



Graduates in the class of 1882 in the left photo are Louise Collier (Mrs. M. H. Diepenbreck)—she's the third from the left; Mary O'Rourke (Mrs. T. J. Sheehan), Agnes Horney (Mrs. Thorpe), Ella Burke (Mrs. Hornlien), Mary Borchers (Mrs. Plant) and Ella Judge (Mrs. E. Sheehan). At the right is the fourth grade class of 1926.



sent to Ireland in 1869, regarding this perilous time:

"December 9 the weather was clear and bright and school opened with a good attendance. About 10 in the morning, a man rushed into the school for his daughter, crying that there would be a flood. Parent after parent followed, and with a diminishing enrollment, the Sisters dismissed all students, although they saw no cause for apprehension.

"They looked from the balcony of



**Mae Belle Pendergast**

establishing an orphanage by 1863.

It began with 29 children and had grown to 65 by the next year.

In 1880, the pro rate allowed by the State for maintenance of children was withdrawn, so the children from St. Joseph's were sent to the Sisters of Mercy in Grass Valley, whose orphanage was one of three Catholic institutions to be continued in an effort to centralize payment of funds.

That year, the Sisters decided to

where the April 2 open house will be held.

It was in 1956 that the last four year high school was graduated from St. Joseph's Academy, although freshmen and sophomores continued, with juniors and seniors attending Bishop Armstrong High School. When Mercy High opened 10 years later and Bishop Manogue (on the former site of Christian Brothers at 21st and Broadway) a year later, high school classes were terminated

the mans of yesteryear . . . Sister M. Gertrude (King), the first to enter the convent in Sacramento . . . Sister M. Antonia, long time elementary school principal, and her blood sister, Sister M. Patrick, later principal at Holy Spirit School . . . Sister M. Aloysius, superior of the order . . . Sister M. Paul and Sister M. DeSales, both music teachers . . . Sister M. Cecelia, a math teacher . . . Sister M. Francis . . . Sister M. Rita . . . Sister M. Philomena . . . Sister M. . . .

# Last open house for St. Joseph's

4:30 p.m. 7: