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Pioneers Host Diocesan Meeting

Assumption was host this past Friday from 3:15 to 5:00 p.m. to the first Belleville Diocesan High School Institute. The purpose of the Institute was to give the teachers an opportunity to discuss mutual problems in teaching a particular subject, to listen to an expert in the field discuss a particular problem on the subject area, and to discuss the textbooks used in the seven schools. The other high schools who participated in these councils were St. Teresa's Academy,

Notre Dame Academy, Cathedral, Mater Dei, SS. Peter and Paul and Precious Blood Institute.

The subject councils were divided into English, Social Studies, Math and Sciences, Foreign Languages, Business Education and Music and Art. Mr. O'Brien was chairman of the Social Studies Council, Bro. Phillip Hartlaub was chairman of the Math and Sciences Council, and Mr. Thomas Jotte was chairman of the Music and Art Council.

Mr. O'Brien and Bro. Hartlaub, to give some examples, have planned some interesting programs. Mr. O'Brien, for his department, had Bro. Thomas Barber give a talk on the value of social studies of the atomic age and invited a guest speaker, Mr. Henderson, to lead a discussion on the Christian Anti-Communist Crusade. Bro. Hartlaub for science invited Mr. Abegg from Cathedral to speak on their chemistry study program and Bro. James Donovan from Vianney to discuss the value of "Science Fundamentals" as a good basic course in science. For his math council, Brother had Maurice Zollner and Ron Turski,

along with two other high school students, give a panel discussion on what they learned this past summer at various math institutes. Sister Leonardine from Notre Dame Academy also spoke on the grade school math program, now being followed in the Diocese.

The language council discussed the effectiveness of the language lab and what problems will arise through their use.

The other councils followed such procedures along with discussing the value certain textbooks and the curriculum each school follows.

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CARNIVAL CAPERS

Hurry! Hurry! Step right up for fun, adventure and challenge. Spend the afternoon at the Student Council Mardi Gras Carnival. Every home-room participated! Scores of games, rides, and prizes for your enjoyment! Come one! Come all!

To your left sharpshooters can display their accuracy with slingshots, darts and rifles. The less violent will find sponges and pie challenging.

Athletes, step over here. Show us your ability with a football, baseball and basketball. Musclemen, prove yourself worthy of the name in the rope climb.

And you destructive fellows, step this way into the courtyard, where you, armed with a sledge hammer, can vent your emotions on the nearest car (faculty beware).

Also in the courtyard is Assumption's Tri-City Speedway. Here you speedsters can satisfy that craving in go-carts.

But don't linger outside, the refreshments are inside—popcorn, cakes, cotton candy, soda and pizza.

So, hurry, hurry, it's off to the carnival.

Senior Golden Circle Candidates

GOLD CIRCLE CANDIDATES



Gold Circle winners and prospects are, from the left, J. Eros, M. Zollner, P. Bauer, T. Brassier, M. Flynn, J. Hoffmann, J. Durbin, V. Rosch, D. Lambert and E. Renollet.

Every year on graduation day the seniors who have demonstrated their school spirit by active participation in scholastic and extracurricular activity, and have thus earned 350 loyalty points are presented with Assumption's highest honor, the Gold Circle Award.

The class of '62 promises to be the most active in the history of Assumption. Four of this year's seniors had accumulated enough loyalty points by the end of last year to merit the award. They are Tom Brassier, 350; Vince Rosch, 376; Rich Durbin, 461, and Maurice Zollner, 486. The class also had four members in the Scarlet Circle, an award for juniors requiring 260 points. They are Mike Flynn, 266; Paul Bauer, 269; Ed Renollet, 287; and Jim Eros, 314. Their chances for receiving the Gold Circle are assured. There are others in the class with a sizable point accumulation who are in sight of the award. Larry Hoffman has 255 points; Ron Turcki, 250; Gene Boron, 234; Dale Shrage, 212; and Don Lambert, 200. The highest number to ever receive the award in one year is 11. That record stands a good chance of being broken.

Another record, the highest point accumulation by one student, set by Walter Mueller (1959) with 526, is also in jeopardy. Maurice Zollner, who leads the seniors in points and Rich Durbin, not far behind, are both very active and could conceivably better that total.

To earn the Gold Circle Award, a student must engage in several different activities and a wide variety is represented by those aspiring to the award. All three major sports, and some of the minor sports, the Speech team, the Glee Club, the Yearbook, the school paper, the Art Club, the Dramatics Club, the Aquinas Club, the Sodality, the Student Council, the Student Court, are all represented. Other activities, such as Journal, Messenger, and Prom reporters, honor roll, are also represented.

All this work has its rewards. Besides the personal satisfaction which a person gets, members of the Scarlet Circle are admitted free to Student Council functions and dances. The prom king and his court are the seniors who have accumulated the most loyalty points. The highest honor, however, is reserved for graduation day when the Bishop presents the emblem of the Gold Circle.

To earn the award requires a four-year effort. It is not too late for any underclassmen who desire the award to do something toward attaining it. Decide now what spring activities you can enter so that you can obtain some dividends in Gold Circle points. Benefit your school and yourself.

'Know Your School'

When the Know Your School Week contest ended and the last poster was taken down the student body could have a feeling of wisdom. For the Know Your School Week contest was not a race to see who would win first prize but it was an attempt to improve your knowledge of Assumption High School and more important increase your school spirit.

Some of the displays shown in the trophy shelf were: a salute to the Pioneer football and basketball teams, old yearbooks honoring grads of A.H.S., pictures of the band and the Art Club at work and last but not least stories and pictures of the past history of Assumption and Central High Schools. All who looked at the displays in the foyer could be proud of our traditions.

Congratulations to the finalists in the test and particularly Frank Gruber, sophomore of 206, on winning the \$5.00 first prize; Tom Brassier, a senior, capture the second prize and Larry Hoffmann, also a senior, third. Special thanks should be given to the committee that set up the various displays and made the tests, especially chairman Pat Waggaman.

PROGRESS REPORT

New things are popping up! Assumption is growing—four classrooms, a physics and a language laboratory. There will be 140 places in the classrooms, and 60 seats in the labs. The physics lecture-laboratory will leave the present lab for the new subject, biology. A language laboratory will also be added to provide for better instruction. Both of these rooms will face Kingshighway; the four classrooms will face the courtyard.

This is not a surprise. In 1951, when the school was built, the planners anticipated this addition, and included structural provisions for it. The new rooms will be over the one floor Kingshighway wing. The addition includes a stairway to the second floor corridors and adjacent to the gym. The new classrooms will increase the capacity of students to 900. Since "only" 130 seniors are leaving, and over 260 freshmen are coming in, the rooms won't be idle.

Construction will start in a few weeks. This might present a problem—the poor workmen. They'll be able to work unhindered all summer, though, and next September 4, we should see the additional rooms in use.

Only the latest fireproofed materials will be used in the addition, which will give a clean, modern design. There's no doubt that it will be a credit to our school. The people who have sacrificed so much to make the addition possible receive the special thanks of all Assumptionites.

WELL-INFORMED PIONEERS



Rich Durbin congratulates top winners, Frank Gruber, Larry Hoffmann and Tom Brassier.

ATTENTION

FATHER - SON
BANQUET
MARCH 25

LENT: POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE

Many of us view Lent as a time for depriving ourselves of every pleasure and enjoyment. Most of us look upon merely the negative aspect, never even realizing that there is a positive side to penance.

Real penance demands a change, not only a *change from* but a *change to*. Just feeling sorry is not enough. That is not a complete conversion, only a partial turn. To turn away from sin is good, but we must go further and turn ourselves toward God.

The denying of this or that satisfaction to ourselves is really only a way in which we express our love for God. Real penance is a surrendering of ourselves completely and entirely to God. If we constantly concentrate on the negative aspect of denial, we will forget the real meaning of penance altogether—the giving of ourselves to God.

The goal of penance is God. The means for attaining this goal is love—love which becomes so great that a man will freely offer himself, through his time, money and work, completely to God.

We offer ourselves to God through sacrifice, but how can we do this best? We usually associate Lent with giving up candy, gum, soda, and so on. This is sacrifice but the greatest sacrifice we can ever offer to God is the one which He gave us—the Sacrifice of the Mass. This is the perfect offering of ourselves to God.

Make a resolution today which will help you take a positive position in Lent. We guarantee you it will change your whole attitude about Lent. You will see Lent as a time to grow closer to God, and consequently be happier.

Lent can be just like any other time if we can make it the turning point of our whole lives—the time we turn to God and find the road to happiness.

MODERN DAY CHALLENGE

Today you are looking for a challenge as are most teenagers around the world. The Western world's Peace Corps, Papal Volunteers and Medico workers, rival the Youth Brigades of Cuba, China and Russia. If war was declared tomorrow, the enlistments would be a record high, as evidenced by Pearl Harbor and Korea. Must a national crisis arise before we see the challenge? What crisis causes a 19-year-old Russian girl to master English so that she can help instruct Americans once Communism has seized our country?

Is there a challenge to our church today? Are you surprised by the fact that 73,000 towns are without a priest in America or that lay teachers will outnumber religious personnel in our schools by 1975. You may be shocked to realize that some countries today have only one priest per 8,000 Catholics. Perhaps, the massacre of the Congo missionaries earlier this year has increased your awareness of the difficulties facing our church in spreading the gospel. These facts seem to be outside our lives—too distant to worry about.

The biggest difficulty facing our dioceses, our schools, our parishes is lack of manpower—not money.

But how does this affect our own lives? Few Catholic teenagers or, for that matter, adults, realize their apostolic obligation to multiply Christians or increase Christ's Mystical Body. Your Baptism and Confirmation has set you apart to participate actively towards these goals. Yet how few want to participate actively in the church as Lay Missionaries, Sisters, Brothers and Priests? What is your own attitude towards Apostolic vocations?

Don't let yourself be taken in by selfish propaganda! The world today is a challenge yet how few are even the contenders.

THERE ARE VOCATIONS

Which manifest themselves; they must be fostered.
Which are not conscious of themselves; they must be awakened.
Which do not dare manifest themselves; they must be found and encouraged.
Which are in fear of being lost; they must be reassured.
Which meet with opposition; they must be strengthened.
Which are paralyzed by poverty; they must be helped financially.
—Bishop Landrieux

POEM

Some of us are white.
We sit in the front of busses.
Some of us are black.
We sit in the back of busses.
I am different—
Alternating black & white stripes.
They won't let me ride busses.

INTERNATIONAL CRISES

Customer: "Never mind asking anyone. Just put a Cuba sugar in our Java."
Lady: "Sweden it yourself. I'm only here to Serbia."
Second Customer: "Denmark our hill. I don't Bolivia know who I am."
Lady: "No, and I don't Caribbean. Your fellows sure Armenia."
Boss: "Samoa your wisecracks, is it? What got India? You think this Alps the business?"
Customer: "Canada noise stop? Spain in the neck."

POEM

It is raining.
It is raining.
It is raining.
Do you believe me?
You do?
You have been brainwashed.
It isn't raining.
Ha Ha Ha
Glub!

GOOD ATTENDANCE IS COMMON SENSE

March 22: a night of decision. On Thursday, March 22, the Student Council will sponsor its annual Career-night. This event has had a brief, but welcome, history at Assumption. What is Career-night? Career night is an evening during which you can mold your future, for on this evening promised businessmen will be invited to speak. These men will represent fields that you choose. Fields that one day might provide your own livelihood.

In past years some complaints have been voiced about Career-night. 1) It was too long. 2) A student couldn't hear enough speakers. 3) Talks were boring. But this year, you're in at 7:00 and out at 9:30. The speakers will have three, 40-minute talks, instead of two, 60-minute talks. In this way, you can hear more, interesting lectures. For the third point, it will be your own fault if it is boring. The men contacted will be prominent and well-versed in the fields they speak on. The talks, themselves, will last 20 minutes with a 20-minute question period following. So, it's a half and half affair.

One complaint that we have to voice. In the past we've usually had about four times as many people sign up, as do show up. This is not only embarrassing for the pepole present, but it's rude. All we ask, if through some way you cannot see reason to attend this evening—don't sign up! How any one with common sense can avoid this necessary part of our education baffles me, but do us this favor. Don't forget March 22. Attend Career-night—you won't regret it!

STUDENT COUNCIL

R. HEIEN

I think that the Student Council has been very successful this year. I especially enjoyed the dances and intramural basketball which it has sponsored.

J. DAVINROY

I believe more has been achieved for the school and the students by the present Student Council than by any previous administration. Thanks for a job well done.

M. EYESTONE

The Student Council has, does and will continue to do its share of work around school, but only if the student body gives full cooperation.

L. CRONIN

I think the Student Council is doing all it can to improve the school. Their activities seem very well organized.

J. THOMAS

I feel that there is not nearly enough cooperation between the Student Council and the student body or enough effort on either part to really better our school.

S. RUDELIC

I think the Student Council has benefited me and all the other students. It has strengthened my school spirit and has given me support when needed.

Guidance in Our Schools

Last week, Wednesday and Thursday, I became aware of the employment test which 40 seniors were taking in the library. Later I found out that this is only one of the steps of the Guidance System set up at our school. But I was still a little confused, I wasn't exactly sure in what guidance really consists. Since the word and idea fascinated me, I investigated the Assumption guidance program.

I figured the best place to start would be a definition. Guidance in the Catholic school is an aspect of our education which seeks to discover, develop, and direct all of the God-given potentialities of the student.

This definition combed and adopted from the Insight Series for high school guidance is not so mystifying after you understand its practical application.

Just what part does guidance play in our school? I found that the first step in guidance is testing. This is done through the use of placement tests to discover your ability and by achievement tests to see if you are progressing satisfactorily in your studies. The second stage is the developing and directing of our talents. This is done through group guidance and individual counseling. Although now the homeroom teachers serve in this capacity under the direction of the assistant principal, in the future, full-time specialist in guidance will be part of the overall program.

Listening to the casual comments and reflecting on my own ideas, I believe that the majority of us view these services rather negatively. Instead I feel we must begin to look at the program as orientating me to the school, developing my personality and of assisting me in the choice of my career and state in life.

Guidance has many facets: spiritual, educational, vocational, social, etc. If we are to mature into the young Catholic leaders of the future, we must strive to take every advantage of developing our God-given potentialities.

Formal guidance in our schools is still relatively new. Make your contribution to the guidance program. Make it succeed for yourself and for others.

The Library and You

With the close of February and Catholic Press Month, our attention is drawn to the source of good reading—our school's library. Assumption can boast of having an up-to-date and progressive library with the addition of nearly 200 books since the first of the year. Already the number of volumes in our library exceeds 3000. Another new addition has been the rack of paperback books. These supplement the library's books and offer an opportunity for the student to build up his own home library.

As in most libraries more fiction type books are used than all other kinds. After an exhaustive tabulation we find that fiction combined with biographies and histories account for nearly 80 per cent of circulation. War experiences lead the best seller

list of paperbacks at AHS. Assumption's reference section has seven assorted secular and religious sets of encyclopedias. These, together with the well-supplied sections of religion, sociology, philosophy, and current events help any student do the research necessary in high school learning.

Although we haven't said much about the magazine section, still from the variety on the rack tells the visitor that anything of current political, religious, and social news is right at hand.

Since our library is for the use of you, the student body, and is supported mainly through your fees, we suggest that you use it to the best of your ability and prove that AHS does have the best facilities in town.

POEM

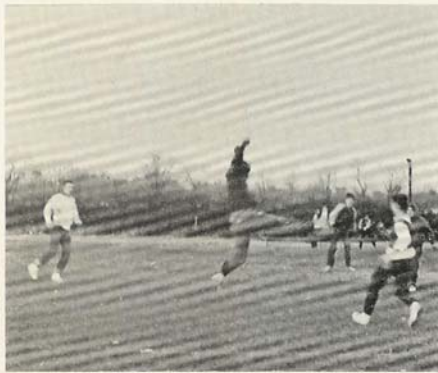
See the bird?
It is a pretty bird.
It is black all over.
It weighs 400 pounds.
It is six feet tall.

Its wings are 34 feet wide.
It is chewing on my leg.
Doggone bird!
Give it back!
It doesn't fit.
Aw, keep it.
It didn't fit me, either.

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INTRAMURAL SOCCER ANTICS



A glimpse of action in championship game, played between Rooms 104 and 125. Room 104 won 2-1.

Spring Intramurals

This year intramural sports around Assumption have a new look. After the traditional basketball series between the homerooms, in which junior homeroom 213 took the school championship, intramural soccer was started. Although the teams were composed of underclassmen it brought about a great deal of interest throughout the school. Freshman homeroom 104 won the championship by beating 125 in a playoff game, 2-1.

But the intramural picture isn't finished for this year. Mr. O'Brien, cur athletic director and Paul Bauer, secretary of the Student Council, have many more sports projects lined up for the intramural activities. Some of the new sports coming up are volleyball, tennis, and possibly to top it off a decathlon.

This year's intramurals will cover a wide enough area to hold something of interest for everyone. The trophies and banners given out to the championship teams give any room something to boast about the rest of the year.

RETURNING LETTERMEN LOOSEN UP

With track season just around the corner, many of the returning members of last year's team are starting to limber up.

Returning seniors include Bill Bauer, a standout in the 220 and 100 yard dashes, Bob Boze, who holds the high jumping record, and versatile Maurice Zollner, who specialities are the low and high hurdles. Also among the returning senior lettermen are Pat Brady and Con O'Sullivan, a winning combination in the shot put and discus throw.

Juniors expected back may be John Neal, a speedster in both the 220 and 100; the relay team, Tom Hanna, Harold Touchette, Jim Wegryzn and Rick Stone; Rich Ramirez, a strong pole vaulter, who should pair up with

FROSH CLOSE 11-9 SEASON

Coach Dick Ryan is all smiles. His frosh team has finished out the season with an outstanding basketball record. With the best basketball record of our three teams Coach Ryan has a right to be happy. The frosh team finished their season on February 23 with a sparkling victory over Rock Junior High (54-52) as Paul (Dugie) Buser sank the winning basket in a double overtime.

Coach Ryan stated that the highlight of the frosh season was his team's second place finish in the Marquette Tournament. Jim Karwowski star forward, of the Baby Pioneers, was selected for the first string of the all-tournament team.

The leading scorers of the frosh team were Jim Karwowski, with 299 points, Terry Florek with 199, Bob Cleaves with 158 points, and Pat Dill with 132. Paul (Dugie) Buser, who is not a tremendous scorer for the Baby Pioneers, was an important link in the 11-9 season with his fine dribbling ability.

Coach Ryan said: "I'm proud of my squad and I'm sure that they will contribute to Coach Mason's building program in basketball."

senior Joe Rios this year to bring home many victories in this event.

These are just a few of the standouts of last year's fine team which garnered a record of three wins and three losses. After a year or two lay-off in track, Assumption came back with a strong team. Even better success is expected this year.

This year's team is going to be under the direction of head coach Rich Mason, whose staff will consist of Coaches Scheu, O'Brien and Monken.

Mr. Mason plans to run his team according to a planned routine for each phase of competition.

Although the team's schedule is still incomplete Mr. Mason expects it to be Assumption's toughest one yet.

Varsity Report

(The Sports Department thought instead of a run down on the Varsity's wins and losses that the students might prefer an interview with Coach Mason.)

What did you think about your first year as basketball coach at Assumption?

I believe we had an average season. I thought that we would do better once the season was going and that we could win 10 games.

What was the highlight of the season?

I would say the second place finish in the Triad Tournament.

What are the weaknesses of basketball at A.H.S.?

I think we lack enthusiasm both on the part of the players and the fans. Also, I see very little off-season practice by the players.

What are the prospects for next year? The team on the whole should be much better.

What players are you counting on to help next year's team?

Looking over the underclassmen, I would say Rudelic, Donohue, Nowalski and Lambert among the juniors; Urke, Cueto, Stefanik, Gruber, Costello and DeMarse among the sophomores, and Cleaves, Karwowski and Florek among the freshmen.

Who were the outstanding players on this year's team?

Rudelic, Brassier, and Gonzales.

What kind of change do you foresee for next year?

Mainly defense. But I think our shooting will be better as a result of taking percentage shots.

What do you think of A.H.S. getting into a conference?

I would be very much in favor of it.

JAVEES WIN, 56-55

The Soph-Jayvee basketball team assured themselves of a .500 season by staging a brilliant second half comeback to post a 56-55 victory over arch rival East Side.

The team has not had much luck in the close games. In the games against Highland Public, C.B.C., Chamaine, Cathedral and Sumner the total margin of defeat was 13 points. With a few points here and there it might have been a tremendous season.

In the field of statistics the squad was led by Bob Stefanik who had a 13-point average and who led in the percentage department with 57 per cent from the field and 71 per cent from the free throw line. Frank Gruber added 10 points per contest while the other mainstays averaged some five to seven points a game. This balanced scoring teamed with the fine rebounding of Urke, Evans and Costello gave the Sophs an effective offense. Cueto and Stefanik teamed to produce an effective press which baffled and slowed down the opponents. Many of the team wins were the result of sparkling defense.

A few of the better sports suited up for the varsity games. Mr. Mason believes that these men will give stiff competition to the seniors for the starting berths on the '63 Varsity.

THEY BOWLED 'EM OVER



Top kglers: highest series, J. Wallentia; highest game, M. Blasingame; highest average, A. Hartman. Bottom row: first place team, J. Fostell, J. Eisele, J. Kane and D. Zimmerman.

FUTURE CHAMPS

Under the supervision of Fr. Piekarski, some 50 Assumption students are participating in their own bowling league at Ship City Bowling Lanes. The league had its first games in mid-November and it will end the season with two tournaments in May, one being in national competition.

Even though the boys are out for fun, they take their bowling seriously and have upheld the name of Assumption High in their bowling. Those who have rolled some of the best games in the National Junior Bowling League and who have received awards for their kegling are: (high game) Anthony Andria, 225; Art Hartman, 247; John Walentia, 255; (high series) Mike Blasingame, 601; (triple score) Jerry Kane. Through February 28, the high scores are:

TEAM SERIES	
Strikes	2885
Raiders	2774
Turkies	2726
TEAM HIGH SINGLE	
Strikes	1032
Raiders	955
Turkies	952
INDIVIDUAL HIGH SINGLE	
Blasingame	601
Swierczek	581
Kane	575

F-O-O-ORE!

Now that the ground is thawing and the days are growing longer, Assumption's golfers are getting prepared for another year's tour of the local links. This will be the third year the Pioneer duffers have been in action. Mr. Kolb, who originally got golf in full swing here, will again take charge of the coaching duties.

Last year, the first fully organized year, the squad had a record of five wins and six defeats. This is a good record which is expected to be better this year.

The Pioneer golfers play their home games at Fairmont Golf Course on Route 40 about two miles west of Junction 111. Last year the owners of the course allowed the team to practice and play its games there free of charge as a donation to the school.

PIONEERS FACE REBUILDING TASK

The Pioneer baseball season will begin on March 27 against the Lincoln Tigers. Coach Martz, assisted by Coach Ryan, has held spring training the past two weeks in the gym and weather permitting, on the outside. The first cut will come soon and then one final cut before the first game.

Only five lettermen will return this year. The pitching chores will be handled by Pawlak, Burbank and Stufflebean. The other two returning are infielders Gonzales and Griffin. Jayvee lettermen who may greatly strengthen this year's team are, pitchers: Tom Brassier, and fielders; Bob Kowalski, Walter Madura, Tom Maulding, Craig Lambert and Don DeMarse. All of these players should see considerable action in the games. Among those freshmen trying for places on the varsity baseball squad Glen Flake and Terry Hansen seem to have the inside track.

By the end of March the Pioneers should overcome their inexperience. With strong pitching and powerful hitting this season's squad should keep up our winning traditions.

AHS TOP TEN

- Dreamin' Damrich
- You Always Hurt the One You Love Mays
- Losers "Eliott"
- Oughta See Oliver Twist Latins
- Nobody Loves Me Mumbles
- Dear One Millie
- Town Without Pity Breese
- I'm Blue Franke
- When Krysty Comes
- Marching Home Danny Boy
- Deep Purple Joey & Dot

Six members of last year's squad will return to take another crack at the local teams. They are seniors Pat Brady and Dave Kolb, junior Mike Walker, and sophs Bob Kolb, Brian Knas and Gary Powell.

Mr. Kolb has set up a canvas backstop for practice in the gym until the weather permits outdoor activity.