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The Senior Class

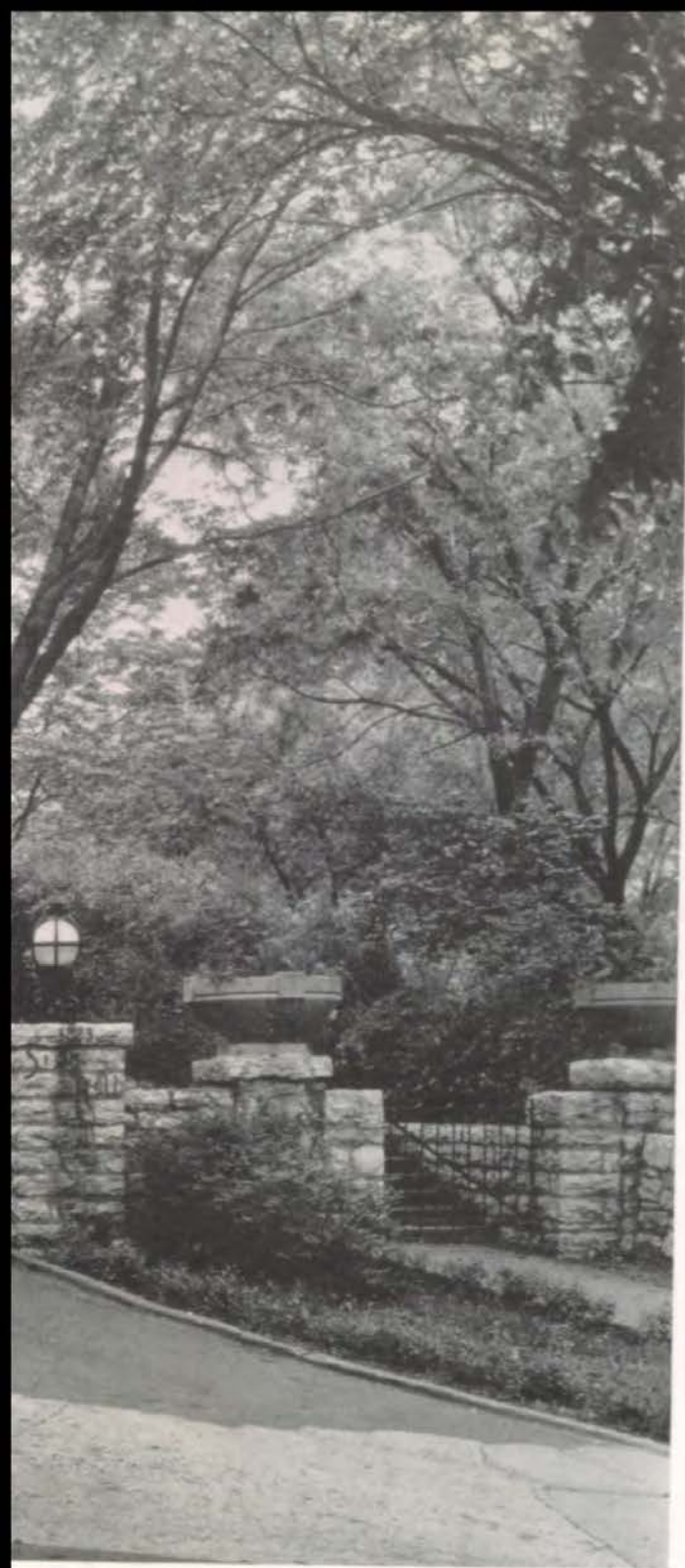
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1949

Notre Dame de Sion

presents

SIONIAN





MOST REV. EDWIN V. O'HARA, D.D.



A Notre Dame de Sion
qui a veillé sur notre enfance,
nous dédions cet "Annual",
Lui demandant de garder nos années à venir
et de nous réunir toutes auprès d'Elle dans la Sion du ciel.

The Story of Sion

In the autumn of 1841, a young man, a member of a distinguished Jewish family, undertook a voyage in quest of health and pleasure. Arriving in Rome, Alphonse Ratisbonne met an old friend, a convert to the faith and a model Christian. Before the two parted, Alphonse had, at his friend's request mockingly consented to wear the Miraculous Medal and to recite the Memorare.

One day while his associate was at the Church of St. Andrea delle Fratte, making arrangements for a funeral, Alphonse decided to examine the building. No words can better describe this man's sudden and miraculous conversion from an obdurate agnostic to a devout Catholic than his own.

"I saw the Virgin Mary, she beckoned me to my knees. She appeared standing on the altar, tall, glorious, full of majesty and sweetness. She spoke not a word, but I understood all."



So compelling was this last statement that within two weeks Alphonse was baptized at Rome. Out of gratitude to God, he offered his life to the service of the Church and became a priest, joining in his field his brother, Theodore. Now the two of them were longing to work for the regeneration of their people. Their first efforts resulted in the establishment of schools for young Jewish Catechumens. As the labor increased, so did their necessity for new helpers, until at last the Congregation of Note Dame de Sion was

brought into existence through the collaboration of the brothers. As the order expanded, convents were built in France and other countries of Europe. Now more than a hundred years after the miracle, Sion continues to teach her children to carry out their life work with honor, dignity, and truthfulness throughout the world, and to love their God with the tenderness and reverence due Him.



Rev. Joseph Freeman, S.J.



Rev. Irwin Umhoefer, S.J.

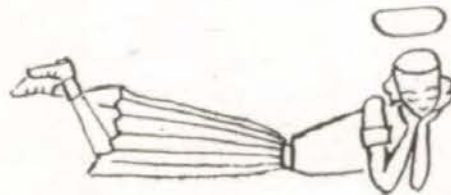
Traditionally

From the sacred Senior Stairs to the tiny red crosses of the first graders, all of Sion's traditions are as old as the school, and as meaningful and memorable as all lasting traditions must be. The "wise, mature Senior" can easily remember back to her first explanation of what the colorful cross, belt, and cordon meant to each girl, why each class had a different color, and what a terrible disgrace it was to be deprived of her decorations for bad conduct or low grades. Many a little lass let fall a tear when her cordon was lifted from her shoulders for drawing on the walls, or the like. The different colors symbolize ideals. Starting with the babies, there is love, symbolized by red; orange, like the sun, marking joy; green for hope; blue for loyalty; white for purity; multi-color to signify all ideals, and finally purple, the color of royalty, the perfection of charity. If only it were possible to band ourselves forever with these reminders of our Catholic duties!

Then there are "notes." Each morning before classes begin, every student gives her own mark of conduct for the preceding day, entirely on her honor, before her fellow classmates.

For the Seniors there are special privileges, like the stairs, and the little recreation room, and special doors, and the prize of all . . . her ring.

Of course there are understood traditions, as well as material ones . . . like that special feeling of "belonging," and the spirit of family life, and the love of God which purifies the halls of Sion and binds us forever to her blessed memory.





*TWO ATTRACTIVE SPOTS
ON THE GROUNDS*





RELIGION



Les Enfants de Marie

Les Enfants de Marie, that is: "The Society of the Children of Mary," is endowed by Our Holy Father with a special indulgence, and is composed of girls who have met the high standards required for admission. A spirit of cooperation, loyalty, and a deep devotion to Our Blessed Lady must be attained by every student in order to become a member. Entrance into this society is the greatest ambition of every stu-

dent, for it is the highest privilege attainable at Sion.

At the formal initiation each girl consecrates her life to Mary, and promises to recite Her office, attend Mass, and receive Holy Communion each week.

The primary purpose of the society is personal sanctification, and the constant wearing of Mary's medal denotes the tender devotion every *Enfant de Marie* owes her Blessed Queen.



Standing, left to right: Mary L. Winger, Ruth Swift, Beverly Jo Warren, Mary Lu Webster, Betty Sullivan, Patricia Smith, Mary Ellen Boppart, Mary Ann Oglevie. Sitting: Bobby Herring, Joan Roach, Mary Alice Wiedeman, Lorene McCarthy, Joanne Smith, prefect: Mary Carla Abbot, Ann Swift, Elena Diego, Claudia Arguello.

Catholic Action

Every week the girls in the Catholic Action cell meet as a discussion group under the leadership of the Reverend Joseph Freeman, and again with Joanne Smith, prefect. During the last two years the principal work of the Actionists has been to study the encyclical of Pope Pius XII on Catholic Action, and to endeavor to grasp the technicalities and fine points behind this widespread movement back to God.

The aim of Bishop O'Hara, at whose request these cells were formed throughout the city, is to advance cooperation among the students through their own leadership.

A few of the undertakings of the cell include the spreading of Catholic literature and a weekly posting of the classifications of the current first-run movies in the city according to the Legion of Decency.



Left to right: Beverly Jo Warren, Bobby Herring, Lorene McCarthy, Ruth Swift, Betty Sullivan, Mary Ann Oglevie, Mary Winger, president; Jan Perry, Mary Webster, Suzanne Wahler, Mary Carla Abbot, Mary Fitzgerald, Janiece Stinson, Patricia Smith, Joanne Smith.

Catholic Students Mission Crusade

In both foreign lands and at home the Sion chapter of the C.S.M.C. has been sending funds, literature, medical supplies and prayers to those in need. A continual stamp contest is held throughout the year. The climaxing event of the Mission year is "Mis-

sion Day," which is planned and conducted by the students and their faculty advisor. The proceeds of the festival are placed in the Mission Treasury to be divided among numerous missionaries.



The Holy Childhood

In place of a Mission Club, the grade school has formed a society by which they, too, may aid those in need. One of the primary interests of these children is the ransom of pagan babies. Various schools contest for the greatest number of adoptions

in one year. Besides ransoming the babies, the Holy Childhood sends additional money for their care.

A quiet ceremony accompanies initiation, when each child is given a medal, and must promise to love and follow her little Jesus.



Senior Feast Day

To the Senior class, the realization of leaving friends and traditions, of admitting they're very close to being grown-up, tugs a bit at the heart strings, but at Sion the sentiments are reserved for one day, and both friends and traditions pay their respects to the graduates.

Ever since Sion has had a graduating class, she has consecrated one day to bidding

adieu to the Seniors, of entertaining them and serving them, until today it is held as one of the sweetest traditions of our Notre Dame.

The Senior class is exceptionally close to the Juniors this year, and the splendid day they and the rest of the school afforded the Class of '49 will never leave the inner sanctum of our memories.



GRADUATES



MARY CARLA ABBOT

Entered Grade XI

intelligent . . . kind . . . good disposition . . . poised
. . . has gift of organization . . . ability to put her thoughts
on paper.

Glee Club . . . Co-Captain Basketball 3, 4
. . . Captain Volleyball 4 . . . Editor Year
Book . . . Swimming Team . . . Sodality . . .
C.P.C. representative . . . Mission Club . . .
Schola.



CLAUDIA ARGUELLO

Entered Grade XI



calm . . . serene . . . refuses to worry . . . generous . . .
thoughtful . . . daydreams constantly . . . beautiful artist.



Glee Club . . . Sodality . . . Mission Club
. . . Art Editor . . . Schola.



ELENA CONCEPCION DIEGO

Entered Grade XI

poetic eyes . . . extremely excitable . . . famous fingernails
. . . could dance all night . . . pines for Mexico by the hour.

Glee Club . . . Sodality . . . Mission Club
. . . Schola.



JOANNE SMITH

Entered Grade XI



beautiful . . . photogenic . . . golf champ . . . sweet . . .
studious . . . loyal . . . sincere . . . dependable.



Glee Club . . . Secretary of Sodality . . .
Prefect of Catholic Action . . . Mission Club
. . . De La Salle Cadet . . . Business Manager
of Year Book . . . Captain Basketball 4 . . .
Co-captain Volleyball 3 . . . Schola.



PATRICIA M. SMITH

Entered Grade 1

quiet . . . the perfect listener . . . never withdraws the helping hand . . . long, flowing eye-lashes.

Glee Club . . . Mission Club Sodality . . .
Class President 3 . . . Class Secretary 4 . . .
Captain Basketball 3 . . . Swimming Team
. . . Student Council representative 3 . . .
Schola.



JANIECE STINSON

Entered Grade IX



tiny . . . quick-witted . . . studious . . . beautiful voice
. . . talkative . . . lively . . . renowned for reading up and
down the pages of a book, instead of left to right.



Glee Club . . . Captain Volleyball 3 . . .
Class Treasurer 2, 3 . . . Mission Club . . .
Cheerleader 2, 3 . . . Schola.



BETTY SULLIVAN

Entered Grade XI

incessant talker . . . always laughing . . . friendly . . .
lots of school spirit . . . smart dresser . . . sweet.

Glee Club . . . Sodality . . . Mission Club
. . . Photographer Year Book . . . De La Salle
Cadet . . . Schola.





ANN CARROLL SWIFT

Entered Kindergarten

never tires . . . famous for huge tears created when she laughs or cries . . . always on the move . . . can't tell a story without madly waving her arms.

Glee Club . . . Sodality . . . Vice-President
Mission Club . . . Class Secretary 1 . . .
Swimming Team . . . Class President 4 . . .
Sports Editor Year Book . . . Captain Bas-
ketball 2 . . . Cheerleader 3 . . . Drill Cap-
tain 3 . . . Schola.





MARY LU WEBSTER

Entered Kindergarten

everybody's friend . . . marvelous sense of humor . . .
jovial . . . eternally rosy cheeks . . . so patient about
those short jaunts in her Oldsmobile.

Glee Club . . . Sodality . . . Mission Club
. . . Swimming Team . . . Editor Year Book
. . . C.P.C. representative . . . De La Salle
Cadet . . . Class President 1 . . . Class Vice-
President 3 . . . Co-Captain Volleyball 4
. . . Captain Basketball 2 . . . Tumbling
Captain 3, 2 . . . Schola.



MARY L. WINGER

Entered Kindergarten



charming . . . sweet . . . popular . . . efficient . . . interesting conversationalist . . . owns sweetest li'l puddy-cat . . . natural leader.



Glee Club . . . President Sodality . . . President Mission Club . . . President Student Council . . . Swimming Team . . . Vice-President Student Council 3 . . . Drill Captain 3, 4 . . . Student Council representative 2 . . . Class Secretary 2 . . . Cheerleader 2 . . . Schola . . . Assistant Photographer.



Chant Sionien

Sion l'écho joyeux répète
Ton nom si cher à tous nos coeurs.
Sion, nous sommes ta conquête
Et nous serons tes défenseurs.
En ce beau jour, nous sommes toutes fières
De nous proclamer tes enfants,
De nous ranger sous ta noble bannière,
De t'offrir nos coeurs et nos chants.

De Sion, vive l'oriflamme!
Faisons partout flotter ses deux couleurs
Que dans nos chants passe toute notre âme:
Vive Sion! chantons en chœur!
Vive Sion et Notre Dame!





Graduation

Among the beloved traditions of Sion the most memorable and beautiful is that of graduation. Dressed in gowns of pure white and carrying bouquets of red roses, the graduates assemble on the stage. By their sides stand their little flower girls, each carrying a golden crown on a royal purple pillow for the graduates' coronation. Before the audience's witness, the graduates pass their colors, privileges, and responsibilities to their successors. A purple cordon, symbolizing these Senior traits, is placed on the shoulders of each Junior, officially proclaiming her a Senior.

As the golden crown is lifted from its pillow and placed upon the graduate's head, every girl is sadly conscious of the fact that her precious days at Sion are gone forever.



UNDERGRADUATES



CLASS OF 1930

Back Row: Mary Ann Oglevie, Ruth Swift, *Front Row:* Nancy Sessel, Lorene McCarthy, Virginia Ketcham, Bobby Herring.

CLASS OF 1931



Back Row: Mary Alice Wiedeman, Beverly Jo Warren, Mary Ellen Boppart, *Front Row:* Jan Perry, Joan Roach.

CLASS OF 1932

Suzanne Wahler, Marceline Burnett, Diane Ford, Mary Fitzgerald, Suzanne Green, Adelaide Miller, Barbara Fleming.



CLASS OF 1953

Anne Wiedeman, Paula Mellot,
Nancy Wesman, Carol Allison,
Gail Price, Claudette Fotie, Gail
Wertgame, Patricia Flanery.



Standing: Kay London, Felicia Fenberg, Linda Polk, Sally Green, Anne Allen, Nancy Muzzarelli. Seated: Carol Klecan.



CLASS OF 1954



CLASS OF 1955

Back Row: Elizabeth Wiedler, Judy Harwood, Nancette Fotie, Theresa Gainey, Dede Sheldon, Eileen Hoover, Patricia Flanery, Joan Harris. Second Row: Jean Allen, Janice Matthews, Kay Klecan, Dorothy Willmert, Barbara Riederer. Front Row: Kathleen Cavanaugh, Sally VanDel, Margo Selders, Marlene Howland.



CLASS OF 1956

Standing: Ann Boppart, Joyce Kelly, *Seated:* Sharon Skinner, Barbara Maggard, Emily Di Renna, *Absent:* Margaret Massman.

CLASS OF 1957

Standing: Judy Wolf, Susan Marechal, Rita Remmert, Marilee Scanlon, Frances Gaimey, Patricia Cleary, Sheila Shanahan, Honor Waldron, *Seated:* Theresa Freeman, Sandra Hoover, Patricia Maloney, Frances Howland, Nancy Newstreet.



KINDERGARTEN

Back Row: Mary Pat Ventola, Joan Fowler, Hester Adams, Mary Claire Pincell, Barbara Nemmers, Pammy Hoelzel, Pinky Loftus, Pammy Janeret, *Front Row:* Ann Norquist, Jennifer Newstreet, Donna Zahner, Dianë Zahner, Linda Katz, Lynne Gorman, Carla Kay Hoelzel.



CLASS OF 1959

Virginia Sue Greenlease, Laney Waters, Janet Tucker, Glenna Correl, Shari Coburn, Carol Joy Brickman, Emmy Lu Scanlan, Carol Houlihan, Ellen Roe Mackenzie, Marsha Howard.



CLASS OF 1958

Back Row: Barbara Burns, Sally Hamilton, Brownie Neal, Donna Jones, Sheranne Jenkins, Marilyn Roach, Lynne Allison, Marie Horner. *Second Row:* Kitty Gragson, Suzie Mayer, Susan Fleming, Virginia Readey, Marie France Chombart, Martha Fetters, Marianne Daugherty. *First Row:* Suzie Calvert, Lucy Williams, Margo Winger, Julia Peppard, Georgia Lou Quentin, Linda Long.



Brooke



Kathleen

peachy



Barbara

Frances

carol B



Janet Mary

Luliana



Carol

Kennette



Patty

Jo Ann



Judy

GRADE

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Mary
Jane

dm ardy aere



Carole

luddy



sandra

Joan



Julianne

Elizabeth



Elizabeth

Ferry



Sherril

Alumnae Children



Back Row: Barbara Riederer, Mary Ellen Boppart, Diana Ford, Bobby Herring, Jean Allen. Second Row: Patricia Cleary, Kitty Gragson, Sandra Hoover, Ann Allen, Ann Boppart. First Row: Ellen Roe Mackenzie, Ann Norquist, Carol Houlihan, Kathy Cleary, Elizabeth Reiderer, Pamy Jeanneret.

Cadets



Betty Sullivan

Mary Lu Webster

Joanne Smith



ACTIVITIES



Left to right: Mary Alice Wiedeman, Sophomore representative; Ann Swift, Senior representative; Miss Lorraine Case, Faculty Advisor; Mary L. Winger, President; Lorene McCarthy, Vice President; Suzanne Green, Freshman representative; Virginia Ketcham, Junior representative.

Student Council

In order to facilitate cooperation between the student body and the faculty, the Sionian Student Council has been organized to enforce the rules of the school.

With the assistance of a faculty advisor, the council meets once a month to discuss suggestions submitted by students, who,

with the approval of Notre Mere, put them into effect.

A representative is elected from each class, and the president and vice-president are elected from the Senior and Junior classes, respectively.



Left to right, standing: Bobby Herring, Junior representative; Jan Perry, Sophomore representative; Janiece Stinson, feature writer; Patricia Smith, feature writer; Elena Diego, feature writer; Ruth Swift, Junior representative; Suzanne Wahler, Freshman representative; Mary L. Winger, assistant photographer. Seated: Joanne Smith, business manager; Mary Lu Webster, editor; Mary Carlo Abbot, editor; Betty Sullivan, photography; Ann Swift, Sports editor. Absent: Claudia Arguello, art editor.

The Sionian Staff

The Sionian yearbook was edited by the Senior class of 1949, with the assistance of a Junior, Sophomore, and Freshman representative. It is the only official student pub-

lication. Its purpose is to serve as a living memory of our days at Sion, and to present to our parents a picture of the life which their love and sacrifices have given us.



Notre Mere, Bishop Theas, Bishop Marling, Mrs. William Kemp.

Tea In Honor of Bishop Theas

Bishop Pierre Marie Theas of Tarbes and Lourdes was honored at a reception given by Bishop Edwin V. O'Hara and Notre Mere at Sion, on his recent visit to Kansas City. Bishop Theas was touring America to express thanks to the American people for their aid to his country and to promote international friendship. Wherever he

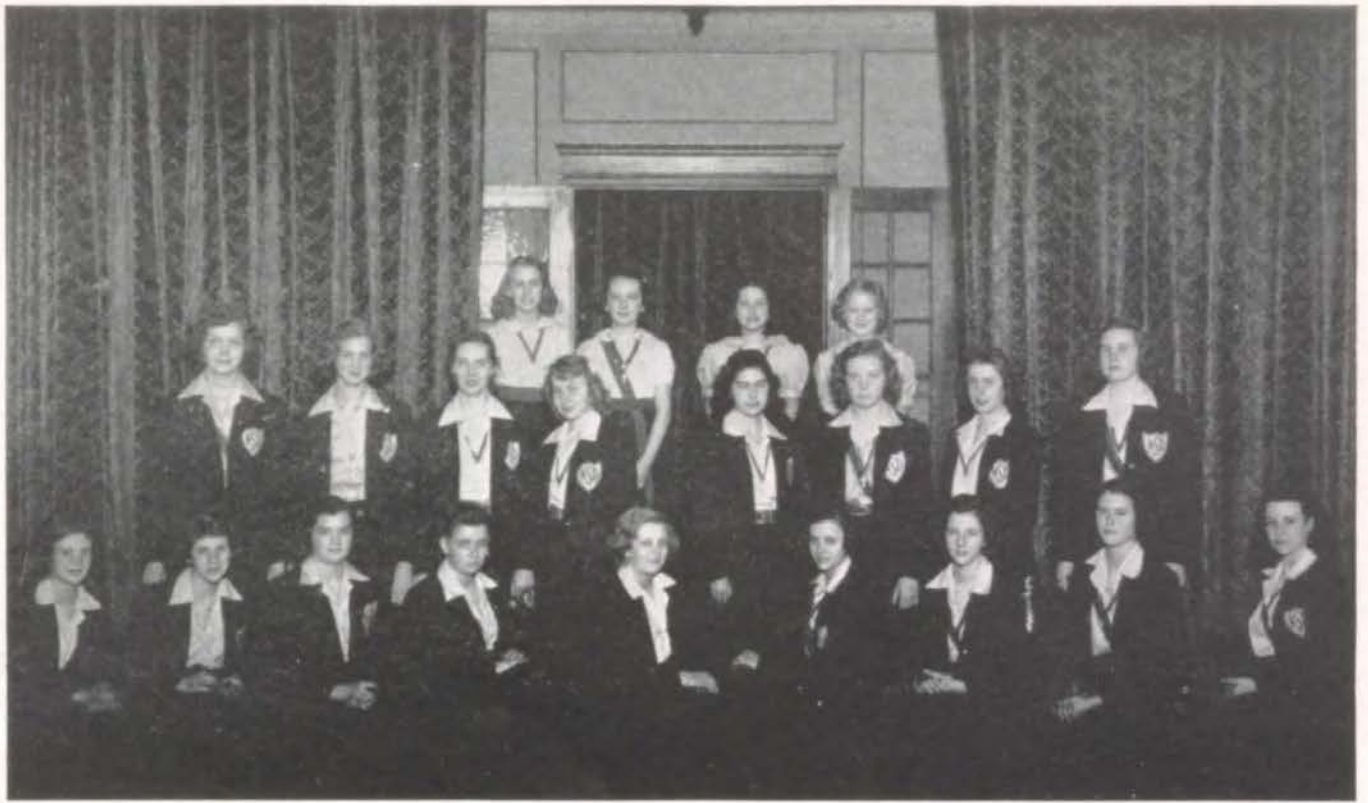
passed, Bishop Theas told of his harrowing war experiences and of the power of prayer and kindness over the enemy. As Bishop of Lourdes he has witnessed Our Lady's love for suffering humanity and he urges all to heed her request for prayer and reparation.



The Mothers' Tea

For the first time since before the war, a representative from the Mother House in Paris was sent to Kansas City. In order that she might meet the parents of the children, a tea was given in her honor, and all who met her were charmed by her vivacity and

interest in everything American. During her brief stay, a program consisting of French plays and songs was given so that Mere Fidelis might hear with what facility the children of Sion in Kansas City express themselves in French.



SPEECH CLASS

GLEE CLUB





CHRISTMAS CANTATA

DANCING CLASS





ST. PATRICK'S DAY

CHRISTMAS PARTY

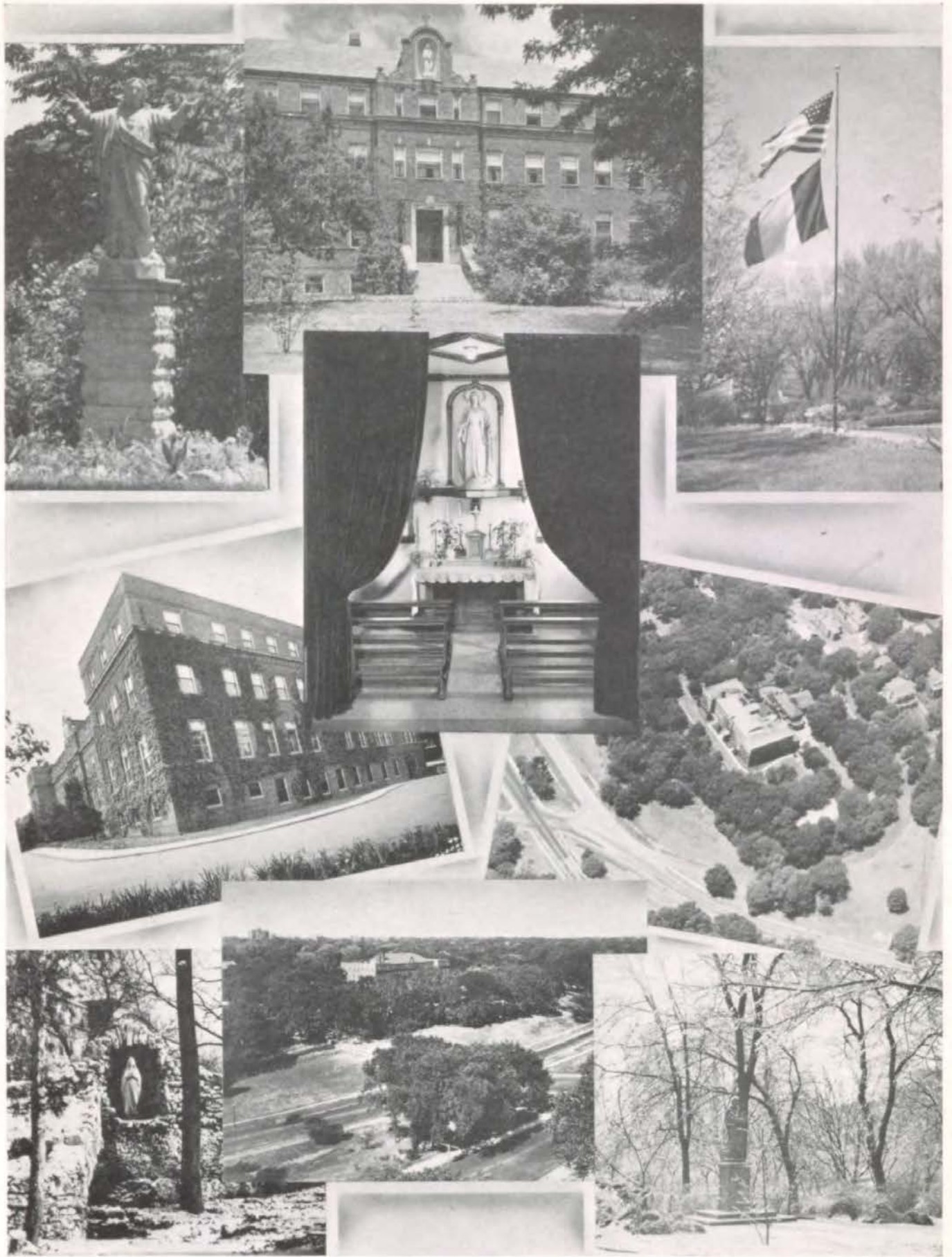


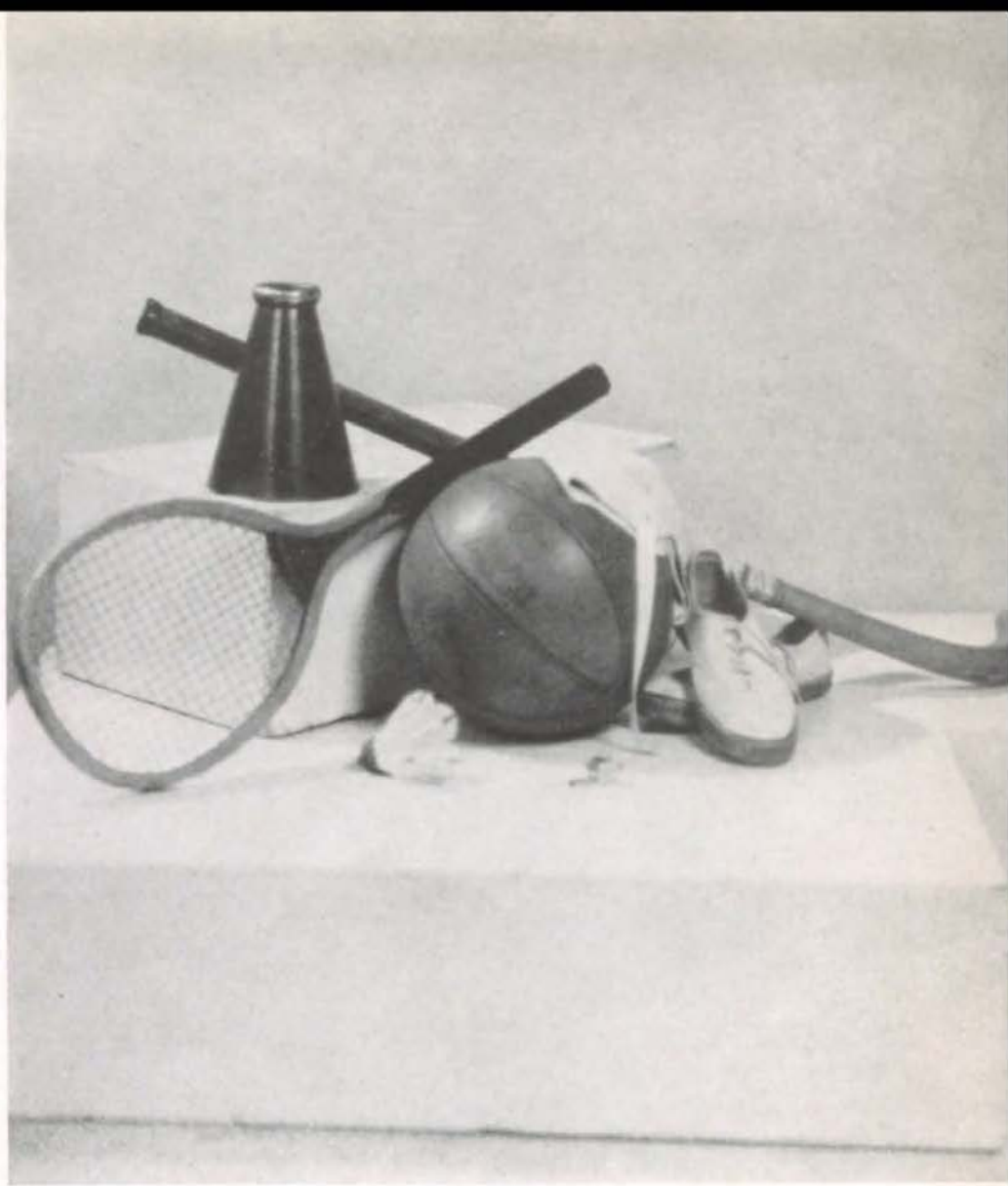


JUNIOR-SENIOR PROM

YULETIDE TEA DANCE

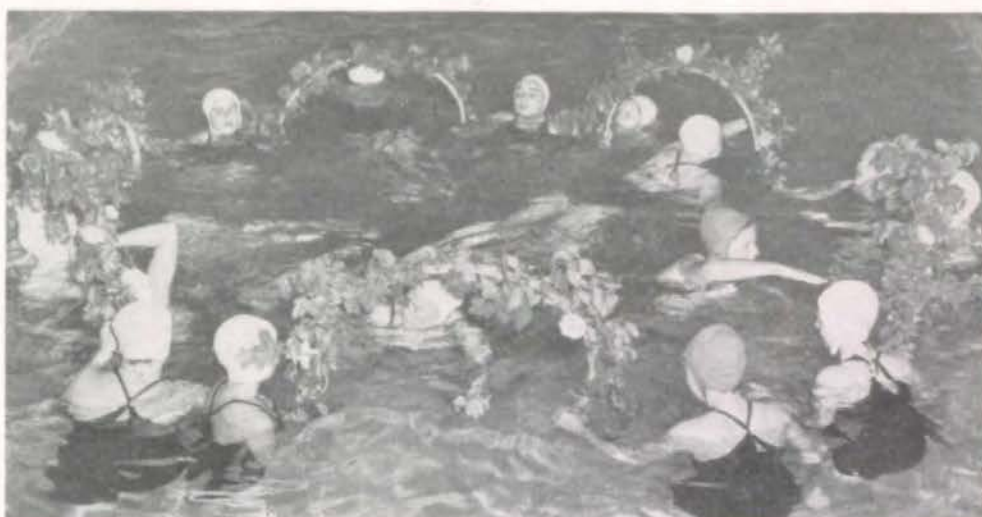






SPORTS

WATER
BALLET



AQUATIC
FORMATIONS

CHEERLEADERS



Jan Perry

Suzanne Wahler

Paula Mollot

Adelaide Miller



BASKETBALL

SPECIAL
DRILL
SQUAD



BASKETBALL TEAM



Top Row: Mary Winger, Pat Smith, Mary Carla Abbot, Mrs. Margaret Darr, Mary Lu Webster, Mary Ann Oglevie, Ruth Swift, Ann Swift. Bottom Row: Bobbie Herring, Janiece Stinson, Betty Sullivan, Joanne Smith, Claudia Arguello, Elena' Diego, Lorene McCarthy.

"UP AND OVER"

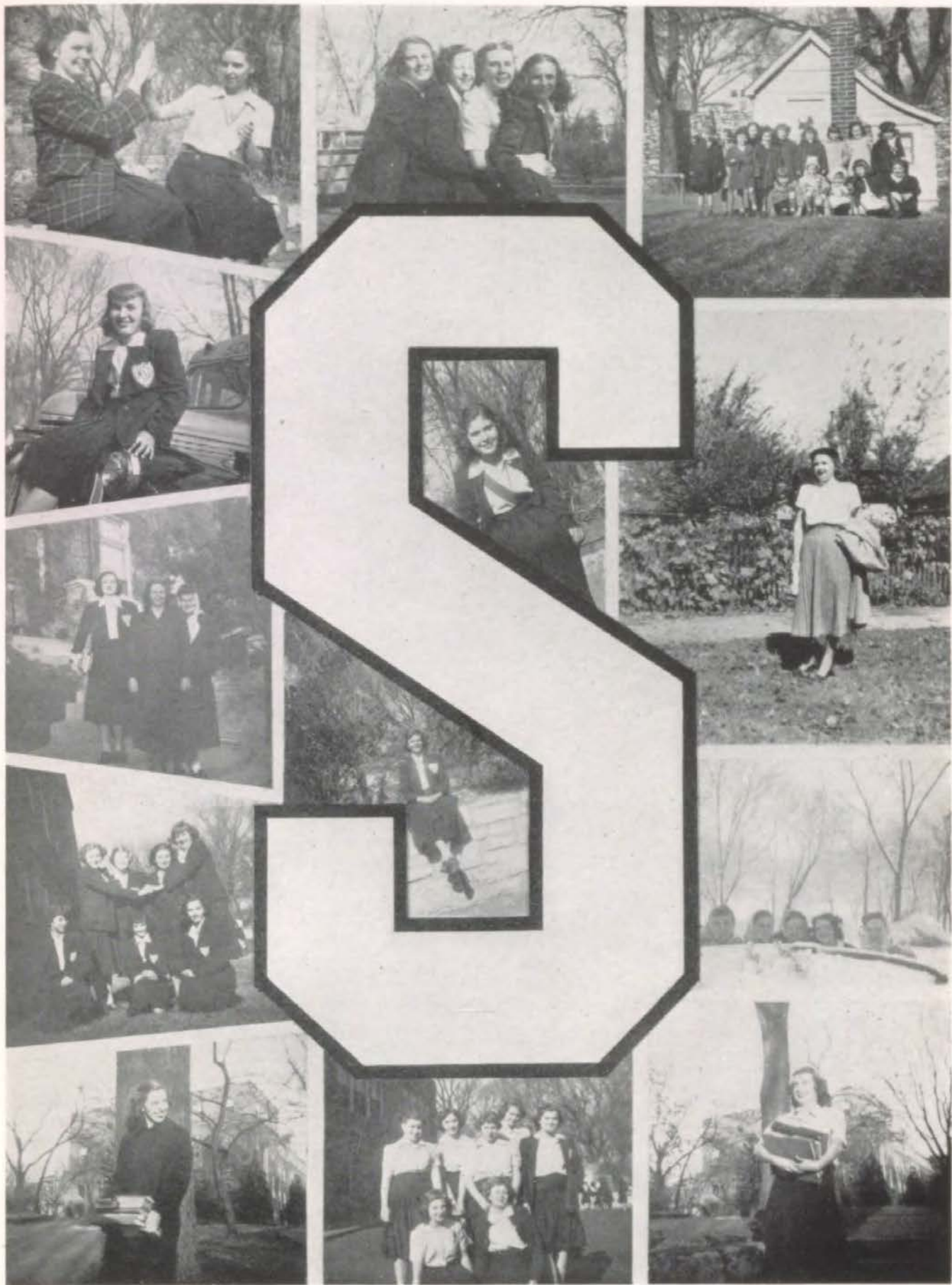


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"NEVER A SPLASH"







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