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1962 Was Busy Year For Young Citizens Of Home

Father Flanagan's Boys' Home completed its 45th year of service to homeless boys during 1962, and with gratitude for past accomplishments, looks to the future and many more years of dedicated service.

Many events of interest took place during the past year. One hundred forty-five seniors, the largest graduating class in Boys Town history, received their high school diplomas at the commencement exercises.

The Boys Town schools were accredited by the North Central Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges.

The Boys Town Choir presented its annual Easter program, "The Way of the Cross," over Television Station KETV in Omaha, and "A Musical Christmas Card" over the same station.

Msgr. Nicholas H. Wegner, director of Boys Town, received the Silver Beaver Award for his great contributions to the Boy Scout movement.

The Boys Town Choir recorded an album of Christmas music with the Everly Brothers for Warner Brothers Records.

The 10th annual liturgical music workshop was held at Boys Town during August.

Many distinguished visitors from all parts of the world came to Boys Town during the year, none more distinguished than Former President Harry S. Truman.

But there was sadness, too, which touched the lives of the young citizens of Boys Town and members of the staff.

Mr. Theodore G. Miller, a member of the staff of Father Flanagan's Boys' Home for more than 20 years, was taken in death.

Capt. William Lebbs, USAF, a 1951 graduate, lost his life in an airplane crash in the mountain fastnesses of Idaho.

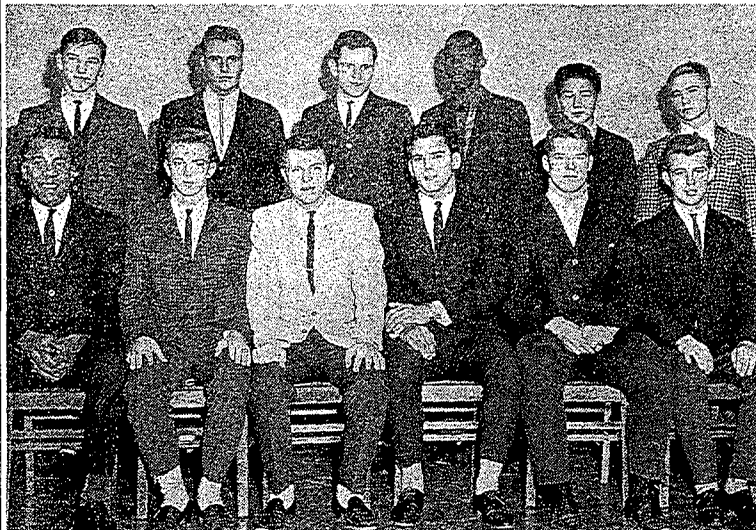
John Billingsley, a Boys Town high school senior, was drowned while on a week-end outing at a Sea Explorer Base near Omaha.

Mr. Robert Nalibow, a friend of the boys at the Home for many years, died at the age of 81.

Gerald Spoden, a Boys Town citizen for two years, died at St. Cloud, Minn.

And at year's end, too late to be chronicled in The Boys Town Times during 1962, was the death of Capt. Ruben Hernandez, USA, a classmate of Capt. Lebbs, in a helicopter crash in Korea.

These and other highlights in the lives of the boys during 1962 are reviewed briefly below. A separate story of accomplishments in the world of sports ap-



Class officers in the Boys Town high school are shown above in a recent picture. Seated, from left to right are Richard Dotson, secretary; James Cheshire, vice president, and Ted Paintin, president, all seniors; Dan Riely, president; George Buckler, vice president, and Carl Toon, secretary of the junior class. Standing are Dan Cheshire, secretary; George Madara, vice president, and Jack Kelly, president of the sophomore class, and Carl Cook, president; Kenneth Suddeth, vice president, and Jerry Billingsley, secretary of the freshman class.

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January

Boys Town citizens celebrate Twelfth Night, from Christmas to the Feast of the Epiphany, in a harking back to medieval customs in observing the Christmas Season. . . . Boys Town is host to the Nebraska Association of Child Care Institutions at its annual convention. . . . Gerald Spoden, a Boys Town citizen for nearly two years, dies at St. Cloud, Minnesota. The Boys Town Philamatic Center receives a fine collection of early State Revenue Stamps of California, Louisiana and Nevada. . . . Snow and ice during the Christmas vacation enhance the enjoyment of outdoor winter sports.

February

John Cheshire wins a second term as Mayor of Boys Town in a virtual landslide. Mr. Robert Nalibow, who for more than 20 years was host to Boys Town citizens at a Fourth of July picnic, dies at the age of 81. . . . Scouts and Explorers prepare for Ad Altare Dei tests. . . . Boys Town is included in a documentary film, "This is Nebraska," now being filmed. . . . Evening classes in advanced mathematics are being held for students wishing to increase their proficiency in this important study. . . . Boys Town 4-H Club members exhibit the reserve grand champion Hereford steer at the National Western

Livestock show at Denver, Colo. The Red Cross Bloodmobile makes its 24th visit to Boys Town.

March

Mayor John Cheshire combines the office of senior class president with his duties as head of the Boys Town self-government program. . . . Speaking at Worcester, Mass., the Rev. William Carloni C.O., of Verona, Italy, credited the motion picture "Boys Town" with having saved Italy from communism after World War II. . . . Boys Town will receive a plaque from the Submarine Veterans of World War II honoring Patrick McKenna, a 1941 Boys Town grad, who lost his life in the sinking of the USS Albacore during World War II. . . . Boys Town citizens and staff members mourn the death of Mr. Theodore G. Miller, a staff member for more than 20 years. . . . Jean Langlais, composer and organist at the Basilica of Ste. Clotilde in Paris, gives a recital at the Dowd Memorial Chapel. . . . Boys Town Scout and Explorer Units receive their charters for the coming year. . . . Twelve advanced mathematics students tour the Western Electric plant at Millard, Nebr.

April

Mr. John Gutowski, a 1941 graduate of the Boys Town high school, is installed as president of the Omaha Chapter of the Boys Town Alumni Association. . . . Boys Town piano students present their annual recital for fellow students and friends. . . . The Boys Town Choir makes its fifth annual presentation of "The Way of the Cross" over Television Station KETV in Omaha. . . . Nineteen French language students enter competition at the University of Omaha. . . . The Philamatic Center has a fine collection of foreign coins on display. . . . Former President Harry S. Truman visits Boys Town.

The Boys Town school system is accredited by the North Central Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges. . . . Memorial services for Msgr. E. J. Flanagan, Founder of Boys Town, are held to commemorate the 14th anniversary of his death. Nelson Carter and Paul Lane, both candidates for graduation from the Boys Town high school, are Eagle Scouts. . . . A great majority of the boys who will be graduated in June have taken trade training in addition to their academic studies. . . . The 145 seniors who will be graduated from the Boys Town high school this year have had an average of more than four years

of residence at the Home.

June

Msgr. Nicholas H. Wegner is honored as Man-of-the-Year by the Notre Dame Club of Omaha and Council Bluffs. . . . One hundred forty-five seniors, largest graduating class in Boys Town history, receive diplomas from Father Wegner at the annual commencement exercises. One hundred twenty-eight boys received 8th grade diplomas at the exercises. . . . Duane McAndrews reigns as King of the Junior-Senior Prom. . . . Edward Wickliffe receives an award from the Omaha Exchange Club as the outstanding sophomore in the Boys Town high school. . . . Chet Schratzmeier receives an award from the Omaha Youth Symphony Orchestra for outstanding musicianship. . . . Boys Town citizens receive the first of three scheduled immunizations of Sabin oral polio vaccine. . . . All Boys Town high school students take the Iowa Tests of Educational Development. . . . Father Wagner receives the Silver Beaver Award for outstanding contributions to the Boy Scout program. . . . James Cheshire is named to represent Boys Town at the Cornhusker Boys State.

July

Richard Dotson, Evanston, Ill., is elected 55th Mayor of Boys Town to succeed John Cheshire, who was graduated last month. . . . James DelVecchio receives the Omaha World-Herald Scholarship. (Continued on page two)

Capt. Hernandez Dies In Copter Crash In Korea

Capt. Ruben Hernandez, U. S. Army, a 1951 graduate of the Boys Town high school, died Dec. 11 in Korea in the crash of a small reconnaissance helicopter.

Capt. Hernandez had been stationed at Fort Rucker, Alabama prior to being transferred to duty in Korea about two months prior to his death.

Born at Toya, Pecos County, Texas, Oct. 16, 1931, he came to Boys Town Dec. 17, 1945, from Artesia, N. M. Possessed of a voice that won critical praise, he was the leading tenor soloist in the Boys Town Choir on concert tours from 1946 through 1951.

Following his graduation from the Boys Town high school, he served in the U. S. Army paratroop corps until 1953, and then entered Creighton University in Omaha, being graduated in June, 1957 with a degree in business administration.

In his senior year he was president of Phalanx, honorary and professional military fraternity at Creighton.

He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Army August 3, 1957.

He is survived by his widow, the former Mary Louise Alba of Omaha, and 6 sons, Christopher, Gregory, Peter, Matthew, Mark and David, all of Ozark, Ala., where the family lived while Capt. Hernandez was in Korea.

A Solemn Requiem Mass for Capt. Hernandez was held Dec. 24 at the Dowd Memorial Chapel at Boys Town.

Msgr. Francis P. Schmitt, head of the Boys Town music department and director of the Boys Town Choir, was the celebrant, with the Rev. Peter Dunne as deacon and the Rev. John Rizzo as sub-deacon.

Msgr. Nicholas H. Wegner, director of Boys Town, was master of ceremonies.

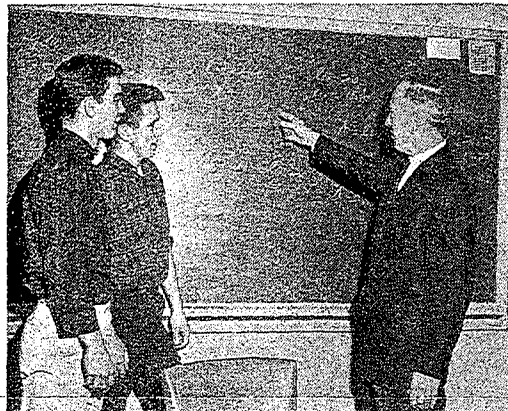
In his funeral oration, Msgr. Schmitt praised the sterling qualities of manhood which characterized all that Capt. Hernandez did.

The late Cardinal Mercier, the noted Belgian philosopher and patriot of the World War I period, expressed the belief that a soldier who dies in the performance of his duty is a true martyr. Father Schmitt said.

Cardinal Mercier based this belief on the statement of Jesus Christ that "greater love hath no man than he who lays down his life for a friend."

Capt. Hernandez was buried with full military honors. Fellow Army officers served as pallbearers.

Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Omaha.



A problem in mathematics is explained by Mr. Joseph McCarthy in a class session in the high school to two of his students. Mr. McCarthy has been on the teaching staff at Boys Town for many years. Long tenure among the faculty members of the Boys Town schools is the rule, rather than the exception.



Explorer Post 49 at Boys Town had something different in the way of installation ceremonies this year combining a dinner at which adult leaders and their wives were invited to join the boys. In the picture above, at left, are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bock, and at right is Daniel Riely, Mr. Bock is Advisor of Post 49, and Dan is president of the Post.

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Father Wegner Says

The best psychology parents can use in child training is that which emphasizes the positive or successful side of learning. Nothing, we are told, succeeds like success, and it is true. Just as a long journey is made by taking one step at a time, so, too, in most instances, is the goal to achievement reached through one success at a time. There are reasons why this is so.

One of these is that successful effort builds confidence. And confidence in turn is necessary for sustained effort. We are told and experience confirms that the person who lacks confidence in himself is all but defeated before he starts. The conviction that success is possible as well as desirable is an incentive which helps to overcome many temporary setbacks and discouragements.

A person is not likely to attempt something he is not confident he can finish. Failure undermines self-esteem. And if experienced often enough and frequently enough it can result in a feeling of inferiority that discourages endeavor and stunts development. What the boy with a shaky confidence in himself needs most is to have a successful and elevating experience.

This is not to say that the boy should be protected against the possibility of any failure at all. No great success is ever achieved without some failures. But his failures should never outnumber his successes. The boy should be made to understand that failure is just one side of the coin. He should learn to appraise his defeats by the importance of what he wishes to accomplish.

Thoughtful parents do this by showing the boy that they have confidence in him and in his striving. His attention should be kept focused on the value of what he undertakes, not on the fact that he sometimes makes a mistake. The practice of continually reminding the boy of his failure while ignoring his successes is bad psychology and shows poor understanding.

By emphasizing the progress a boy makes you, take the sting out of the mistakes he makes without at the same time detracting from the necessity for improvement that needs to be made. In this way you show him that he has done well and how he can still do better. This creates in him a positive attitude towards his problem that encourages rather than discourages further effort.

Fear of failure, and of the criticism which often accompany failure, is responsible for more fruitless efforts than the lack of ability or capacity to excel. On the other hand, the realization that he can succeed in spite of momentary reverses, which is made possible by emphasizing the progress he makes, creates a healthful mental state which gives zest to trying.

Parents expect too much of the boy when they expect him to make the big leap. Habits of success are not formed overnight. Nor is a really worthwhile goal achieved on the first try. Let the boy understand this. But at the same time do not allow him to rest on his oars until he has reached the finish line. Keep him enthused with encouragement through the confidence you have in him and in his undertaking.

The desire to excel is an excellent quality. It should be cultivated in every possible way. It also should be strengthened by helping the boy to know his capacities and abilities. This will prevent him from wasting time and effort on futile endeavors for which he may not be fitted by training or aptitude.

The big problem of every parent, and the big problem of every teacher, for that matter, is not to try to fit a square peg into a round hole, but to understand the child's ability and to interest him in making the most of it. Allowance needs to be made for the individual qualifications of each child.

When this is done the child's chances for success and happiness will be increased. His adjustment will be better. His progress will be greater. He will grow in confidence and radiate the kind of enthusiasm which marks the successful person who has found himself in the field of activity for which he is best fitted.

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larship as the outstanding student in the 1962 graduating class. . . Governor Frank Morrisson of Nebraska tells Boys Town high school graduates they are heirs of a great tradition. . . A group of teachers and educators from Turkey are among thousands of visitors at Boys Town. . . Mr. Mircea Carp, head of the Romanian desk of the Voice of America, prepares a program at Boys Town which will be broadcast to Romania and other countries behind the Iron Curtain. . . John Zeitits, ardent stamp collector, scores at ROMPEX, the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Exhibit, held at Denver. . . Father Wegner joins 87 Boys Town citizens in celebrating their birthdays this month. The July group was the largest in Boys Town history.

August

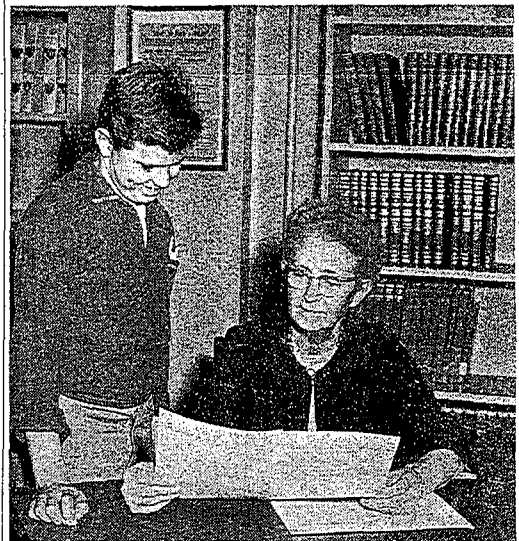
A guest faculty of international renown staffs the 10th annual Boys Town liturgical music workshop, in progress this month. . . The 19th annual session of summer school is now in progress at Boys Town. . . Boys Town is host to a 20th Century "Wagon Train West" heading from Salem, N.J. to Salem, Ore., and on to the Century 21 Exposition at Seattle, Wash. The trek, retracing the route of a family of New Jersey pioneers in the early 19th Century, was held to promote the Tercentary celebration of New Jersey. . . The American Red Cross Bloodmobile makes its 25th visit to Boys Town. . . Thirty-nine Boys Town Scouts and Explorers receive the Ad Altare Dei Award for service to their Church. . . Commander A. F. Garfield of the Nebraska Chapter of the Submarine Veterans of World War II, presents Father Wegner with a plaque honoring the memory of Patrick McKenna, a 1941 Boys Town graduate who lost his life in the sinking of the USS Albacore while on patrol in the Pacific during World War II.

September

Capt. William Leeb, USAF, a 1951 graduate, is killed in the crash of an Air Force F-47 of which he was co-pilot while on a routine flight from the Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson, Ariz., where he was stationed. The crash occurred in a mountainous area of Idaho. . . Capt. Clifford Stevens, a 1944 graduate who is now a chaplain in the U.S. Air Force, receives a recital at a flight at twice the speed of sound in an Air Force F-104 with Major Robert White, noted test pilot of the X-15. The flight took place from Edwards AFB, California, where Father Stevens was stationed at the time. . . Anton Heiler, noted Viennese organist, presents a recital at the Dowd Memorial Chapel. . . James B. Welch, founder and director of the Welch Chorale of New York City, receives the Boys Town Medal of St. Caecilia at the close of the Boys Town liturgical music workshop for his outstanding contributions to the field of liturgical music. . . A group of Civil Air Patrol Cadets from Israel visit Boys Town.

October

John Billingsley, a senior in the Boys Town high school, is drowned while practicing for a Sea Explorer competition at the Covered Wagon Council Sea Explorer Base near Omaha. . . The Boys Town Choir, directed by Msgr. Francis P. Schmitt, leaves for its 17th annual concert tour, this year taking the choristers through the Midwest and East. . . Nelson Carter, a 1962 Boys Town graduate now attending the School of Music at the University of Nebraska on a full scholarship, has been chosen for membership in the University Band and Orchestra. . . Several coins from the little-known Seychelles Islands in the Pacific are added to the collections at the PhilaMatic Center. . . The Boys Town Choir records a program of Christmas music with the Everly Brothers for Warner Brothers Records of Hollywood before leaving on concert tour.



Dave Miltenberger, Denver, Colo., a student in the Boys Town grade school, gets help with an assignment from his teacher, Mrs. Rose McCabe. Mrs. McCabe is a long-time member of the Boys Town teaching faculty.

November

Istvan Serenyi, a former Hungarian Freedom Fighter and record-holding long distance runner, stops at Boys Town on a marathon walk from San Francisco to New York to commemorate the 6th anniversary of the Hungarian revolution against communist oppression. . . Mr. Stephen Polchert, head of the ceramics department in the Boys Town trade school, has several pieces of his work in an international exposition to be shown in Argentina and other countries by the U. S. Information Agency. . . Buddy Heaton, a featured clown at the Ak-Sar-Ben Rodeo in Omaha, visits Boys Town to ride his buffalo for the young citizens of the Home. . . Boys Town Scouts take part in the observance of Uniform Day, a national program designed to increase interest in Scouting. . . Cdr. Neil A. McNeile, DSC, of the British Royal Navy, gives an illustrated talk on the North Atlantic Treaty Organization for high school students. He had been attached to the logistics division of SACLANC at Norfolk, Va.

December

Boys Town marks the completion of 45 years of service to homeless boys since its founding in 1917 by the late and beloved Father Edward J. Flanagan. . . Ted Paintin is elected president of the Boys Town high school senior class. . . Dan Riely is named president of Explorer Post 49. . . Flor Peeters, noted Belgian organist and composer, gives an organ recital at the Dowd Memorial Chapel at Boys Town. . . The Boys Town Choir is widely heard and seen in radio and television appearances during the Christmas Season. . . James Chesire represents Boys Town at the Bellamy Flag Award presentation at Waterloo, Iowa. Boys Town was the fourth

Dave Alexander Sends Teacher Drafting Set

David Alexander, a 1960 graduate of the Boys Town high school, recently sent Mr. Herbert Boyer, mechanical drawing instructor in the high school, a beautiful set of Dietzen drafting instruments.

The presentation was made, David said, in appreciation of the fine start Mr. Boyer had given him in mechanical drawing.

David is now employed by the Dietzen Company in Chicago.

Father Wegner Has Brief Visit In Rome

Msgr. Nicholas H. Wegner, director of Boys Town, spent several weeks last month in Rome on a well-deserved vacation, and visiting his many friends in the Eternal City.

Father Wegner completed his studies for the priesthood at the Gregorian University in Rome, and was ordained in that city in 1925.

school in the nation to receive the Bellamy Flag. . . Coins and currency of the Republic of Hungary are displayed at the PhilaMatic Center. . . Mr. Harry Olson of Omaha, a noted diamond expert, gives an illustrated lecture on these precious stones to Boys Town grade and high school students. . . David Dirckx reigns as King of the Boys Town Homecoming Ball. . . Capt. Ruben Hernandez, USA, a 1951 Boys Town graduate, dies as the result of a helicopter crash in Korea. . . Another eventful year closes.



Among recent visitors from many parts of the world were Mr. and Mrs. Warwick Eunson of Victoria, Australia, shown here with Msgr. Nicholas H. Wegner, director of Boys Town. Mr. Eunson is Principal of the Melbourne Teachers College at Victoria.

Sporting Events Play Important Role In Program

Sports activity in various fields figured prominently in the lives of many of the young citizens of Father Flanagan's Boys' Home, and Cowboy athletes distinguished themselves, a review of 1962 reveals.

The Boys Town baseball team won the district championship, and went to the state tournament before being eliminated.

Duane McAndrew entered the Boys Town basket ball Hall of Fame by becoming the fourth leading scorer in Cowboy history with 313 points scored during the season.

The cage Cowboys, coached for the third year by the former Boys Town athletic great, Coach George Pfeifer, were runners-up in the Omaha district tournament.

Former Boys Town athletes continued to distinguish themselves.

Manny Fierro, a star pitcher at Boys Town, had a freshman record of 12 victories against but one defeat at Fresno, California, State College.

Leo Magers, now a Captain in the U. S. Air Force, received a coaching position at the U. S. Air Force Academy.

James Johnson, who ran the 440-yard dash faster than any Nebraska prep runner, sets a new AAU record at Norfolk, Va., State College.

Mr. Frank J. (Ike) Mahoney, a long-time member of the Boys Town athletic staff who died in 1961, is named by The Lincoln Journal to the Nebraska Sports Hall of Fame.

These and other highlights are recorded in a month-by-month review below.

January
The Boys Town cage Cowboys, in their third year under the direction of Coach George Pfeifer, enter the holiday action with two victories over Scottsbluff and a loss to Omaha Tech, which later took the Omaha Inter-City Championship. Two teams, both from Villa de Granada, share the Boys Town intra-mural touch football championship. Both teams were coached by Mr. Frank Vatalaro, boy counselor in Villa de Granada. Members of the Boys Town varsity football team were honored at a dinner given by the Omaha Chapter of the Boys Town Alumni Association.

February
Cowboy cagers post victories over Abraham Lincoln and Thomas Jefferson of Council Bluffs, Iowa, Omaha Cathedral and Lincoln High, while losing to Bellevue for a record of six victories against two defeats to date. Tom Schroeder wins the Class A intra-mural free throw championship, and Dick Gleason wins the Class B championship. Twin Brothers John and Michael Sterner, 1957 graduates, are elected co-captains of the wrestling team at South Dakota State College at Brookings.

March
The basket ball team defeats Abraham Lincoln and Thomas Jefferson of Council Bluffs for the second time and defeat Omaha North while losing to Sioux City Central, Omaha Benson and Bellevue. Coach Tom Clarke's wrestling team completes its season with 10 victories against two defeats in dual competition, while the reserve team is undefeated in 11 straight victories. Coach Jim Spencer's reserve cagers win seven and lose five for the season.

April
The Boys Town 7th grade basket ball team, under the direction of Coach Scott Clark, posts a record of 12 victories and one defeat, that at the hands of an 8th grade group. Coach Dave Benedict's 8th grade team was undefeated in 12 games. Coach George Pfeifer's Cowboys are runners-up in the Omaha District tournament, defeating Omaha Bishop Ryan and losing to Omaha Benson. In regular season play, they defeated Lincoln Southeast and lost to Bishop Ryan, for a record of 10 wins and six defeats. Duane McAndrew, star of the 1961-62



Coach John "Red" McManus, head basket ball coach at Creighton University in Omaha, was the principal speaker at the annual "Big Brother" banquet given by members of the Omaha Chapter of the Boys Town Alumni Association for members of the Boys Town high school varsity football team. Seated is Coach Maurice H. "Skip" Palrang, Boys Town athletic director and head coach.

cage team, scores 313 points during the season to become only the fifth Cowboy to score more than 300 points during a year. Coach Skip Palrang's baseball team gets ready for its spring schedule.

May
After a season record of seven victories, seven defeats and one tie, Coach Skip Palrang's baseball Cowboys are ousted by Central City in the first round of the state tournament. John Miller was the leading hitter on the team, with a season average of .454, while Mike McCarthy was second with an average of .418. Other leading hitters were Ed Poldrugo, David Dirckx, Leo Billingsley and Duane McAndrews.

June
Head Football Coach Bob Devaney of the University of Nebraska is the speaker at the annual athletic awards dinner. Three hundred twenty-seven Boys Town athletes receive 458 awards at the dinner. Eighty-one boys received a total of 105 major awards, 136 boys received 158 minor awards, and 48 freshmen received 66 awards, in addition to awards given to grade

school athletes.

July
David Dirckx, a standout in football, basket ball and baseball, is named the top scholar-athlete of the year. George Connolly receives the first annual Ike Mahoney Memorial Award as the player contributing the most to the Boys Town football team. Receiving trophies as senior scholar-athletes were Leo Billingsley, baseball; John Cannon, basket ball; John Chesire, football; Edward Rhudy, swimming; James Cyr, tennis; Jim Del Vecchio, track, and Jim Krick, wrestling.

August
For the first time in a number of years, Boys Town fields a Junior American Legion baseball team in summer competition. Wilburn Hollis, former Boys Town athletic great and outstanding quarterback at the University of Iowa, signs a contract with the St. Louis Cardinals professional football team. Released by the Cardinals, he later signed with the New York Giants. Coach Skip Palrang has a 10-game football schedule for his Cowboys, including four Nebraska clubs.

September
Belated word comes that Manny Fierro, a 1961 Boys Town graduate, has a 12-1 record pitching for Fresno, Calif. State College on the Junior Varsity. John Cannon and George Reynolds, both outstanding athletes, enroll at Virginia State College at Norfolk, joining two other former Cowboys, Jim Johnson and Earl Hunter. David Stowers and George Connolly, both June graduates, play for the North team in the fourth annual Shrine Bowl game at Lincoln.

October
Word is received that Capt. Leo Magers, USAF, a 1948 Boys Town graduate, has been appointed to the physical education staff at the Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado. Frank J. (Ike) Mahoney, long-time member of the Boys Town athletic staff, who died in 1961, is named by The Lincoln Journal to the Nebraska Sports Hall of Fame. Coach Skip Palrang's grid cowboys open their season with victories over David City Aquinas and Omaha Tech. Jim Johnson, a freshman at Virginia State College, sets a

Boys Town Drops Opening Games To Scottsbluff

Coach George Pfeifer's Boys Town Cowboys opened their 1962-63 cage season against Scottsbluff, dropping both ends of a two-game series to the Bearcats.

Both nights the Cowboys were very much in competition during the first half, leading at the intermission both nights, but fading in the second half. The first game score was 39-31, and the following night the Bearcats upped the score to 53-43.

In the opening game, both teams started off slowly, with Bill Startzer getting the opening basket for the Bearcats. Ed Keller and Joe Arellano scored for the Cowboys, and Jack Ehler tied the score for the Bearcats. Arellano and Chuck Hohnstein traded buckets, and then Dave Dirckx had two quick goals to put the Cowboys ahead, 10-6, but Startzer tied the score at the end of the frame.

A bucket by Arellano and a free throw by Xavier Jackson put the Cowboys ahead early in the second frame, and they led all the way, having a 27-23 lead at half-time.

Two baskets by Gary Niebauer tied the score in the third, and baskets by Hohnstein and Startzer gave the Bearcats a 31-27 edge. Only 20 seconds were left in the frame when Arellano got the Cowboys' first and only goal in the third quarter.

The Bearcats pulled to a 39-29 lead in the final quarter, and less than a minute was left when Darrell Oswald, a substitute, scored Boys Town's lone goal in the fourth quarter, to make it 39-31 for the Bearcats.

The second game started off in livelier fashion. The Bearcats were ahead, 14-11, until baskets by Dirckx and Jackson gave the Cowboys a 15-14 edge at the end of the first quarter.

It was a see-saw affair all through the second quarter, and the score was tied, 22-22, when Dirckx potted two goals for a 26-22 lead, but Niebauer's goal trimmed it to 26-22 at half-time.

Another goal third quarter was the downfall of the Cowboys, as the Bearcats scored 14 points while Boys Town got but six, and Scottsbluff was leading, 38-32, going into the final frame.

The Cowboys never managed to catch up, and the Bearcats finished ahead, 53-43.

Gary Niebauer, the Big 10 Conference scoring champion last year, had a fine night with 26 points, while Dave Dirckx led the Cowboys with 16.



Jefferson House won the 1962 intra-mural touch football championship, under the coaching of Mr. Paul Bluml, boy counselor for the cottage. The Times photographer recently took a picture of the group, shown above. From left to right are: Jack Maras, Ed Wilson, Regis Sieffert, Carlos Rodriguez, captain, Mike Bossard, Richard Casaus, Milton Moss, Stan Zurek and Mr. Bluml.

new AAU state record in the 440-yard dash with a time of :47.7.

November
Grid Cowboys defeat Thomas Jefferson of Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Hamtramck, High, rated the No. 8 team in Michigan, while losing to Omaha Bishop Ryan and Lincoln Plus X. The Boys Town midget football team, directed by Coach Scott Clark, wins the Omaha league championship. John Sterner, a 1948 graduate who completed his studies at South Dakota State College this year, is named a graduate assistant in the physical education department at his alma mater.

December
The grid Cowboys close out the season by avenging the three losses of the 1961 season, against Sioux Falls, S. D., Washington; Heelan High of Sioux City, Iowa, and North Catholic of Pittsburgh, Pa., while losing to East High of Sioux City, for a season record of seven victories and three losses. The Cowboys try out a new idea in oral hygiene, a pressure sprayer filled with anti-bacterial solution which can be used for cleansing mouth guards, and also as a mouth rinse. David Dirckx is the top performer of the 1962 grid season with eight touchdowns and five points after touchdowns, as well as having passed for nine other touchdowns.

Cowboy Gridders Are Again Feted By Omaha Alumni

Members of the Boys Town varsity football team were entertained recently at the annual Big Brother Banquet given in their honor by members of the Omaha Chapter of the Boys Town Alumni Association.

The banquet this year was held at the Sheraton-Fontenelle Hotel in Omaha.

Coach John "Red" McManus, head basketball coach at Creighton University, was the principal speaker. Coach McManus paid high tribute to Coach Maurice H. "Skip" Palrang, Boys Town athletic director and head football and baseball coach.

His acquaintance with Coach Palrang goes back to 1949, when McManus was assistant coach at St. Ambrose high school at Davenport, Iowa. St. Ambrose and Boys Town played a football game that year, won by Boys Town, 26-20.

In his talk, Coach McManus told of the traits he seeks in prospective members of his teams. Among these were scholastic ability which would enable the player to remain eligible for competition, athletic ability which sets the player above the average contender, and a quality he termed "heart," which includes competitive spirit, determination, a desire to win, and a willingness to keep in top physical condition by avoiding such sappers of energy as drinking and smoking.

Coach Palrang spoke briefly, praising the 1962 Cowboy team, which, with only five major lettermen around whom to build, finished the season with seven victories against three defeats.

While last year's team was not overly abundantly blessed with outstanding individual talent, Coach Palrang said, the players had great determination, were eager to learn, and worked well as a team, resulting in one of the finer teams he has coached.

Mr. John Gutowski, president of the Omaha Chapter, was the master of ceremonies. Mr. Tom White, national president of the Association, presented Quarterback David Dirix with a citation as the outstanding player on the 1962 squad.

Active in arranging and promoting the dinner were Dr. Frank Carlotto, head of the dental department at the Boys Town clinic, and Mr. Tony Odgo, former national president of the Association.

Following the dinner and the talks, the players and guests joined in a sing-fest, led by Clifford Jackson, a 1960 Boys Town grad, and George Buckler, Cowboy fullback, who, in addition to his athletic abilities, sings in the Boys Town Choir.

Cowboys Fall To Omaha Tech By Score Of 70-40

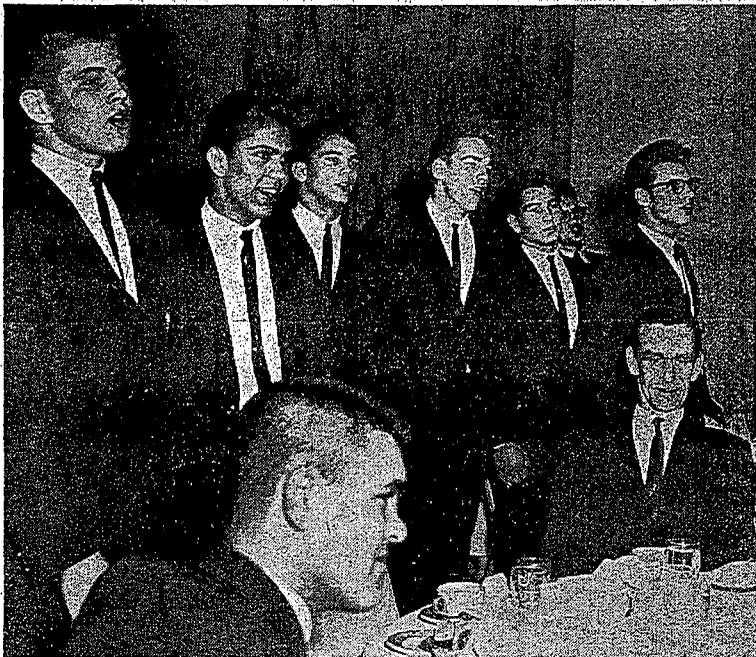
Omaha Tech romped past Boys Town on the Trojan court, 70-40, to hand the Cowboys their third straight defeat of the season in the final Cowboy outing before the Christmas holidays.

Fred Hare & Co., Unlimited, were altogether too much for the Cowboys, who were in competition only during the first quarter.

Hare, one of the finest ball players ever to grace the Nebraska prep scene, started off with two free throws. Dave Dirix, the only Cowboy reliable, countered with a bucket for an early tie. The score was knotted again at 6-6, and then two goals by Hare and one by Joe Williams pulled the Trojans away.

Two more buckets by Dirix brought the Cowboys to a 10-12 score at the end of the quarter.

Through the early minutes of the second frame, the Cowboys remained in sight of the rampaging Trojans, but then Tech started pulling away, and sparked by a 15-point performance by Hare in this quarter, by half-time the



A group of Cowboy gridders join in the song-fest which concluded the annual "Big Brother" banquet given in their honor by members of the Omaha Chapter of the Boys Town Alumni Association. The dinner was held at the Sheraton-Fontenelle Hotel in Omaha. Seated, facing the camera, is Mr. John Novotny, one of the alumni present at the dinner.

Sgt. Bill Peoples Visits Old Friends

A recent visitor to Boys Town was S/Sgt. William Peoples, USAF, a 1950 graduate of the Boys Town high school, presently stationed at the Lincoln, Neb., AFB.

He entered military service following his graduation, and had six years of overseas duty. He married while on duty in England, and has three sons.

He expects to be sent to Germany in February for another tour of duty, and then hopes he can get a tour of duty in England to complete his 20 years of service.

score was 37-20 in favor of Tech. Fourteen more points by Hare in the third frame made it 59-30 going into the final quarter.

Through most of the second and third frames, Hare's output was greater than that of all the Cowboys combined, and even though he sat out much of the fourth quarter, he still had 37 points in the game, against 40 for the Cowboys. Williams and Lerdahl, with 18 and 11 points, respectively, added valuable points for the Trojans.

Dave Dirix had a good night for the Cowboys, as he scored 22 points on 10 field goals and two out of three free throw attempts.

Cowboys Choose All-Opponent Football Team

Members of the Boys Town high school varsity football team selected an all-star all-opponent team from among players of teams the Cowboys met last season.

Twelve players from seven schools made the first team, and gridders from two other schools received honorable mention.

Leading the list was East High of Sioux City, Iowa, with three players, while Omaha Bishop Ryan, Omaha Tech, and Hamtramck, Mich., each placed two players on the squad.

Heelan High of Sioux City, Iowa, Washington High of Sioux Falls, S. D., and North Catholic of Pittsburgh, Pa., each placed one man on the mythical team.

The East High picks were Halfback Jim O'Hern and End Jim Rhodes, while Tackle Dick Fallon tied with Frank Kurtz of Omaha Ryan for the all-star placement.

The picks from Hamtramck were Halfback J. E. Keys, hailed by Detroit sports writers as a second Willie Fleming, a Hamtramck lad of some years ago

Wilburn Hollis Is With New York Giants

Wilburn Hollis, a 1958 graduate of the Boys Town high school, who had a brilliant record as quarterback at the University of Iowa until a wrist injury ended his collegiate competition, is now with the New York Giants professional team.

Wilburn is on the Giants' reserve team, and has not appeared in competition with the team, but worked out regularly in preparation for the 1963 season, when he is expected to perform as a running back.

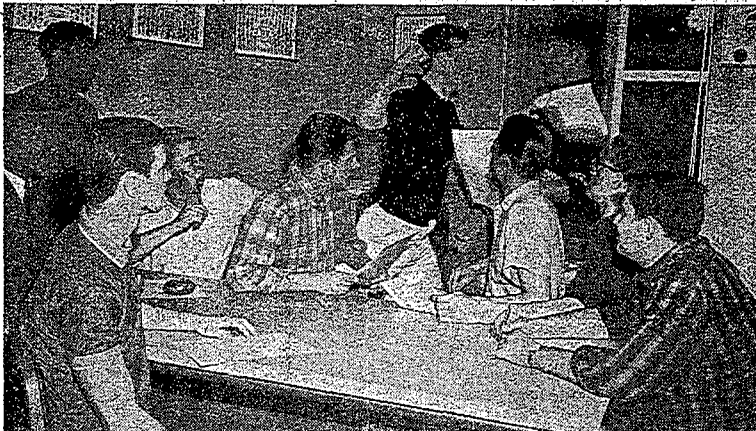
He is returning to the University of Iowa in February to pick up 12 credit hours he needs for his diploma and degree.

who later starred at the University of Iowa, and Center Tom Soltys.

The selections from Omaha Tech were backfield ace Les Webster, one of the top vote getters in the Cowboy poll, and Jerry Shook, tackle.

The Bishop Ryan choices were Back Jack Vacek and Tackle Frank Kurtz.

Finishing out the all-star team were End Mike Grace of Sioux City; Heelan Guard Paul Evans of Sioux Falls; Washington and Guard Dan Dickman of Pittsburgh North Catholic.



A group of seniors are in earnest preparation for the Senior Class play, "Circumstantial Evidence," presented recently at the Music Hall. The presentation was a success, both from the artistic standpoint, and from the standpoint of attendance and acceptance by the audience. The seniors are now planning another dramatic presentation to be given later in the school year.

Seventy-Two Are Having Birthdays During January

The year 1963 starts off in festive fashion for 72 young Boys Town citizens who celebrate their birthdays during the first month.

Grade school celebrants are:

- Jan. 3: Felton Riley, St. Louis, Mo.
- Jan. 4: Jack Rice, Fort Dodge, Iowa
- Jan. 5: Bob Hays, St. Joseph, Mo.
- Jan. 6: Louis Martinez, Scottsbluff, Neb.
- Jan. 7: Alfonso Dillingham, Cleveland, Ohio
- Jan. 11: Willard O'Brien, Chicago, Ill.
- Jan. 16: Ricardo Garza, Omaha, Neb.
- Jan. 17: Lloyd Poling, West Fork, Ark.
- Jan. 20: William Driggers, Omaha, Neb., and Michael Guthrie, Las Vegas, Nev.
- Jan. 22: James Anquoe, Topeka, Kans., and Dennis Neiner, Cleveland, Ohio
- Jan. 25: Timothy Poldrugo, Oklahoma City, Okla.
- Jan. 27: Ron Wood, Kansas City, Mo.
- Jan. 28: Charles Elam, Hartford City, Ind.
- Jan. 29: Dan Donovan, Sioux Falls, S. D.
- Jan. 30: Jesse Duarte, Cedar Rapids, Iowa
- Jan. 31: Bruce Manow, Chicago, Ill.

High School Boys

High school celebrants are:

- Jan. 1: Jim McCauley, Joliet, Ill., and Loy Simms, Auburn, Neb.
- Jan. 2: Francisco Hernandez, El Paso, Texas, and Ronald Rose, Pontiac, Mich.
- Jan. 3: George Reamer, Butte, Mont., and David Rivera, Kansas City, Mo.
- Jan. 4: Louis O'Reilly, Dayton, Ohio
- Jan. 5: Ronald James, Grand Rapids, Mich., and Mike Lewis, Baltimore, Md.
- Jan. 6: Michael Stell, Bethany, Okla., and Michael Stygar, Graton, N. D.
- Jan. 8: Roy Black, Peru, Ind., and James Schutt, Hollywood, Calif.
- Jan. 9: Joseph Salazar, Scottsbluff, Neb.
- Jan. 11: Richard DeCosta, Gardena, Calif., George Gray, Omaha, Neb., Mike Hehr, Minneapolis, Minn., Pablo Hernandez, Laredo, Texas; David McGuire, Henderson, Ky.; Tom Robbins, Council Bluffs, Iowa, and John Scampane, Williamsport, Pa.
- Jan. 12: Don Spengler, Rhinelander, Wis.
- Jan. 13: Dennis Smith, Creston, Iowa
- Jan. 14: John Burke, Burlington, Iowa; Tom Pintar, Des Moines, Iowa; Martin Quintanilla, Pueblo, Colo., and David Swanson, Chicago, Ill.
- Jan. 15: Clark Freeman, Kan-kakee, Ill.; Paul Marquez, Pueblo, Colo.; and Robert Stapleton, Sioux Falls, S. D.
- Jan. 16: Francis Guthrie, Las Vegas, Nev.
- Jan. 17: Richard Griger, Omaha, Neb.
- Jan. 18: Ralph Knight, Oklahoma City, Okla., and Stephen Pirisky, Hutchinson, Kans.
- Jan. 20: William Cox, Canton, Ohio; Ken Glorick, Cleveland, Ohio, and Morris Tasker, Washington, D. C.
- Jan. 21: Richard Johnson, Waldorf, Md.; Clarence Jones, St. Louis, Mo., and Francis Robbins, Council Bluffs, Iowa.
- Jan. 23: William Sackett, Hopkinton, Iowa
- Jan. 24: Bob Critser, Sioux City, Iowa, and Crescencio Hernandez, El Paso, Texas
- Jan. 26: Stephen Barket, Youngstown, Ohio, and John Clause, Cleveland, Ohio
- Jan. 27: Michael Flynn, Sioux Falls, S. D.; Lorne Jaramillo, Antinero, Colo., and John Mollison, Lubbock, Texas
- Jan. 28: James Manning, Des Moines, Iowa
- Jan. 29: Otto Holz, Portland, Ore., and John McCaffrey, Chicago, Ill.
- Jan. 30: Bob Durrett, Logan, Ohio
- Jan. 31: Gregory Branch, Gering, Neb., and John McGrath, Little Rock, Ark.