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LES ELECTIONS

Sur qui tomberait la charge de futur rédacteur en chef? C'était la question que nos Méthodistes se résolurent à répondre lorsqu'ils se réunirent en conseil le 20 novembre. On désigna M. Charles Paquette comme successeur à notre dévoué Richard Brunelle. Une fois installé à son poste M. Paquette se borna à choisir ses propres rédacteurs, les futurs responsables du Memini-Héritage.

Vint alors le poste d'assistant-rédacteur. Y accéda M. Joseph Dumouchel, le grand dévoué de la Méthode. M. Dumouchel, qui mêle à son intelligence théorique tant de connaissances pratiques, devrait se montrer bien à la hauteur de sa charge.

Qui serait chargé des finances et des affaires? M. Paquette choisit Maurice Brassard pour ce dernier rôle, qui réclame tant de mi-graines, tant de soucis: M. Brassard s'en acquittera sans nul doute avec son habileté coutumière.

M. John Pierce remplira la fonction de rédacteur anglais. M. Pierce, qui en maintes circonstances fit preuve d'habileté restera l'un des membres les plus indispensables de la rédaction.

M. Raymond Durocher se chargera de la composition française du journal. Jeune homme déjà bien connu par sa connaissance de notre langue maternelle, M. Durocher fera briller, de son talent, la "flamme qui ne meurt pas".

Tous s'intéressent passionnément aux faits actuels qui se déroulent autour du "campus"; ceux qui sont appelés à les rapporter doivent, avant tout, concentrer de la vie et de l'intérêt, dans leurs récits. Nous sommes sûrs que Messieurs Normand Balthazar, Pierre Pelletier, et John L. Sullivan ne manqueront aucunement aux exigences qu'impose leur office.

Non moins importante reste la rédaction des sports. M. Normand Paulhus s'efforcera de se montrer digne de son prédécesseur, Norman Gaudrault.

Mais il y faut un artiste! Qui remplira cette tâche qui encourt pourtant une si grande responsabilité? Nul autre que notre cher Paul Chabot dont le tempérament artistique saura bien créer ou faire vivre les formes.

—Paul Archambault '54



Mary's Year

On December 8, Bishop Wright thrust open the doors of the Marian Year by celebrating a pontifical mass at Assumption Prep. This event brought to a close a triduum preached by Father Denys for the express purpose of preparing the students for the year ahead.

LES GAGNANTS

Pendant les trois derniers mois les élèves des classes inférieures écoutèrent les Versificateurs les exhorter à vendre des cartes de Noël.

"Seulement dix boîtes, dirent-ils, et puisque c'est pour l'héritage, c'est votre bien plus que le nôtre".

Peu de temps après, les Méthodistes élirent le Directeur financier des Workshops: M. J. Robert Dumouchel. Celui-ci fit connaître son désir de vendre des paquets de papier d'emballage orné de desseins pour augmenter ses ressources. Les Versificateurs bienveillants offrirent d'apporter au nombre de cartes vendues celui des paquets, et de donner leurs prix pour les deux organisations.

Et tout soudain vint le 16 décembre. C'était fini. Les comptes étaient rentrés et M. Richard Brunelle, éditeur de l'Héritage, devait annoncer à la soirée de Noël les noms des gagnants.



Pour les classes gagnantes, la première place revint aux Versificateurs. Ils avaient vendu 7.6 boîtes de cartes sur chaque dizaine. La classe des Eléments C se trouvait en deuxième place. Ils avaient vendu les trois-quarts de leurs boîtes. En troisième lieu, les Elément D qui en vendirent 4.3 boîtes sur dix.

Ensuite, pour les prix individuels, M. David Grenon prenait la tête. Il vendit 53 boîtes de cartes et 20 paquets de papier, rapportant 73 dollars à la caisse. Il reçut \$20 comme récompense. M. Frédéric Dupré de Versification, fut deuxième, ayant vendu un total valant \$49. Il reçut \$15 pour son effort. Le troisième prix, \$5 fut attribué à M. Joseph Underwood, des Eléments C. Il apporta \$41 aux recettes.

Félicitations sincères aux gagnants. Et, faut-il ajouter que tous en feront autant l'année prochaine.

—John L. Sullivan '55

In his sermon on the feast of the Immaculate Conception, His Excellency expressed both his joy of being with the students and the impression that their religious ceremonies made on him. He also recommended, as befitting the Marian Year, a strong devotion to the Mass as a way of observing public prayer together with strong emphasis on the Rosary for private prayer.

Father Denys made it a point to bring out the Blessed Mother's purity, humility and chastity in relation to what these virtues should consist of in the students. Said he, purity refers to anything that is virtuous and, in this respect, Mary is the model par excellence. She was humble inasmuch as she unhesitatingly accepted God's will and she practiced charity to its utmost degree. The speaker encouraged all students to look to Mary as their guide to these virtues.

Father Edgar, in his program suggested that a more Christian-like attitude throughout the year be taken within the school.

He suggested that students bring about this attitude by clean speaking and respect of girls because of Mary.

These talks will be followed up by the students in various ways. For one thing, every Saturday has been set aside to honor Mary. There will first be the votive mass of the Immaculate Conception followed by a short instruction either by Father Armand or Father Arthur. Also, so that the day students will also be present, the rosary will be recited and benediction will take place at 11:30 in the forenoon. Other ceremonies will be held in honor of Mary at the occasion of her major feast days.

Father John Sick

Reverend John Gaudet, popular member of the faculty, was hospitalized at St. Vincent's during the Christmas vacation, having suffered a dislocated spinal disc.

Mr. Thomas Gibbons, a student from Worcester State Teachers' College assumed the temporary task of teaching English to the Sophomores and Seniors. A fine humor and good possession of his subject were the traits that made this young teacher interesting to his students.

French was taught to the Sophomores by the newly-arrived Brother Bernard, a young student brother who proved himself equally capable.

Both these fine substitutes deserve praise for a job well done. At the same time, the students wish Father John good health and a speedy return.

L'enfer est pavé de "bonnes intentions"

La veille du jour de l'an, Paul déclare avec emphase:

—“Bon! Durant 1954, je ne parlerai plus au dortoir... je tâcherai de ne plus être gourmand à table, etc. ...” il hésite, “je limiterai mes fins de semaines, afin d’avoir de meilleurs notes! ! !”

Il est fier de soi et la bonne volonté ne lui manque en aucune manière.

Dimanche soir au dortoir: “Jean,” chuchota-t-il secrètement à son voisin, “as-tu passé de bonnes vacances? Qu’est-ce que tu as reçu pour Noël?” Puis le récit des deux semaines se fait entre les deux amis.

Lundi matin au déjeuner, Paul s’aperçoit qu’il y a de la confiture aux framboises sur la table. Il a une vraie passion pour la confiture aux framboises! ! ! Donc, il se sert une portion assez généreuse de ce délice, et ses confrères s’en passent.

Le mercredi, une lettre d’Henri, son compagnon de “chez lui”, lui arrive annonçant une soirée pour le samedi. Paul sait qu’il a un examen en latin, lundi matin. — Il aime tant les soirées! ! ! Et sans hésiter il fait ses plans pour rencontrer “les gars” ce samedi soir.

Le carême arrive; même histoire. — Il “ne mangera pas entre les repas”, mais il a si faim! ! ! — Il “ne fumera plus pendant ce temps de pénitence”. Quelqu’un lui offre une cigarette ... Il se dit “une ne fera pas de mal”, et de une il se rend à deux ... à trois ... à quatre ... — Finalement, il se décide de se mettre sérieusement à ses études d’ici à la fin de l’année. Encore une autre soirée, une réunion de classe, un bon film, la fête d’un compagnon ... il se croit obligé d’être présent à chacune de ces activités.

Mais viennent les notes de juin. — Quoi? Pas même un ‘magna’. — “Oh, si j’avais seulement pris une résolution: être plus sérieux dans mes études ... enfin, en tout”.

—*Robert Dumouchel* ’55

CES CHERS MONITEURS

Combien de fois me suis-je fait attrapé! ! ! Et toujours par le même moniteur! Pourtant, quand j’y songe, je n’ai pas copié si souvent que cela de pénitences. Ne vous en étonnez pas, car vous saurez bien vite pourquoi! Les moniteurs doivent mettre en pratique ce fameux principe du Père Amarin: “soyez indulgents quelquefois.” Par conséquent, lorsqu’on m’attrape, mon visage s’illumine d’un beau sourire et souvent ce “féroce” surveillant me dit: “La prochaine fois, tu auras une pénitence”. Alors je fais un bel effort pour l’éloigner “cette prochaine fois”. Elle vient quand même et il me faut payer ma témérité. Mon sourire, cependant, me sauve d’une moitié de la pénitence. Je me souviens une fois de m’être laissé emporter par la colère; la pénitence arriva sans hésitation et quelle fameuse! ! ! Cet incident m’a ouvert les yeux. Depuis ce temps, j’ai appris à savoir sourire, à me tenir à ma place et à faire de mon mieux pour ne plus

commettre de bêtises: voilà pourquoi les moniteurs sont indulgents quelquefois.

J’ai remarqué, d’ailleurs, que nos moniteurs sont de bien chics types. Mardi passé, j’en ai vu trois qui jouaient au gymnase. Vite ils m’ont crié: “Viens jouer avec nous”. J’étais bien content d’y aller, car mon ami était parti en ville. On organisa une partie, et, Dieu sait si nous avons eu du plaisir. Soit dit, en passant, notre équipe a gagné par deux points. Je vous assure que la partie fut une vraie lutte.

Il n’y a pas longtemps, notre classe avait décidé de faire un “party”. Mais comment s’y prendre? Nous n’avons trouvé qu’une solution à notre problème: aller voir un moniteur. Et qu’il a bien fait ça! Il alla trouver les préfets, fit tous les préparatifs, nous acheta quelque goûter délicieux, puis il vint avec nous prendre part à une soirée gaie, joyeuse, folle même.

Oui, plus j’y pense, et plus je suis certain que nos moniteurs ne sont pas nos ennemis. Bien au contraire, il n’y a pas d’amis plus sincères.

—*Richard Brunelle* ’54

Do You Recognize Him?

You see him everyday: — the ill-bred student with the boarding-house reach. It is especially at meals that he distinguishes himself. As a rule, he will burst boisterously into refectory, when silence should be observed. From his scuffed shoes to his uncombed hair, he seems to dote on being a picture of barbarity. (By barbarity we are not merely referring to his long-overdue haircut).

You are new here, and have not met such a character yet? Well, it is high time that you did. You are in luck, for I see a vacancy at his table. Go ahead and sit there. You will get a first-hand view of his rusticity and at the same time, you will enjoy a good meal, that is, provided our little friend leaves you some food. Before you go, let me warn you not to be alarmed if he tries to send you away. Do not believe him, if he tells you that the place is reserved. For actually he is only trying to reserve some extra food for himself.

As you sit down for dinner, you see that our discourteous friend is already reaching for the bread. Without batting an eyelash, he immediately proceeds to place his elbow in your plate as he grabs the pitcher of milk. He will not fail to spill most of your share as he pours the milk into his glass.

Try to divert your attention from his many breaches of the rules of good manners and concentrate on his general appearance. You might have already noticed his unclean face and tattered, stained hands. Although ink-stained and covered with grime, his hands seem to have no qualms about grasping the bread.

So you cannot stand it any longer! You have excused yourself; and as you walk away, our rude friend is greedily reaching across the table for the dessert that you left behind.

—*Raymond Haling* ’54

Hail, the Blue and White ... Hail

Charlie Bibaud has done wonders in keeping up the "Little Greyhounds'" traditionally excellent basketball record. His very competent hoopsters deserve as much credit. Certainly, they are all ready to concede that without our old familiar cheering section present to support them, their fine display of basketball handling would definitely not be as efficacious as it has been.

Many an opponent has confessed that he cannot do what he wants to do with the ball, when playing at Assumption, because he is so greatly opposed by the vivacious spirit of Assumption's rosters. A St. Stephen's player was quoted as saying: "Did you ever try studying chemistry in Yankee Stadium? That's how I feel when I try to score a basket at Assumption! ! !"

Occasionally, and probably too often, we are carried away by a referee's decision. To us, it is evident that Assumption's man was fouled, or that the opponent's foot was on the line. Poor Mr. Referee, when he makes a decision to which there is no argument, his creditable act is forgotten; but should he perchance miss one other minute detail the crowd, in any gymnasium, jeers and stamps its feet, and sends out unnecessary comments which are degrading and reveal lack of character.

Assumption has a tradition to maintain. We possess that spirit of sportsmanship which goes along with a sound basketball, baseball or football team. — It is ours to support.

—Robert Dumouchel '55

LOVE SERVES

Just a few years back the popular Fred Astaire starred in a movie musical called, "Three Little Words". Once again he didn't let his fans down. The age-old performer came up with some dancing routines that were really terrific. Filmland critics were unanimous in choosing the musical as one of the year's best productions. Indeed, those "Three Little Words" packed a wallop ... and still do!

Usually when love comes to mind, the first persons we think of are, Our Savior, and our parents. And next in rank, as far as an upperclassman is concerned, is definitely his girl friend ... followed closely by his brothers and sisters, his relatives, and finally his friends.

Mothers, for example, show their love for us most evidently. Day in and day out Mom is always found either cooking or sewing, washing or pressing, cleaning or mopping, or doing a million other little things that may be asked of her. Mothers' lives are lives overflowing in devotion. Never do they find that they are doing enough. It can truthfully be said that they are "slaves to love".

Often you've heard the expression "Experience is the best teacher". Well, upperclassmen have witnessed that when a girl finds a place next to their heart, before long she makes her way into it. Evidently enough, to please her in every which way is their unique desire. And it is done by simply giving her a little bit of thoughtfulness. It's really inexpensive in comparison to the appreciation it brings. The friendly letter that may be written, the sincere thank you

that may be expressed, and the occasional date that may be gladly arranged, all combine to bring unforgettable moments of happiness. And that precious time that may be sacrificed will never be regretted, if it's spent in forgetting yourself and making others happy.

Jesus Christ, who is unquestionably our dearest friend, gave us our life, a precious gift. But He didn't stop there, for He also gave us His. He takes pleasure in giving and continues to do so. When our souls are dead, He can revive them ... if we would only ask. When our wills are weak, He can strengthen them ... if we would only believe. When our passions are strong, He can weaken them ... if we would only care. He'll give us anything that tends towards our perfection. He loves us more than can be imagined.

In concluding the one thing to be especially remembered, is that love and charity mean the same thing because love serves.

—Norman Sauv  '54

Workshop's the Cry

Christmas has come and gone with another year leaving cheerful memories. And ever since Father Edgar rose as Headmaster, the Preparatory School has been gifted with many improvements. Let's hope that he and his superiors are here to stay, (at least for a while), and continue their good work.

He has organized a trifocal program for us students by stabilizing the classical courses, encouraging sports and introducing the "workshops".

Through the institution of the "workshops", he aims to smoothen our path to success. This special-feature program contains a library of ameliorating commodities constituted for the benefit of all members. Within it lie the hopes of such "workshops" as: Etiquette, Mechanism and many others. Here progresses the frame-work to others. Typing and Dancing, for instance, while others as Journalism, Dramatics and Teaching, the Glee Club, French and Debating clubs are yet but examples of those in an active stage.

The "Workshops" may be considered as a back-bone to satisfy our curricular interests and to encourage us in becoming more active and sociable citizens. I firmly believe that every respectable Assumptionite should not only accept but also support, embrace and be proud of the "Workshops". We ought to make it a pleasure to participate in them.

—Maurice G. Brassard '55

Prom Prep-arations

On the afternoon of January 17, amid a chorus of applause, Al Nault, the newly-elected chairman of the Prom Committee, strode to the head of the class to thank his fellow Seniors for the honor. As he spoke, Al's voice betrayed a touch of confidence, which seemed to assure the boys that he would do his utmost to make this year's Prom a successful one. Already, he has obtained our school gym, and engaged Russ Cole's orchestra for the evening. Along with Al Nault, the Prom Committee comprises the able forces of Alan Daniels, Fred Dupre, George Gemme, Raymond Haling and John Saulnier.



IMMEDIATEMENT APRES

Le tourbillon a frappé de toute sa fureur l'aile la plus ancienne. Il y broya les deux étages supérieurs, pulvérisant plusieurs chambres de religieux et le laboratoire de physique de l'Ecole Supérieure. Sur la droite de la photo, on voit un tas de débris où se trouvait le couvent des Soeurs Antoniennes; le vent meurtrier n'en fit qu'une bouchée.



MAINTENANT

L'extérieur de cette aile est achevé. A présent on travaille activement à l'intérieur. Plusieurs élèves (aussi bien que les religieux) doivent être contents, car aux deux étages supérieurs on a rebâti de nouvelles chambres pour les pères et les frères ainsi que pour les élèves des classes supérieures. A droite au rez-de-chaussée se trouve la bibliothèque qui fut assez bien préservée de la tornade.



AVANT LA TORNADE

Nous arrivions à l'Assomption par la rue West Boylston. Une entrée magnifique, construite en 1935 à la mémoire de Madame Homer Gage, bienfaitrice insigne de l'école durant beaucoup d'années, nous conduisait vers l'Ecole Supérieure. De beaux arbres bordaient l'entrée et la rendaient très pittoresque, surtout en automne. Et le soir, les lampes originales jetaient leur puissante lumière sur notre chemin.

IMMEDIATEMENT APRES

Quel contraste! Voici ce qui reste de la "belle avenue d'arbres". La tornade a tout saccagé le feuillage, déchiqueté et même brisé le tronc de plusieurs arbres. Sur le côté, l'aile ajoutée en 1947 est sérieusement endommagée. L'intérieur de ce bâtiment est en pire état que l'extérieur. Le plafond du dortoir s'est écrasé et deux murs se sont écroulés.

MAINTENANT

Les frères et quelques travailleurs ont déjà commencé à refaire la beauté de l'avenue Homer Gage. Au printemps on espère replanter d'autres arbres et remettre les lampes. La clôture arrachée, qui ne se voit pas dans la photo, a déjà repris sa place. Le dortoir a repris son activité et dans la chapelle, on achève d'installer un nouvel orgue; seuls les vitraux attendent que l'artiste redonne au sanctuaire cette atmosphère mystique des anciens jours.





IMMEDIATEMENT APRES

Nul ne peut imaginer la brutalité d'un vent déchaîné: constatez vous-mêmes l'atrocité du désastre. La tour de l'école s'effondra sur une partie du laboratoire et surtout sur la chaufferie; heureusement l'on put arrêter à temps un feu qui menaçait de se déclarer. Ce qui n'aurait pas été drôle, car à ce moment les secours s'organisaient pour aider les blessés, dégager d'autres religieux emprisonnés sous les débris. Mais malgré cette menace on vit des religieux risquer leur vie pour sauver les malheureuses victimes inconscientes.



MAINTENANT

La partie-arrière de la maison a peu changé en apparence. Notez cependant le beau désordre où s'étalent sur le gazon, débris de poutres, de portes, de fenêtres, tuyaux distordus, calorifères ... ! Dans la maison, il fallut ouvrir de nouvelles salles de classes pour arriver à satisfaire les besoins d'une rentrée plus forte à l'Ecole Préparatoire. Et l'on dut même créer des classes dans les salles de récréations, dans les études, à la bibliothèque et même dans une salle inférieure du soubassement.



AVANT LA TORNADE

L'école, avant la tornade, se situait sur un magnifique terrain. Nous y apercevions les courts de tennis et de volleyball et plus haut, l'allée où les élèves passaient à l'ombre des arbres quelques moments de loisir. De toutes ces belles choses, l'allée est disparue mais on reconstruit les courts de sport.

IMMEDIATEMENT APRES

Remis de la violente émotion causée par le désastre, les pères, grâce à la générosité de bienfaiteurs nombreux, entreprirent la reconstruction. Il fallut enterrer bien des débris mais ici les maçons ont déjà commencé à remonter les murs.

MAINTENANT

Décembre 1953! Les travailleurs achèvent le dehors de cet énorme édifice. La maison est modernisée en grande partie. La croix se trouve maintenant enchâssée dans un des murs de la tour. Cette tour présente des lignes plus simples mais plus vigoureuses que les anciennes qui paraissaient d'ailleurs très élégantes.





- 1—Oh Mein Papa
- 2—Stranger in Paradise
- 3—Rags to Riches
- 4—Changing Partners
- 5—Heart of My Heart
- 6—Ebb Tide
- 7—You, You, You
- 8—Bimbo
- 9—Ricochet
- 10—To Be Alone

Our second poll for the most popular songs in the school, has once again shown that Assumption's student body has a fine taste for music. This fact is attested by the sound variety of songs in the top ten. This issue's list is well proportioned with slow, dreamy melodies, as well as brisk, robust tunes.

But one noteworthy fact is that the students' preference seems to be toward the slow type of music. If you will notice, the first four songs in the poll are rather quiet.

"Oh Mein Papa" literally ran away with everyone's votes. Tony Bennett gained both second and third place honors ... a tribute to his fine singing style. A few prospective hits seem to be "To Be Alone" and "Bimbo". Both are gaining rapidly in popularity.

—Raymond Haling '54

LA SYNTAXE

Un an passé depuis que la classe de Syntaxe a fait sa première entrée à cette école: que d'amis n'avons-nous pas trouvés parmi eux! par combien de victoires au ping-pong ne les avons-nous pas dominés! et quel écrasement en règle nous leur avons donné dans ces fameux combats de neige! Cependant je veux écrire sur ceux dont nous parlons le plus souvent.

Citons d'abord Richard Picard, le génie de la Syntaxe qui reçoit des notes qui surprennent même les professeurs. Ainsi le père Gilbert, maître toujours en éveil, s'apercevant qu'au fond de la classe on était bien distrait demanda soudain:

"Richard, le sens précis de "quidam" s'il vous plaît?" Et sans aucune hésitation Richard répondit:

"Une personne connue de l'auteur et inconnue du lecteur". Preuve que notre personnage est toujours sur le "qui suive" même quand il feint de s'amuser.

Voici, maintenant, Maurice Morin le "Bugs Bunny" de l'Assomption. Joueur de cartes, d'échecs, de basketball, de ping-pong; car cet empereur de la salle de récréation a bien des cordes à son arc. C'est le grand chef; vous le voyez souvent hurler ses conseils aux joueurs de cartes. De plus, malgré

sa petite taille il contribue beaucoup au succès de son équipe de basketball. En résumé, c'est l'exemplaire même de la vie ardente.

Ce serait dommage d'oublier les vrais athlètes de notre école qui font partie de cette classe car Bertrand Bolduc, Emile Trahan et Pierre Marceau sont membres de la "varsity". Et de tous les joueurs, même les plus réguliers, seuls ces trois-ci atteignent une hauteur de six pieds. Mais attendez qu'ils soient en Versification et vous les jugerez!

Enfin signalons Peter Lefty Radna; bon gars au physique musculeux dont la personnalité est comique. Vous l'avez déjà vu, alors qu'il se présentait aux jeux de basketball habillé de façon à éblouir l'assistance. Mais loin de nous le désir même de suggérer qu'il y va pour voir les "cheer leaders". Non! Ce serait ridicule!

Eh bien les voilà, les objets de nos conversations? Ceux qui donnent à la classe de Syntaxe sa bonne renommée.

—Charles Paquette '55

Finance Workshop

Plans for the financing of additional workshops got underway last November when the Junior Class enthusiastically voted Robert Dumouchel as Finance Director.

The elections were supervised by Father Edgar who calmly opened the meeting by urging everyone to vote wisely. Immediately after this, nominations were received from the floor. Four names were submitted: Robert Dumouchel, Raymond Asselin, Leo Cournoyer, and Denis Roy. Before the contest gained considerable momentum, the latter two withdrew from the race. The culminating point was reached when, at the tenth ballot, Raymond Asselin renounced his candidacy in favor of Robert Dumouchel.

As of now, this student project has done favorably well. Books, Christmas cards, wrapping paper, and jewelry have substantiated the means for collecting money. A profit exceeding \$1,000 has already been reaped. When Bob is asked to comment on this, he modestly replies: "This is but a small beginning. We intend to use other means also".

The whole student body partakes in this school activity under the leadership of Dumouchel and his newly appointed collaborator Maurice Brassard. To assure maximum success, each class is to be divided into groups of equal denomination. A specified number of the Finance Workshopists will head each group. The group leaders are Ronald Turgeon, Frederic Dupré, Pierre Pelletier, Raymond Asselin, Normand Paulhus, Léo Cournoyer, Normand Balthazar, Denis Roy, Raymond Durocher, Roland Noël, John L. Sullivan, John Pierce, Edward Aubrey, Donat Desrosiers, Pierre Gagnon, Maurice Morin, and Robert Turgeon.

A lot of good has come from this organization. Thanks to financial assistance, new singing books have been procured for the Glee Club. Plaster models are now available for the ardent followers of the Drawing Workshop. Over 25 albums of classical records help furnish the French Club.

You will witness a great deal more as plans for the future become realities.

—Raymond Durocher '55

Christmas Party

The Christmas Party held on December 16, 1953, having as Master of Ceremonies Paul Archambault, was the best ever held at Assumption. The Party had all the top entertainers in Show Business here at the Prep. All preparations were under the leadership of "Browski" Brassard and his assistant George Gemme.

The two very original plays, "Noël chez l'artiste" and "Christmas Vacations" were written by Mr. Richard Fortin and Mr. Edmund Brunelle. Both pointed out that it is more blessed to give than to receive. They were greatly appreciated by all students.

For the first time in at least four years the Party had a top dancing number. Appearing for the first time before the student body, Robert Senatroy, in the opinion of all, made a great hit. Brother Roger, by popular request, returned to demonstrate his skill with the accordion. The following day the Seniors were saying that the reading of Saint Luke's Gospel by the Master of Ceremonies was what reminded everyone of the true meaning of Christmas. The background music was provided by the Senior Quartet.

According to all students the most popular part of the show was "Santa's Presents". Not only the outstanding students were presented with gifts but a most popular professor who, for some reason or another, received a red star.

Then the Junior group sang the "Junior Novelty Song" and the "Three Sharps and a Flat" sang "Heart of My Heart". Everyone was literally rolling in the aisles when these two acts were performed.

The Glee Club under the direction of Fr. Ulric opened the evening's entertainment by singing songs appropriate to the occasion. They were: "Dans Une Pauvre Etable", "Jingle Bells" and "The Road is Calling".

Among the singers, Ronnie Trudeau reappeared before the students to sing "Ebb Tide" and "Stranger in Paradise", while Phil Halloran, a beginner here at the Prep, delivered "My Best To You" and "Grand Night for Singing". Two boys made their debut that night, "Digger" Noël and Norm D'Amours sang "Bass Viol" and "Pretend" respectively. All accompaniment was by Fr. Ulric.

—Ronald Turgeon '54



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Bonjour à tous! Si vous avez l'impression, mes amis, que ces deux mois derniers se sont passés tranquillement, et paisiblement, changez vite d'opinion. Car on me raconte des faits bizarres, des événements mystérieux, des situations amusantes ... Mais pourquoi en parler? Patience, je vous en raconterai quelques-uns.

"Qu'y a-t-il" se demande le moniteur Edmond Brunelle? "Suis-je devenu fou: ou mon dortoir (111) se transforme-t-il vraiment en jungle?" Car que voyait-il devant ses yeux sinon l'ardent aventurier Richard Loranger qui tenait dans sa main une énorme couleuvre "vivante". Heureusement, ce n'était qu'une des distractions nombreuses de cet enfant terrible qui s'efforce sans cesse de jeter l'épouvante parmi ses confrères.

Quoi? A t-on vraiment changé la façon de faire, ou quelques élèves se sont-ils sentis emportés par leur sentiment de charité? En tous cas, que s'est-il passé le dimanche où certains Versificateurs (que je ne nomme pas, car ce serait manquer à la charité) se décidèrent de faire la collecte à la Messe? Eh, les gars! était-ce pour la reconstruction de votre collège que vous avez fait cela? Ou était-ce pour embêter encore une fois nos chers moniteurs?

Nos vœux les plus sincères à Claude Brunelle, qui, m'informe-t-on, célébra au mois de décembre son anniversaire de naissance. Etait-ce seize ans, Claude, ou quinze? A vrai dire, tu n'avais pas l'air trop content quand tes amis te souhaitèrent une bonne fête?

Je tremble d'effroi les gars, en vous annonçant cette nouvelle: la contrebande humaine se pratique dans cette institution! Il y a parmi les rangs des Méthodistes, des bandits qui réussissent par quelque tour de force à se faufiler gratis aux parties de basketball! Et le grand détective D. D. se trouve complètement effaré devant ce brigandage. Les trouvera-t-il? ? ?

—Jean Lenaïf

The UN at Assumption

Perhaps you have noticed that a considerable number of boys from different countries have arrived at Assumption, in the past three years. This "international group" may well be called "The United Nations".

This "United Nations" already numbers eight members from five different countries: Venezuela, Aruba, France, Canada and Mexico.

Two of these boys represent Venezuela: Paul and Urbano de Winter, fourteen and thirteen years old respectively. Paul and Urbano are very well known for their friendly character and their polyglottal abilities. They

plan to finish their Prep School education at Assumption.

We also have another representative from South America. He comes from a small but a very picturesque island called Aruba. He is a great dancer; you have a chance to see him everyday. Just take a peek in the Senior "rec hall" and look for a "guy" who keeps time to hit-tunes with his entire body. That's our Aruban representative: Augustin Assing. His ultimate hope is to become an engineer. Just now he wants to improve his English and French.

Our fourth member is a small boy, fourteen years old, from Canada, named Denis d'Amour. He arrived at this school last fall. Having no knowledge of English when he reached the United States he already speaks it fluently. His main purpose in coming here is to become an Assumptionist priest.

Our next member is Jacques Ponsart, also a small fourteen years old "kid" from France. Although he is small he speaks both, English and French, fluently. His object in coming here is to prepare himself for College.

Finally we have three representatives from Mexico City. Manuel and Agustin Espinosa. Manuel has come here to perfect his knowledge of the English language, since this will help him a great deal in his future law career in Mexico. Agustin, his brother, (another great dancer) arrived here last fall with the intention of studying the English language and preparing himself to become an architect. His progress in English has been most satisfactory.

From Mexico City also comes the writer of this article, Hector Gomez. Having learned of Assumption Prep School through the Assumptionist Fathers who have a shrine near his home, he came here three years ago with the intention of becoming an Assumptionist priest.

So there you have our "United Nations" at Assumption. If the ones on the East River in Manhattan get along as we do, they would no longer have world shattering problems to solve.

—Hector Gomez '54

NEWS BRIEFS

On January 12, 1954, the students here at Assumption Prep. were asked to open their hearts to the Crusade of Communion for priests. Thus, they were to offer some of their future Communion for the benefit of the Church hierarchy and our future priests. As a result, 8,526 such promises were made. Truly a great characteristic of the students' generosity is made manifest.

Robert Dumouchel, class of '55, was recently appointed Assumption correspondent for the Worcester Sunday Telegram. His job is to write about the activities which shall be witnessed here at Assumption. Having such a responsibility, it is evident that Bob's ambition as a journalist is well on its way to realism.

IN MEMORIAM

Nous sollicitons vos prières pour le repos de l'âme de M. Moïse Desautels, décédé à Burlington, Vt., le 2 janvier. M. Desautels est le père du Rév. Père Armand, supérieur de la maison. Une grand'messe de requiem offerte par les élèves, fut chantée pour lui vendredi le 22 janvier.



AROUND THE CAMPUS

This is a warning to any mice who can read. George "Pussy-foot" Gemme has decided to become a big game hunter. His motto, "No rat, too far, no skin, too thin." Thus far, he has netted 3 trophies for his den. It's safer to keep the traps shut.

If you are trampled by a crowd of wild freshmen suddenly stampeding, the cause is probably Father Roger. He happens to be very handy with the leather (strap). Notice how carefully some "targets" sit down.

When there were a few days of heavy snow last month, a distinguished group of students were walking around with big smiles. Who were they? Of course, they were our school's Maine-iacs. Doesn't it feel just like home? From your stories, there certainly is a lot of shoveling.

One of the freshmen (Anon E. Moose) noticed that the workmen were really working. When queried as to what could be the reason for this sudden change, he replied: "Father Amarin must be taking down their names".

There is a sophomore who is running an escort service for the lovely maidens who attend our basketball games. It seems to be a thriving business. I wonder if this charm he possesses is contagious. I would like to get sick.

For an educational study of character (s), step into the senior rec-hall during one of the recreations and watch Willie Surette, the expert station changer. If you like to hear portions of the popular songs, stay for his dial jockeying. His specialties are the mambo and the creep.

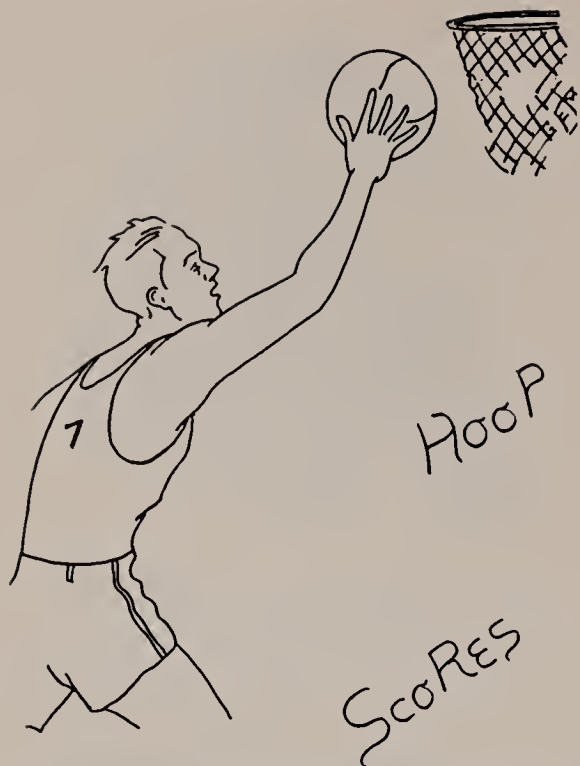
New Year's Eve, a night of gayety, celebration, and a joyous reception of the New Year. If you do not believe me, ask the basketball players for their opinions on the subject, or don't you think that washing the gym floor is a gay celebration of a joyous occasion. At least you stayed out of trouble.

—U. Didit

IN MEMORIAM

Nous recommandons à vos prières le repos de l'âme de M. Frank Roy de Rochester, N.-H., grand-père de Robert et de Richard Roy, élèves de Méthode; il fut inhumé le 6 décembre. La distance empêche une délégation de l'école préparatoire.

We ask your prayers for the repose of the soul of Mr. Harry Jones of Worcester, Mass., who died in Boston on January 15. Mr. Jones is the father of Allyn Jones of the Freshman D class.



Assumption 55—Holy Family 47

In the season's opener, the Blue and White "handily" defeated Holy Family of New Bedford. The starting five piled up a comfortable 17 point lead after three periods of play, and then the second string was allowed to protect it. Playing well defensively, these future starters held the lead, and the game came to an end with the Prep in a 55-47 lead.

Joey Bouchard, with his superb shooting, racked up 29 points, while Dick Loranger cleared the boards.

Assumption not only received a victory but also a sum of money from this benefit game.

Assumption 53—Woonsocket 24

A smoothly operating Blue and White squad invaded the Woonsocket High gym in the second Assumption benefit game of the year.

Having scored enough points at halftime to win, the starters were given another rest. This time, the subs with "Chico" Chabot looping in nine points in the final period, added to the lead entrusted to them by the starters.

Joey Bouchard and Bobby Roy with 15 and 9 points respectively led in team scoring.

Assumption 47—David Prouty 34

Spencer was the site of the next game. The Little Greyhounds started off slowly and found themselves in a tie game as the first quarter ended. However, the Blue and White defense tightened considerably in the second period and the Prep forged ahead to a 28-18 lead at halftime. From then on, it was smooth sailing with a good part of the varsity reserves actively participating in the game.

Dick Loranger came through with 19 points and Jean Brodeur with 11. Both also played an active part in the defensive half of the game.

Assumption 46—North 56

Looking forward to their fourth consecutive win, the Little Greyhounds played host to a favored North High. Against deadly outside shooting, the Prep offered the fast break and other speedy plays. The game progressed rapidly with neither side holding any kind of substantial lead. For three quarters, the Blue and White kept pace with the Polar Bears who led 44-40 at the end of that period.

However, with several key players lost via the foul route in the last quarter, Assumption could not hold and North finally won by a 56-46 score.

Joey Bouchard's driving layups which netted 15 points in the third quarter and 25 for the game, and "Ace" Roy's defensive work kept the Prep in serious contention throughout the game.

Assumption 55—Trade 53

The Blue and White next visited the Trade gym for an encounter with the highly confident Mechanics. This highly thrilling game came to a hectic conclusion in the second overtime period. The Prep maintained a narrow lead through the better part of the game, only to have Trade tie the score in the waning seconds of play.

Then began a three minute overtime period which saw each team score a basket. However, in the ensuing sudden death period, Joey Bouchard scored two foul shots to terminate this exciting game.

Assumption 40—St. Peter's 49

Playing at South gym in the last game before the holidays, the Prep lost to a determined St. Peter's squad. Within the first minute of play, it became evident that Assumption would have an off night, an event which plagues each team at least once a year. However, the doggedly stubborn Greyhounds trailed only by two points at the end of three quarters.

However, in the final stanza, four of the starters were lost by virtue of fouls and St. Peter's enlarged its lead to nine points as the final whistle blew. It was in this quarter that Bobby Roy showed his ability as play-maker, and in the meantime he collected 8 points for the night, a total topped only by Dick Loranger's 19 points.

Assumption 78—Notre Dame 31

The Greyhounds started the year with a bang as they easily rolled over Notre Dame of Southbridge by a whooping 78-31 margin. Each varsity player actively participated in the game and only one failed to score. The points were evenly divided among the players. "Chico" Chabot came out on top with 13 points, while sophomore Emile Trahan followed closely with 12. Dick Brodeur and Dick Loranger had little trouble in cleaning both boards with great efficiency.

Assumption 44—St. John's 58

In the annual battle of David and Goliath, the determined Greyhounds lost to a highly favored Pioneer team by a 58-44 score. As usual the Preps got off to a fast start with Joey Bouchard doing the scoring. The St. John's players could not hit the basket with any regularity in the first quarter, but nevertheless they led 12-11 at the end of that period.

The second quarter ruined the Blue and White's chances as, again and again, a deadly outside shot found the mark. Assumption was outscored 21-8 in that quarter and trailed 33-19 at the half. The Greyhound defense strengthened in the second half and the teams each scored 25 points in the remainder of the game.

Joey Bouchard with 16 points and Jean Brodeur with 9 points led in scoring while Dick Loranger and "Ace" Roy made valiant efforts at snatching rebounds from the much taller Pioneers.

Assumption 34—Bartlett 31

Looking for its sixth victory, an Assumption Prep aggregation eked out a 34-31 victory over a Bartlett High squad. Defense played the major part in the game, and the low score pays credit to the defense of each team. However, the Blue and White, by dint of superior ball-handling, were able to hold the lead during the

first three quarters. In the final period the lead changed hands often and with three minutes to go, Bartlett led by two. The Prep tied the score by virtue of Bobby Roy's driving layup, and then Joey Bouchard hit on two foul tries to clinch the game for the Little Greyhounds.

Assumption 50—Commerce 62

On its second invasion of the South High gym, the Prep lost to a highly confident Commerce team by a 62-50 score. In the first quarter Bob Roy kept the Blue and White in close contention as he racked up half of the Prep's points. With the second period went the hopes of the Preps as they were outscored 18-10 mainly through the help of superior height.

Playing heads up ball in the third quarter, the team managed, by a valiant effort, to outscore Commerce. Nevertheless, the opposing team came roaring back with 18 points in the final stanza to handily win by a 62-50 margin.

Sparkling in Assumption's offense was Joey Bouchard who looped in 18 points.

INTRAMURAL SCOOPS

Class games thus far have provided much interest as well as fine basketball. The boys have been going all out to bring victory for their team and prestige to their class.

In the junior league, Sophomore A is presently setting the pace pursued closely by a fine Freshman C team. Morin and Bailargeon lead their respective fives with their 'heads up' play. Frosh A has two fine prospects in Jette and Bob Bourque.

The Senior league finds the Senior A class in first place with a 12-1 record to boast of. Having won 8 of 12 games, Junior B is runner-up. Outstanding in the league to this stage have been George Bonnici with 120 points and Leo Miller with 78. In Gerry Levesque, Junior B certainly has a fine ball-handler under contract. Al Daniels and Ray Haling have proved themselves to be very competent coaches right along.

However, whatever the outcome or whoever the high scorer, a good spirit prevails. It is manifested by the fight and determination which characterizes every game.

Keep it up boys! Which class will cop the championship?

—Norman Gaudrault '54

