

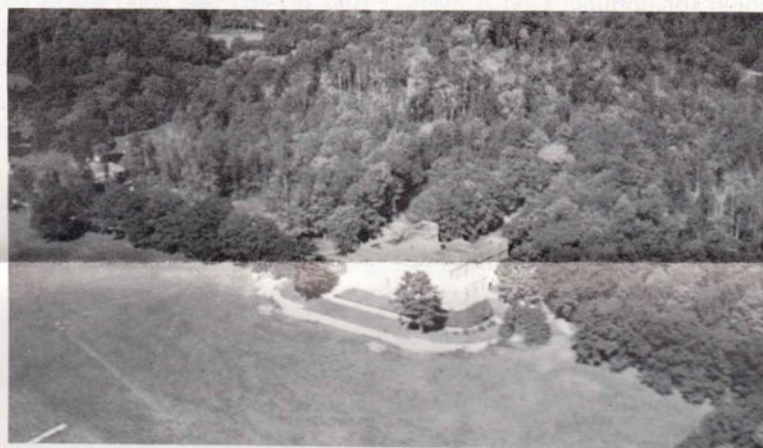
Bellefontaine

1896 The History of Bellefontaine 1961

As the school year opens here at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary, and all become accustomed to their new surroundings, many still find an air of homelife on the property. The reason for this is that Bellefontaine, as the estate was formerly called, was once the home of Girard Foster.

In 1896, after many years of business success, Girard Foster purchased 200 acres of land from a Probate Judge in Lenox, Massachusetts. A mansion was built in the middle of the 200 acres, in a period of three years. It was designed after the famous Petit Trianon at Versailles in France.

There were formal gardens on the east and west sides of the house, with borders planted in the informal manner of English cottage gardens. The inner court was planted on either side with rare evergreens, and in the center was a beautiful Roman Verona marble fountain part of which still stands. A marble balustrade once bounded the lawn and the driveway on the south, and was ornamented by the statues of two goats and eight little cupids, four centuries old.



Aerial view of Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary

left almost everything to his son.

On March 1, 1946, the young Foster succeeded in selling the estate to the Borlex Corporation of New York. This corporation kept all of the employees on the estate, for two months. Immediately after their discharge, an auction was held on the furnishings of the house.

In July of 1946, the estate was sold in four sections to the Louchar Company; to a Doctor Hunter Cohen of New York; to Edward E. Jenkins, and to a Mr. Cook. Mr. Cook bought the main house, ninety-six acres of land, the gate-house, the stables, and the green-house for a pri-

On February 14, 1949, at 3 A.M., smoke was detected pouring through the hallways. Father Rector gave the alarm to the other four priests, twelve students, and four Sisters, to flee the building. Attempts to call the fire department were in vain because the wires were burnt. By the time the firemen had finally reached the building, and had begun to fight the huge blaze, all of the interior, except the library, was enveloped in flames.

Ceilings crashed to the floor and walls collapsed as the fire continued. The entire chapel, including the altar, Crucifix, chalices, and pews were lost when the room collapsed into the floor.

It took three years to build Bellefontaine but in two hours it was destroyed by fire.

On October 29, 1949, the Fathers of Mercy contacted the Bethelt Construction Company of Holyoke. It took one year to rebuild Bellefontaine. At the completion, it consisted of 45 rooms.

Ten years later, in 1960, the Priests of the Sacred Heart acquired Bellefontaine and they continue to utilize the buildings as a Seminary for young boys aspiring for the Priesthood.

vate summer estate.

In November of 1947, Bellefontaine again changed hands; this time it became Our Lady of Mercy Seminary, property of the Fathers of Mercy.



The Seminary as seen from the front lawn. The cross at the top of the building marks the building as a house of God. The main altar of the Seminary chapel is behind the brick cross seen in the center of the building.

In 1943, eleven years after Mrs. Foster's death, Mr. Foster attempted to sell the house, but because of complications, was unable. He died on September 24, 1945, at the age of 95, and

Awards Granted To Three Sophomores

At a recent gathering of the student body and faculty, National Development Test Awards were presented to Gary Borrowdale, Union City, N. J.; Stephen Henner, Philadelphia, Pa.; and Stanley Schmidt, Milwaukee, Wis. V. Reverend Father Robert McGuire, S.C.J. made the presentation and congratulated the students for their fine work. These awards certify that the three students attained an average of 92% or more, in tests provided by the Science Research Association, Chicago, Ill.



Left to right: Stephen Henner, Gary Borrowdale, Father McGuire and Stanley Schmidt.

I.H.M.'s OPEN HOUSE

On September 17th the doors of Bellefontaine were open to our neighbors and benefactors from the Lenox and Pittsfield areas. The Seminarians, as well as the Priests and Brothers, were kept busy that day, from two to five o'clock, acting as hosts to the visitors.

As the Seminarians guided the visitors through the corridors of I. H. M., many were impressed with the various parts of the building, especially the 63 year old library, which was not af-

Berkshires Welcome Seminarians

On September 3rd, Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary opened its doors to the freshman and sophomore candidates for the Priesthood.

The year started out with two classes consisting of 28 sophomores and 38 freshmen. All of us intend to put forth an effort to do our best in our studies and to grow in the spirit of the Congregation. With the facilities available at the present, we will keep trying to bear the difficulties put before us in the best way possible.

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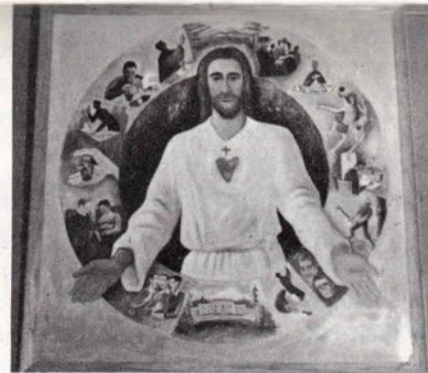
The recreation facilities here give us plenty of wholesome entertainment and keep us busy. The success and failure in competition, teach us to be good sports at all times. The sports program keeps the members of our home in good shape. The Seminary supplies adequate means by which we better ourselves scholastically and physically.

As for studies, the students will be taking up courses in various subjects. The freshman will study Latin, English, Religion, Algebra, History, as major subjects, with Music, and Guidance.

The sophomores study the basic subjects of Religion, Latin, Geometry, History, English and Music. During the course of a normal school day, we have four study periods which give us plenty of time to do the homework assigned.

Our home will be expanding in the near future to provide for the many more students of the coming year. The Seminary at the present, is too small for future students. However, we hope to have a new addition someday to accommodate the vocations that come to us.

This unique painting of the Sacred Heart by Brother Bonaventure, S. C. J. depicts the activities of the seminarians centering around our Lord. The picture hangs in a prominent spot in the main corridor.



ected by the fire, thirteen years ago.

A painting in the entrance hall attracted much attention. This painting, by Brother Bonaventure, S.C.J., depicts the life of a Seminarian at Bellefontaine, which centers around the love of the Sacred Heart.

This was also a time at which many had a chance to see the inside life of a Seminarian. Many questions on the schedule and the daily rules were answered. After a guided tour through the building, the visitors went to the students refectory for some cookies and punch.

The Rector's Corner



My dear Friends,

Usually when a school opens for the first time, everything has a "newness" about it. Actually, the "newness" of Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary is not in the building because it has been standing for sixty-three years, but to all of us who came to open it as a Seminary it is very new.

Adjusting ourselves step by step we are undertaking all the necessary means to make the building an eastern minor seminary for the Priests of the Sacred Heart. We, the faculty have been chosen for the initial training for boys desiring to become priests. It is a preparation of scholastic and spiritual training. Scholastically, it meant acquiring faculty, text books, library, classroom space and so on, all to be in readiness for opening day.

Spiritually, we had to consider the program of formation, spiritual exercises, conferences, guidance and counsel to be offered. These and many other facets make the Seminary.

During the summer months we visualized the tremendous undertaking ahead of us, and thanks to the generous efforts of Fathers, Brothers and Seminarians we were able to welcome our incoming seminarians. The Sacred Heart has blessed our new seminary with sixty-six vocations who make up the first and second year of the school. This number has already crowded our facilities but with God's help we feel confident that we will be able to move forward and meet the problems that are ahead of us.

As everything will be a "first" this year, the school paper, composed and edited by the boys will also be a "first". This issue is it. You may wonder about the name "Bellefontaine." It is the name that was given to the property by the owner, Mr. Girard Foster sixty-three years ago. He modeled the building after the Petit Trianon in France, calling it "Bellefontaine" meaning the

"Beautiful Fountain". We have retained the title for the Seminary and also the school paper because a minor seminary is one of the fountains or channels of a vocation to the priesthood. St. Paul says: "It was for me to plant the seed, for Apollo to water it, but was God who gave the increase. And if so the man who plants, the man who waters, count for nothing; God is everything, since it is he who gives the increase." (I Cor. 3:7)

The purpose of the "Bellefontaine" will be to keep our friends acquainted with both the material and spiritual growth of our seminarians. It is one way to show our Benefactors how much we appreciate their generosity and how their donations help to educate a young seminarian to the priesthood. The tuition of \$45.00 a month, for each student, does not cover the expenses of the student, but the generosity of those interested in being part of his training does help to make the financial differences. Can we count on your being one of those Benefactors? The prayers the seminarians give in return now, will be remembrances in daily Masses later. The late Pope Pius XII said: "If the faithful help even one candidate for the priesthood they will fully share in all the

future Masses and in all the fruits of sanctity and apostolic works that will be his."

The "Bellefontaine" will be published by the seminarians every other month during the school year. By becoming a benefactor of the Seminary you will receive your copy every time it is printed.

Asking you to remember in your prayers and good works the pioneering days of Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary, I will close assuring you and your intentions a daily remembrance in Mass. I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Father M. Guine

Debating Teams Are Formed

Michael Fech, a sophomore who is interested in debating, has consulted with Frater Pavlik, his English teacher, and the two have started debate teams. Many sophomores and freshmen are on the teams. Debates will be held once every month. If these turn out very well, debates will possibly be held more often. Each debating team will consist of four men. One of these men will be elected as captain of his group to direct and help his team.

The first debate will be between the sophomores and the freshmen. The general topic for this debate is "Nuclear Testing." This debate should turn out to be very interesting and it should also be an example for the subsequent debaters.

One of the scheduled topics to be debated on in the future, is the "Eichmann Trial."

These debates will help the students who participate in them,

A New Way Of Speaking?

A choral group is now being formed at the Seminary. Its purpose is enjoyment and recreation, providing entertainment for such gatherings as class nights, conviviums, and talent shows. The idea for this group was put before the students by our English teacher, Frater Pavlik, S.C.J. Many of the Seminarians agreed that it would be a good idea, and they are awaiting the first meeting of the group, when the voices will be tested and the members of the group selected.

Something like this is new, and will serve as a change from the ordinary means of entertainment. Those participating will soon realize the beauty and tremendous possibilities of the human voice itself, as well as the beauty of voices speaking in unison. Good interpretation of the poems and variations in pitch and tone of voice, will add much to the enjoyment of the audience.

The choral group will number twenty members from the start, consisting of both freshmen and sophomores. It is understood that more would like to join and are interested in this project, but they will have a chance to show their speaking ability in the debates.

to become persuasive and interesting speakers. There are also other helps they can derive from debates such as these. The amount of interest and eagerness for active participation in debates shows a very promising and successful future for them here at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary.

Hobbies in the Seminary

Is it sports that take up the leisure time of the seminarians? The answer is no; for many of the students engage in many different hobbies. Such hobbies, as stamp collecting, painting, drawing, coin collecting, correspondence, and others, are also activities of the students.

Stamp collecting is the favorite hobby of many boys. The C.S.M.C. collects a wide assortment of stamps to obtain money for the missions and many of the stamp collectors buy stamps from the stamp committee.

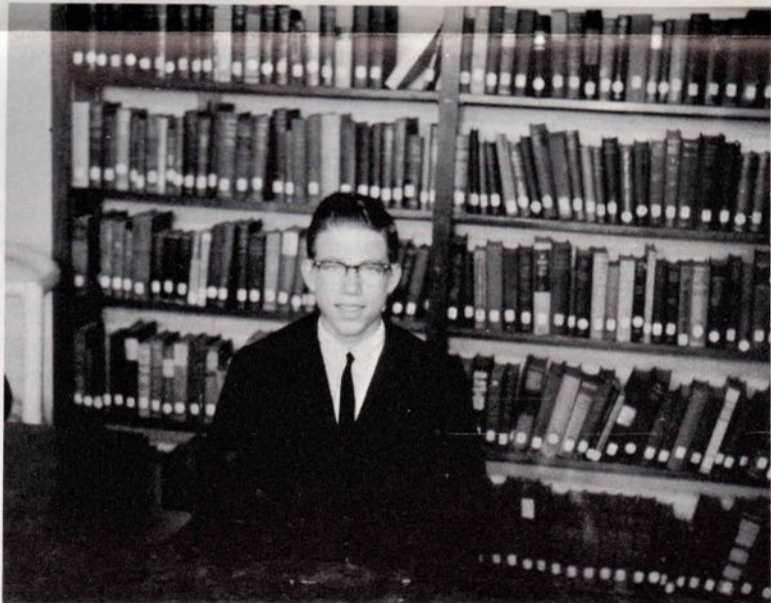
Painting and drawing are hobbies of some of the students. One of these is Gary Borrowdale, who is very talented in these fields. He does much of the art work for the school. The cartoon in this paper was done by him and also other details. At the present, other talented boys are not known but they will soon be recognized.

There are some freshmen in the coin collecting field, but at the present, they have not acknowledged themselves.

Correspondence is a hobby that most of the sophomores enjoy. They like to write to fellow Seminarians. The vocation committee is under way and Peter Adams and Bernard Shaar will soon start to write to boys interested in the seminary.

During the year we will become more acquainted with the different hobbies and then give you a more detailed picture of hobbies in our Seminary.

Sophomore of the Month



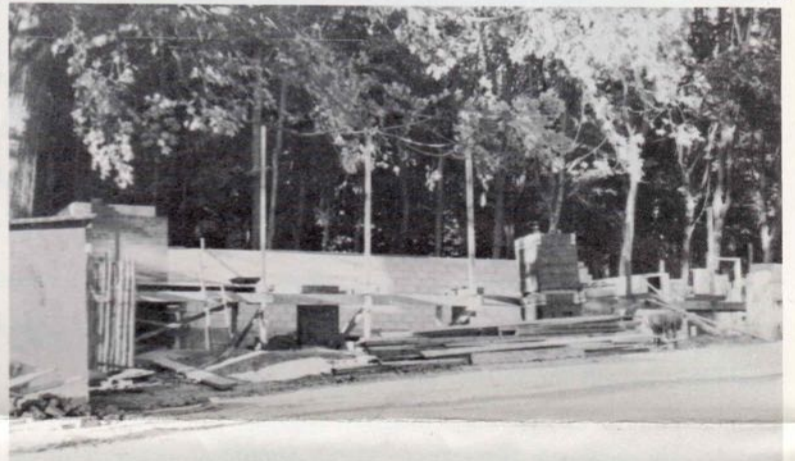
Stanley E. Schmidt, this month's choice for "Sophomore of the Month," received his grade school education in Our Mother of Perpetual Help School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He began his studies for the Holy Priesthood at Divine Heart Seminary, Donaldson, Indiana, where he spent his first year of high school.

Scholastically, Stan is an above average student; he has just received an award from the Science Research Association, for outstanding scholastic performance. Stan has a particular attraction for Geometry.

En route to Lenox, Massachusetts this August, he left Milwaukee with his mother, father and four brothers. He went camping overnight at various parks and forests along the way. Stan was able to see Washington, D.C., New York City, and other picturesque spots in several states. He arrived here on Wednesday, August 30th, to visit the Seminary, and his family went further north for more camping.

Athletically, Stan is doing very well in football and baseball which are his favorite sports. He was cheering for the Milwaukee Braves this year, but was happy to see Cincinnati take the pennant.

At the Seminary, Stan is in charge of the library. Faithful to this position, he keeps the library in very good order, and is now in the process of cataloguing books. His very fine voice has given him the position of Head Cantor.

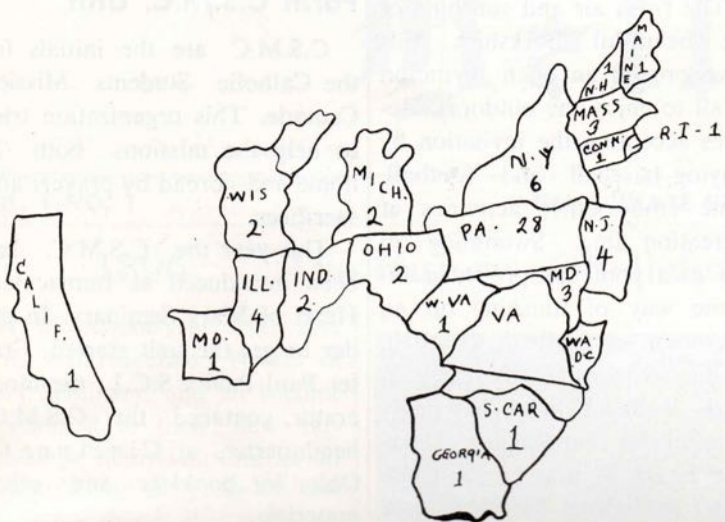


The construction of the new garage is well under way. The red brick structure is designed to match the main building.

BELLEFONTAINE

We publish BELLEFONTAINE for those who are interested in the Sacred Heart and the students of the priesthood who devote their lives to Him.

- Editor Alexander Cudzewicz
- Associate Editor Bernard Schaar
- Feature Writers Michael Boyle, Raymond Stone
Robert Bruns
- Reporters Timothy Revers, Peters Adams
John Martin, John Lopez
- Artist Gary Borrowdale
- Advisor Frater Paul R. Pavlik S.C.J.
- Photography Terry Trotochaud



Where the Seminarians come from

STUDENT ROSTER

SOPHOMORES

- Peter Adams, Philadelphia, Pa.
- Roland Allen, Aurora, Ohio
- Gary Borrowdale, West New York, N. J.
- Bill Boylan, Chicago, Ill.
- Michael Boyle, Union City, N. J.
- Terry Brady, Chicago, Ill.
- Frank Brauer, Baltimore, Md.
- John Brilla, Royal Oak, Mich.
- James Brune, Brinktown, Mo.
- Robert Bruns, Braddock, Pa.
- Richard Cale, Cheswick, Pa.
- Alexander Cudzewicz, Chicago, Ill.
- Michael Fech, Whiting, Ind.

- John Henn, Beaver Falls, Pa.
- Steven Henner, Philadelphia, Pa.
- Eugene Lavoie, Ansonia, Conn.
- John Lopez, Clarksburg, W. Va.
- Gary McInnis, Flint, Mich.
- Clinton Martin, Greensburg, Pa.
- John Martin, Bellevue, Ohio
- Quentin Martin, Greensburg, Pa.
- Dennis Mayor, Munhal, Pa.
- Anthony Ortiz, Gary, Ind.
- Timothy Revers, Braddock, Pa.
- Bernard Schaar, New Berlin, Wis.
- Stanley Schmidt, Milwaukee, Wis.
- Raymond Stone, Chicago, Ill.
- Terry Trotochaud, Atlanta, Ga.

FRESHMEN

- Albert Bannon, Pittsburgh, Pa.

- Richard Casey, Edgewood, Md.
- Richard Biron, Three Rivers, Mass.
- Charles Brophy, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- Charles Comereski, Elmira, N.Y.
- Roger Conti, Springdale, Pa.
- Charles Dyer, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- Nicholas Frankunas, Philadelphia, Pa.
- Ronald Furlong, Johnstown, Pa.
- Robert Graziano, Bergenfield, N. J.
- Richard Griffin, Brentwood, Long Island, N. Y.
- James Hebert, Manchester, N. H.

- Michael Hess, Wayminster, Pa.
- Patrick Houterman, Pennsburg, Pa.
- John Kasper, Larksville, Pa.
- Paul Kovach, Plymouth, Pa.
- Glenn Klipp, Rochester, N. Y.
- Francis Lyons, New Brunswick, N. J.
- Martin McKenna, Brooklyn, N. Y.
- Ronnan Montemayor, Conshohocken, Pa.
- James Murphy, Biddeford, Maine
- Robert Murphy, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- Robert Labrecque, Methuen, Mass.
- Dennis Myc, Cheektowaga, N. Y.

- James O'Hara, Pittsfield, Mass.
- Nicholas Pastor, McKeesport, Pa.
- William Reneau, Elmwood City, Pa.
- Patrick Reddy, Reading, Pa.
- John Rice, Seat Pleasant, Md.
- Thomas Rieser, Beaver Falls, Pa.
- Francis Sabo, Alpha, N. J.
- Daniel Sowinski, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- Emile St. Andre, Pawtucket, R. I.
- William Smith, Redwood, Calif.
- Gregory Speck, Philadelphia, Pa.
- Joseph Super, West Winfield, N.Y.
- Thomas Toplisek, Greenville, Pa.
- Alan Waters, Florence, S. Car.

Dear Mom and Dad,

Greetings and Love from your seminarian son!

I guess this letter will be a surprise to you as I forgot to tell you when you were here about the letter writing days—this is one of them, the fourth Sunday of the month. It will take a little time to get use to writing letters as a post card was a big effort for me before. For some reason I look forward to writing to you. Until I get my dictionary you will have to close one eye when the spelling mistakes appear . . . they sound right, but don't look right.

I've been here for almost a month now and although I can't say that I am an old pro on seminary life, I have been learning something new everyday. I missed the first half of our Latin class on opening day; I went up the wrong stairway and got lost. After walking around for ten minutes I found two other boys just as lost as I. I thought our six room house was big, but after going up and down these stairs eight times a day I think differently. It is a beautiful building and the grounds are even nicer.

Billy was wondering how I like getting up at six o'clock each morning. It is pretty tough, but when you see the rest of the boys bouncing out of bed it makes it a lot easier. I have enough tooth paste and things since we can get all of them in the store downstairs. I think you saw it when you were here. I enjoy going to Mass every morning; I think of all of you there and especially in my thanksgiving after Holy Communion. I hope to be able to serve at one of the Side altars in another two weeks. We are going alphabetically, so it will be months before I get to serve at the Main altar as the sophomores are ahead of us.

We don't get the chance to raid the ice box, but I have thought of it. There are nine boys on my table and can we eat! The milk is put on the table in half gallon bottles and they are all emptied. The Sisters are real good cooks and we can have seconds. I have made lots of friends already. I know most of the boys' names, too. We have one boy in our class from Philadelphia who could not remember the names at first and everyone was "Hey Yo". It was supposed to be "You", but I guess they say "Yo" in Philly. We have boys from all over the country; the list is going to be printed in the paper.

The studies have not been too hard as yet, but it is strange having priests and scholastics as teachers. They pile on the work. We have homework for each class and have to take notes in class. I take notes, but when I get to study half I can't read the notes. I like Latin very much. Father Casper was showing us how many words in English are the same in Latin, or close to it.

During the work period in the afternoon I have been working with Brother Robert; he is an ex-marine and we have a lot of fun on his crew. I thought I was too small to be on his crew in cleaning up the woods, but it is working out dandy. My turn for dishes will be coming up next week—there's nothing like trying everything.

How's everyone at home? Did the kids all get off to school okay? I have received quite a few letters from the relatives, even one from a cousin Bill in California I don't even know. I have a lot to write this letter day. The Sisters in the parish have written also.

I have not been homesick at all. It is not that I don't miss you, but I have not been moping around thinking about home all the time. I felt a little blue the first day or so but now everything is fine. I have been playing lots of sports—baseball, softball, and football. We also play badminton and volley ball during the short recreation periods. We play a special kind of football up here, called flag. It is a lot of fun once you catch on to it. We have a league and I am in the small fellows league.

Well, folks, this is all for now. I don't know if the next letter will be as long as this one, but I know you have asked a lot of questions that I have not answered, but when you come up for visiting Sunday I will give you all the answers I can. I had to go and see the nurse the other day as I had a tickle in my throat and you know what happens when I get a sore throat, but nothing happened this time. The nurse gave me something for my throat, it didn't taste so good either. I don't need anything as I brought all I needed when I came last month. We have everything we need right at school.

Give my greetings to all the kids, and I hope they are not fighting as much as when I was home. Now you can see, Mom, who was always the cause of the fights. Praying for all of you everyday, I know you are praying for me also. I am very happy and like it very much. With love

Your Son,

Joe

P. S. Mom, would you please send a birthday card to Grams. I forgot. You can sign my name; she will understand.

The Oblates of Divine Love



No seminary would be complete without the sisters, for they perform many important tasks such as cooking, baking, laundry, and above all, showing their religious dedication to the seminary. The sisters are of the Order of the Oblates of Divine Love. They give their wholehearted effort to help the seminary in every way.

The five sisters at Immaculate Heart of Mary are: Sister Superior, Mother Anna; Sister Terese; Sister Margarita; Sister Josephine; and Sister Mary.

The Oblates of Divine Love were founded in Morial, Italy by Margita Dia Mira Chrispi. Their chief works are the education of youth, the staffing of orphanages, and parochial work such as teaching catechism. Their main spirit is love, immolation, and reparation, especially for priests. Wherever possible, the sisters have daily adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and from time to time have all night adoration in which the laity participate at times. This is especially true in Central America.

The first work of the Oblates of Divine Love to be done in the United States was the house-

hold care of a seminary in Howell, Massachusetts. This was in 1946. In 1947, Mother Anna Fasulo was called from her work in Costa Rica to Lenox. More sisters soon came and assumed the duties they have today.

Besides their work at the seminaries, the sisters also teach at St. Claire School in New York City. Very recently on September 24, 1961, the sisters have opened a novitiate at Hopewell Junction, New York.

To these sisters we offer our heartfelt thanks for their untold services rendered us, but especially for their excellent and holy example. Our gratitude is manifested in the proper manner suited to hearts and minds united in their service and love of God—prayer.

Sports in the Berkshires

Fair weather and flag football, are the key words in our sport program, thus far this year. After a few baseball games, we caught "football fever". We were anxious to switch off the diamond onto the gridiron. On a basis of size, weight and experience, two leagues were established. The four "A" league teams are captained by the Martin twins: Clentin and Quentin, and by Dick Cale and Jack Martin. In the "B" league, the captain-quarterbacks are Greg Speck and Bob Murphy. In a

preliminary meeting, all the players were reminded of the famous saying, "When you come before the Greatest Scorer of them all, it isn't going to matter whether you won or lost, but how you played the game". To us as Seminarians, these words have a special meaning. That they were understood, was shown very clearly in the first few games.

Two exhibition games helped to acquaint the new players to flag football. These games also showed that the season would

be lively and unpredictable. The new comers exhibited great enthusiasm and willingness to learn. The sophomores, seasoned by a year of flag football, were concentrating on improving their own game and helping their team-mates. Flags were missed, passes were overthrown and dropped, runners did not have their usual zip—these were some of the rough edges that appeared. However, the regular season should straighten these things out and get the teams functioning smoothly. In our next report, we will inform you of our pigskin progress.

Sport Sidelights

The fresh air and sunshine of the beautiful Berkshire hills have proved an open invitation to all to enjoy the outdoors. Besides accepting the invitation by playing baseball and football, some enjoy other activities at recreation time. Swimming in our own pool has proved a favorite way of finishing off an afternoon of football, baseball, or on occasion an afternoon of work. Volley ball too has proved enjoyable and exciting. Those who began as new to the game didn't take long till they were helping their team instead of hindering it. Badminton has also proved to be popular, especially during the shorter fifteen to twenty-five minute recreations. All these activities add up to make the seminary a place where there is never a "dull moment."

Future Missionaries Form C.S.M.C. Unit

C.S.M.C. are the initials for the Catholic Students Mission Crusade. This organization tries to help the missions both at home and abroad by prayers and sacrifices.

This year the C.S.M.C. has been introduced at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary. In order to get the unit started, Frater Paul Pavlik S.C.J., the moderator, contacted the C.S.M.C. headquarters at Cincinnati, Ohio, for booklets and other materials.

Meanwhile, the elections of the officers took place on Tuesday, September 19th. The officers were announced that night; President, Peter Adams; Vice-President, James Brune; Secretary, Frank Brauer; and Treasurer, Terry Trotochaud.

In the C.S.M.C. there will be different committees who will try to raise money for the missions. The Stamp Committee will send out letters to schools, asking them for stamps. The members then sort them and sell them to stamp collectors and dealers. The Religious Articles Committee will send out letters to different schools and ask for used religious articles. These articles are then fixed and sent to the missions in need.

Besides these two committees, there will be discussion groups. When a student decides what discussion group he wants to be in, he will receive a booklet called the Five Hour Series on the subject he is interested in. These discussion groups will then put on skits and discussions about their topics which will show how much they have learned and accomplished in their meetings.

VOCATION PRAYER

O Dearest Jesus — Son of the Eternal Father and Mary Immaculate — grant to our boys and girls — the generosity necessary to follow Thy call — and the courage required to overcome all obstacles to their vocation. Give to parents — that faith, love, and spirit of sacrifice — which will inspire them to offer their children to God's service — and cause them to rejoice exceedingly — whenever one of their children — is called to the Religious Life. Let Thy example — and that of Thy Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph — encourage both children and parents — and let Thy grace sustain them. Amen.

Imprimatur Lambert A. Hoch, Easter 1957, Bishop of Sioux Falls.

Plenary indulgence may be gained, under usual conditions, if above prayer is recited daily for entire month, indulgence of seven years for each recitation. (Raccolta 562).

Bellefontaine Offers Boys An Opportunity. Boys willing to accept the challenge will find an absorbing message in our free booklet. Write now for the CHALLENGE at our expense.

My Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ Zone _____ State _____
 Grade _____ Age _____ Telephone _____

WRITE: Father Richard
 Bellefontaine
 Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary
 Lenox, Massachusetts.

A Day at the Fair

"Step right up here and win a cupie doll! Let me guess your name weight or age. Only ten cents, a prize every time"—these and other such sounds rang through the ears of the seminarians as they boarded a chartered bus back to Immaculate Heart of Mary after a very enjoyable outing. They had many pleasant memories of a wonderful day, and although most came back with less money in their pockets, some of the more lucky ones carried bright colored stuffed animals under their arms—reminders of the luck or skill which was theirs.

The big outing day of September 12th started out as a school bus pulled into the parking lot and 66 students along with 5 faculty members piled in. The bus headed south through the Berkshires to Great Barrington. The first stop was Kershov's Lake where swimmers and non-swimmers alike had an enjoyable morning. For those who



Aerial view of Dehon Seminary.

it, so they made good use of the time given to see all the buildings on the property and visit with the Dehon Seminarians. Around twelve there was a picnic on the seminary grounds with the music of Mitch Miller's "Sing Alongs" in the background. More sight-seeing was in store after lunch—the New England style chapel and the rest of the grounds.

The trip to the fair grounds was made in a matter of minutes. When we arrived there, passes were given to all along with tickets for a few rides. Once inside, the large group of us broke into smaller contingents—three and fours. Denny Mayor headed for the hot dog stand, a group of freshman wandered toward the rides, and glib Gene Lavoie shuffled his way to the games. Some went immediately

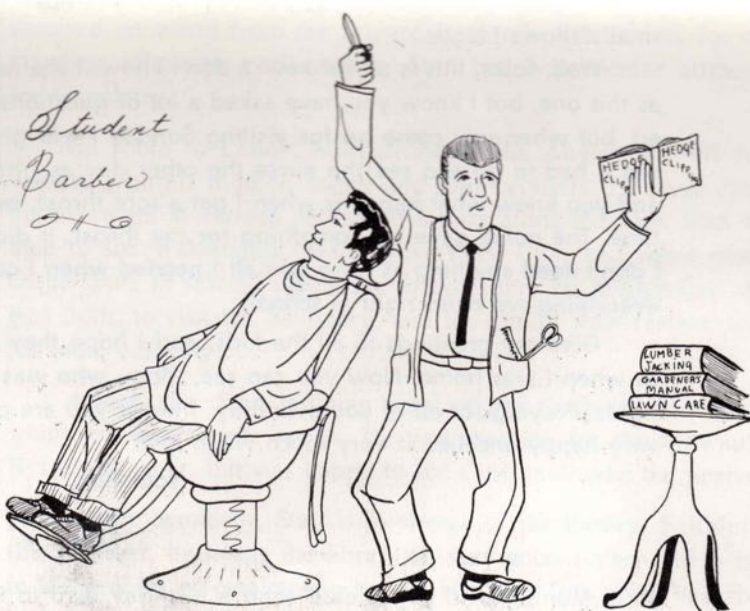
to the various exhibits—prize sheep and cattle, 4-H exhibits, and demonstration exhibits. Raymond Stone especially liked the way ordinary pebbles were turned round and round in an abrasive solution so that they came out as semi-precious gems—birthstones, rubbies, etc.

A storm later in the day caused everyone to run for cover, but since it was around supper-time anyway, the food stands appeared to have the best roofs to hold back the cloud burst. It rained on and off for the rest of the evening. Just as the outdoor stage was mopped, dried and swept with sawdust so the circus acts could be performed, it rained. Despite the rain, it was really a wonderful day, much enjoyed by all concerned as was shown by the songs being sung on the way home.



could not swim the warm shallow spots proved to be excellent. The pros made use of a pier from which they dove into the cool spring water. As the morning wore on those interested played leap frog, built human pyramids, and in general took advantage of the grassy shoreline.

After the swim all boarded the bus once more for Dehon Seminary, the Congregation's school for delayed vocations. For many this was the first vis-



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