

**OUR LADY OF LAKE HURON  
HIGH SCHOOL**



**HARBOR BEACH, MICHIGAN**

**1955**



## *A Tribute to Father Marvin:*

A famous Greek philosopher once said: "Neither walls, theaters, porches, nor senseless equipage make states—only men who can rely upon God and themselves." As one observes the smiling countenances of the students at O. L. L. H. and the earnest pride they take in their school, he realizes that Father Marvin's dynamic and unselfish spirit, is the measure of this fine project. For fifteen years our devoted Pastor has been the inspiration and moving power of this sanctuary of learning, and all during this time, our school has grown and blossomed. It is as great as our Father's spirit and mind have made it.

The story of all that Father means to us is a long one, dating from Baptism to Graduation, but we can sum it up briefly in our own spontaneous thought. By word and example, kindly criticism, long hours spent in careful planning to make ends meet, continuous reminders that an "A" can either be good or bad depending on whether our character is raised or lowered in obtaining it,—by all this and much more, Father Marvin ever leads eager O. L. L. H. students in the quest for knowledge. In fact, his own former career as a teacher is still virtually strong and active.

We are reminded of a vivid pen picture by Saint Paul, which we believe is a true portrait of our own dear Father. I quote,—“Tend the flock which is among you, governing not by constraint, but willingly according to God, nor yet for the sake of base gain, but eagerly; nor yet as lording it over your charges, but becoming from the heart a pattern to the flock.”

And so, dear Father, we are taking away with us a fond affection for our Pastor who has not only erected buildings, but characters. We know that your attitude toward us and interest in us will never change. With this small tribute, we, your loving and grateful children, want you to know that we shall try to adhere sincerely to all that we know you stand for. May our dear Lord reward you and bless you in all your works.

Jerry Messing



SENIORS HONOR OUR LADY AT MAY CROWNING



ROY BAISCHMACKER



HARVEY C. COOK  
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VICE PRESIDENT



JOANN E. BOOMS  
SECRETARY



DELBERT J. JOCK



TERRY L. BLASHILL

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CLEO M. D. PAWLOWSKI



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STELLA A. BOOMS



HELEN E. BOTKOWSKY



MARGARET A. WILL



SUSANN C. BLASHILL



MARILYN A. SEAMAN



JOEL J. WEBER



EARL A. ROBERTS



MARY E. SCHULTE



JOAN M. GOYETTE



PATRICIA A. MESSING



MARIE M. SEIDL



MADLEINE HESSLING



FRANCIS R. SCHULTE



WAYNE M. DROPPENSKI



JOHN J. GENTRICH



MILDRED A. SWARTZ



JEREMIAH W. MESSING



MARY K. MEYER



KENNETH J. ABRAHAM



HARRY J. ROGGENBUCK

*Exonors*

## *The Senior Class of 1955*

KENNETH JAMES ABRAHAM

Sodality — one year  
Baseball — three years  
Senior Play

SUSANN CAROL BLASHILL

Choir — three years  
Glee Club — three years  
Senior Play

TERRY LEE BLASHILL

Acolyte — four years  
Basketball — four years

JOANN ELIZABETH BOOMS

Glee Club — one year  
Sodality — four years  
Class Officer — one year

STELLA ANNETTE BOOMS

Sodality — four years  
Choir — four years  
Glee Club — three years  
Organist — four years  
Class Officer — one year  
Student Council — one year

HAROLD CLEMENCE COOK

Choir - two years  
Sodality — one year  
Basketball — three years  
Class Officer — two years  
Student Council — one year  
Baseball — four years

JOANNE ANGIE COOK

Choir — four years  
Sodality — four years  
Glee Club — three years  
Cheer Leader — two years  
Class Officer — four years  
Senior Play

WAYNE MARTIN  
DROPIEWSKI

Choir — four years  
Sodality — one year  
Glee Club — three years  
Baseball — three years  
Class Officer — two years  
Senior Play

FLOYD ANTHONY  
ESSENMACHER

Choir — two years  
Sodality — one year  
Glee Club — two years  
Baseball — two years  
Basketball — two years  
Senior Play

SUSANN MARGARET GEIGER

Choir — four years  
Organist — four years  
Glee Club — three years  
Senior Play

JOHN FRANCIS GENTNER

Acolyte — two years  
Choir — four years  
Sodality — one year  
Glee Club — two years  
Senior Play

JOAN MARIE GOYETTE

Sodality — one year  
Choir — four years  
Glee Club — three years

## *The Senior Class of 1955*

MAGDALENE BERNADETTE  
HESSLING

Sodality — one year  
Choir — four years  
Glee Club — three years

DELBERT JOSEPH JOCK

Baseball — four years  
Basketball — three years

JEREMIAH WILFRED  
MESSING

Sodality — one year  
Glee Club — one year  
Baseball — two years  
Basketball — one year  
4-H — two years  
Senior Play

PATRICIA ANN MESSING

Sodality — four years  
Choir — four years  
Glee Club — two years  
Cheer Leader — two years  
Class Officer — one year  
Senior Play

MARY FRANCES MEYER

Sodality — one year  
Choir — four years  
Glee Club — three years  
Senior Play

CLEMENS DAVID  
PAWLOWSKI

Acolyte — four years  
Choir — four years  
Sodality — one year  
Glee Club — two years  
Baseball — three years  
Basketball — one year  
Senior Play

EUGENE ELMER PYREK

Acolyte — four years  
Choir — two years  
Glee Club — two years  
Baseball — four years  
Basketball — four years  
Senior Play

EARL ANTHONY ROBERTS

Acolyte — two years  
Sodality — one year  
Baseball — four years  
Senior Play

HARRY JOSEPH  
ROGGENBUCK

Acolyte — four years  
Sodality — one year  
Glee Club — one year  
Baseball — four years  
Basketball — two years

GERALD STEVEN ROSS

Acolyte — four years  
Choir — two years  
Glee Club — two years  
Baseball — four years  
Basketball — four years  
Class Officer — two years  
Student Council — one year  
Senior Play

## *The Senior Class of 1955*

FRANCIS ROBERT SCHULTE

Sodality — one year  
Baseball — one year

MARY ELEANOR SCHULTE

Choir — two years  
Glee Club — two years  
Senior Play

MARIE MARY SEIDL

Choir — four years  
Sodality — four years  
Glee Club — three years  
Senior Play

MARILYN ANN SIEMEN

Sodality — two years  
Glee Club — two years

MILDRED ANN SWARTZ

Choir — three years  
Sodality — one year  
Glee Club — three years

JOEL JOSEPH WEBER

Choir — two years  
Sodality — one year  
Glee Club — two years  
Baseball — one year  
Basketball — one year  
Class Officer — one year  
Student Council — one year

MARGARET ANN WILL

Choir — three years  
Glee Club — three years

ARLENE ELIZABETH  
WOYCHOWSKI

Choir — three years  
Glee Club — three years





AT THE JUNIOR - SENIOR PROM



SCENE FROM SENIOR CLASS PLAY



WE LEARN TO COOK



WE LEARN TO SEW



ENJOYING NEW BOOKS



IN THE SCIENCE LABRATORY



THE GLEE CLUB



BLESSING NEW ADDITION





CLASS ROOM SCENE



CLASS ROOM SCENE

## Valedictory



Reverend Fathers, dear Sisters,  
fellow Classmates, and Friends

There is an innate tendency in  
human nature to share one's

joys with others. Thus, we find on occasions of importance such as on birthdays, marriages, anniversaries and the like, that, it is customary to send out invitations so that others may be present to share the joy of those rejoicing.

Tonight is no exception, for we, the Class of 1955, are celebrating an event of great significance in our lives—our Junior - Senior Banquet and Prom. That you are here to share this joy only augments our own. Your presence adds to the sacredness and solemnity of the occasion.

Yet, while you are looking at the members of this graduation class, you may be asking yourselves the question, "What is the full import of this event? What difference have twelve years of Catholic schooling made in the lives of these young men and young women about to face life? Will they fulfill their great dignity?"

It is easy to look about one and see the various creatures of God fulfilling the purpose of their existence—the rolling fields providing food and nourishment for the golden grain and waving corn; the sparkling water in lake, river and creek slaking the thirst

of the parched land; the trees affording shade and fruit to man and beast; the verdant gardens bursting with vegetables and luscious berries for the use of man; and the flocks of animals supplying needed meat. All these fulfill the purpose of their Maker blindly, unthinkingly, obviously.

But when we consider man, we cannot judge from externals. We must probe deeper into his very being, for man's greatness consists not in the symmetry of body, the suppleness of muscles, nor yet in the number of his earthly possessions. He fulfills his great dignity when he forms within himself a character based on right principles. But the key to character-formation rests in the mind, in the soul—wherein lies man's greatest prerogative—his power to think. "The thought is father to the man." It is the person who thinks correctly who will live correctly; nor is the one logically present without the other. It is only when we can measure in some way this inner power of man that we can truthfully say he is fulfilling or not fulfilling his great dignity as a rational being, as an image of his Maker.

To elucidate this point, let us for a brief moment conjure up before us two persons. The contours of their faces and forms are identical. For our purposes even their clothes are alike. We look at them and say, "There is absolutely no difference between them." Yet, how wrong we are. Let them but begin to speak and express their thoughts and we find the one, unprincipled, base, materialistic, while the other is a person whose character has been formed on right Christian principles. What has made the difference? Surely not their exterior but their interior dynamo, the human mechanism we know as the power to think.

Here at our Lady of Lake Huron for twelve long years we have been taught to think correctly. We have been brought in contact with Truth and Beauty. Whether these have been found in the solution of a geometric problem, in a passage of literature, in the typing of a business letter, or in the study of the perfections of God, we have always focused our attention on them and have drunk deeply at their fount.

Furthermore, we have been taught to use Truth as a measuring rod for life, and we hope we can say with complete certainty that this constant thinking on Truth and her concomitant Beauty, has formed us into characters with correct principles, for we know "That the thoughts that absorb us are the thoughts that form us."

Soon, we shall be leaving the halls of our beloved Alma Mater. We must say good-bye. Yet, in one sense we shall never leave her. Physically yes, we shall be separated from her. No longer will we be present within her walls; no longer will we be privileged to sense the security we have enjoyed under her protecting arms. Yet, in another sense we shall always carry her with us. Her ideals have been engraved on our hearts; her thoughts are our thoughts.

Long after the formula of a chemical experiment, or the short-cut to the solution of a quadratic have escaped our memory, we shall still be able to use the greatest weapon needed in life and that is our power to think correctly.

And we know that by continuing to follow her in thinking correctly in accordance with Truth, we shall be able to live correctly and enjoy that liberty which will make us free, "For the Truth will make us free."

Stella Booms

## Valedictory

Reverend Fathers, dear Sisters, Fellow Classmates, and devoted Friends,

The Class of 1955, after due consideration, chose as their motto, "The thoughts that absorb us are the thoughts that form us." Their choice of a patron was, "Mary, our Queen."

My co-valedictorian, Stella Booms, has endeavored to show you that the purpose of true education is to train one to think correctly in accordance with the tenets of Truth, and by constantly thinking correctly to form one's life on right principles. I shall endeavor to speak about our patroness, "Mary, our Queen."

However, in turning our attention to our Blessed Mother, we find a perfect blending of the statement that "the thoughts that absorb us are the thoughts that form us" and the exalted idea we have of Mary, our Queen, for she but proves the fact, by her shining example, that our thoughts form us.

Is it not recorded in Holy

Scripture more than once, "Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart?" Her whole life, we might say, was a thoughtful absorption in the Eternal Truth as she watched Him, her Divine Son, from sunrise to sunset.

And just as all colors properly combined produce a spotless white, so too, the white light of Eternal Truth was nowhere better reflected than in the Immaculate Heart of Mary where each facet was a color of priceless beauty enshrined in a tabernacle fashioned by Divinity Itself.

Some may say that Mary was sinless and perfect when she came from the hand of God. This fact is true; yet, Mary's capacity for perfection and holiness increased as she grew in knowledge of her Divine Son, and this knowledge was acquired in a finite way by human means—her heart loved and her mind pondered thoughts of Divinity Itself.

Mary was Christ's Mother until she was given to us on Calvary to be our Mother. She is also a queen for Christ is King, and only a queen is a rightful mother of a king. But a queen needs subjects, and we, purchased by the

royal blood of her Divine Son are rightfully her subjects.

May we, the Class of '55, who are being graduated in the year when the feast of the Queenship of Mary has been celebrated for the first time, be conscious of our



great dignity of being subjects of the Queen of Heaven. May we realize what it means to be under the direction of such a Mother.

Tonight, we are about to bid farewell to the beloved associations we have had here at Our Lady of Lake Huron, but we are not leaving empty-handed. Fortified with the knowledge of Truth, and the ability to reject what is false; safeguarded under the mantle of Mary, our Queen, we stand ready to face life.

It is she who has guarded us, in the persons of Her Immaculate Heart Sisters, these past twelve years. It is She who has made possible our preparation for this hour. Therefore, we leave these hallowed halls, but we go in the company of a Queen, the royal Queen of the Court of Heaven, Mary Immaculate!

Patricia Messing

## *Salutatory*



Reverend Fathers, dear Sisters,  
fellow Students, and Friends,

In the heart of every American  
boy there has always been a deep

fascination for our boys in khaki. How many times has this fascination almost amounted to hero-worship as he has observed a soldier saluting the Stars and Stripes, or standing at attention to show deference and welcome to a superior officer or commander.

To him an American soldier epitomizes not only the physical perfection of manhood but ideals far-reaching into the very fibres of his being.

See a soldier erect before Old Glory; his stance betraying a physique trained to control, endurance, and aggressive action. Note the formal position of his hand, an outward testimony of inward respect and strength. Look into his clear, steady eyes,—eyes raised to the symbol of our nation. He sees not a material flag, but woven into the very texture of its stripes, he reads the history of struggling colonies whose ideal of the brotherhood, and of the dignity of man, have made them sacrifice, suffer and succeed in molding our great American Democracy. The stars shining resplendently in their blue background to him light the way to freedom and justice, to

leadership and security.

Watch him at attention, saluting his military leaders. To him they embody the principles for which our great nation stands. Under their direction he knows he too, will be amalgamated into the corporate body of true American manhood.

Tonight, we the Class of 1955, have a salute to offer. True, ours is not a military one; yet, in one sense it is analogous to it. For years, we too, have been in a training camp where we have learned the value of self-control, of fortitude, and achievement. We have had inculcated into the very sinews of our heart the ideals of true manhood and womanhood. Our path has been lightened by the light of Faith and the warming rays of God's grace. Thus, we stand ready to press forward to meet the future hoping to live up to the high principles instilled into us in our beloved Lady of Lake Huron School. To us our Alma Mater symbolizes all that is highest and noblest. Into her title we read the history of sacrifice, of hardship, and of well-deserved successes in the field of Catholic Education.

Therefore, in all sincerity, we say "Alma Mater, we salute you!"

But what shall we say to you, Reverend Fathers and Sisters, who have transformed mortar and brick,—class rooms and assembly halls into a training camp where body and soul have been molded for time and eternity? It is hard to appraise your part in this task.

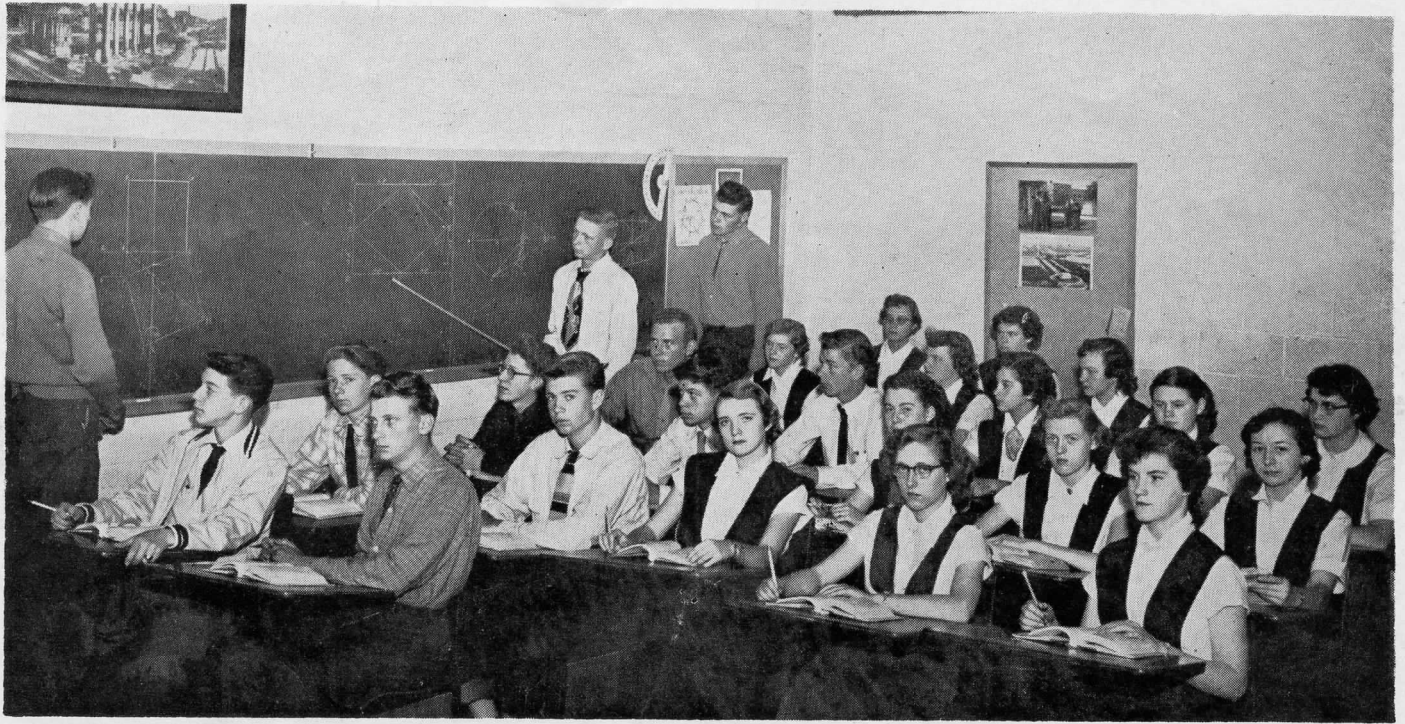
History relates some incidents that reveal the part education plays in casting the future of lives. The battle of Waterloo, for instance, is said, not to have been won on the battle ground but in the classrooms of Eaton where Wellington was trained. May we trust that your work shall not have been in vain. May we hope that like Wellington, we too shall score victories that we have won in Our Lady of Lake Huron School. With heart-felt and deep gratitude, therefore, we say, "Reverend Fathers and Sisters, we salute you!"

May God Who has entrusted us into your keeping, reward you and bless you for the sacred and noble work you have done for us.

Again, we say, the Class of 1955, salutes you,—and we pray

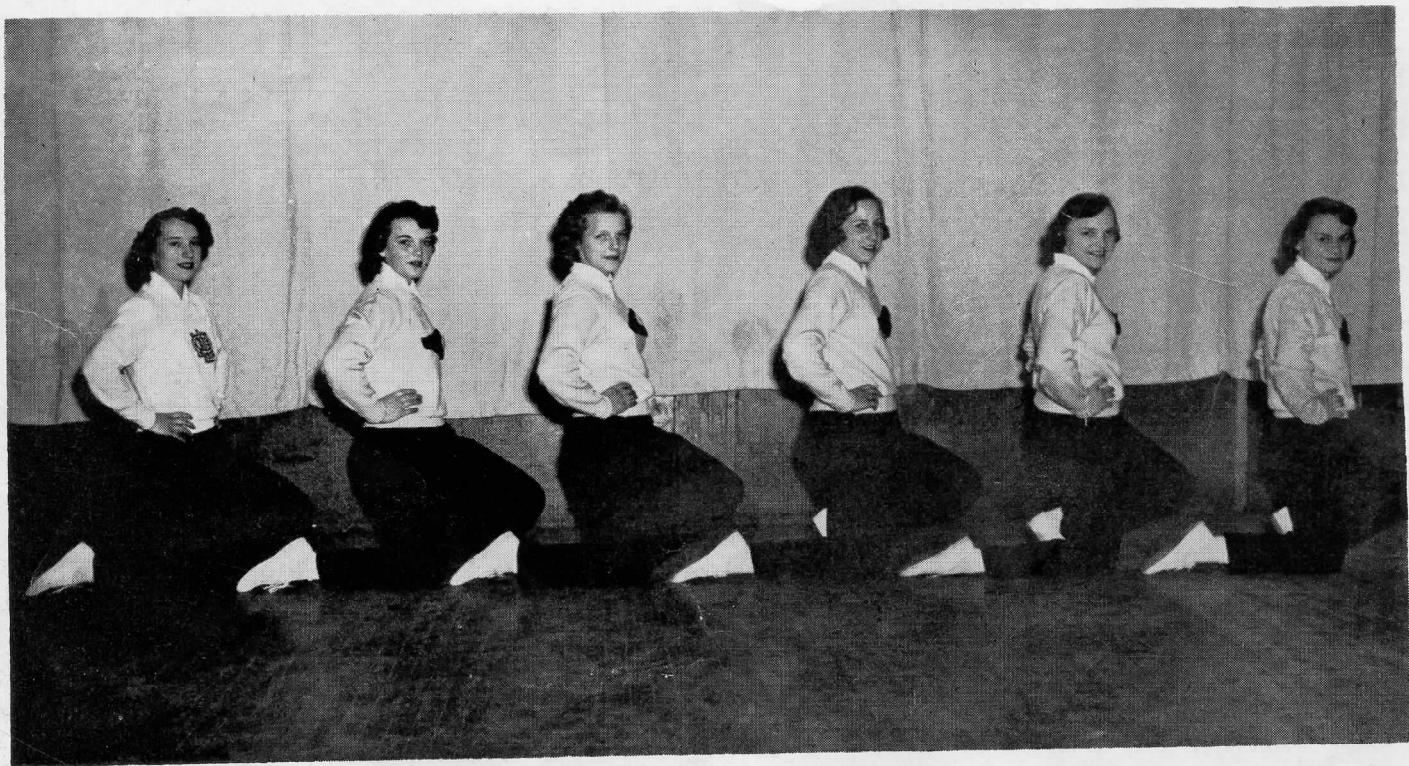
that we, your devoted children, may become like you in the years that lie ahead.

Kenneth Abraham

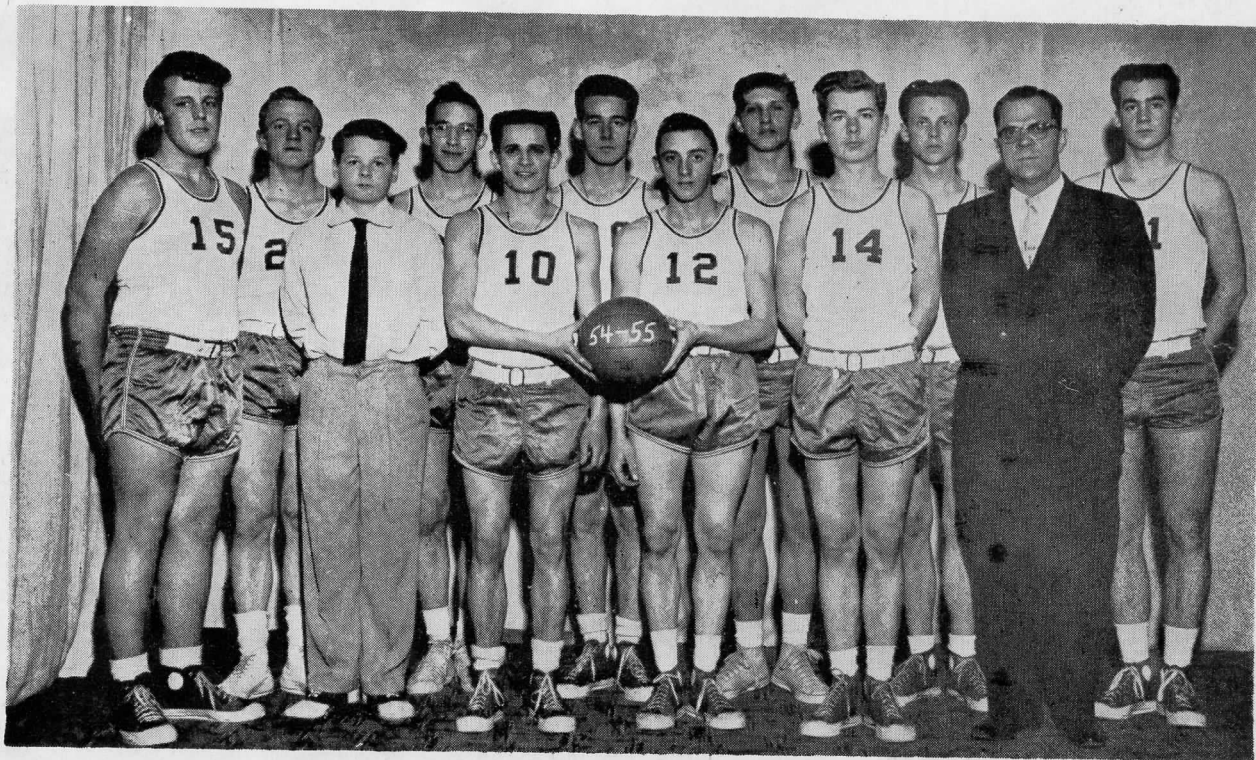


WE ENJOY GEOMETRY





OUR CHEERLEADERS



VARSITY TEAM



THE FIRST TEAM



IN THE SCIENCE LABRATORY



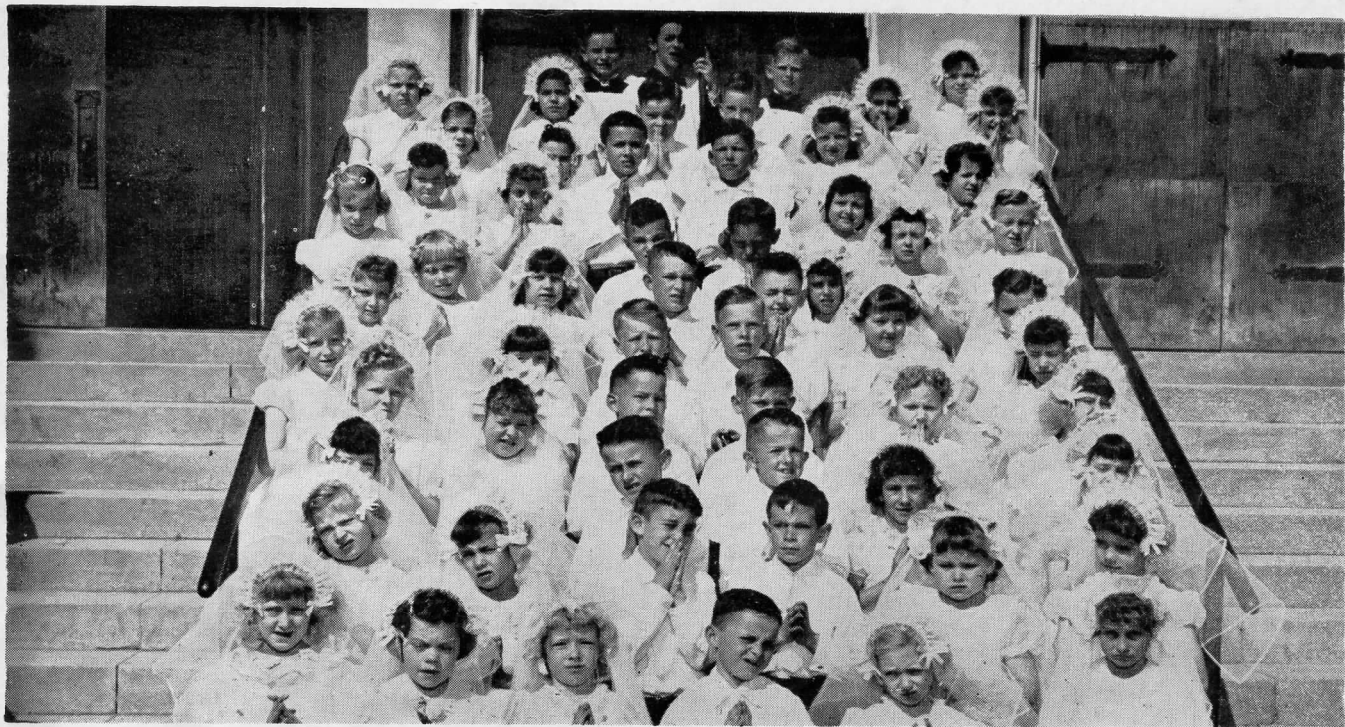
TYPING ROOM



BOOK WEEK



THE MAY CROWNING



FIRST COMMUNION



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*Course  
of  
Study*

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**FIRST YEAR**

Religion  
Ancient History  
Agriculture  
Algebra I  
Clothing  
Art  
General Science  
English

**SECOND YEAR**

Religion  
Biology  
Agricultural Math.  
Geometry  
Latin I  
Foods  
English

**THIRD YEAR**

Religion  
Modern History  
Chemistry  
Drafting  
Glee Club  
Typewriting I  
Latin II  
Music  
English

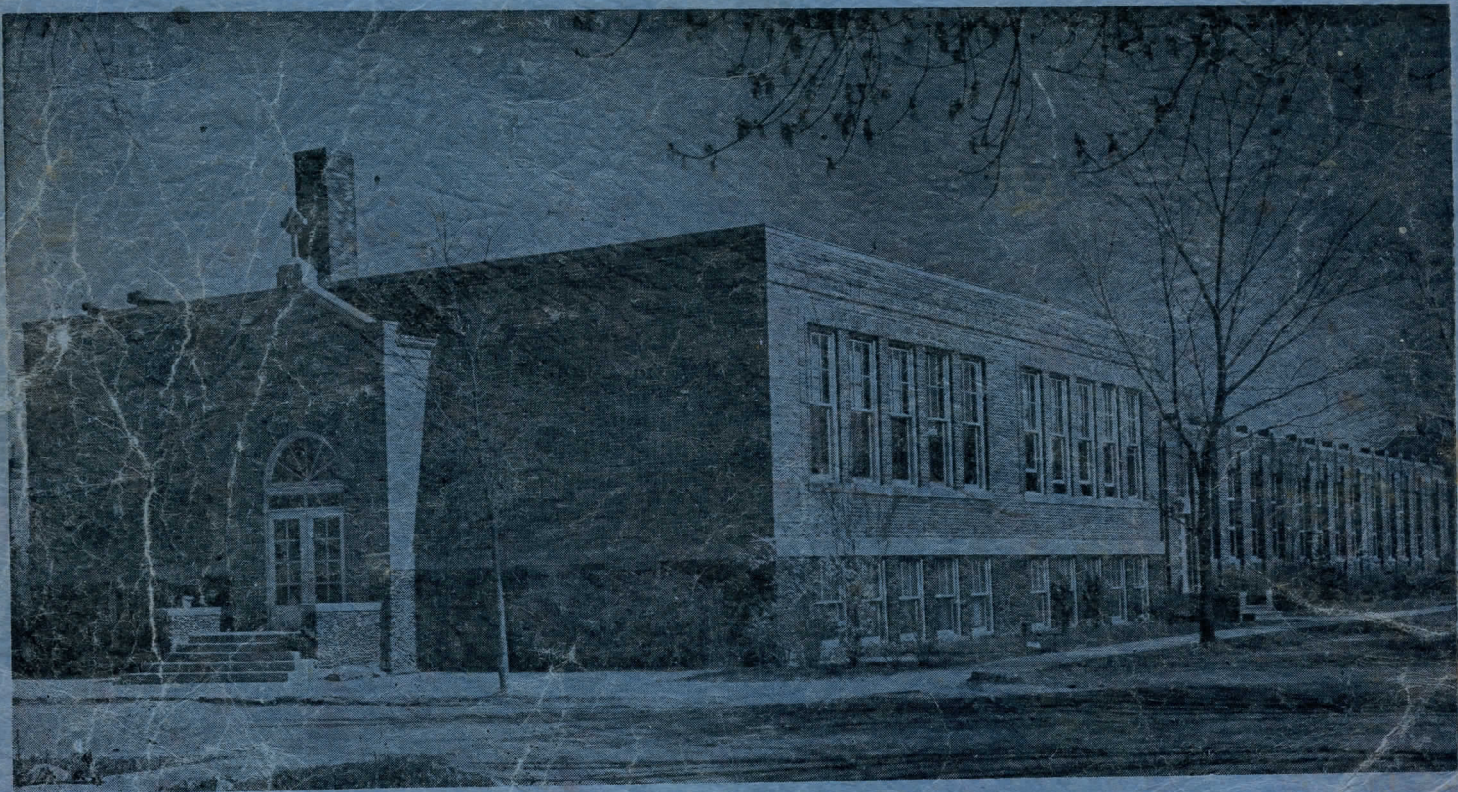
**FOURTH YEAR**

Religion  
American Hist. - Gov't.  
Physics  
Shop  
Shorthand  
Sociology  
Bookkeeping  
Typewriting II  
English

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**AUTOGRAPHS**





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