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The St. De La Salle Auxiliary is composed of friends of the Christian Brothers and of Catholic education, who, by annual contributions, aid in a material way in carrying on the work of training young men for the religious life at Mont La Salle, Napa, California, and at St. Mary's College, California.

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#### THE DIVINE STAR

Over nineteen centuries ago the Divine Christ Child, by means of a brilliant star in the heavens, called to His humble cradle three wise men of the East afar, and several poor shepherds guarding their sheep on the nearby hills. Why He called these particular individuals is not known, but we may well imagine it bore a significance relating to His call to all nations and classes of people. It is definitely known however that an infinite amount of kindness and tender love was shown to these first adorers. The newborn King gave the rich princes and poor shepherds an opportunity which was immeasurable in goodness. Yet He exacted a price for the privilege they had of paying Him homage. In answering the call those chosen had to make a sacrifice which though costly to them, was but little in comparison to the favor received. The shepherds had to leave most of their flocks behind and come a long distance over neighboring hills. The wisemen left their gorgeous castles and set up money to finance a long journey on camelback across desert sands invaded so frequently with Arab robbers. But with determined courage and strong hearts they set out to overcome their obstacles, and with the grace of God persevered and won the great honor.

Today, as in the long ages past, the Divine Child sets up a bright heavenly star to certain chosen youths. It is a star which calls them as it called the kings and shepherds, a calling to an even higher honor. It is a star inviting to a religious vocation all who are willing to make the sacrifice. The sacrifice in this case is not that of crossing hills, fighting against cold, and evading robbers, but it is a fight of surmounting obstacles, overcoming the desperate attacks of Satan and making a complete sacrifice of life for the service of God. Someday the heavenly recompense which Our Lord has promised will come true when He fulfills the agreement He made through His beloved prophet Daniel, "They that instruct many unto Justice shall shine as stars for all eternity."

J. McL.



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#### The Christian Brothers

Extend their prayers and best wishes for a

Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year

to the members of the  
St. De La Salle Auxiliaries

## PERIOR PRAISES BROTHERS



Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools  
202 Via Aurelia Rome

Le Rancher, October 7, 1938

Very Dear Brother Visitor,

I have just received at our house in Le Rancher (France), where I am now resting under doctor's orders, the collective letter which you have signed, at the end of your annual retreat.

Your sentiments have gone straight to my heart. Already, I knew of the filial piety of our Brothers in the American and Canadian districts, towards the Brother Superior, but it has been especially agreeable to receive new assurance of it from their superiors.

Likewise I have been very happy to hear of the good impression produced by the recent Circular on the Catholic Action of our Brothers.

Finally, and above all, I bless and thank God for the excellent news you have given in recruiting, the perseverance of our subjects, and the prosperity of our schools. On this occasion don't fail to congratulate those good workers in this supernatural work. This has consoled me a little for what is happening in certain of our districts of Europe.

Thanking you for your prayers, which you have assured me, I remain,

Very dear Brother Visitor,  
Devotedly and cordially yours,

BROTHER JUNIEN VICTOR.

## Archbishop Approves Knights

Archdiocese of San Francisco  
December 9, 1938

Brother Ignatius:  
His Excellency, the Most Reverend Archbishop, directs me to state, in reply to your request of recent date for a mandate for Catholic Action, that he is pleased to grant a mandate to the student membership of "The Knights of Catholic Action." His Excellency is pleased to take this opportunity to congratulate the Brothers in charge, as the Knights themselves, on the general plan outlined in your communication, with particular reference to the various phases of Catholic Action and the projects contained therein.

His Excellency prays upon the activities of the Knights of Catholic Action Divine and the blessings of Almighty God, to the end that they will be conducive to the fostering of that Catholic spirit which has ever motivated the work of the Christian Brothers. Presenting the compliments of the Most Reverend Archbishop and with kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

FR. REV. THOMAS A. CONROY, S. J.

## NEWS

### CATHOLIC ACTION GROUPS MEET AT MONT LA SALLE

Hoping to devise unified plans in Catholic Action among the Brothers' schools in the San Francisco District, representatives of Catholic Action groups from high schools in Sacramento and Bay cities will convene at Mont La Salle on Dec. 17. The Knights of Catholic Action of Mont La Salle High School will be hosts for the visitors, and Frances Mahoney, Grand Knight of St. Mary's High, Berkeley, will preside.

Groups represented will be: Knights of Catholic Action of St. Mary's High, Berkeley; Knights from Mont La Salle; Catholic Action Council, Christian Brothers School, Sacramento; Knights of St. De La Salle, Sacred Heart College, San Francisco; representatives from St. Peter's School, San Francisco.

An assembly will be held in the morning with each group reviewing their activity of the semester just ending, and presenting their plans for the second semester. A discussion on a unified program will follow. After lunch two represented teams will stage a debate. In the middle of the afternoon the delegates will relax in witnessing a basketball game between Mont La Salle and one of the groups present. Preceding Benediction will be a short program of Catholic plays by the students of Mont La Salle High School. The closing event of the day will be a banquet with Brother Jasper, Provincial of the Christian Brothers on the Pacific Coast, as guest of honor.

### DON BOSCO RELIVES IN ENJOYABLE MOVIE

The moving picture "Don Bosco" was enjoyed by Juniors and Novices, Nov. 4, through the generosity of Brothers Celestine and Cyril. The life of this saint had previously been read in the refectory in order to better appreciate the picture. An added attraction was "The March of Industry," an educational production of General Motors. A sincere appreciation was manifested to the Brothers from Sacred

### NEW FEAST OF ST. LA SALLE IN JANUARY



Established last year by His Holiness, Pope Pius XI, the feast of the Translation of the Relics of St. John Baptist De La Salle, founder of the Christian Brothers, will be fittingly celebrated in all houses of the Brothers on January 26. Mont La Salle and the houses in the San Francisco District will have appropriate devotions in honor of the new feast.

At the request of the Holy See the Brothers moved their Mother House to Rome in 1937, bringing with them the relics of their saintly founder. Large crowds gathered at the various cities from Lamez to Rome to venerate the remains of the idolized educator as his relics were passing through the streets. Because of such enthusiasm and piety on the part of the faithful, the Superiors asked permission of His Holiness to have a special feast established to commemorate this occasion. The request was readily granted.

### CRUSADER ORCHESTRA MAKES REAPPEARANCE

Through the zealous efforts of Brother Boniface an orchestra was reestablished recently at Mont La Salle. The instruments which comprise the musical organization are ocarinas, harmonicas, flutes, Jew's harps, a guitar, and a banjo. With the great amount of practice being done it is expected that the musicians will present many an

## JUNIORS ACTIVE ON FEAST DAY

*A day full with activities, participated in by all the Juniors, marked the feast of the Junior Novitiate, Nov. 21. High Mass, treasure hunt, banquet, football, Benediction, and an entertainment comprised the program of events in which the Juniors took part.*

*For the first time this year the Juniors sang High Mass without the assistance of the Novices. Brother Boniface, choir director, complimented them for their inspiring rendition of the Gregorian chant.*

*Scratching of heads, squinting of eyes, jottings of lead on paper accompanied the first part of the treasure hunt as the participants struggled with the puzzles which, when solved, would entitle them to the second division—a scavenger hunt. Assortment of bugs, leaves, plants and whatnot filled the volleyball court as the scavengers brought in their findings to receive their third installment—instructions as to the general location of buried treasures.*

*Twenty-eight Juniors, with ravenous appetites after the morning's hunt, sat down to a delicious banquet at noon, with Brother Jasper, Visitor, as their guest.*

*With two hours for normal digestion of a large meal, the celebrants were ready to engage in the traditional inter-Junior football tussle. Coverage of this event can be found among the sports articles.*

*With a heart full of thanks for the many graces they have received in aiding them in following their vocation, the Juniors paid honor to the Blessed Sacrament with their singing of Benediction.*

*The closing event of the day was the evening's entertainment featuring three plays enacted by the senior, junior and sophomore classes. Community singing and band selections filled in the rest of the program.*

### Brother Arator Lectures

Brother Arator, Director of Sacred Heart College, San Francisco, delivered a lecture to the Juniors on Dec. 14. He spoke on the work of the Brothers throughout the world, pointing out by the use of colored pins on maps, the location of the schools of the Brothers in the different countries.

## PREPARATIONS IN MAKING FOR BUSY CHRISTMAS

Christmas this year will be ushered in with the same amount of joy and good will as has accompanied all previous Yuletide seasons. The refectory, study hall, and recreation hall will be adorned with decorations and trimmings. The chapel also will be appropriately demonstrative of the true Christmas spirit wherein a miniature crib and stable will shelter the figures of the Holy Family. The Novices and Juniors will sing Midnight Mass under the direction of Brother Boniface. Distribution of presents and candy, a turkey dinner, and suitable games will occupy the day. The week of vacation will be spent in recuperation from vigorous semester examinations and in indulgence in games, reading, sports, and other activities. The leisure holidays will come to a close with an entertainment on New Year's Day.

## JUNIORS ENJOY TRIP TO SACRAMENTO

Oct. 22 found all the Juniors in the C.B.S. school bus on their way to Sacramento to play football. The lightweights played in the morning and the varsity in the afternoon. Then a delicious lunch prepared by Brother Urban was "hit hard" by 28 ravenous appetites. Brothers and students graciously showed the La Salleites around the buildings and campus. In the evening through the kindness of Brother Patrick a delicious chicken dinner and all the trimmings was enjoyed by the Junior Novices. Following the huge repast and distribution of candy the return was made to home and bed after the enjoyable day.

## ST. PETER'S ENTERTAINS

Providing the Juniors with an afternoon of real enjoyment, the Senior class of St. Peter's School, San Francisco, presented a program of drama and music at Mont La Salle, Dec. 4. The two plays starred Paul Gaffey, James Herlibey, August Zipse, and Mario Conti. Brother Patrick directed the program. Music was provided by the newly organized St. Peter's orchestra, under the direction of Brother Lawrence. This is the second time Brother Patrick has brought his thespians to Mont La Salle, presenting two years ago, "The Copperhead."

### MOTHERS HOLD SUCCESSFUL WHIST

The Mont La Salle Mothers' Guild, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Murphy, president of the guild, held their annual whist party at St. Paul's Parish Hall, San Francisco, last month.

Several times during the year these devoted mothers undertake social events for the benefit of their sons, who are studying either at Mont La Salle or St. Mary's College. This year the whist party was an unusual success in view of the industrial troubles of the bay region and the numerous affairs these mothers have already sponsored for the Brothers.

### FRIENDS REMEMBER JUNIORS ON FEAST DAY

The Juniors wish to extend their sincere thanks to Brother Patrick of Christian Brothers School, Sacramento, Brother Hilary of St. Peter's School, San Francisco, Brother Ralph of St. Mary's College, Brothers Anselm, Thomas, and Edwin of Cathedral High School, Los Angeles, for their kind gifts and greetings on the feast of the Junior Novitiate, Nov. 21, the feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin.

Much needed athletic equipment, particularly a soccer ball, basketball, and baseballs were purchased with money given by these kind donors.

### JUNIORS JUDGE DEBATE

The Juniors at Mont La Salle were the hosts to the debating society that came from Sacred Heart High School, San Francisco, Nov. 17. The debaters took as their topic of discussion "Resolved: That the National Labor Relations Board be Empowered to Enforce Arbitration in All Industrial Disputes." Arthur Brest presided over the affair as chairman. Robert West and James Olde were speakers for the negative. John Fallon and Jerry Ryan upheld the affirmative. The audience gave the decision to the affirmative. Fallon and Brest rendered oratorical declamations as added features. Brother Alexander, moderator of the society, accompanied the debaters to Mont La Salle.

### INDUSTRIOUS BROTHER BOWS UNKNOWINGLY BEFORE PRESS



BROTHER BENEDICT

Among the members of the Juniorate faculty at Mont La Salle is a Brother who, due to a widespread knowledge of science and mathematics, is the object of untold questions from scientific-minded Juniors who know him to hold sure solutions to all problems presented. At the present time he is teaching courses in Religion, physics, algebra, trigonometry, and chemistry, and yet aside from these classes he finds time to make, repair and tear apart radio sets, work on private experimentations, repair the fellows' broken watches and cameras, and develop all the films which the members of the community turn in to him. As an additional hobby he keeps in touch with, and develops his mind by mathematical problems requiring several sheets of binder paper on both sides. He then makes a recheck of the entire problem and if he finds a slight error in it which has thrown off his entire solution he proceeds to rework the entire thing over again until he gets the correct answer. Due to this earnestness and sincere effort in all he undertakes he is looked up to by all the students who believe him to be a "True Master of Patience." This likeable person (or should he be called "genius?") is none other than Brother U. Benedict. Incidentally, for an example of  
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## Call to Action

Following the call to Catholic Action voiced by Archbishop John J. Mitty of San Francisco, and through the encouragement



ROBERT FLAHERTY

of Brother Junien Victor, Superior General of the Christian Brothers, the Junior Novices of Mont La Salle organized among themselves the Knights of Catholic Action.

### Role in High Schools

Knowing the importance Catholic Action is playing in the high schools of today, the future Brothers decided that preparation for the teaching profession in the religious life should comprise not only a study of principles and methods but actual participation in the activity of the apostolate during their years of training.

### Organization

The organization is comprised of various groups engaged in special projects. Four such units coincide with the religion classes. The seniors are working on "Catholic Current Events"; juniors, on "The Life of Christ"; sophomores, on "The Liturgy"; the freshmen on a scrapbook of Catholic pictures portraying the history of the Church. Additional groups consist in members studying the missions, science from the Catholic standpoint, Catholic literature, and Catholic social principles including a study of Catholic Action.

### Leadership

Each group is under the leadership of a president and the guidance of a faculty member. The Central Council comprises the Grand Knight, Robert Flaherty; the Scribe, Stephen Meaney, who also represents the senior class; junior class president, Robert

Mello; sophomore president, Bernard Brogan; freshmen president, Lucian Meyers; president of the study club, Albert Jones; and faculty representative, Brother Bertram. The Central Council makes the general plans for the entire organization.

### Diffusion of Results

The results of the work of each group are promulgated by means of Bulletin Board exhibitions and Open Forums held monthly, besides the definite practices or activities stimulated by the various units for the benefit of the entire student body.

### SENIOR CLASS—Catholic News

The Senior class under the direction of Brother Ignatius, Director of Juniors, has as its project, "Catholic Interests in World News." The project has been divided into units: Science and Medicine, Education, Politics, and Economics. The class intends to give to the student-body a very interesting summary of events of the Catholic Church and the world of today, compiled from the current magazines. The class will also use the Catholic newspapers, "The San Francisco Monitor," "The Sacramento Register," and "The Los Angeles Tidings." Following are the definite assignments: Stephen Meaney will write on Fascism; Robert Flaherty, on Politics, William Pelletier, on Education; James McLaughlin, on Capital and Labor; Charles Bellefeuille, on Communism; and Peter Villa, on Science and Medicine. Though this will take time the seniors will continue to place small and interesting articles regarding Catholic news on the Bulletin Board. The class will present these topics to be more fully explained and discussed in the Open Forum, Jan. 4.

### JUNIORS—CHRIST

The Junior class has for its Catholic Action project "The Life of Christ." Under the presidency of Robert Mello and the direction of Brother Boniface, the class has made several plans for the diffusion of

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Christ's example and doctrine among the student body. The project aims to bring the Juniors closer to Christ by making them bring His spirit into each and all their actions. This spirit is first and above all a "belief that is active," that is, a belief in His words that leads to convictions and principles of living brought into daily life and lived. Along the same line, they aim to apply His principles to as many modern situations as possible in order to be filled with Christ's way of thinking in regard to labor, education, marriage, etc.

As a preparation for Christmas the class exhibit daily on the Bulletin Board a prophecy concerning the coming of Christ with its explanation and lesson. Pictures portraying the various periods in the life of our Saviour will be on exhibition in one of the classrooms. Similar projects are planned which aim to make Christ's life vivid and appealing. A class motto based on the words "Faith in Christ" has been discussed as a future activity. The class is heart and soul in the idea of making their fellow Juniors Christ-conscious.

### SOPHOMORE—Liturgy

The sophomores, working on "The Liturgy," have undertaken several activities in an effort to spread an increase of devotion to the liturgical functions and opportunities at Mont La Salle. With President Bernard Brogan at the helm and Brother Bertram guiding the work, the class has published a weekly bulletin on the spirit of each Sunday's Mass with practical lessons to be derived therefrom. The Mass will be explained in these bulletins from the point of view of participating in the sacrifice. A Mass serving list has been drawn up by the class, thus giving all Juniors the opportunity of assisting at the altar. Members are publishing an explanation of the Ecclesiastical Year with an installment each season. Devotion to the Blessed Sacrament is being encouraged by inspirational papers on the First Fri-

day exercises and Benediction. Intentions for the next day's Mass and Communion are placed on the front board in the study hall each evening by appointed sophs. A drive for missals is under way and will last till Christmas.

### FRESHMEN—Scrapbook

Catholic Action took its first step in the freshmen class when its members undertook the production of a scrapbook. This scrapbook is being filled with historical clippings and articles which deal with Holy Mother the Church. All of the freshmen are participating in the project to make it a big success. The book will also contain interesting notes on how the Church is ruled by the Holy See and the hierarchy, along with a list of the special intentions for holydays of the year. Brother Benedict, the freshmen moderator, is supervising the work.

### Study—Catholic Action

The first subject to be studied by the club has been the principles of Catholic Action. Letters from His Holiness, Pope Pius XI and Cardinal Cuvardi's "Manual of Catholic Action" form the texts for the study. President Albert Jones directs the weekly discussions and outlines are distributed to members.

#### *Catholic Action Calls!!*

*"Life, Love and Fun."*

*They make the old world run!  
Let clergymen work hard and pray!  
Say many Christian folks today;  
But they know not the Love Divine.  
Behold, our work is found!  
By prayer, example, works combined  
Come, Christian people, teach all those  
Whose Faith is not so sound!  
Catholic Action! Heed the call!  
You who love your God!  
Give heart and soul and mind and all  
That souls to God may trod!*

J. McL.

## IN THE SOLITUDE OF THE NOVITIATE

### 100 Tons of Grapes

Two hundred thousand pounds of grapes, our statistician reports, were picked by us this season. We could hardly believe it.

October 5, 1938's day of initiation, found us out in the vineyards with high spirits; for a mid-term vacation from the classroom was ours. Indeed time and millions of grapes darkened these spirits occasionally, particularly when we were picking on the "Alps," and while we sweat amidst the tough pickings of the "Cabernets." However, an offering of prizes for the best record afforded us whatever human motivation was expedient.

The last afternoon finally rolled around, and we took it in grand holiday spirit. In fact, our Juniorate confreres, not realizing that our foreman would take the challenge militantly, heaved in our direction some of the last grapes gathered. Needless to say, the Juniors took to flight; when they later attempted to ambush us, we put them to rout in a bloody battle of luscious red grapes.

Brothers Christopher and Gilbert received the prizes; for some reason Brother Cassian discovered one too, and is still wondering why.

### Pun Fever

Thus far we have escaped this season's flu; but pun fever, a much worse malady has gripped us unto death. We are suffering from over production, and trust the coming penitential season of Advent will mortify further attempts of this joy-killer.

### OUR AUXILIARIES

We sincerely offer our deepest gratitude to our kind benefactors. Our auxiliary drive was a great success. In the hope that our prayers and works are of value we offer them even more sincerely and earnestly each day for all our auxiliaries.

### NEW NOVICES

Two postulants have almost finished their term of probation preliminary to the reception of the habit of the Brother of the Christian Schools. On December 14, Deus Volens, the Eve of Novices' Day, Postulant Edward Statter and Postulant Eugene

O'Sullivan don the religious habit. They will commence their retreat of preparation on the night of the feast of the Immaculate Conception.

### HOLIDAY TO S. F.

On a holiday from regular session, Saturday the 19th saw us walking across the Golden Gate to the great city of Saint Francis. Uncle Sam had his battleship "The Colorado" sail under the bridge and out the gate for us. From thence, in easy stages by bus and on foot, we explored the Presidio, Land's End, the Cliff House, the Esplanada, the zoo, Golden Gate park, the aquarium, the Academy of Natural History, and the museum. Our lunch was taken at the zoo immediately preceding that of the lions and tigers.

After visiting St. Anne's Basilica, St. Dominic's, and an attempt to see Grace Cathedral, we wended our way to Sacred Heart College. Brother Arator, Director, welcomed us with open arms and capped his generosity of lending us the bus, by giving us a splendid banquet.

### NOVICE'S FEASTDAY

For us, the biggest day of the year, our family day, is December 15, the octave of the Immaculate Conception; so it has been established by our congregation. Preparations are already under way for a High Mass and an informal evening family program; all else remains a deep dark secret. Brother Director did mention, however, that we would do big things that day.

### IN SHORT

Brother Bernardine rapidly recovers from his appendectomy—Brother Sub-director points out Catholic Action—Brother Gregory outruns and catches bare-handed a jackrabbit; Brother David claims it was young and tender—Brother S. Pius almost learns how to ring the old Martinez bell—Brother Leo plans for Scholasticate days—Brothers Mark and Frederick take vital interest in the new lawn.



### IN THE STUDY OF THE SCHOLASTICATE

We are not symbolists, but we can not help identifying two events of early November as characteristic of life in the Scholasticate. One was Brother Visitor's inspection of our department, a symbol of the interest taken in our interior life, quiet, constant, generous; the other, our Halloween program, symbol of the comradeship and the good times of the Scholasticate.

The entertainment, accompanied by all the fanfare we could hurriedly muster, took place in the recreation hall. A burlesque of Student-Brother activities, written by Brother Leonard and starring Brother Raymond as announcer, Brother Benilde as pantomime artist and Brother George as imitator of celebrities, was the evening's success. Of the newcomers to our department, Brother James proved how laugh-provoking a black face with a southern drawl can be, while Brother Maris asked some right merry questions of his smiling audience. Brother William and Brother Vincent of the old-timers scooped to ventriloquism with pleasant results. The only orthodox play of the evening featured Brother Brendan and Brother Jerome in one man's idea of heaven. Of course Brother Director came through. The treat on this occasion was ice-cream and its escorts.

Without illusions as regards the future, we know that the semester examinations are almost on us, that in the middle of examination week comes December 15, the feast day of the Scholasticate and the Novitiate. What to do? Well, the Student Brothers have an answer. We have not been combining prayer and study, feast and fast, all these months for nothing. When the octave of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception comes around, we will be celebrating it as joyfully as the Novices at Mont La Salle. Then will come vacation, catechism examinations and, finally, Christmas with its greetings, its happiness, its spirit of world union. Joyeux Noel!

### CATHOLIC ACTION IN THE SCHOLASTICATE

In response to Our Holy Father's urgent appeals and the more direct suggestion of

Brother Director we launched into our second year of organized Catholic Action. Though organized, however, our Catholic Action is not, properly speaking, official. It partakes more of the nature of a private study-club in Catholic Action, our sole purpose being to gain an understanding of, and an enthusiasm for, the new crusade. Our first move, then, was to elect the two officers of chairman and scribe, which being done we divided the remaining group into four committees under the heads of Propaganda, Social Works, Education and Liturgy. We meet once a month on Sunday evenings. After a few remarks on Catholic Action in general, the committee in charge of the evening presents several short talks on their particular subject, which is followed by an open forum. By means of such meetings we have already made interesting adventures into the problems of the Church with regard to the Press, the Theatre, and the economic world of Capital and Labor.

Nor are our endeavors confined to monthly meetings. Catholic Action also enters, in different ways, into our readings in the refectory, into informal group discussions and conversations among ourselves and, not infrequently, with members of the faculty. Outstanding among the faculty in this regard has been Professor Hagerly who in class and out of class has been most helpful in imparting a just appreciation of a subject so close to his heart. Through his influence the group hopes to be favored in the near future with a most worthy guest speaker in the person of Mr. Silvestro Andriano, diocesan chairman of the great lay movement.

And now, as the lengthy Christmas holidays are at hand, we intend to satisfy our awakened curiosity by dipping into some of the copious Catholic Action literature in the College library. No doubt our concept of Catholic Action is largely in the expansive realm of the theoretical — much talk and little action. And so it must be in our present period of formation. Nevertheless, we are keenly mindful that we are studying so as to be able to teach, thinking so as to be able to act, and following both our books and our teachers so as to be able, in the near future, to lead.

### REDS TRIM WHITES IN TRADITIONAL GAME

In the annual Junior's Day football game the Reds, captained by Al Jones, barely beat the Whites of Bob Mello, 6-0. The first quarter was quite evenly matched, but in the second frame the Whites, by Stahl's passes, came up to the Red's 6 yard line. The last play of the half Mello threw a pass to Bart Flaherty just over the goal but the pigskin slipped helplessly through the outstretched hands. The third quarter was much like the first with neither team making any spectacular gains, but in the final period the Reds came to life. Ronald Jackman, backing up the line for the Whites, blocked an attempted kick by Jones. Jones, however, scooping up the bounding ball, threw a short pass to Barney Brogan, playing right end position, who scrambled from the forty to the seventeen yard line. From there Jones ran to a first down on the two yard line. Bill Pelletier, full-back, then crashed the line on a crossback to make the first score. The extra point toed by the left half barely missed the mark. The Whites again rallied in the closing moments of the game but to no avail. Villa, McCarthy, Brogan, and Meaney were the outstanding linemen for the fighting teams. Nielsen and Jackman aided their respective teams by effective blocking.

### NAPANS TIE AND WIN—TOUCHTACKLE

Touchtackle inaugurated itself on the La Salle "turf" Nov. 3, when the lightweights engaged in a close battle with the Intermediate team from Napa, the score at the final gun being 7-7.

The local boys crossed the yellow line late in the last quarter when "Ron" Jackman side stepped two onrushers and snapped a short pass to "Bart" Flaherty who completed the spiral and touched the ball down for 6 points. The tally was made by Jackman on a fake kick with a reverse around right end. The visitors scored in the first quarter when, during an aerial attack, Jones of Napa tossed the pigskin thirty yards to Carpe who received and ran the few remaining steps to a touchdown. On a throw over center, executed from Hyde to Garduche, the Napans made their extra point.

6-0 was the score of the second game of touchtackle played between the Intermediates from Napa, and the La Salle lightweights. The Napans made their six points late in the third quarter, when completing a hide-out pass the right end ran over the goal line with two pursuers closely on his trail. The try for the extra point failed when a pass thrown over center was knocked to the ground. Much passing was done throughout the game, both teams frequently using hide-out men. O'Neill and Yaeger of the Crusaders caught passes netting about 90 yards. Due to the fact that Bob Flaherty was injured the day before the game, Ron Jackman was elected as acting captain and played an outstanding game at half position.

### SQUIRES PROVE WINNERS IN DOUBLE TUSSLE

After losing two consecutive games, the La Salle lightweights showed what they had in defeating the C.B.S. Freshmen, 14-0. The first quarter was fairly close but in the second frame, Ron Jackman and Joe Yaeger went for at least a five yard gain each time. It was easy then, for Jackman to run around tackle for the killing. Expecting a kick or a line plunge for the extra point, the C.B.S. boys were fooled when Jackman ran on a wide sweep around the end. In the last quarter Bob Flaherty ran around the same end for 70 yards to put the La Salleites further ahead. Again Jackman sauntered the few yards for the extra point. Zeigler and Concannon kept C.B.S. in the game, while Bart Flaherty and Harold Devaney did honors for the lighties.

Armistice day Nov. 11. A freshman team from Sacramento lost a close game to the La Salle lightweights by a margin of 9-7. The "locals" scored in the first quarter when Ron Jackman strutted for ten yards off right tackle to cross the goal line. The conversion was executed by Bart Flaherty on a quarter back sneak which caught the visitors entirely off guard.

In the second quarter the "Squires" again added two points when the M.L.S. line charged upon the desperate C.B.S. kicker in the end zone.

Following this setback the Sacramento offensive began "to go to town." Then their mighty 200-pound fullback, Enrico Amaphernie, plunged through the center of the line and lumbered 50 yards to pay dirt. The latter also dropkicked the pigskin between the challenging up-rights.

The mainstays for Sacramento were Amaphernie and Kenney for the Juniors, Jackman, Yaeger, Neilsen, and Bart Flaherty.

#### LIGHTIES—SACRED HEART NO SCORE

Nov. 6 found the Sacred Heart knights of De La Salle playing the Mont La Salle "lighties" in a thrilling battle of football, neither team scoring a point.

The La Salle boys crossed pay dirt once on a beautiful reverse, but the play was called back because of backfield in motion.

The stars for Sacred Heart were Sullivan and Serelli. The ground gainers for M.L.S. were Bob Flaherty, Ron Jackman, and Joe Yaeger. Jackman made most of the total yardage, making three end runs which netted from 15 to 30 yards each. Flaherty made the failing touchdown and other big gains. Yaeger took honors as a crushing line hitter. The La Salle lightweights made most yardage and played a hard game, but Sacred Heart gave too stiff competition to add up a score.

#### KNIGHTS CLAIM BASKETBALL ENCOUNTER

*(Continued from p. 15)*

The "Teenies," that is, a team composed of the smaller Junior ball players, will be re-established to play quintets from the eighth grades of different visiting grammar schools. Last year this team's record was a so-so subject, taking two out of three from St. John's and losing a duo to the Napa intermediate. A better season is expected this year with such capable material as Hank Hollingworth and Barney McLaughlin to take the floor. . . . So better luck this time, gang.

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*the progress he has made in the art of developing films, please turn to the picture gallery in the middle pages of this issue.*

#### HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES BRING GAY NIGHT

Halloween was the scene of many activities in which both Juniors and Novices took part. The following were the plays rendered by the Juniors: the seniors gave "Sherman Said It" starring Villa and J. McLaughlin; the junior class presented "The Villain Still Pursued Her," the main roles taken by Mello and Renaghan; McCarthy took the leading sophomore part in "Midnight"; and the freshmen brought many laughs in "William Tell's Apple Tree" with B. McLaughlin and O'Neil as jokesters. Immediately following the dramatic skits Novices and Juniors gathered together for a few games including pie-eating and imitation contests with representatives from each division. The Juniors then went to the school gymnasium where everyone took part in various other competitive games and contests.

#### HIGHLIGHTS IN OTHER JUNIORATES Ammendale, Md.

The feast of Blessed Brother Solomon was celebrated with much pomp Oct. 17 by the Juniors of Ammendale.

#### Barrytown, N. Y.

A successful three day retreat was concluded Oct. 7, the topics of discourse and meditation being on vocation, and the passion and the Blessed Sacrament.

Class activities also found great success in the undertakings of October and November.

#### Glencoe, Mo.

Great improvements are being made on the building, the latest being renovation of the kitchen and the addition of a new gas range.

#### TELL-U-SCOPE

*(Continued from p. 9)*

At last "Little Lu Lu" Meyers was acknowledged as a member of the light weight team, but one great obstacle presented itself. When they tried to find a suit to fit him, it seemed that he would slip right through every one he tried on. After much figuring and alterations a miniature suit was rigged up for the fiery guard.

## Literary

### HE WASN'T FORGOTTEN

By A SHY SENIOR

He didn't know why he had done it, but it was too late to cry about it. This thought filled the mind of the seventeen-year-old boy as he slowly made his way to the suburbs of the town. He had just that very morning received the first job he had been able to procure for the last three months, and all it amounted to was washing windows half an hour for thirty cents. When he had stopped in church for a visit to the Blessed Sacrament, he had got an inspiration to put the precious coins into the poor-box so someone even more needy than his own poor family would receive the benefits and his Charity would be repayed a hundredfold. Therefore he had done as this idea had suggested.—And it was as he rounded the last corner before turning into the alley in which he lived, that he felt very cold and bitter toward himself for having perhaps wasted the money which had come at so opportune a time, for the next day was Christmas. The thought gripped tightly in his soul that his mother and dad and he might have had a loaf of fresh bread and a bottle of milk and maybe even so extravagant a thing as a package of cookies out of his earnings, and what if God would fail him now, and he had only wasted his earnings!

Coming up to the little shack and swinging the door open on its one remaining squeaky hinge, he noticed that the place was cozy and warm and on the far end of the room stood a Christmas tree covered with bright ornaments just like those he had seen on the trees in the department stores down town. And there were even presents below. On further inspection he saw a beautiful crib standing on the only table in the place. He thought he was asleep and to make sure of himself pinched vigorously at his left arm. Certainly he never had expected to see his home looking so wonderful! Just then his gray-haired mother came in from the small porch behind the shanty and, with a bright smile on her wrinkling face such as he had not seen for a very long time, explained that her

long forgotten rich brother had become a Catholic at last and had just returned from Europe and was staying in the city until they moved from the slums to the more fashionable part of town; it was this uncle who had brought all the beautiful things he now saw. Uncle Joe had just gone down to the store with dad to get provisions for the biggest meal the family was to have tasted for several years.—Then as the mother busied herself with tidying up the place, the happy fellow went before the new crib and whispered a prayer of thanksgiving and begged the newborn King to forgive him for doubting His goodness in rewarding Charity.

### BOOK REPORT

#### "How They Started"

By ELIZABETH B. HAMILTON

"How They Started," is a compiled edition containing nine biographical sketches of famous men. These stories explain how Lincoln became well known and entered politics; why Steffens determined to and did become a newspaperman; some of the events in the life of William Tecumseh Sherman, and the circumstances which led him to become a great soldier; the things that led up to the entrance of Rockefeller in to the oil trade and how he made his fortune; how Roosevelt became a great, healthy man and the President, from a poor, sickly boy; the manner in which Rudubon first started painting birds; the perseverance of Hans Christian Andersen in his chosen field; how Davy Crockett was famed by his daring exploits; and lastly how Dwight Morrow went about becoming a great financier and diplomat and the obstacles he overcame to reach his goal. All these interesting things are told in this book edited by Elizabeth B. Hamilton.

#### GRAPE PICKING COMPLETED FOR JUNIORATE HELP

Appropriation of all grapes recently picked by Juniors gave the winery a total of over a hundred tons to be made into Mont La Salle wines.

Junior and senior classes were the only high school members chosen to pick this year.

## CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Once in the days of long ago,  
 Bleak winter had set in,  
 When all the ground was damp with snow  
 A tramp approached an Inn.

His clothes were torn; His shoes were thin  
 His spirit sad and low,  
 But when he came up to the Inn,  
 He found all hearts aglow.

He wondered why all men could be  
 So happy and so gay,  
 But when he saw a lovely tree,  
 He knew 'twas Christmas Day.

He then remembered that great day  
 When Christ in years long passed  
 Had braved the cold in that same way  
 To save from sin, at last!

He went to Church that very night  
 Confessed his many sins;  
 And now thought nothing of his plight  
 Through Christ his peace he wins.

And now as happy as can be  
 He tramps the world no more;  
 He ever loves the Christmas tree  
 And prays as ne'er before.

—A. Morin.

## INCARNATION—A Short Story

By B. BROGAN

A lonely little seed dropped one day from the bag of a flower merchant on his way to Bethlehem. By chance it fell in a sheltered spot under the roof of a stable on the outskirts of the town. Soon the seed thrust roots into the ground, and a little green blade sprang up and developed into a shaggy twig. A bud came forth, but, try as it might, it was to no avail as the icy winds and chilly air held it in check. Again and again it tried to bloom forth but was continually driven back. Finally it gave up hope and settled down awaiting death. However just as it lay back its weary head it noticed a number of people passing by in a hurry. Some were warmly and richly clad, and others were trudging along in rags. Among the poorest of the latter it noted a couple approaching, a middle aged man and a gentle maiden. This cold, almost numbed, pair staggered slowly into the stable for rest and warmth. Later, as the little twig peeked through a crack in the wood beside it, it saw in a cradle of straw and twigs a beautiful child. Then, looking toward the heavens, the wee plant witnessed a bright light and heard heavenly voices singing, "Glory to God in the Highest!" A warm light suddenly came from within the stable and the little bud bathed in its warmth and filled with joy and bliss burst forth into bloom, a beautiful flower with ruffled red petals. In honor of the Holy Incarnation which had just taken place, it is even today known as the "Carnation." It then sent its sweet incense into the poor stable and bowed its heavy and beautiful head in profound adoration of Christ the King.

## ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

<i>Behind the Shop Windows</i>	Jannette Eaton
<i>Great Epochs in American History</i> (five volumes)	Frank W. Halsey
<i>How They Started</i>	Elizabeth B. Hamilton
<i>Industrial vs. Craft Unionism</i>	Johnsen*
<i>Consumer's Co-operatives</i>	Johnsen, Garland, Philips*
<i>Unicameral Legislatures</i>	Summers*
<i>Unicameralism in Practice</i>	Summers*
<i>Reorganization of Supreme Court</i>	Summers*
<i>Anglo-American Agreement</i>	Johnsen*
<i>Chinese, Japanese War, 1937</i>	Johnsen*
<i>Peace and Rearmament</i>	Johnsen*

\*The Reference Shelf Series

## AUTUMN SCENERY—An Essay

By L. MEYERS

Climbing the last rock, I gazed round about. I was on top of a tall hill between two gullies. Around me the world lay in majestic autumn splendor. On my left was a sheer rocky drop to the ravine below. On the right the mountain slanted steeply toward a bubbling brook. Everywhere the leaves of the trees were turning yellow and red. Some however were holding their greenness, perhaps as a faint memory of days past. All around rose high hills, some above me and others below. They were covered by yellow and green tinted trees which made them more beautiful. Some mountains were topped by rocky points which stood out sharply against the azure horizon, adding majesty and wildness to the scene by their fantastic forms, carved by waters of many ages past. As I turned around I noted a peculiarly shaped mountain with a small hill in front of it. Together they seemed to form the shape of an elephant. In the distance could be seen the school surrounded with green trees and shrubs. It stood out vividly against the background of verdant hills. I circumsized and tried to picture the time when this wild country was roamed by Indians. I reckoned how many Indians had used this very rock for a look-out. This scene truly fitted the phrase of a song once learned about our country: "The majestic forests where nature abounds, we love every rock and rill." Nature abounded everywhere; the birds were fitting here and there; hawks and buzzards were soaring high above. Murky clouds were piled together in great bunches, allowing the sun to send down its rays through scattered spots of blue. These clouds added to the wildness of the scene. They looked as if they would plunge the world into sudden storm. Their blackness and foreboding aspect seemed to manifest the power of their Creator who will some day strike the world for its sinfulness. Such a scene made me wonder if I would ever be worthy of the greatness and beauty promised in the next life which will be increased a thousandfold by the Beatific Vision.

## Among the Brothers' Schools

### New Schools

The Brothers of the St. Louis District recently took over the management and staffing of the *Price Memorial College*, *Amarillo, Texas*, at the request of the Most Reverend Robert E. Lucey, bishop of that city.

Following the invitation of the Vicar Apostolic of Aruba, Antilles, thirteen Brothers from the *Holland District* took over *St. Dominic* and *St. Patrick* schools in *Aruba*.

### Jubilee

Students of *St. Mary's High School, Waltham, Mass.*, celebrated the Golden Jubilee of their parochial grammar school during the semester.

### Catholic Action

The Catholic Action Club of *La Salle Military Academy, Oakdale, I.I.*, have formulated extensive plans for the year. Catholic Action groups have been formed in most of the Brothers' schools in the *New York* and *St. Louis Districts*.

Under the inspiration of *Prof. James L. Hagerty*, a Catholic Action Council was formed at *St. Mary's College*, now claiming twenty members.

*Christian Brothers School, Sacramento*, now boasts of a Catholic Action Council with *Graham Lahey* as president and *Marco Smolich*, secretary. The new group is divided into three chapters: *Publicity*, *Propagation of the Faith*, and *St. Vincent de Paul*. The work is under the guidance of Brothers *Robert, Walter, and Norbert*.

The knights of Catholic Action of *St. Mary's High School, Berkeley* attended Mass and general Communion in the school chapel. The Knights' choir sang the Mass. Debates on the topic of whether or not Communism should be studied in American colleges have been held among the members, with possible challenges to *Mont La Salle* and *Sacred Heart*.

Catholic Action will now be the special work of the Knights of *St. La Salle* at *Sacred*

*Heart College, San Francisco*, according to a bulletin issued by *Brother Clement*, moderator.

#### Student Counselors

*Brother Thomas* has been appointed student counselor at *Cathedral High School, Los Angeles*. *Brother Thomas* will help the boys of *Cathedral* in finding an occupational, professional or religious vocation in the world, advising them how to make use of the opportunities while in high school, giving them necessary information for the particular fields they are interested in. *Cathedral* is thus following a world wide progressive move in education, public and private, in vocational guidance—preparing students for the economic, social, and religious life they will lead after leaving school. *Brother Eugene* performs a similar function at *Christian Brothers School, Sacramento*; *Brothers Lambert and Edward*, at *St. Mary's High School, Berkeley*.

#### Entertainment

The *Eire Orge*, the Irish society of *St. Mary's College*, produced an evening of entertainment on Nov. 22. Local talent was exclusive on the program.

One of the most successful social events in the history of *Sacred Heart College, San Francisco*, was the Senior Jinx held last month. *Brother Vincent*, senior moderator, was in charge of the affair.

Before a capacity crowd in the parish auditorium, the *St. Peter's Senior Class, San Francisco*, presented the annual senior dramatical program. *Brother Patrick* was in charge of the production. An added attraction was the newly organized *St. Mary's High* orchestra from *Berkeley* under the direction of *Brother Kevin*.

*Brother Norbert* will again guide the *C. B. S. Thespians* of *Sacramento* in their dramatic productions of the year. Plays will be given before the student assemblies.

"The Life of *St. John Bosco*," in its motion picture interpretation was shown to the students of *Sacred Heart College, San Francisco*, by *Brother Celestine*.

#### Music

At *Sacred Heart College* over sixty students have been practicing regularly for the newly organized school band. The ral-

lies have been enlivened by *Brother Gabriel's* school orchestra.

Fifteen students, mostly lowerclassmen, compose the *St. Mary's High School* orchestra, which has played at several school dances, parish societies and entertainments. Wearing white jackets, black bow ties, dark pants and white shoes, the players make a neat and classy appearance. *Brother Kevin* organized the orchestra this semester.

The choir at *Cathedral High School, Los Angeles*, has sung several High Masses at the school, First Friday devotions and in several churches of the diocese.

A solemn requiem Mass was sung at the *Cathedral* in *San Francisco* for the deceased faculty, alumni, and students of *Sacred Heart College*. The school choir, under the direction of *Brother Columban*, sang the Mass.

#### Debating

*St. Mary's College* has held several debates with the universities and colleges of the coast, some of which have been broadcast over the air.

Under the inspiration and direction of *Brother Alexander*, the *Sacred Heart Debating Society* has been engaged in numerous contests with the other high schools of *San Francisco*. Plans are under way for the forming of a Catholic School Debating League for the archdiocese.

The *Cathedral Debating Society of Los Angeles* was recently elected by sixteen member teams to the presidency of the Southern Debating League. *Brother Thomas*, debating coach, will preside at all League meetings. Next semester *Cathedral High* and *Beverly Hills High* will be co-hosts to the National Forensic Tournament to be held at *Beverly Hills*.

#### Drives

*St. Mary's Alumni* and the *St. Mary's Club* will continue the soliciting of pledges made in October's drive for the reduction of the debt on *St. Mary's College*.

Under the chairmanship of *Brother Edwin*, students of *Cathedral High School, Los Angeles*, successfully completed a raffle for the benefit of *Mont La Salle*, the training school of the *Christian Brothers*.

## Humor

### Slips o' the Tongue

Bill: "If your eyes hurt you, you should see the Director."

Vic: "Your shoes sure make a lot of noise walking up the corridor."

John: "Joe just went to Napa for his teeth."

Al: "Your bark is louder than your bite."

Pete: "And his hands are always walking around in his pockets."

Jim: "Why don't you try talking with your mouth closed?"

Pat: "Have some mush on your sugar?"

Hank: "I am going to wash my socks out of the dirt."

Chuck: "I'm half Irish, half French, and half English."

Joe: "Why don't you pick up your shoes when you walk?"

Steve: "If you don't live more how do you expect to eat?"

### Rest . . .

Ron: "I had a luncheon engagement with a professional mind reader once."

Bill: "How did he enjoy his vacation?"

### Mistake?

Joe: (on phone) "Why can't you reserve a box for four, Isn't this the theater?"

Voice: "No, this is the undertaker."

??? !!!

John: "I think I have a cold or something in my head."

Steve: "It must be a cold."

### Have It His Way!

Teacher: "Jimmy, are you eating candy or chewing gum?"

Jimmy: "No'm I'm just soaking a prune to eat at recess."

### Sour Pon, Huh?

"Any empty pop bottles, sir?" asked the junk man.

"I should say not," snapped the man. "Do we look like we drink pop at this house?"

"Any vinegar bottles then?" he ventured.

### Gypped Again

Client: "I want to file suit against Johnson."

Lawyer: "What are your charges?"

Client: "What are yours first?"

### Man the Boats!

"I wish I was in your shoes."

"What for?"

"Mine leak."

### Ho Hum!

Jim: (talking about the old home town)

"I understand they have a curfew law out there now."

Jack: "Naw; they did have one, but they gave it up."

Jim: "What was the matter?"

Jack: "The bell rang at 9 o'clock and woke everyone up."

### Smart Kid?

Frosh: "What is the date, please?"

Prof: "Never mind the date. The examination is more important."

Frosh: "Well sir, I want to have something right on my paper."

### City Critter

The question in the physical examination read: How may one obtain a good posture?

The country boy wrote: Keep the cows off of it and let it grow up a while.

### Poor Feller

He had never had such a tough time in his life. First he got angina pectoris, followed by arteriosclerosis. Just as he recovered from these he got pneumonia, followed by pulmonary phthisis and tuberculosis. Somehow he got over them in time to get appendicitis, to say nothing of pyorrhea. All in all, he never saw how he pulled through. It was the hardest spelling test he'd ever had.

### Money Etc.

Mother: "Here's another letter from Charles at college. He says he finished the hundred in ten seconds!"

Father: "Great Scott! I'll wire him to come home. If he's spending at that rate it'll cost me a fortune to keep him there!"

### Where's the Fire?

Mother: "Dorothy, you have disobeyed mother by racing around and making all that noise. Now you shan't have that piece of candy."

Dad: (entering a few minutes later) Why so quiet little one?"

Dorothy: "I've been fined for speeding."



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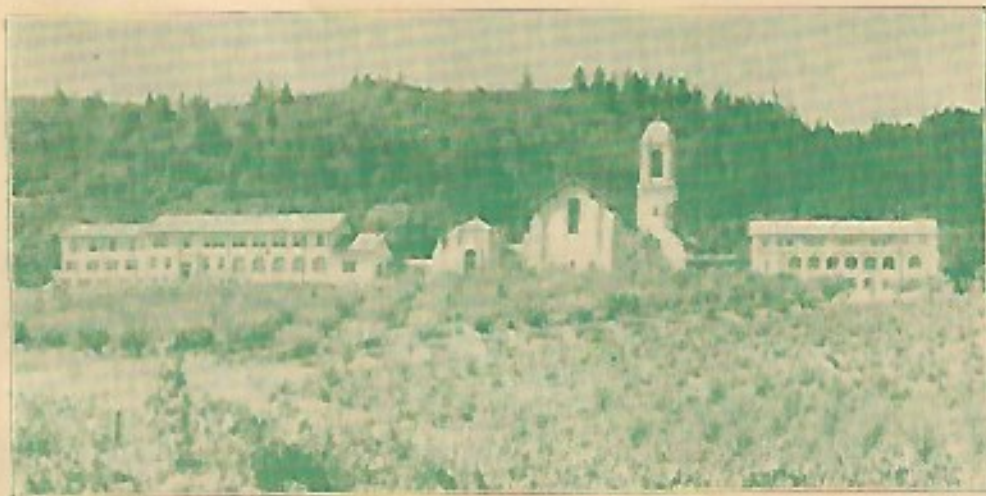
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