

The BLAB

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NEW TEACHERS AT H.F.S.

Holy Family Grade School has four new teachers this year.

Father Ralph Hartman is the religion instructor for the students of both the grade and the high school. He was ordained on May 30, 1960 and Holy Family is his first parish. While in the seminary he taught in Maryland and in Washington, D.C. Father has two brothers in the seminary and a sister who is a Sister of Divine Providence. He likes to teach here at H.F.S. and thinks that the children are fine products of Christian education. He is grateful to the people of the parish for their interest in school affairs. Everyone is allowed a pet peeve; Father's is that the boys and girls are putting their feet on the new kneelers. Finally, Father said he is

MARSHALS

A newly organized group of school marshals is now functioning at Holy Family School. The group is composed of seventh and eighth grade girls who regularly patrol the school halls. They do this to keep order and promote safety in the school.

A girl selected for duty will be replaced for any misconduct while fulfilling her charge. Not only will her position be taken away but also the special privileges which go along with it, such as admission once a month to Black's Roller Rink and a patrol picnic at the end of the year.

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happy to be able to teach here and is grateful for the experience he is getting.

Sister Mary Benigna teaches the third and fourth grade boys. Last year she taught at St. Agatha Academy in Winchester, Kentucky. Sister seems to like Holy Family School very much.

Sister Josephine Mary taught the third and fourth grade girls until December when she replaced Sister Estelle with the seventh and eighth boys. She has taught in Wheeling, West Virginia, St. Sebastian, Ohio, and several places in the Diocese of Covington. Sister says she

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LARGEST CLASS

The largest first grade in the history of Holy Family School has started its career by proving that it is a good and obedient class.

Their teacher, Sister Madonna, does not find it hard to keep these youngsters interested and well behaved. When Sister is explaining the children listen with eager anticipation. They are also very studious and quiet when they are told to write something.

Though this class is very good and cooperative, it is quite large for one teacher. During the first part of the year Miss Tabet helped Sr. Madonna by teaching a small group every afternoon.

Mary Henry

HAPPY
NEW YEAR

Flash

This is to introduce to all our students and faculty our student newspaper, "The Blab." The girls of the seventh and eighth grades are sure that with the cooperation of the students and teachers they can publish a paper second to none. We would like to thank all who have made contributions to this our first edition, and at the same time make a sincere plea for more and better articles in the future. With the help of all the students, the paper can have the top literary efforts of our school as well as all school news. Join our "gab" in "The BLAB"!

Cecilia Brislin

PATROL RULES

The safety patrol boys of Holy Family School patrol Tenth Street, Carter, and Winchester Avenue before and after school for the safety of the students.

A patrol boy's aim is to strive to prevent accidents and to set good example. His is an important responsibility. He must enforce the following regulations set up by the Police Department concerning children crossing streets before and after school:

1. All children who must cross Winchester or Carter are to do so at the school so that they are helped by the patrol boy.
2. THE PATROL BOY IS TO STAND AT THE CORNER WITH HIS BACK TO THE CHILDREN AND HIS FACE TO THE STREET. The children are to stand behind the patrol boy until he steps to the side and gives them a signal to move. (Cont. p. 5)

Are You a Student?

Are you a student or a pupil? You are probably asking yourself, "What is the difference?" Well, a student, to put it as briefly as possible, is a child that attends school and tries his best to learn. He participates in classroom discussion and expresses his ideas, hoping that they may help his fellow students.

A pupil is also a child who attends school, but one who just takes up space in the classroom. He only answers questions when called upon without volunteering. He never expresses his ideas until they are pried out of him.

The next question is: Why should you be a good student? This question can be answered in three ways. First, when you are a good student you please God because you are doing what He wants you to do. Second, you are carrying out a part of your mother and father's purpose in seeing that you are properly educated. Thirdly, you are helping yourself by being a good student. God has given you certain talents that you must develop to achieve your full stature as an individual. Besides, in order to get a good job you have to have a high school education and sometimes a college degree.

Think this over, be sure you understand it, and you will agree that being a good student now is a necessary factor in your life for the future.

—Cheri Hicks

CHURCH IS RENOVATED

The parishioners of Holy Family are now giving all their talents and able-bodied help to renovating the church. Father Danz and his seemingly tireless crew of helpers hope to have their work finished for our big centennial celebration. This celebration, which is scheduled to start during May, is probably going to be one of the biggest events in the history of our parish.

Much progress has been made. The stations have been refinished, the pews and the Communion rail sanded, walls covered with marlite; new lights, heating system, high and side altars, and a new roof and ceiling have been installed.

The remodeling is needed badly for many reasons, but the main reason is because

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A GRADUATE'S MEMORIES

When I was young and was a fool,
I went to Holy Family School,
And each morning I arose
To do the chores the teacher chose.
Fighting and fumbling at my desk
I surely was my teacher's pest.
Now that I've graduated
(I finally got through)
I remember my teachers
And what they went through. —Pat Akers

This paper is being put out as a project of the HOLY FAMILY JUNIOR CITIZENS CLUB and is the product of their united efforts.

the church is God's house. Money for the project was raised by festivals and personal pledges. Through the generous contributions and labor of the parishioners our church will soon be a beautiful tribute to Our Lord.

Ann Robinette
Frances Sanders
Shermane Coleman

ACHIEVEMENT ???

The fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students of Holy Family took achievement tests on Thursday and Friday, October 22 and 23. These tests are taken to determine how much the children have learned in the past years and to compare their achievement with that of students in other schools.

Test results are sent to Reverend John Elsaesser, school superintendent for the Covington diocese, for evaluation.

These tests are given annually in the spring and in the fall. The second, third, and fourth grades took reading tests at the same time. —N. Dickenson

PLAYGROUND CLEANED

The fifth and sixth grade boys are handling an important job at Holy Family this year by keeping the playground clean. They work before school, picking up papers and sweeping the yard. This is a great help to the school. Do your share and lighten their work by using the waste paper cans provided.

Now let's hear these boys speak for themselves.

A PLEA FOR HELP

We are the boys of the cleaning crew,
Who make the grounds look nice for you.
We work, we sweep, we pick up trash.
Around the yard you'll see us dash.

We're proud that we can be so handy
To those of you who feast on candy.
But trash cans aren't just decoration,
So let's have more cooperation!

We don't like to put up a fuss,
But we feel this job's for all of us.
So to the trash can let's all dash
To throw away our excess trash.

MASS IN GYM

The first through the eighth grade students at Holy Family School attend Mass in the school gymnasium Monday through Friday. This school Gymnasium which has been the scene for sports, games, and social activities is now the scene of a solemn celebration, for this section of the school is the designated portion where the students welcome their Lord and Savior each day at the Holy Sacrifice. All students occupy the long rows of bleachers which provide ample seats and space-saving kneelers. The priests distribute Holy Communion in the hallway adjacent to the gymnasium. It is hoped that the grade school students will soon assist at Mass in the newly renovated church.

—Marilyn Lynch

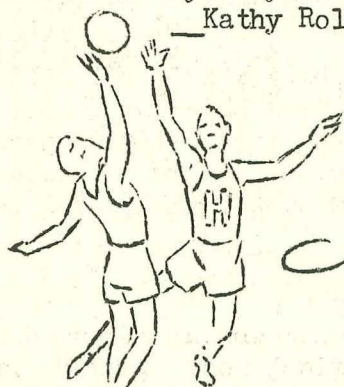
PARTY HELD

The detectives of Holy Family civics club are in the midst of solving a mystery. So far they have come to the conclusion that on November first the recreation room in school was occupied by the seventh and eighth grade girls. (Fingerprints were found on the juke box.) Colorful aspects (decorations) proved that they were celebrating Halloween.

Through the help of cedar closets (where costumes are kept) and diaries (???) these brave, intelligent, courageous detectives found out that some contests took place throughout the evening. A Miss Nancy Dickenson won for the best costume, a gingerbread man. Sharon Tamme and Mary Lou Young won the fast dance contest. Eileen Meinert and Peggy Henry were winners of the slow dance. Linda Gehringer and Janet Weinfurtner were the winning couple in the chalipso. Mr. Witch, the janitor, reported that these girls really kicked up their heels. (Marks were found on the floor.)

The Green Men, (witnesses), have informed the detectives that besides the chaperons, Mrs. Robert Stowe, Mrs. Francis Sanders, and Mrs. Leo Meinert, beatniks, gypsies, Jews, bums, grandmothers, baseball players, and even devils were present for this festive event. So ends the detectives' mystery.

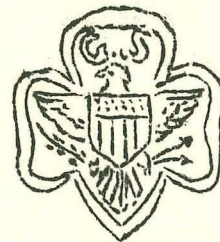
Kathy Roland



The 1959-60 season has been a rather exciting one for Holy Family's grade school and junior high. Our boys have done an excellent job of displaying their talents on the basketball court. Modelling themselves after pro teams such as the Warriors, Lakers, and Celtics, they have tried their best to live up to the names.

Although the sixth grade has had some unfortunate losses the fifth grade has

SCOUT TRIPS



The third grade brownie troop, with their leaders Mrs. Henneman and Mrs. Dickerson, went to Johnson's Dairy on October 15, to see how we get our milk and other dairy products.

The girls came back with the following information. When the farmers get the milk from the cows they put it on trucks to be taken to the dairy. As soon as the milk reaches the dairy it is placed in tanks and begins its process before it comes to us.

The girls saw fifteen pounds of cottage cheese and how it was made. They went on to see how milk is made sanitary and how it is put into cartons. They even saw how ice cream bars are made and sampled some before they left.

Mary Henry

PLAYGROUND DIVIDED

During the grade school noon hour the playground has been divided into four sections to give each group of children a safe place in which to play.

The grounds of the school are large enough to accommodate all the children, but everyone cannot gather safely on the blacktop. Because of this it was necessary to divide the playground during the noon hour.

The fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grade boys alternate playing on the

Sports

kept its spirits high by remaining undefeated so far this year.

The junior high was unable to join the Y.M.C.A. league this season. An intramural league was formed, however, enabling them to practice daily making themselves ready for high school ball.

We are proud to claim Butch Weinfurtner, Bobby Thompson, and George Serey, our eighth grade representatives to the high school "B" team. Keep up the good work, boys!

Cecilia Brislin

On November 21, Troop 58 of the Girl Scouts had the pleasure of visiting the Steenburger turkey farm. There were big ones, little ones, fat ones, skinny ones, black ones, and white ones. It is very interesting to learn how the turkeys are slaughtered and prepared for market. They showed us how and where (on the farm) they are hatched out of eggs and how they prepared the feed and grain for them to eat. We had a sample of some turkey salad which didn't look very appetizing after visiting the place where the turkeys were killed. There were over fifty thousand turkeys of the farm and these turkeys are shipped to markets all over the United States.

Elizabeth Morris

field and court while the third and fourth grade boys play on the grounds which are between the school and Carter Avenue. With the older boys off the blacktop it is made safer for the girls and small children. The first and second grade boys play on the blacktop behind the church, and all the girls play between the church and school.

With these divisions everyone has a safe place to play with enough room, but because we do not have enough equipment for all the girls and boys the older children are requested to reserve it for the younger ones.

Mary Henry

MARSHALS (CONT.)

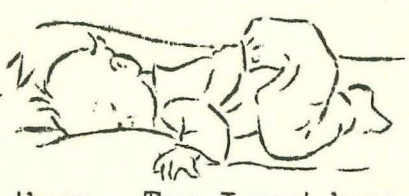
The girls can be recognized by their marshal badges. They are on patrol upstairs, downstairs, and on the playground.

These marshals will enforce regulations showing no partiality. The individual classroom teachers are responsible for giving the punishments to those who do not obey the rules.

This is a project of the Civics Club sponsored by the local police force and has been very successful in past years.

C. Brislin, B. Ryan
Marilyn Lynch

Snoozers



On October 12, twelve second graders had a slumber party. The following are some of their adventures on the trip through dreamland.

Steve Brislin: I went on a camping trip and someone pushed me over a cliff, but I didn't get hurt.

Jane Tremel: There was a little dog in my bed and he bit me. When I got up I was afraid to go downstairs.

Bridget Thompson: I was out in the yard and my tooth fell out. Then a fairy came and took my tooth from under my pillow and I got ten cents.

Regis Burlas: I was in an airplane and I was flying to Egypt. I told the lady who gives me food to get me some spinach and she said she would. She got some and I ate it. Then the airplane landed.

Gregory Sandoval: My mother and father took me to Disneyland. I went on every

ride there. Then I went home.

Sarah Elam: I went to Cincinnati and I lost my tooth. I thought I swallowed it. I told my mother I thought I swallowed it. I went back in the hotel and I found it.

Edwin McInnis: My teeth fell out. Then I got another set of teeth. Then I fell and "busted" my nose.

William Serey: I went to New York and I fell out of the car. I fell down a hill and landed in a river. I tried to climb the hill but I landed right back in the middle.

Albert Bryson: I had a flower garden and in it were yellow flowers that were very pretty.

Ann Brown: I was in a hospital and I had laryngitis and I had pins in my legs.

Virgil Delaney: I was running and fell over a cliff and as I was coming back up I fell back down. I got up and went back home.

Paul Klein: I found a million dollars.

The following is a sixth grader's tribute to Holy Family.

A JEWEL OF ASHLAND

A first glance at our school can prove to be breathtaking. Part of this up-to-date school is the shining terrazzo stairways. The long well lighted hall is decorated with bright yellow tile. A ceiling of acoustics shelters us from many fierce storms. Class rooms with modern glass chalkboards and eye-catching tile help to add to this colorful school. One of the most magnificent features in Ashland is here at Holy Family.

—Gill Johnson

YOUNG FRIENDS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES

FIRST GRADE ENTERTAINS

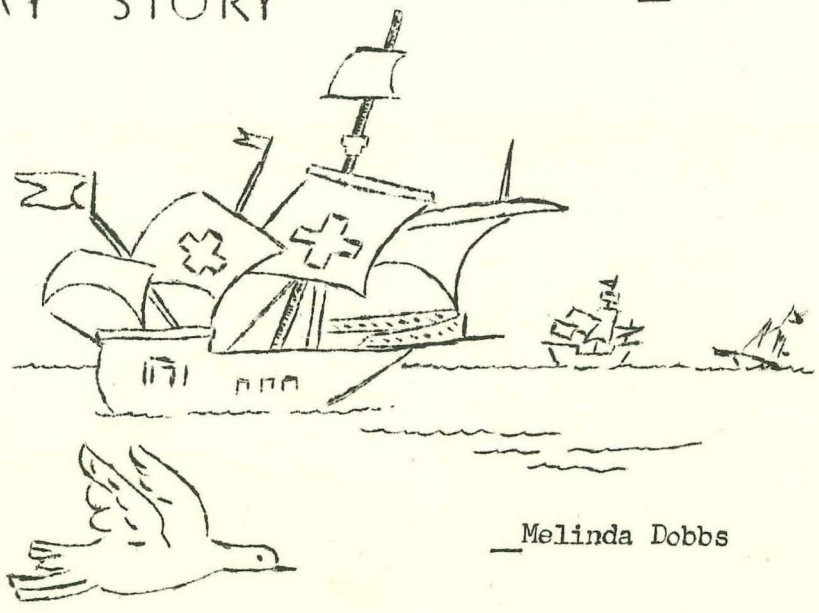
The first grade entertained a rather unusual visitor one day last fall. Whether it be lamb or goat-- and this little lass was a goat from Fletcher's farm-- it usually makes the children laugh and play to see one in school. This is Kathy Zandona's account of the visit.

"The little goat's name was Heidi. She walked around the room and chewed on people's desks. Then she got on Sister Madonna's desk. Sr. Madonna took a picture of her up there and she took another one of her on the floor with all the children around her. The goat tried to get out but then she started to eat some paper."

COLUMBUS DAY STORY

In August, 1492, Christopher Columbus set sail from Spain with three small ships. Many another sailor had taken long voyages across the rolling sea. They wanted to visit the rich cities of the East where tea and silk cloth were sold. Columbus, besides wanting to find the rich cities, was taking this voyage to spread the Catholic faith. Nearly three months later, on October 12, 1492, Columbus reached America. We should always remember this date.

—Roberta Robinson



—Melinda Dobbs

JR. HIGH WINS CONTEST

On the twenty-ninth of October many strange sights appeared on the windows of the Mayo Arcade. It was the scene of the annual Halloween window painting contest held by Arcade merchants where the seventh and eighth grade girls of Holy Family carried away first prize in the Jr. High division for an original idea based on the high popularity sport of Ashland-- bowling.

Students from the third through the twelfth grades of all the schools in Ashland painted in the Arcade. All the paintings were good, but only a few could win. Holy Family took a heaping share of the rewards since

Boy Savior Club Formed

The third and fourth grade boys of Holy Family School have started an organization called the Boy Savior Club. The purpose of the club is to give these boys a model to follow and try to imitate.

The club was started in September and in time its purpose will be realized.

The officers of the club are Karl Weinfurtner, president; Timothy Unron, vice-president; Chris Wycliff, secretary; and David Gillespie, treasurer.

Gayle Hannah

PATROL RULES CONT.

3. Stragglers (those who come a little behind the group who are crossing the street) are to wait for the next group.
4. If there are more children than can pass at one time safely the other children must stop when the patrol boy gives them the signal. (AT LIGHTS THE BOYS MAY ONLY SEND CHILDREN ACROSS WHEN THE LIGHT TURNS GREEN. HE IS NOT PERMITTED TO SEND ANY CHILDREN WHEN THE LIGHT IS ABOUT TO CHANGE TO AMBER. AT CROSSINGS WITHOUT LIGHTS THE PATROL BOYS ARE PERMITTED TO SEND THE CHILDREN ACROSS WHEN ONCOMING CARS ARE A BLOCK AWAY.
5. The children waiting to cross must be patient (this means stand still and quietly). The wait

her seniors also won first prize in the Senior High division.

The girls who painted for the seventh and eighth grades were Cecilia Brislin, Margie Appeldorn, Ann Nickell, Martha Gallion, and Eileen Meinert. The idea for the window-- a witch bowling down ten little ghosts with a pumpkin on a street marked "dead end" was the brain-storm of Ann Nickell.

A. Robinette, S. Tamme

NEW TEACHERS

is grateful to be with "a community whose teaching traditions rate very highly a school that is beautiful and well-equipped, plus children and parents who make sincere efforts to improve." Sister Josephine Mary is especially blessed here at Holy Family because she gets to live with her own sister, Sister Amabilis.

Miss Nada Tabet, who formerly taught the third grade here at Holy Family, is now teaching the third and fourth grade girls. Until December she helped with the large first grade. She received her teacher training at Villa Madonna College in Covington, where she majored in education. Miss Tabet says she enjoys teaching here very much.

A. CORDIAL WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW TEACHERS!

Jo Ann Morris

6. Children are to cross within white lines.
7. Children leaving by walking or going to cars are to walk to the intersection.
8. When crossing where patrol boys from other schools are on duty, children are to obey those boys.

Students must obey these rules or pay the consequences. Nancy Dickenson

SINK OR SWIM

When I went on my vacation to Williamsburg, Virginia, I had a narrow escape. I was staying at my Uncle Thomas' and there was a swimming pool right across the street. During the week I stayed, I went there three times. The first time I went it was

BOYS FIND BICYCLES

John Bentine, a seventh grade student of Holy Family School, recently discovered, quite accidentally, a barnful of -- hold on to your pedals -- bicycles. John and his friends were playing that all-American favorite, football, when it grew late and the boys decided to call it a day. Upon returning the football to a neighbor's barn the boys found the bicycles. John knew these bikes didn't belong to his neighbors, so he had one of his fellow finders call the police who soon took matters into their own hands.

When asked if he received any reward John replied, "No, I didn't want any." Isn't that just like a detective?

Frances Sanders

SEPTEMBER'S MIRACLE

It was a sweltering day in September and everyone was wishing for some cool weather. But the forecaster kept on saying "Sunny and a little warmer tomorrow."

The principal came in to our room and told us how hot it was upstairs. She also requested that we ask God for a break.

I thought it was impossible but sure enough the next day the temperature dropped about twenty degrees. When someone asked what Sister thought of our praying she answered, "The next time I want something I'll surely ask you!"

Ann Galvin

COMPOSITIONS (Cont. from p. 4)

evening and all the lights were on. The lowest water was about four feet--up to my neck. I do not know how to swim very well, so for me it was pretty deep. I decided to jump in and when I did the water was a good bit over my head. I tried to jump but I couldn't, and I remembered to be calm. I went up very slowly but I could not get to the float. I had to if I did not want to drown so I had to swim or sink. That is how I learned to swim.

David Gillespie 4