

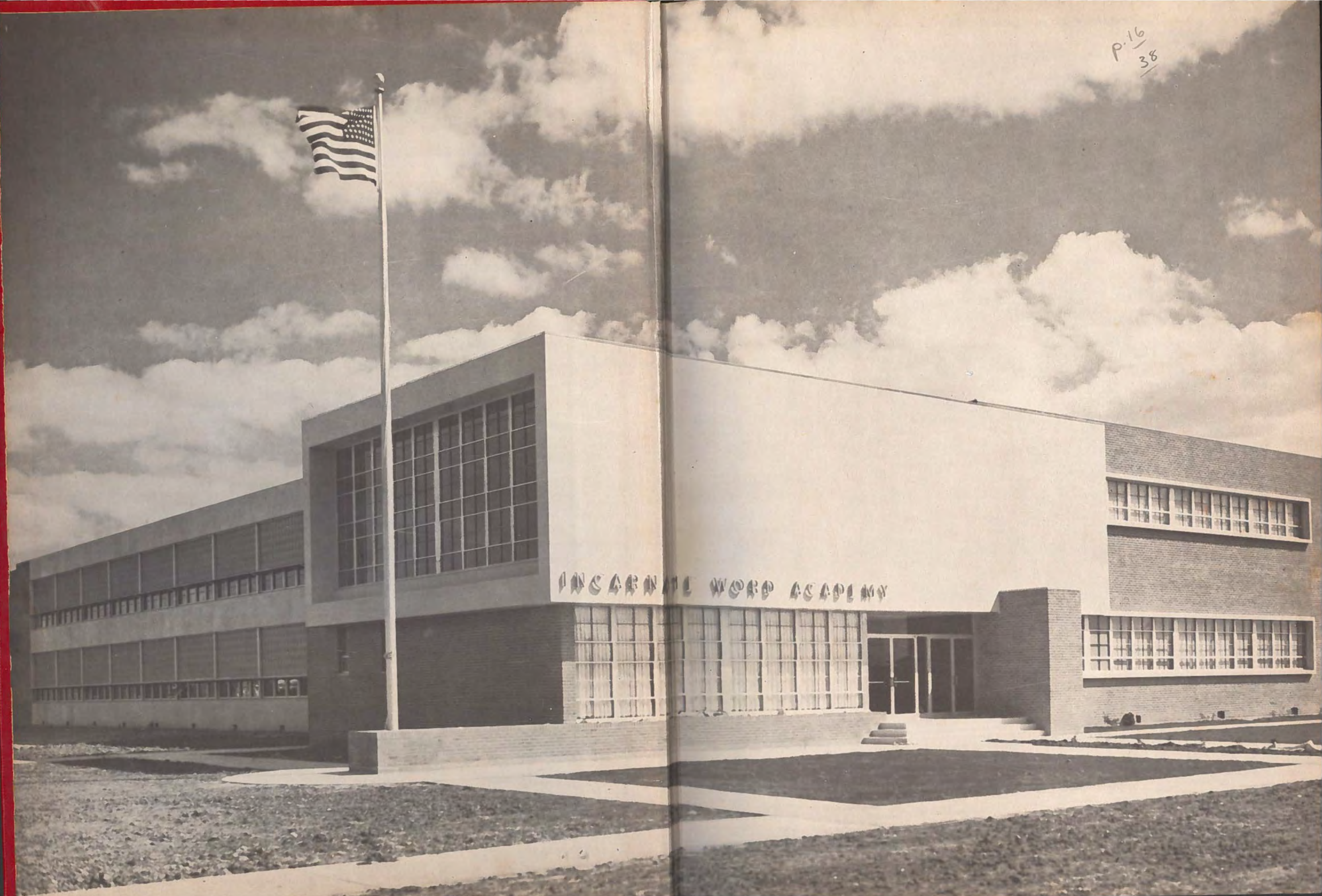
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*Sister Mary George*

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*In 1870 four Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament came to Corpus Christi and opened a school for girls. This marked the beginning of Incarnate Word Academy. In the eighty-odd years that have since passed, many changes, much growth, have taken place.*

*There are several years which are noted as important ones for Incarnate Word Academy. One was 1885, when the first large three-story wooden building was erected. Another was 1922, when a brick three-story addition was made. Again in 1926 an even greater addition was built; this time it was the wing which has housed the high school department until the present time.*

*In 1950 the Convent Motherhouse was moved out to a new location on Alameda Street. And now, in this school year of 1954-1955, a more momentous change was to come about: the new ultra-modern high school building being constructed adjacent to the Motherhouse was to be completed and occupied. It is the purpose of these pages to tell the story of Incarnate Word Academy during this eventful year.*

*In the fall, there were classes and activities as usual, but through everything ran the wonderful knowledge of what soon would be happening. Everything was permeated with anticipation.*

*Fall*

*which is*

*September*

*October*

*November*





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Vickie Melder

# Class



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Mary Louise Netek

Modena Nickens

Mary Esther Otera

Diane Peck

Frances Pons



Fannie Mae Porter

Diana Prado

Sue Riley

Patricia Riek

Imelda Murray

Virginia Schuer



Mary Jessie Samperi

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Olga Segura

Judy Serna

Noelle Shaw

Carol Smith



Jackie Smith

Ladell Solomon

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Mary Frances Whelan

Betty Ann Wright

Barbara Jean Wright



Helpful suggestions offered by Sister Mary Stanislaus, Registrar, proved of great value to many, including Jo Ann Trice when she prepared her subject schedule on registration day.



Sister Mary George acted not only as the untiring and energetic principal of our school, but readily became a sincere friend and advisor to many of her students.



LONG A LANDMARK in Corpus Christi, Incarnate Word Academy on Carancahua Street opened its doors for its final term on September 1, 1954. Those of us who walked into its halls felt we were witnessing an historic event. We knew that when 1954 passed away,

so would the old building be no more; and when 1955 came fresh and new into its own, so would we enter into our new life at the new Incarnate Word Academy on South Alameda Street.



To spiritually begin the new school year, both Incarnate Word and College-Academy attended a Mass of the Holy Ghost celebrated at Corpus Christi Cathedral by the Most Reverend M. S. Garriga, D. D., L. L. D.,

Bishop of Corpus Christi. Afterwards, His Excellency gave a short talk on "Making the Most of a Catholic Education."



Speech, an accredited course organized in September under Sister Mary Lucy's direction, provided students an opportunity to learn the fine points of expression. Here Fern Duncan gives a reading.



Due to the limited cafeteria space, many students, like these on the back porch, ate their lunch in various spots around the building.



Another addition to the faculty was Sister Mary Anne, who taught Latin I, typing I, general mathematics, also presided as study hall moderator.



Knowledge is not always gleaned from books alone. Sister Mary Luke's Sophomore English class found that listening to recordings of *Julius Caesar* was a pleasant way to learn the classics.

Mr. Dwight W. McCready, band master, briefed the Cavalier Pep Squad and band at field practice just before the Freer game.



Sylvia Riedel and Lucille Prado, president and vice-president, respectively, of the *Roman Way*, consulted scrapbook to plan the Latin Club's yearly activities.



The Student Council was organized in the fall of 1951, but even for so young a group they have accomplished a great deal in the past four years. To fulfill the purposes for which it was established, namely, providing students with opportunities to develop leadership, a sense of responsibility, initiative, and a spirit of cooperation, Council projects for this year included a Thanksgiving dance, the merit point system, sponsorship of Christmas classroom decorations and party, planning the December Mexican Supper, Belle of the Ball dance in February, school picnic, and Future Freshman Day.



Sister Agnes Marie acted as sponsor, and lent practical assistance to Nancy Brown, *President*; Gene Kenny, *Vice-President*; Elia Villareal, *Secretary*; Shirlene Skrobarcek, *Treasurer*; Gloria Walters, *Parliamentarian*; Roberta Smith, *Historian*; and Sylvia Riebel, *Reporter*.



While on a fund-raising tour of U. S. cities, The Boy's City Choir of Monterrey, Mexico, stopped in Corpus Christi long enough to present an enjoyable assembly program in the third floor social hall.



Circulation Manager Joella Fey showed Sister Mary Anne, Mary Lindsay Coons, and La Delle Solomon the first issue, volume four, of *The Crown*, Incarnate Word Academy's monthly newspaper written and edited by senior journalists under the sponsorship of Sister Jeanne Francis.

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As business manager of *The Aurora*, Johanna Blossman's duties were to write out and sign checks, balance the budget, and to enter the daily incoming checks.





Loraine Yaklin's happiest moment arrived when Rt. Rev. Monsignor Adolph Marx placed a beautiful red and gold band on her finger during the ring ceremony enacted in the convent chapel.

Afterwards, at a breakfast enjoyed in the Nixon Cafe, hands were displayed everywhere as those ecstatic seniors posed proudly with their newly-acquired rings.



Government class was a constant source of active student participation. Constitutions, the Bill of Rights, and congressional procedure weren't so perplexing, after all, thanks to Sister Mary Stanislaus.



Chemistry experiments lent many tense moments to Johanna Blossman and Becky Baskett, as they examined the outcome of their latest formula combinations.



INCARNATE WORD ACADEMY  
**ANNUAL CHICKEN BARBECUE**  
 Sunday, October 3, 1954  
 11:30 - 2:00 P. M. C. C. College-Academy  
 Plate \$1.00

Although the line seemed a block-long, no one minded waiting a few minutes for the delicious dinner served at the annual Sister's Barbecue. Proceeds helped bolster the new school's building-fund.

Before school, each day at 9:45, and after lunch, we'd make a beeline for the lounge, where we'd dance, play records, or just plain relax.

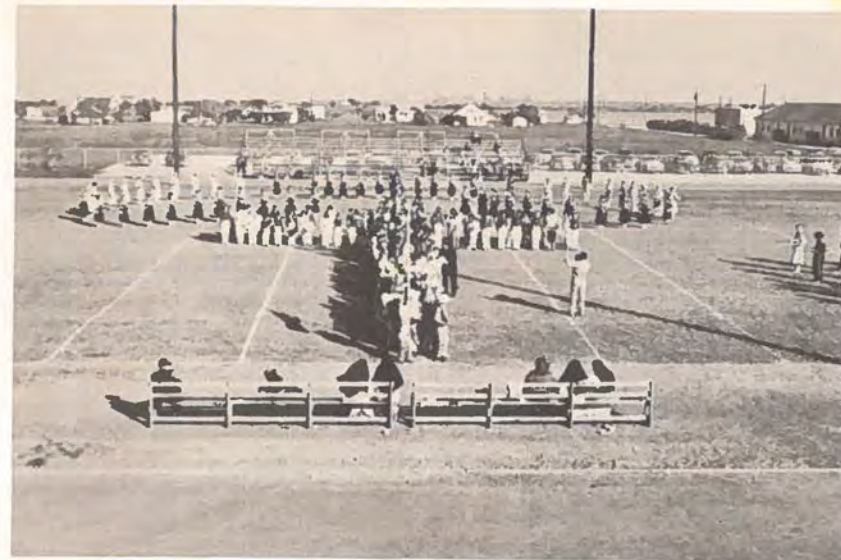


We quickly became enthusiastic spectators, watching the shapeless pile of bricks, tile, and steel take on the form of a brilliantly - designed school building right before our very eyes!



Rose Marie Kuntscher, senior, listened with interest to Freshman Vickie Melder's explanation of the bumper stickers sold by the Catholic High Band Fans to help pay for uniforms purchased last year by Incarnate Word and College - Academy bands.

The Incarnate Word Academy girls always add color (and sound!) to the Cavalier football games. The Pep Squad and Bands, with Mr. and Mrs. D. W. McCready, band director and wife, were focal points of interest at the C.C.C.A.-St. Joseph's game.



Band members drilled and rehearsed over and over again to make sure their performance during the Homecoming Game would be an unforgettable one. 500 band students participated in an original half-time presentation which brought National Catholic Youth Week to a colorful close.

Sister Mary George's music appreciation class made an intensive study of composers' lives and backgrounds of classical music. Listening to various types of symphonic albums was an integral part of their curriculum.



Enjoyable entertainment for the Annual Diocesan Teacher's Institute luncheon was provided by the Girls' Choir, composed of Incarnate Word students under the able direction of Mrs. Tom Boyd, Jr.



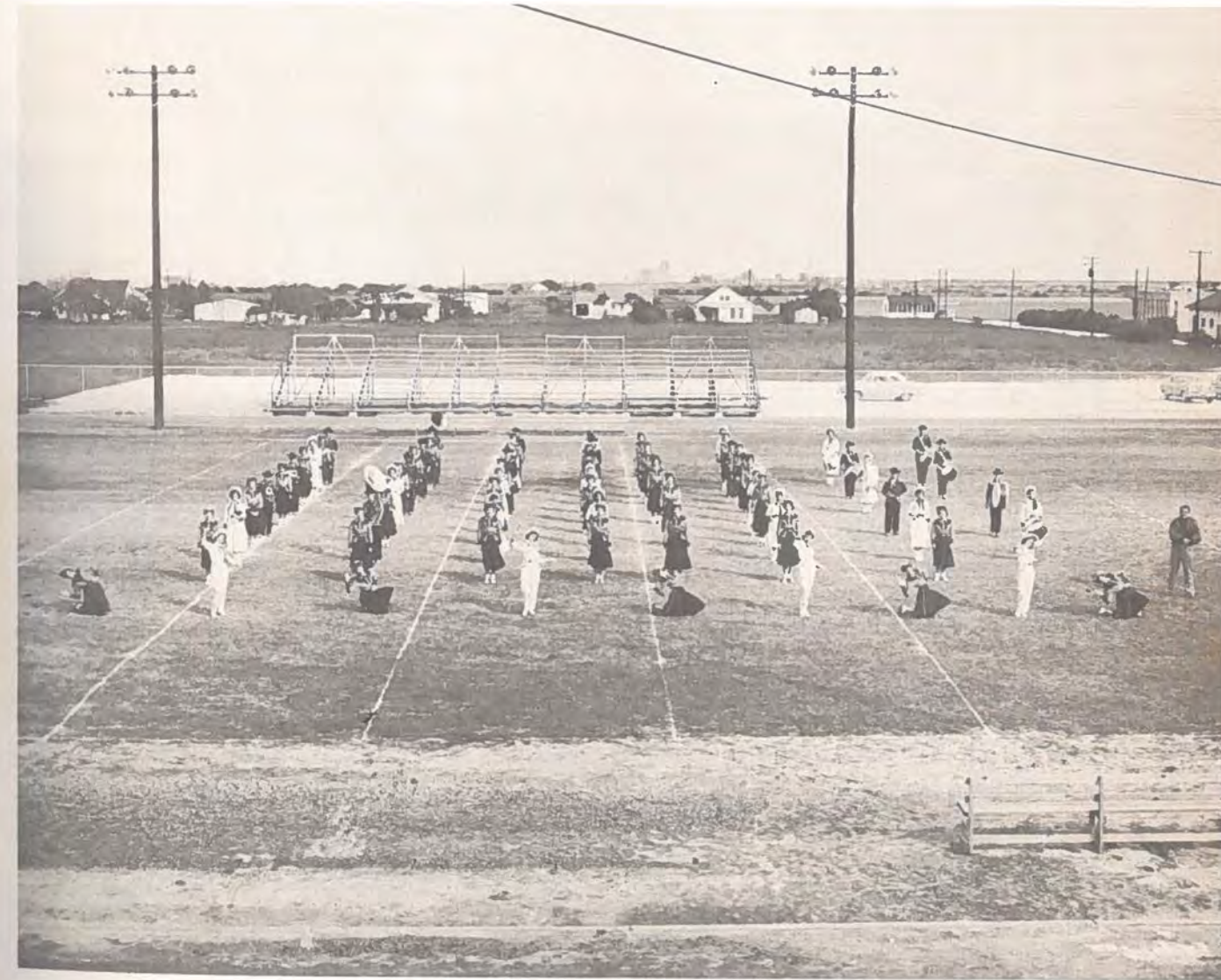
Members of the Junior Class had a great time presenting their variety show to the Mount Carmel Home on Oct. 20.



Reverend Father Robert E. Clark, assistant pastor of Cathedral Parish, answers questions posed by his Freshman religion class.



Incarnate Word's basketball team, the Academy Angels, knew that practice, although somewhat limited by lack of adequate space, was essential to having a successful season. These industrious girls sacrificed part of their lunch period each day to practice new shots and iron out mistakes.



The Cavalier Pep Squad and Band, of which we were so proud, worked hard to present many enjoyable half-time demonstrations during football season. The Cavalier cheerleaders practiced many long hours to perfect yells which led our team on to victory.



What a splendid performance the cast of "Gray Bread" presented to us in Cathedral basement before leaving for the San Antonio Play Festival! It was hardly surprising when these junior Thespians returned home with the creditable rating of Excellent.



Reverend Mother Patricia, Sister Mary Elizabeth, Gene Kenny and Elena Sues consulted Mr. Lusk, Graybar Electric representative, about obtaining Hotpoint electric ranges to be used in the new home economics kitchen units, while Diane Fawcett examines the oven.



Mr. and Mrs. Emil Habeeb seem to be old hands at potato-dancing, while Mr. George Lowman hustles off the floor after "unbalancing" his elusive potato, during FUN NIGHT.

Mr. John Kaler took time out to breathe during the balloon-blowing race at the Incarnate Word Academy Alumnae Association's FUN NIGHT, held at the Convent on November 9th. Of course, the men won.



Remember the fun we all had trying to guess whose pictures had been entered in the Baby Photo Contest sponsored by Beaker Breakers Science Club? Gene Kenny's entry placed first.



An interesting panel discussion with teachers, parents, and students participating, was thoroughly enjoyed by the Mother's Club at the close of their November Dad's Night meeting.

The I. F. C. A. Convention in Houston combined business with pleasure for attending Corpus Christians. After Mass and Holy Communion coffee was poured for Mrs. Lester Smith, Jr., Recording Secretary of the state organization, Miss Cornelia Brown, Mrs. John G. Walker, president of Incarnate Word Academy's group, Mrs. Wyatt C. Whitworth and the voting delegate, Miss Katie Kaler, at the Incarnate Word Convent in Bellaire.



Business matters were discussed in the Shamrock Hotel's Grecian Room. A contributing feature to the convention was Mayor Roy Hofheinz's proclamation of November 13th as official I. F. C. A. Day.



SISTER JEANNE FRANCIS  
INCARNATE WORD ACADEMY  
CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS



Sister Mary Elizabeth was delighted upon the arrival of new electric sewing machines donated to the home economics department. Southern Sewing Machine's company representatives explained the simple operations to intent listeners, Gloria Ann Costello and Elena Sues.

Before the annual game played against Villa Maria High School of Brownsville, both teams were called together for a brief review of the rules. A special bus was chartered to bring loyal fans down to root for their team.



Cheerleaders Lucy Durham, Marietta Villareal and Shirlene Skrobarcek gather with team members in front of the bus for the pause that refreshes before returning home. Although Villa Maria won, the Angels gained valuable experience which helped them score in later games.



Mrs. George Lowman, Mrs. A. T. McMurry, and Mrs. Wyatt C. Whitworth, Jr., Alumnae members, tried out many tables and chairs before they finally chose those with which they would furnish the new building's cafeteria. The annual Ham Dinner proceeds paid for the fifty tables and 200 chairs donated by the Alumnae.





Mrs. Tom Boyd, Jr., Incarnate Word Academy's choral instructor, gives helpful assistance to Irma Medina as she carefully adjusts her new choir robe. Arrival of the robes marked a long-awaited event. 86 students were enrolled in the choral class, and, of these, 30 were chosen to take part in the combined choir which consists of students from both Incarnate Word Academy and Corpus Christi College Academy. Mr. Michael Chasein was director of the group.



As Christmastime drew closer and closer, Loraine Yaklin, an officer of Our Lady of Grace Sodality, the newly-organized high school sodality, lit the Advent wreath to usher in a season of penance and prayer.



By December our new building looked nearly completed to our inexperienced eyes. We felt ready to move right in when they put the name on the front of the building.



Most Beautiful . . .  
Mary Esther Otero



Most Popular . . .  
Susan Schubert

When November rolled around, each class elected FAVORITES; everyone weighed and considered carefully before casting her vote for the Most Beautiful, Most Popular and Most Representative girl. Individually, each favorite possesses a certain outstanding characteristic . . . as a whole, they personify the typical American schoolgirl. Here we present the

## Freshman Class Favorites



Most Representative . . . .  
Carol Smith



# Winter

which is  
December  
January  
February

THROUGHOUT THE FALL MONTHS, the Sisters, lay  
faculty, and students watched the progress being made in the  
new buildings. After Christmas, all were told to be ready  
to move. Boxes, boxes, and more boxes were packed. Much of  
the 80 years' accumulations proved unfit for the new school.  
There was discarding, selecting, cleaning, painting, renovating,  
and packing.  
In the two days previous to the dedication, transporting  
the old building to the new to be up and running in a day  
was a busy day.  
The land around the new buildings was a busy place. Feeding  
the children, the teachers, and the workers, and the  
described on the following pages, were a prelude to the days  
when the students moved into the new spacious buildings.  
Classes were resumed, and after a few adjustments, school life  
settled down to a familiar routine. Meanwhile, plans  
were made to tear down another old landmark in Corpus Christi,  
the old Incarnate Word Academy building on Carancahua Street.



## Homeroom A



Judie Keehan  
Representative



Catherine D'Unger  
Representative



Mary Nan Allen  
Parliamentarian



Ann Gonzalez  
Reporter



Rose Marie Benys  
Treasurer



Mary Louise  
Gerant  
Secretary



Mabel Janecek  
Vice-President



Susan Dreis  
President



Delia Acuna



Joyce Ann Ahlers

# Sophomore



Gwen Allen



Dorothy Bollom



Dolores Boyles



Mary Frances  
Brown



Carolyn Carter



Maureen Carter



Mary Ann Castro



Mary Ann Chilen



Nell Clingman



Mary Lindsay  
Coons



Jeanne Duke



Georgia Durham



Peggy Enright



Patricia Fey



Ernestine Flanagan



Joyce Floyd



Suzanne Friedmann



Cora Lee Friesen



Sue Garrett



Anna Maria Garcia



Henrietta Gonzalez



Lucille Gonzalez



Alma Hinojosa



Macie Houseman



Anita Jones



Josephine Janes



Annette Karam



Annita Kocurek

## Homeroom B



Johnnie Lea Smith  
President



Christine Mattfeld  
Vice-President



Mary Lee Lewis  
Secretary



Joyce Peters  
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Geraldine Mikulec  
Reporter



Emily Nelson  
Parliamentarian



Sylvia Riedel  
Representative



Lucille Prado  
Representative



Maria Lopez



Gerry Migl

# Class



Mildred  
McCullough



Mary Rose Pena



Oralia Pena



Claudia Petzel



Celeste Pray



Peggy Ralph



Beatrice Ramos



Sharron Richards



Martha Ruiz



Amalia Saldivar



Mary Margaret  
Shearer



Jeannette Smejkal



Pat Speed



Jennie Stillman



Magdalen Sulak



Patsy Trainor



Mary Trepel



Katherine Eschoepe



Joyce Ulcak



Cecilia Vargas



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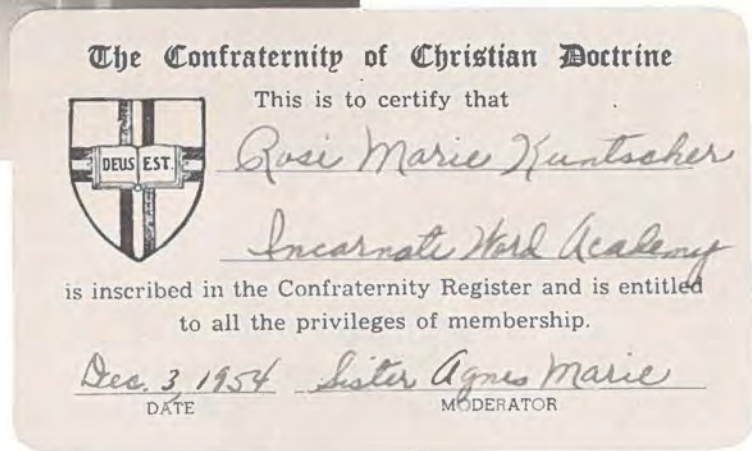
Betty Ann  
Whitworth



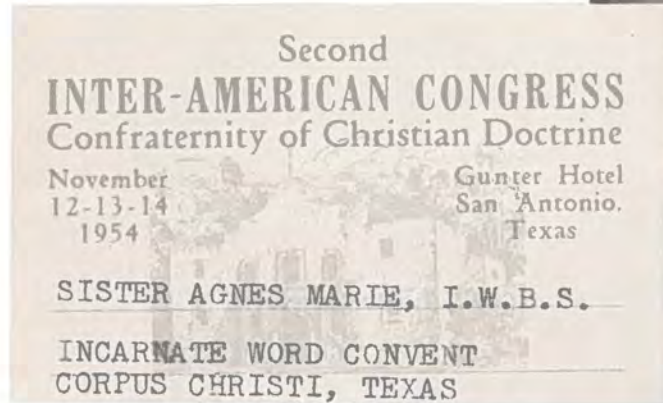
Sofie Zdansky



Rose Marie Kuntscher, newly-enrolled in the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine this year, received her membership card from Reverend Father M. J. Adams. at the reception performed after Mass in Corpus Christi Cathedral.



Sister Agnes Marie, Sister Mary Luke, and Sister Mary Anne were faculty delegates to the second Inter-American Congress of the Eighth Regional District



of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine in San Antonio, while Carol Brown, Johanna Blossman and Patsy Kusenberger represented the students.

They attended sessions directed to the clergy and religious Sisters, and topics of interest to teenagers were also discussed.



Sister Joan, music instructor, demonstrated various keyboard fundamentals and playing techniques to one of her many piano students.

Typing I class found Sister Mary Anne explaining workbook speed builders and rhythm drills to Diane Fawcett.



There wasn't a bare pane of glass to be seen when these girls finished painting Christmas themes on the science room windows. Each homeroom assumed a fairyland atmosphere after being dressed up with holiday decorations only two weeks before Christmas arrived.



Sophomores took time out from regular studies to participate in Career Day activities, which began with a general assembly in the W. B. Ray High School gymnasium. This program's purpose was to aid students in selecting the career in which they would be most capable.



It was trips like these which made possible better productions of both *The Crown* and *The Aurora*.

Twenty-Ninth Annual  
Convention-Clinic  
DECEMBER 2, 3, 4, 1954



TEXAS STATE COLLEGE FOR WOMEN  
DENTON, TEXAS

This group of journalism students returned from the Texas High School Press Association Convention in Denton, Texas, with a wealth of practical ideas on how to improve news stories, annual layouts, editorials—school newspaper and yearbook material in general.

This class of sophomores became intently interested in and eagerly looked forward to the religion quizzes prepared by their instructor, Rev. Father Alvin J. Tengler, assistant pastor at St. Patrick's Church.



We "honored our partners, circled three, and ran away home" to the tunes of "Solomon Levi" and "Turkey in the Straw."

Everyone had fun square dancing after learning the intricate steps. These girls demonstrated their skill at a Mother's Club meeting in December.



Mary Ann presented her paper for a program of the Junior Division of T. A. S.

THE TEXAS  
ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE  
1300 SAN PEDRO AVENUE  
SAN ANTONIO

DECEMBER 10, 11, 1954

Three members of the Beaker Breakers science club, Nancy Brown, Mary Ann Chilen, and Becky Ann Baskettt, attended the Texas Academy of Science Convention in San Antonio.

Sewing was made doubly easy by the addition of eleven new machines to the home economics department. George Anne Hubert tried one out as she completed the finishing touches on a semester project.



Oh, oh! We suspected *that* time of the year had arrived again when we glimpsed Sister Agnes Marie and Sister Mary Luke poring over mid-term test questions! Despite the usual pencil-chewing and worry lines, everyone seemed to make that all-important passing grade.



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Mrs. Ervin C. Peterson, Co-chairman of the Benefit committee, Mrs. Roy C. Rodriguez, chairman of the committee, and Mrs. John G. Walker, Alumnae Association president, talked over details for the ham dinner. Proceeds were used to purchase tables and chairs for our new school cafeteria.

These girls were some of the first in line to pay for their copy of *THE AURORA*. Chairmen Johanna Blossman and Joan Hetherington took subscriptions for the yearbook.



After seeing the impressive display of roasters and other appliances to be given away at the ham dinner, Mr. Paul Macaione reached in his pocket for money to buy a ticket from Sister Jeanne Francis and Sister Mary Luke.

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**Ham Dinner**

CATHEDRAL AUDITORIUM

Sunday January 30

From 11 a. m. to 2 p. m.

PLATES \$1.00

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IWA ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

Benefit: Cafeteria Equipment for New School

"Look at me!" cried Alice Gold as she and other helpers packed the costumes to take over to the new school. All the moving took place on the two days preceding the dedication. Classes were recessed and students donned old clothes, borrowed the family car, and "helped out" during the long-awaited event.

What could be more fun on a Sunday afternoon than enjoying a wonderful dinner with your friends and knowing that you are contributing toward the purchase of cafeteria tables and chairs at the same time?





Reverend Charles McNaboe and altar boys led the long procession of attending clergy, Sisters, and visitors, over from the convent chapel to the new Incarnate Word Academy building.

During this procession the combined band of Incarnate Word Academy and College-Academy played "Military Escort."

All this took place on February 2nd, beginning at 4:30 p.m.



His Excellency blessed our new building while prelates, priests, Sisters, and others attending the dedication ceremonies, looked on.

The ceremonies began with the blessing of a flag donated by the Knights of Columbus.



While the flag was being raised, the combined band played our national anthem.



Everyone then returned to the chapel for a Pontifical High Mass at which His Excellency, the Most Reverend M. S. Garriga, D. D., L.L.D., Bishop of Corpus Christi, presided. Celebrant was Right Reverend Adolf Marx; deacon, Reverend Alvin J. Tengler; subdeacon, Reverend Charles McNaboe, and master of ceremonies was the Reverend J. William Hennel.



As the dedication ceremonies drew to a close, His Excellency blessed a crucifix to be hung in the Senior Class room. This marked the beginning of a new Incarnate Word Academy.

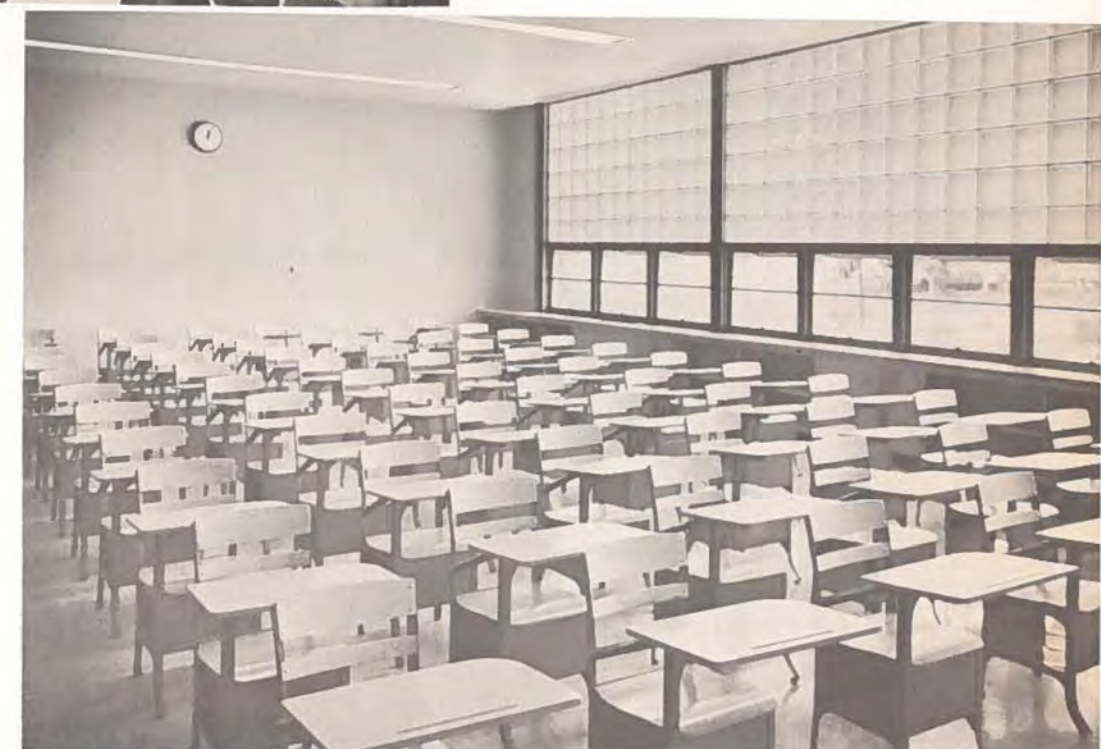
Instrumental entertainment was provided by the combined I.W.A. and C.C.C.A. band at the open house. The band platform, arranged in tiers, made it easier for Mr. McCready to see each individual member. In the music department, large storage closets have been added to house the various instruments.



During the dedication ceremonies, the Glee Club sang several selections, which included "God is the Light of the World," and "Little David, Play." Mrs. Tom Boyd, Jr., directed the group.



A reading room constructed on a level higher than the main library contained many reference sources. It has been commended by educational directors everywhere as more than adequate for high school students.



Classrooms filled with gleaming new desks and equipment was an impressive sight to all who toured the new school building.

How enchanted everyone was with the bedroom-living-room combination in the homemaking department! This room, with its lovely furnishings, was only one section of the model apartment designed to aid us in becoming proficient in performing the duties of a homemaker.



Refreshments of punch, coffee, and cookies were served by the Mother's Club and the Alumnae Association, from tables set up for this purpose in the cafeteria.

Band practice was made much easier for both Mr. McCready and his musicians by the large bandstand built with graduated tiers in the well-lighted and ventilated band and choral room.



The Academy Angels and Mrs. Dwight W. McCready took time out from one of their afternoon practices to smilingly show how happy they were to be in our new school at last!



Dr. Jean Richardson, Director of Economics and Business at Del Mar college, visited Sister Mary Stanislaus' government class to explain the type of city management Corpus Christi now has and how it could be changed into a more efficiently working organization.

Chemistry class seemed to be the only one left without new equipment for a while. Since their necessary materials would not arrive until March, the students had to get along as best they could on tables moved from the old building.



A modernly-equipped kitchen, with electric ranges, sinks, tile drain-boards and tables constructed to make cooking easier, was another outstanding feature of the home-making department. To prepare a meal, you could almost stand in one spot the whole time.



The beautiful and spacious library became a favorite haunt for all of us in our spare time. Its shelves contain more than 10,000 volumes, besides a number of reference books and encyclopedias.

The freshman English class, taught by Sister Agnes Marie, began its second semester in the new school with a detailed study of diagraming.



How surprised Gene Kenny was to hear her name announced as the 1955 Belle of the Ball! Sponsored by the Student Council in the month of February, the Belle of the Ball Dance has become an annual affair. Runners-up this year were Mary Lee Lewis, Georgia Durham, Marta Cresson, and Theresa Bauer.



Sister Mary Xavier and Sister Mary Luke talked over selections to be placed on the book display board in the new library.

Our spacious cafeteria afforded everyone a pleasant and friendly dining room for after-Mass breakfasts as well as lunch. It was also used for dances, parties, and important meetings.



A card catalogue file is all-important to the efficient administration of our high school library. The Sisters prepared book cards and checked their calendar to determine when the various books would fall due.



The homemaking students served a Faculty Coffee with the results of their first cooking lesson: cookies. They must have all received an "A," for no one suffered any ill effects.



Seniors interested in preparing for their participation in the annual city-wide Career Day consulted Sister Luke for reference material.

A big pre-Lenten dance planned by the parents of band members gave the students a chance to earn a free show! "All this and the dance, too!"

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It was the season of picnics and beach parties and hayrides. But school went on as usual. The newness had worn off a little but the pride in the beauty and superiority of I.W.A. remained.

The "old" school and the "old" days were but a memory, tinged with nostalgia. Growth was the order of the day and already dreams of a gymnasium were being discussed as something more than dreams.

Time passed and the school year of 1954-1955 drew to a close with hopes that the much-desired gym would become reality before another year of Time passed forever into Eternity.

## Spring

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"How much am I bid for Mary Lindsay Coons," cried auctioneer Catherine D'Unger at the slave auction sponsored by the Sophomore Class in the cafeteria. Proceeds were used to help purchase new desks.



Mr. Dwight McCready and the combined C. C. C.-A. and I. W. A. Band prepare to board the busses which took them to Cliff Maus Airport to welcome Archbishop William J. O'Brien, Chancellor of the Extension Society.



Sister Anna Maria and two other faculty members made good use of the library's reference books by gathering material to be used in their various classes.

Mrs. Betty Garrett visited the homemaking classes to demonstrate the preparing of many varieties of meals and gave pointers on kitchen short-cuts and efficiency.



This group of girls tried out for student conductor of the Glee Club. During Mrs. Boyd's absence, the student conductor assumes leadership for warm-ups and sometimes directs the Glee Club at concerts.



After the try-outs, Gloria Walters was named student conductor with Mary Lindsay Coons as her assistant. The girls were rated by points on posture, direction, interpretation, and command.

Principal Sister Mary George paused to explain to a group of visitors the functions of the various offices in the administrative area.



The St. Patrick's School Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Clarence Pate, visited our Glee Club in the Music Department and presented a program of selections, which included Schubert's "Ave Maria."

The purpose of this visit was to arouse interest among eighth grade students in either our Glee Club or Mixed Choir.



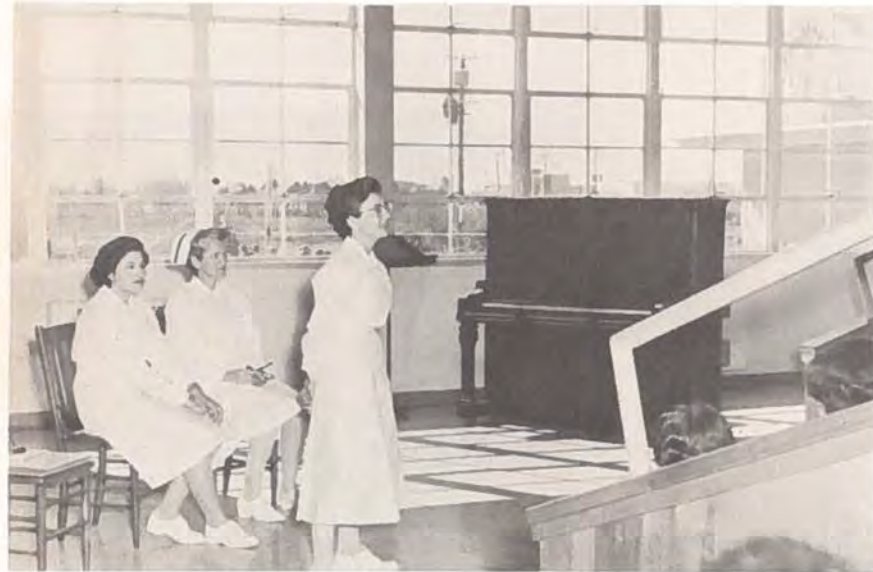
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Myrna Stalter, 1954 graduate of our school, returned during a Vocation Week assembly to explain the daily life and experiences of a student nurse at the James R. Dougherty, Jr., School of Nursing where she is in training.

There was a variety of assemblies during Vocation Week which were a great help in deciding the vocation we would choose after graduation.

Sister Mary Xavier dictated the fundamentals of short-hand to the class as Rosemary Williams and Kay Vettors keep up with her at the board.



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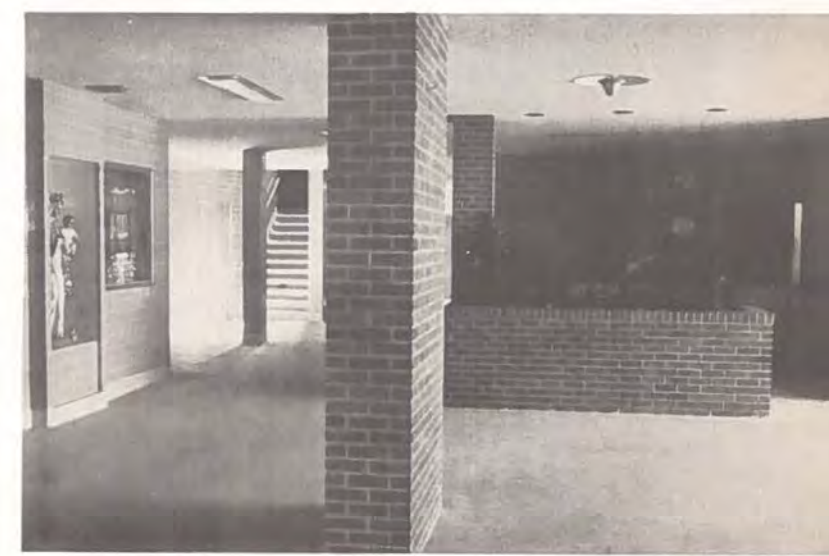
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Sister Mary Luke gives last minute instructions to these six freshmen before they were initiated into the Latin Club during festivities at the Roman Way banquet.

This is the view you would see of our front lobby from the visitor's lounge. One of its most attractive features was the brick planter located next to the registration counter.



The State Board of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae combined business with recreation at Padre Island while they were in Corpus Christi to make plans for a Fall convention in San Antonio. I. W. A. was proud to play hostess to this group.

Now Sister Stanislaus had plenty of room for her filing cabinets and other reference material that she needed to carry out her responsible duties as Registrar.

The Registrar's and Principal's offices, the waiting room, conference room, and first aid rooms were all conveniently located in the first floor administrative area adjacent to the lobby.



Mr. Thomas V. Lynch gave one of the homemaking classes a few helpful hints on the qualities to look for when choosing glass, china, and silverware, and also demonstrated place settings used for formal and informal dinners.



The All-City Student Council, with representatives from every school in the city, conducted their March business meeting in our library.

Afterwards, they all made a tour of the building and "ohs" and "ahs" of surprised wonderment could be heard as they examined each classroom and closet.



Holy cards, bookmarks and pictures—all these formed a part of the work done by the Junior Confraternity Helpers. These were to be distributed to the catechism classes taught by another group in the Confraternity, the Apostles.

What would *The Aurora* staff have done without Becky Bassett to help us type up copy around deadline time!



Reverend Mother Patricia and Mother Antoinette paused for a moment beside the statue of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary while visiting our new school shortly after the opening to see it in operation.

The erection of our new high school was due in a large part to prayer and faith in Our Lady's help.





The Mother's Club did much to further our comfort and relaxation by sponsoring card parties and a style show luncheon, proceeds of which went to furnish the student lounge with the best materials available. Presiding officers this year were: Mrs. Fred Scott, *President*; Mrs. Ruth Janecek, *Vice-President*; Mrs. Charles Foyt, *Recording Secretary*; Mrs. David Scheuer, *Corresponding Secretary*; and Mrs. C. J. Friedmann, *Treasurer*.



Dances, suppers, and slumber parties were only a few of the many activities enjoyed by the seniors and their friends the last few weeks before graduation. One big event in the lives of all was the banquet given by the I. W. A. Alumnae Association honoring the seniors.



Sister Mary Scholastica's art classes now had room to display their creative genius.



End-of-school outings are always looked forward to at Lake Corpus Christi. This is the time when both Sisters and students gather together for casual relaxation over picnic lunches, baseball, and soda pop, and when energies are centered around having a good time!



Sister Jeanne Francis and Sister Mary Luke were seen enjoying the sunshine at Lake Corpus Christi State Park.



Assemblies were held in the band and choral room so that all could have an excellent view of the plays and programs presented by our fellow students.



This Typing II class taught by Sister Mary Xavier offered an advanced course in typing along with some clerical work and practice in the operation of business machines.



Well-lighted classrooms produced a restful atmosphere in which to work or study.

Our Glee Club and Band performed at the First Annual South Texas Catholic Music Festival in Memorial Auditorium, a program in which over 1,000 parochial school students participated.

Dedicated to the Most Reverend M. S. Garriga, D.D., L.L.D., Bishop of Corpus Christi, the Festival was presented to promote an interest in music throughout the Catholic Schools of the area. Trophies were awarded to each participating school by His Excellency.



Elena Suess, Elizabeth Kureska, Barbara Franks, and Irma Medina get ready to leave to attend one of this year's numerous senior parties.



These homemakers found sewing a pleasure in the modern homemaking department equipped with new machines.

The newest addition to the athletic program was a varsity softball team.





Senior Day came in the month of May when graduating classes of both I.W.A.-C.C.C.-A. attended Mass and received Holy Communion together in St. Placid's Hall at College-Academy.



Built-in display cases were filled with exhibits contributed by clubs, classes and Sodalities. This one, near the science laboratories, was changed monthly by the science club.



Since the Motherhouse was now adjacent to our high school building, we had an excellent opportunity to spiritually better ourselves by arriving a few minutes earlier each morning to attend daily Mass and to receive Holy Communion in the convent chapel.

The chapel is also used for conferences, prayer, and other spiritual exercises throughout the yearly high school retreat.



The cafeteria line seemed to move awfully slow to us when it was finally time for lunch! But to Mrs. Janecek and her helpers, it was fast enough!

Patra Ann Meyers and Gwen Terrell were the hard-working advertising managers of our school publications.





Vocation Day is another annual event looked forward to by all of us. The diocesan-wide field day is held on the College-Academy grounds and teams from surrounding schools participate in a variety of sports competitions. Trophies are awarded the teams amassing the highest number of points.

Members of the faculty met to decide on questions and schedules in preparation for our final exams. Whew! What a relief it was to get *these* tests over with!

Studying the many kinds of page layouts and story forms was almost a weekly routine for the journalism class. Sponsor Sister Jeanne Francis lent advice on improving news stories, selling advertisements, and gave other pointers on how to improve student publications.



A sense of accomplishment of a job well done was felt by Editor-in-Chief of *The Aurora*, Gene Kenny, and her lay-out assistants Carolyn Slover and Gloria Castello, as they looked over the completed pages in the yearbook dummy before meeting the final copy deadline.



Senior Loraine Yaklin had a happy smile for Senior Class Sponsor, Sister Mary Stanislaus, as she helped adjust her cap for pre-graduation fittings.



What an impressive sight these spotlessly gleaming halls were to everyone who saw them.

But for the graduating seniors it was something even more special, for they had only four short months to enjoy the building they would soon be leaving forever.



# Junior Class Favorites



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Most Popular . . .  
Mary Lu Link



For several years prospective graduating classes had been wondering if "they" would be the first ones to graduate from the new building.

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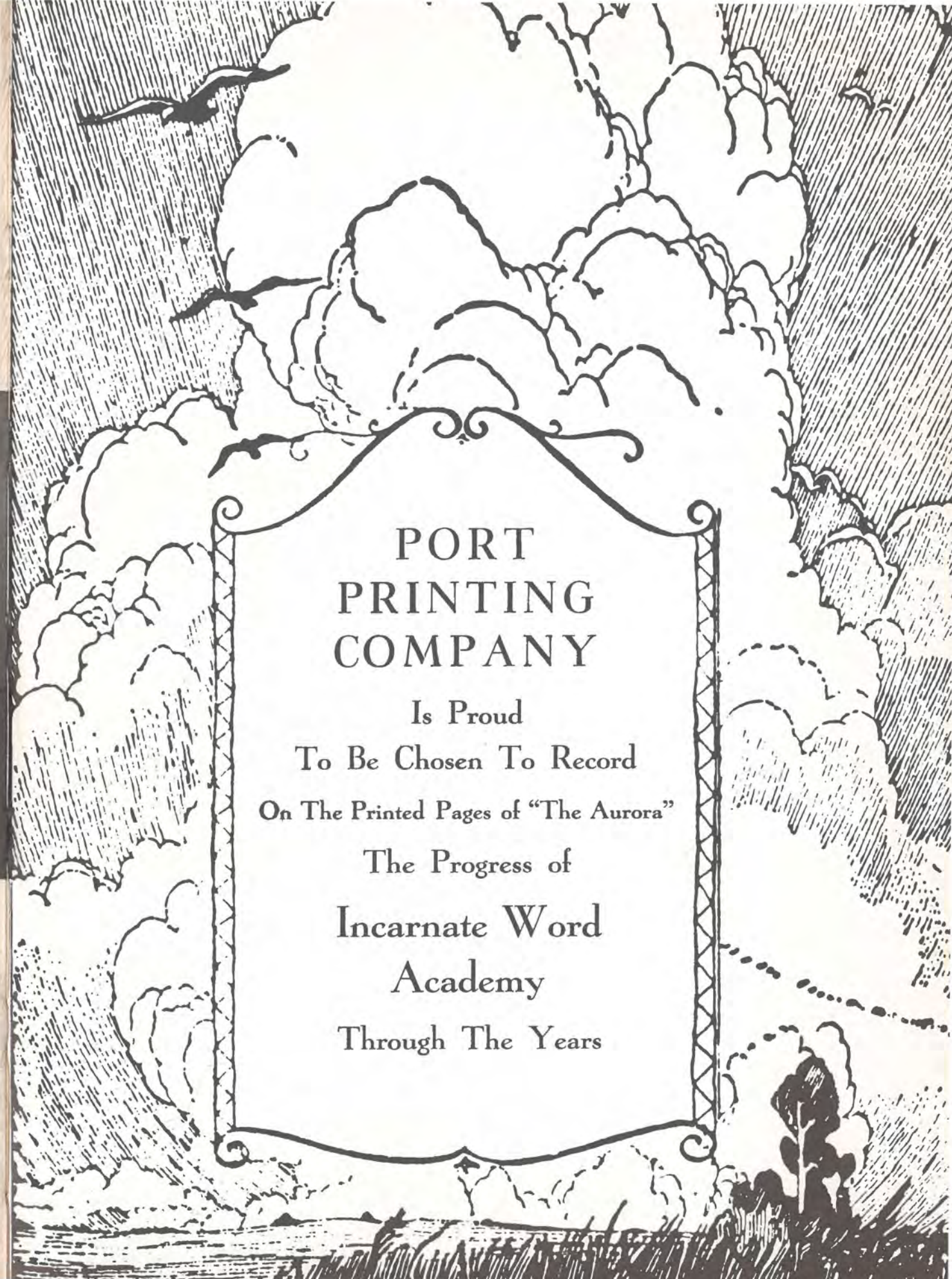
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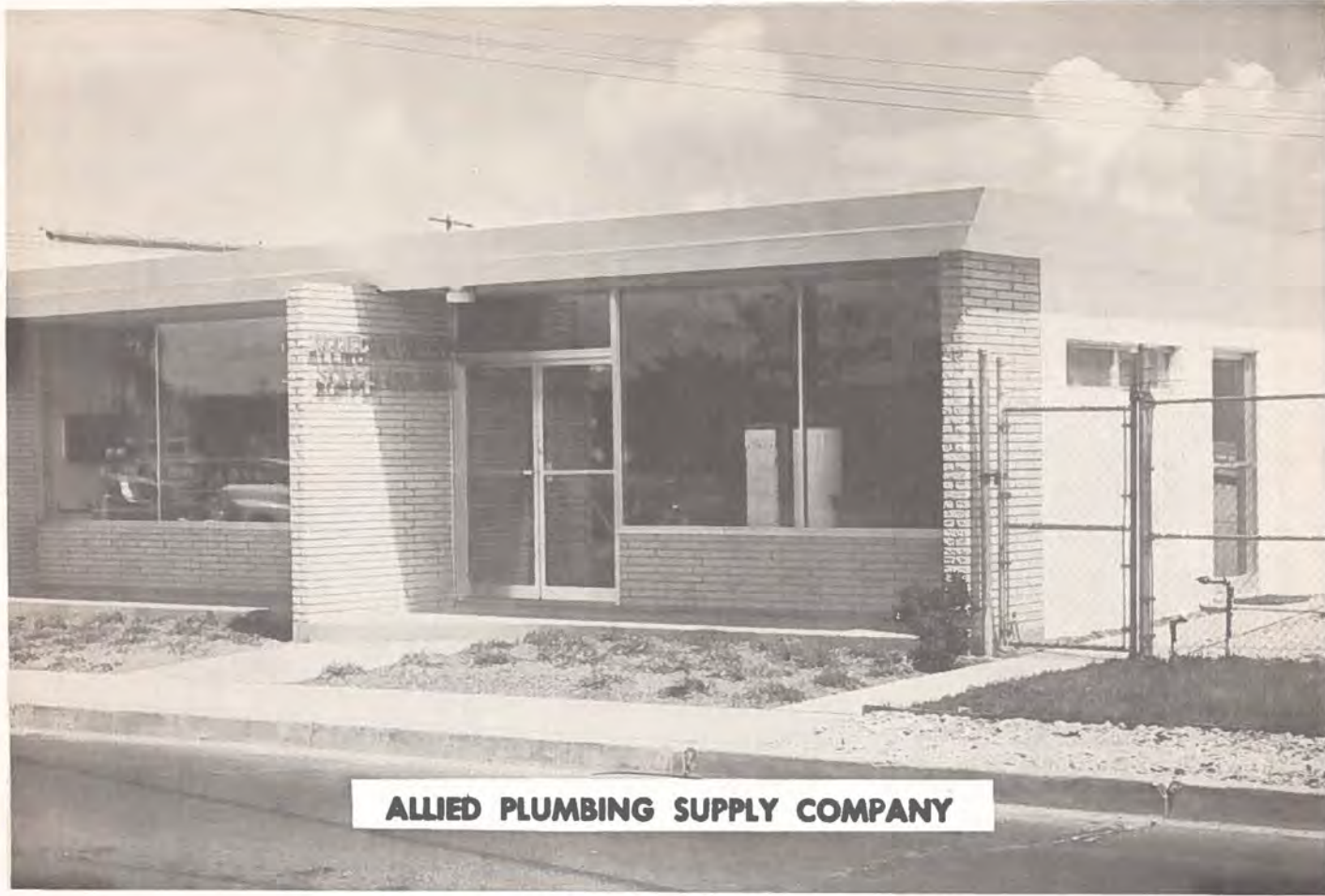
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