

*The Aurora*





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INCARNATE WORD ACADEMY



OLD ST. PATRICK'S  
CATHEDRAL



CORPUS CHRISTI CATHEDRAL



CAMPUS SNOW SCENE



### Our Convent Chapel

Soul-whispers are wafted with spirals  
Of incense circling on high,  
Pale shadows of angels here tremble  
And kneel with sweet spirit-sighs.

Our Lady, with tender secrets,  
Touches the candlelights,  
St. Joseph, fond guardian ever,  
Watches thru' stillest nights.  
St. Michael, with spear, uplifted,  
Crushes our vigilant foe,  
And over them all, the Eucharist,  
Smiles from His tent of gold.

Smiles from the Heart, Whose burning  
White Love is a challenge meek,  
Smiles from the dimpled roses  
Of the Word Incarnate's cheek.

Here is weariness bartered  
For a cup of Eternal Wine,  
Here is clamor forsaken  
For peace that echoes divine.

S. M. M.



### Foreword

Seventy-five years of service rendered by an individual represents a lifetime of good deeds in behalf of humanity. But when the same length of service is rendered by a community, the resultant good is multiplied and becomes inestimable. Seventy-five years of nobility of life on the part of the Sisters, and seventy-five years of service to mankind—such is the record of the Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament in Corpus Christi.

During that period of time hundreds of girls have entered the portals of the Convent to stay and to become part thereof. Many other individuals, numbered by the thousands, have sojourned in its sacred halls, to emerge better women because of the benign influence of the Sisters. This influence is stamped on their characters and represents the best and final tribute to the good achieved by the Sisters.

In the course of seventy-five years Corpus Christi has developed from a small bayside town into a strategic port metropolis. The Incarnate Word Convent has kept pace with the material and cultural development of the city of Corpus Christi. In addition, she supplied a spiritual influence that has put a soul into the civic body. Rays emanate from her to diffuse light and warmth to all who come in contact with her. She stands today as a large, bright diamond surrounded by lesser brilliants whose beauty is enhanced by their proximity to the mother diamond.

With full justice we pay unqualified tribute to the Sisters of the Incarnate Word on the occasion of the diamond jubilee of their founding. We gratefully acknowledge their unselfish efforts, and their wonderful achievements in the field of education. And we praise God's mercy in having provided the Corpus Christi area with so powerful an influence for good.

F. H. G.



## DEDICATION

TO

*The Sisters of the Incarnate Word  
and Blessed Sacrament*

With congratulations on the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of their Academy, with gratitude for their untiring and unselfish efforts in carrying on the work of Christian education, with the prayerful wish that God will continue to bless their schools and convents, we, the Class of 1946, lovingly and reverently dedicate this issue of *The Aurora*.



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BISHOP OF CORPUS CHRISTI



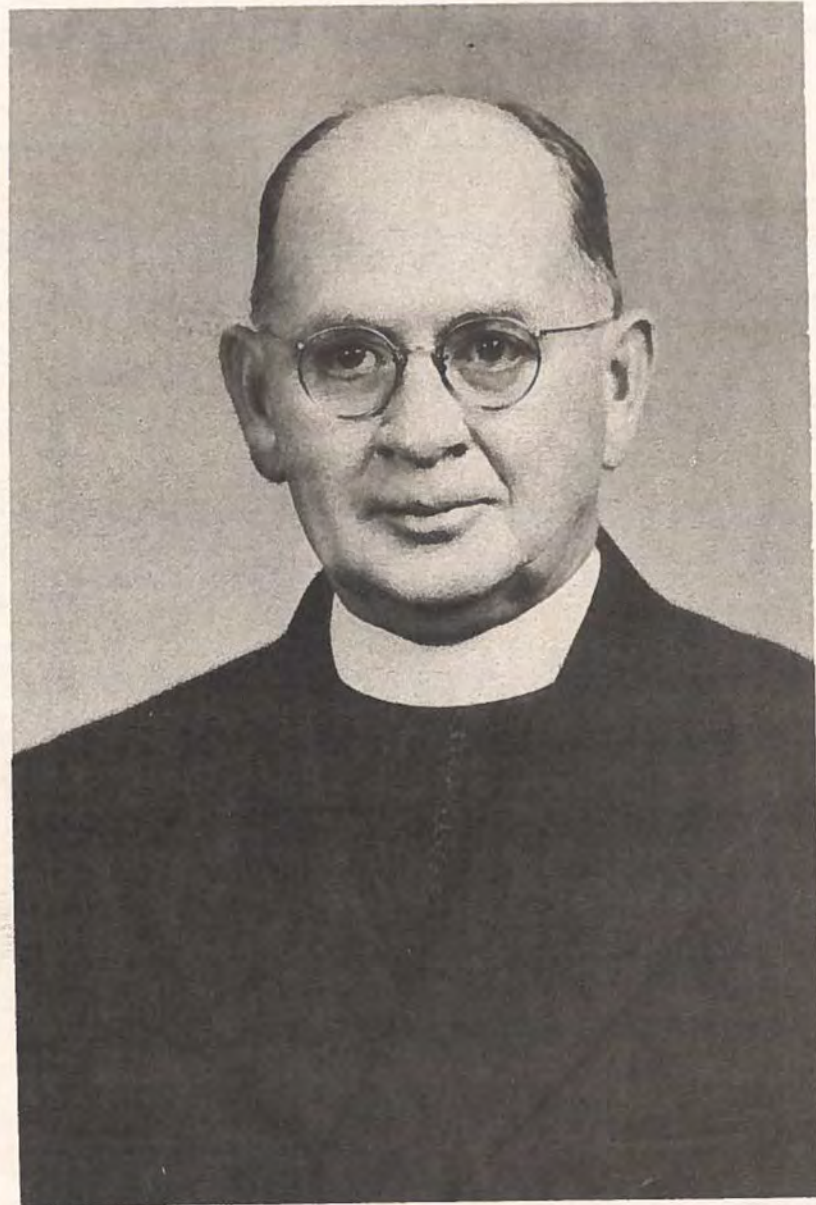
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CHAPLAIN



Rev. J. H. Kelly

DIOCESAN SUPERINTENDENT

### To Our Pioneer Sisters

Your memory was etched in a silver mist,  
 It was spun in the purest gold,  
 It is studded with diamond blessings  
 That are ours to clasp and hold.  
 The silver of Faith and the gold of Love,  
 And the diamonds of Hope are bright.  
 Your spirit inspires through the longest day,  
 And sustains in the darkest night.  
 Yours was the task of the pioneer,  
 In danger and hardship and trial.  
 Yours was the sacrifice truly sublime,  
 Made with a brave, sweet smile.  
 Long were the years that you labored,  
 Countless the prayers and the dreams  
 That were woven in shadows of crosses  
 Now radiant with heavenly gleams.  
 We marvel the courageous endeavors,  
 The heroic strength to endure,  
 And pray that our simpler efforts may be  
 As perseveringly sure.  
 That one day in God's great Eternity,  
 When our life here on earth is done,  
 We may find our place there among you,  
 The reward we have sought for and won.

S. M. G.

### Diamond Jubilee Thoughts

Here breaks immortal sound, the rise and fall  
 Of footsteps on eternal shores.  
 From near and far the call of trumpets ring, and all  
 The sainted sister-spirits fold their hands and smile  
 Their benediction down where we  
 Are gathered to proclaim our Diamond Jubilee.  
 What tales of Christ-sold poverty might flame  
 Across the portals of these pioneer years  
 And burn in crimson letters when the Name  
 Incarnate Word, with three-placed Vows had seared  
 With zeal and love the radiant hearts of these.  
 Who counted, save He, the mountains of holy daring, scaled  
 To the tips of uncertainty  
 To plan and build His vineyard with boulders of Infinity.  
 Who counted, save He, the souls in His mystic cradle, gathered  
 And sheltered and nourished on the wealths of Eternity.  
 We ponder the holocausts made, the silent surrenders, the tears;  
 The tremulous watches and waitings; their dusks and their dawns and their  
 fears.  
 Prayer-filled, we kneel, with their courage stamping our day with sweet joy,  
 And ask that the Master's new harvests will gather to fullness  
 For garner with little of chaff and alloy.

S. M. M.

## In Memory of Reverend Mother Michel

Back to your Alma Mater you came,  
Pledging your young life to the Incarnate Word,  
Whom you had early learned to love  
As, breathless in adoration,  
His pleading voice you heard.

Wealth you exchanged for Poverty,  
Love of friends, for love of Christ;  
Chastity, you felt, was worth the barter  
To keep with Him a purer tryst.

Obedience, the queen of virtues,  
You vowed that day with generous heart,  
As trusting in your great Exemplar,  
The love of self-will you resolved to thwart.

Fifty golden years of service you gave,  
Nor ever wavered from your goal,  
Even when crosses weighed upon you  
Bravely still you played your role.

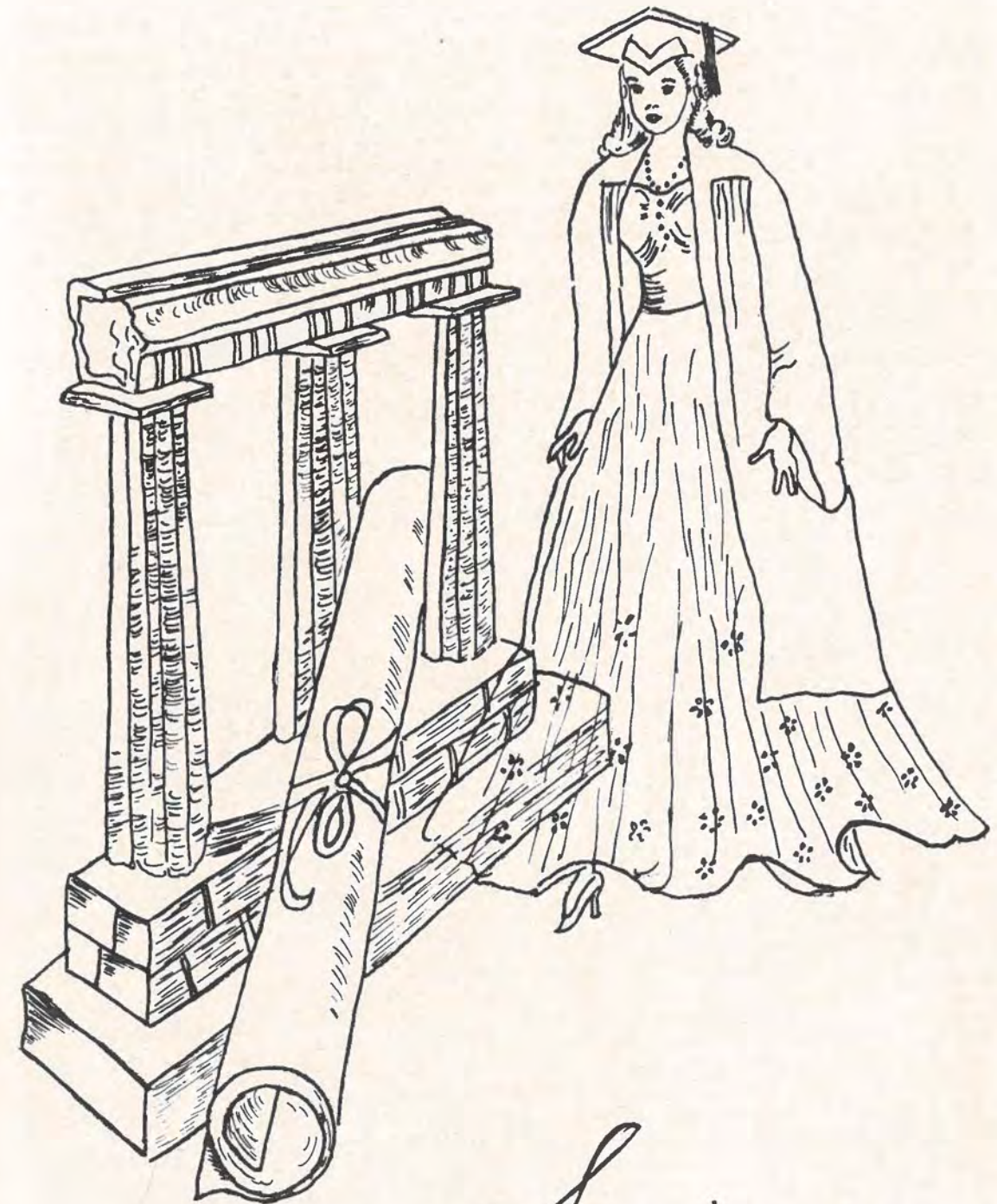
We who knew and loved you, Mother,  
Recall the gracious things you'd say,  
Your kindly smile still lights our pathway  
And bids us go your gentle way.

S. M. P.

I did not know the sweet, frail child who all too quickly grew  
Into the lovely, fair young girl with laughing eyes of blue.  
I did not know her heart's desire nor when His Call she heard.  
And leaving home and family, too, for our Incarnate Word  
She then became His little Bride and with her charming grace  
She spent her youthful days for Him—a brave smile on her face.  
In later years hers was the task of keeping in her care  
The small Community who chose that she should guide all there

It was my joy to know her then so well  
Sometimes her eyes, remote, looked out at me  
The while I wondered at her calm reserve—  
The wealth of poise she kept so valiantly.  
Refined and even dainty in her manners  
Her heart so sensitive and sweetly shy  
Concealed the hearts inflicted there by others  
And quietly she stifled every sigh.  
I found beneath her lively sense of humor  
That she had hid a secret through the years  
For once she said that all her plans were failures  
And in her words were echoings of tears.  
At length she took her leave, and silent suffering  
Eased from her face as slowly she withdrew  
Into the realm where angels gently brought her  
Unto her Friend divine and ever true.

S. M. G.



*Seniors*

# Class Officers



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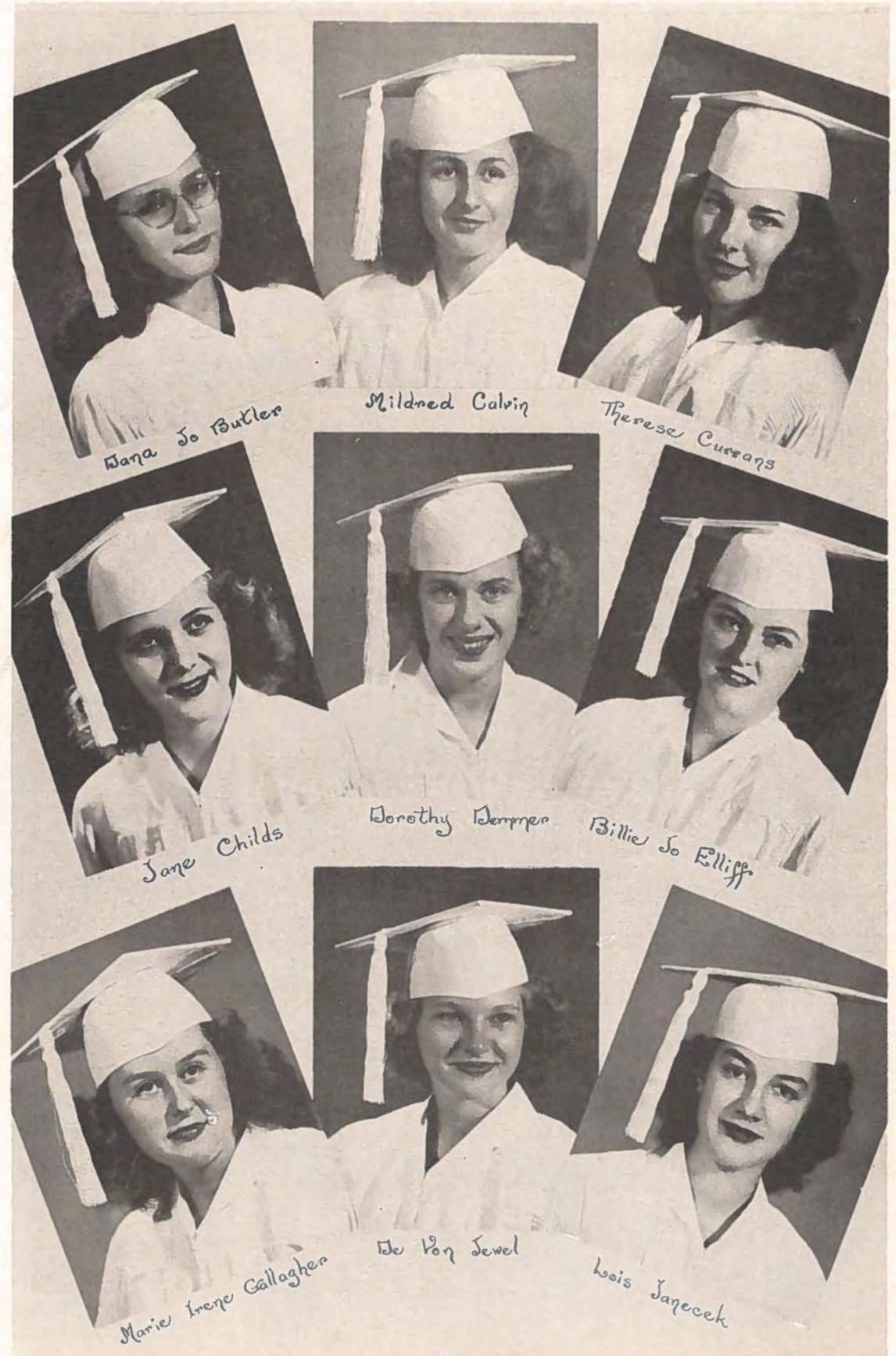
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Lois Jancek





## Seniors' Autobiography

Patience, my Friends, while we relate  
 The story of our Class;  
 For since the days that marked our birth  
 Strange things have come to pass.

We came into this vale of tears  
 Some seventeen years ago.  
 'Twas then a post-war world, too,  
 As all our readers know.

Depression stamped our infant years,  
 Then followed the New Deal.  
 An optimism soon prevailed—  
 No panic could we feel.

We toddled off to school one day  
 To learn the four great R's.  
 You're wondering what we mean by that?  
 We'll tell you truly, Sirs.

We learned to read; we learned to write.  
 And then—arithmetic.  
 Religion had its place, of course.  
 There was no hickory stick.

A few short years of quiet days  
 We spent in grammar grades.  
 The echoes of those happy years  
 Ne'er from our memory fades.

But when we entered high school,  
 Alas! the war was on!  
 To fight the cause of Freedom  
 Our loved ones all had gone.

We struggled bravely daily,  
 We prayed for those who fought,  
 And asked the God of mercy  
 To give the vict'ry sought.

Then lo, when came our Senior year,  
 The conflict all was o'er;  
 And we returned with happy hearts  
 To face our tasks once more.

Achievements great we cannot boast,  
 Nor can we pose as wise;  
 But we have sought to know the Truth,  
 For therein Wisdom lies.

And now it's the "atomic age,"  
 Our world has changed once more.  
 If you will read our prophecy,  
 You'll find out what's the score.



## Class Prophecy

Ten years had elapsed since our graduation from Incarnate Word Academy. Then, suddenly, came the urge to trace the enterprises of the members of our class and to contact as many of them as time would permit. No sooner thought than done. We approached the genial gentleman who had been our boss during those six years we had been connected with the Pan-American Airways in Venezuela and expressed our desire for a holiday. Most graciously did he accede to our request, even going so far as to inform us that our trip to the United States would be entirely at the Company's cost. He cordially wished us a "Bon voyage!" And we were off—

Back in Corpus Christi once more, we decided to take in a movie at one of the local theaters. Soon after the feature we were surprised to note that this Academy Award picture of the season was written and produced by directors Louis Joseph and Dana Jo Butler.

Then came the newsreel! We were inspired when we saw that Mildred Calvin and Anna Marie Steele had established a new religious order of nuns called the Calvinists, under the directorship of Sister Patricia of our old Alma Mater.

The next scene was Washington, D.C., where our class chums of '46, Ina Mae and Jane, are teaching pre-high school students the art of contacting the moon through the development of radar.

From Texas came news that residents of the new pre-fabricated houses built to withstand only Texas weather voice their approval. The approval comes from Connie, Billie Jo, and Dorothy of old class '46.

In New York a new dancing school is being opened by the originators of a famous dance step which is sweeping the country. We're sure Gloria and Anita would be glad to have your patronage.

From Washington came word that our friend Dot Wacker had been chosen Superintendent over the interns at the famous Walter Reed Hospital.

The President of the United States had just chosen Josephine Ontiveros as goodwill ambassador to Venezuela. The reel pictured her as she boarded the Braniff with her many secretaries and stenographers and started on her mission.

Dean Talmadge Wilson and his wife, the former Billie Louise Vick, were shown registering students in the new school for girls located in Delaware.

Two women reporters had just returned from Europe where they covered news of the day and latest happenings for Associated Press. These reporters received their early training and education for such a trip from Incarnate Word Academy in Corpus Christi, Texas. They are Shirley Mae Smith and DeVon Jewell.

Dr. Lois Jancek, chemist for E. R. Squibb & Sons, was shown with her latest discovery: a toothpaste that can be squeezed back into the tube!

Rosie Zillig, owner of the world largest dairy farm in Wisconsin, had discovered a way of avoiding another butter shortage by feeding the cows margarine. Here's hoping it works; anything to avert another shortage of butter!

Dr. M. Lee Kelly, toe and ear specialist, had returned from a tour of Africa, where she lectured to the natives on the necessity of wearing shoes and washing the ears in anticipation of a long and happy life.

In the society and fashion news of the reel, we learned that Manuelita Perez married a Nicaraguan Prince in a double ring ceremony held in that country some time ago.

Next we saw Catherine Moore at the age of 50 still trying to get through at Texas University. Good luck, Kathy! She proves that married life need not interfere with one's education.

Dr. Marie Irene Gallagher had become a second Madame Curie, by inventing a cold cream containing radar. This cream gives the complexion an atomic glow.

We noted that Billie Dove had begun teaching skiing to Swedish children in the Alps.

Having traced the lives and fortunes of our classmates thus far, Sylvia and I sat down in our hotel room to do a little serious thinking. Here we were, mostly a bunch of "career girls," with no great ideals for the future. Suddenly, it dawned on us that unless a couple of chivalrous Sir Galahads would come our way soon we should be missing something worthwhile. We resolved to work fast to solve our problem and so next day we began a novena to St. Jude, begging him to see what he could do about finding a prospective husband for each of us. The results were as sudden as they were astounding. Before we had time to complete reservations for our return trip to Venezuela, a handsome Corpus Christi fireman wooed and won Sylvia for his bride; while yours truly succumbed to the miraculous proposal of a well-to-do ranchman. And now that we are married we hope to live happily ever after.

—Therese Currans

—Sylvia Thompson

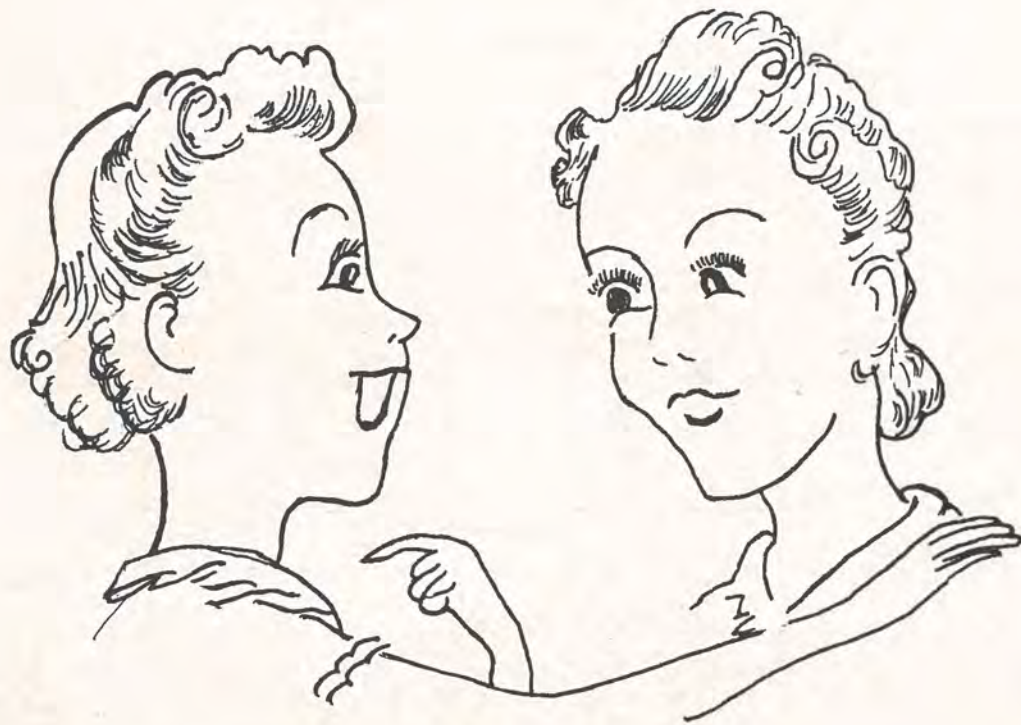
## Senior Class Will

We, the Senior Class of 1946, Incarnate Word Academy, do hereby make, publish, and declare this to be our last will and testament, thereby revoking all former wills and codicils by us at any time heretofore made.

- I, Sylvia Thompson, will my ability to laugh at corny jokes to Elizabeth Buckner.
- I, Gloria Nieman, will my ballet slippers with bobby socks to Eve Marie Richard.
- I, Anita Schultze, will my saddle oxfords to Joan Wilson, hoping she can find some shoe polish.
- I, Billie Joe Elliff, will my freckles and a jar of freckle-removing cream to Betty Lowman.
- I, Josephine Ontiveros, will my striped socks to Mary Leona Gallagher.
- I, Dorothy Demmer, will my stringy hair and bobby pins to Dolores Abood.
- I, Billie Louise Vick, will my winning ways with the boys to Grace Hatch.
- I, Dana Jo Butler, will my clippings for Journalism to Etta Ray McGuire.
- I, Billie Dove Reynolds, will my variety of lipsticks to Evelyn Conoly and Barbara Rodriguez.
- I, Therese Currans, will my ability to pass notes unseen and a wish for like success to Mary Pat Cody.
- I, Constance Vrazel, will my pug nose to Ida Mae Urbanovsky.
- I, Ina Mae Manning, will my love for building model airplanes to Patricia Franks and Anne Lewis, with the fond hope that it keeps them up in the air, too.
- I, Manuelita Perez, will my ability to wear high-heel shoes without hose, without being caught, to Agnes Kadlecek.
- I, Jane Childs, will my beautiful blonde braids, together with a bottle of peroxide, to Patricia Flusche.
- I, Marie Irene Gallagher, will my opal ring, which has been my constant companion, to Barbara Timms.
- I, Anna Marie Steele, will my numerous pictures of my "Pin Up Boys" to Mary Bargansky.
- I, Dorothy Wacker, will my sweet disposition, old chewing gum, and ability to study "French" to Betty Ann Aubrey.
- I, Shirley Mae Smith, will my undying love for Sister Patricia to Paula Sullivan.
- I, Lois Janeczek, will my Bookkeeping book and a bottle of headache tablets to Theresa Anderson.
- I, Catherine Moore, will to Lorraine Mitchell my "Butterfly" glasses. May she see better grades through them than I did!
- I, Margie Kelly, will my ability to giggle at the oddest moments to Naomi Bluntzer.
- I, Rosemary Zillig, will my ability to crack jokes to Evelyn Sablatura, hoping that people laugh at hers.
- I, DeVon Jewell, will to Joy Pendergrast my assortment of stationary.
- I, Mildred Calvin, will to Rheda Elliff my bangs. Long may they wave!



*Flying High  
Juniors*



### Evelyn Conoly Presents the Junior Class

It is lunch time at I. W. A., and as I stroll casually down the hall I keep searching for a room, a very definite room, with a corner full of maps, an American flag decorating the back wall, and the number 23 atop the door. I pause in my mission down the hall as my eyes scan the numbers above the doors. Here it is. I see it now, and I hasten to it and cautiously peep in.

Everything in the room is Junior, from the desks heavily laden, not only with books but with other pleasures that make a Junior's life well rounded out, to the always overflowing waste paper basket by the side blackboard. I step in unnoticed and perch atop Sister's desk to get a better view of the lively groups. They are all here: some eating, others laughing, and all mostly talking about boys and formals, movies and party frills. All of a sudden like an atomic bomb from out of the sky, the door slams, and in runs Dee breathlessly. She attracts everyone's attention with "Say, did you all hear the joke about . . ." Well, she begins to tell her marvelous wonder and after several interruptions she finishes with a flutter of her hands and a smack of her gum. Some of the girls laugh and some do not. Patsy Flusche and Lorraine Mitchell, after everyone has settled back to what she was doing before the explosion from Dee, look at one another, shrug their shoulders, and say together, "We don't catch, Dee." So off goes Dee again till Patsy and Lorraine say, "Oh, I see now. Why didn't you say that in the first place?" Lorraine turns back to her raisins—Patsy, to her carrot and they mutter together, "Golly, how corny!"

My attention is next attracted by a girl in a lime-green sweater and a brown skirt, wandering up and down the aisles peering in everybody's lunch. After several unsuccessful attempts she secures a cookie from Rheda Elliff, who says, "Teresa Anderson, why don't you eat your own lunch once in a while?" Terry replies with a "Holy crumb, Rheda, what do you expect me to eat during English!" Rheda, with a sigh, opens her purse and pulls out her compact. She is interrupted by Joy Pendergrast who comes up to her to tell her about the U. S. O. dance the night before. Rheda pushes her compact aside and as she is listening attentively to Joy and her discussion of Navy problems, Eve Marie Richard looks at them with disgust and says, "My cow, how do you expect me to get my geometry?" So Rheda and Joy bend their heads closer together and Eve grabs her compass and starts back to work.

My attention is next attracted by four girls in the back of the room. They are talking earnestly, and as I listen closely I hear them speaking about the—yes, you've guessed it—the C. C. C. A. Paula Sullivan heaves a sigh and says, "Guess what David gave me." Betty Lowman says, "Oh, that's nothing: guess what Jason did." So they start bragging about which of the two heroes of the College is the better. Betty Ann Aubrey, in doubt as whether to ask Junior or Harry to the Sodality Dance, turns to Evelyn Sablatura and begins describing Chuck to her. From the snatches of the conversation I guess that Evelyn has a blind date with Chuck for the dance. A voice breaks up the College-Academy discussion with, "Betty, lemme borrow your lipstick: it sure is pretty". So Betty opens her purse and takes out her treasure—a metal tube of lipstick and gently tosses it to Joan Wilson. Joan, after putting on the lipstick, fluffs her blonde hair and sails the lipstick through the air back to Betty. Then she stoops and picks up her hair combs and climbs over a dozen feet to the overflowing waste paper basket.

There is a little group around the waste paper basket. There is Gracie Hatch showing off her drawings of cartoon characters and telling Anne Lewis and Mary Barganski about the Teen Age Club. After this she turns to Anne and asks her why she has her hair rolled up. Anne then proceeds to tell her about that very special date tonight and finishes with "Boy, is he a smooth dancer!" Mary Barganski begs Anne to forget about dancing for awhile and help her with her Spanish verbs.

My eyes scan the rows and I see two girls dreaming over their books. Naomi Bluntzer is trying to persuade Mary Leona that she should read more Western books where the cowboy always gets the girl, instead of so much Latin. Mary Leona, still in a daze from her recent trip to the Naval Base, flings Naomi a "I wish I could," and again takes up her Latin book.

Across the aisle from them are two other girls deeply engrossed in conversation. Elizabeth Buckner is telling Mary Pat Cody about Flour Bluff School and its environments: and Mary Pat, in turn, is telling of all the exciting events that happened when she attended Our Lady of the Lake in San Antonio.

My eyes traverse the merry groups again and I notice Pat Franks with a comforting arm around Barbara Timms. Timmie is all in stitches over her sewing and she wails to Pat, "I'll never be able to make these old button holes." Pat, sleepily tells Timmie that she is not the only one with troubles. She doesn't have a thing to wear on that special date with that special lad in Navy blue. My eyes unconsciously leave Timmie and Pat with their daily problems and roam around the room once more to see if I have missed anyone. Ah, there is the Junior Correspondence Club, in which Etta Ray McGuire, Ida May Urbanovsky and Agnes Kadlecik are the members. Etta Ray and Ida May are so busily engrossed in their letter-writing that they don't hear Agnes ask, "Should I start this letter 'Dear Len' or 'Dearest Len'?" Receiving no answer, Agnes turns again to ponder over her question. The little club writes on until the unwelcome bell rings, summoning them to their afternoon classes.

As I rise to go, I pause in the midst of all this bustling activity and laughing voices and think that Mr. Webster must have never known our jovial, jestful juniors to define them as ones of lower standing.

—"Effie"

### Junior Misses Have Serious Moments

Twenty-two members of the Class are enrolled in the Blessed Virgin's Sodality, of whom a goodly number are catechists.

Twelve are members of the I. W. A. Choral Club, and these have worked whole-heartedly for the success of their organization.

Of the ten students from neighboring counties, who won honorable mention in the local Navy essay contest, three were Academy juniors: Mary Leona Gallagher, Rheda Elliff, and Evelyn Conoly.

Opera lovers include Betty Lowman, Teresa Anderson, Naomi Bluntzer, Patricia Franks, Rheda Elliff, Mary Pat Cody, and Elizabeth Buckner. They are still talking about the "Carmen" performance which they attended at the Municipal Auditorium in San Antonio, Sunday, February 24.



Dolores Hood



Theresa Anderson



Betty Ann Stubrey



Mary Barganski



Elizabeth Buckner



Mary Pat Cody



Evelyn Conoly



Naomi Bluntzer



Rheda Elliff



Patricia Flusche



Patricia Franks



Mary Leona Gallagher



Grace Hatch



Agnes Kadlecak



Betty Bowman



Ann Lewis



Etta Ray McGuire



Horraine Mitchell



Joy Pendegrast



Eve Marie Richard



Barbara Rodriguez



Paula Sullivan



Evelyn Sablatuna



Barbara Timms



Ida Mae Urbanovsky



Jean Wilson

## *Favorites*



Josephine Ontiveros

BEST ALL AROUND



Anita Schulze

MOST POPULAR



Patricia Wray

MOST BEAUTIFUL



### In and Around School

September 5—Incarnate Word Academy opened Wednesday, with more than capacity enrollment. Many students who wished to enroll had to be turned away because of lack of space. Classes were dismissed at noon September 5, 6, and 7.

September 8—Mary Louise Jolly and Catherine Roddy, former students of the Academy, entered the Novitiate of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament.

September 10—School work was thrown into high gear and the work of education was on.

September 11—Solemn High Mass in honor of the Holy Ghost was celebrated in Corpus Christi Cathedral by Rev. Victor Ralph, with Rev. C. J. Aubry as deacon and Rev. W. P. Disney, subdeacon. Alvin Tenoler, student for the priesthood at St. John's Seminary, was Master of Ceremonies. The staff and student body were in attendance 100 per cent.

September 16—Students enjoyed "The Song of Bernadette" at the Center Theater.

September 18—Election of Senior Class Officers.

September 24-28—Freshmen Initiation Week.

October 2—Wiener roast.

October 12—Columbus Day—a holiday.

October 18—Six Weeks' Tests.

October 23—Distribution of report cards.

October 24—Junior Class Party.

October 25—Academy students were among thousands of others who "went down to the sea in ships." They were given the opportunity to view the destroyer escort, "USS Neal A. Scott," and the submarines "Sea Leopard" and "Irex" when they docked in Corpus Christi Port. The high school girls say the officers who accompanied them on the tour of inspection were handsome as well as courteous.

October 29—High school students attended a showing of "Rhapsody in Blue" at the Center Theater.

October 29 and 30—Grammar grade Hallowe'en parties. So much fun, so much noise—such a good time as was had by all.

November 5-10—Catholic Book Week was observed at the Academy. Sister Xavier, high school librarian, and Sister James Marie, grammar grade librarian, had some delightful surprises for us in the form of new books. These, together with attractive posters, remained on display throughout the week. After that began the race to check out the new books. Those who were able to get their names on the reserve list were fortunate.

Poster prize winners were Chloe Baker, 7th grade, first prize; Dorothy Walker, 7th grade, second prize.

November 19-21—Second Six Weeks' Tests.

November 21—Academy closed for Thanksgiving holidays.

December 1—"Only 20 shopping days till Christmas!"

December 13—Incarnate Word led all other city schools in the sale of Victory Bonds, with the big total of \$22,500. Noel McArdle, 6th grade, was among twenty bond-selling

champs from Corpus Christi schools, who toured the Naval Air Station, had lunch at the cadet mess, and was further complimented by receiving an autographed copy of Rear Admiral J. J. Clark, Chief, N.A.T.B.

December 18—High school pupils enjoyed gala Christmas party in the Cathedral Auditorium.

December 19—Grammar grades were guests of Mothers' Club at parties which marked the closing of school for the Christmas holidays.

January 7—School reopened.

January 12—Sisters and students enjoyed a matinee performance of "The Bells of St. Mary's" at the Center Theater.

January 16-18—Mid-term exams.

January 22—Distribution of report cards.

February 1-3—High school students' retreat.

February 13—High school sodality dance at Plaza Deck.

February 15—Academy students prove subjects for movie pictures, taken by Adrian Anderson, Jr., former student at I. W. A.

February 12—Flash! Flash! The Caller-Times carries interesting news item, announcing the Diamond Jubilee Celebration of our beloved Incarnate Word Academy.

February 25—Fourth Six Weeks' Tests.

March 9—Miss Mary Louise Jolly and Miss Catherine Rody, former students, are invested in the habit of the Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament, at a Reception ceremony in the old St. Patrick's Church. Miss Rosa Orortiz, a native of Mexico, was invested in the holy habit at the same time.

March 18, 19, 20—Diamond Jubilee of Incarnate Word Convent and Academy is celebrated by Sisters, students and friends.

April 17-22—Academy closes for Easter holidays.

April 23—Distribution of report cards and announcement of honor students of the graduating class.

May 27—Commencement Day.

## SENIOR CLASS PLAY

Of more than passing interest was the senior class play, "Mansions," which was staged at the Senior High School Auditorium, Monday evening, March 4.

Members of the cast included: Therese Currans, Sylvia Thompson, Billie Louise Vick, Lois Janecek, De Von Jewel, Josephine Ontiveros, Anita Schulze, Margie Kelley, Dorothy Wacker, Dana Jo Butler, Billie Dove Reynolds, Dorothy Demmer, and Constance Vrazel. Patricia Jett, third grade pupil, drew much favorable comment from the audience because of her splendid acting as spoiled child of Sylvia Thompson, alias Frances Mackaye.

Several of the senior actresses tied for honors. Therese Currans as Mrs. Mackaye, who is all wrapped up in her four beautiful daughters, did some superb acting, and the same holds good for Billie Louise Vick, as Claire Mackaye, who is entirely absorbed in her approaching marriage. Splendid performances were given by Anita Schulze, Sylvia Thompson, De Von Jewel, and Dana Jo Butler. A strong supporting cast gave vital force to the play, the success of which may well be judged from the very favorable comments from a large and appreciative audience.

Piano solos by Betty Lowman, Mary Pat Cody, and Martha Scecina, served as interludes.

## Diamond Jubilee Observed

A memorable event of the school year was the three-day celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of the Incarnate Word Convent and Academy, marking the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the institution.

A Pontifical Mass of thanksgiving followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was celebrated in the Corpus Christi Cathedral, Monday Morning, March 18. His Excellency, the Most Rev. E. B. Ledvina, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of Corpus Christi, officiated. The jubilee sermon was preached by the Most Rev. M. S. Garriga, D.D., LL.D., coadjutor Bishop of Corpus Christi.

Officers of the Mass were: The Rt. Rev. Msgr. J. J. Lannon, Ph.D., LL.D., assistant priest; the Very Rev. Joseph Fuhrmann, Ph.D., president of Corpus Christi College-Academy and the Rev. Anthony Elsing, M.S.F., pastor of Sacred Heart Church, deacons of honor; Rev. James H. Kelly, diocesan superintendent of schools, deacon of the Mass; and the Rev. C. R. Mullen, pastor of St. Patrick Church, subdeacon.

Masters of ceremonies were the Rev. Albert Schreiber, O.S.B., principal of Corpus Christi College-Academy, and Rev. Victor Ralph, assistant pastor of the Cathedral.

The Mass, "Missa de Angelis," was sung by the College-Academy boys' choir, under the direction of the Rev. Ambrose Branz, O.S.B., with Martha Scecina at the organ.

Immediately following the services in the Cathedral, the hierarchy and priests of the diocese attended the banquet held at the convent.

Solemn High Mass for the living members of the Congregation was celebrated by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Lannon in the old St. Patrick's Church, Tuesday morning, March 19. Deacon of the Mass was the Rev. C. J. Aubry; subdeacon, Rev. W. P. Disney. Father Ralph was master of ceremonies.

The Mass, "Cum Jubilo," was sung by the students of the Academy, with Martha Scecina at the organ.

Hundreds of friends and patrons responded to an invitation to Open House Tuesday from 10 a.m. till 6 p. m.

Wednesday morning's program began with a Requiem High Mass in the convent chapel for the deceased members of the Congregation. The Rev. Augustine Linbeck, O.S.B., chaplain, was celebrant of the Mass and the chant was rendered by the Sisters' choir.

A Home-Coming program was observed Wednesday from 2 p.m. till 8 p.m. Many students and graduates called throughout the afternoon and evening.

The Aurora staff wishes the Incarnate Word Academy God-speed on its journey toward its one-hundredth anniversary.

## Sophomore Class Notes

### CLASS OFFICERS

President . . . . .	MARY ACHEE
Vice-President . . . . .	VERA URBANOUSKY
Secretary . . . . .	MARY ANN ORSAK
Treasurer . . . . .	BILLIE MILLER

Our Class has a hard time trying to maintain its dignity since we are neither "fish nor flesh." We would have our readers know, however, that our modest reserve in speaking of ourselves is not born of an inferiority complex. When the occasion presents itself, we are resolved to let our light shine.

Newcomers to the Class include: Jerry Doyle, from Pullman High, Washington; Patti Fairbanks, from Wynne Seale Jr. High; Ethel Mae Harmon, from Blessed Sacrament Academy, San Antonio; Raquel Lopez, from North Side Jr. High; Billie Miller, from Woodsboro High; Mary Morrison, from Wynne Seale Jr. High; Marjorie Nemeck and Frances Netek, from Kostoryz; Divina Portela, from Our Lady of the Lake; and Pat Wray, from Wynne Seale Jr. High.

When we gaze into our crystal ball, we see Patsy Oldmixon warbling away before a microphone in one of the N. B. C. studios, bringing new joy and happiness to weary-worn Americans. Patti Fairbanks is doing much to strengthen our relations with our neighbors to the South by her diplomacy and her special interest in Chile and its naval officers. Martha Scecina is gracing the International Musical Hall of Fame, while the brilliant Patsy Chapa is gaining increasing recognition for her work as M. D., and her discovery of the infinite possibilities of penicillin. Mary Achee is meekly complying with the divine mandate, "Go and teach all nations," for as a Sister of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament she is back in the Valley trying to teach little children why God made them.

Getting back to the living present, there's Pat Wray, our glamor girl, who was chosen "Most Beautiful" among the high school girls. Mary Pat Tower is our Class Wit by unanimous opinion.

Since we all do not rate the "Who's Who" column you will find our names in the

### CLASS ROLL

Mary Achee	Ethel Mae Harmon	Divina Portela
Helen Blakey	Raquel Lopez	Mary L. Quintanilla
Joan Carter	Billie Miller	Bettie Richard
Patsy Chapa	Dorothea Minnick	Emma Lee Sparks
Geraldine Crider	Mary Morrison	Annie Strakos
Jerry Doyle	Marjorie Nemeck	Martha Scecina
Mary Espinosa	Frances Netek	Pat Tower
Patti Fairbanks	Patsy Oldmixon	Vera Urbanovsky
Delia Garza	Marie Ann Orsak	Marcella Watzlavik
Ruth Halepeska	Frances Plomarity	Pat Wray





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Edith Harmon



Raquel Lopez



Billie Miller



Dorothea Minnick



Mary Morrison



Marjorie Nemeo



Frances Netek



Patsy Oldmixon



Marie Ann Orsak



Frances Plemarity



Devina Partola



Mary Louise Quintanilla



Bettie Richard



Emma Lee Sparks



Fannie Strokos



Martha Seccina



Mary Pat Tower



Vera Urbanovsky

Patricia Wasy

Marcella Vatzlavick

FRESHMEN



Lydia Vallejo

Judith Ann Wages

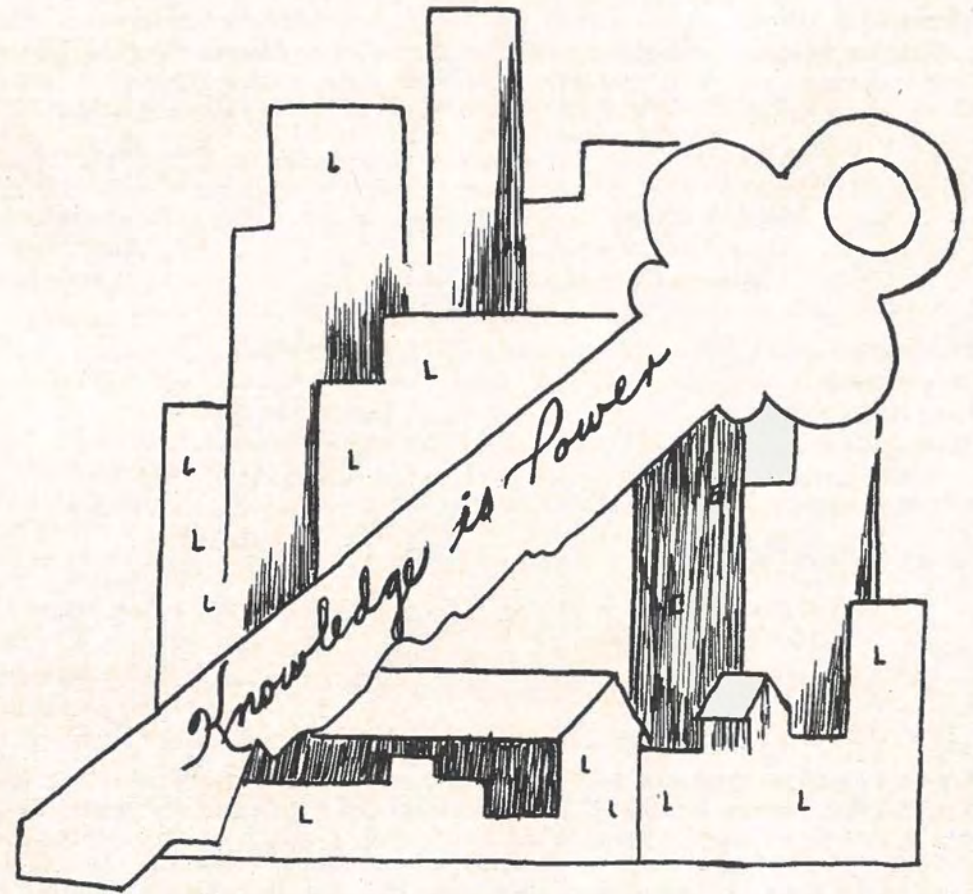
Joyce Whelan



Mary Catherine Whelan

Patsy Williams

Dorothy Minne



Freshmen

## Freshmen

### CLASS ROLL

Marion Adams	Edith Codd
Sara Alcala	Florence Dorsogna
Evelyn Alfano	Mary Gwen Foran
Mary Ann Allen	Ann E. Gallagher
Frances Arispe	Margaret Gollihar
Rita Baca	Joan Gusler
Ethel Bailey	Ann Lou Horn
Wilma Benson	Maybelle Havel
Marilyn Brauner	Evelyn Havelka
Jeanine Buckley	Yolanda Leal
Mary Ann Carwille	Anne Martin
Minerva Carrizales	Lottie Belle May
	Mary Medal
Phyllis Mergerle	Barbara Ann Smith
Patricia Megerle	Diane Slavik
Mary Ann Olivares	Gloria Ann Spahn
Santa Oliva	Olive Staley
Odilia Orta	Mary Ann Tompkins
Charlene Phillips	Mary Cecilia Uehlinger
Irene Quintanilla	Lydia Vallejo
Frances Reumuth	Julia Ann Vrazel
Patricia Rippy	Judith Ann Wages
Henrietta Rodriguez	Joyce Ann Whelan
Dolores Scott	Mary Catherine Whelan
Jerre Shotwell	Patsy Williams
	Dorothy Wynne

Fifty-four freckled freshmen filed into their home-room, Monday morning, September 24. The religion teacher led the morning prayers, and then promptly started to call the roll. She looked up in consternation! What was wrong? Could it be possible that there was a small-pox epidemic! Engrossed in her task of imparting knowledge and adjusting a group of new-comers, the thought of initiation had not immediately occurred to her. When eventually it dawned on her, she covered up a smile as well as she could, and went on with her roll-call routine. Every member of the Class was present—or else??? Such was the seniors' threat.

The little misses went bravely through the week's program outlined for them and were duly rewarded by a good-will party, sponsored by the upperclassmen. They were now fully-fledged fish.

The Class was called to order Tuesday, September 25, and the following officers were elected for the school term:

President . . . . .	WILMA BENSON
Vice-president . . . . .	FRANCES REUMUTH
Secretary-treasurer . . . . .	PATRICIA RIPPY

The choral club director, Miss Goldye Hollander, was agreeably surprised to find so much genuine talent among the freshmen. A rigid voice test conducted at the opening of the school session still found several members of the Class eligible for the I. W. A. choral club. These

include: Marion Adams, Evelyn Alfano, Ethel Bailey, Jeanine Buckley, Wilma Benson, Mary Ann Carwille, Florence Dorsogna, Mary Gwen Foran, Lottie Belle May, Mary Ann Olivares, Charlene Phillips, Patricia Rippy, Henrietta Rodriguez, Dolores Scott, Barbara Ann Smith, Olive Staley, Mary Ann Tompkins, and Julia Ann Vrazel.

Interested in a study of the Pan-American Union of the Class toured Memorial Museum September 6, viewing thirty large, colored panels of Chile. Mrs. C. W. Greathouse, who acted as hostess to the class, explained in detail the value of this display in affording the people of Corpus Christi a knowledge of the educational, industrial, and political interests of Chile. The panels were brought to our city by the Corpus Christi Art Foundation.

Several splendid movies provided wholesome entertainment throughout the school year, and were the freshmen happy when they were permitted to attend these in a body. The local theaters were most courteous in arranging for special showings of "The Song of Bernadette," "Rhapsody in Blue," "The Bells of St. Mary's," for the students of the Academy. The best is yet to come in the form of "The Bandit of Sherwood Forest," though the Class is hoping it will not be here till after Lent. These in the order of their appearance have been well timed to break the monotony of classroom study.

### Fact or Fancy

It is said:

That Yolanda Leal does not wait till the night before exams to do her cramming. She believes that the only way to get a book into her head is to keep her head in the book.

That Maybelle Havel writes poetry for her friends. No wonder she uses her imagination when she is translating her Latin.

That Charlene Phillips' one great interest in life is caring for dogs, and that some day she hopes to identify herself with national humane societies.

That Mary Ann Tompkins' hobby is petting her three little goats, which she feeds from a tiny bottle.

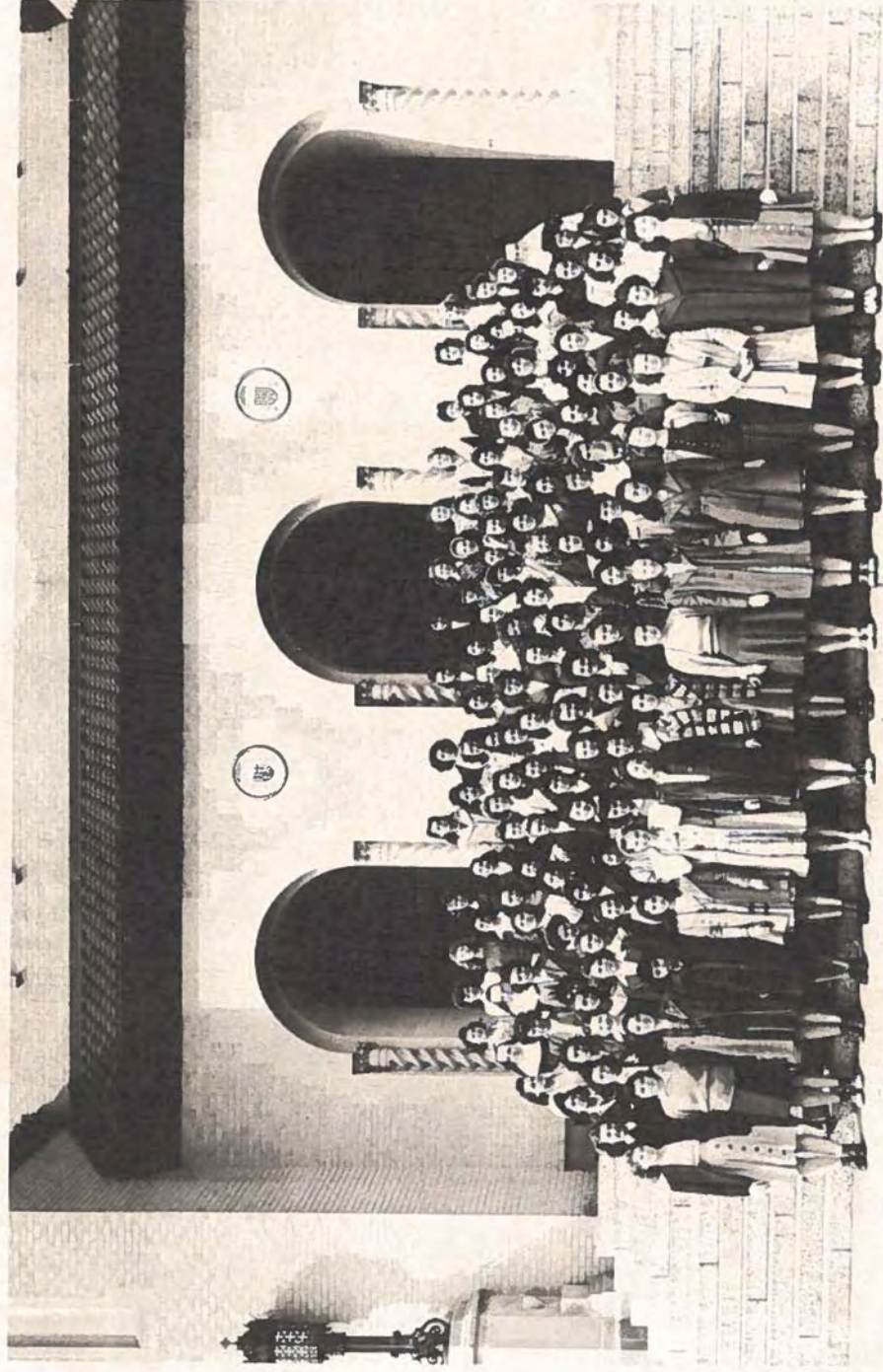
That Marilyn Brauner, Mary Ann Tompkins, and Yolanda Leal all plan to become nurses as soon as they finish their high school courses.

That the Megerle twins do not talk half as much as any other freshman, even though there are two of them.

That Mary Cecilia Uehlinger does not have that kind of temper that is supposed to accompany red-headed persons.

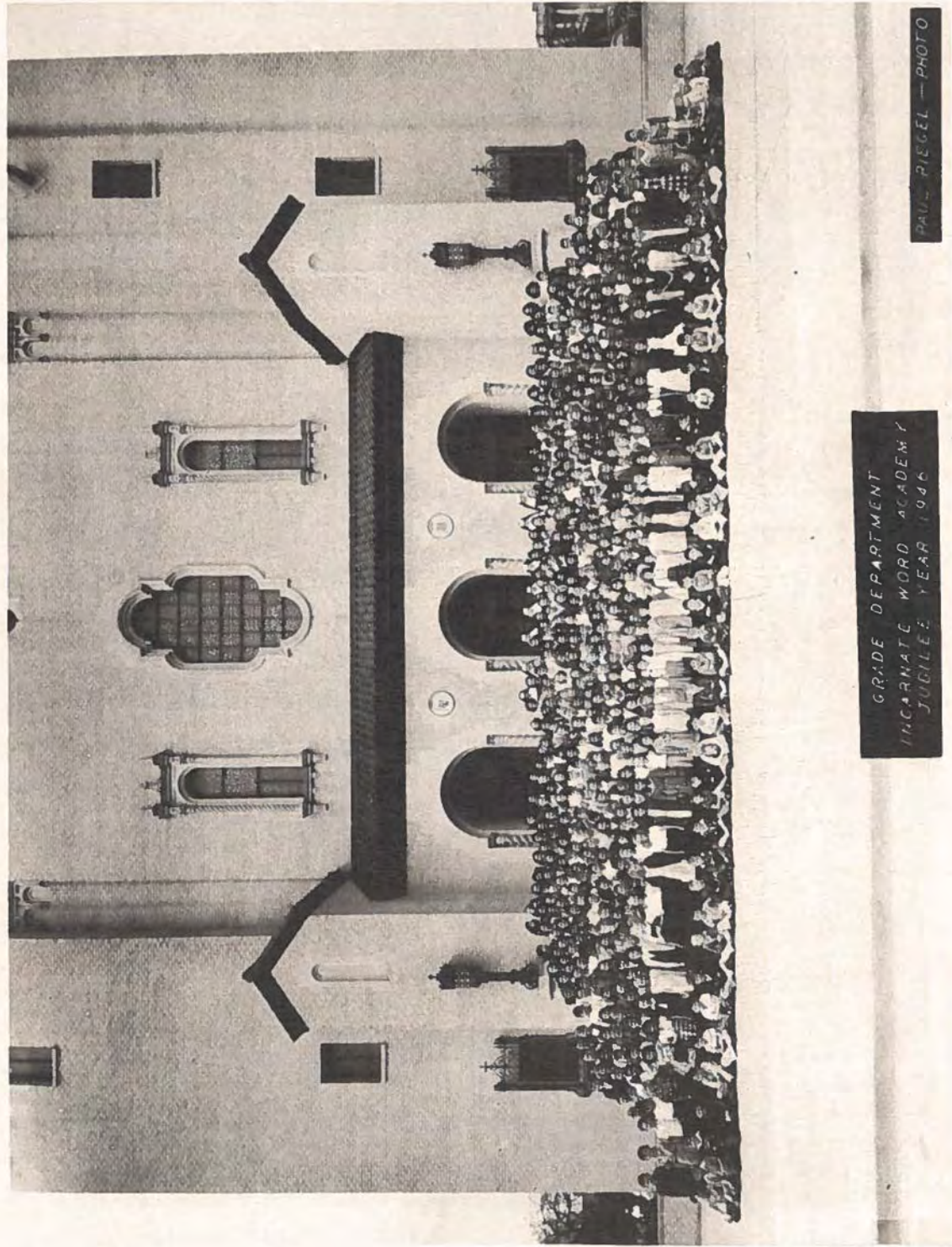






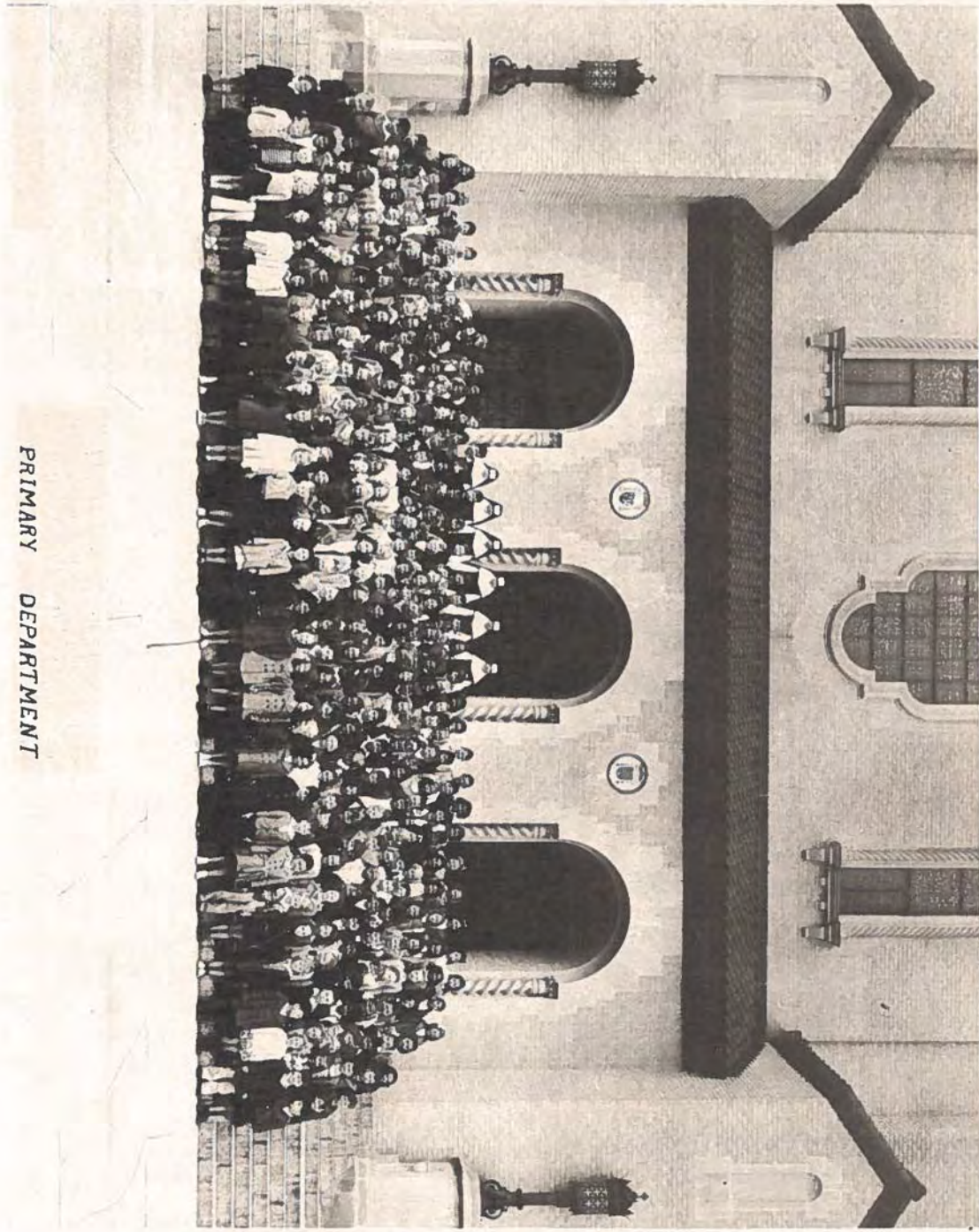
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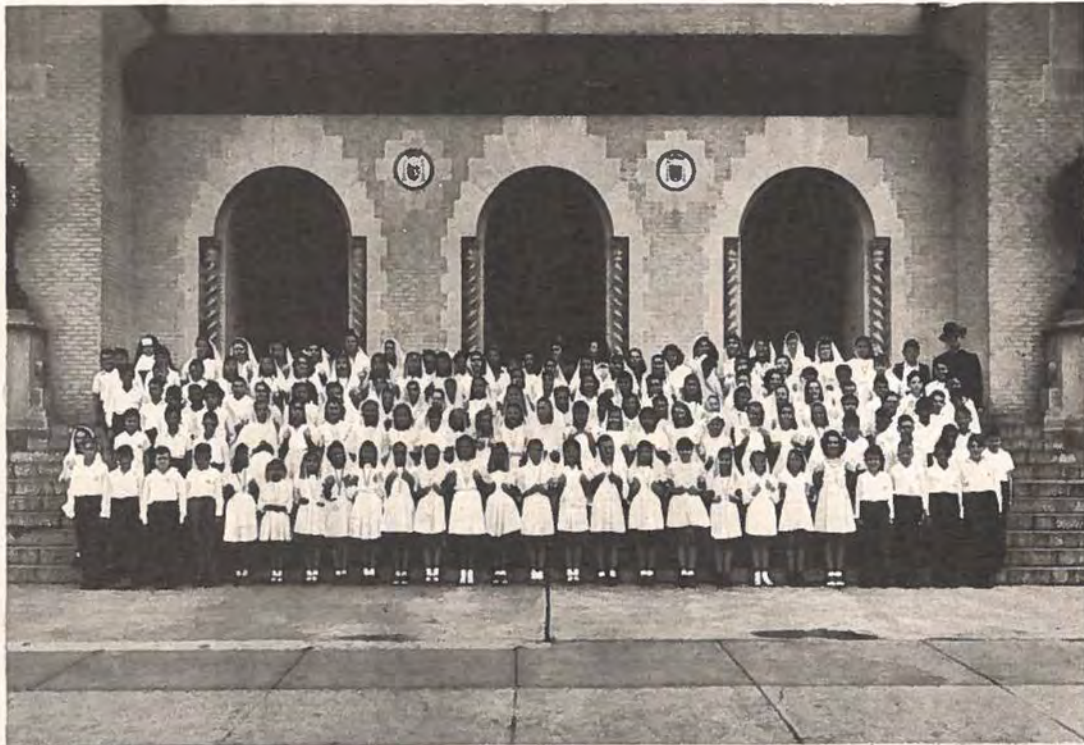


GRADE DEPARTMENT  
INCARNATE WORD ACADEMY  
JUCHILEE YEAR 1940

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PRIMARY DEPARTMENT



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SCHOOL PALS

Front row, left to right: Michael Quigley, Jimmie Wheeler, Pat Roach. Back row, left to right: Nick Poulos, Carol Spahn, Wayne Kennell, Warren Parten, R. J. Delahoussaye, Harry Maskey, Lowell Liedacke.





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### Want Ads

1. Wanted: A broader vocabulary for the entire Senior Class. Sister Patricia
2. Wanted: More desks. Freshman Class
3. Wanted: A soda fountain in room 21. Senior Class
4. Wanted: One night without any disturbance. Prefects of Boarders, Sr. Anna Marie and Sr. Concepta
5. Wanted: More refined Seniors. Sister Stanislaus
6. Wanted: Frogs . . . Frogs . . . Frogs. Sister Clare
7. Wanted: A corral for the girls who sometimes get the urge to run in the hall. The Victims
8. Wanted: Nylons. Every Girl in I. W. A.
9. Wanted: Perry Como. Senior Class
10. Wanted: More kind hearts like Margie's and Billie Dove's to help out with the tramps. Sister Gabriel and Sister Rose
11. Wanted: An automatic door-watcher. Sister Evangelist
12. Wanted: A letter from Chuck-a-luck. Lois
13. Wanted: A more cooperative spirit. The Senior Class
14. Wanted: A jerk exterminator. Anita
15. Wanted: More visits from Father Disney on Wednesday mornings. The Sodality
16. Wanted: A bookkeeping answer book. Billie Dove Reynolds
17. Wanted: Make-up remover after Sodality skits. Rosie Zillig
18. Wanted: More Sodality skits by Rosie and the twins. Therese Currans
19. Wanted: Floor waxer for the Senior room. Sylvia Thompson
20. Wanted: A private secretary. Sister Xavier
21. Wanted: The privilege to chew gum in class. Emma Lee Sparks
22. Wanted: It's a military secret. Elizabeth Buckner
23. Wanted: Typewriter that doesn't misspell. Anne Lewis
24. Wanted: A community brain for the Geometry Class. ????
25. Wanted: Boys that dance at the teen-canteen. The Juniors
26. Wanted: Chocolates. Trixie
27. Wanted: Less essays. All of Sister Patricia's students
28. Wanted: Lots and lots of stuff that we don't have room for here. The student body

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