

Memories Span Many Years

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so unnerving, that the teacher usually would let him depart."

It was this same Sullivan who pulled off an unbelievable stunt during a baseball game with the Dragons on McClatchy Park's field in 1934. If your spouse is named Doyle, it is easy to obtain a minute description of the incident as he was a member of the ball team.

Indomitable Will

The Gaels were then trailing in the game and Sullivan was a lad with a strong will to win. When he bloomed a high foul between first and home, far outside the baseline, it never fazed him a shade.

Allow one Doyle to quote another.

"It was an easy caught out by the Dragons first baseman, Bob Smith, now a banker for Wells-Fargo. But Sullivan just put his head down and ran like crazy, out beyond the baseline. At full tilt, he rammed Smith in the midsection, who dropped cold as a stone, and continued on to first.

"What made it so unbelievable was the umpire, a city rec staffer, called Sullivan safe. As a result, the atmosphere became somewhat tense as the Dragon fans justifiably disputed the decision."

will observe 64 years in the order this coming July.

"I taught elementary grades from 1910-1913 in Sacramento, then I returned here in 1930 and have remained since," he states.

Recalls Students

"I remember Tom Gormley when he attended classes at 12th and K. He had a brother, Manogue.

"Didn't surprise me a bit when Joe Babich was named a judge. He was always a smart kid, a fine student. I'll never forget when we were having a test for scholarships and Joe, one of my best students, was absent. I was terribly upset with him, especially when he told me the following day he had stayed home with a headache. It cost him a cinch scholarship, but come to think of it, I think Joe won one anyway."

He asks: "Did you ever know Tom Bigelow? I think

Tom works for a bank now. I remember when he won a two year scholarship in 1939. Good student!"

Brother Ambrose has seen a flock of boys come and go at CBS. Harking back he recalls that they were "real solid kids".

Discipline Improved

"But you know," he continues, "I think they used to be wider, at least at school. I can remember a period of time when you didn't dare leave a classroom door open the students were so noisy. Not any more. There is much better discipline in the classes."

He finds only one fault with today's boys: "They don't walk enough anymore. Why years ago boys walked everywhere. Today you have to drive them."

Speaking of discipline, Emmett McBride, who graduated in 1938, remembers well the Brother whom he refers

to as the "benevolent tyrant", Brother Nicholas, prefect of discipline.

Written Punishment

"I can still hear him saying 'see me at 3 o'clock'. It was the standard phrase whenever anyone was jugged for offenses, both major and minor. And you could usually count on a 1,000 word composition about the evils of insubordination."

It is true, that with BA becoming a four year high school for boys, the name Christian Brothers High fades into limbo for Sacramentans. But as long as the men in the black robes and white rabats, (distinguishing collar which dates back to the time of St. John Baptist de la Salle) continue to teach, it will always be the "Brothers' school" and there will always be "Brothers' boys."

However, Sullivan's caper proved to no avail. The Gaels lost by at least four runs.

Glory Years

Judge Bill Gallagher, who turned out for the recent Last Hurrah event at CBS, declares, as a member of the Class of '38, "I got in on the glory years. Thanks to Jim Flynn, we witnessed some of the greatest sports teams ever fielded by the Gaels."

When the roll call is taken of Christian Brothers who have been assigned to the local campuses, and their names are legion, you hear George, Vellesian, Jasper, Lewis, Ulbertian, Austin, Ambrose, to mention only a few of bygone times.

Brother Ambrose, now close to 80, still resides on the Broadway campus although he has now retired from active teaching. He

Open School In 1876

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presided at the conferral of certificates.

As the reputation of the teaching Brothers spread, there were more and more boys registering each semester, heavily taxing the capacity of the school.

Large Donation

In 1903, Mrs. Michael Bethel, a long time supporter of Brothers, donated \$5,000 and a new wing was added to the main building. This was the last major improvement to the 12th and K campus.

For the next 20 years, the Brothers maintained the school's high scholastic standards as the business section of the city began to encroach into the area.

Early in 1923, the property was sold for the sum of \$210,000, with the provision that the school be vacated no later than June 1.

Although plans were already underway for the building of a new school, this left the Brothers without accommodations for the start of the fall semester.

Temporary Quarters

The director, Brother Velezian, rented space in a deserted school building at the corner of 39th and J Streets, now the site of Sacred Heart School. For the boarders and community, he obtained quarters in a residence on the corner of 21st and I Streets.

In the meantime, plans were completed for the new site at 21st and Broadway,

and in February, 1924, the contract was let. The cornerstone was laid on May 18, occasioning a large celebration on the future campus, and by September 15 classes were being conducted in the new building.

On November 13 of that year, the last construction was completed and the new edifice was dedicated. Earlier that month, in order to obtain a loan for the final building costs, the school was incorporated with the State of California and the corporate title became the Christian Brothers School of Sacramento.

Eliminate Grades

Until 1955, the school continued to educate boys through the first 12 grades, as had been the custom at

12th and K. However, as the enrollment in the high school division soared upwards and more parochial elementary schools were built in the city, it was decided to eliminate the lower grades.

When Bishop Armstrog High, a co-instructional school for boys and girls was opened in 1957, CBS became a school for only freshmen and sophomores.

Since the start of classes at BA, the Christian Brothers have tended to the educational needs of the boy students there.

Early next month, the last classes will be held on the 21st and Broadway campus and the boarding department will be discontinued.