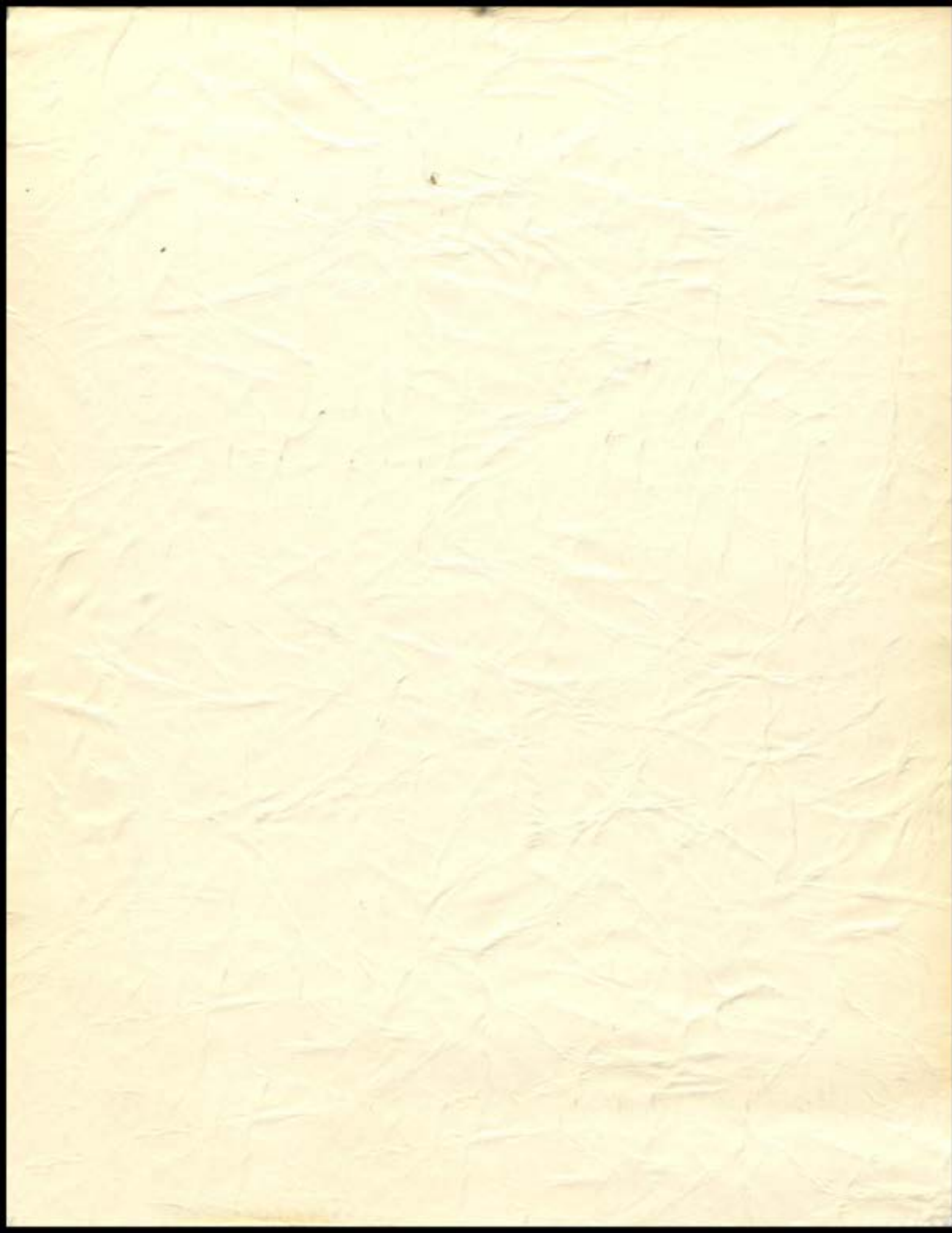


THE ECHO

1950





Alma Mater on the Hill

Class Dedication

This Year Book stands symbolic of the years we have spent in St. Mary's. It is also symbolic of the work done by our teachers during these years. To these Sisters of St. Joseph, we, the Senior Class of 1950, wish to dedicate our Yearbook.

For their guidance and patience we are sincerely grateful and wish to express our thanks; thoughtful of this familiar saying, "Words are but empty thanks."

Thomas O'Malley, '50

Class of 1950

COLORS: Crimson and Gold

MOTTO: Pro Deo, Amicis et Patria

OFFICERS:

President	Eugene Slavin
Vice President	Albert De Luca
Secretary	Joan Rancourt
Treasurer	John Ryan

Personalities

Most Popular Seniors	Wade Hayden Katy O'Neil
Most Nonchalant Seniors	Joan Rancourt John Griffin
Best Sports	Eugene Curtis John Leonard
Best Groomed Seniors	Joan Murphy Eugene Slavin
Happy Go Lucky Seniors	Lois LaPorte William Fleming
Noisiest Seniors	Wade Hayden Mary Alice Holt
Seniors Who Have Done Most For School	John Griffin Mary Alice Holt
Best Dancers	Albert DeLuca Catherine Mahar Ann Marie Phillips
Most Suave	John Ryan Rita Shea
Quietest Seniors	Joan Rancourt John Leonard
Best Mannered Seniors	Ann Guiden John Cullen
Best Athlete	Thomas Davock
Most Likely To Succeed	Thomas O'Malley



STURMIUS BRAUN
"Winding up days with toil and nights
with sleep."



EUGENE CURTIS
"A knockdown argument is but a word
and a blow."



THOMAS DAVOCK
"Blushing is the color of virtue."



ALBERT DE LUCA
"A man he seems of cheerful yesterdays
and confident tomorrows."

By These Degrees Ye Shall Know Them

Father Walker—W. P. A. P. S	Wonderful Pastor And Powerful Speaker
Father Lynch—G. S. A. F. O. A	Good Sport And Friend Of All
Father Ambrose—Q. B. U. F.	Quiet But Unforgotten Friend
Mother Margaret Joseph—G. L.	Guiding Light
Sister Mary Karol—W. W. S.	Words Well Spoken
Sister Saint Jude—G. T. C. I. S. P.	Good Things Come In Small Packages
Sister Clara Joseph—A. W. T. C.	Always Willing To Cooperate
Sister Samuel Joseph—T. E. A. S. E.	Twinkling Eyes And Sincere Enjoyment
Sturmius Braun—R. H. C., W. H. P.	Rest His Craving, Work His Plague
John Cullen—T. I. S.	The Irresistible Salesman
Thomas Davock—L. O. B.	Lover Of Baseball
Albert DeLuca—M. A. M. C.	Me And My Car
William Fleming—F. S. O. A.	Future Sportscaster Of America
John Griffin—A. I.	Answers Incorporated
Anne Guiden—F. M.	Friendly Manner
Wade Hayden—J. A. L. O. F. A. P.	Jester And Lover Of Far Away Places
Janet Hennessey—S. T. E.	Swell To Everyone
Mary Holt—G. A. D.	Genius At Dedications
Lois LaPorte—A. W. T. D.	Always Willing To Dance
John Leonard—S. G.	Shy Guy
Catherine Mahar—D. F.	Dancing Feet
Joan Murphy—F. L. S.	Fun Loving Senior
Thomas O'Malley—P. T. E.	Pal To Everyone
Kathleen O'Neil—F. A. F. F.	Fun And Fancy Free
Ann Phillips—L. O. A.	Lover Of Athletes
Jean Rancourt—K. W. W. A. S. M.	Keen Wit With A Sharp Mind
John Ryan—G. F.	Gentleman Farmer
Eugene Slavin—P. C.	Perfect Classmate
Rita Shea—I. C. T. A. B. O. S.	Irish Clean Through And Best Of Sports
Seniors—G. A. W.	Geniuses At Work
Kindergarten—R. T. F. I. O. F.	Ready To Follow In Our Footsteps
S. M. A. Students—E. A. T. P. O. K.	Explorers Along The Path Of Knowledge



WILLIAM FLEMING

"As no man is born an artist, so no man
is born an angel."



JOHN GRIFFIN

"The heart to conceive, the understanding
to direct, the hand to execute."



ANN GUIDEN

"In the twinkling of an eye."



WADE HAYDEN

"His nose was as sharp as his wit."

As We See Them

Name	Nickname	Likes	Dislikes	Often Seen	By Word
Sturmius Braun	Sturmy	Rest	Work	Coming from Depot	I Don't Wanna
John Cullen	Cullins	To be promoted	Being a Recruit	In Hayden's	No Future in it
Eugene Curtis	Gene	Poems	Paintings	Hitch-hiking	Like that, huh?
Thomas Davock	Sonny	Baseball	Basketball	Playing Ball	Take it easy, Sok
William Fleming	Fox	Hunting	Carrying a trunk	With Tony	You bother me, Son
John Griffin	Griff	Arguments	Morning Periods	Peddling Papers	Stop it
Wade Hayden	Crow	Bennington	Peace and quiet	'Most Anywhere	Not necessarily
John Leonard	Bat	Basketball	Snowballs	On Clay Hill	Be quiet
Albert DeLuca	Al	Cars	Walking	In West Hoosick	Anybody got a penny?
Thomas O'Malley	Tom	Pin Ball Machines	Snobbish people	With Cullen	Quit it
Eugene Slavin	Rupert	Cats	Nothing	In Grand Union	Oh! No!
John Ryan	Chief	Dianne	Long walks	In the Armory	Okay, Boss
Ann Guiden	Ann	Bennington	Baby Sittings	At Choir Practice	Don't know, do I?
Janet Hennessey	Jan	Hoosick	Rivals	Watching for Fords	You said it
Mary Alice Holt	Pork Chop	Cowboy Music	Glasses	Out Riding	Oh no, not that
Catherine Mahar	Di Di	No. Bennington	Getting up early	Square Dancing	Wish you knew
Joan Murphy	Murph	Gum	Getting rid of it	Buying Gum	Don't be silly
Kathleen O'Neil	Katy	Canasta	Trouble	Looking for a Paper Boy	Honestly
Lois LaPorte	Lo	Cambridge	A rainy day	In Cambridge	Boy, oh boy!
Ann Marie Phillips	Short Shank	First Street	Company	In Hayden's	Never mind
Joan Rancourt	Joan	Riding	Vanilla	With Mary Alice	It just goes to show
Rita Shea	Wiggy	Intermediate	6:00 A. M.	Climbing the Hill	I don't know
Senior Class	Light of the School	Study Halls	Homework	Jaunting Up the Hill	Don't know, do ya?



JANET HENNESSEY
"Saying and doing are two different things."



MARY ALICE HOLT
"The tall, the wise, the reverend head."



LOIS LAPORTE



JOHN LEONARD
"Men of few words are the best men."

Can You Imagine.....?

- The Seniors being on time—
- Anyone getting 100 in Chemistry—
- Anyone getting 100 in anything—
- S. M. A. off the hill—
- Bright students Monday morning—
- Rita Shea without freckles
- Mary Alice Holt not cutting up—
- Ann Marie Phillips without gum—
- Sturmius Braun moving fast—
- Joan Murphy not giggling—
- Bill Fleming on time—
- Tom Davock not playing ball—
- Albert DeLuca not in the choir—
- John Griffin not on the J. V.'s—
- Janet Hennessey disliking basketball games—
- Joan Rancourt not going by Cuddihy's—
- Katy O'Neil with her own pen—
- Ann Guiden not cheerleading—
- John Cullen out of trouble—
- Tom O'Malley without red hair—
- Wade Hayden without cowboy boots—
- Catherine Mahar not square dancing—
- Gene Slavin in dungarees—
- Lois LaPorte not in Cambridge—
- Eugene Curtis with curls—
- Jack Ryan not in the armory—
- Jack Leonard with blond hair
- The senior room being quiet—



CATHERINE MAHAR

"Happy am I, from care I'm free,
Why aren't they all contented like me."



JOAN MURPHY

"A mother's pride a father's joy."



KATHLEEN O'NEIL

"No one knows what he can do until
he tries."



ANN MARIE PHILLIPS

"A loving heart is the beginning of
all knowledge."

Senior Library

John Cullen—"Moby Dick"

Eugene Curtis—"Human Comedy"

Thomas Davock—"Strike Him Out"

William Fleming—"Phileas Fox, Attorney"

Sturmius Braun—"Snow Bound"

John Ryan—"Jack the Giant Killer"

Albert DeLuca—"Boots and Saddles"

Eugene Slavin—"The Merry Maker"

Wade Hayden—"The Rooster Crows"

John Leonard—"How to Play Better Basketball"

Thomas O'Malley—"Uncle Tom's Cabin"

Ann Marie Phillips—"Windswept"

Joan Rancourt—"Baldy of Nome"

Kathleen O'Neil—"You'd Better Come Quietly"

Janet Hennessey—"Always Ready"

Joan Murphy—"Those Eventful Years"

Mary Alice Holt—"Heary of the West"

Ann Guiden—"Three Rousing Cheers"

Lois LaPorte—"Showboat"

Rita Shea—"Girl of the Limberlost"

Catherine Mahar—"Too Small a World"

Seniors—"Those Terrible Teens"

S. M. A.—"Up From the City Streets"



JOAN RANCOURT
"Make haste the better foot before"



JOHN RYAN
"The manly part is to do with might and
main what you can do."



RITA SHEA
"Well may your hearts believe the truths
I tell
'Tis virtue makes the bliss where'er we
dwell."
JOHN CULLEN
"Off with his head."



EUGENE SLAVIN
"No good man ever grew rich all at once."

THOMAS O'MALLEY
"The manner of all courtesy."

Class History

Every year, with moments of earnest hope and smiles, comes the month of June. This month—the time of graduation—remains forever a memory of happiness to those who receive their diplomas, and advance to higher education. This time is now approaching, and we are earnestly preparing for our graduation day.

It all began four years ago when as shy freshmen we entered the halls of S. M. A. It took us a while to get used to High School routine, but with the aid of Sister Saint Jude, we soon became a part of the group called "High School Students."

The year started off with the election of officers which saw Jack Ryan become President, Albert DeLuca Vice President, John Griffin Secretary and Ann Guiden Treasurer.

Next came that dreaded day, INITIATION! One by one we were taken aside and dressed up by the dear seniors. We were then taken to the Parish Hall, where each and every one of us was fittingly tortured. This was followed by refreshments and a dance. All the class was glad when it was over, but we all had fun, even if we were the ones who had to suffer.

The freshmen were represented on the basketball team, having a few boys on the Junior Varsity. For activities, we sponsored a dance, which proved to be a success.

To close this happy year, we attended the school picnic held at Lake Lauderdale. We were now ready to be called Sophomores.

Before we knew it, September was here again and we could proudly say that we were members of Mother Oswald's Sophomore class. Again, we started off with election of officers which resulted in the Presidency being taken over by Gene Slavin, Rita Shea Vice President, Wade Hayden Secretary, and Jack Ryan Treasurer.

During the year we were saddened when Mother Oswald became ill and had to be replaced by Sister Rose Agnes. This year it was basketball, the picnic, and members of the Art Class winning honorable mention in a contest that highlighted the school season. We also ordered our class rings. We said goodbye to Father Martin and welcomed a new Pastor, Father Walker, who is still with us.

It was about this time that we realized time was really flying. Our High School days were half over. All the times we watched the hands of the clock go around at a snail's pace, suddenly seemed to have been going around very, very fast. All the days that seemed like weeks, all the weeks that seemed like months, all the months that seemed like years, had suddenly passed.

Our Junior year was filled with many activities and pleasant surprises. Mother Margaret Joseph came back to Saint Mary's and in March, Sister Samuel Joseph also became a member of the faculty. We welcomed a new pupil, John Cullen, who started off school life at Saint Mary's with a bang, having to come to school on crutches for quite some time, as the result of a fractured ankle.

The officers elected for this year were Gene Slavin, President; Albert DeLuca, Vice President; John Griffin, Secretary, and Rita Shea, Treasurer. Many of the class took advantage of an opportunity to join the staff of our school paper, the "Echo", and gained some valuable experience. Then came an important event, the arrival of our class rings, which we had a wonderful time showing off.

In June, we joined with our upperclassmen in sponsoring the "Junior-Senior Ball", which took place at the State Armory. The Juniors, together with the Seniors, spent much time decorating and preparing for the event, which proved to be a great success. Miss

Marie Bradley, Class of '49, was crowned Queen of the affair. Next came our annual picnic at the lake, and we closed our Junior year by attending a Communion Breakfast in the Parish Hall along with the Seniors and the Eighth Grade.

When we came back to the Hill for what was to be our final year, we found that there had been many changes made during our absence. We were greeted by Sister Mary Karol, who was to be our new homeroom teacher, replacing Sister Genevieve, who went to Catholic Central in Troy. She was succeeded by Sister Clara Joseph, who was placed in charge of the Sophomores. Our homeroom had been changed, too. We now occupied what was formerly the library, giving our old homeroom over to the Sophs and Sister Clara.

Initiation being the annual "chore" of the Seniors, we wearily set about planning various means of mass murder for those "innocents", the Frosh. We were finally avenging that cruel day four long years ago when we had to place our heads on the chopping block. But when the time came, we had to give in to their pleading eyes and let them live to go through the rest of High School at least. But we did give them some little memories to think about when they became Seniors and are plotting their destruction of the freshmen. The rest of the High School attended

this entertainment, and refreshments and dancing filled out the rest of that day.

Again we held our elections which saw Gene Slavin become President for the third time, Albert DeLuca, Vice President for the second time, Joan Rancourt Secretary, and Jack Ryan taking over Treasurer for the second time.

The basketball season found our class well represented. Bill Fleming was the manager and John Cullen the assistant manager. On the varsity was Wade Hayden, Gene Slavin, Tom Davock, Albert DeLuca, and Jack Ryan. On the Junior varsity was John Griffin, Tom O'Malley and Jack Leonard. Our class had cheerleaders also, with Ann Marie Phillips and Katy O'Neil on the Junior varsity and Ann Guiden on the varsity.

Now, our last year at Saint Mary's is more than half over. Everything we have looked forward to since fifth and sixth grades is gone by. There is only graduation to think about.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to Mother Margaret Joseph and all the faculty for the kindness and guidance they have given us in our years at SMA. These have been the happiest days in our lives. Now, that the time for us to leave approaches, we realize that "High above the Hoosick River there is a school of fame!"

Ann Guiden '50

Class Rings

The 1950 class rings are rectangular in shape and are made of yellow gold with a small rectangle of rose gold beneath the emblem. In each corner the numbers "1950" appear in gold on a small rectangle of black, and on each side of the ring appears the owner's initials in black letters. The emblem consists of a large "M" with a Cross above it and the gold letters "SMA" below it on a small field of black.

The Cross stands for our Catholic faith, while the "M" stands for the "M" in St. Mary's.

The use of rings is universal and dates back to prehistoric time. During the 11th century, Edward the Confessor, then King of England, happened to give a ring to an aged pilgrim as alms. The pilgrim turned out to be the Apostle Saint John, who sent the ring back to the king with the information that he had blessed the ring and it now had great creative power. Since that time, up to the reign of Queen Mary, the English kings and queens had blessed and distributed a number of rings on Good Friday.

Class Prophecy

As we gaze into the embers of a fireplace a queer velvety flame appears, bidding our eyes to pierce through the glow into the future. Little by little, the scene becomes clearer, bringing us into the heart of Boston in the year 1975.

As we stood admiring the attractive window displays, whom should we see but our former classmate, Ann Guiden. Miss Guiden is now the owner of "Ann's Paint Store."

Upon entering the store we learned from Ann, the achievements of some of our former classmates. Mary Alice Holt is now the Superintendent of Nurses at the Leahy Clinic. Joan Murphy is a secretary to M. Lurie, owner of Luries Department Stores. Janet Hennessey is also a secretary at the Ford Plant.

Departing from Ann's store we sauntered up Main Street; a large crowd is gathered. Can it be that someone is injured? No, it seems that someone is making a speech. Getting still closer to the platform upon which the speaker is standing the face of Tommy O'Malley appears before us. Following in his father's footsteps, Tommy is now running for Senator. Sitting a short distance from Mr. O'Malley is Lois LaPorte, now star reporter for the Boston Herald. As we talked to Lois, she informed us that Catherine Mahar is now a square dance teacher in Boston, and that Joan Rancourt is a physical instructor at Boston University.

Sometime later walking up the street we found ourselves in front of a

T. V. store. There appearing on the screen, to our surprise, was Albert DeLuca, vocalist. Albert now has his own orchestra. Last year Al's orchestra toured the United States with Ann Marie Phillips' Roller Skate Revue which is ably managed by Kathleen O'Neil. Flashing across the screen came an advertisement for the famous "Slavin Food Markets" now as well known as the Grand Union Markets. Gene is the owner of these.

On entering a drug store for some ice cream, whom should we find but Gene Curtis, who has made great progress in the field of pharmacy. From Gene we learned that Jackie Leonard is basketball coach of U. C. L. A., and that Sturmius Braun is the owner of the "Sleeper Trains", which run all over the world.

Jackie Ryan, whom we remember as an expert marksman, is now retired from the National Guard with many citations and awards for merit. John Cullen took up a military career, and is now Commander-in-Chief of the Army. Billy Fleming, we learned, is managing the Brooklyn Dodgers, and his old pal, Tom Davock, is pitcher on the team.

The flame is growing dimmer, but we can still see the figure of a girl. It is Rita Shea. Rita informed us that she is the owner of the "Shamrock Inn", situated on the Lincoln Highway. From Rita we learned that Wade Hayden is earning great fame from his skillful occupation as a surveyor, and that John Griffin is an Admiral in the Navy.

As the fire grows dimmer, we are brought back to reality and to the fact that we, the Class of '50, have still ahead of us a future which, with God's grace and abiding love, can make us noble in His sight and happy in our own.

Ann Marie Phillips and
Kathleen O'Neil

Class Will

We, the undersigned Class of 1950, of St. Mary's Academy, located in the City of Panic, State of Confusion, being of sound (?) mind and of our own free will, do hereby publish, and declare this to be our last will and testament, hereby revoking any previous testaments published by us.

As we are about to enter into the dark and mysterious world, with its many and varied temptations, to which any and all of us might fall, we have taken time out from our studies on this first (1st.) day of June, Anno Domini 1950, to give, devise and bequeath the following items:

Item 1. Our deepest thanks and gratitude to the patient Sisters of Saint Joseph, to whom this book is dedicated, for enduring our antics over these long years and for guiding us to a successful commencement of this important stage of life.

Item 2. Our gratitude to the Augustinian Fathers who have counseled us through these same years, and especially to Father Lynch who has directed so well the athletics that we have participated in as students at St. Mary's.

Item 3. We wish to make the following individual bequests:

1. Sturmy Braun leaves his love of rest and quiet to Butch Yavaniski.

2. Johnny Cullen leaves his ability to get into trouble to any Junior who feels he can get out of it after he's in it.

3. Gene Curtis leaves his candy bar a day to Larry Brandalik.

4. Al DeLuca leaves his love of driving cars to Eddy O'Malley.

5. Tommy Davock leaves his love of baseball to Lenny Liporace.

6. Foxy Fleming leaves his cheerful disposition and his manager's job to the Junior who thinks he can carry the trunk and still smile.

7. Johnny Griffin leaves his love of study hall gab to Donny LeBarron.

8. Anne Guiden leaves her early morning reveilles to Mary Jane Leonard.

9. Wade Hayden leaves. (Need we say more?)

10. Janet Hennessey leaves her love of brown-haired boys to Jackie Eberle.

11. Mary Alice Holt leaves her walk from Clay Hill to Pattie Murray.

12. Lois LaPorte leaves her square-dancing activity to Ann LaPorte.

13. Jackie Leonard leaves his shy ways to Albert Myers and John Moore.

14. Didi Mahar leaves her love of riding in cars and of little dogs to Carmie Mansueto.

15. Joan Murphy leaves her short walk to school to Rita Cuddihy and finally just leaves her gum.

16. Tommy O'Malley leaves his red hair, love of black dogs, Second Ward and the Jayvees to Will Dougherty.

17. Katty O'Neil leaves her love of basketball to Marie Deegan.

18. Ann Marie Phillips leaves her daily hill climbing to Jake Morin.

19. Joan Rancourt leaves her love of Second and Third Wards to Kacky Conway.

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20. Jacky Ryan leaves his chicken farming to Corny O'Keefe.

21. Rita Shea leaves her diet to Pattie Murray, and her freckles to Ann Mulvihill.

22. Gene Slavin leaves his ever present smile and his cat to Roger White.

23. Wade Hayden also leaves the care of his back yard to Ronny Myers.

24. Johnny Cullen also leaves his seat in the Senior Room to Wilfred Bisson.

25. Sturmy Braun also bequeaths his harem to Eddie O'Malley.

26. Foxy Fleming also leaves his favorite fishing spot to Butch Yavaniski.

27. Jacky Leonard also leaves his great height to Walt Webster.

28. Jacky Ryan also leaves his skill

at handling firearms and the like to Jimmy Doyle.

Having relieved our minds (?) of this great weight, we may now begin a fresh assault on our text books with renewed vigor, feeling assured that if, when we leave something unforeseen befalls us, the things we hold dear to us will rest safe in the right hands.

Signed:

Class of 1950

Signed, sealed, published and declared as and for their last will and testament by the Class of '50, in the presence of them and of us, have subscribed our names hereto as witnesses on the day and year last aforesaid.

Witness

Witness

Basketball 1949-1950

Although Jimmy King's charges did not have a very impressive record, nevertheless they were not outdone by spirit or teamplay. The seasonal record for the Purple Eagles was 8 wins and 10 losses.

Losing five players from last year's Varsity, we were strengthened by a lineup of promising Jayvees. At the beginning of the season we lost our first three games. Saint Ann's was our first victim.

In the Associate Parochial League we had a record of three wins and one defeat, thus tying Saint John's of Albany for first place. In a special playoff game at Siena College, Loudonville, Mary's lost the league lead to Saint John's by two points, the regulation game ending at 32 all. In overtime Saint John's netted the hoop for three points, while Saint Mary's scored only one foul shot. The score of this game was 35 to 33 in favor of Saint John's. Although the Purple Eagles went down

to defeat, they congratulated the winners, thus showing the good sportsmanship taught to them at Saint Mary's.

The annual Alumni game was won by the Alumni who presented an all star team. The Varsity wish to thank the the Alumni for the splendid gifts which they presented to the team and cheerleaders.

The teams of Saint Mary's wish to thank all those who helped make our season a success, especially Father Lynch and Jimmy King for their guidance, the cheerleaders for their splendid cooperation, and Tony Brandi for his excellent work in coaching the Jayvees.

The Varsity members: Tom Davock, Wade Hayden, John Ryan, Al DeLuca, John Hallenbeck and Gene Slavin, who leave school this year, wish the following teams of Saint Mary's all the luck in the world, and hope that they will win the league title soon.



Senior Basketball

FIRST ROW: John Ryan, Thomas Davock, Albert DeLuca, James Millett, Leonard Liporace.

SECOND ROW: William Fleming, Manager; Robert Morin, John Hallenbeck, Eugene Slavin, Robert Yavaniski, Wade Hayden, James King, Coach.

Junior Basketball

FIRST ROW: Walter Webster, Walter Shaw, Roger White, Thomas Moore, John Leonard, Robert Hayden, William Griffin.

SECOND ROW: John Cullen, Manager; Donald LeBarron, Willard Dougherty, John Griffin, James Doyle, Robert Closson, Thomas O'Malley, Tony Brandt, Coach.



Basketball 1949-50

Saint Mary's		Opponents	
St. Mary's	38	St. John's, Rensselaer	41
St. Mary's	27	St. Mary's, Glens Falls	42
St. Mary's	42	St. John's, Albany, APL	46
St. Mary's	54	St. Ann's, Albany, APL	26
St. Mary's	30	Heatly, Green Island	49
St. Mary's	28	St. Joseph's, Schenectady	38
St. Mary's	27	North Bennington, Vt.	38
St. Mary's	64	Keveny, Cohoes	34
St. Mary's	42	Waterford	43
St. Mary's	44	St. John's, APL	30
St. Mary's	37	North Bennington, Vt.	21
St. Mary's	67	St. Ann's, APL	24
St. Mary's	46	St. Mary's	58
St. Mary's	44	Heatly	37
St. Mary's	51	Waterford	55
St. Mary's	58	Keveny	45
St. Mary's	34	St. John's Rensselaer	42
St. Mary's	52	St. Joseph's	42
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Totals	786		711

PLAYOFF

St. Mary's—33 St. John's, Albany—35

ANNUAL ALUMNI GAME

St. Mary's—25 Alumni—40

APL Associate Parochial League

AVERAGE POINTS PER GAME

St. Mary's—43.6 Opponents—39.5

J. Ryan

G. Slavin '50



Carmella Mansueto, Rita Cuddihy, Ann Gudden, Ann LaPorte, Marie Deegan, Kathleen Conway.

Cheerleaders

Ann Marie Phillips, Ann Rancourt, Kathleen O'Neil, Nancy Webster.



Class Poem

To S. M. A. upon the hill the Seniors bid farewell.
The joys we've had inside your walls are much too deep to tell.
We leave our thanks, as all of us go out along our way.
We'll think of you long years from now, our own S. M. A.

Each boy and girl amid our group has pleasant thoughts in mind
To think of when our parting day is left far, far behind.
The gay old times we've had inside our Alma Mater dear
Will be with us when other classes still are sitting here.

Studies, struggles, hopes and joys were all a part of this.
We know now when leaving these things we'll surely miss.
They're just a part of student's life, and as the years pass by
We'll think of all these happy days, remembered till we die.

The proms, the games, were quite the fun in our teen-age days,
So don't you think we'll lose these thoughts along the worldly ways,
For never shall we once forget the days upon the hill
Where we all met our life-long friends, each Mary, John and Bill.

So now we leave our S. M. A. upon that awaited day
And each of us goes out to seek our own worldly way.
But when we've gone we know that we will wish we could return
To S. M. A., where all the things we left are standing stern.

Janet Hennessey



Typewriting Class

One of the nice things about high school life is the diversion from constant study by periods in which the students learn a lot but is not burdened with hours of homework. Such a class is our typing class. Although at times it seems to us future stenographers and private secretaries that the inventor of the typewriter made his machine to hinder rather than help its operator by its innumerable gadgets and with little help from the covered keys, we find

quite a bit of pleasure every day when we all march into the typing room for that period.

The typing room is not too large but it accomodates all the students who wish to take the subject. The room is well lighted by six large windows and a skylight. Our fifteen machines, four of which were purchased last year, are well used by the 30 students who compose the two typing classes.



FIRST ROW: John Moore, Robert Morin, Roger White, Norman Oliver, Thomas Davock, Leonard Liporace, James Millett.

SECOND ROW: William Fleming, Manager; Wade Hayden, Robert Yavaniski, John Griffin, Eugene Slavin, John Hallenbeck, Thomas O'Malley.

Absent: James McGuire, Coach; John Leonard, Thomas Moore, Cornelius O'Keefe.

Baseball at St. Mary's

Starting on their second year of organized baseball, St. Mary's had a sizeable squad including all but two of the previous year's fine team. Under the direction of Coach Jim McGuire, an old hand at high school baseball, having played on and coached several good teams, the 1950 "nine" shaped up pretty well and the outlook for a highly successful season is very bright. Starting off well, they now hold wins over Hoosac Prep, Berlin, North Bennington and Waterford and have a loss to St. John's of Albany on the other side of the slate.

Included in the squad are Gene Slavin, Tommy Davock, Jack Hallenbeck, Jimmy Millett, Wade Hayden, Bob Morin, Norman Oliver, Butch Yavaniski, Lenny Liporace, Tommy O'Malley, Johnny Griffin, John and Tommy Moore, Jacky Leonard, Corny O'Keefe and Roger White. The boys have "Foxy" Fleming as their hard working manager.

What the team lacks in size or natural ability, it more than makes up for in their fighting spirit and determination to win no matter what the odds.

Our Library

You are now taking a journey through the library of St. Mary's Academy. Upon entering the door, you proceed to the right, where you find all the bookcases, filled with hundreds of books. You travel down the line and come upon the card catalogue. Here you can find the location of any book in the library. You decide to stroll further and you find yourself at the rear of the room. Here, the reference books and

magazine rack are located. You are on the left side now and coming up the aisle. The three large tables are in your way, but you manage to escape without injury. Looking around you find yourself at the librarian's desk and you know that you are at the end of your trip. Your next step leads you out the door and into the halls of Saint Mary's Academy.



Toast To the Juniors

Ann M..... and her freckles

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Kacky C..... and Swards

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 Rita Gallagher, Idamary Le Blanc.
 FIRST ROW—William Hayden, Richard Cluk, Beatrice Bisson, Joseph Smith, Fay Anne Weir, Kay
 Guiden, John Bromirski.

Class of '53

At the beginning of our first year in high school the Freshman Class elected the following: President, Joseph Smith; Vice President, Fay Weir; Secretary, Kathryn Guiden; Treasurer, Beatrice Bisson. With these faithful leaders we hope to be a success.

After getting used to changing classes, the Freshmen waited anxiously for initiation. Finally the day arrived and all Freshmen proved to be good sports.

Many of the Freshmen took part in

the Halloween Poster Contest. First prize was won by Ida Mary LeBlanc.

The November retreat which the Freshmen class attended was very beneficial to us. Much was gained from the sermons of Father Quinn, O. S. A., and Father McDermott, O. S. A.

Now that we have completed our third quarter exams, we are anxiously waiting to see if ours will be the new Sophomore class.

Kay Guiden '53

Deo, Amiciis, Patriae

For God, For Friends, For Country—
For a motto, this we have taken,
May we stand by it steadfastly,
May it never be forsaken.

For God, our every action be—
Our prayers, our work, our play,
Our ultimate Goal, may it be He—
And His grace shall light the Way.

For Friends, that we may always remain,
And that we may gather many more
As we travel down life's winding lane,
Keeping friendship ever to the fore.

For Country, that we may serve it well—
In a faithful role may we be cast,
That some day, books may tell,
They fought for their country, true to the last.

May this motto accompany us till the end of our days,
May its words on our lips ever lie—
For it explains the purpose of our ways—

DEO, AMICIIS, PATRIAE

The Season With the Junior Varsity

At the beginning of the '49-50 season, there was little hope that the Jay-vee squad would be very promising, as their predecessors of the year before had been when they turned in a fine 11-8 record, which was the best effort of a St. Mary's JV team to date. There was even less hope that they could match, let alone beat, this record; but beat it they did in fine style.

Under the able guidance of Coach Tony Brandi, the JV's came through with an even better 13-6 record. They beat such teams as St. John's, Rensselaer; St. John's, Albany, 2; Keveny, 2; Heatly, 2; St. Ann's, Albany, 2; North Bennington, 2; St. Joseph's, 2. Their losses were to St. Mary's, Glens Falls, 2; Waterford, 2; St. John's, Rensselaer, and North Bennington. These losses, however, do not tell the whole story, as the two Waterford losses were each by one point, and the North Bennington home game loss was by two.

Perhaps the highlight of the season was an avenging win over this same North Bennington team as the prelimi-

nary to the annual Alumni game. The JV's had previously beaten North Bennington on their court when they came down to the High School gym to give us our third and final home game loss, in a thrilling two overtime periods game. In the Alumni prelim, St. Mary's started off well and never were behind although the Vermonters did catch up at 26 all with about a minute to go, but a five-point splurge in the final seconds gave the JV's their 13th win of the season and their first win under the coaching of Coogie Mahar.

The JV squad for the '49-50 season consisted of Billy Griffin, Will Dougherty, Jacky Leonard, Bob Closson, Johnny Griffin, Tommy Moore, Hoppy White, Tommy O'Malley, Jimmy Doyle, Donny LeBarron, Walt Webster, Bobby Hayden and Walt Shaw.

All in all, it was a very successful season and the members of the team all wish to thank Tony Brandi for his fine coaching job and to wish him many more victories in the future.



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