

ST. MARY'S ACADEMY NOTES

English

The results of the English examinations having been very gratifying, we have been able to begin our new semester's work with a vim. Literary excursions have been made in the fields of oratory, Burke's speech on conciliation, the drama *McBeth* and the novel, *Ivanhoe*, and *Lady of the Lake*. Daily, new surprises, possibilities, eccentricities of character and nobility of purpose are brought to our attention for the admiration and edification of the good and the art of profiting by the fables of the baser characters.

Judging from the kind and quality of book reports received during the past semester, a large group of St. Mary's pupils have developed an appreciative taste for the best type of literature. This is very encouraging and complimentary to those who fall under that category. *Discipuli, reputate! Contendite! Bene!*

Mathematics

What is the difference between circles tangent internally and internal tangents? Some of the members of the class are quite puzzled about it.

Having fully recovered from the strain of examinations, the Third year mathematics class are delving into imaginaries and quadratics. Friday the class took a test given by Eileen Davidson. In order to stimulate interest in the subject, these weekly tests are to be given by each of the pupils in turn, under the supervision of the teacher.

Latin—3rd and 4th

The Third year Latin students have been studying the preterition in connection with the Ciceronian Orations; that is why they think it best not to report anything about their class this week.

The pupils of Fourth Year Latin are progressing rapidly, plunging deeply into the secrets of Virgil. Special study is now being given to the second book of the *Aeneid*, with a review of all the three previous years of Latin as a sideline. "Where there's a will, there's a way," and, although Virgil is hard, the class will not be stopped.

General

Dorothy Grimme, who was with us a short while two years ago, has reentered the ninth grade.

Elsie Peter and Marie Stewart each have a general average of over 95 per cent for the first semester.

History and Sociology

Sociology class began with a bang. Enthusiasms, backed by heated argument and strong convictions, was the order of the week. We plan in the course of the semester to find the answers to all the world's problems. If, perchance, you have any perplexing or knotty problems, just bring them to us. Satisfactory answers are guaranteed within three hours.

Papers and talks on Evolution are to be presented by the class on Monday. We have met on a unanimous decision, that we don't want to be traced back to the inmates of a zoo.

Recitations and discussions are bound to bring out some amusing remarks.

Note the following in American History:

Sister: Mike, what do we mean by domestic problems?

Mike: (Scornfully) Home-work, of course.

Sister: Peter, please read your History notes on the causes of the Civil War.

Peter: (Studying his work) Sister, I can't make it out.

Sister: Well, Edna why don't you settle down and get some work done?

Edna: Oh, what's the use working. My grades come down anyway, and besides, there will be plenty more work to do.

The semester examinations showed good results in World History. The following received grades of 90 per cent or over.

- Mary Kathryn Coyne, 99 percent.
- Frances Soukup, 99 percent.
- Vera Donason, 98 percent.
- Cecilia Edwards, 98 percent.
- Kilmer Stanton, 98 percent.
- Marguerite Zering, 98 percent.
- Laureen Baumeister, 97 percent.
- Lucille Hickey, 96 percent.
- Estelle McNichols, 91 percent.
- Jane Mains, 90 percent.

Those who received highest rating and honors for History note books were:

- Kilmer Stanton, A plus.
- Mary K. Coyne, A;
- Marguerite Zering, A;
- Laureen Baumeister, A;
- Vera Donason, A.

Senior Normal Trainers

There was a busy crowd of Normal Trainers last night, all figuring averages. The cause of the excitement was the reports of the examinations taken in January. The grades on the whole were very satisfactory. Most of the Seniors have their averages with only two grades to be earned in April. Now, preparations are being made for practice teaching.

Florida Times-Union: When France pays a little on account to Uncle Sam, then a world will know that another European war is brewing.

Mild Winter Favorable To Increase Of Quail

Winters like the present one may be very favorable to large grasshopper hatches later and do not add much to the water content of the ground, but they give quail and other things wild an even break. Many winters encase bird food in ice and snow and dead bodies are all left of flocks when spring comes.

This winter flocks of quail near town are as large as they were last fall. Hunting does not seem to wipe out the bob white. The bird is very prolific and would become so numerous as to become a pest were it not for the great number killed during hard winters. The quail is pretty close to being a domestic bird and when hard pressed for food it will sit and freeze to death. Heavy snow and subzero weather only causes the wild chicken and grouse to tunnel under or in drifts of snow to keep warm and pick up weed seeds for food purposes.

One of the most pleasant associations of life in rural sections undoubtedly is the cheery call of the bob white. Its pert contour and coloration and life habits quickly wins everyone to be its friend.

Of grains, this bird eats a small amount, less than one sixth of its food being of this nature and most of this is eaten in winter from scatterings in fields that might cause volunteer growths and spread diseases of grain. In growing season, the quail eats heavily of insects, this article forming about one-third of its subsistence.

Quail eat May beetles, cut worms, chinch bugs, bollworms, army worms, weevils, wireworms, squash ladybug, bean leaf beetle and many others. The food habits of the bob white seem to be entirely beneficial.

EDUCATIONAL NOTES

The grades from the recent teachers' examinations have been recorded and reported to the students. Five more senior normal trainers have earned all their grades for their certificates as follows:

Helen Weibel, Ewing high school, 84 and four sevenths percent average.

Margaret McCartney, Stuart, 81 and eleven sevenths percent average.

Sarah E. Zink, Stuart, 86 and one sevenths percent average.

Lovena Frost, Stuart, 80 and three sevenths percent average.

LaVerne Lange, a post graduate of Atkinson, has earned her certificate with an average of 70 and thirteen sevenths percent and Mary Flannigan, Stuart high school, who had previously earned passing grades for her certificate has raised her average to 83 per cent.

The following students earned grades of 100 per cent in this past examination: Vera Kuhn, Ewing high school, Course of Study; Margaret McCartney, Stuart high school, Course of Study; Florence Omev, Ewing high school, Mental Arithmetic; Frances Fry, Ewing high school, Course of Study; Dorret L. Richards, Atkinson high school, Course of Study; Mariellen T. Gillespie, St. Mary's academy, Course of Study; Margaret Honeywell, O'Neill high school, Course of Study.

Mrs. Parker, County Superintendent, accompanied by the senior normal training class of the Atkinson high school, visited in the rural schools on Tuesday. The O'Neill senior normal trainers visited in the rural districts with Mrs. Parker on Wednesday.

The senior normal training class of the Ewing high school will do their practice teaching in the rural schools during the coming week.

The study centers organized under the Federal Relief Emergency Administration have been started in O'Neill and Page with large enrollments in each group. Work is progressing nicely and the students report it very interesting.

New Chevrolet On Display

The new 1934 Chevrolet with "kne-action" wheels, 80-horsepower "Blue Streak" engine, streamlined body and an imposing list of improvements and refinements is on display in O'Neill at the show rooms of Arbutnot & Reka, local Chevrolet dealers.

In the design and development of the new models, particular attention has been given to driver and passenger comfort and every effort has been made to eliminate the sensations of both sound and feeling that prove annoying to the motorist.

The new Chevrolet is longer—it has 112 inch wheel base—roomier, more powerful, smoother and more quiet than its predecessor. The engine is placed several inches further forward in the chassis and seating has been rearranged. The additional length is disposed so as to provide more space for the front seat occupants and considerably more room for rear seat passengers. It is a neat and classy appearing car and will assist in keeping the Chevrolet in the forefront as one of the leaders in the low priced car field.

BACK FROM THE DEVIL

Toledo Blade: A lot of men who went to the devil in the days of their youth got back in time to run for office.

Citizens Take Part In Community Wolf Hunts

As an equalizer and modifier of monotony of winter life on the plains there is nothing like an old fashioned wolf hunt, according to those who have participated. South, west and east of O'Neill there is fine territory for this sort of sport.

Near Niobrara last Sunday was held a big wolf hunt and about 10 days ago 1,000 persons went on a community wolf hunt near Battle Creek.

Some of the rules in force at the Niobrara hunt follow: No dogs allowed and farmers in the territory to be combed were asked to pen up their dogs. Shotguns were permitted but no revolvers nor rifles. Ordinarily, a shotgun does not send pellets far enough to reach another hunter. Rabbits killed were distributed to needy persons. Usually, the wolf hides are auctioned and the money derived presented the Red Cross or used in paying advertising expense.

Those who have been there say community wolf hunting is a most wonderful indicator, to show those who think they are becoming aged, how young and limber they really are.

NOTICE

C. W. A. and P. W. A. Information

Any man in Holt county registered and with his card at registration headquarters in O'Neill, who did not completely and in detail fill out such a card, but who merely registered as a laborer should carefully note the following.

We are very much interested in completing these registrations and if anyone is skilled or semi-skilled in any of the following trades: truck drivers, cement finishers, mixer operators, form builders or carpenters, he should come to the Court House in O'Neill and complete his registration at his earliest convenience.

L. B. YOUNGWORTH, Manager
Holt County Reemployment Service.

Dairy Cow Ruling Of Corn-Hog Reduction Contract Is Modified

The dairy cow base connected with the corn-hog contract will go with the man, according to a recent statement from Washington. The same statement also said that it is the number of cows milked rather than the total number of dairy cattle on the farm which will count in figuring up the compliance of the producer on the corn-hog contract.

These two rulings will bring relief to many tenants who have been worrying about the number of dairy cows they could have in 1934 if they signed the corn-hog contract. Now that these rulings have been made, the tenant can continue to milk as many cows as usual regardless of where he moves, and a farmer can keep all of the heifers calves he wants to keep just so long as he does not increase the number of cows milked in 1934 above the highest number milked in 1932 or 1933.

A statement in the corn-hog contract had been worrying tenants and other farmers. For example, if a man moves from one place to another and the former operator of the new place had had no milk cows, the statement in the contract indicated that the man who moved to the place could not keep any cows. The new ruling from Washington would permit the man who moves to keep as many cows as he milked in any of the last two years regardless of where he lived. Likewise the statement in the contract indicated that it was the total number of dairy cattle which would be counted and that if a farmer wanted to keep a few heifer calves he would have to dispose of other dairy stock to comply with the corn-hog contract. The new ruling from Washington clears up that question to the advantage of Nebraska farmers. For years Nebraska farmers have been encouraged to improve their milk cows by breeding up their dairy herds and many of them like to keep their heifer calves from their own herds to replace the old milk cows.

BRIEFLY STATED

Charles A. Thelander and Miss Ione LaVerna Ickler, both of Venus, were granted a marriage license in county court Wednesday.

W. A. Summers, of Wheeler, Nebr., a former resident of Holt county, was in O'Neill Monday transacting business and greeting old time friends.

Anton Toy left last Saturday night for St. Louis, Mo., where he is attending market week, and making his spring purchases of goods for his store.

Mrs. Maggie Fraiser, of Midway, about 50 miles north of Casper, Wyo., came Monday to visit her sister, Mrs. George Mitchell.

Friday evening in the Methodist church basement the first basketball team of the Boy's Honor club was de-

feated by the Honor club reserves, 15 to 11.

Thursday night last week a heavy set business man here in summer shirt and no headgear calmly walked to the Northwestern depot to mail a letter at 10:45.

Friday the government thermometer went the high mark of Thursday one better, reaching 60, bringing out a few moths, ants, spiders and other insects.

S. J. Weekes went down to Omaha Sunday night, where he is spending a few days as a member of the loan committee of the Agricultural Credit corporation.

PLEASANT DALE

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spent Monday visiting at the Carl Lorenz home. Mrs. Ada Stahley accompanied them home for a few days visit.

A farwell party was given February 1, at the John Schmoor home, in honor of Ben Wayman and family, who plan to move to the Phoenix country the

first of March. There was a large crowd present and a good time was had by all. Clarence Wayman is going to move onto the place being vacated by Ben Wayman.

Mrs. Joe Winkler and Mrs. Joe Pongratz called at the Joe Babl home last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lorenz, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. William Ernst and daughter, Evelyn, called at the Carl Lorenz home Sunday evening.

Darwin and Minnie Seger drove to Norfolk Saturday afternoon and returned Sunday night.

Miss Vivienne Vequist visited Miss Myrlen Beckwith in O'Neill Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Elder and children and Fred Beckwith were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Verne Beckwith.

Ralph Beckwith and daughter, Myrlen and Mrs. G. A. Seger went to Norfolk Monday afternoon. Mrs. Seger remained there for a few days visit with her daughter, Mrs. Vernon Keeney and son, Herald Seger. Mrs. Ralph Beckwith, who has been visiting there for the last three weeks, returned home with her family Tuesday evening.

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