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ST. MARY'S ACADEMY

Hoosick Falls, New York

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Dedication

THE VERY REVEREND GEORGE EGAN, O. S. A.
Principal, St. Mary's Academy



We, the class of 1956, as a small token of our appreciation for all that he has done for us in helping us toward the completion of thirteen years of a Catholic education, dedicate our yearbook to the Very Reverend George Egan, O. S. A., our Pastor. Father was here when we started our education and now we are very happy and proud that he will be here when we graduate. We are very grateful to Father Egan for his inspiration and for the many hours he has toiled to help us toward Our Eternal Goal.

Our Stairway

to Success

at S. M. A.

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Alma Mater

(First Verse)

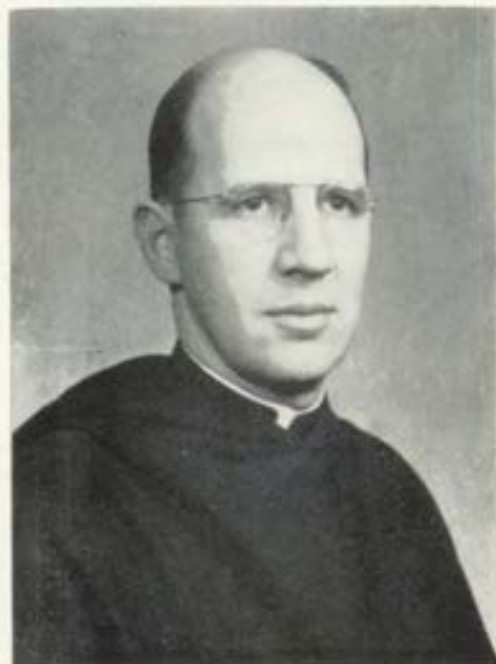
When the twilight shadows
gather
Out upon the campus green,
As the gold and purple dusk
comes stealing on the scene,
Loyal sons of dear St. Mary's
Sing a hymn of praise
To our dear old Alma Mater,
And our high school days.



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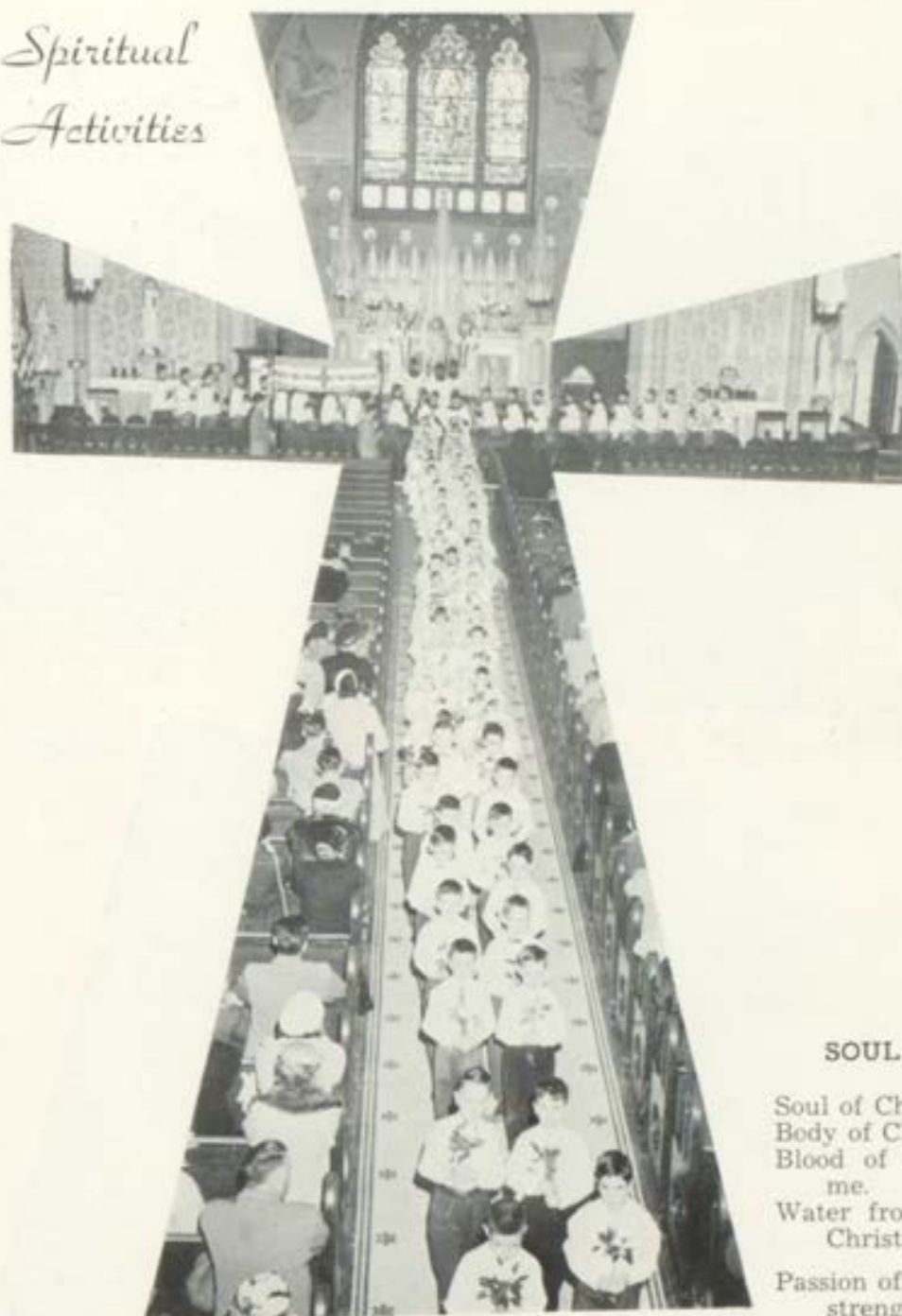


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Sister Bernadette Ann	Third Grade
Sister Joseph Michael	Second Grade
Sister Bridget Marie	First Grade
Sister Anna Cecilia	Music
Mrs. Morgan Burke	Kindergarten

*Spiritual
Activities*



SOUL OF CHRIST

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate
me.

Water from the side of
Christ, wash me.

Passion of Christ,
strengthen me.

Oh, good Jesus, hear me.
Within Thy wounds, hide
me.

Permit me never to be
separated from Thee.

From the malignant enemy,
defend me.

At the hour of death, call
me.

And bid me come to Thee,
That with Thy saints, I
may praise Thee

Forever, and ever . . . Amen.



J. M. J.



Each day, each class, each activity is preceded by a prayer to Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We ask them to help us in our studies; we ask them to help make our extra-curricular activities a success; and to help us win games. With the help of Jesus, Mary and Joseph we hope some day to attain our goal.



While the rest of the world is hustling and bustling with preparation for Christmas, the Freshmen take time out to sing Christmas Carols with Father Ammering.



"... and you will find Him lying in a manger..."
The freshmen ended their Christmas program with this beautiful nativity scene.



The Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality



With Father Ammering as an inspirational Moderator, The Blessed Virgin Mary's Sodality proves to be our outstanding teen age organization. At the first meeting this year, 25 new members were inaugurated and the following officers were chosen: President, Mary A. Kennedy; Vice President, Jean Shaw; Secretary, Barbara White; Treasurer, Anne M. Grennan; Corresponding Secretary, Carol Pierson. Among their many activities, the girls Christmas Caroled for the hospitals in the vicinity, held a "Holiday Hop", and during Lent, sponsored a special movie: "Never Take No for an Answer".

Forty Hours Devotion



Our Choir girls under the direction of Sister Bernadette Ann raise their voices in singing God's praises.



Our little flower girls appear to pay fitting tribute to the Blessed Sacrament during the Forty Hours Procession.

Maytime



M. Akoury crowns the statue of Our Lady at the special Senior May program, as the remainder of the student body lifted their voices in honor of Mary.



"Mary Queen of the Universe" was the theme of the SMA float which caused much favorable comment when it was entered in the Memorial Day parade by the Class of '57.

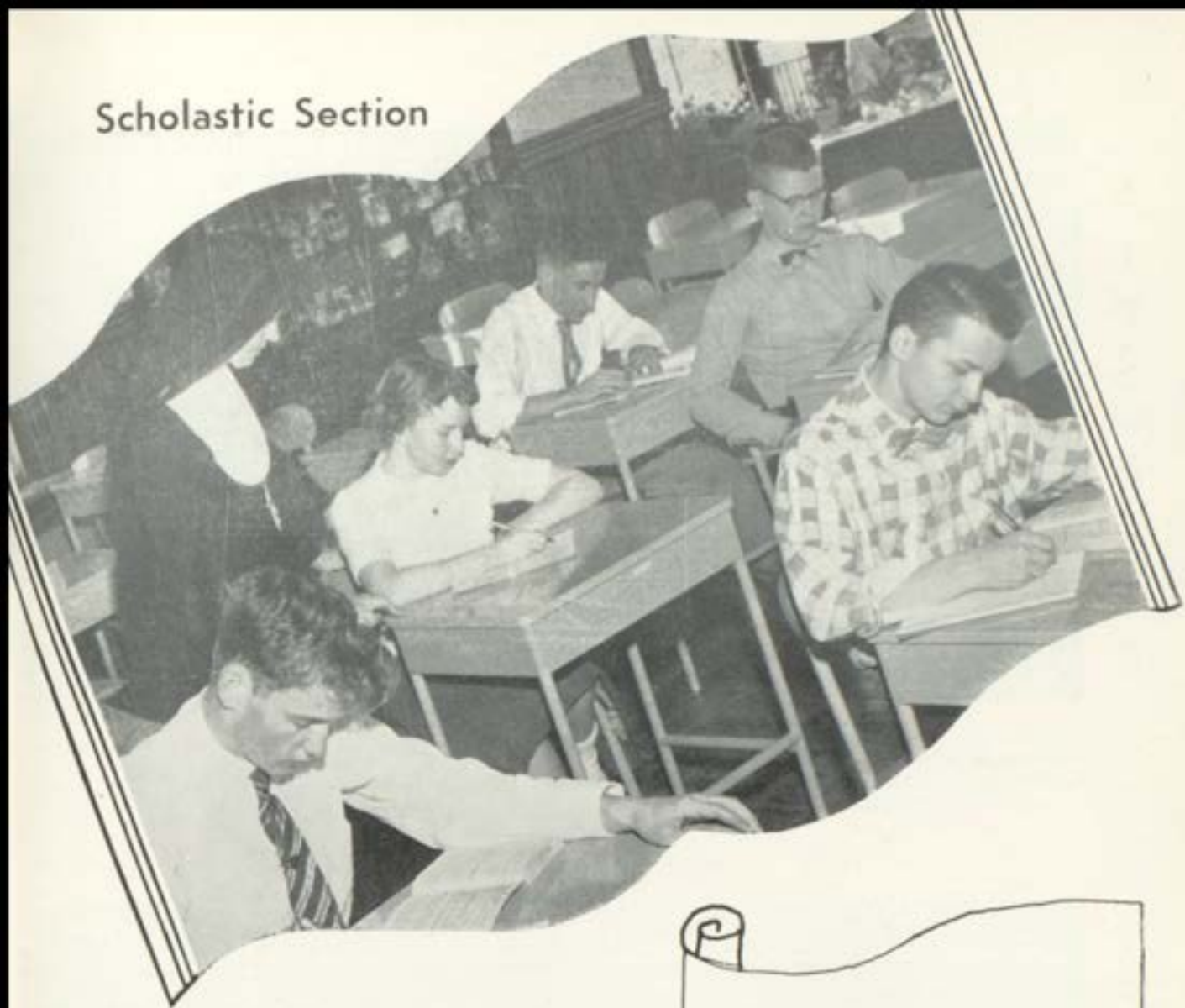


M. Akoury proudly poses with her mother and S. Anna Laurentia who beam their pride at the success of the SMA Float in honor of Our Lady.

Jane Clarke, Helen Hogan, Joanne Hayden and Ann M. Grennan formed the Court for Marie Akoury as "Our Lady Queen of the Universe" while Patrick Leonard and Carol Rancourt acted as flag bearers.



Scholastic Section



Direct, O Lord, we beseech
Thee, all our actions by Thy
holy inspirations, and carry
them on by Thy gracious
assistance so that every work
and prayer of ours may always
begin from Thee, and by Thee
be happily ended, through
Christ, Our Lord.

Amen.

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First row left to right: G. Dricsoll, C. Sprague, P. Begin, A. Flood, F. Mulvihill, R. Pemrick, M. Conway.
 Second row left to right: Sister Frances Regis, P. Simpson, M. A. Kennedy, L. Nealon, M. Murray, J. Burns,
 M. McGuire, Sister Anna Laurentia.

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First row left to right: A. M. Grennan, M. Akoury, D. Bradley, J. Hayden, G. White, J. Clarke, H. Hogan.
 Second row left to right: W. Sherwin, R. Haynes, J. Haussler, J. Reilly, T. Finnen, L. Bartoski, T. Morris,
 Sister Marguerite.

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First row left to right: D. McEvoy, R. Sheridan, P. O'Keefe, M. Connelly, B. White, J. Galvin, J. Carroll, H. Bromirski. Second row left to right: Sister Teresa Agnes, R. Levandowski, C. Brandalik, E. Saboski, H. Bromirski, M. Powers, E. Hulihan, B. Hyde. Third row left to right: J. Guile, J. Nealon, J. Westcott, J. Graney, E. Levandowski, J. Fitzpatrick, G. McLenithan, M. Burke, W. Kelly.

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First row left to right: T. Kennedy, M. LaPorte, C. Waytkus, P. Graney, S. Bouplon, J. Labanowski, A. Saboski, S. White, R. Ferrannini, R. Lewsey. Second row left to right: M. A. Bozek, K. Kovage, M. Gorman, P. Wolfe, J. Gagne, L. J. Kempf, H. Bradley, J. McGuire, S. Butkas, L. St. Hilaire, L. McLenithan, J. Keegan, P. Davendonis, Sister Raphael. Third row left to right: S. Kipp, S. Begin, A. Wilwol, J. Shaw, M. Barber, J. Green, D. Kelly, R. Murphy, M. Meagher, P. Rivard, G. Green, S. Jones, S. Arnold, T. Shaw.



Senior girls stop off on their long trek upstairs to powder their faces with sunshine.

Sister Marguerite leads the Juniors who are pledging their love and fidelity to our flag.





Sister Teresa Agnes smiles her approval at her artistic sophomores, who exhibit Christmas trees a la francais.



Station "SMA" opens the morning with the famous Senior actors and actresses in "The Blue Teapot".



Sister Anna Laurentia captures the attention of the Freshmen as they struggle through the fundamentals of Latin.

L. Nealon and F. Mulvihill give the mimeograph machine a work-out as they make copies of papers--that might possibly be tests.



Sister Anna Laurentis smiles approvingly as she helps L. Bartoski translate Cicero while the rest of the Latin III class follow carefully.

A brisk walk around the hall is a welcome relief which leaves the students alert for their next class.





English IV Class has been eagerly awaited by the Seniors for the work becomes more enjoyable with the record player which is being operated by M. Conway.



World history comes alive for the Sophomores as D. McEvoy points out an important spot on the map and Sister Frances Regis stands by ready to supply information on the subject.

When Sister Teresa Agnes calls a meeting of "Le Cercle Francais", the officers, J. Clarke, A. Flood, M. Akoury, and F. Mulvihill conduct the entire meeting in French.



Sister Teresa Agnes lends a helping hand as the girls put finishing touches on Christmas gifts they made in sewing class. We're sorry Margaret McGuire was absent that day.

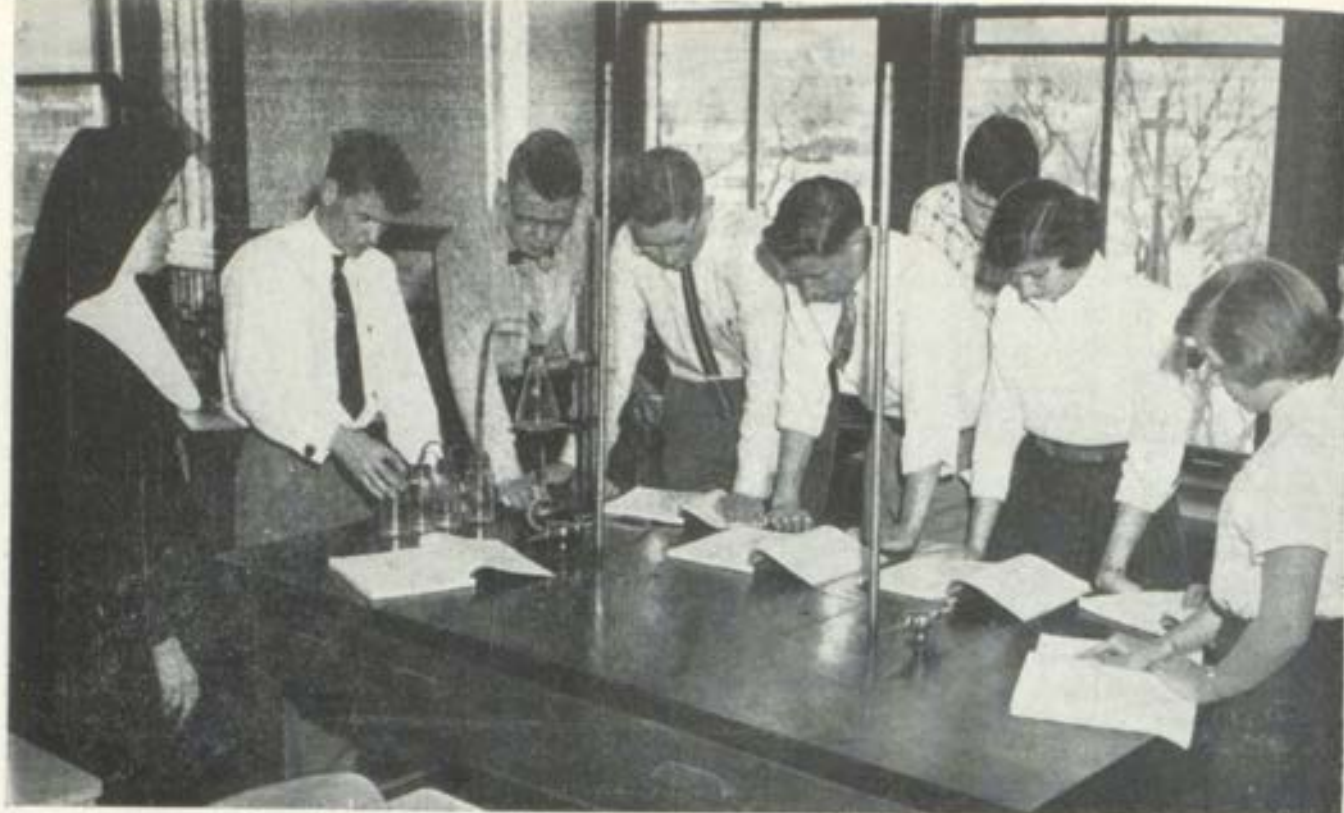
When Sister Frances Regis began the "Library Club", little did we realize that the girls might turn into "Book-worms".



Under Sister Raphael's enjoyable direction, seniors in typing class prepare for coming exams.

Library Club officers: B. White, B. Hyde, S. Bouplon, J. McGuire enjoy browsing through old volumes.





Everyone agrees that Sister Marguerite is a wonderful teacher, and she certainly seems to have the Chemistry class totally intrigued at this point.



The familiar voice of Sister Anna Laurentia is heard by everyone as she speaks through the P. A. system.

When the school day is done everyone wears a smile. "What seems to be holding up the line?" asks Bob Haynes.



Sports Section



FIGHT SONG

Let us fight, fight, fight, fight,
fight.

We're out to win again.

We'll march right through to
victory.

We're gonna win tonight;
Fight, Fight!

Let us score, score, score,
score, score.

PURPLE EAGLES one and
all.

Join to sing a praise to Alma
Mater.

We'll win once more; RAH!



Left to right: F. Mulvihill, Manager; G. White, W. Sherwin, P. Begin, G. Driscoll, R. Haynes, D. Bradley, L. Nealon, T. Finnen, R. Shiland, Coach. Absent L. Bartoski.



Varsity Cheerleaders—A. Grennan, B. White, R. Pemrick, M. Akoury, M. Kennedy.

VARSITY BASKETBALL

SMA	Schedule	Opp.
43	St. Joseph's, Albany	49
58	St. John's, Albany	57
39	St. John's, Rensselaer	57
54	St. Patrick's, Catskill	43
53	St. Ann's, Albany	73
42	St. Mary's, Hudson	36
56	Heatly, Green Island	66
55	St. Joseph's, Schenectady	36
57	Keveny, Cohoes	60
	St. Ann's, Albany	

JAYVEES

SMA	Schedule	Opp.
41	St. Joseph's, Albany	39
44	St. John's, Albany	52
52	St. John's, Rensselaer	76
36	St. Patrick's, Catskill	38
46	St. Mary's, Hudson	33
25	Heatly, Green Island	28
56	St. Joseph's, Schenectady	40
35	Keveny, Cohoes	37
	St. Ann's, Albany	

Jayvee Cheerleaders—E. Saboski, B. Hyde, P. Powers, P. Davendonis, J. Gagne, K. Brandalik.



J. V. PLAYERS

First row: J. Galvin, M. Burke, T. Morin, M. Conway, J. Levandowski, R. Sheridan, H. Bromirski, R. Lewsey. Second row: D. McEvoy, P. Graney, J. Nealon, E. Levandowski, R. Murphy, J. Graney, P. O'Keefe, J. Fitzpatrick, T. Brandi, Coach.





At St. Mary's we are proud of our Athletic Association. With Father Ammering as Director, the girls and boys enjoy traveling far and wide to participate in basketball games.



Champions Catholic B League

Shown here are the Stars of S.M.A.'s baseball team of '55, who upheld the standards of the former teams by winning the League honors. Left to right are pictured: M. McGuire, Jr., J. Moore, W. Sheridan, B. Keyes, R. Haynes, G. White, G. Driscoll, J. Murphy, and F. Mulvihill. Left to right in back row are Coach J. McGuire, D. McEvoy, J. Galvin, J. Fitzpatrick, L. Bartoski, W. Sherwin, M. Burke, H. Bromirski and R. Sheridan.



SMA	SCHEDULE	OPP.
15	St. John's, Albany	2
1	St. Joseph's, Albany	5
11	St. Ann's, Albany	10
10	St. John's, Rensselaer	1
9	St. Joseph's, Albany	0
4	Waterford	3
11	St. Ann's, Albany	3
4	St. John's, Rensselaer	1
16	Waterford	3
9	St. John's, Albany	1



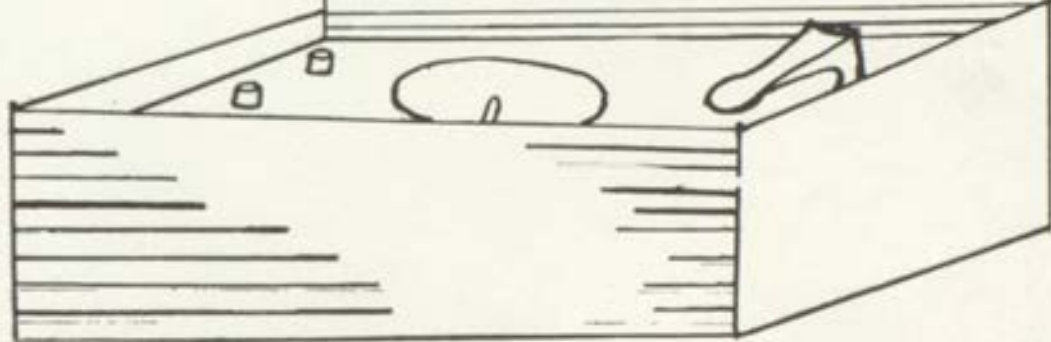


V-I-C-T-O-R-Y spell out these Eighth Graders who rode in the parade at the Pep Rally held before the first game.



In the parade these Freshmen portray a basketball player, a cheerleader, an altar boy, and a student; four different aspects of school life.

Social Activities



CHRISTOPHER PRAYER

LORD, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O DIVINE MASTER, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. St. Francis of Assisi.

The Seniors enjoy the daily tabulations of the returns from the magazine drive; as the totals go up, the book fund swells too!



Third grader Nolan Baker, holds the spotlight as she draws the name of the lucky winner of the Waltham wrist watch at the close of the Magazine drive.



Our Lady smiles down upon the Seniors as they excitedly discuss the huge success of the Magazine Campaign which went over the top!



CLASS OF 1959



J. Shaw MC's the novel Freshmen entertainment which was inaugurated by the Seniors to replace initiation.



An air of anticipation prevails among T. Shaw, S. Butkas, Sister Raphael, A. Saboski and S. Arnold as they prepare for the Freshmen entertainment.



J. McGuire, L. Kempf, M. A. Bozek, S. White step lively as they dance for the audience (at the new style initiation) who thoroughly enjoyed the show.



The Juniors were intrigued this year by one of their projects: anthologies of Christmas poetry designed in unique fashion. Here they proudly display their work.

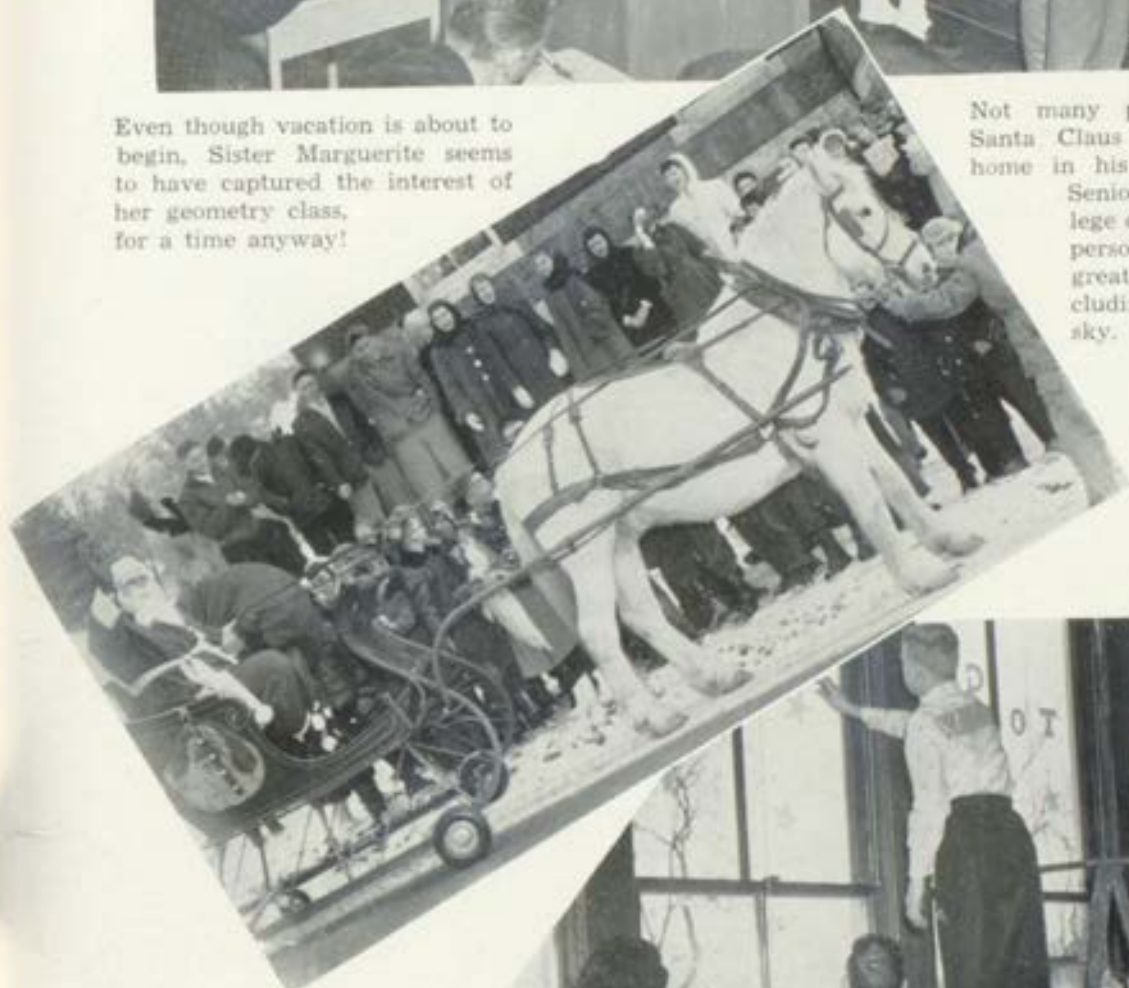


During this holiday season the staff for the S. M. A. news column proved to be very busy with discussions.



Even though vacation is about to begin, Sister Marguerite seems to have captured the interest of her geometry class, for a time anyway!

Not many people ever see Santa Claus drive by their home in his sleigh, but the Seniors had the privilege of welcoming him personally. It was great fun for all, including Walt Wirmusky.



Anyone passing by SMA at Christmas time will be reminded of the true meaning of this holy season. Each class takes pride in decorating its rooms artistically in the true Nativity Theme.





REV. DONALD AMMERING, O. S. A.

Sparkplugged by the dynamism of Father Ammering, the Alumni have gone all out to make the Smorgasbord a social as well as a culinary success. The proceeds go towards the Athletic Banquet held for Cheerleaders and members of the S.M.A. basketball and baseball teams each spring.



Smilingly awaiting the enormous crowd which made the 2nd Annual Smorgasbord such a huge success stands the committee: Marie Morin, Kay Guiden, Mrs. M. Burke, Mrs. C. Kempf, Co-chairman; Mrs. C. Ralston, Mrs. J. McGrath, Mrs. B. Brownell, Edith Gigel, Mrs. L. Albowicz, Mrs. W. Wirmusky, Mrs. R. Brott, Ann Guiden, Mrs. N. Myers, Co-chairman; Mrs. Carelli, Mrs. D. Hubbard, Margaret Hughes, and Miss H. Barry.

Smorgasbord



"Scoop" Ralston interviews Russian couple, Bob Saluzzo and Anne Carswell, upon their arrival in U. S. with the announced intention of winning the \$64,000 jackpot. Director John Haussler gives the audience a cue as to reaction.



Walt Wirmusky reputedly "stole the show". Here he sits quite sedately at the last rehearsal.



This vivacious trio, Walt Wirmusky, Peggy Rimkunas, and Elmer Jandrow highlights the entertainment at the SMA Smorgasbord.



Last year's Seniors looking very satisfied with themselves, pose in their caps and gowns.



William Levandowski closes the Banquet with a few words of thanks to the Juniors.



Seniors and Eighth Graders attend the annual Communion Breakfast.



The Sisters as well as Students seem to be enjoying themselves during the Junior-Senior Banquet at the Four Chimneys.

Paul Begin welcomes everyone to the Banquet with a few well chosen words.



The Juniors and Seniors are very happy with the success of their Banquet.



Prom Time



Round and round the hall the couples march under the stars at the Prom "Stairway to the Stars".



Prom Queen J. Butkas crowns the Blessed Mother at our Junior-Senior Prom.



M. Madigan, last year's queen; M. Ruditis, J. Butkas, A. Marsh and G. Eberle smile for the camera after the crowning of the Queen.

Seniors

Patricia Simpson
Francis Mulvihill
Mary Ann Kennedy
Joan Burns

George Driscoll
Reta Penrick
Lawrence Nealon
Ann Flood
Mary Murray
Paul Begin
Margaret McGuire
Michael Conway
Carole Sprague

Alma Mater

When the last big game is over
And the last roll call is heard,
As the end of life draws near us,
All with joyous word,
We shall come to Alma Mater
In our dreams again
With a prayer for dear St. Mary's
And a sweet Amen.



A
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F

ANN MARIE FLOOD
"Annie"
Secretary

Here is a girl with a generous
heart
Vivacious is she and very smart.



P
L
B

PAUL LEONARD BEGIN
"Pete"
President

Pete is an athletic, fun-loving boy
As our senior president he's our
pride and joy.



F
P
M

FRANCIS P. MULVIHILL
"Ichabod"
Treasurer

The manager of our basketball
team
When it comes to studies he's
right on the beam.



J
P
B

JOAN PATRICIA BURNS
"Burnsie"

This one is witty and oh so clever
When asked if she's serious, Joan
says: "never"!



M
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C

MICHAEL JOSEPH CONWAY
"Mike"

Mike may be little, Mike may be
small
But our boy Mike is on the ball.



G
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D

GEORGE MURRAY DRISCOLL
"Brother"

Happy-go-lucky, good looking and
polite
George is just the senior type.



M
R
M

MARGARET ROSE McGUIRE
"Margy"

Our little Margy is pert and petite
Her sparkling ways are hard to
beat.



M
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MARY ANN KENNEDY
"Mimi"

Mimi is clever, has fun in her
smile
Is hard working, earnest but gay
all the while.



M
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MARY H. MURRAY
"May"

Friendly, sincere, with a heart-
warming smile
Here is a girl who has set senior
style.



L
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LAWRENCE A. NEALON
"Larry"

Sometimes serious, sometimes
humorous
This boy's assets are very
numerous



R
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RETA MARY PEMRICK
"Tiny"

Thoughtful and dependable is
this sparkling lass
Cambridge's gift to our senior
class



P
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PATRICIA HELEN SIMPSON
"Pat"

Studious, cooperative, quiet and
neat
Without her our class would seem
quite incomplete.



C
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S

CAROLE ANN SPRAGUE
"Spraguee"

Carole is studious, delightful and
gay
In spite of a brisk walk from Clay
Hill each day.

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