palm goes to Carrie Compton for her splendid impersonation of Mrs. Anastasia Eggleston, the "highfalutin" lady with social ambitions. Other outstanding roles were played by Ciella Mae Wright and Dorothy Gollihar; while Jamie Tom's cute little lisp provided a real sprinkling of humor.

Our congratulations to Sister Mary Xavier, who directed the play; our sincere thanks to Mrs. Thos. B. Southgate who so generously loaned her hand-painted china and valuable silverware, together with the antique furniture for the stage setting; to Mrs. J. E. Sullivan, who loaned a divan and to Mrs. Irene Peters who loaned the tea-wagon.

Vivyan Amason, who was eligible to take part in the performance relinquished the privilege in order to assist Sister Xavier in directing the play. We are sincerely grateful to Vivyan for the generous sacrifice of her time and efforts to make a success of our play.

The tickets were printed this year at the suggestion of Mr. J. Ed FitzSimmons, who graciously offered to stand the expense. The Commercial Class mimeographed the program, as usual.

ORDINATION CEREMONY

Reverend Adolph Marx was ordained to the priesthood in St. Patrick's Cathedral, May 2. His Excellency, the Most Rev. E. B. Ledvina, officiated. Immediately following the ceremony, the newly-ordained priest imparted his blessing to the assembled congregation.

Father Marx celebrated his first solemn Mass, Sunday morning, May 5. Reverend Albert Cannon and Rev. George Doyle were deacon and subdeacon respectively of the Mass. Rt. Rev. Msgr. J. J. Lannon was high priest, and Rev. Herbert Buckholdt served as master of ceremonies.

In an elequent and impressive sermon, His Excellency, Most Rev. M. S. Garriga, Coadjutor Bishop of Corpus Christi explained powers and greatness of the sacred priesthood. His closing words were addressed to Father Marx, congratulating him on the happy occasion.

Honor Students Announced

Jamie Tom has been named valedictorian of the 1940 graduating class of the Academy. Her general average as computed at the close of the fifth six weeks' examinations is 95 9/16. Jamie has always ranked as an outstanding student, and the good news of her most recent success was hailed with an expression of hearty applause on the part of the student body.

She has chosen as the subject of her valedictory address the pertinent topic, "Graduation is the Beginning".

Our Class salutatorian is Eileen Cooper, who ranked second, with a general average of 95. Eileen is an ambitious, tenacious and capable student; and we feel that she is altogether entitled to the honor that has come to her as salutatorian of the class.

She will deliver a brief address entitled "Upward and Onward" at the Commencement Exercises, Friday evening May 24.

Baccalaureate Exercises

Joint baccalaureate exercises for the senior classes of the Corpus Christi College-Academy and the Incarnate Word Academy are scheduled to take place Sunday evening, May 19, in St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Reverend Frederick Mann, C. SS. R., of San Antonio will preach the baccalaureate sermon.

Conferring of diplomas of graduation on the seventh grade graduates of the Convent School will also form a part of the program on this occasion. The following students will receive diplomas:

Betty Anderson
 Mary A. Canevaro
 Mary E. Carranco
 Helen Rose Di Vincenzo
 Mary Lee Ellif
 Ester Goralez
 Dolores Hayek
 Marjorie Jurack
 Mary C. Kaler
 Fredna Lewis
 Betty Ruth McClure

Doris Manak
 Norine McNabb
 Margaret Mae Miller
 Patricia Minaham
 Alice Marie Mueller
 Hennritta Roddy
 Agnes Shaughnessy
 Joe Ann Stuth
 Estella Weber
 Buryle Wedmeyer
 Patricia Whalen

Mary Francis Youngman



"I am monarch of all I survey"



Sitting on top of the world



They show their age!



All set for the game!



The cars needed the rest??

TO THE SENIORS

If you should place the busy thoughts that crowd your mind today
Upon a pair of brand-new roller skates,
And send them spinning o'er the roads that lead into the past,
You'll find the highway fairly radiates,

With happenings that seem to wear a bright and happy face
Where mem'ry flowers bloom on every side
On, on, into the land of toys that once you cherished so
Into this fairyland you'll love to ride.

Now pause to rest before you start adown the unknown way
That leads into the future, just ahead.
It stretches forth a beckoning hand and bids you follow on
March forth, young feet, with firm and even tread.

The world may give a lot of knocks but meet them fair and square
And keep your eyes wide open—try to see
Just what is Right—not Wrong in daily life—and then
Just listen to the strains of melody—

That rise above the turmoil and the strife one meets each day
Sweet strains that echo deeds of kindness shown.
The simple tunes of thoughtfulness, and gratitude and love
Are those that are so very seldom known.

It is your place to try to be musicians, in this way
Discordant notes must never interest you.
God guide your steps and may success and happiness be yours
And may God's Mother bless the work you do.

--Sister Mary George



MUSIC RECITALS

Pupils of the music department of the Academy were presented in a recital, Wednesday afternoon, May 15, in the assembly hall. Students and patrons of the Academy were invited to be present for the occasion. Those appearing on the program were: Beatrice Roach, Grace Ann Hornsby, Emil Valenta, Richard Shaper, Mary Leona Gallagher, Betty Lowman, Ermyne Duckworth, Anna Marie Alepac, Margie Fuller, Keron Hall, Cora Beth Johnson, Harry Plomarity, Mary Plomarity, Frances Plomarity, Jeanne Stewart, Essy Dick Weber, Alice Lee Erickson, Mariquite Savage, Ethelyne Baimbridge, Carrie Compton.

Much credit is due to teacher and pupils alike for the splendid work that is being done in the music department. The Aurora voices the applause of the staff and student body.

Harry Plomarity, who has made all of his music studies under the direction of the Sisters up to the present time, was presented in a violin and piano recital Wednesday evening, May 15. He was assisted by his two sisters, Mary and Frances Plomarity. Several members of the teaching staff, the immediate family, and friends of the youthful musician enjoyed an hour or more of real entertainment.

The program consisted of the following numbers:

Neapolitan Dance-Song	- - - - -	Tschaikowsky
Cavatina	- - - - -	Raff
Intermezzo, "Cavall eria Rusticana"	- - - - -	Mascagni
On the Beautiful Blue Danube	- - - - -	Strauss
Melody in F	- - - - -	Rubinstein
Sonata No. I, C	- - - - -	Mozart
To a Wild Rose	- - - - -	MacDowell
Gypsy Rondo	- - - - -	Haydn
Glow-Worm	- - - - -	Lincke
New Zealand Lullaby	- - - - -	Carr
Csardas	- - - - -	Monti

This marks the close of Harry's scholastic work at the Academy; he is planning plans to complete his studies at the Corpus Christi College Academy.

We regret his departure from our midst, but we wish him success in the future.



THE STENOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

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Of all the fancy typewriting,
That hangs on college wall,
Those of the Incarnate Word Academy
Are truly the best of all.

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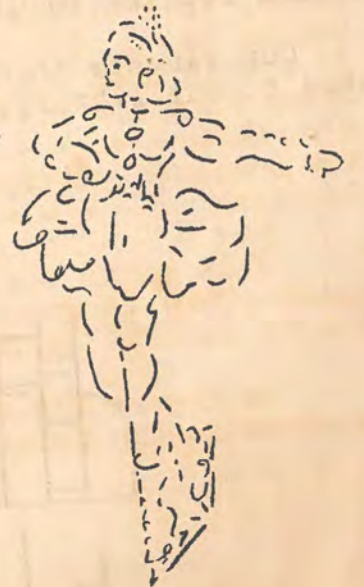
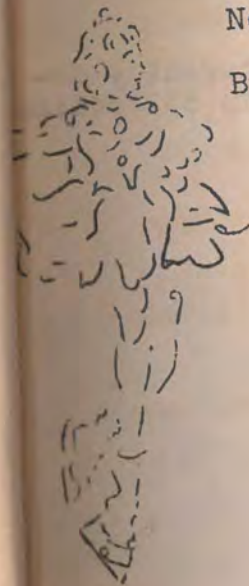
Not for the forms artistic,
Wrought by the method taught;
Not for the distinguished speed work,
For which the world has fought;

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Not for their distinctness,
Born of the clear, new type;
But for the skill and accuracy
Of a well-trained student's might.

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Eileen Cooper





Library Notes

Our school library is one of our greatest prides--it is also one of our most popular rendezvous when there are important matters to be discussed--that is, till we're caught. Of course it all comes from the fact that our teachers are constantly advising us to associate with great minds. And where can one find companionship equal to that of Shakespeare and the great host of immortal authors who nod so approvingly to us from their shelves?

The accession list numbers 6390 books, more than 200 volumes having been added since last September. These include:

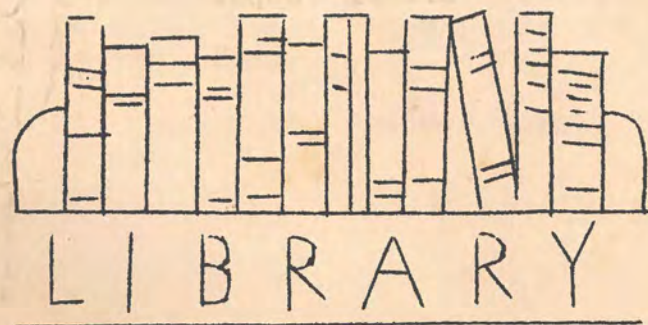
- Cambridge History of English Literature, 15 volumes
- Cambridge History of American Literature, 4 volumes
- History of England (Lingard and Belloc) 11 volumes
- Compton Encyclopedia, 15 volumes, with supplement
- American Annual, 1940
- Texas and World Almanacs, 1940

Bound volumes now at the readers' disposal include: National Geographic Magazine, 20 volumes, The Grade Teacher, Catholic School Journal, Instructor. Also available are Indexes for "The Sign", "Catholic Digest".

Students are reminded that all books must be returned to circulating departments of the library on or before Monday, May 20.

Provision is being made for checking out of books during vacation, a practice which the librarians encourage strongly, particularly on the part of high school pupils who can thus anticipate outside reading required of the respective classes.

Our sincere thanks goes to Sister Mary Kevin, who recently donated to our library, several valuable books from her own collection.



Who's who in the zoo?



Just a piece of a jig-saw puzzle!



1. Evelyn, 2. Claudia, 3. Dorothy
Ancient History



The missing link?



Looks as though gasoline ran short



"Coming events cast their shadows"

Parties for Graduates of I. W. A. Calendared

Following is the list of entertainments, with the senior class as the honor guests:

Saturday, April 27. Claudia Sullivan and Evelyn Gallagher were honorees at a tea given by Mrs. Leona Sullivan at her home, 714 Buffalo Street. The senior class was present.

Friday, May 3. The Catholic students of the I.W.A. were the guests of the Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality of the Corpus Christi College Academy at a delightful party which was held at the Cathedral Hall.

Saturday, May 4. Mrs. George Peters honored Claudia Sullivan and Evelyn Gallagher with a buffet luncheon at her home. The senior class attended.

Sunday, May 5. Maxine Murray entertained the senior class with a picnic at the Sand Hills. The guests participated in dancing afterwards.

Monday, May 6. The sophomore class honored the seniors with a party, which took place at the Assembly Hall. Every one had a grand time.

Tuesday, May 7. Carolyn Compton and Evelyn Bridges entertained with a luncheon at the Nueces Hotel. Father Cannon and Father Mullen and the senior class were honorees at the party.

Wednesday, May 8. Kathleen Blakey honored the senior class with a buffet supper. Mrs. Agnes Blakey, and Mrs. E. L. Cooper were hostesses for the party.

Thursday, May 9. Clella Mae Wright entertained the senior class with a kid party which was held at her home. Other guests were Mary Catherine Meaney and Margaret Anderson. Mrs. F. W. Wright was hostess.

Sunday, May 12. A breakfast was given at the Nueces Hotel by Jamie Tom. Members of the senior class were honored. Other guests were: Mary Catherine Meaney, Billie Jane Chandler, and Nell Tom. Hostesses were Mrs. Dewey Tom and Mrs. Robert Bluntzer.

Monday, May 13. Dorothy Gollihar was the honoree of a Mexican Dinner given at the Little Mexican Inn. Mrs. John Gollihar and Mrs. E. Peterson were hostesses.

Tuesday, May 14. Lorraine Frohnhoefer honored the seniors with an Italian Spaghetti supper. The party was given at the home of her sister Mrs. John Smith.

Thursday, May 16. The Junior-Senior Banquet was held at the Nueces Hotel.

Friday, May 17. The seniors of the I.W.A. were entertained with a garden party sponsored by the Camp Fire Girls at the home of Mrs. Culton on Ocean Drive.

Saturday, May 18. Eileen Cooper honored the senior class with a breakfast. It was given at the House of Gifts. Mrs. Cooper was hostess.

Monday, May 20. Mrs. Robert Bluntzer honored Jamie Tom with a picnic at Round Lake. The seniors were her guests.

Friday, May 24. Preceding the Senior Prom Judy O'Brien will entertain Vivyan Amason, Dorothy Gollihar, Clella Mae Wright, Beulah Heck, and their escorts at her home.

Friday, May 24. The Commencement Exercises are to be held at the Senior High Auditorium. His Excellency, Bishop Ledvina, will preside.

Tuesday, May 28. Vivyan Amason and Beulah Heck entertained the senior class of the I.W.A. with a hayride and picnic. It was held at the Pump House, Robstown.



JUNIOR-SENIOR



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Class '41



Just Boarders



Sophomore Picnic



Those motorcycle Ads?



"The morning after the night before!"



Junior picnic, Helder Park, April 14

JUNIOR CLASS HISTORY

The seniors tell us we don't rate individual pictures till we have attained that high degree of dignity which automatically characterizes the full-fledged senior. Be that as it may, we feel that we have a right to our place in world history, so here goes!

September 1939 found us with the added dignity of upper classmen. Of course, we ranked second to the senior class, but our comparatively intimate associations with these sophisticated young ladies eased our supersensitive feelings to some extent; and ere THE AURORA has gone to press we hope to have had the pleasure of honoring Class '40 with a banquet that will surpass all previous events of this kind. But pardon the digression--I must on with our story.

Several new students came to swell our ranks: Ethelyne Baimbridge, Carolyn Culver, Margaret Friday, Lura Mae Russell, Deon Hutchinson. The completion of the senior elections made us eagerly expectant. "Surely ours will soon follow". And they did. The following officers were duly elected:

President.....Patricia Gregory
Vice-President.....Ada Frohnhoefer
Secretary.....Annette Albrecht
Treasurer.....Mary Farias

As the weeks rolled by, we found ourselves looking forward to the publication of THE AURORA, for all of us wanted to see our names in print. Lo! When the first issue appeared, Bettie Rose Simonton had made the headlines. She was winner of the first prize in a city-wide essay contest, sponsored by the Corpus Christi Community Chest. Bettie Rose was our heroine for days--and no wonder--she had actually rated an "Extra" in our school paper, not to speak of the honors conferred upon her locally, with a \$15.00 prize to boot.

Football season found us prominent among the fans who graced the bleachers here and elsewhere. 'Twas a lot of fun rooting for the local teams. There were parties, too, school affairs and house parties, which provided us a never-ending round of pleasure.

Outside of the nightmares that accompanied six weeks' tests, our biggest worry was caused by the lack of funds; however, the St. Patrick's Day bazaar proved a real success. Class dues, the bane of every student's existence, came pouring in in leaps and bounds and soon our credit was good under all circumstances.

Everybody was enthusiastic about the junior picnic--delightful outing at Welder Park, Sinton, will not soon be forgotten.

All good things come to an end, and so must our junior class history. Just watch for the sequel to this volume when 1941 rolls around.

TRIBUTE TO MY ESTEEMED FRIEND AND TEACHER

Sister Mary Paul

A friend is gone
(God rest her soul)
We ne'er shall see her more,
Until the day we follow her
Through Heaven's pearly door.

Her work is done,
Her hands are still
Those hands that did the Master's will
How well they served
(How patiently)
They did the work of His decree!

At last in peace
From earthly cares,
Today she sleeps, calm, unawares
That somewhere in a world of dross,
There is a friend who grieves her loss.

Ah, noble life,
How well she gave!
And not a plaint, 'een to the grave!
No thought of prize or recompence
For all she gave of eloquence!

How sad when friends
Must say good-bye;
The pain of loss, the empty sigh!
How sad when friendly, happy years
Must terminate in bitter tears!

Good-bye! We breathe it with a care
(For now 'tis lost upon the air)
And yet the memories we bless
Are those of friends who lie at rest;
Who, somewhere, in that land of bliss
Have found a home of happiness.

--F. W. Wright



Sophomore class



Angie Grace!



Joyce Young in holiday mood!



Stella enjoying the picnic lunch



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SOPHOMORE CLASS HISTORY

President-----Mary Ann Dodson
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My kingdom for an inspiration! To me has been assigned the task of recording the sayings and doings of the sophomore class. I would lovingly sing the praises of my pals; but the pen refuses to obey the will, so I will set down in simple language the history of our days, as becomes an authentic chronicler.

Tuesday, September 5, 1940 dawned rosy and bright (I may have read this somewhere). A bevy of girls in brand new uniforms, and displaying a variety of coiffures, assembled in the traditional home room of the Incarnate Word Academy. There was a hilarious echo of greetings exchanged by the old members of the class, a series of introductions to new-comers, and a rapid-fire questionnaire as to what we might expect for the coming school year. All in all, we were assuming an important air now that we passed the freshman stage and were feeling the weight of our dignity.

Venimus, vidimus, vincimus! That phrasing, I believe, sums up our scholastic achievements. We came, we saw, we conquered--we conquered everything, including algebra; and nowhere do we read in Caesar's Commentaries that he conquered that. He merely conquered such geographical positions as Rome and Gaul. His escapades in Gaul led some of us a merry chase, but we finally caught up with him in "a purpose clause". Poor old Caesar--it seems a shame the way Shakespeare had him stabbed to death in the senate chamber; however, that was a nice funeral oration Mark Anthony preached for the occasion. All this last information we conquered in our English class, of course.

Nor did we neglect the social amenities, proper to our state. We held Hallowe'en, Christmas, and pre-Lenten socials; we picnicked at Welder Park; Sinton, and we entertained the seniors with a really swell party, Tuesday Evening, May 6.

Now that our second year is drawing to a close and we look back upon our first visions of high school, we acknowledge that Incarnate Word Academy far exceeds even the rose-tinted dreams which we previously possessed. We no longer envy the seniors, for there are still two more happy years to look forward to. We have known failure, but this makes success all the sweeter. Our junior and senior years hold the anticipation of discovering still undreamed of treasure.

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of
Reverend David Odem Fritter

Long years we visioned you, David,
Clad in your priestly robes;
Your anointed hands uplifted,
Pleading with Christ for souls.

We dreamed of the benediction
Your noble life would bring
To those in sore affliction,
Who'd daily round you cling.

But God, in His infinite wisdom,
Had other plans for you;
He called you to His kingdom,
A priest, so young and true.

You're a priest forever, David,
Truly another Christ;
Your ministry is sacred
Where you keep your loving trust.

Your name will ever be revered
By us who loved you well;
Though how to us you were endeared
No words of mine can tell.

And when at last our day will come
To cross the Great Divide,
We'll see you in our heavenly home,
At Christ's, your Master's side.

--Sister Mary Patricia.



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Class '43



Freshman Picnic Group



The Purloined Picture



Trying to make a snowman



*Kathleen says,
"It tastes good."*

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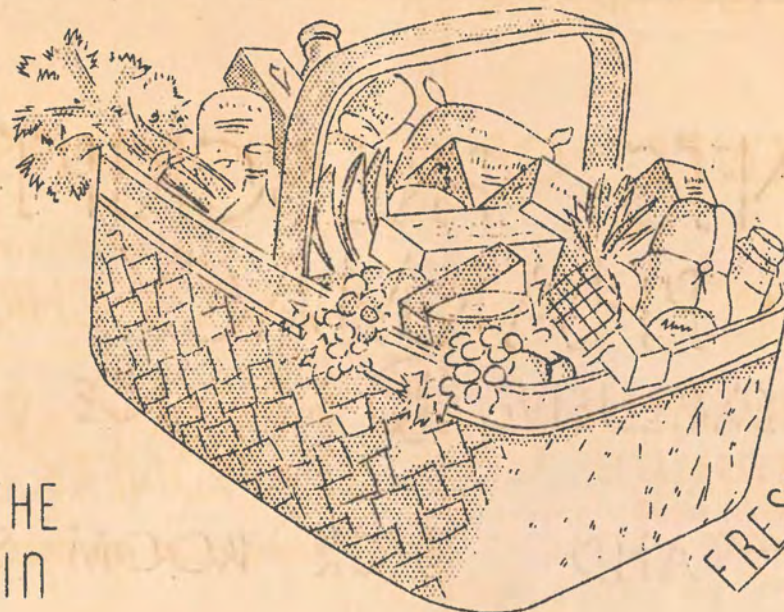
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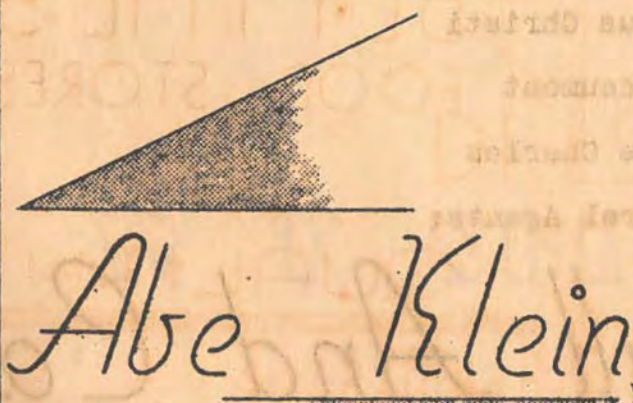
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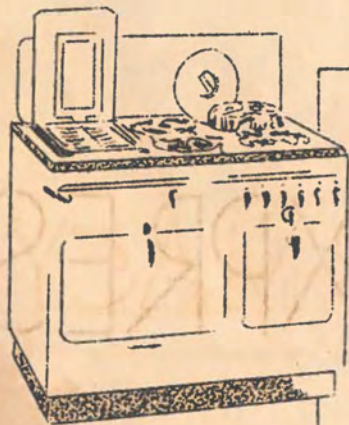
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