



Old Timers Night

Bull Session Marked La Salle Club Start

By Eleanor Doyle

It was a blue November evening in 1939. Christian Brothers High School had just taken a trouncing on the grid field from a local school and a group of CBS boosters were sitting around commiserating over the unhappy situation. From this bull session a plan was evolved to do something practical to provide the Gaels

with sports gear which could place them on an equal footing with boys in the public schools.

A hat was passed and coins clinked in. The total: \$20.25.

23 Years Ago

As simply as that the La Salle Club was born.

In the past 23 years, the original collection has been multiplied more than a thousand times and all of it has been disbursed to provide athletic equipment for CBS, and, since the opening of Bishop Armstrong High, for the Falcon athletes.

In addition to the sports

equipment, the La Salle clubbers through the years have purchased seats for 5,000 people, stove, tables and cooking utensils for the CBS cafeteria, and lockers for the sports minded boys.

Members filled in and reseeded the football fields at both schools and under the direction of Clarence Johnson, painted and rewired the CBS gym.

Honor Old Timers

Next Monday night, in honor of the many long time members of the LaSalle Club, Al Westlake is spearheading an

Old Timers Night to be held at the CBS cafeteria.

The nucleus of organizing members at that first session in 1939 grew to 51 by the second meeting and today the membership totals 400. The original officers were headed by Thomas Armstrong as president. Eugene Sullivan was vice president; Dr. Leo Farrell, treasurer; Brother Eugene, F.S.C., treasurer; and Brother Norbert, F.S.C., moderator.

Early Members

Names appearing on early La Salle Club rosters include: Brother Cyril, Bill Morebeck, Jack White, Andrew Hagus, Earl Desmond, R. C. Linklater, Manuel Caetano, John Foley, James Buell, Jack Henderson, John Mason, Ed Lehtola, Brother Walter, Jack Robl, J. J. Foley, Judge Ray Coughlin, Dr. Jim Keating, Charles Deterding, Dan Higgins, Barney Pendergast, Earl Smith, Al Flynn, Terry Mulligan, John Ohrt, Bill Keating, Peter Mangan.

All members through the years have a common interest: athletic development for Gael and Falcon teams. The membership is open to both Catholics and non-Catholics, alike.

Past Leaders

Past presidents who will be honored Monday night include Armstrong, Westlake, Tom Kenny, Cy Puliz, Jack Ryan, Joe Kirrene, Andy McGuire, Joe Genshlea, Perc Margetts, Dr. Farrell, Leo Williams, Kettle Wirts, Bill Bordisso, Al LaTour, Marv Ash and Charles Ravellette.

Certain to be included in the reminiscent anecdotes will be the deceased past leaders: Honey Finkelstein, Harold Matthews, Walter Hicks and John Carrutti.

Monday's gathering is open to all "old timers" and their friends.