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Foreword

ANOTHER YEAR, another class, and another issue of LA PALOMA lie behind us. This volume is a feeble endeavor to reflect but a small portion of the triumphs and failures, the joys and tears, the work and play that make up a year of life within a school; it is an attempt to bring to light the essence of a school year—the core, so to speak, of events—which Memory retains, long after the year itself is folded back by History.

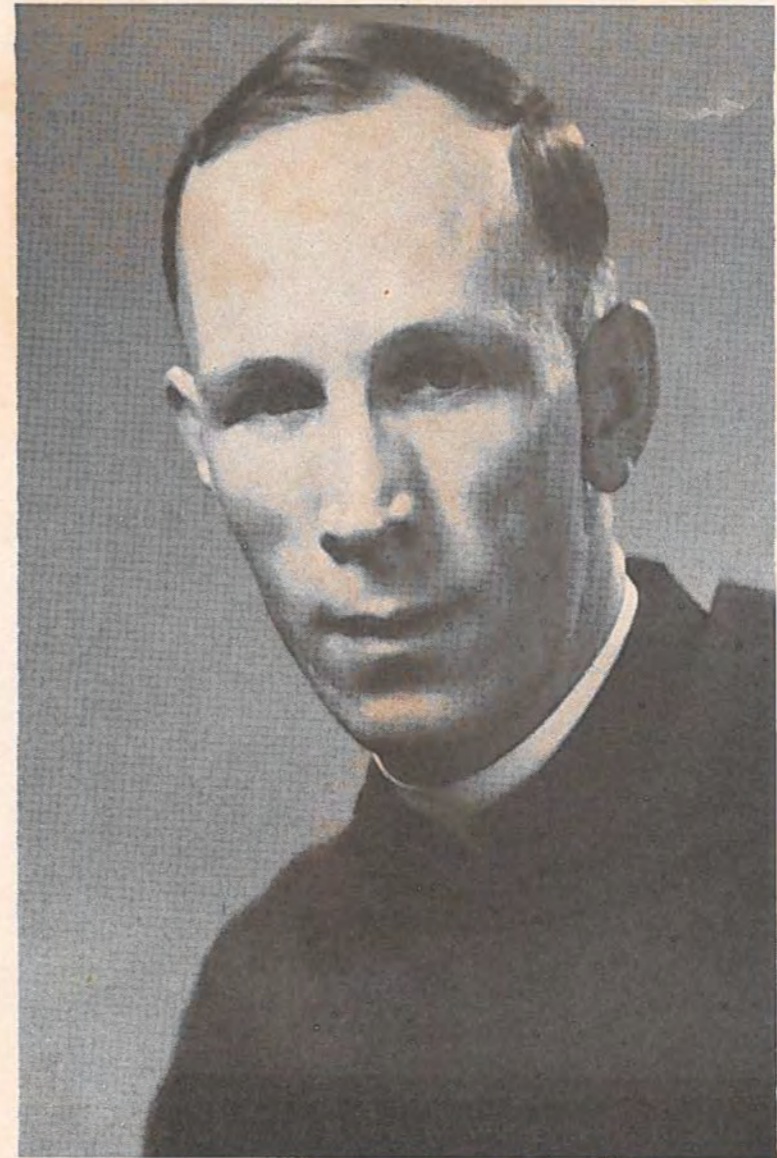
In the normal course of events that same History will point out the achievements of the young men today when they shall have become the leaders of tomorrow. In like manner, the things adjudged as noteworthy today—and here recorded—will constitute a vital part of that world of tomorrow for these same young men, for tomorrow's battles and tomorrow's enterprises are first fought and carried out in school in miniature. For, the various organizations, the Military Corps, the Sodality, the sports, epitomize the ambition to achieve and to build. These exact a Christian fortitude; these operate under the same laws of morality that govern larger segments of the social system. These achievements are in truth smaller fields of operation in which young men attempt to fashion their own security, in which they learn to establish a sphere of justice and order . . . all patterns of a sincerely anticipated world to come.

This year has not been without distinction in the annals of the school. It has seen an increase in enrolment; it has witnessed a notable and valuable addition to the school in the erection of St. Benedict's Hall. It has seen the continuation and the flowering of the Corps, a work begun so enthusiastically last year. It records the development of intra-mural sports to give the greatest amount of activity to the greatest number of students. Briefly, 1944-45 has been a key year in the school's history. This issue of the yearbook will point that fact out clearly.

Dedicated to . . .

THIS YEAR'S edition of LA PALOMA is dedicated to an instructor of quiet performance and balanced philosophy. He is an energetic priest and a talented scholar, a true Benedictine, who demands conscientious effort from his students. As instructor in introductory and higher mathematics, he has taught with poised skill and acquitted himself with merit. His considerateness and pleasing personality have won him the esteem of his students.

To Father Matthew Wiederkehr, O. S. B., a man of unassuming manners, whose good work has perhaps been hitherto only slightly recognized, the Class of '45 sincerely and gratefully dedicates this volume of LA PALOMA.



The REVEREND MATTHEW WIEDERKEHR, O. S. B.
Religion, Junior High School Mathematics, General
Mathematics, Algebra I, Plane Geometry

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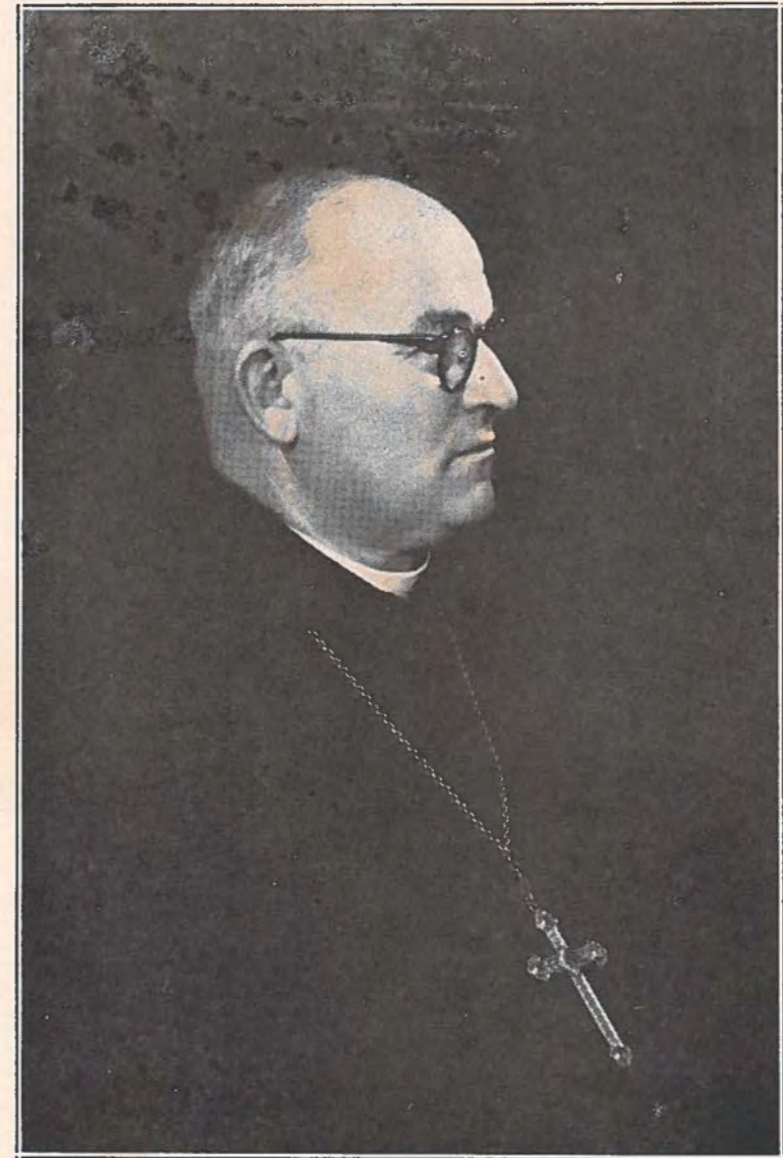
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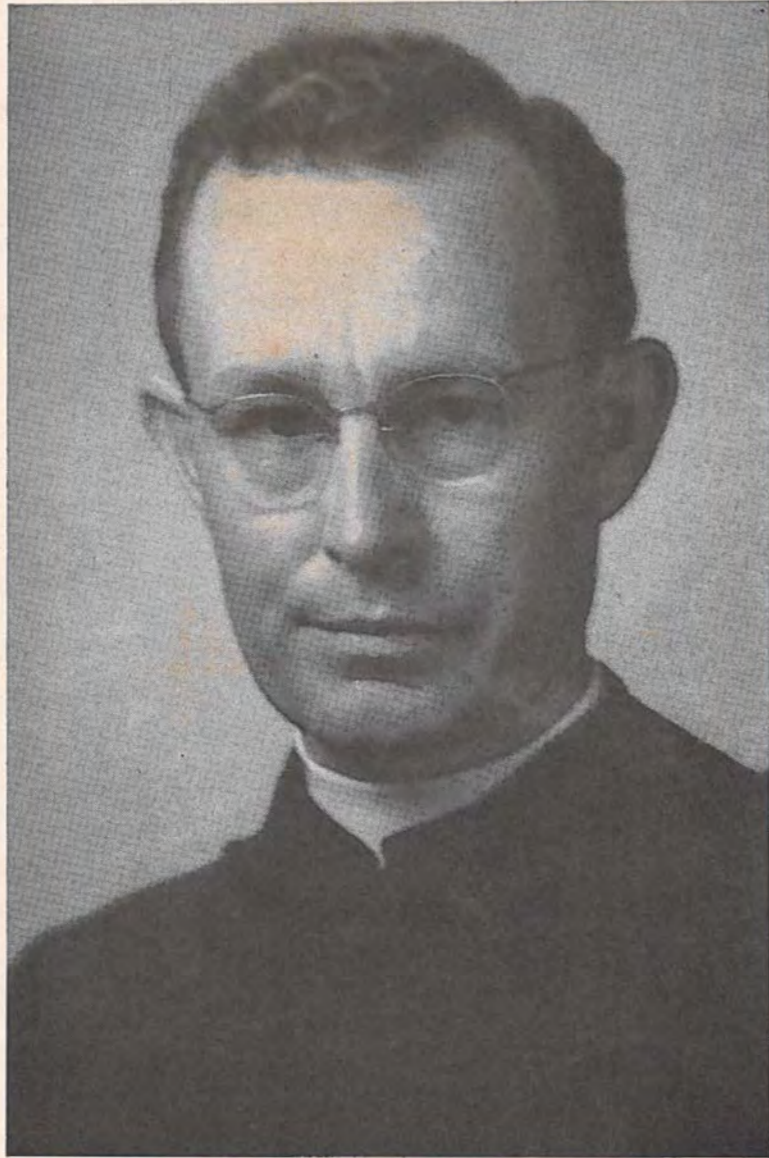
The MOST REVEREND EMMANUEL B. LEDVINA, D. D., LL. D.
Bishop Ordinary of Corpus Christi

The burden of years has not diminished the apostolic zeal of the Shepherd and Pastor of the Diocese of Corpus Christi; if anything, the years have accentuated the interest of His Excellency, Bishop Ledvina. Nor have the years that intervene between the founding of the Corpus Christi College-Academy and the present dimmed the enthusiasm of the good Bishop of the school. As the school now stands, Bishop Ledvina's fondest hopes of 1927 have been fully realized and His Excellency's faith in the work of the Benedictine Fathers has been completely justified. But he is still the inspiration toward further goals, and that interest provides a challenging courage to face the development that lies ahead.

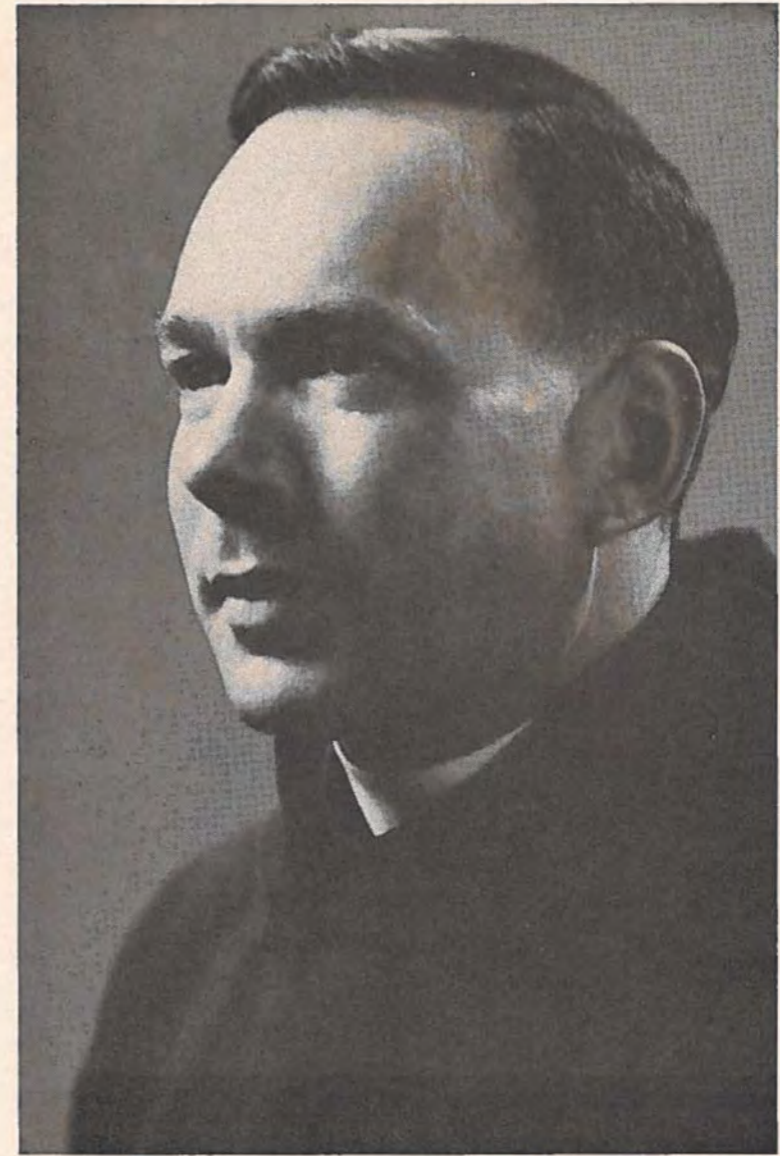


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President Emeritus of the Corpus Christi College-Academy



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Religion, General Science, Biology, Chemistry,
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Sodality; Director of Scout Activities



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Director of Athletics and Coach
Junior High School Geography,
Health Education, and Penmanship;
Intramural Sports



THE REVEREND HAROLD HEIMAN, O. S. B.

Rector of St. Benedict's Hall
Assistant Coach
Junior High School Religion, English and
U. S. History, Modern History; Moderator
of Eighth and Ninth Grade Sodalties

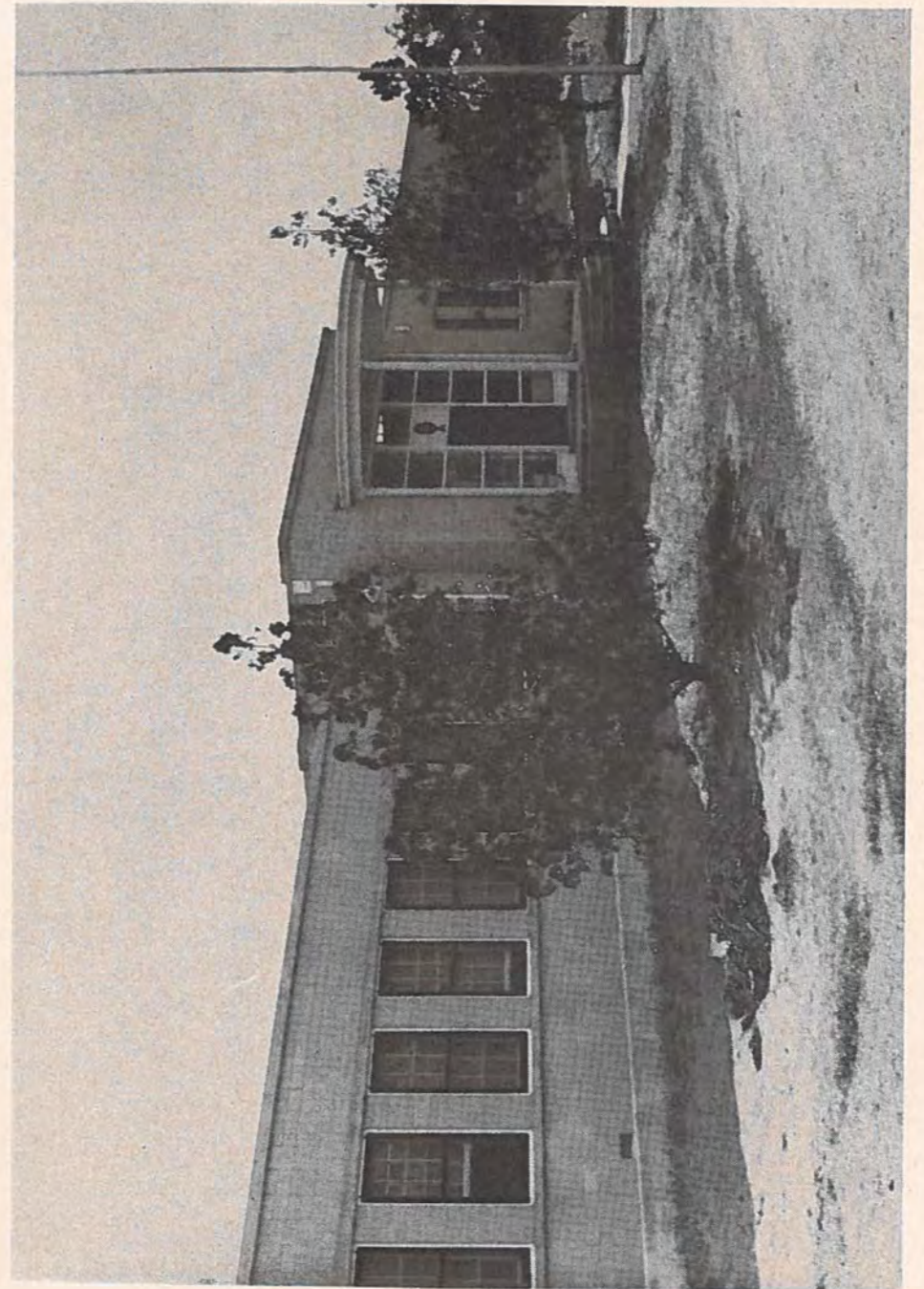


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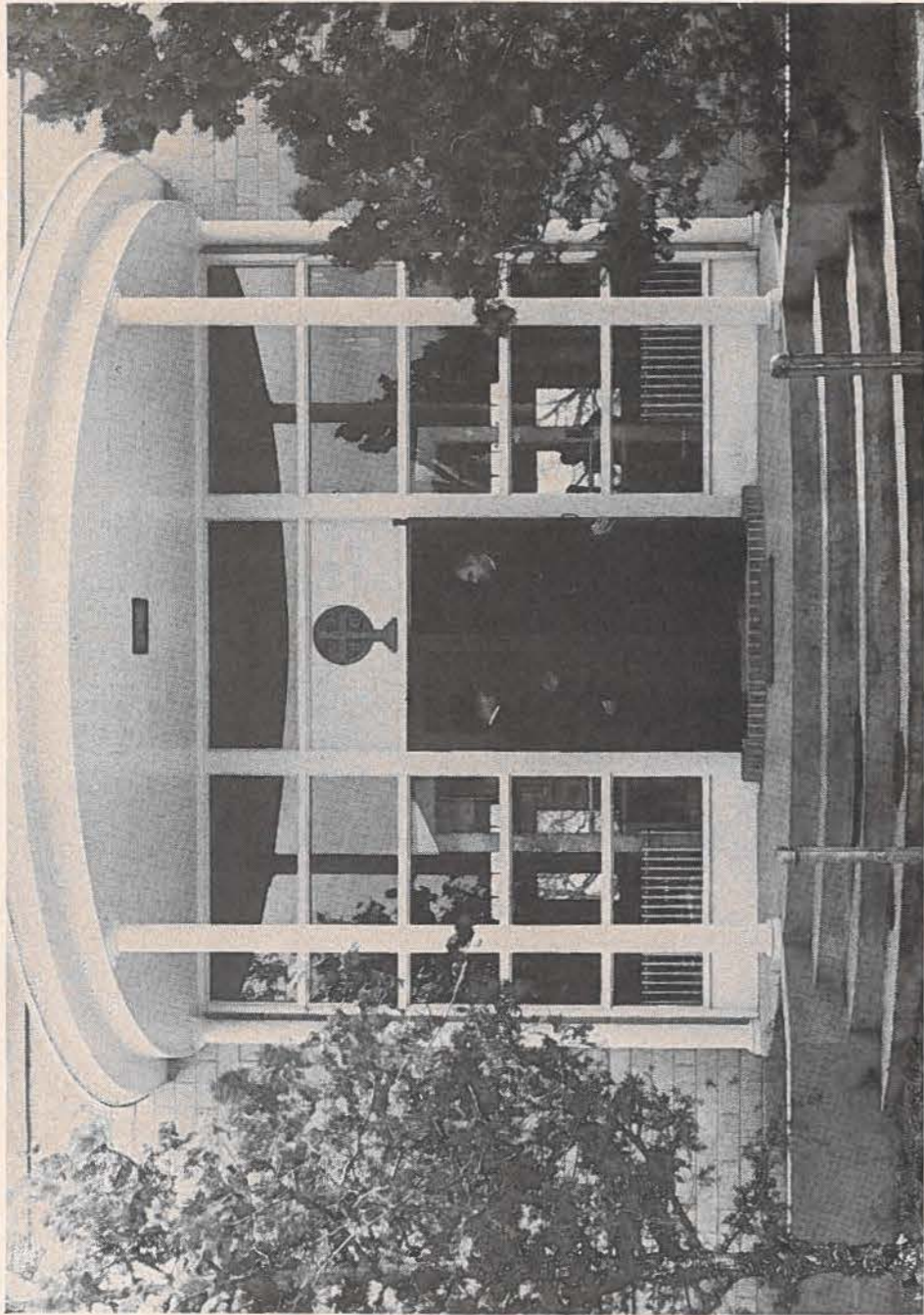
Rector, Corpus Christi Cathedral



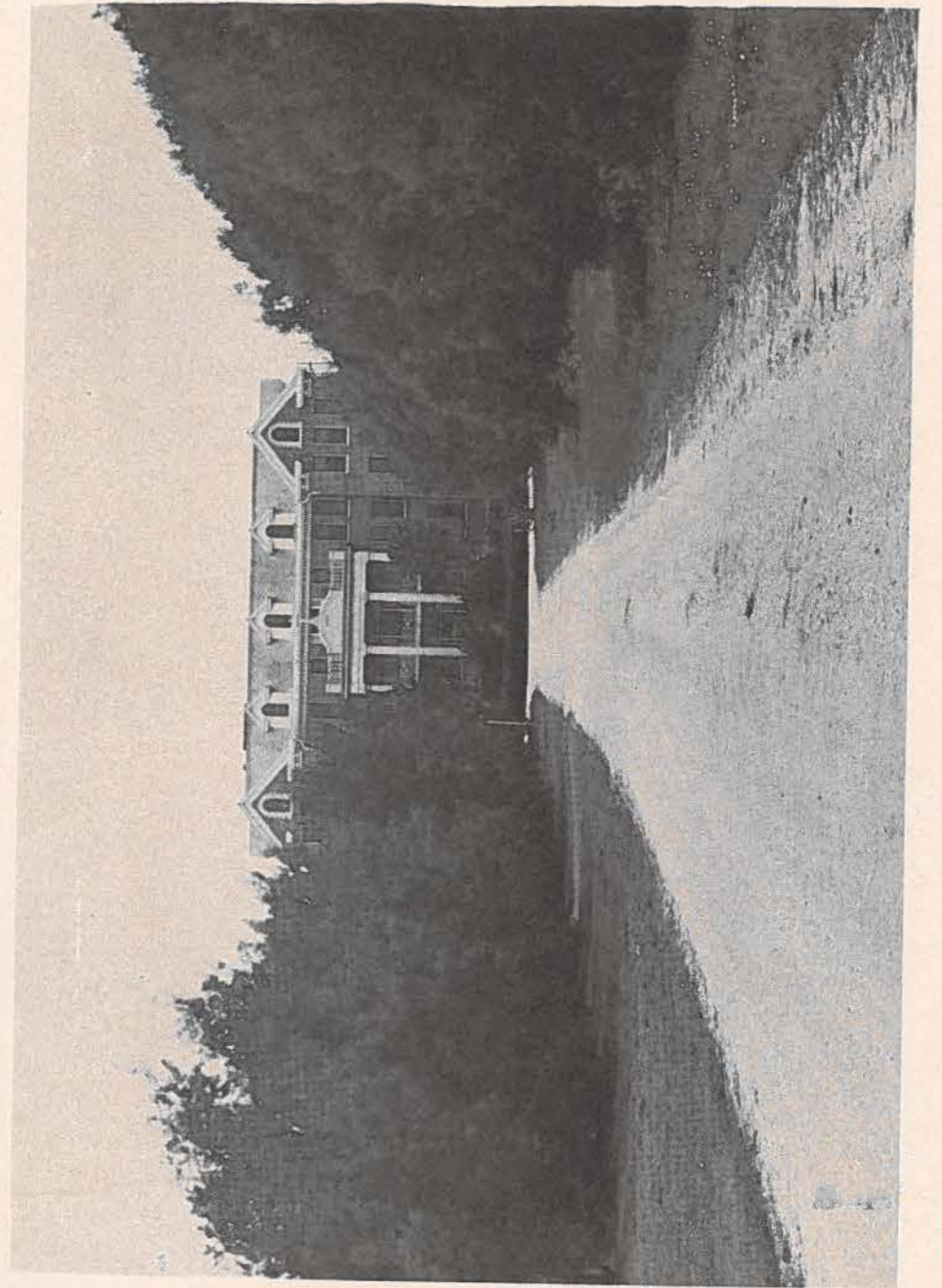
Administration Building—Main Entrance



St. Benedict's Hall—Residence for Boarding Students



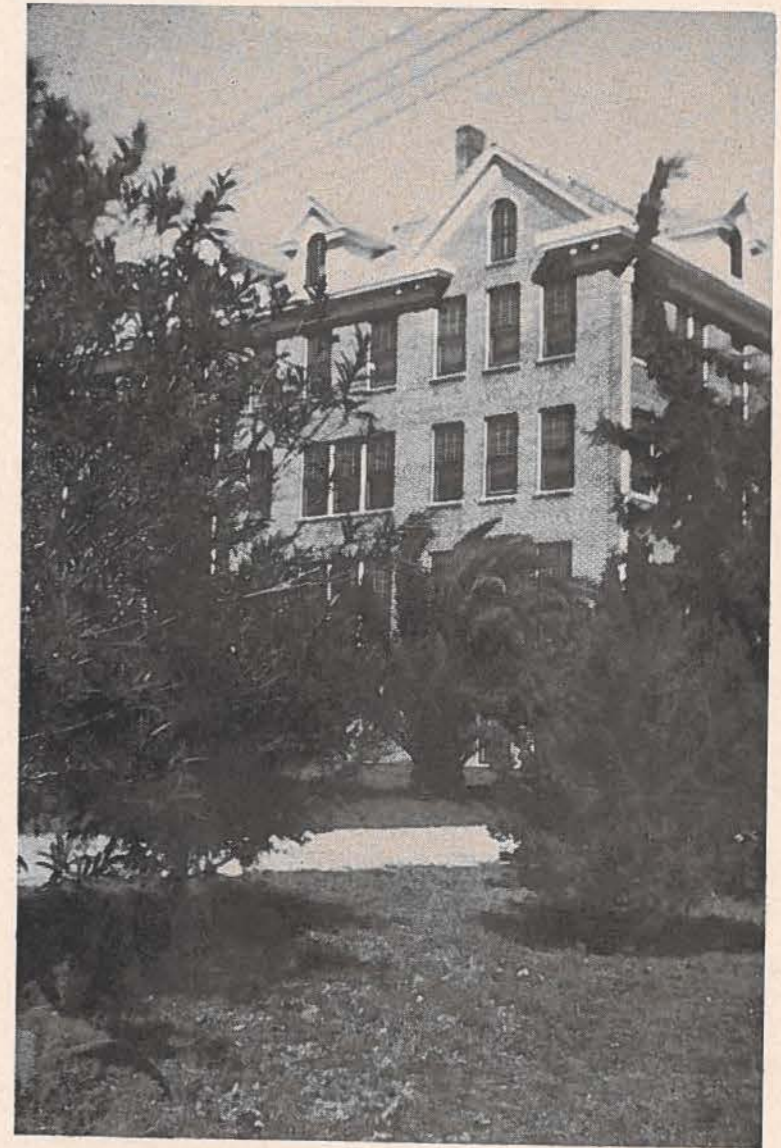
Main Entrance to St. Benedict's Hall



Administration Building from Driveway



Driveway from Second Floor Portal



Main Building from the Southeast



Rounding the Oval—North of Administration Building



Class of '45

Honor Students



JOHN A. GOLLA
Valetorian



JOHN A. FERRIS, JR.
Salutatorian



PATRICK H. CASS
"Ero"
PORTLAND

I was born in Huntington, Long Island, N. Y., on St. Patrick's Day (the whole world knows the month and day) in 1928. Into St. Patrick's school of that town I was ushered in 1933, spending two years there before coming to Brownsville, where I attended St. Joseph's Academy. Moving then to Portland, I transferred my school activities to Incarnate Word Academy, Corpus Christi, where I spent four profitable years. My first two years of high school were passed in Gregory, following which I decided to avail myself of the justly renowned Benedictine tradition as exemplified at the Corpus Christi College-Academy. I share with the majority of boys the thrill of the military, and for the past year was honored with a second lieutenantcy. God has not revealed to me nor have I decided the part I should play in life's drama so as to produce the greatest good for the greatest number. But realizing the advantages which higher learning gives, I will enter college next September.



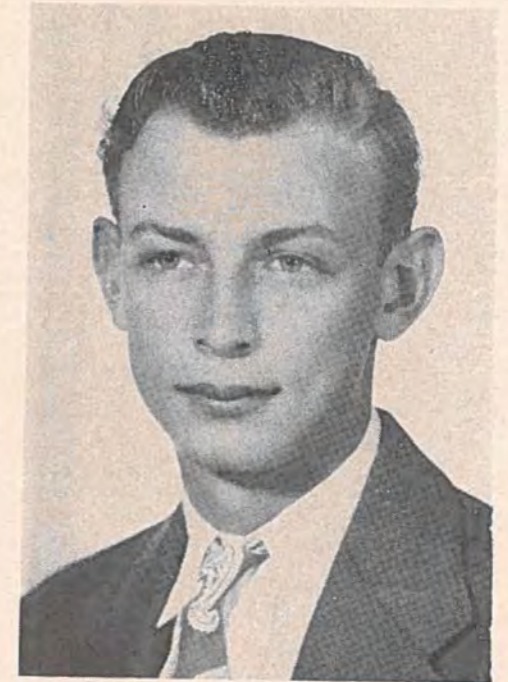
JOHN A. FERRIS, JR.
"Feet"
CORPUS CHRISTI

I was born in Austin, Texas, February 29, 1928. I attended St. Mary's and Newman Grammar schools in Austin until I was nine years old. I then moved to Corpus Christi where I finished my grammar schooling at the Incarnate Word Academy. I spent one year of my junior high school at Robert Driscoll, and the remaining years plus senior high school at the College-Academy. I am president of the St. Michael's Catholic Action Cell, the band, and am editor of the yearbook. I have served as vice-president and am now secretary-treasurer of my class. In my junior year I was class medalist. I have participated in athletics, winning a letter in football and basketball, and was promoted to the rank of second lieutenant in the Corps. I plan to study medicine, and the Navy is my choice of the services.



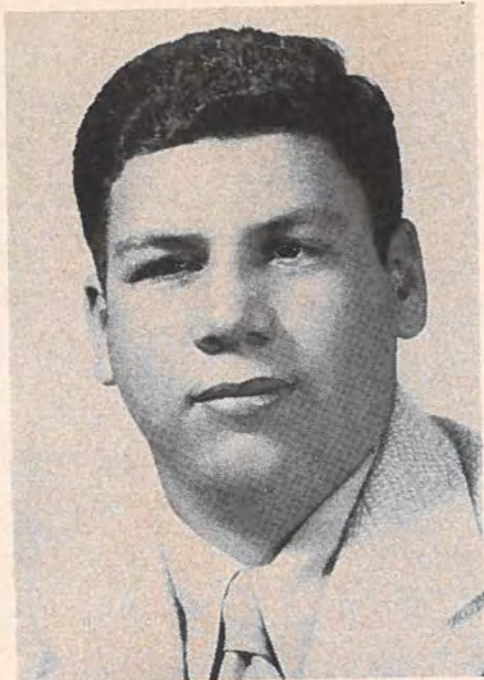
FRANK A. GAMEZ
"Zoot"
CORPUS CHRISTI

I was born at Edinburg, Texas, February 3, 1927. When my family moved to McAllen, I attended the Roosevelt Grammar school during four years, after which I moved to Corpus Christi, in 1937, when I transferred to George Evans school, and then to Northside Junior. My last three years of high school were spent at the College-Academy. I played football in '43 and '44, lettering both years. I was also a member of the softball squad in '43, '44, '45, and was given a trophy in '44 for the most valuable player. I am head of circulation for the yearbook. In my sophomore and junior years, I served as secretary of my class. I have been serving as a captain in the Corps this year. My ambition in life is to become an electrical engineer, and shall attend Texas A. & M. when it becomes possible.



JOHN A. GOLLA
"Bananas"
CORPUS CHRISTI

I was born in Corpus Christi, December 1, 1926, the eldest of the five children of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Golla. I began my school at the Incarnate Word Academy, and in 1940, I came to the College-Academy, and lettered in football during the last two years and in basketball this year. I was elected captain of the 1944 football squad. I was medalist for the highest average in Religion in '43 and '44. I have played in the band for the five years that I have been at the College-Academy. I intend to associate myself with aviation after the war is ended.



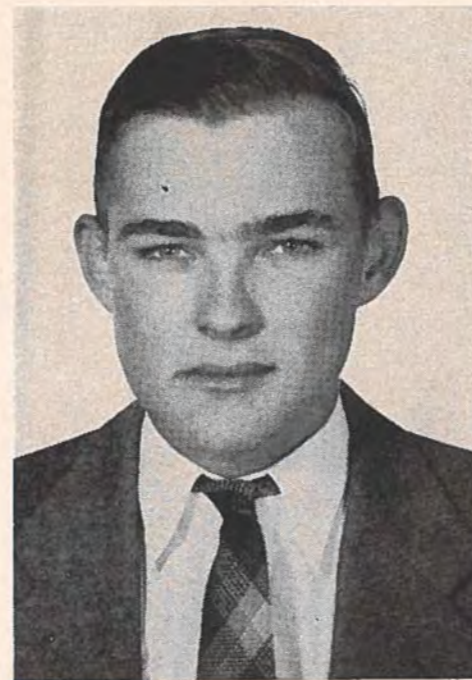
ALFONSO GOMEZ
"Poncho"
 CORPUS CHRISTI

I was born in Corpus Christi, June 4, 1923. I attended the following schools: Cheston Heath, Crossley, Southgate, Northside, and Senior High, all in Corpus Christi. I began at the College-Academy in 1941. I lettered in baseball, basketball, and football in '43, '44, '45. I am now a second lieutenant in the Corps.



ARTHUR GOMEZ
"Duda"
 CORPUS CHRISTI

I was born in Corpus Christi, December 9, 1926. I obtained my education from the following schools: Cheston Heath, Crossley, Southgate, Northside, Senior High school, and now at the College-Academy, where I entered in 1944. I lettered in football this past year. I am a sergeant in the Corps.



WILLIAM LOESSBERG
"Langer"
 CORPUS CHRISTI

I was born in McAllen, Texas, October 15, 1927. I attended grammar schools in McAllen, Austin, and at the Incarnate Word Academy of Corpus Christi. My junior high school years were spent at the Wynn Seale Junior. I enrolled in the College-Academy in 1942, where I have spent the remaining three years of my high school. I hold the rating of first sergeant in the Corps, and am a member of the band company. I am a member of the advertising staff of the yearbook. I plan to go to college, but as for my career, it has as yet not been decided.



JOHN WALTON McCARTHY
"Snake"
 CORPUS CHRISTI

I was born January 4, 1928 in Chicago. I came to Corpus Christi in September of 1930. I entered the Incarnate Word Academy and completed my grade-school years there in 1940. I then enrolled in the College-Academy. In 1942 I moved to our ranch and attended the Pleasanton High school during my freshman courses. In September, 1943, I returned to Corpus Christi, which gave me an opportunity to re-enroll at the College-Academy, where I have been ever since. In my eighth and tenth grades I received awards for American history and ancient history, respectively. In 1942 I was the captain of the winning intra-mural softball team, and in my senior year I lettered in basketball. I am a second lieutenant in the Corps. After the war is over I expect to attend Creighton University, Omaha, to major in history.



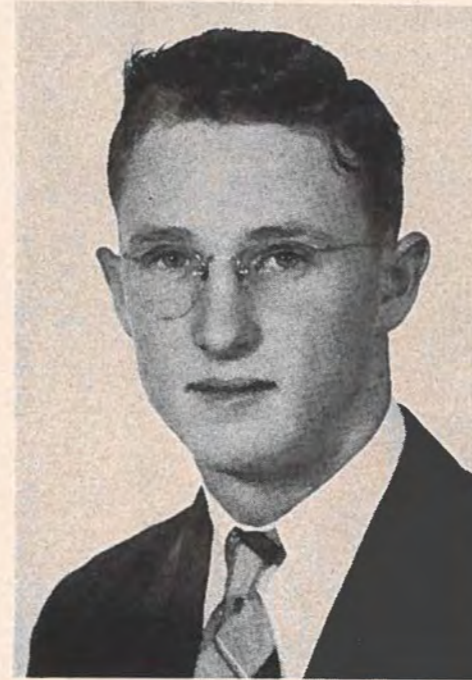
ALBERT X. NELSON
"Yankee"
 CORPUS CHRISTI

I was born in Caspar, Wyoming, November 3, 1928. When I was still young, my family moved to the island of Aruba in the Netherlands West Indies, where I later attended the first and second years of grammar school. At the age of seven I continued my elementary school in St. Patrick's, Galveston. From there I entered Kirwin High, same city. From Galveston my family moved to Texas City, but I still attended Kirwin. During my last year of high school, my family moved again, and this time to Corpus Christi. This gave me the opportunity to enroll in the College-Academy for my senior year. I arrived too late at the College-Academy to participate actively in any sports activities, but I affiliated with the Corps in which I am a second lieutenant. My ambition in life still is uncertain.



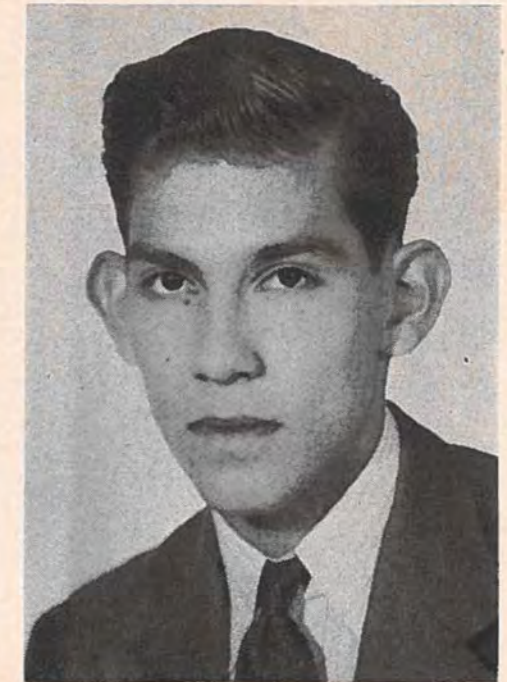
NICOLAS A. ORTIZ
"Short Arm"
 CORPUS CHRISTI

I was born in Laredo, October 20, 1926. I attended school in Laredo, Benavides, and Corpus Christi. My first year in high school was at Northside Junior of Corpus Christi. Then I came to the College-Academy where I have been attending for three years. I am a member of the yearbook staff and vice-president of the senior class. I am also cadet major of the Corps. In my sophomore year I was president of my class. I have played three years of football and basketball. I was elected captain of the latter this year. In '43 I was awarded the trophy for the most valuable player in softball. In the following year I won the trophy for the best all-around athlete. My favorite subject in high school has been algebra, and my ambition in life is to become a druggist.



FRANCIS L. PHILLIPP
"Bluetown"
 LA FERIA

I was born in Bluetown, Rio Grande Valley, October 23, 1927. After going to school for three years in Santa Maria, I was fortunate enough to have finished my grammar grades at St. Joseph's Academy, Brownsville. During my freshman year in high school, my older brother, my sister and I left home to go to the religious life. After a year with the Marist Brothers at St. Ann's Hermitage Poughkeepsie, N. Y., I was sent to the hermitage in Mexico City. Several months later I was called home because of the labor shortage in the Valley for the purpose of helping my Dad. I then went to school in La Feria for two years. My senior year was spent in the College-Academy. I am a lieutenant in the Corps, and lettered in football and basketball.

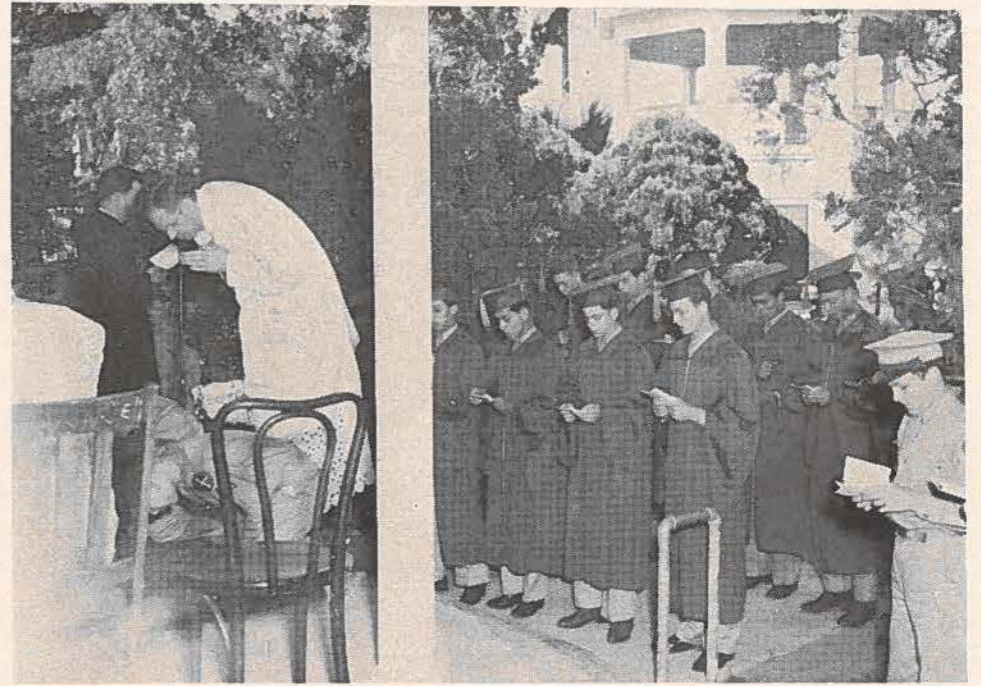


ESTEVAN RODRIGUEZ
"Steve"
 CORPUS CHRISTI

I was born in Corpus Christi, May 5, 1927. The first school I attended was Sacred Heart School. I then entered Northside Junior and then to Senior High for my sophomore year and part of my junior year. Next I came to the College-Academy. I am a member of the photography staff of the yearbook. I am a member and am a second lieutenant in the Corps.



Seniors in Session in the Guest Lounge

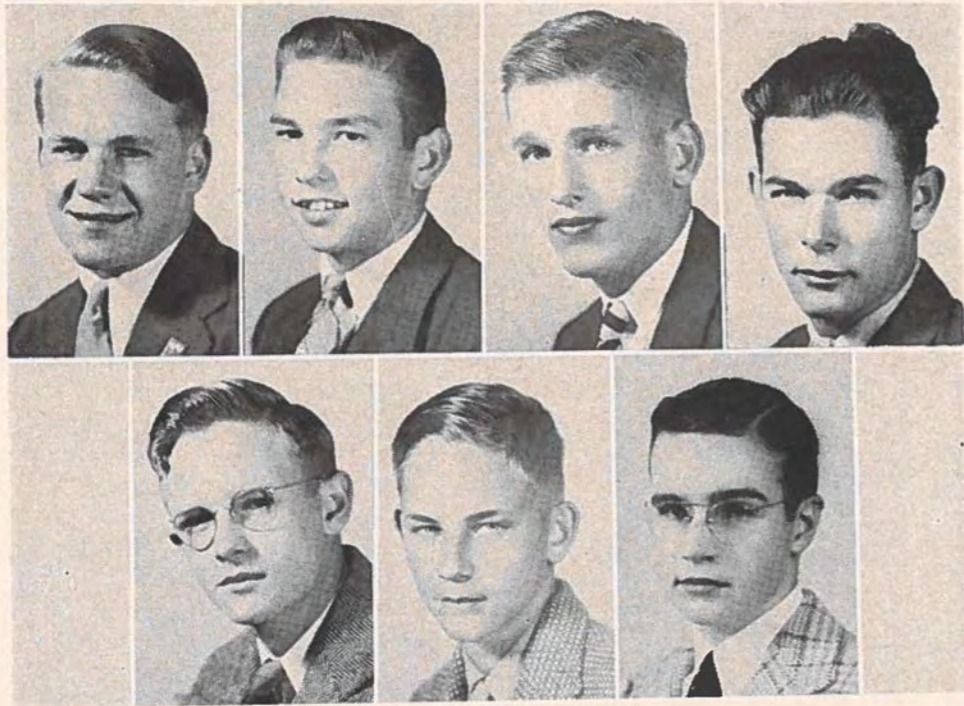


At Prayer on Cap and Gown Day



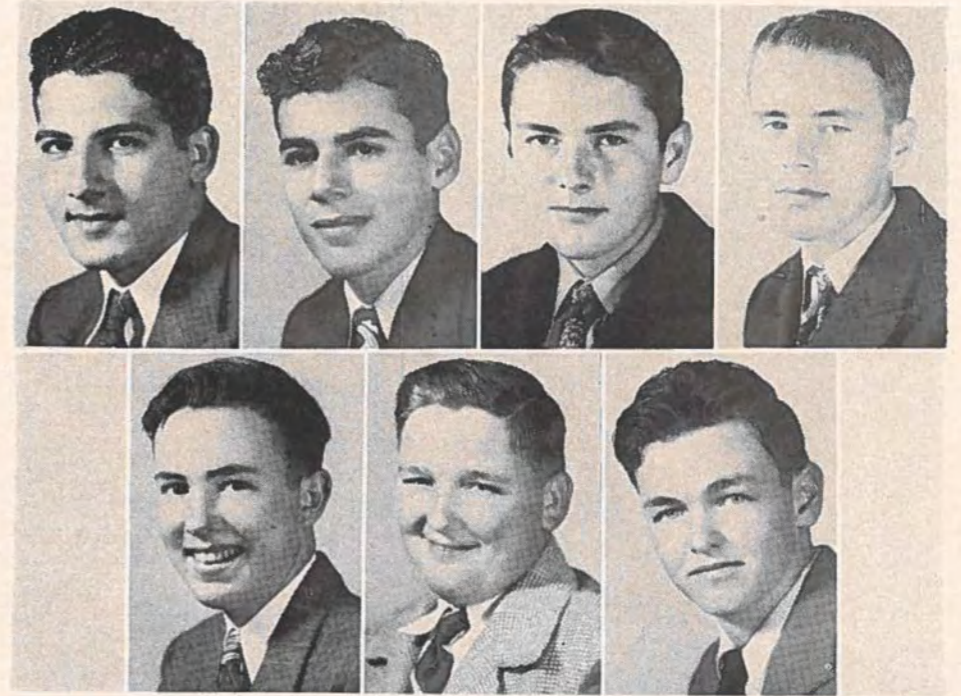
GRADUATES, 1945

Seniors to Be
11th, 10th, 9th, 8th, 7th



JUNIOR CLASS

Charles David Baimbridge Albert L. Baur
 Edward T. Curran Eugene Charles Dittlinger
 Joseph L. Ermis Claude Thomas Ford Walter H. Franks



JUNIOR CLASS

William J. Ganem Manuel Garcia Ernest M. Glover Sidney O. Glover
 Charles K. McCauley Patrick J. McDonough Michael C. Meaney

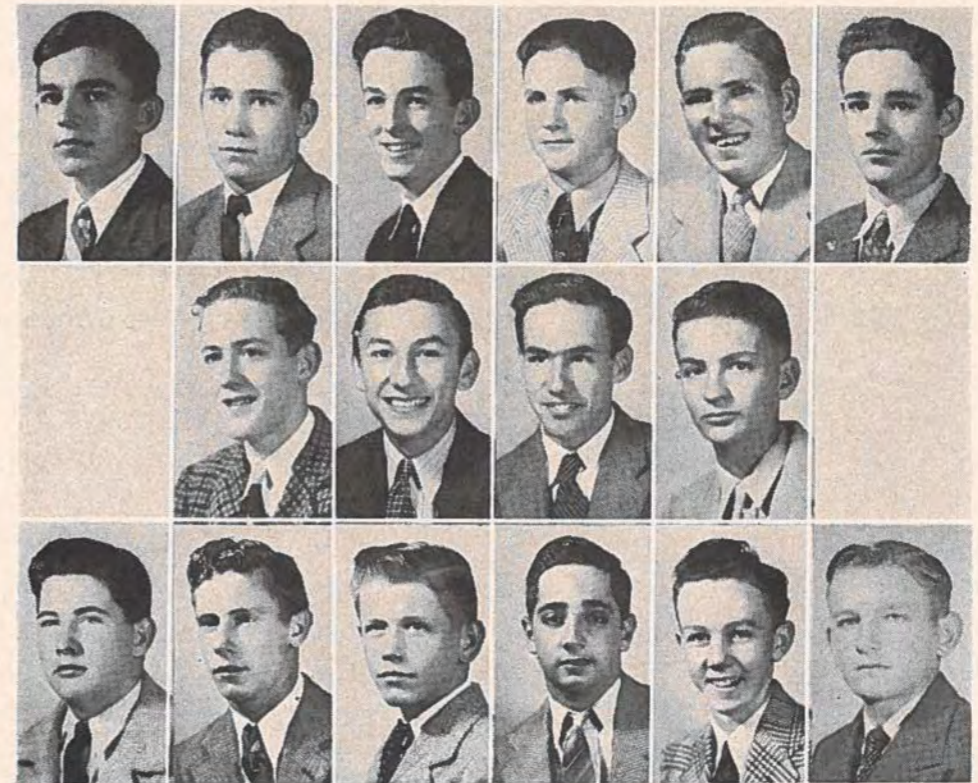


JUNIOR CLASS

Joseph Petru Harry G. Plomarity
 William T. Radeker Gilbert C. Schanen

John Larry Sullivan Edmund D. Terrell
 Jimmy Vettters Clifford Zarsky

(Absent: James Youngman)



SOPHOMORES

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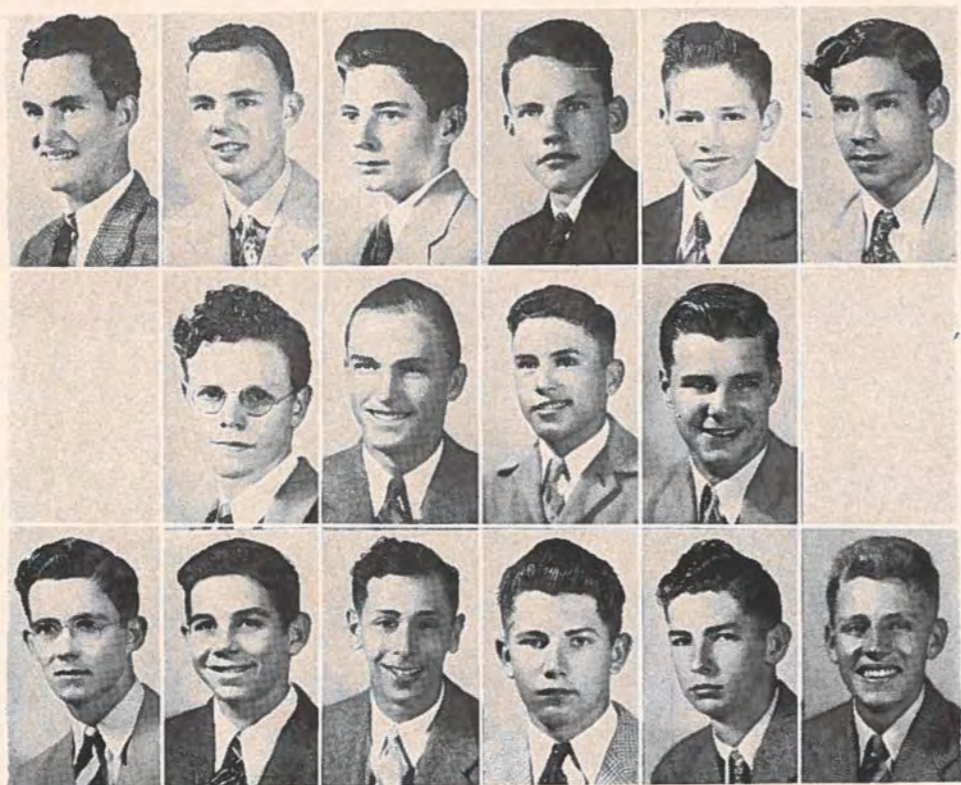
Henry Adams Claude T. Allen Daniel H. Boone
 John M. Bruce Edward H. Bundick John T. Derieg

Second Row:

Joseph J. Derieg Fred Garcia Pedro Garcia William P. Hamm

Bottom Row:

Paul I. Haney Robert W. Hatch Charles E. Hayek
 Louis Joseph Patrick L. Kennedy John L. Knesek



SOPHOMORES

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Roy J. King Thomas E. McArdle Jimmy McBride
 Roderick L. Magsam Joe H. Mondragon Celso C. Moreno

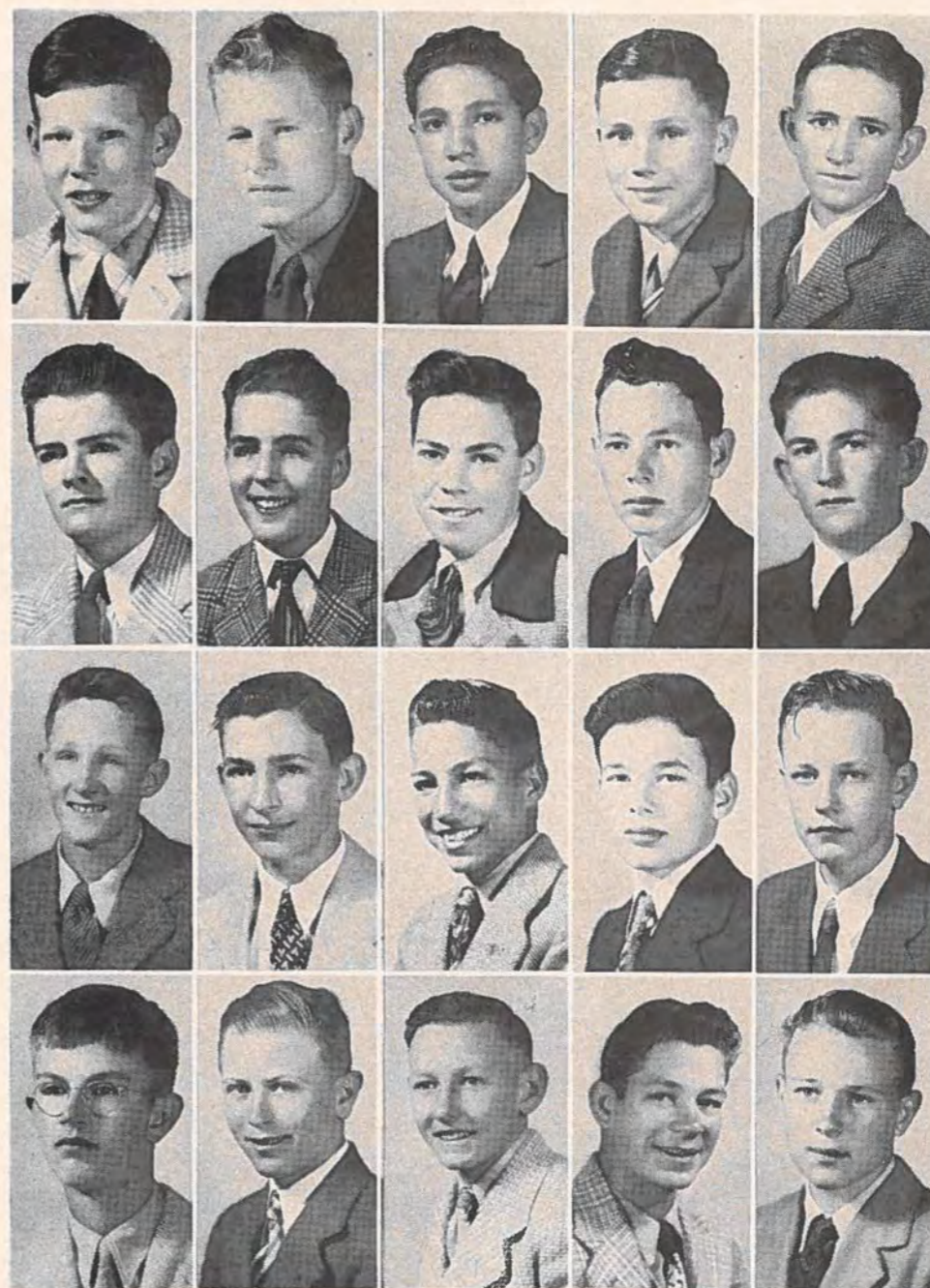
Second Row:

Melvin Nicholson Joseph C. Orsak Ricardo E. Perez Gene F. Rogers

Bottom Row:

Harry P. Stuth Henry H. Wade Zelik A. Waranch
 Robert R. Watzlavick Lynn Wendell James E. Wood

(Absent: Ivan DeVine)



FRESHMAN CLASS

TOP ROW: James Arnold, Richard C. Armstrong, Jose R. Avelar, J. Kenneth Baker, Jos. T. Bluntzer

SECOND ROW: Robert D. Bluntzer, Terrence Brady, John Currans, Louis A. Dodson, Wayne F. Elliott

THIRD ROW: Paul Felker, Peter J. Golla, Alfonso Gonzalez, Harold Greenleaf, John W. Guynes

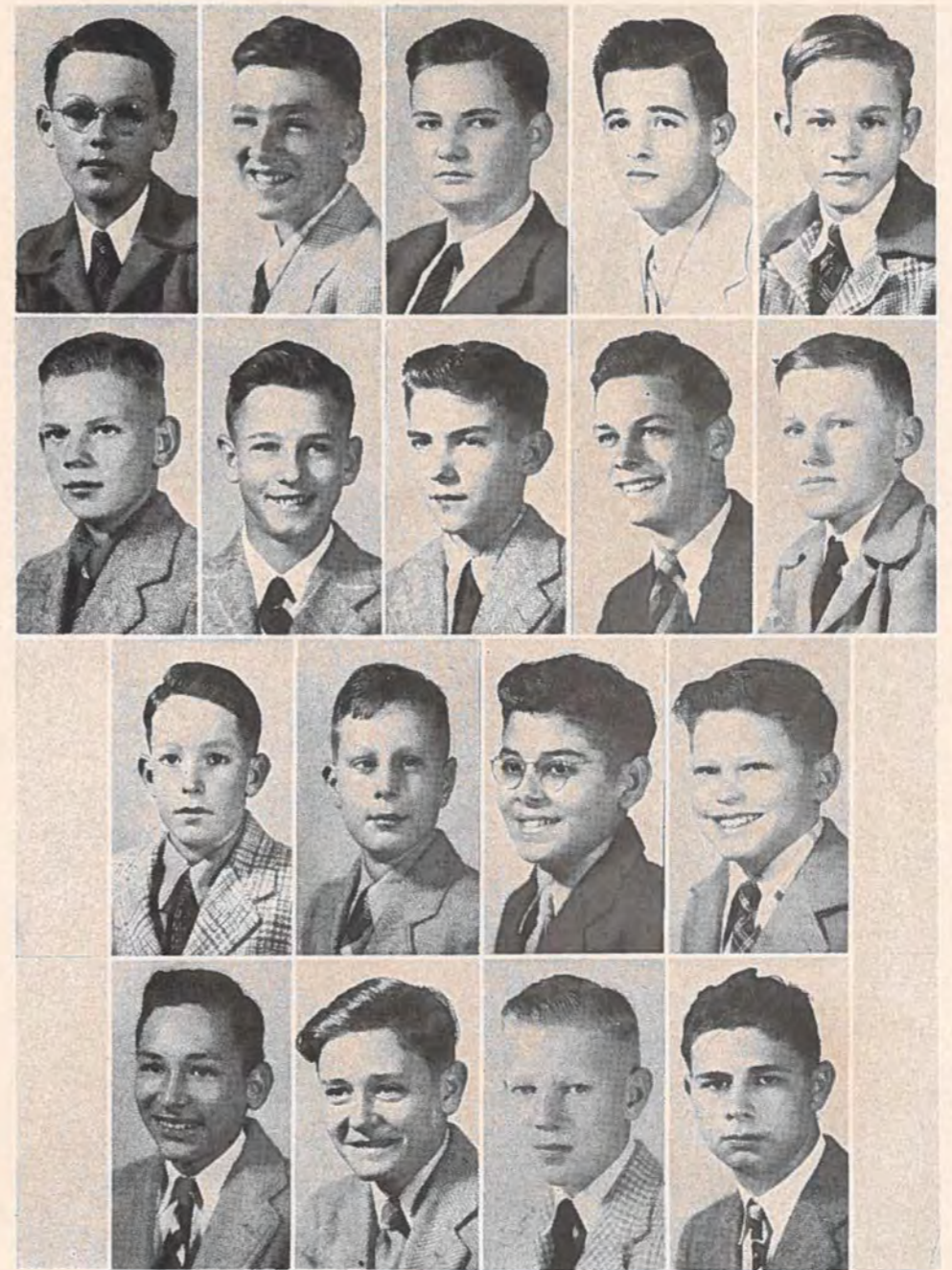
BOTTOM ROW: Thomas C. Hamm, Richard J. Hatch, Jerry Jurach, Daniel Kubala, T. Edward Lewis

(Absent: John W. George)



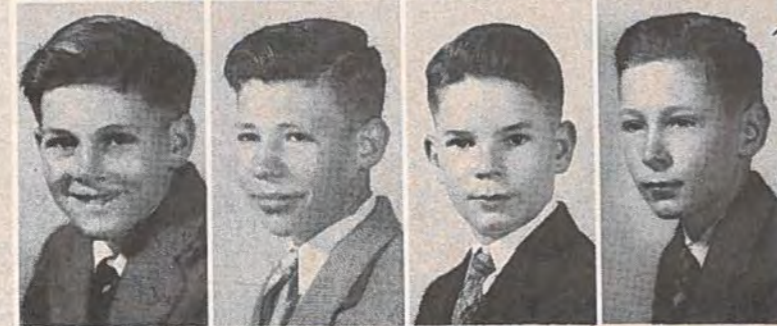
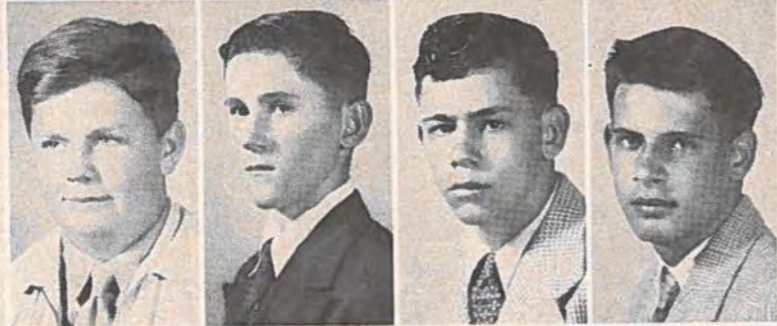
FRESHMEN

TOP ROW: Lawrence Lippincott, Jason N. Luby, Russell H. McCaleb, Joseph E. McCarthy, Claude J. McCarty
 SECOND ROW: Glenn H. Middleton, Emil Polasek, William A. Richardson, Harold A. Schlather, Thomas Schroeder
 THIRD ROW: Edward A. Schwirtlich, Luke F. Sheppard, T Sigler, Merritt I. Singer, Ruben Solis
 BOTTOM ROW: Walter Taber, James C. Thompson, August F. Uehlinger, Emil Valenta, Marvin Watzlavick, J. Jerome Whelan



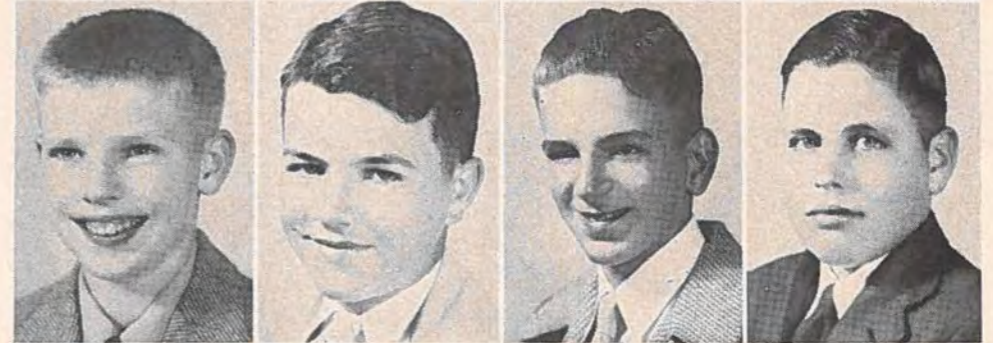
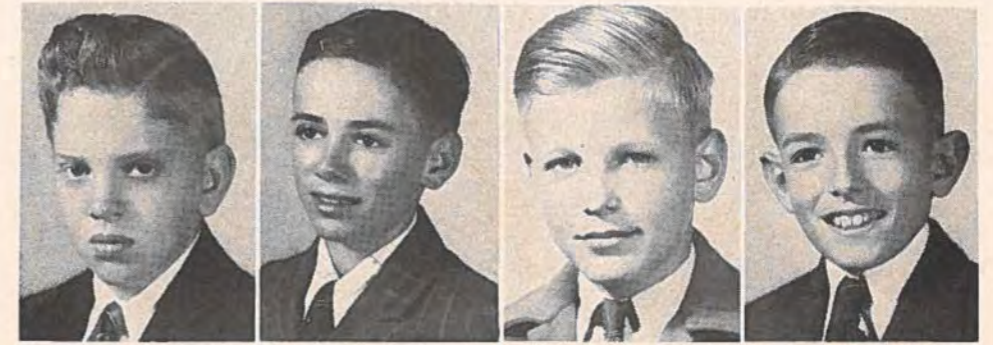
EIGHTH GRADE

TOP ROW: S. Mac Armstrong, Floyd Bailey, John Ross Baker, Joseph A. Calvin, Theodore R. Coffey
 SECOND ROW: Joseph E. Curlott, Bobby O. Dean, Louis A. Doerr, Alfred Elter, Albert Emmert
 THIRD ROW: William A. Fagan, John Fondren, Ruben Garcia, James Gaulding
 BOTTOM ROW: Abel Gonzalez, John Haas, Charles M. Hiers, Pat Hrissikopolous
 (Absent: Delton Riebschlager, Richard Roberson, Donald Wandless, James Wright, Theodore Hainer)



EIGHTH GRADE

TOP ROW: Adolph K. Kaler, Rudolph R. Kocurek, Billy Leggett, John Loessberg,
M. Steve McFarland
SECOND ROW: Jerry Peake, Edward J. Petru, Samuel J. Rabalais, Ralph C. Solitto
THIRD ROW: Eddie Stewart, Thomas R. Swantner, Edward W. Urbanowsky,
Leonard C. Urbanowsky
BOTTOM ROW: Jack L. Wade, Ernest G. Wendland, Wm. E. White, John A. Wright



SEVENTH GRADE

TOP ROW: J. Joseph Anderson, George R. Anostos, Francis L. Beck, James Boone
SECOND ROW: Vicente Cadena, John R. Carew, Bernard Currans, Douglas M. Dunn
THIRD ROW: Glen Floyd, Raymond L. Friday, Gene Fulton, Benjamin Gallagher
LAST ROW: John F. Garvin, Damian F. Golla, John Hrisikopolous, Herbert C. Janecek
(Absent: Robert Jones, Jos. H. Garnett)



SEVENTH GRADE

TOP ROW: John Kennedy, Robert J. Klepac, Edwin J. Kureska, Jack Mulvihill
 Gene G. Nash
 SECOND ROW: Roy N. Netek, Anton A. Polasek, John G. Seccina, John O. Schroy
 THIRD ROW: Frank Soliz, Jr., Joe Sullivan, Frederick A. Tadlock, John E. Thompson
 LAST ROW: Benjamin Valenta, Albert H. Warburton, Ernest Wood, Marvin C. Young
 (Absent: Edward Vrazel)



Group of Boarding Students

BOARDING HALL CHATTER

The opening of the new St. Benedict's Hall to resident students, immediately after the close of the Christmas recess, resembled a gathering of the clan from the four parts of the globe. For, they came from all parts of the campus. Some from the west of the main building, some from the south and some from the north of the attic story, and some from the far end of the campus, so to speak. And some came from neighboring towns when more room was made available. This indicates the scattered condition toward which the school was forced to resort to accommodate the boarders.

But once gathered in one building, except for a slight overflow, which accepted housing in the garage apartment, life took on an additional and long anticipated meaning. It was home, and a bright new one at that. It was a family life, with plenty of recreation and moments for family get-togethers. And don't think the boarders didn't make use of it all. On some occasions the "rec" room resembled a jam session of some well-known band, and if some student was still hungry after a meal, he promptly enlisted a musical snack with "Cocktails for Two" on the nickelodeon, which, by the way saw plenty of action! And then there was table tennis, until practically all priorities for balls were exhausted.

And then came the innovation of double-decker beds for one or the other. Whether they will last remains to be seen, but it was something different.

Many things were done and many things happened, but all of them will get better with the telling in after years when the gang will somehow or other manage to get together for a "remember when . . ." session.

These Events Made Headlines during the Year . . .

September 4—Another school year was officially opened and got underway. The year's enrolment hit a new high with two hundred students registered.

December 7—Corpus Christi Cathedral was the scene of a massing of Catholic students of the city in celebration of Pear Harbor Day. Twelve hundred students from the College-Academy, Incarnate Word, Sacred Heart and Holy Cross filled the huge edifice to capacity. The Rev. C. R. Mullen, pastor of St. Patrick's Church delivered the sermon, and the congregational hymns were directed by Father Alfred, O. S. B.

January 8—The long-awaited football banquet. Toasts and tokens to a team that played hard and well.

January 17—Dedication of St. Benedict's Hall. A red letter day in the history of the school. Hats off to Father Joseph, O. S. B., for a fine building, for a successful issue of his first building project.

March 21—As in previous years, so again this year, it was Cap and Gown Day. Pat Cass made the flag presentation. Father Joseph accepted it on behalf of the school, blessed it, and then had it raised by a contingent of cadets. A field mass followed with Father Augustine Linbeck, O. S. B., celebrant. Father Hamann of the Navy gives a good sermon. Then presentation of basketball and football letters, which manpower shortage had held up for some weeks.

April—The Junior-Senior game. A class of twelve men form a team and battle the Cavaliers-to-be in a thriller that will be long remembered. Score 2-0.

April 25—The annual Junior-Senior picnic at Welder Park, Sinton. At noon a delicious barbecue lunch, which did credit to the planners of the affair and justice to the appetites. In the afternoon, baseball games, swimming — after a fashion, and games. Thanks, Juniors, and may next year's class reciprocate as abundantly as you showered generously on the class of '45.

May 17—Field Mass, final military review, final eliminations in best drilled cadet contest; close of intra-mural season with field events and games and athletic contests. Barbecue lunch, and then the end heaves in sight.

May 20—Baccalaureate Sunday at Corpus Christi Cathedral, conjointly with Incarnate Word Academy. Solemn and stately, the procession files in for the official act of homage to God for the blessings of an education that is Christian, sound and firm. Father Ralph of the Cathedral in a masterful sermon.

May 21-22—Final examinations with all attendant woes that studentdom is heir to.

May 23—Commencement. Dr. Otto Neilsen, Dean of A. & I. College, speaker. Diplomas and awards; premiums and trophies; and the well-wishes of many friends. *Deo Gratias* from the bottom of many hearts, and *hasta luego* until another year.



Organizations

St. Michael's and
St. Benedict's Catholic Action Cells
7th, 8th, 9th, 10th Grade Sodalties
Scouting
Yearbook Staff



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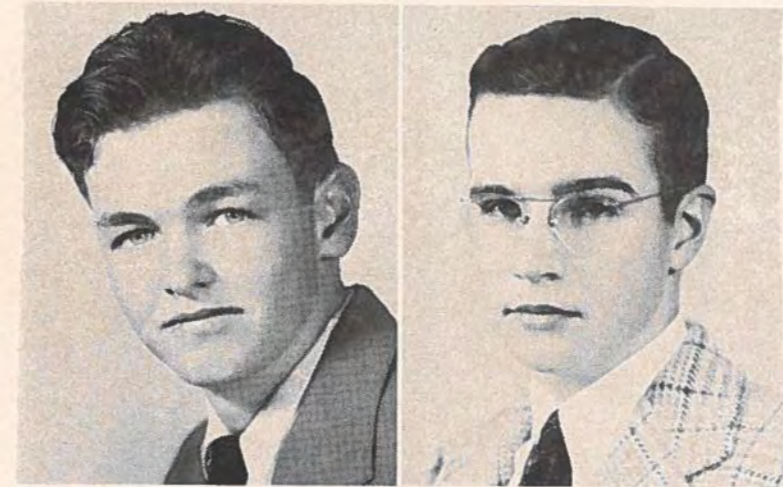


John A. Golla

St. Michael's Catholic Action Cell

John A. Ferris, Jr.	Leader
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Rev. Albert M. Schreiber, O. S. B.	Moderator

Building upon the foundation set up by last year's senior class, the class of '45 organized the St. Michael's Catholic Action Cell. Since the class was a small one, the entire senior group was incorporated into the present unit. One of the best projects of the year was the weekly distribution to the entire student body of the "Why" leaflets. It was a wide-awake cell, and its influence was felt in all phases of student life and activity.



Michael Meaney

Walter Franks

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As inaugurated in previous years, the Jocist movement was carried over into the present year. It was a modified form of the classical European system. And the St. Benedict's Cell, composed entirely of juniors, provided an outlet for training in this the coming thing in Catholic circles in this country, and thus the school is abreast of the times and takes its place in the forefront of lay Catholic Action. The Cell conducted weekly meetings and acted on pertinent issues that had application to the immediate environment of the students on the campus.



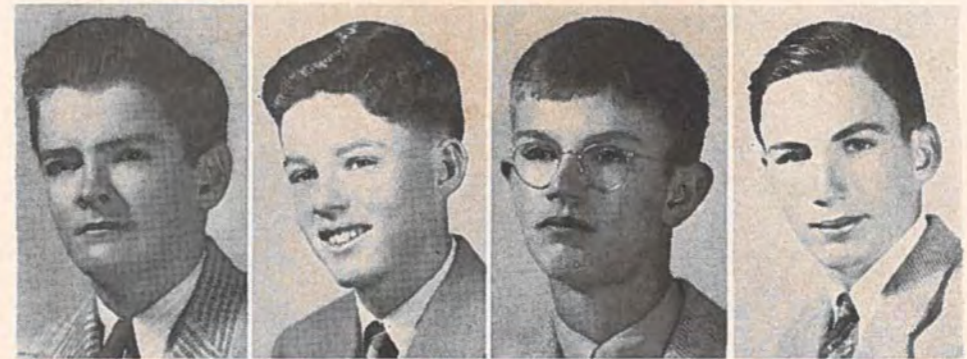
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TENTH GRADE SODALITY

Harry Stuth	Prefect
Celso Moreno	Vice-Prefect
Claude Allen	Secretary
Jimmy Vettors	Treasurer

Chairman, Catholic Truth Committee	Robert Watzlavick
Chairman, Our Lady's Committee	Joseph Orsak
Chairman, Apostolic Committee	Thomas McArdle
Chairman, Social Life Committee	Louis Joseph

This organization was very active during the year. It sponsored a pamphlet distribution to soldiers overseas, and likewise placed them in public places. Two twenty-five dollar war bonds were donated to the scholarship fund of the school. In addition to all these, it did not neglect the social life of the membership, and thus found several occasions for gatherings that were successful. The Sodality, likewise, was active in the sale of Christmas cards, a project that received hearty support from the public.



Robert Bluntzer Luke Sheppard Thos. Hamm Jerry Whelan

NINTH GRADE SODALITY

Robert Bluntzer	Prefect
Luke Sheppard	Vice-Prefect
Thomas Hamm	Secretary
Jerry Whelan	Treasurer

Chairman, Our Lady's Committee	Emil Polasek
Chairman, Catholic Truth Committee	Richard Hatch

Father Harold Heiman, O. S. B., Moderator

Operating under the committee system as in its previous years, the Ninth Grade Sodality continued its effective work of previous school sessions. One of the outstanding projects of the year was the promotion of the devotion to Our Lady of Fatima. This was in addition to numerous weekly projects, many of them of an instructive nature, all calculated to improve the personality and character of the members.



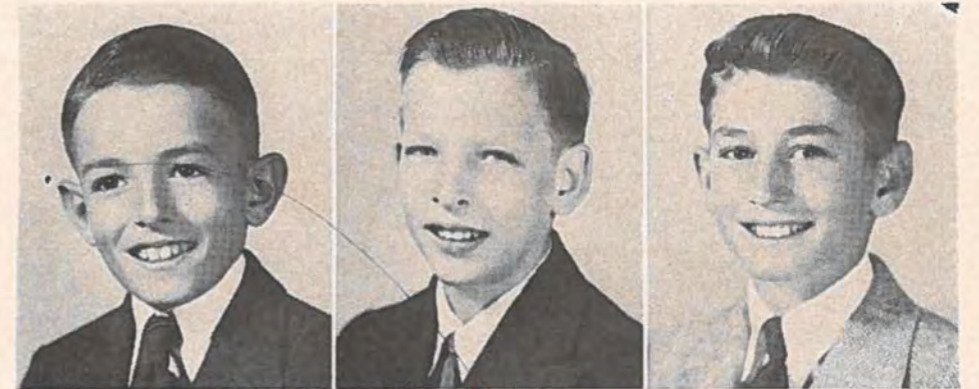
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EIGHTH GRADE SODALITY

Charles Hiers	Prefect
Ralph Solitto	Vice-Prefect
John Wright	Secretary
Jack Wade	Treasurer

Chairman, Catholic Truth Committee Thomas Swantner
 Chairman, Our Lady's Committee Adolph Kaler
 Father Harold Heiman, O. S. B., Moderator

Based almost exclusively on individual expression, the Eighth Grade Sodality record indicates projects that call for the best in the individual members constituting the sodality. Its list of achievements indicate many phases of activity that were personally directed and presented by its members. Individual improvement and progress might be the caption of the year's work. Prayer blocks were popular; national sodality projects were on the role of activities, such as "The Pope's Christmas Present"; talks on worthwhile subjects were included. In addition, the reading of pamphlets was stressed by making them available, which, naturally, was an incentive to the spread of good literature. All in all, the sodality was extremely active.



James Boone Damian Golla Robert Klepac

SEVENTH GRADE SODALITY

James Boone	Prefect
Edward Vrazel	Vice-Prefect
Damian Golla	Secretary
Robert Klepac	Treasurer

Chairman, Catholic Truth Committee Joe Sullivan
 Chairman, Our Lady's Committee Benjamin Gallagher
 Father Alfred Hoenig, O. S. B., Moderator

For a sodality of young men in this particular age group, the Seventh Grade Sodality showed remarkable activity. It numbered no less than fifteen worthwhile projects as heading the list of the year's activity. Chief among these were a poster contest, special prayers for prisoners of war, the making of prayer blocks, and the carrying out of a May altar, the first in the history of the school. It likewise ransomed a pagan child, together with numerous projects that dealt with personal sanctification.

SENIOR PREFERENCES

NICOLAS ORTIZ
... Most popular

HARRY PLOMARITY
... Most scholarly

NICOLAS ORTIZ
... Best athlete

JOHN FERRIS
... Most active

WALTON McCARTHY
... Wittiest

ROY KING
... Least appreciated

CAP AND GOWN DAY
... Favorite tradition

CANTERBURY TALES
... Favorite poem

KEYS OF THE KINGDOM
... Favorite movie

INGRID BERGMAN
... Favorite actress

LIFE
... Favorite magazine

BING CROSSBY
... Favorite actor

HARRY JAMES
... Favorite orchestra

FIBBER McGEE and MOLLY
... Favorite radio program

FOOTBALL
... Best sport to watch

FRIED CHICKEN
... Favorite food

EDWARD R. STETTINIUS, JR.
... Outstanding U. S. figure

HARRY PLOMARITY
... Best dressed

PATRICK CASS
... Most likely to succeed

FRED GARCIA
... Most consistent student

POPE PIUS XII
... Outstanding world figure

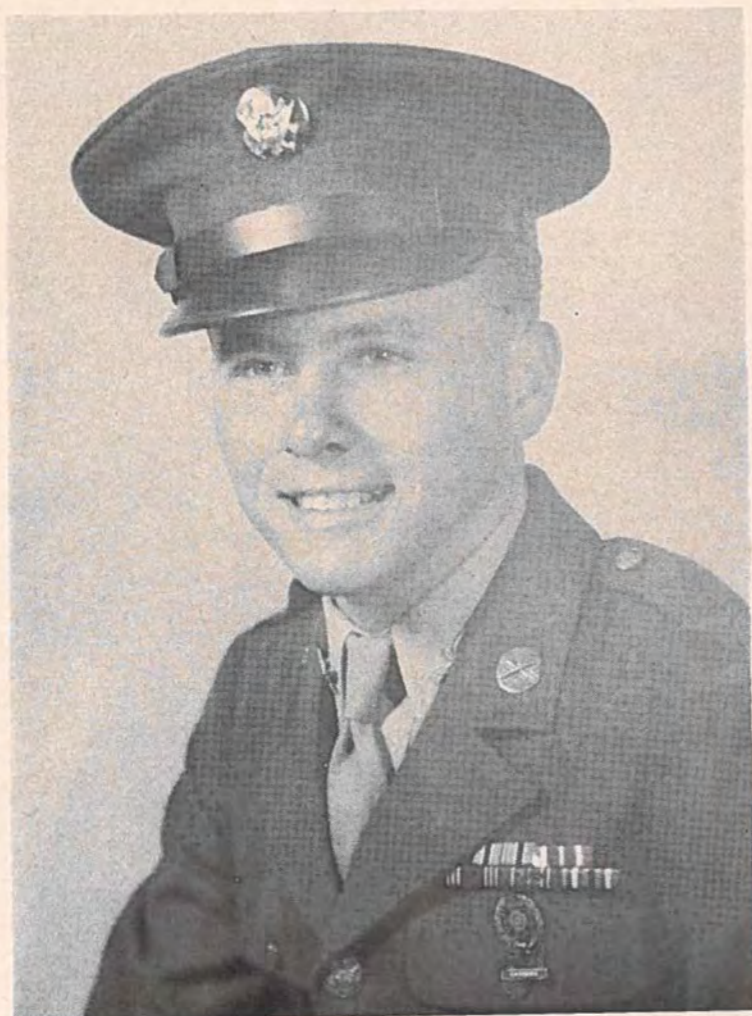
GIRLS
... Most needed on school
campus

BEAUTIFUL CHAPEL
... Most sorely need
building on campus



The Corps

Commandant and Staff
Commissioned Officers
Non-Commissioned Officers
The Band Company
The Corps



GUSTAVE McFARLAND
Battalion Commandant

The Corps has just completed its second year. And if it has seen a successful season—which it has—then first of all, a tribute must go to the energetic and conscientious officers and commandant; secondly, another must be paid to the interest of the cadets themselves; and lastly—a nostalgic one, perhaps, but nevertheless, a direct one—to the founder of the Corps, last year's Commandant John N. Stewart.

The Corps suffered a distinct loss when Mr. Stewart transferred out of Corpus Christi. For some weeks, the fate of the organization hung in the balance, since it was difficult to replace him. Eventually, however, Mr. Sam I. Pittman was engaged. But due to the press of business which he was attempting to recoup after having lost it by a spell in the armed services, he was not able to devote himself to a project that was very dear to him. He resigned, consequently, in January, in favor of Commandant Gustave McFarland, a former student of the school, who had just returned from the battlefields of Italy with a medical discharge.



CADET MAJOR NICOLAS ORTIZ
Patalion Commander

Commandant McFarland devoted himself with gusto and enthusiasm to the task. He had become familiar with army life and army routine. His mild manner soon captivated the members of the Corps, and the old balance and the army snap returned to the ranks. The fine reviews on Thursdays were eloquent testimony to the work of Commandant McFarland and to the loyalty of his staff. Here, in particular, there was noticeable an "esprit de corps", that one comes to expect of a military aggregation. Much of this was due to the work of Major Nic Ortiz, whose tact helped solve many problems and whose genial manner smoothed many a ruffled situation.

One word more of commendation is in order for the large task well performed by Lt. Pat Cass. As commanding officer of the resident students, he was in contact with student problems more than any one officer. He worked unceasingly and well.

All in all, the second year of the Corps' existence was well worth while and was productive of results.



2nd LT. PAT H. CASS
Commanding Officer of
Boarding Students



COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

Captain Frank Gamez Captain Roy King First Lt. Francis Phillipp
 Second Lt. Walton McCarthy Second Lt. Albert X. Nelson
 Second Lt. Alfonso Gomez Second Lt. Estevan Rodriguez
 Second Lt. Thomas Ford Second Lt. William Ganem



A Weekly Inspection by the Commandant

While a good part of the school is directed by military regulations, nevertheless, the College-Academy is only semi-military. Drills are held daily four times a week, with a general inspection, review, and formal retreat on Thursdays, on which days the uniform is worn. The Corps is not intended to teach military strategy and tactics, but to give students who are members—and it is a voluntary organization—the benefit of learning leadership, in the case of officers, and military precision and bearing in the case of the cadets in general.



Non-Commissioned Officers

Sergeants Joseph Petru, Harry Stuth, William Hamm, James Wood,
Claude Allen, Vicente Cadena, Arthur Gomez.

Sergeant Celso Moreno; Staff Sergeants Louis Joseph, Sidney Glover,
Charles McCauley; First Sergeants Michael Meaney, Jimmy
Vetters, William Loessberg.



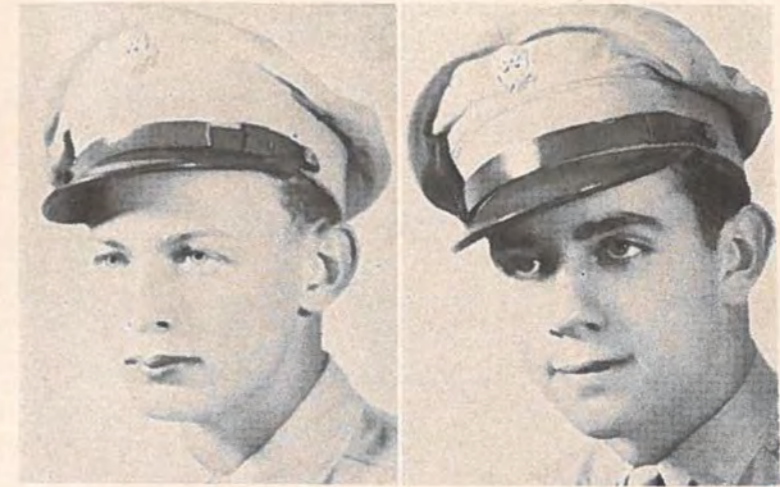
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Corporals Fred Garcia, Claude McCarty, John Wright, Lawrence
Lippincott, Robert Bluntzer, Henry Wade, Harry Plomarity.

Corporals Ernest Glover, Roderick Magsam, Albert Baur, Jason
Luby, Ralph Solitto, Thomas McArdle, Gilbert Schanen.



The Band Company



First Lt. John A. Golla
In Command

Second Lt. John A. Ferris
Second in Command

BAND COMPANY

Members

First Sergeant William Loessberg
Staff Sergeant Sidney Glover
Sergeant Harry Stuth

Corporals:

Robert Bluntzer
Ernest Glover
Harry Plomarity
Thomas McArdle

Privates First Class:

Walter Franks
Russell McCaleb
William Richardson
Louis Doerr

Privates:

Clifford Zarsky
Robert Klepac
John Seccina

Director: Reverend Alfred Hoening, O. S. B.

As an organization, the band is a military unit. Its chief work during the past year has been participation in the weekly reviews and retreats. However, as occasion demanded, the band did appear in non-military functions, attesting to its varied repertoire.

The first of such opportunities came in the early fall when a request was made and accepted for the organization to head a parade put on by a local rodeo group. This was coupled with a concert at Spudder Park, Corpus Christi, the site of the rodeo. Another of the big days was the occasion of the dedication of St. Benedict's Hall, January 17, when a full-dress concert was given for the benefit of the visiting high dignitaries and friends.

But the high spot of the year was March 3, when the band gave a concert over the local Blue Network station, KRIS. This was the first of such appearances in many years.

Worthy of record in connection with the band is the junior band, consisting of a large number of young musicians who have been working all year under Father Alfred, and who will be mustered in during the coming year. And since very few members will be lost by graduation, the prediction is that 1945-46 will see the largest and the most active band in the history of the school. In addition, this will insure an increased interest in music as time goes on. Father Alfred is to be very highly commended for his persistent work and his vision in being able finally to see the fulfilment of a long dream, namely, that of a large band, and one that is progressing in ability from year to year.

Another noteworthy fact about the band this year is that the organization, as a result of its consistent work, has merited the largest number of ratings of any contingent in the Corps.

As a school organization, the band has as its president, John Ferris; its vice-president is John Golla; and Walter Franks functions as the secretary-treasurer.

The personnel is as follows:

Cornets: Sidney Glover, Harry Stuth, Ernest Glover, Thomas McArdle, Vicente Cadena.

Clarinets: John A. Ferris, William Loessberg, Robert Bluntzer, Louis Doerr.

Saxophone: Clifford Zarsky.

Altos: Walter Franks, Daniel Boone.

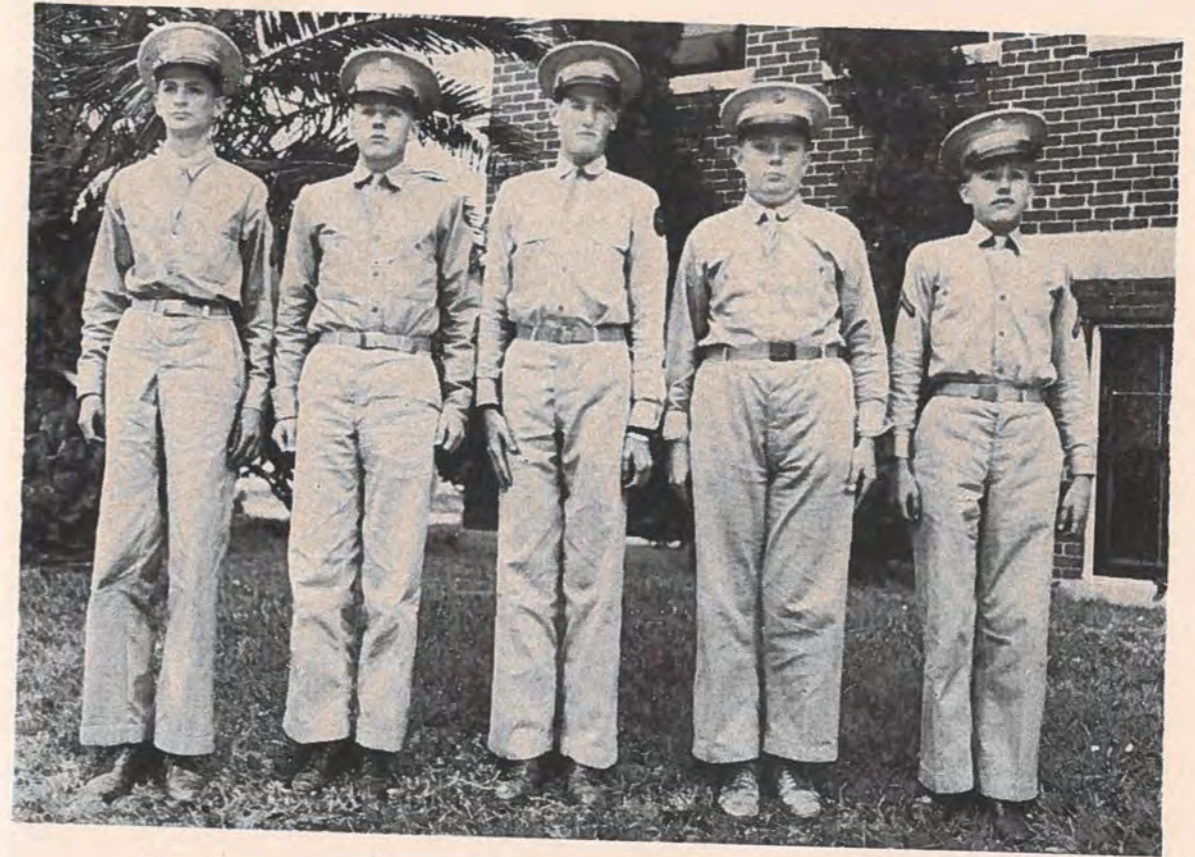
Baritone: John Golla.

Glockenspiel: Harry Plomarity.

Drum: William Richardson

Bass: David Baimbridge.

Drum Major: Russell McCaleb.



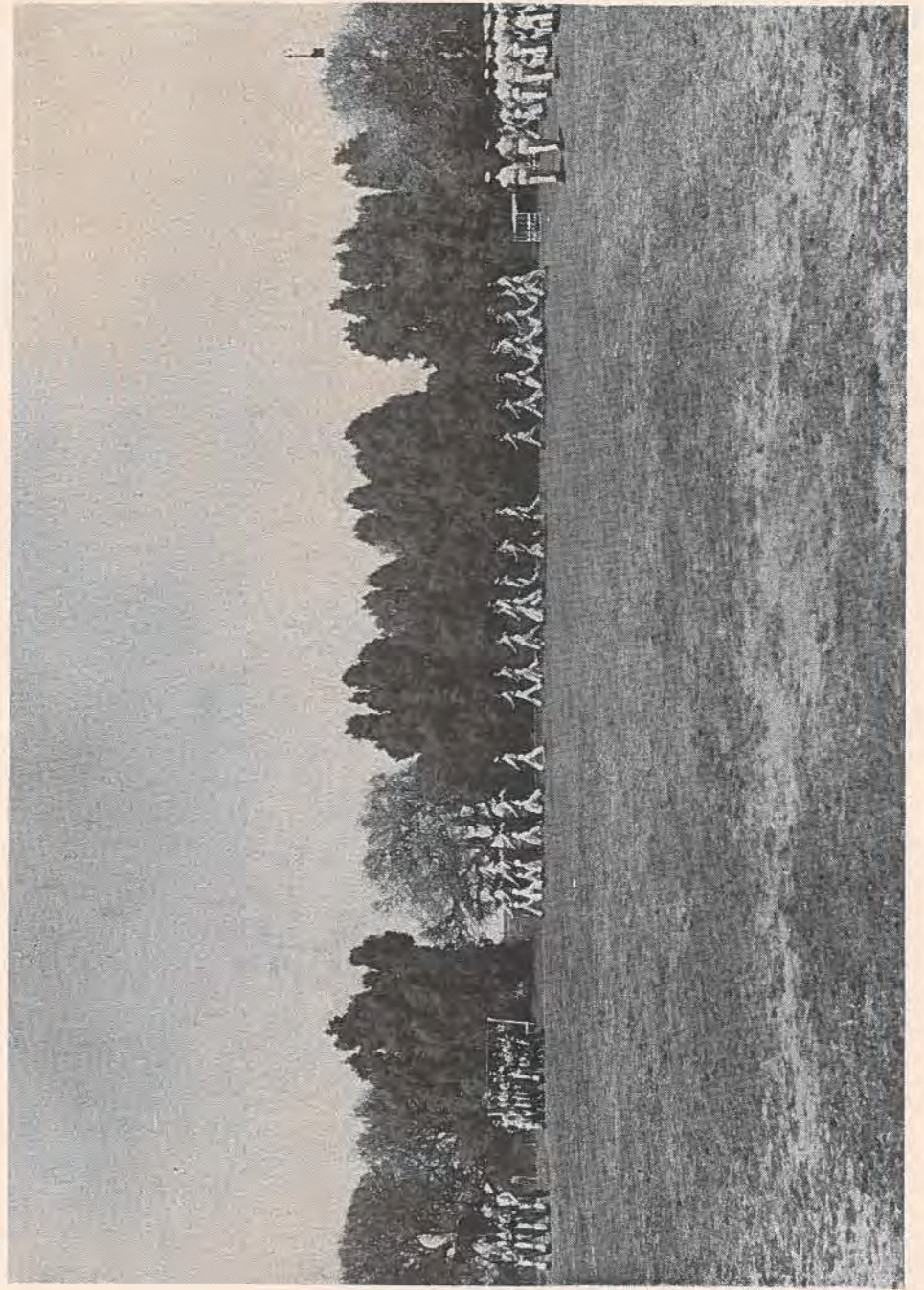
Supply

William Hamm, Jimmy Wood, William Radeker
Jerry Peake, Ivan DeVine

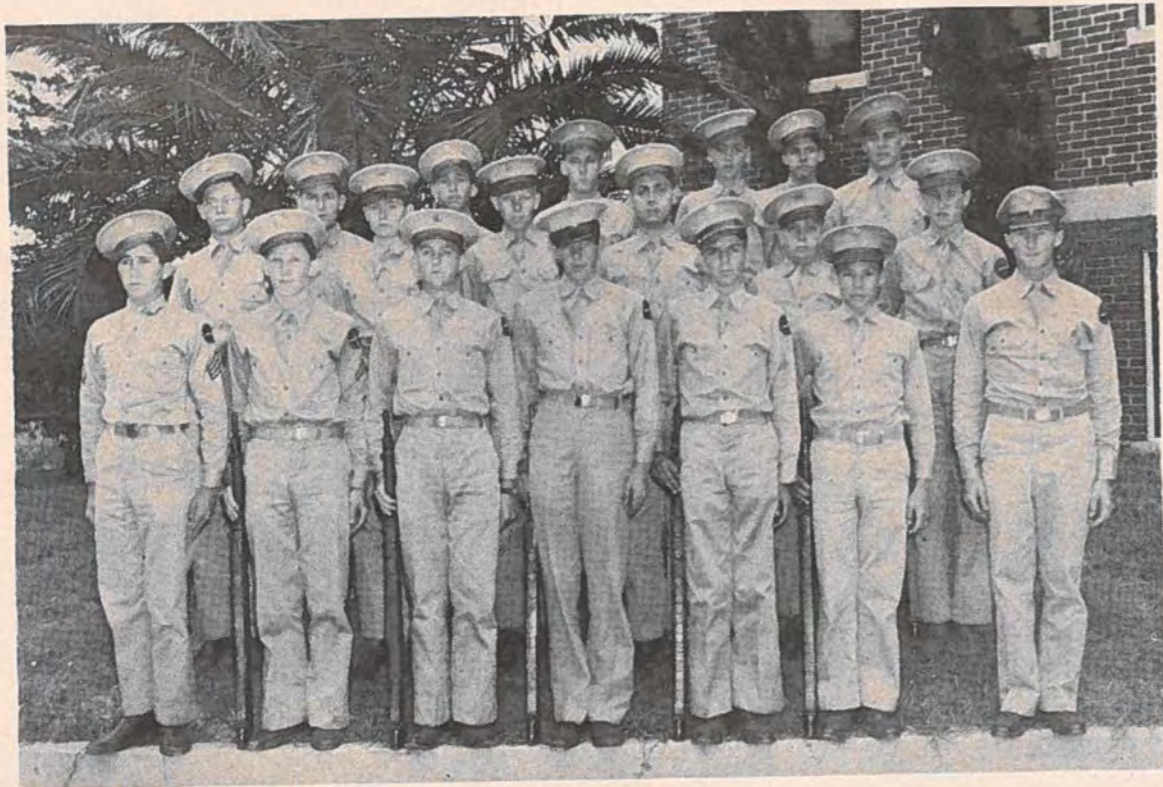
(Not shown on picture: Melvin Nicholson, Billy Leggett,
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The Corps at Attention



The Corps on Parade



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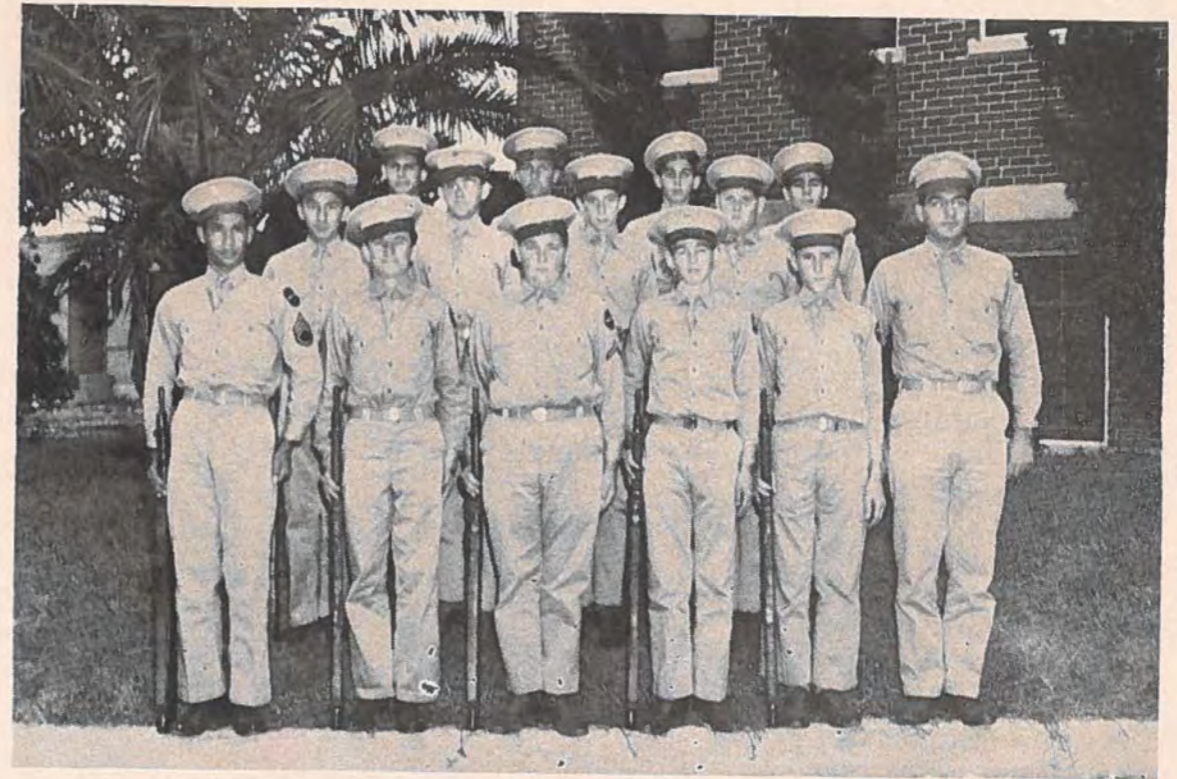
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 Floyd Bailey
 Louis Dodson
 Albert Baur
 Jimmy Dittlinger

Cadets Paul Haney
 Robert Watzlavick
 Gene Rogers
 Theodore Hainer
 Gene Fulton
 John Luby
 Ernest Wendland
 Edward Stewart



Company A, Platoon 2

2nd Lt. William Ganem

Sergeant Celso Moreno

Corporal Claude McCarty
 Corporal Fred Garcia

Corporal Ralph Solitto
 Corporal Gilbert Schanen

Pfc. Pat McDonough

Pfc. August Uehlinger

Cadets John Derieg
 John Loessberg
 Theodore Coffey
 Merritt Singer
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Company A, Platoon 3

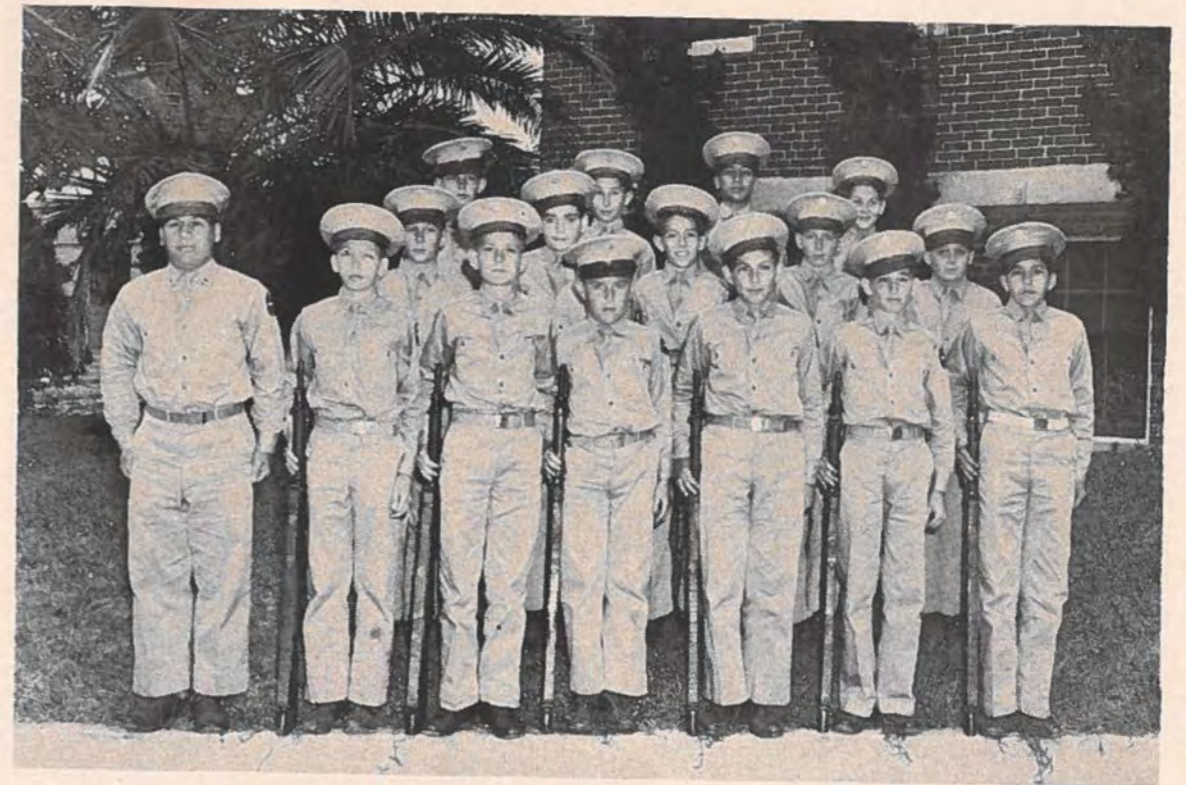
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 Roy Netek

Cadets Glen Floyd
 Ernest Wendland
 Anton Polasek
 Joe Mondragon
 Ruben Garcia
 Francis Beck
 John Carew



Company A, Platoon 4

2nd Lt. Alfonso Gomez

Corporal John Wright

Pfc. Steven McFarland

Cadets Albert Warburton
 Marvin Young
 John Scecina
 Frank Soliz
 Robert Jones
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Company B, Platoon 1

2nd Lt. Albert Nelson

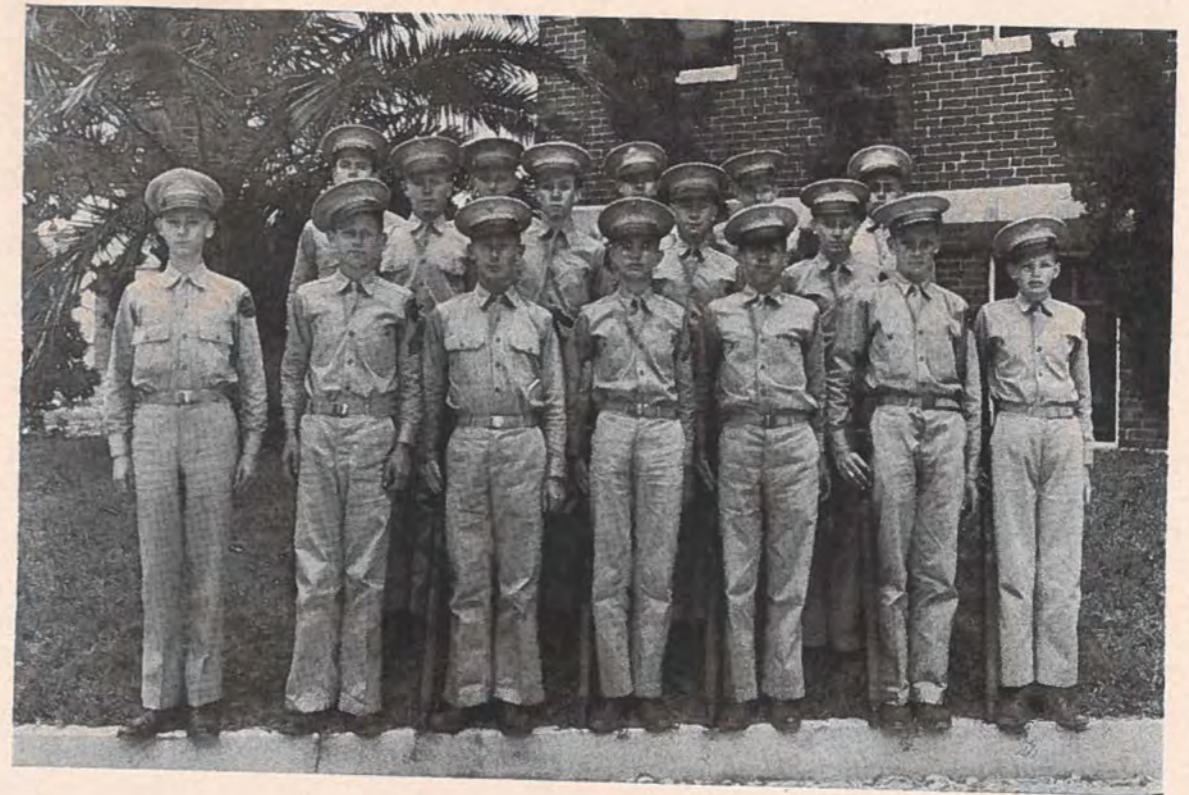
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 Loyd Wendell
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 Edward Schwirtlich
 Adolph Kaler
 James Thompson
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Company B, Platoon 2

2nd Lt. Thomas Ford

Sgt. Charles Hayek

Corporal Jerry McCarthy

Corporal Dan Kubala

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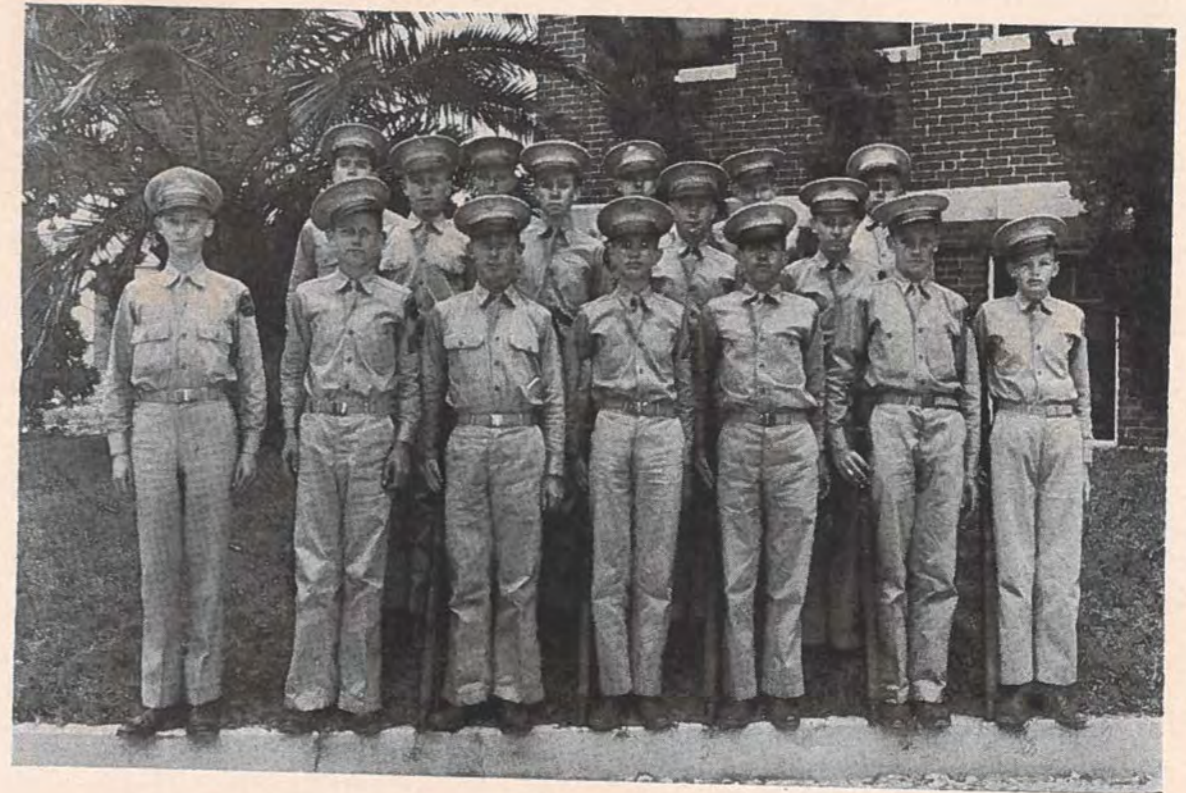
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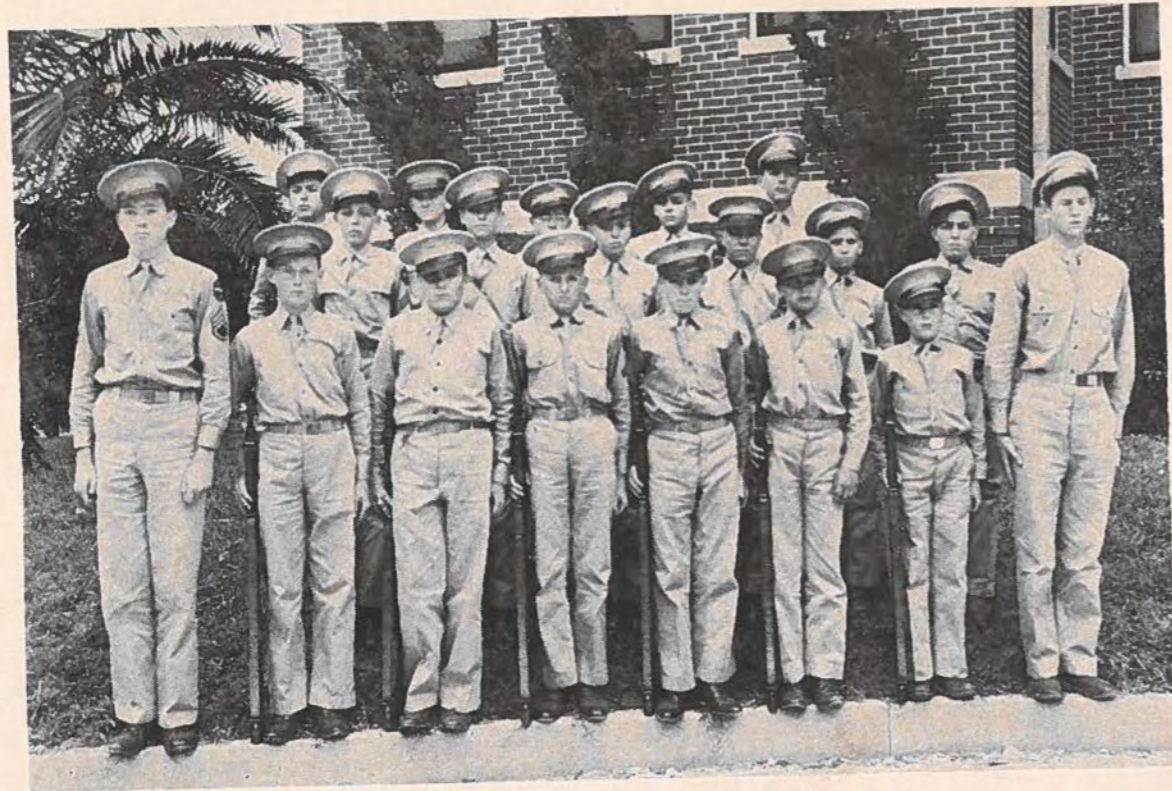
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Company B, Platoon 3

2nd Lt. Walton McCarthy
S/Sgt. Charles McCauley

Corporal Lawrence Lippincott

Pfc. Ricardo Perez

Pfc. Mac Armstrong

Pfc. Rudolph Kocurek

Cadets John Thompson
Robert Polansky
Jack George
Ernest Wood
Robert Dean
Jos. Curlott
Joe Anderson
Raymond Friday

Cadets Harold Greenleaf
Jos. Bluntzer
Walter Taber
Herbert Janecek
Terry Brady
John Currans
Bernard Currans
James Gaulding

Residents of
St. Benedict's Hall



Father Harold, O. S. B., Rector of St. Benedict's Hall

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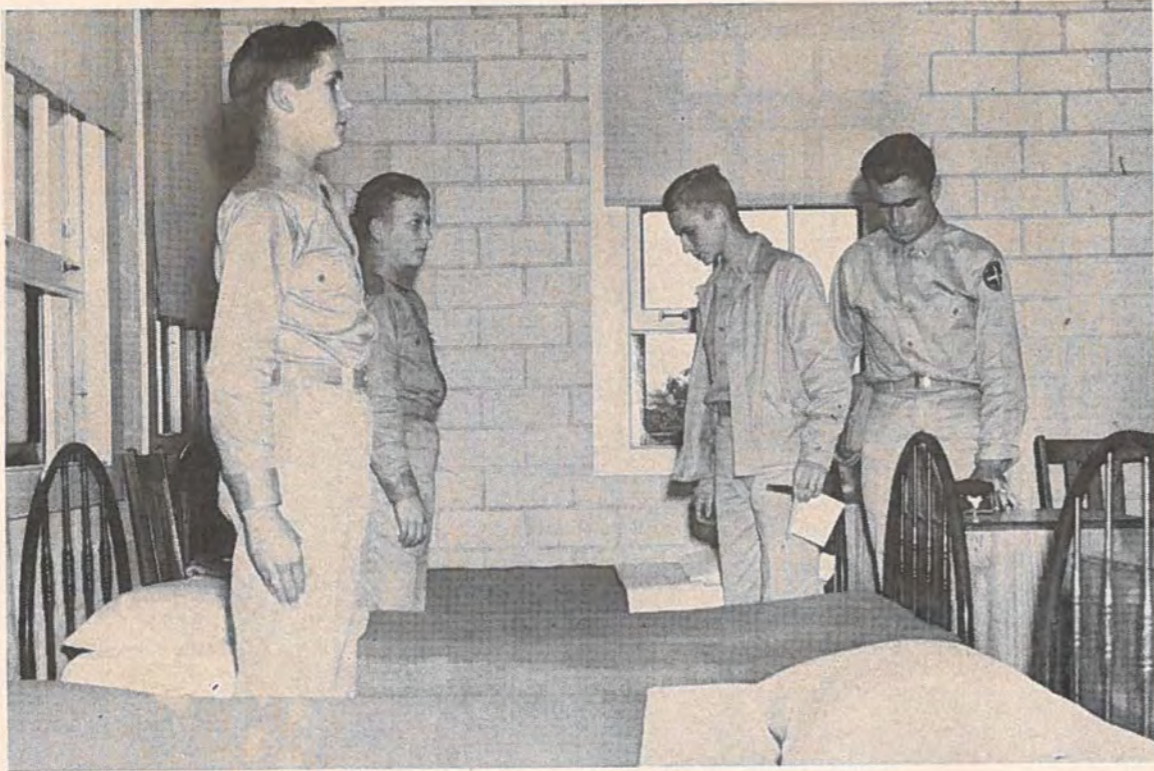


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The Dormitory submits to an inspection

Boarding students are under military discipline, even though the school is not a full military school. Beds and quarters are serviced by the students themselves, under the supervision of an officer of the day. Uniforms are worn on only one day a week.



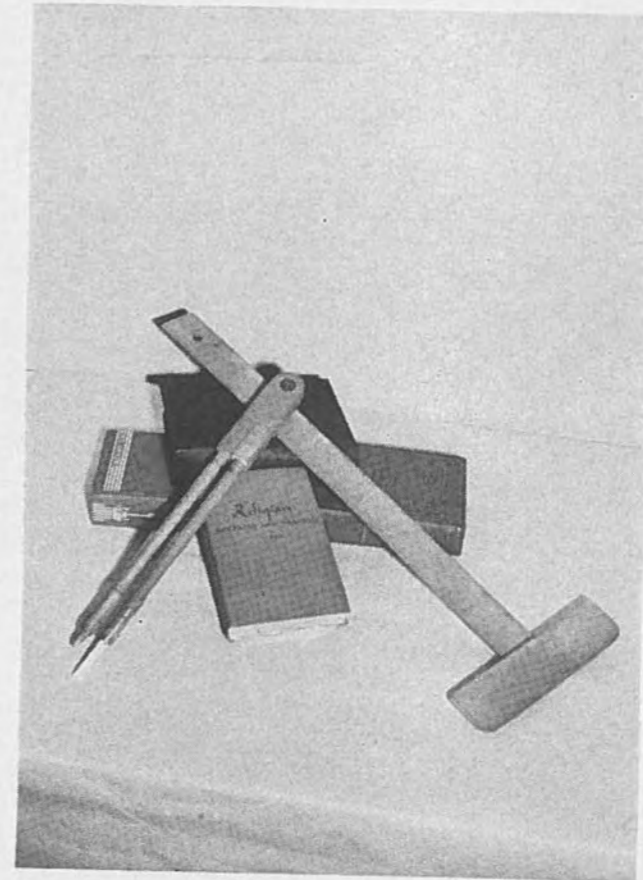
At full ease in the dormitory

While the dormitory quarters are not open generally during the day, at stated periods they are accessible to boarding students for light relaxation. This is particular true of the week-ends, when but a few of the boarding students remain on the campus.



A private room in St. Benedict's Hall

One wing of the dormitory contains all the private rooms, each of which has accommodations for two students. Older students and those who are younger and have been attendance at the school for some time are given first choice of these rooms.



Class and Campus Life

Campus and Class Life



Father Alfred, O. S. B.
Student Counsellor

In line with the best educational policies today, the school is setting up a counselling program, patterned after the best Catholic thought that seeks to make religious motivation the core of the work. Father Alfred has made a good start for the school. In conjunction with this work, the school, under Father Alfred and Father Vincent, has initiated specific plans for vocations to the religious life, either as priests,—secular or regular—or the various brotherhoods. A more comprehensive program in this direction is planned for the coming year.



In silent prayer . . .

The chapel at the school is the rendezvous of prayerful young men with their God. St. Joseph's Chapel this year was a particularly favorite place where students offered prayers for the welfare of their country; where brothers begged for protection of fathers, brothers, relatives and friends in the armed services. Due to the unusually large enrolment this year, room in the chapel was at a premium, and was totally inadequate to meet the needs of the student body. At the present rate of increased numbers, a new chapel would seem to be positively imperative.



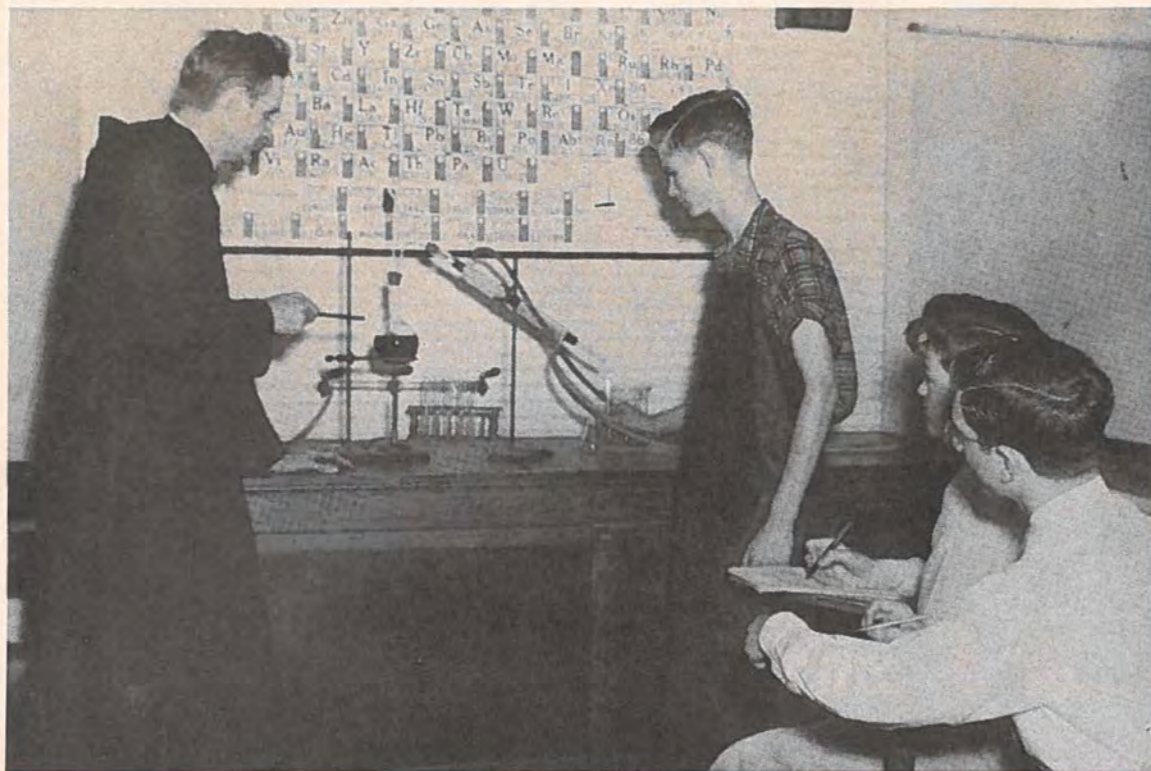
Tenth Grade Sodality presenting war bond to the school

Since patriotism belongs under the virtue of piety, the Tenth Grade Sodality, under the moderatorship of Father Augustine, O. S. B., decided to express its patriotism—and incidentally the virtue of piety—in a popular form, with the purchase of a war bond. It is here being given to Father Joseph, O. S. B., with the request that it be made a part of the scholarship fund of the school.



A student librarian gives a helping hand

The College-Academy library contains over three thousand volumes. It is each year enriched by the best in the new and the most long-lived of the old authors. Melvin Nicholson, a late arrival at the school, easily heads the list of student librarians for his enthusiasm and his care of precious literary treasures. Assisting him during the year was Russell McCaleb.



Scientific experimentation in Chemistry

The sciences have received a special impulse with the advent of numerous industries in Corpus Christi and South Texas. Its importance in the school curriculum is best expressed by the fact that the school has plans completed for a large science building with the most modern and most complete equipment.



A class that made ancient history vital

With history being made all over the world and transmitted often from the scene itself, this queen of the social sciences is diligently admired, so to speak, at the school. Father Joseph, instructor in ancient history, gave a course that was pulsatingly alive. As a result, the 1944-45 ancient history class was the largest of all high school history classes ever held at the school.



An early afternoon study period



A busy moment in the reading room with faculty help



A glimpse into the beauties of the liturgy

Following the trend today, the school is more and more centering its attention on the liturgy. Dialog Masses are the ordinary occurrence, thus emphasizing the corporateness of Catholic worship. The senior class, under Father Albert, O. S. B., built practically an entire year's religion course around the liturgy. Picture above shows an explanation of the appurtenances of the altar.



Broadcasting Spanish-American relations

Spanish has always been the most popular of the foreign languages taught at the school. The present picture symbolizes the nearness of the Americas to each other as result of radio communication.



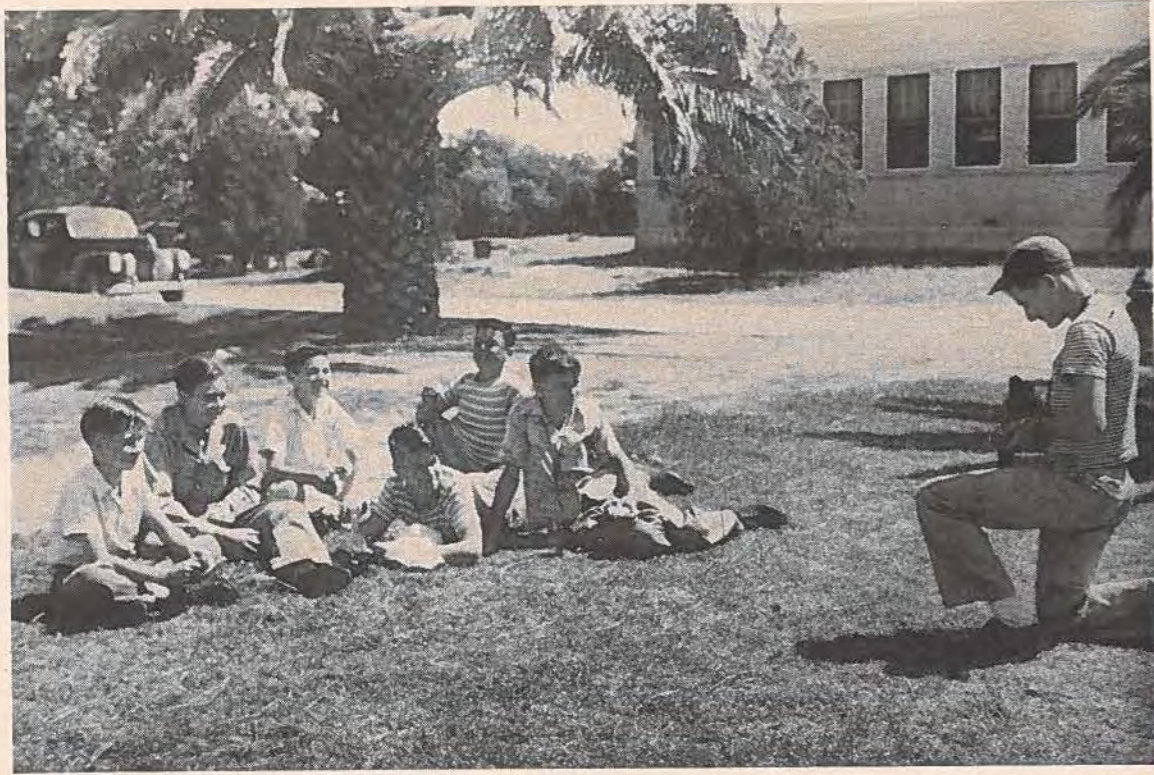
La Paloma staff at work

Due to the constantly increasing student enrolment, the yearbook has developed into a project of year-around activity. The various activities that accompany the publication of the book has succeeded in enlisting the whole support of the entire student group, and thus becomes a school project rather than one exclusively restricted to the senior class, although most of the technical work is done by the latter.



Rolling out to the bus after school

Another evidence of the school's growth is the full use of the school's existing transportation system. The two school busses are packed to the gills, so to say, for the morning and evening runs, with the result that further facilities must be enlisted in the near future.



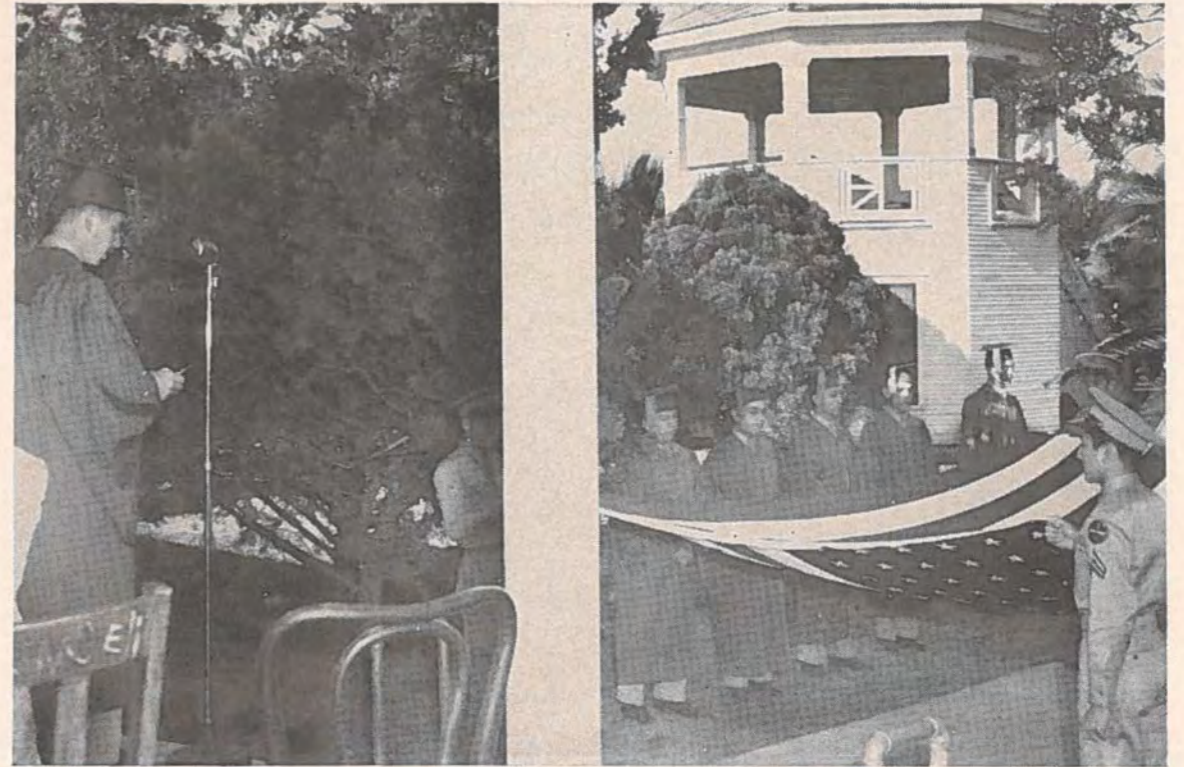
An amateur photographer during a recess period



A friendly session during the noon recess



Kneeling in prayer during a field Mass



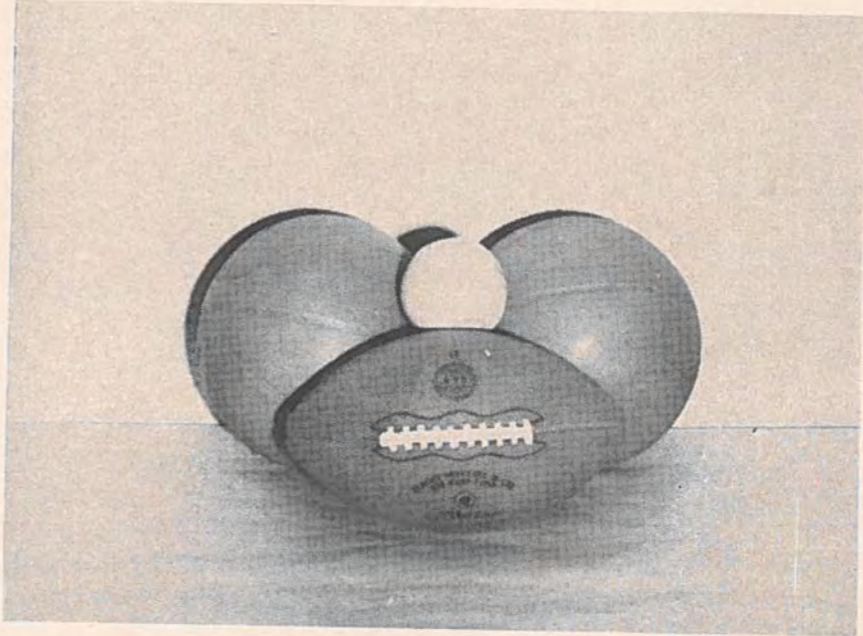
Pat Cass Presenting the Flag

The traditional day for the seniors is the one known as Cap and Gown Day, held annually on St. Benedict's Day. This year was no exception. The day opened with an academic procession of seniors. Pat Cass, especially chosen by the seniors to deliver the address, presented the flag, which was accepted and blessed by Father Joseph. A field Mass followed with Chaplain Hamann of the Naval Air Technical Training Center of Corpus Christi delivering what has been acclaimed one of the best sermons on St. Benedict's Day ever heard at the school. Bishop Ledvina and numerous members of the secular and regular clergy were present. A dinner was served at noon to the visiting clergy.



Ever since the beginning of our entry into the war, aeronautics has been immensely popular on the campus. This induced the school to offer a course in pre-flight aeronautics; this was the impulse that resulted in the formation of the Air Squadron, Boy Scouts of America, the first of its kind in the Gulf Coast area; this prompted the school to procure an O-52 airplane from the U. S. Army. Further efforts in procuring equipment is in progress at the present time with the request of the school for more equipment from the armed services, which, if received in time, will be assembled into mock-ups for future use in both aeronautics and physics.





SPORTS

Football

Basketball

Softball



The Reverend Alcuin Kubis, O. S. B.
Coach and Director of Athletics



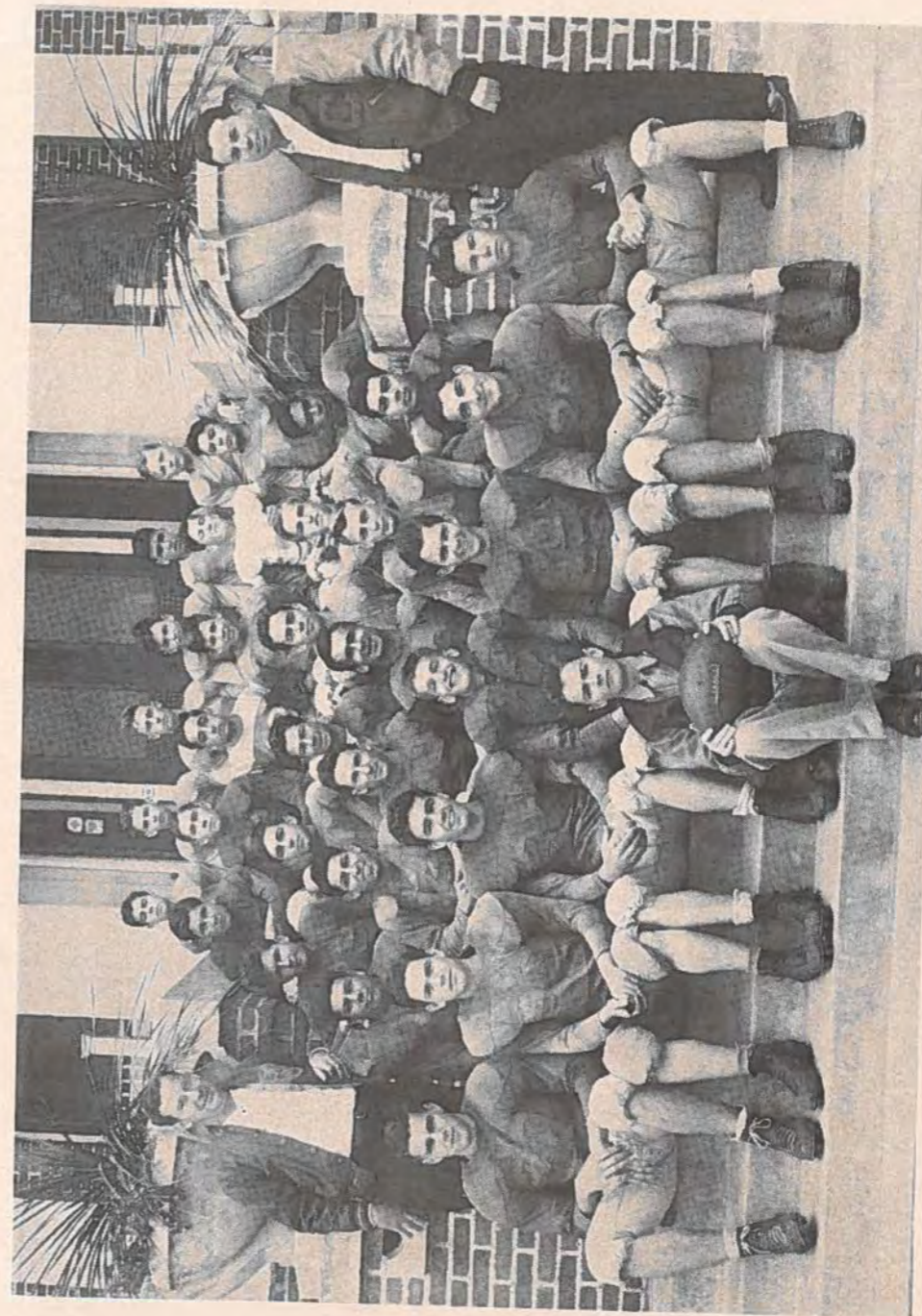
The Reverend Harold Heiman, O. S. B.
Ass't. Coach and Ass't. Director
of Athletics

A GENERAL REVIEW

The 1944-45 athletic year will tell of worthwhile work and good achievement. Its record speaks for itself. It saw the determined development of a balanced program, which included year-around activities; it saw the widening of interest in sports at the school, not only within the school but also outside of the school; it saw definite signs of inaugurating a planned intra-mural program. The latter phase is probably the most important, for it moved in the direction by which all students were given an equal opportunity to participate actively in those sports which hitherto had been the privilege of the interscholastic teams to a great degree. Not that intra-murals had been neglected, but the progress made this year indicated a swing toward an interest of the school in every student.

In the task of interesting the public for Cavalier sports a big step was taken by the organization of the College-Academy Boosters Club. This organization, while not exclusively formed for athletics but for activities at the school in general, has stimulated much encouragement and has helped to solve financial problems that have arisen as a result of a widening of the athletic program necessitating a large amount of equipment.

For all of this the coaches, Father Alcuin Kubis, O. S. B. and Father Harold Heiman, O. S. B., deserve a good round of applause. They both have gone a long way toward achieving what the school eventually



1944 Football Squad



1944 Football Lettermen



John Golla
Football Captain

intends to do, that of developing not only creditable representation in athletics by the interscholastic teams, but, and this is more important, of laying the groundwork for a long-range program by under-class instruction. The result of this is not hard to see. As the fruits of this work begin to ripen, strong teams will come naturally, the worries of developing a schedule that will be neither too strong nor too weak shall be over. Furthermore, this plan, as has already been demonstrated, will contribute much toward campus morale by providing opportunities for all in a spirit of democracy and interesting play.

FOOTBALL

With eight lettermen of the previous year back in school at the opening of the year, the coaches set to work early in September. While this group formed a strong and healthy nucleus, still there were important places to be filled with inexperienced material. The schedule called for some strong competition, and the early season priming had to be intense to meet it. A sizeable squad reported for duty, and out of this the coaches were successful in molding a working group that gave a good account of itself during the season. When the percentages of the year were calculated, there was little doubt that the thirty who composed the squad had given a good account of themselves.

Squad Members:

John Golla (c), Nicolas Ortiz, William Ganem, Frank Gamez, Alfonso Gomez, Ramon Orta, Clifford Zarsky, Larry Sullivan, Francis Phillipp, John Ferris, Harry Stuth, Joseph Orsak, Gene Rogers, Robert Watzlavick, Dan Kubala, Celso Moreno, Robert Garza, Edward Curran, Peter Golla, August Uehlinger, Jason Luby, John Luby, Arthur Gomez, Henry Adams, Paul Haney, Ernest Wendland, Floyd Bailey, Billy Radeker, Marvin Watzlavick, William Richardson, Bobby Bluntzer, manager.

LAREDO TIGERS

The team journeyed to Laredo to open the football season there and for the Cavaliers on September 15. It was a rather stiff assignment for an opener, for it was an engagement with a Class AA aggregation. But the locals turned over the dope cart completely by defeating the more experienced Tigers 13-7. John Golla and Nic Ortiz scored the counters for the locals in the first and second quarters while Laredo made its only tally in the fading moments of the fourth when a Laredo Ortiz crossed the goal from the six-yard line. The actual victory was in many respects overshadowed by the encouragement it gave the team for the succeeding games. The Cavaliers had been the under-dogs before the game, but their technique demonstrated that they could win under pressure. And so, it was a good game tucked away in the win column, and the experience was to serve well in the sequel.

TAFT GREYHOUNDS

But the high spirits following the first game were short-lived when the Cavaliers dropped their second game of the season to the Taft Greyhounds at Taft in a hard-fought encounter. The game commenced so to say auspiciously when Nick Ortiz, Cavalier blocking back, returned the kick-off 70 yards for a touchdown. But Taft buckled down



Ortiz

Ganem

and fought back without hesitation, winding up the fray by making the Cavaliers accept the short end of a 14-6 score. The first Greyhound encounter was the result of a long pass from Parrish to Barrow to the 17-yard line. Smith carried the ball over on the next play. And it was Parrish again for the second counter, both tries for point being good. The game was a gruelling affair, with the statistics, except for the score, in favor of the Cavaliers. The intensity of the game may be gleaned from the fact that the locals gave up but one first down to their opponents, while Taft yielded four to the team from Corpus Christi. The ground gaining strategy netted the Cavaliers 157 yards and the Taft team 72. It was a good game, however, despite the score.

BENAVIDES EAGLES

Playing before a home town crowd for the first time in two years, the Cavaliers dropped their second in a row, 20-0, in their effort to stop the smashing ground game of the Benavides Eagles. The visitors scored their first after a punting duel in the first quarter which closed with the Eagles on the Cavalier 41-yard line. And then without much ado they proceeded to move down to the five from which Lerma carried over for the first score. Thereafter, it was Canales for the second counter in the second quarter, followed by a third in the last canto with Mauro Lerma again. The smashing ground game of the Eagles, coupled with experience and weight, proved too effective for the



Gomez (Alf)

Gamez

Cavaliers. The locals played a plucky game and did on a number of occasions thrill with fine spurts of power and good running, but the Eagles were not to be denied. Outstanding for the Cavaliers were Nic Ortiz for his bang-up defensive game, John Golla for his good running attack, and Bill Ganem and Larry Sullivan for their good work in the line.

SINTON PIRATES

It was October, Friday the 13th when the Cavaliers journeyed to Sinton to meet the Pirates in their own den. What turned out to be bad luck for the home team was good for the Cavaliers, as the latter came from behind in the last half to score three touchdowns. The Pirates had the game all their own way in the first half as they marked up eight first downs to none for the Cavaliers. This was coupled with a Pirate marker when Hall and Lightfoot teamed to carry the ball to the Cavalier five, where it again was Hall and Lightfoot on a pass to score. But in the third quarter, Father Alcuin's men rallied. The first counter saw "Poncho" Gomez carrying the ball after a 33 yard run by Golla. Golla was in on the second tally on a neat run from the 24 to the 6, going over subsequently untouched. And then the Calavier spirits received another boost when right half Frank Gamez intercepted a desperate Sinton pass on his own 45-



Gomez (Art)

Curran

Orsak

yard line and ran to the Sinton 12 before he was hauled down. Three plays later Nic Ortiz crashed over tackle for the third Cavalier touchdown. The final score: Cavaliers 18, Sinton 6. It was the beginning of the Cavalier season stride.

ST. ANTHONY YELLOWJACKETS

Scoring in the first, third, and fourth periods, the Cavaliers punched out a 20-0 victory over a heavier and older St. Anthony Yellowjacket team in San Antonio. The locals were never hard-pressed and their only difficulty was in controlling the accurate passing of Jacobs, nifty St. Anthony fullback. Nic Ortiz, always a sparkplug for the Cavaliers, started the fireworks when he raced around end for 35 yards for the first touchdown. Alfonso Gomez added the extra point. The second marker came after a 67 yard drive after which John Golla galloped through tackle for the goal. The last counter came when Cavalier linemen swarmed a Yellowjacket punter on a bad pass from center. The Cavaliers took over on the opponents' 28 and from there moved onward to score, with Alfonso Gomez cracking the line for a touchdown. Ortiz kicked the point from placement. The team as a whole stood out well; even the second team, which was commandeered in service, gave a good account of itself. Outstanding for the Cavaliers were Bill Ganem for his defensive play, while Nic Ortiz, Gomez, and Golla starred in the backfield.



Moreno

Phillipp

Luby (Jason)

MERCEDES TIGERS

The Cavaliers racked up their fourth victory of the year in their game with the Mercedes Tigers at Mercedes. The former brought home a convincing victory in a 27-0 score. The first period was a sea-saw battle up and down the sidelines, but the stalemate was broken when Nic Ortiz scored two touchdowns in the second period, after which Alfonso Gomez added a third. The third period went scoreless, but Golla broke loose in the fourth and raced 60 yards for the last Cavalier counter. Three of the conversions were good.

ARANSAS PASS PANTHERS

Paced by fleet-footed John Golla, the Cavaliers took their fifth victory of the season by whipping the Aransas Pass Panthers, a long standing foe in athletics, by the over-powering score of 48-18. Golla counted in the first quarter by a 96-yard gallop; again in the fourth on a 71-yard spring. He also threw two touchdown passes, both to Ortiz, one a fifty yard heave. Other Cavalier scorers were Gomez, on a 35-yard reverse in the first stanza, and in the second and last cantos on line plunges. Ortiz also came in for his share of the of-



Sullivan

Rogers

Ferris

fensive play with counters in the first and third quarters on passes from Golla. Cavalier conversions: Gomez, 3; Ortiz, 1; Golla, 2. The Panthers were able to score twice in the second quarter and once in the last.

ALICE COYOTES

An alert pack of Alice Coyotes, capitalizing on the breaks provided by blocked punts, came from behind to win a 13-7 victory over the Cavaliers, at Alice, for the last game of the season. The two teams battled on even terms through a scoreless first quarter. In the second the Cavaliers drew blood when Ortiz ran 14 yards on a wide reverse. The Coyotes came back in the third quarter, and a partially blocked punt on the Cavaliers' 31 gave them the ball. Bowers and Walker alternated in carrying to the visitors' 10, from which the former went over for the marker. Mrazek plunged through center for the extra point. And then, after threatening several times, the Coyotes finished off the game when Mrazek, who backed the line on defense, blocked another punt, and Joe Monkhouse recovered on the Cavalier nine. From there came the final score. It was a good game throughout, but the alert Alice line managed to sift through at the right moment.



Stuth

Zarsky

Watzlavick (R)



The season's summary stacks up as follows:

<i>Cavaliers</i>		<i>Opponents</i>	
13		Laredo	7
6		Taft	14
0		Benavides	20
18		Sinton	6
20		St. Anthony's	0
27		Mercedes	0
48		Aransas Pass	18
6		Alice	13
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Totals	128		78

Lettermen: John Golla (captain); Nic Ortiz; William Ganem; Frank Gamez; Alfonso Gomez; Ramon Orta; Clifford Zarsky; Larry Sullivan; Francis Phillipp; John Ferris; Harry Stuth; Joseph Orsak; Gene Rogers; Robert Watzlavick; Celso Moreno; Robert Garza; Edward Curran; Jason Luby; Arthur Gomez; Bobby Bluntzer, Mgr.

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Easily the sports highlight of the year, exclusive of the games themselves, was the football banquet held in January at the Nueces Hotel. It was by far the largest athletic social event ever held for the school.

Featured on the program was the address by Lt. Commander Sam Barry of the United States Naval Air Training Station of Corpus Christi, and formerly coach at the University of Southern California. Jack Grant, a College-Academy graduate, and one of the best watch-charm back-field men ever to perform at the school, was toastmaster, and it was the first time that a member of the mythical "C" club, Cavalier lettermen of yesterday, appeared in such a prominent role. Other speakers at the dinner were Father Joseph of the school, Bob McCracken, editor of the *Caller-Times*, Tom Quigley, former coach, and Harry P. Stuth, president of the College-Academy Boosters Club. John Golla, just elected captain of the football team for the '44 season, spoke on behalf of the team. Letters were awarded, and gold footballs were given team members.



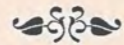
Lt. Commander Barry

Another big day was the awarding of basketball letters, on March 21. It was combined with the traditional St. Benedict's Day celebration. Officiating at this ceremony were Harry P. Stuth for the Boosters Club, Father Alcuin, basketball coach, and Father Joseph.

Guests included a number of men, prominently identified with the school's development, the Rev. Clergy of Corpus Christi, and well-wishers of the school.



Football Banquet, 1945



Boosters Club

While not exclusively organized for athletics, the Boosters Club is closely identified with sports development at the school. It came into being on the initiative of a number of men of Corpus Christi who are interested in the development of the school. Its purpose has been announced as an organization for aiding—principally in a financial way—the various student activities at the College-Academy. These include sports, the band, the Military Corps, boy scouts and air scouts activities, religious organizations, and any others that may come into being in the future. It will lend encouragement and aid wherever it can.

The meeting of organization returned the following officers for the current year: Harry P. Stuth, president; Tom Quigley, vice-president; John Armstrong, secretary and treasurer. A number of committees have been functioning, particularly for the mammoth barbecue held at the school on May 6, which drew more than 2,500 participants, and enlisted such outstanding talent for the entertainment program as the choir from Naval Air Technical Training Center of Ward Island. The College-Academy Band, under Father Alfred Hoenig, O. S. B., likewise participated, as did a contingent of the Military Corps, and the Air Squadron, under Father Augustine Linbeck, O. S. B.

Associated with the Boosters Club for the school are Father Joseph, O. S. B., and Father Alcuin, O. S. B. Further work will continue during the summer and the coming school year, and the interest of the men comprising the organization is expected without doubt to be reflected in the activities of the school.

INTRA-MURAL FOOTBALL

Making its first appearance as an organized intra-mural sport, football received the whole-hearted approval and team play of the entire student body. Although it was played only by the younger students, the attendance of the older students and regular team players proved its interest.

In order to safeguard fragile limbs, regulation equipment was used, a gift of an interested friend.

Regular squad members functioned as coaches of the individual teams, and some schooling in fundamentals was imparted.

The entire season consisted of a thirty-game schedule, played during the noon recess period. The two top teams, John Golla's and Larry Sullivan's Lions squared off with Phillip's and Stuth's Tigers, the latter winning the league championship. The champions were captained by Charles Hayek, and managed to assert their supremacy in a final game that ended 2-0.

The league rosters are as follows, together with the season standings:

TIGERS	LIONS	GREYHOUNDS	CATS	BEARS
Phillipp-Stuth coaches	Golla-Sullivan, coaches	J. Orsak-Watz- lavick, coaches	Gamez-Ganem coaches	Ortiz-Garza, coaches
Hayek (c)	Bluntzer, R. (c)	Allen (c)	Wade, H. (c)	McCarthy (c)
Ragalais	Golla, D.	Perez	George	Magsam
Fagan	Peake	Wandless	Dunn	Seccina
Doerr	Leggett	Schanen	Friday	Wade, J.
Watzlavick, M.	Dean	McFarland	Swantner	Polasek, A.
Roberson	Wright, J.	Carew	Wood	Anderson
Polansky	Floyd	Wendland	Whelan	Kaler
Polasek, E.	Kureska	Guynes	Bundick	White, W.
Hamm, T.	Valenta, E.	Ellzey	Gonzales, A.	Greenleaf
Elter	Wendell	Soliz	Baker, K.	Bailey
Schroeder	Lewis	Schlather	McCarthy, J.	Avelar
Elliott	Herrera	Valenta, B.	Klepac	Sheppard
Garnett	Hatch, R.	Lippincott	Beck	Solis, R.
White, A. J.	Sigler	Wright, James	Nash	DeVine
Young	Vrazel	Richardson	Gonzales	Garvin
Sullivan, J.	Mondragon	Garcia, M.	Curlott	Jurach
Hamm, W.	Urbanowsky, Ed.			Singer
				Kenedy

Standing				Standing				Standing				Standing				Standing			
P	W	L	T	P	W	L	T	P	W	L	T	P	W	L	T	P	W	L	T
13	8	4	1	13	7	5	1	12	6	6	0	12	4	6	2	12	3	7	2





Basketball Squad, 1945

BASKETBALL

The Squad: Nic Ortiz, (captain), Frank Gamez, William Ganem, Jimmy Veters, Alfonso Gomez, Harry Stuth, John Ferris, Edward Curran, John Golla, Walton McCarthy, Sidney Glover, Ernest Glover, Ricardo Perez, Manuel Garcia, Ruben Solis, Louis Doerr, manager.

The Season

Although the Cavalier cagers dropped eight games out of an eighteen-game schedule, they still classify the year as successful. This they ascribe to the fact that at four times during the season they returned to defeat teams which had beaten them on earlier dates.

The Cavaliers played some of the best teams in South Texas and were respected as a hard playing team wherever they went. Nicolas Ortiz, chosen captain of the team, was the high scorer with 222 points, or an average of 12.3 points per game. He was followed by Bill Ganem who looped in 151 points for an average of 8.7 per game. And



Nicolas Ortiz, Captain

the third high man was Frank Gamez, who hit for 122 points for the season, or for an average of 6.7 per game.

Working under the handicap of an inexperienced team as a result of graduation last year, Father Aleuin Kubis, O.S.B., the coach, deserves special credit for the work he accomplished this year.

But credit must also be given to the B team which furnished much of the practice opposition, gaining thereby valuable experience for the campaign in the coming year. This aggregation also filled in a schedule of its own, with the result of having won six and lost six.

The games:

Cavaliers	Opponents	Cavaliers	Opponents
48	Taft	45	YMCA
42	Flour Bluff	44	San Diego
42	Firemen	34	Flour Bluff
14	Aransas Pass	37	YMCA
32	Taft	42	Sinton
24	Aransas Pass	18	San Diego
60	Firemen	72	Taft
59	Taft	30	St. Joseph (Laredo)
16	Alice	24	St. Joseph (Laredo)
		29	28
		21	34
		21	29
		30	25
		25	38
		49	28
		32	29
		32	45
		36	25

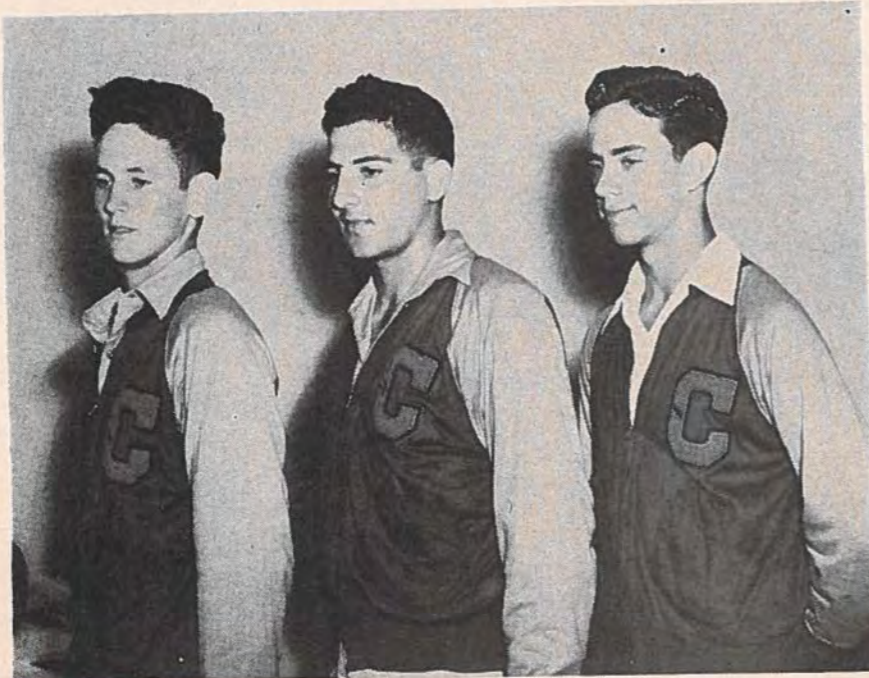
LETTERMEN: Nic Ortiz, (captain), Bill Ganem, Frank Gamez, Jimmy Veters, Harry Stuth, Edward Curran, Alfonso Gomez, John Ferris, Walton McCarthy, John Golla, Louis Doerr, manager.



Gomez

Gamez

Stuth



McCarthy

Ganem

Ferris



Curran

Veters

Golla

INTRA-MURAL BASKETBALL

Students came out in mass formation to participate in intra-mural basketball. No distinction was made between junior and senior students, except that two leagues were formed, the Junior and the Senior, the members of each approximately determined according to playing ability. And in order to stimulate play, the teams were uniformed, which, again, was an improvement over the previous year.

The Junior League went through a twenty-two game schedule, ending in a play-off between the Fords and the Dodges. The Fords, captained by Dan Kubala, came out on the long end of a 14-5 score and were acclaimed champions. The Dodges were captained by Jerry Whelan.

The Senior League, consisted of five teams. The Tigers, under the captainship of Nic Ortiz, won the championship with six wins and one loss only. There was a two-way tie for the second place between the Bears and the Lions. The Zebras took the fourth spot with two wins and three losses, which left the cellar position for the Cats.





Junior League

Fords			Dodges			Buicks			Cadillacs			Model T's			Plymouths					
Kubala (c)	Whelan (c)	Golla, P. (c)	Hatch, R. (c)	Uehlinger, (c)	McCarthy, J. (c)	Young	Mulvihill	Soliz, F.	Lewis	Richardson	Valenta	Arnold	Polasek, E.	Boone, J.	Folasek, E.	Lippincott	Anderson			
Doerr	Guynes	Dean	Dodson	Gonzales, Alf.	Thompson	Bailey	Wright, J.	Klepac	Jurach	White	Sigler	Kaler	Wade, J.	Sheppard	Golla, D.	Kocurek	White, A. J.			
Elter	Urbanowsky, E.	Armstrong	Middleton	Peake	Seecina	Valenta, B.	Elliott	Fagan	Rabalais	Singer	Dunn	(Coach, Curran)	(Coach, Golla)	(Coach, Ferris)	(Coach, S. Glover)	(Coach, Stuth)	(Coach, E. Glover)			
P	W	L	P	W	L	P	W	L	P	W	L	P	W	L	P	W	L	P	W	L
7	6	1	7	5	2	6	3	3	6	3	3	6	2	4	6	0	6	6	0	6

Senior League

Tigers			Bears			Lions			Zebras			Cats			
Ortiz (c)	Ganem (c)	Gamez (c)	McCarthy, W. (c)	Ferris (c)	Gamez (c)	Ortiz (c)	Perez	Gomez, Alf.	Vetters	Watzlavick, R.	Rogers	King	Glover, S.	Stuth	Bundick
DeVine	Kocurek	Moreno	Wade	Golla, J.	Orsak	Rodriguez	Hayek	Magsam	Hatch, G.	Glover, E.	Zarsky	Garcia	Adams	Sullivan	Glover, E.
McArdle	Radeker	Haney	Allen												



Softball Team, 1945

SOFTBALL

The Cavalier softball team got off to a late start but a good one. Up to this time, it has played three games—two of them with the American Zinc and Smelting Company, and one with the DeMolay team of the city, and won all three of them. As a unit, the team is considered better than last year's group. And while the schedule followed through thus far is only the beginning, still Father Alcuin Kubis, O. S. B., the coach, has hopes of finishing the year with full acclaim.

The squad members are as follows:

Gamez, c; Ortiz, p; Meaney, 1b; M. Garcia, 2b; Al. Gomez, ss; Francis Phillip, 3b; outfielders: J. Golla, Rogers, Felker, Zarsky, W. McCarthy, P. Garcia, Curran, R. Watzlavick, Ganem, Perez. James Arnold is manager.

Intra-Mural Softball

The close of spring football training was the sign for the beginning of intra-mural softball play. Two groups were organized, a senior and a junior league, and play was begun on April 4. The season is still too new to be able to determine the outcome, but lively play is in progress. The teams are under the general direction of Father Alcuin Kubis, O. S. B., and Father Harold Heiman, O. S. B.

The team rosters follows:

Senior League

Coyotes	Bears	Lions	Rovers
Garcia, M. (c)	Gomez, Alf. (c)	Gamez. (c)	Rogers, (c)
Nelson	Zarsky	McBride	Allen
Loessberg	Haney	Garcia, P.	Phillipp
Felker	King	Schanen	Ford
Perez	Moreno	DeVine	Golla, P.
Ferris	McArdle	Magsam	Boone, D.
Gomez	McCarthy	Hayek	Orsak
Kubala	Mondragon	Adams	Ganem
Golla	Kennedy	Vetters	Watzlavick, R.
Curran	Meaney	Uehlinger	Knesek
Wade, H.	Hamm, W.	Stuth	Bluntzer, R.
Wood	Brady	Glover, S.	Bundick
Watzlavick, M.		Sullivan	Rodriguez

Junior League

Buicks	Fords	Chevies	Dodges
Hatch, R. (c)	Elter, (c)	McCarty, (c)	Sigler, (c)
White, Wm.	Thompson, C.	Polasek, E.	Middleton
Singer	Nash	Tadlock	Janecek
Kaler	Gonzalez	Wade, J.	Avelar
Doerr	Kureska	Greenleaf	Solis, F.
Golla, D.	Calvin	Wright, James	Schroeder
Polansky	Fulton	Peake	Bluntzer, J.
Solis, R.	Emmert	Dean	Carew
Ellzey	Guynes	Kocurek	Tabor
Valenta, E.	Netek	Haas	McCarthy, J.
Polasek, A.	Boone	Baker, K.	
Bailey	Garnett	Fagan	
Hamm, T.		Thompson	

Plymouths
Whelan, (c)
Floyd
Schwirtlich
Urbanowsky, L.
Anderson
Gonzalez, A.
George
Dodson
Wendland
Dunn
Richardson

Cadillac
Sheppard, (c)
Swantner
Valenta, B.
Klepae
Mulvihill
Beck
Jurach
Young
Sullivan
Seccina
Lippincott
Wright, John

Model T's
Lewis, (c)
White, A.
Garvin
Rabalais
Friday
Urbanowsky, Ed.
Armstrong, Mac
Elliott
Schroy
Schlather
McFarland
Warburton
Watzlavick, M.

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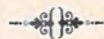
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