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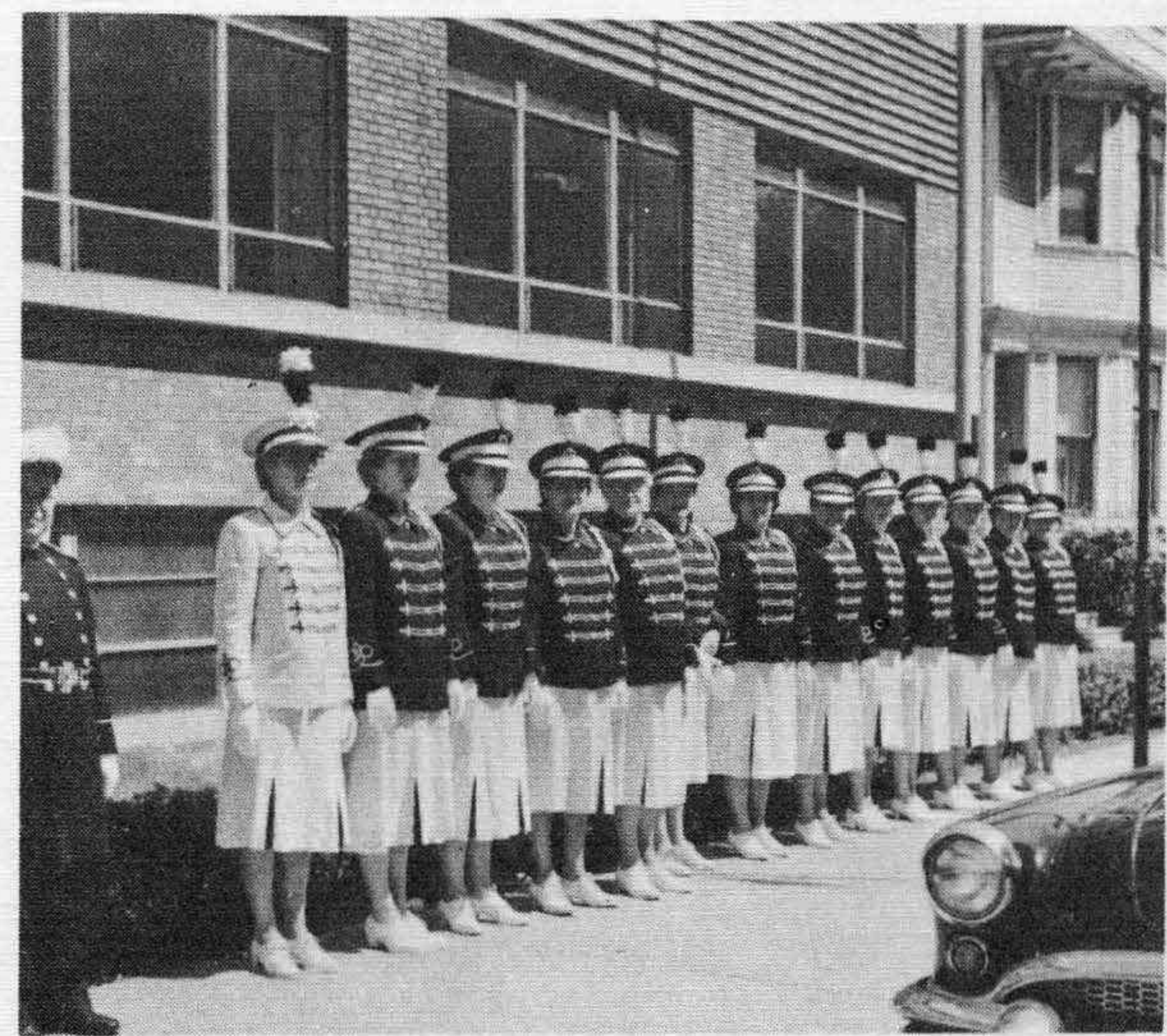
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VITAL STATISTICS

Since the Parish is the "Mystical Body in Miniature," there is no activity that can equal the importance of that body. The following statistics are a glorious record of the flow of Graces from the Cross of Calvary to the people of St. Elizabeth's.

BAPTISM is the Sacrament of birth into the Church. Since 1885 the waters of regeneration have flown over the heads of 13,618 infants and 1,086 adults.

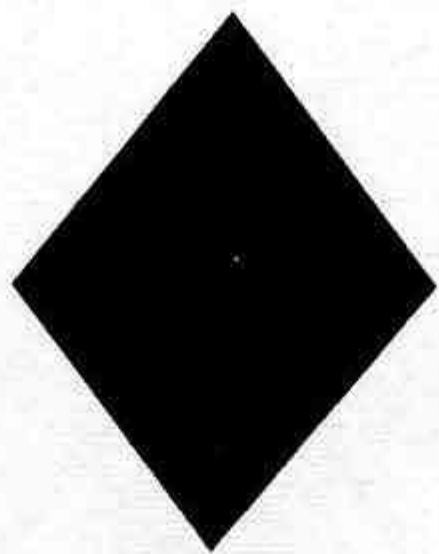
Birth alone is not sufficient; cleansing and nourishment are as vital to spiritual life as physical life. 12,983 children made their **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** in this Parish.

Frequent reception of **PENANCE** and **HOLY COMMUNION** are necessary for the maintenance of a strong spiritual life. A conservative approximation of the number of times these Sacraments were administered would be: **TWO** and a **QUARTER MILLION CONFESSIONS** and **EIGHT** and a **QUARTER MILLION HOLY COMMUNIONS!**

CONFIRMATION, the Sacrament of Catholic Action, made 12,640 Parishioners soldiers in Christ's Army during the past 75 years.

WEDDING BELLS have rung happily many times, 4,274 to be exact, and many have returned to renew their Marriage promises on the 25th. and 50th. Anniversaries.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL is beneficial both to the deceased and to the bereaved. These beautiful and consoling services were held 3,173 times. May we take this opportunity to remind ourselves to renew our prayers for those who have gone before us and now sleep the sleep of peace.





Msgr. Pfeffer, Fr. Goth, Fr. Ghelfi, Fr. Complo,
at the Benedict Woertz Funeral, 1960

† Leo T. Sobocinski Funeral Home



1960—FIRST COMMUNION CLASS—1960

Doetsch Bros. Inc. †

Calcaterra Funeral Home †
“A Family Dedicated to Funeral Service”

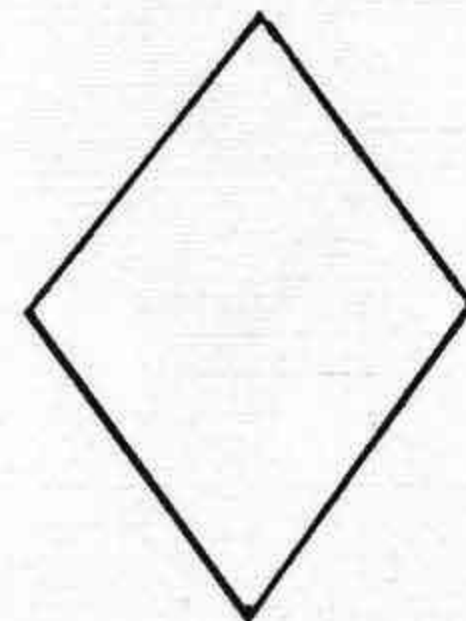
OUR NATIONALITIES

The never-ending vitality of St. Elizabeth's Parish, another Mystical Body in miniature, is strikingly demonstrated in the way that the newcomers to its neighborhood were grafted to it and became a living part of it.

When the doors of St. Elizabeth's Church were first opened in 1885, most of its original parishioners could speak the German language. Soon after that, they found themselves worshipping along side of Polish speaking people. No wonder, then, that the Kashubes, a European combination which evolved on the northern German-Polish borderline, seemed to find a touch of their fatherland here at St. Elizabeth's.

By 1942, eight hundred Italian families lived in this parish. It is interesting to note that Father Svensson brushed up his Italian, learned as a student in Italy, so that Mother Church could the better accommodate herself to the newcomers. The most recent influx has been that of Negroes. At the present time 2,058 homes in St. Elizabeth's Parish are now occupied by them. Already hundreds of them have been received into the Church and they enjoy membership in all of the parish organizations.

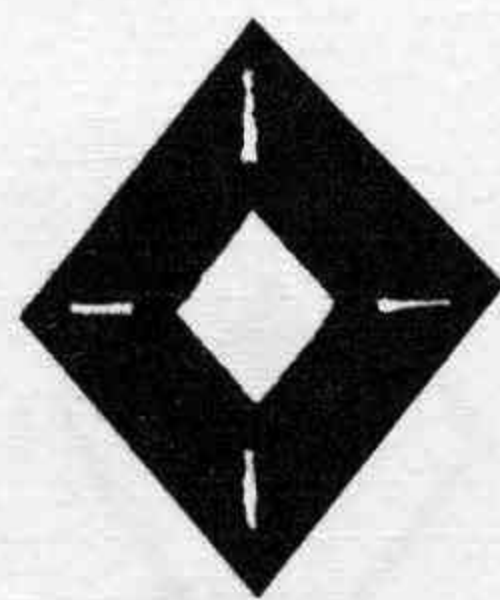
St. Elizabeth Parish welcomed all of these people and adopted them completely. It made them living members of its miniature Mystical Body. Some of these newcomers came directly from Europe and certain sections of the U.S. where they had the services of a priest only several times a year. To all of the grace, instruction, and sanctity was dispensed with the love of Christ. In many respects, St. Elizabeth served as an Apostolic home mission front preaching the word of God to those who had never heard it, converting the sinner to the life of grace, and helping good people on the road to sanctity.



LEAGUE OF NATIONS



Included in this group are the four priests of different nationalities. The children are of Kashub, Italian, Slavic, Mexican, Negro, Indian, German, Polish, Irish and Belgian decent.



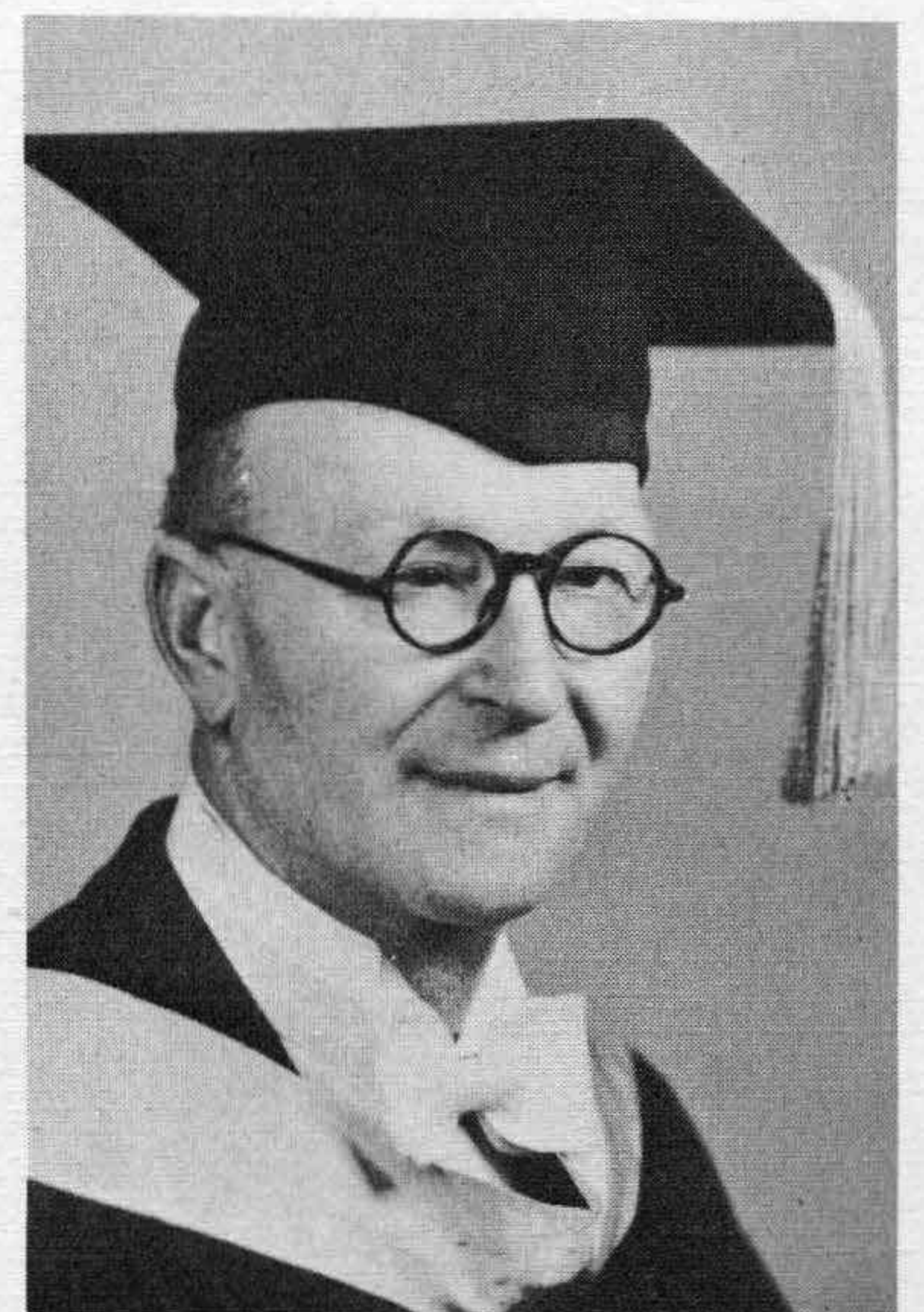
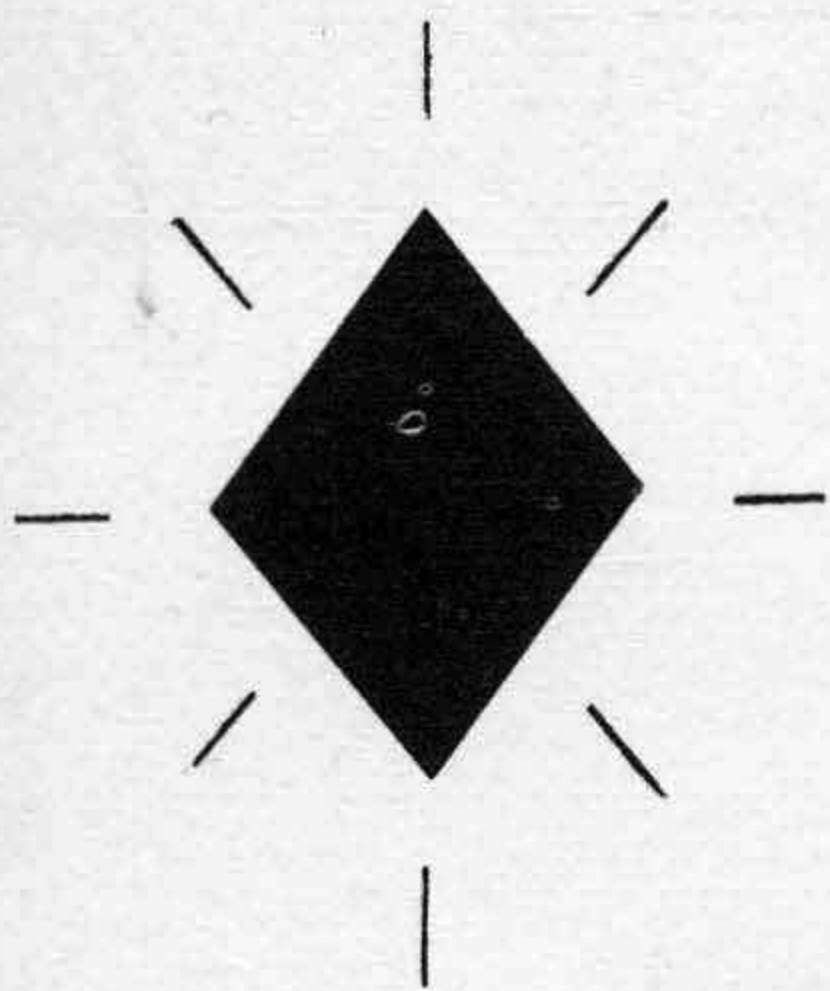
ST. ELIZABETH PARISH and the LITURGICAL MOVEMENT

Scattered chiefly throughout the entire East Side of Detroit are families who once attended St. Elizabeth School or Church. Their number might conservatively be estimated at 15 to 20 thousand people. There is one characteristic which immediately distinguishes them. They are faithful, loyal, and steady Parishioners. In many instances they are leaders in the Parishes which they now frequent. How did they get that way? There is but one answer. As the Priests of yore used to say: "They are well trained." Because of the fine old reliable customs which they brought with them from St. Elizabeth, they are ardent, practical Catholics today. Nothing contributed more to make these people wholesome Catholics than what is today popularly known as the "LITURGICAL MOVEMENT." Throughout its entire lifespan, St. Elizabeth has practiced it. When Pope St. Pius the Xth. issued his decree on FREQUENT and EARLY COMMUNION, and that Parishes should return to wholesome Liturgical Singing, St. Elizabeth and its neighboring Parish of St. Anthony, were the first in the City to follow the Holy Father's decree. On the first Sunday in Advent of 1906, Fr. Anthony Ternes, 2nd. Pastor in the Parish, in answer to the Holy Father's decree, established a full male Choir under the direction of Professor Born. In 1927, when Fr. William P. Schulte, the 3rd. Pastor, took over the reigns of the Parish, he is especially well remembered for the exact carrying-out of the Liturgy, the establishment of the Holy Hour and Special Devotions to Our Lady. In 1932, Fr. Jos. V. Pfeffer, the 4th. and present Pastor of the Parish, began urging the custom of daily Holy Communion, not only for the CHILDREN but also for the ADULTS of the Parish. When this was well on its way, he systematically arranged for the GRAMMAR SCHOOL CHILDREN and the HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS to sing the two Parish Masses daily. These young people handle all the Church Services. They have established themselves as outstanding in the Archdiocese on such occasions as the 40 Hours Devotion or other public functions. In compliance with Pius XII's latest decree on LAY PARTICIPATION in the MASS, Msgr. Pfeffer has trained a group of High School boys to commentate at all the public Masses. It is these and other Religious customs that have endeared the people of St. Elizabeth to the Parish and have caused it to be known as a Eucharistic and Liturgical Parish.





A portion of the St. Elizabeth H.S. Choir



Prof. Joseph Casa Pinta
Director

The Play is the Thing



Nothing like our Kindergarten Band

Monsignors come rather young today



Nobody Beats our Choral Groups

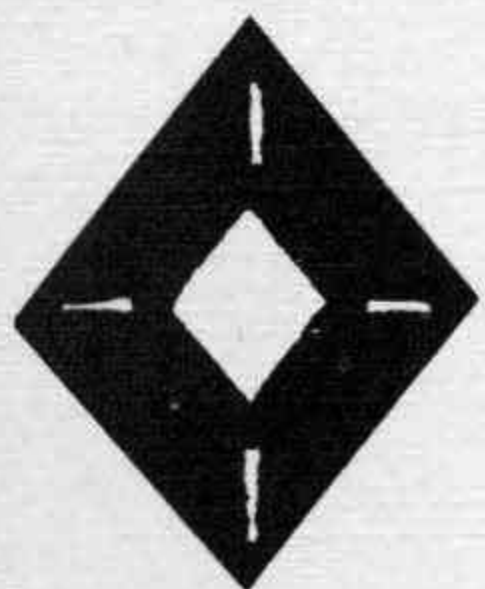


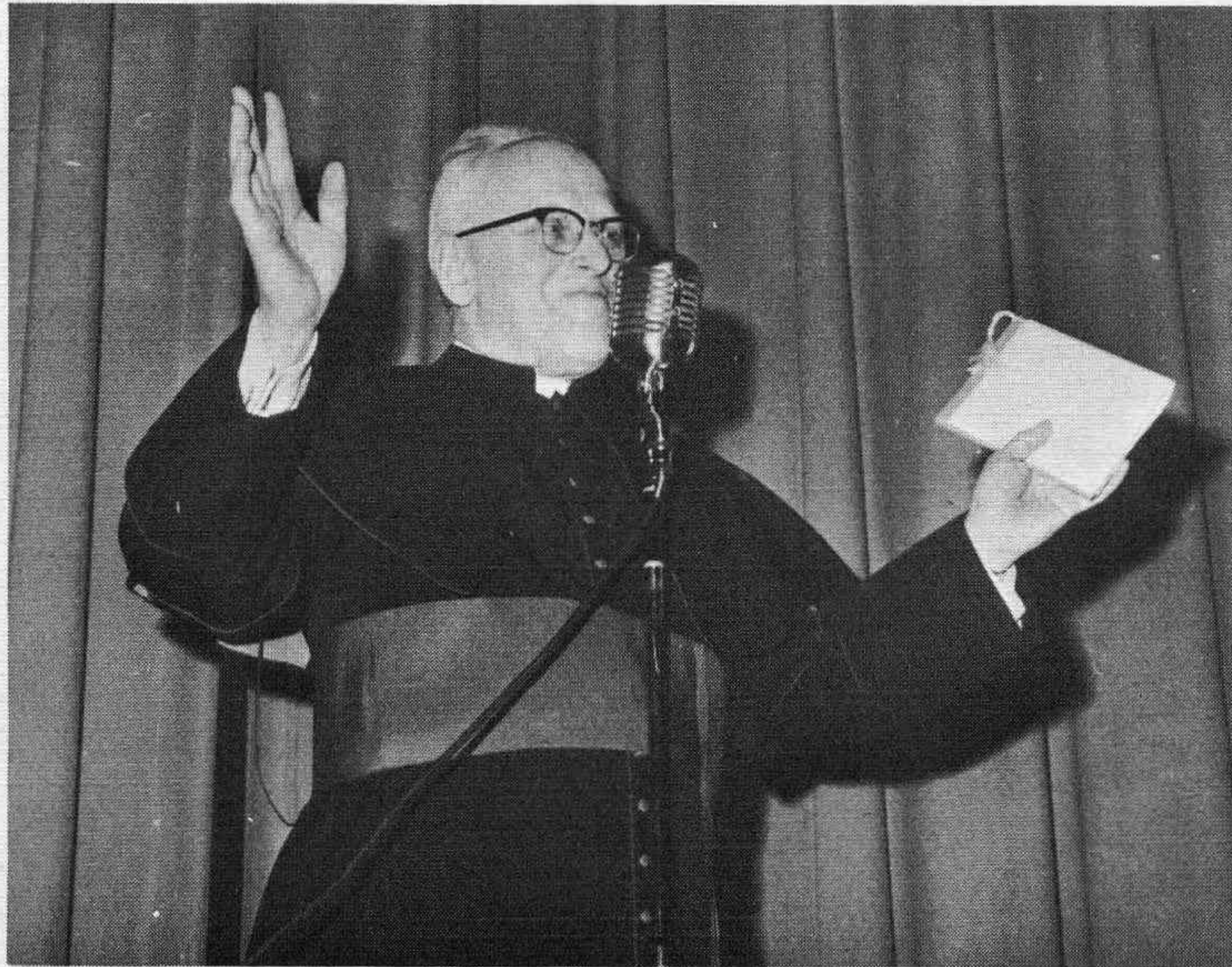
All Happy about Monsignors Feast Day



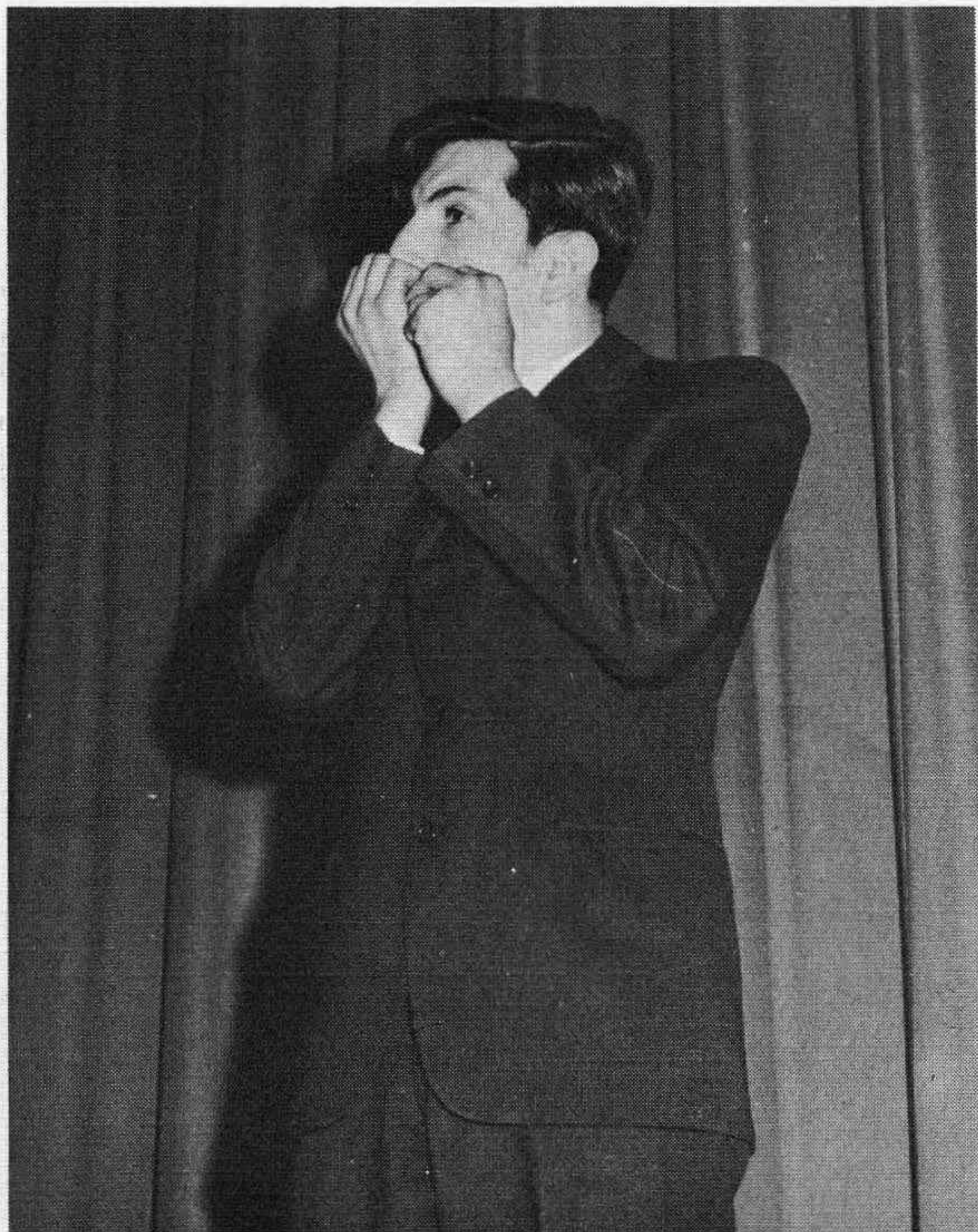
Even the Irish Jig to Honor St. Joseph

Little Susie greets Monsignor on his Feast Day





God bless my Family and a Free Day for all the children.



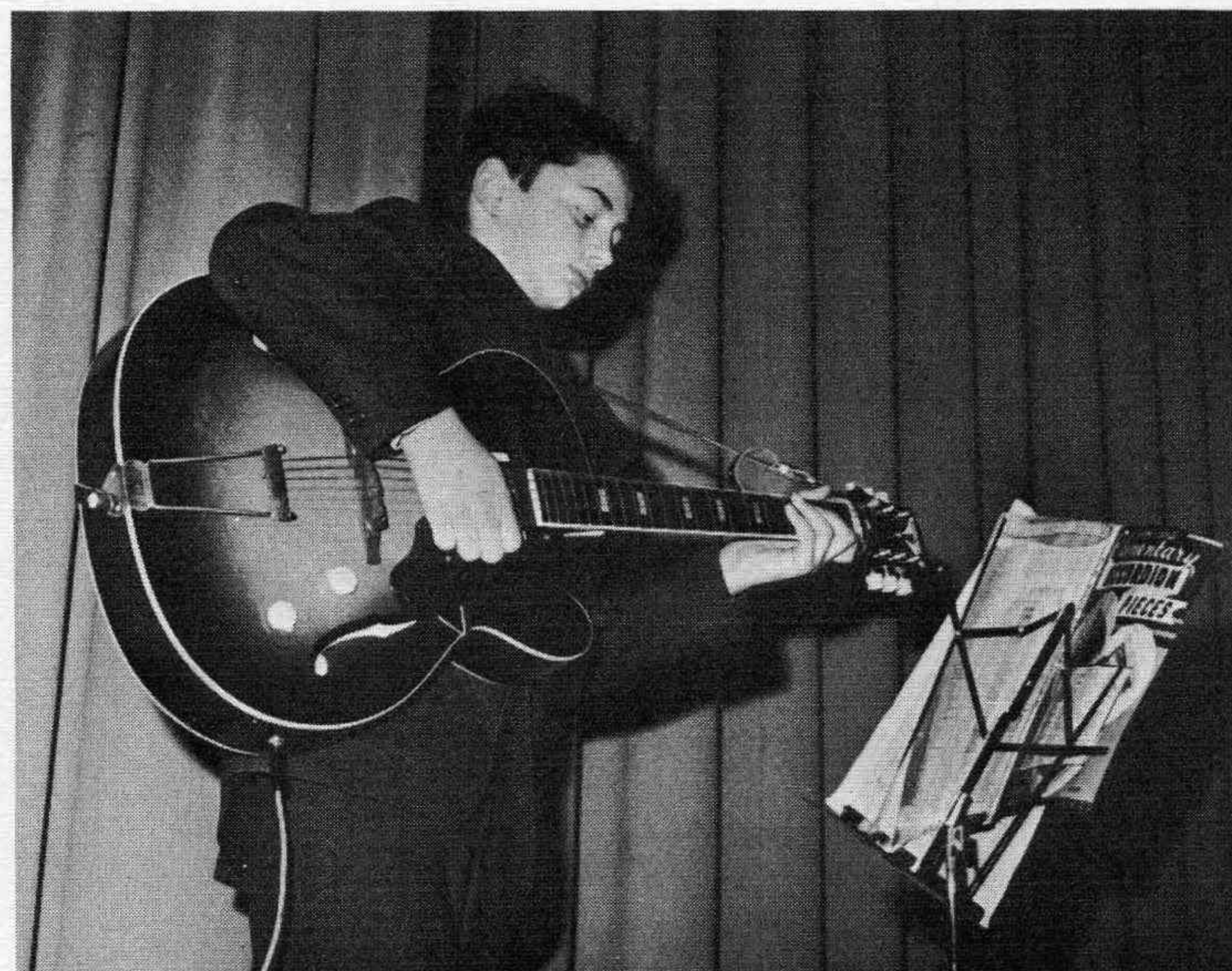
The Harmonica



Little Girl for a Big Instrument



Wouldn't you like to know



I'd rather play ball



Sweet and Low



Jerry Spada and his Band

Choral Groups



Prof. Reynolds Meir, Founder of St. Elizabeth Choral Groups.



Prof. Reynolds Meir and Choral Group

Prof. Walter Truskinski and Christmas Choral Group



Our Sisters



Convent Chapel



The Call to God

Our Pride and Joy St. Elizabeth Recreation Center

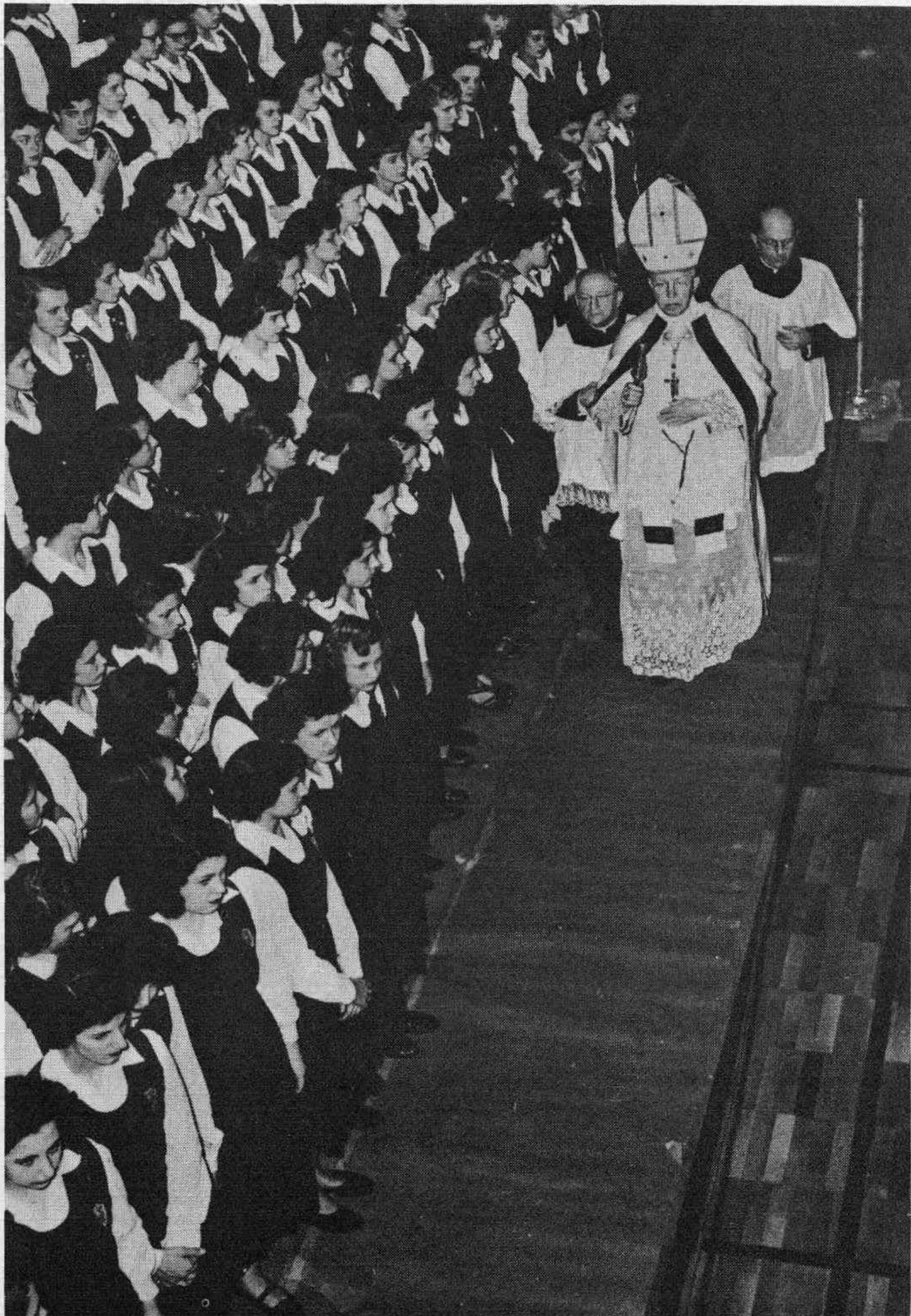
Dedicated December 4th, 1949



Fr. Ternes' Hall



After 52 years down it comes



Archbishop dedicates the New Center



Procession leaving the Center



Flag raising in front of Center



Detroit Regiment — Knights of St. John and Marine Corps.



Salute to our country



The Cardinal makes it clear . . . Monsignor is delighted



Who said our Ladies can't cook?



May St. Elizabeth ever guard our Parish



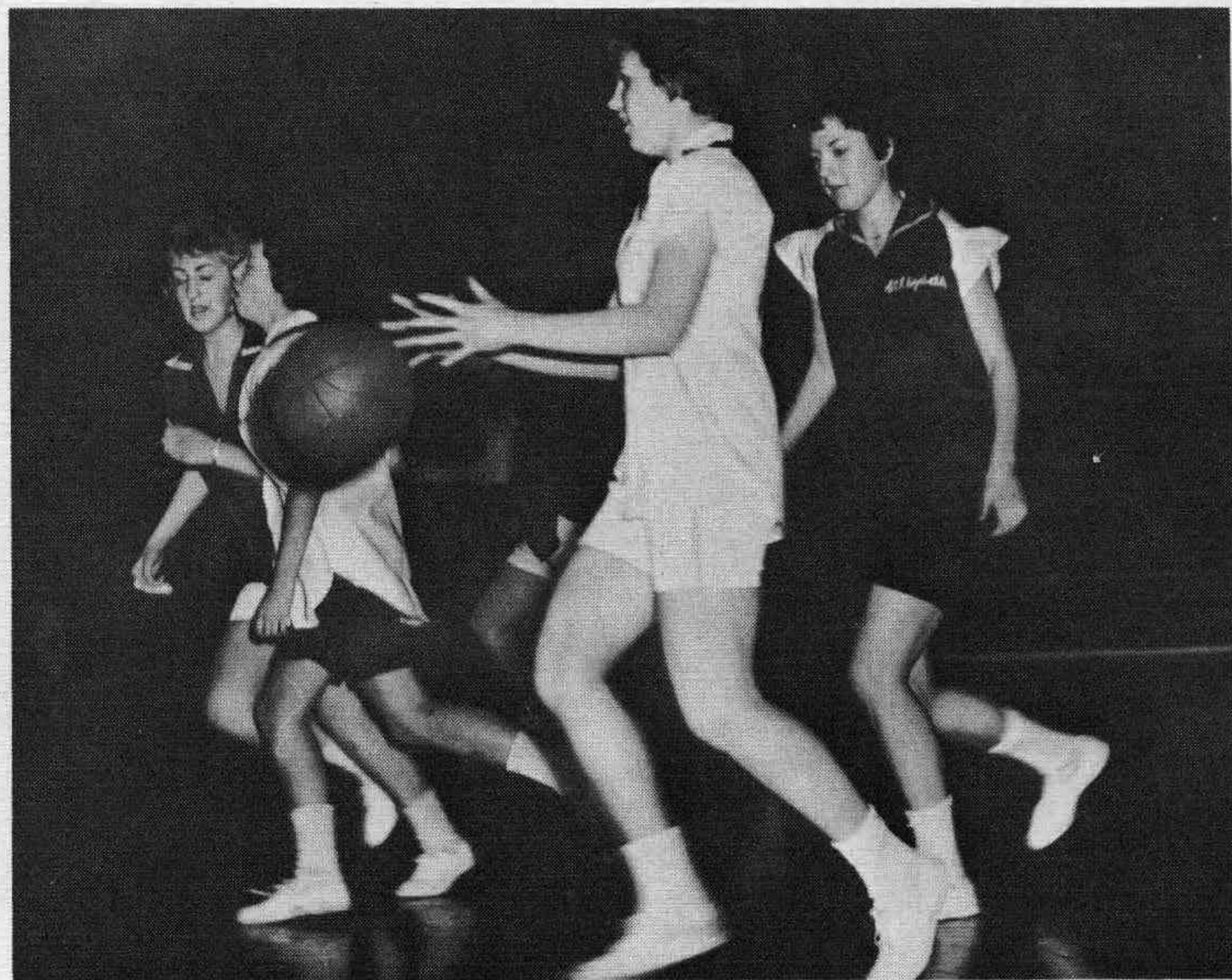
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin — our first Recreation Center Coaches and General Manager of the Center.



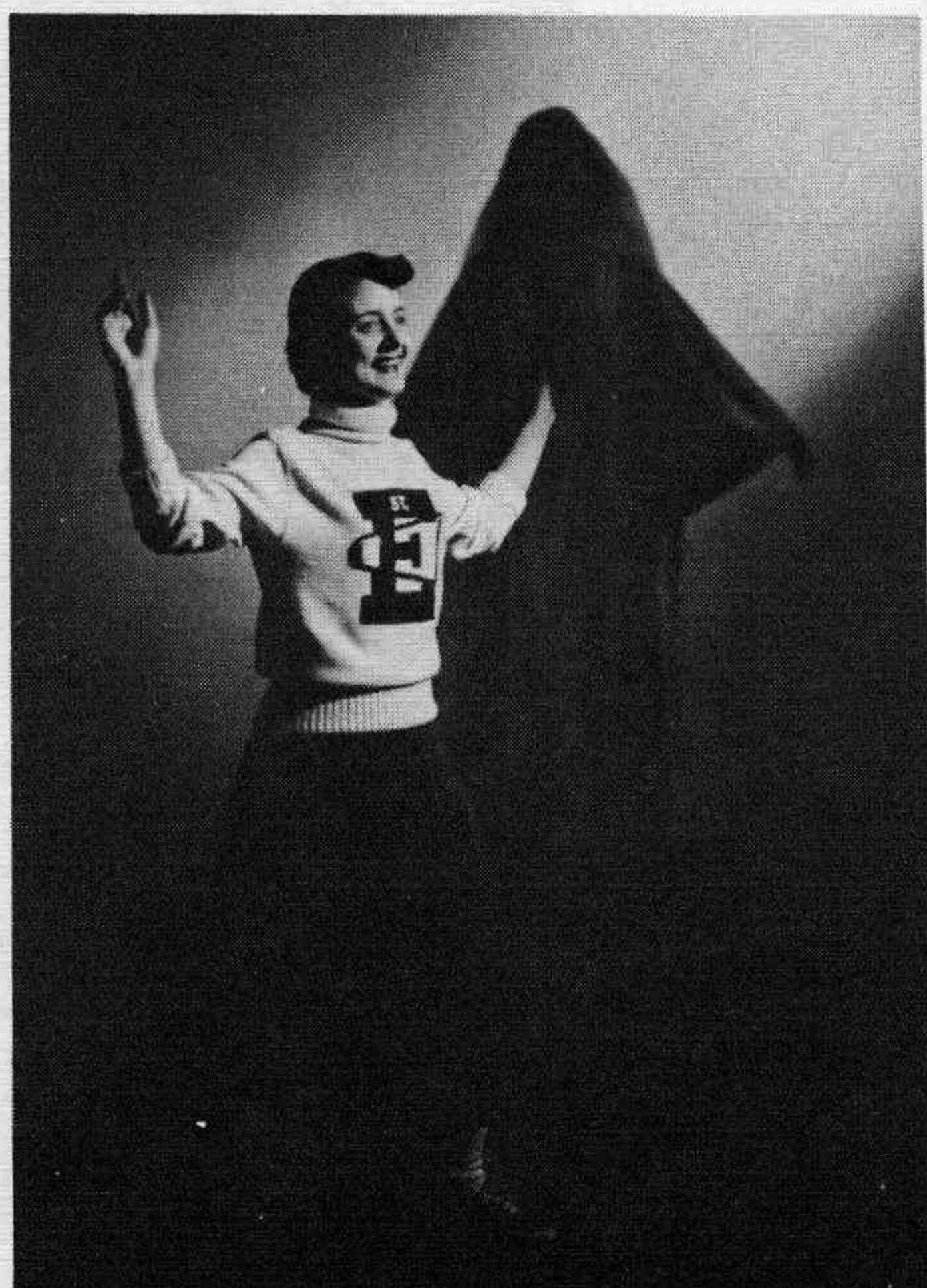
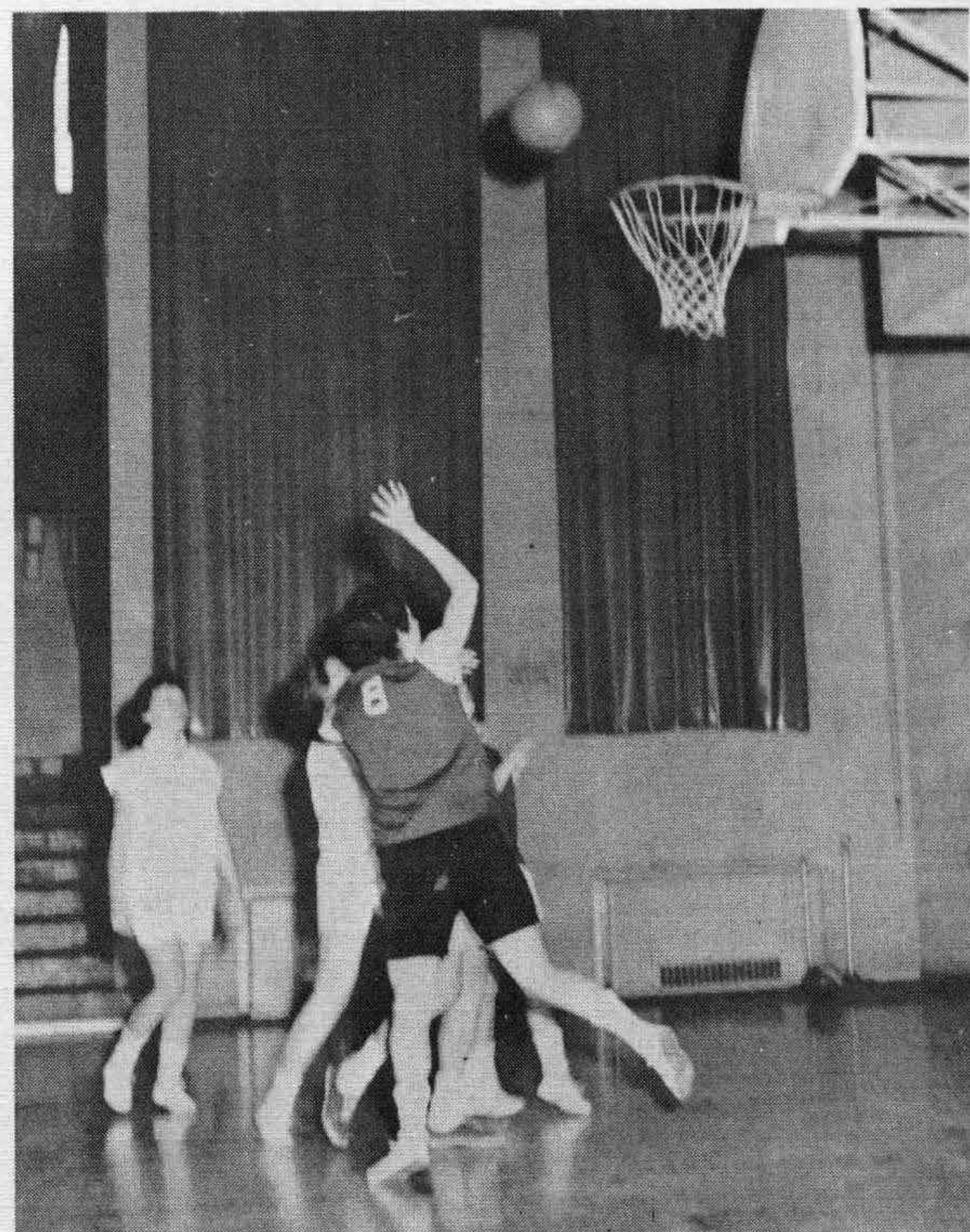
Msgr. Pfeffer and Mayor Miriani

ATHLETICS

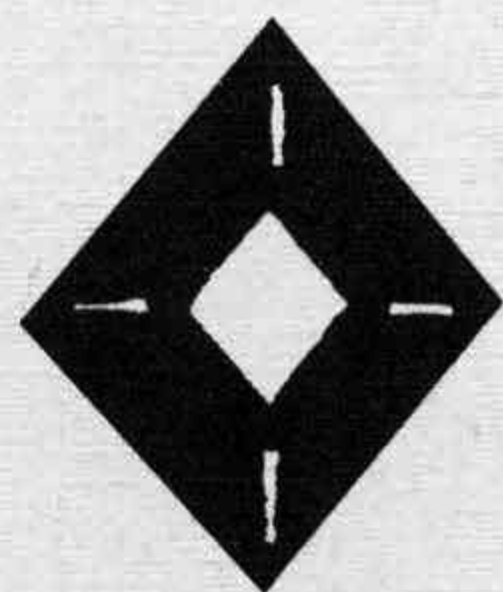
Girls Basketball



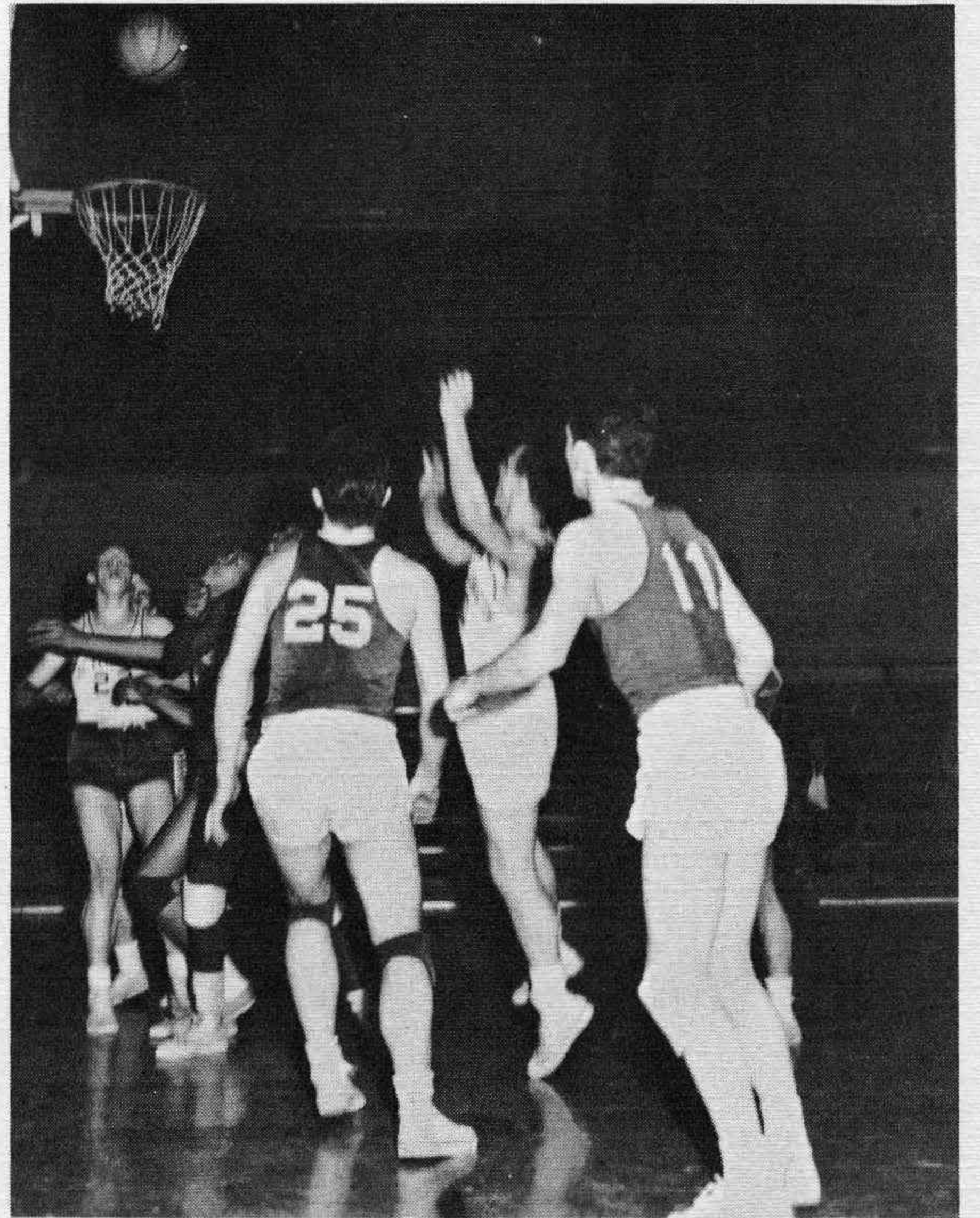
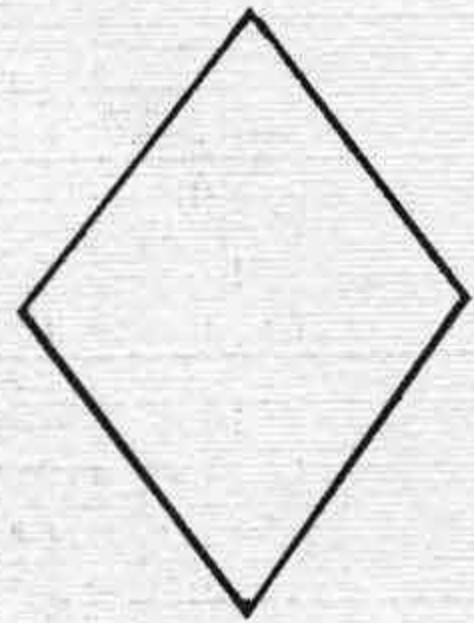
OLGA OTTOVIANI
Girls' Athletic Coach, Gym



ANNA COLOROSI
Cheerleader 1952-1953



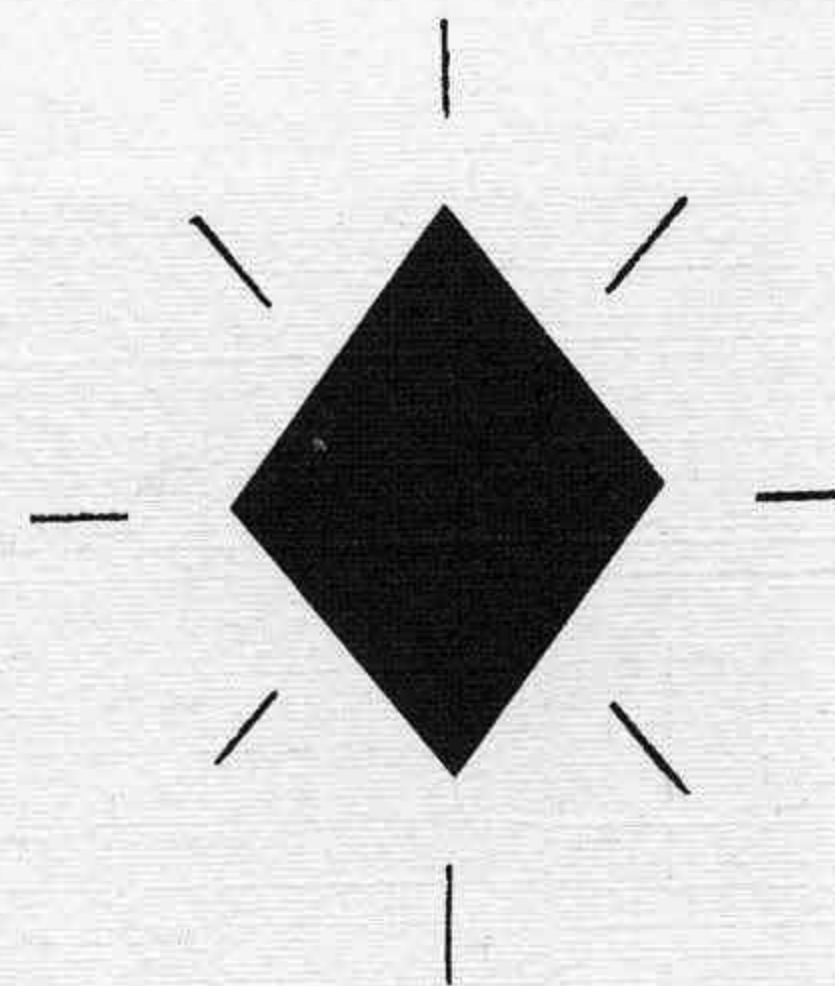
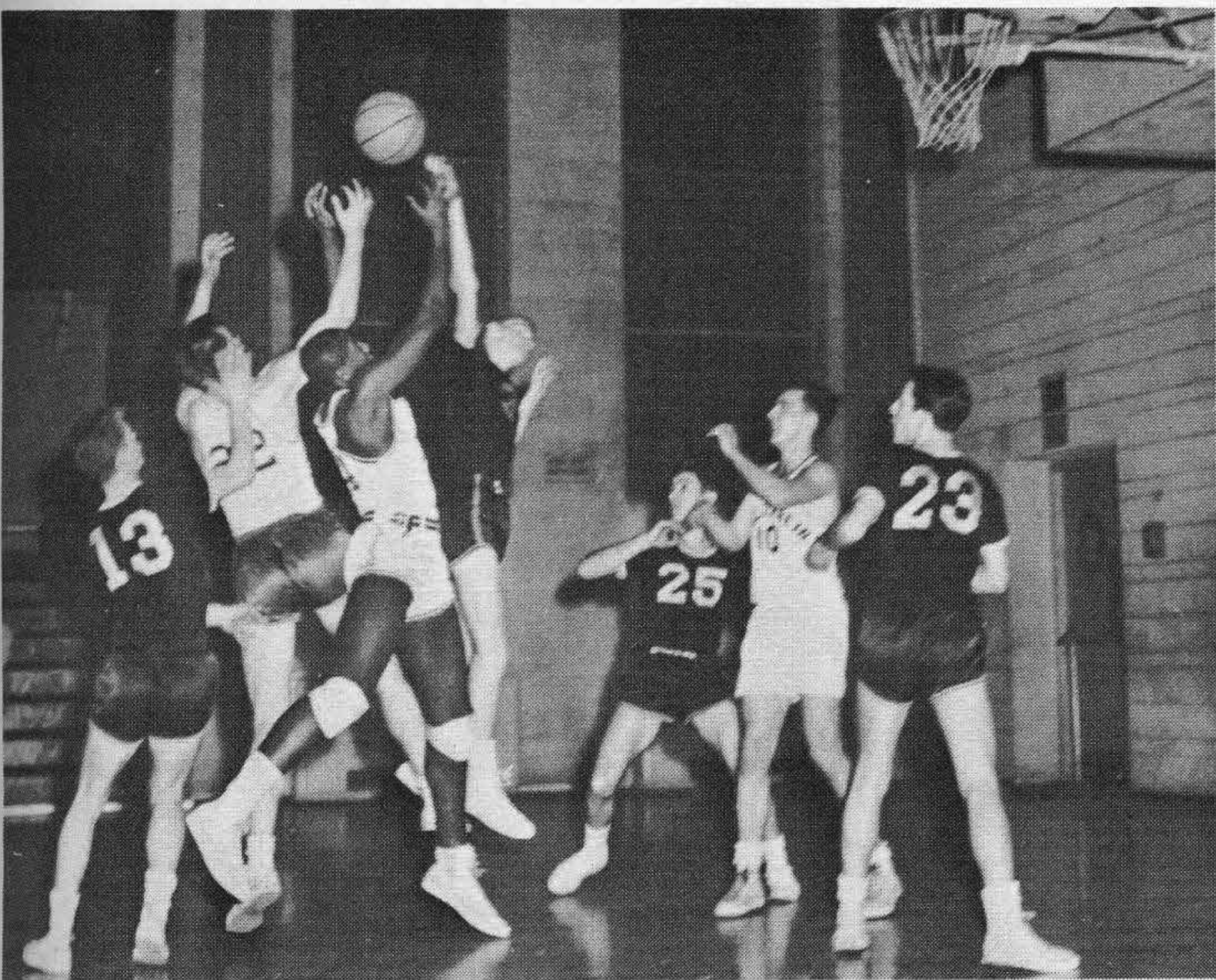
Boys Football and Basketball



Craine Studio

★ "Your Official Photographer" ★

Klangs Flowers



Fabian & Theolina Maurina



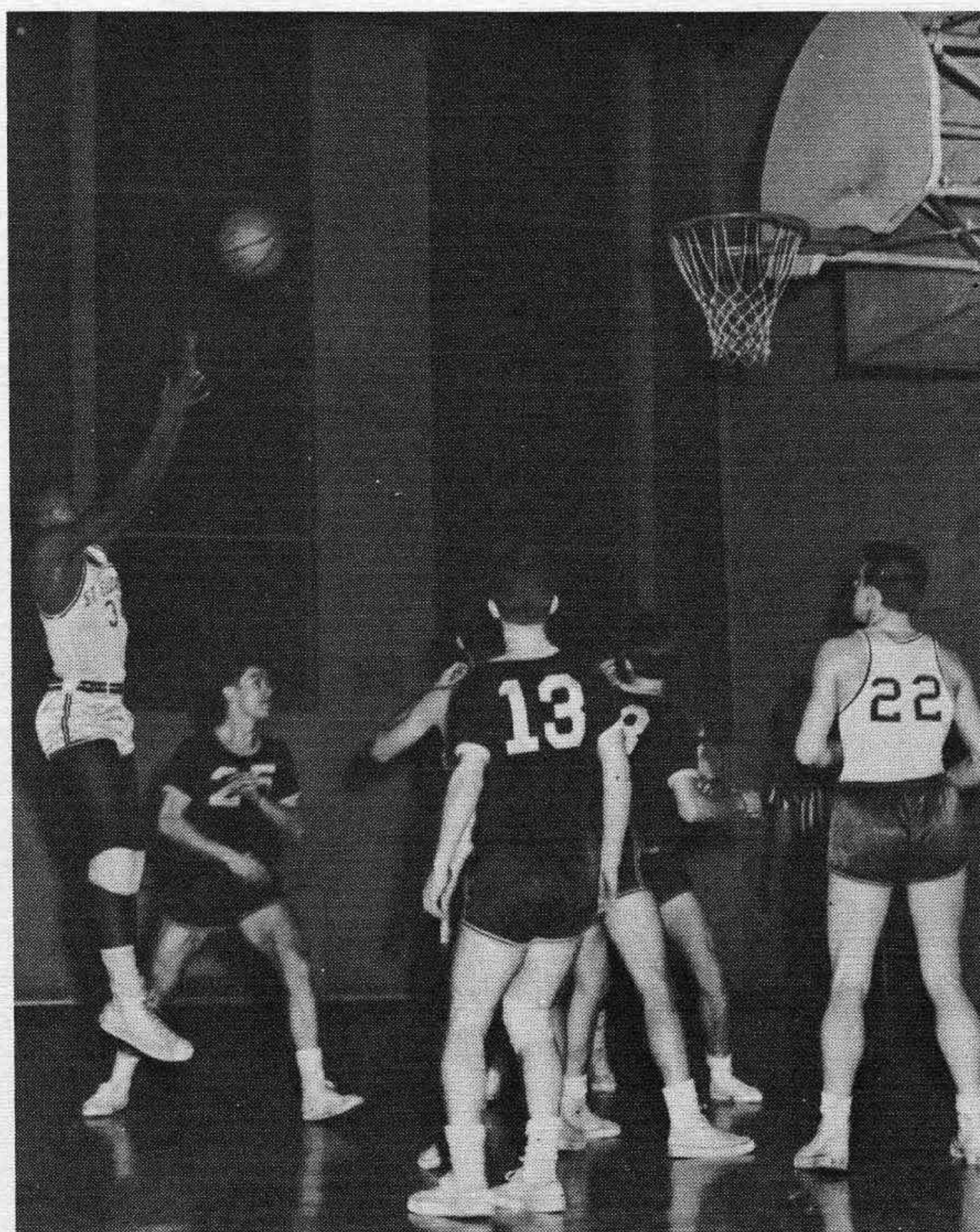
Rev. Daniel C. Complo



Mr. and Mrs. Gaeton Urbani & Family



MR. EARL GAPA
Basketball Coach



High School Activities



Retreat Master Fr. Kelly O.M.Cap.



Students visit convent Shrine

A Student Committee visit Monsignor on High School Matters





Finest Club Room in the Archdiocese



Girls at Center learning Domestic Science



St. Elizabeth's Ushers Club
Lutz Lumber Co.
Novelty House
"Fun is Our Business"

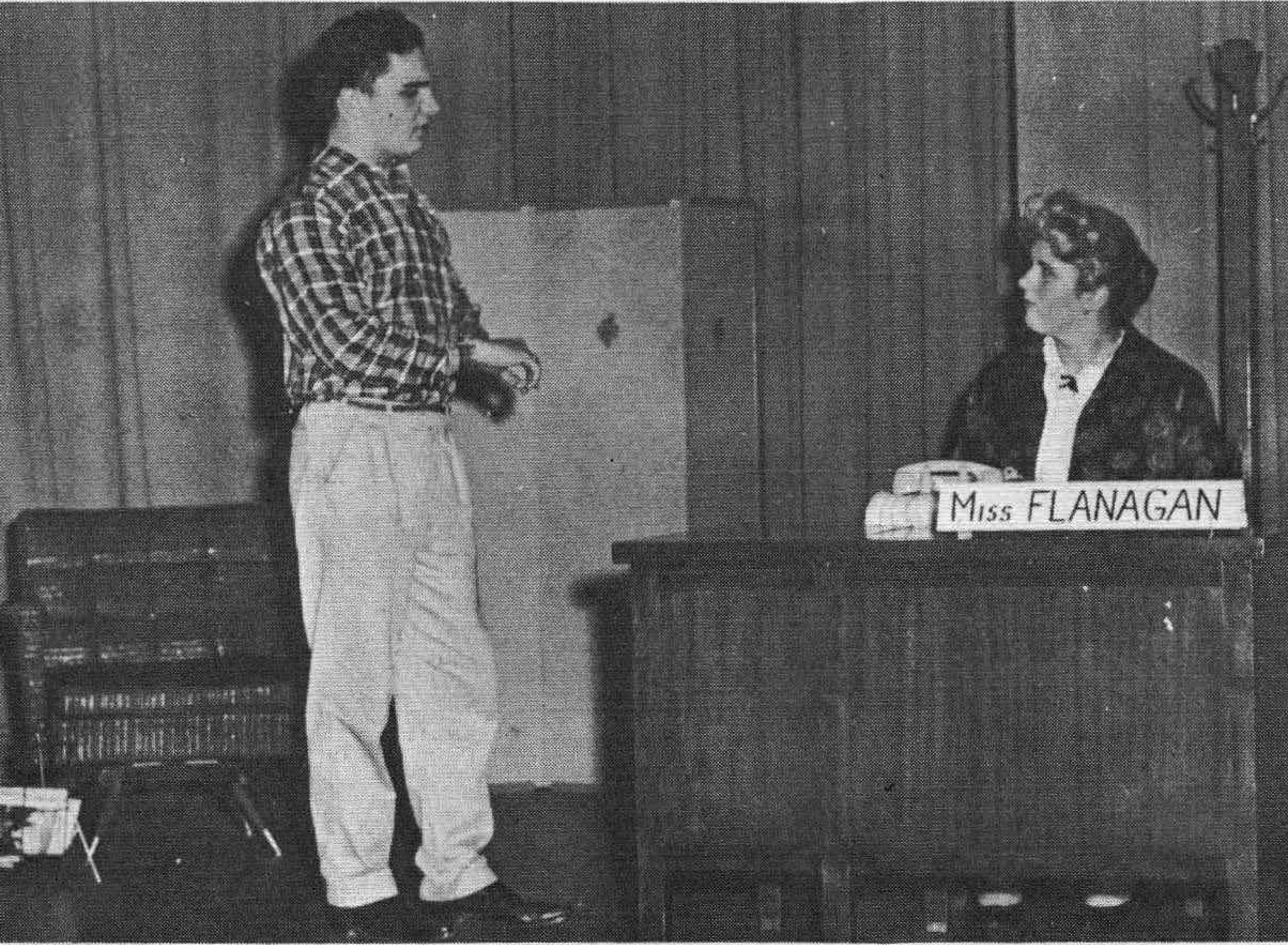


We love to wait on tables



Frequent Dances enliven the school year

The High School Play



Roma Hall
Feldman & Feldman
Jr. Christian Mothers
Frontczak Funeral Home
★ Friend of St. Elizabeth's ★
Mr. and Mrs. Victor Pershon
Lipke Hardware
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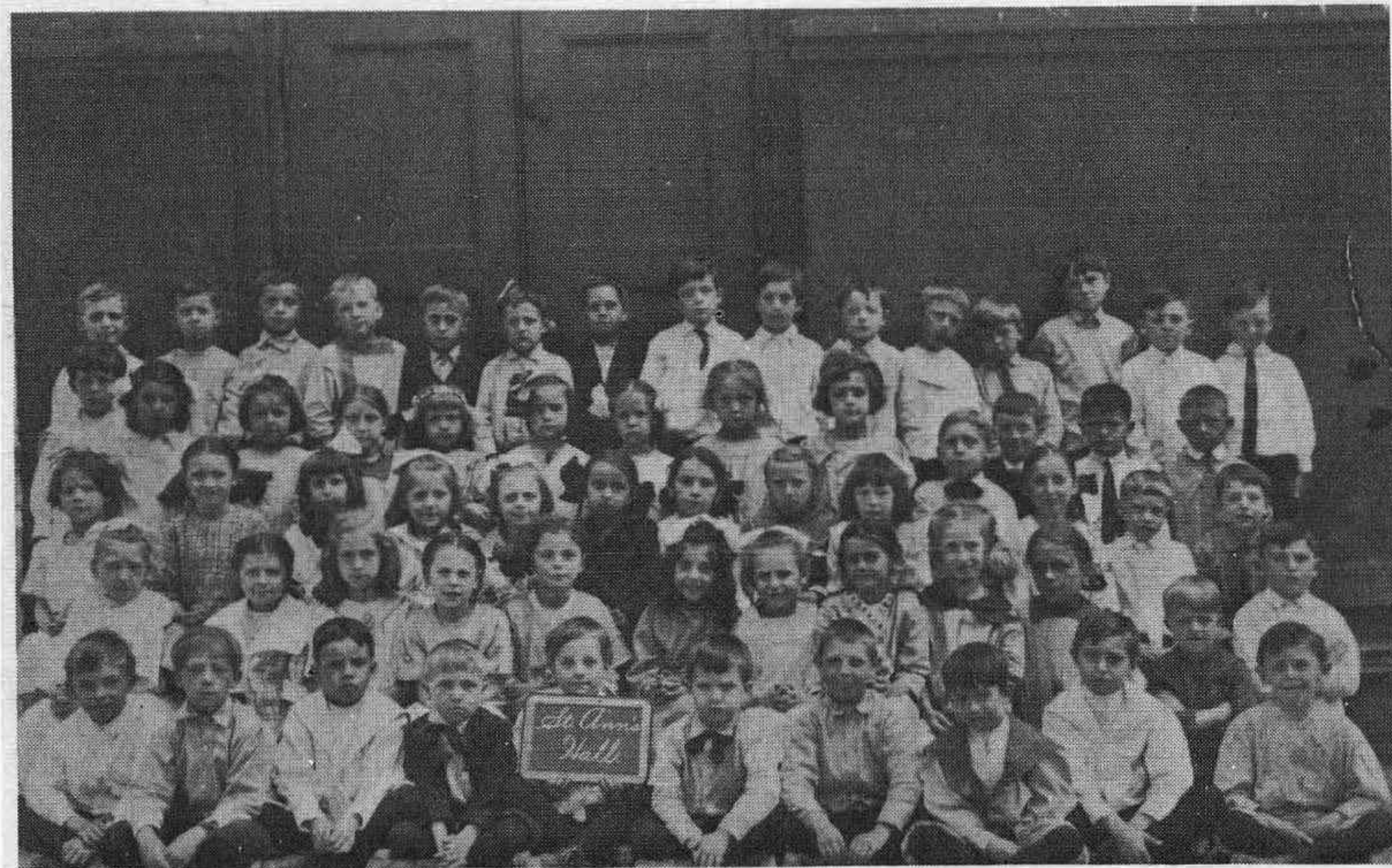


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 Edward Groll
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 Society of St. Vincent de Paul
 ★ Doetsch Bros. Inc. ★
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 St. Elizabeth's Church Committee





Prof. Born and Mixed Choral Group about 1895



Third Grade Class of 1915, taken in front of school



Fr. Ternes and 1916 Eighth Grade Graduates

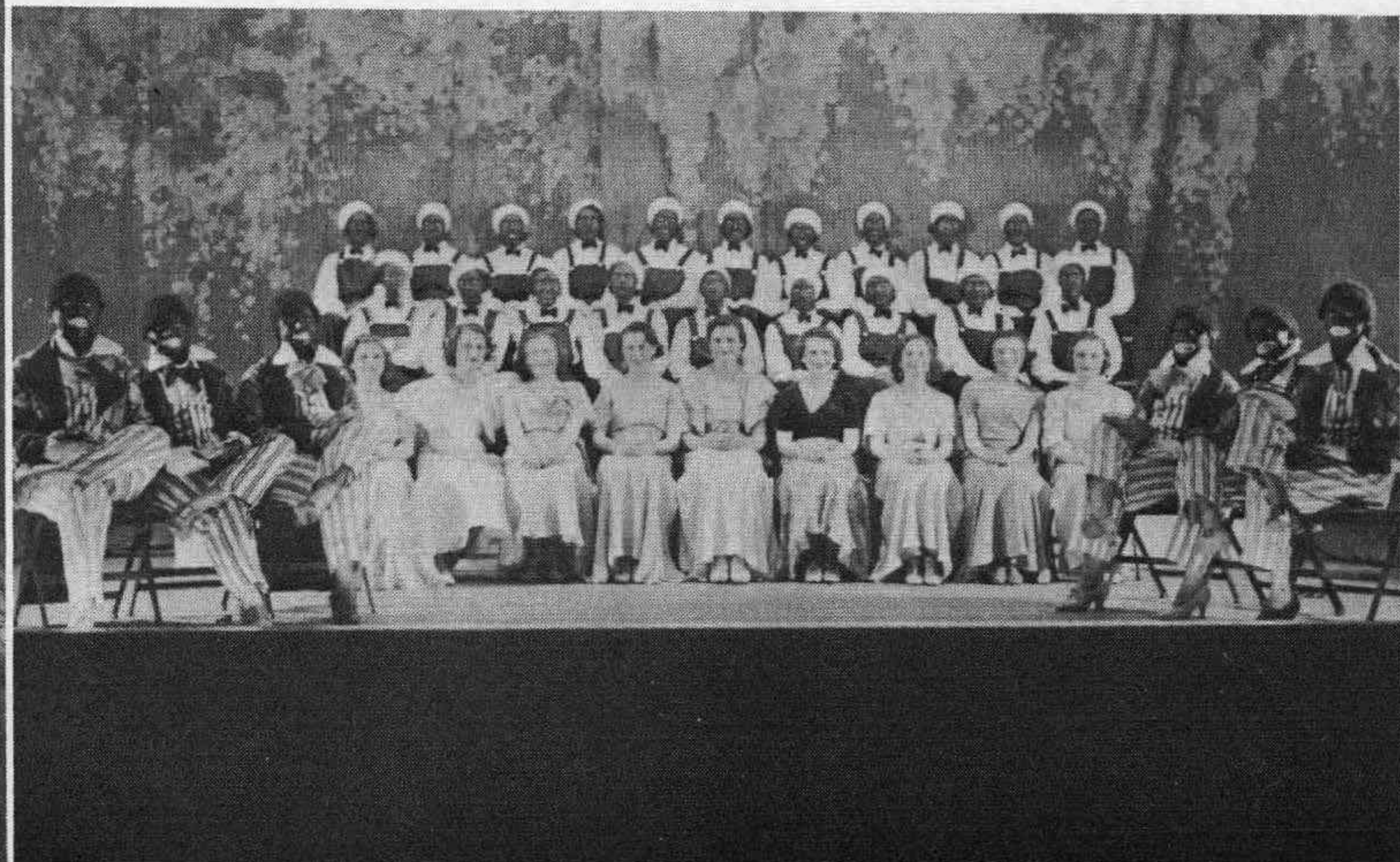
◆ Mom's and Dad's Club



Fr. Ternes and 1918 Eighth Grade Graduates



Fr. Schulte and 1929 Eighth Grade Graduates



Minstrel Show 1931

Ilka Kluth





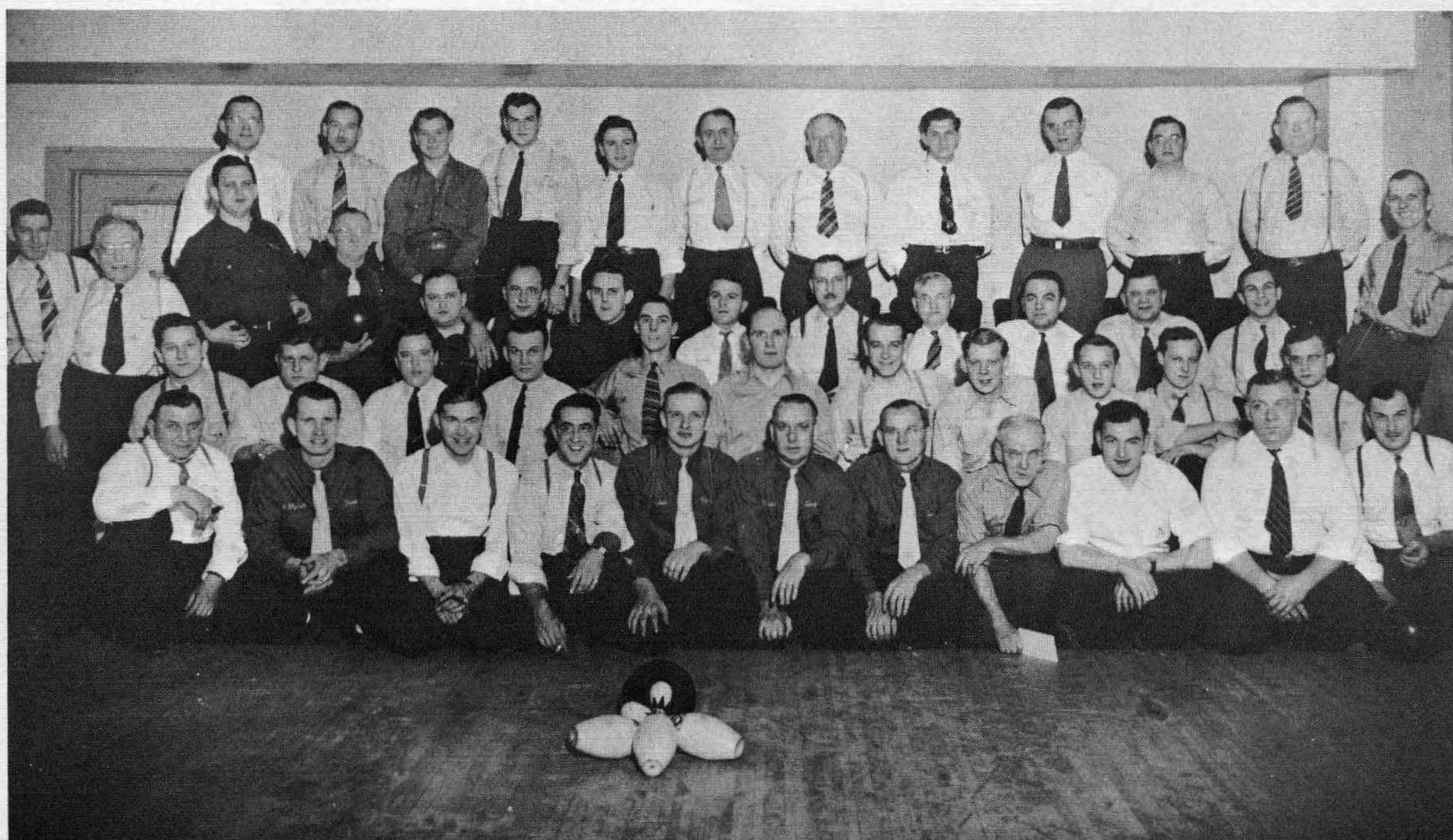
Fr. Leo Theisen and Young Ladies Sodality
1939

★ "Say it With Flowers"

★ St. Elizabeth's Young Ladies Sodality
Knights of St. John—

St. Elizabeth Aux. 199

Holy Name Society
★ Friend of St. Elizabeth's



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