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A Letter From The President

Dear Fellow Alumni:
The Boys Town Alumni Association is steadily progressing to a goal which we hope will someday include all the former boys of Boys Town. However, the going is slow and we again urge all our readers to inform us of any former boy living in your community. We would be very thankful if you would just forward the name and address on a post card to the Boys Town Alumni Association.

At the present time the main project before the Alumni is the organizing of chapters wherever 5 or more former boys reside. The first of these chapters to be organized is the Omaha Chapter which boasts an active membership of over 60 former boys. Since the organizing of the Alumni Association the Omaha Chapter has held several business meetings. A picnic held at Elmwood Park in Omaha was attended by 40 members and their families, a dinner was held at the Rome Hotel in Omaha, and a dance at Boys Town.

Some of the future activities which the former boys will be interested in are the following:

On the 27th of October the Omaha Chapter will hold a dance at the St. Ann's Parish Hall in Omaha. On November 25, the Alumni Association will hold an Alumni Day at Boys Town. We hope that this will prove to be a big day for all the former boys that will be able to attend and also for the present citizens here at Boys Town. This is the day that we want the former boys to come out and make themselves at home, to get together with the present citizens of Boys Town and former boys, to keep alive, among the alumni, the bonds of friendship, to assist brother alumni whenever and wherever possible; to maintain close contacts with, manifest greater interest in, and foster genuine loyalty toward the home and school; to promote the general good and welfare of Father Flanagan's Boys' Home by good example, work and words.

Sincerely Yours,
Samuel J. Breci
President B. T. A. A.

A Message From Father Wegner

I am grateful to all former citizens of Boys Town who have manifested their regard for Father Flanagan's Boys' Home by expressing their enthusiasm for, and by becoming members of our Alumni Association. Your co-operation will, I feel certain, prompt other former citizens to join. It is my sincere wish to see the Alumni Association grow and increase and what a grand thing it would be to have every former boy "a believer."

The Alumni Association has, as you well know, progressed beyond the talking stage, and now we need action and that is send in your name and address with a little note stating "I wish to join the Boys Town Alumni Association." "Nothing succeeds like success," and it is the determination of all interested in this project to put it over 100 per cent. It will mean lots of work, but with your co-operation it will be a labor of love.

We are interested in getting as many Chapters established as possible, and are willing to proffer the help and counsel that is necessary to do so. A number of Chapters are to be founded in various parts of the country, and thereby closer contacts will be maintained not only among all former boys but also with Boys Town. It is very gratifying that a number of Alumni are interested in founding a Chapter. Orchids to Los Angeles, Detroit, Chicago where former citizens are getting together to establish Chapters. Which places will be the next for an orchid compliment!



Above is shown the Rev. Leo A. Kuhn (right), with Father Flanagan on Father Kuhn's Ordination Day. The proud lady in the center of the picture is Father Kuhn's mother. Today Father Kuhn is Assistant Pastor at St. Patrick's Church in Omaha.

The Kuhn Brothers

Probably one of the most difficult things for any man to attempt to write is a sketch, or a description of someone else. Such a description will not be that he is six feet, has brown hair, brown eyes, pug nose—unless of course, one is writing the description for the police "wanted circulars" which adorn the walls of post offices, court houses and other public buildings. But the type of description with which we are concerned is that which touches the character, and what is harder to describe than a character? And in speaking of "a character" I do not mean the town nit-wit, or the popular Dinny Dimwit, the kind of poor creature whom we love, but whom we also pity. I refer, indeed, to that which makes a man a man—whether it be good or bad. I use the word "character" according to the connotation Noah Webster gives to it, that is: "the stamp of individuality impressed upon a person by nature, education and habit; the estimate put upon a person, reputation, calibre." What, I ask you, is more complex than the character of a man?

Strive as I may, whatever description I shall offer you will be at most, a mere representation endeavoring to approximate the real personality. It will seek to converge upon the inner "Nucleus" of my subject, and like decreasing concentric circles move closer, yet never quite coincide with the real center.

So, with due apologies to them, I shall make a feeble attempt to describe "the innermost recesses" of the Kuhn brothers—Leo and Martin.

Even identical twins are unidentical, as contradictory as that may sound. I shall not venture a scientific, or philosophical clarification of the sameness or the difference between men. Such an explanation is beyond my limited powers of understanding. Suffice it is to say that "no two people are alike," and you may interpret that common statement in its broadest sense. However, this lame attempt at describing the Kuhn Brothers will be only "one" in its wording, because (if I may contradict myself again) the brothers are "one," insofar as they are so much alike in their personalities. Perhaps this similarity is due, not only to the fact of their being of the same flesh and blood (I have known brothers who were just as unlike as an elephant and a mosquito), but also to their great and stable loyalty to each other. Their mutual loyalty is one of the fine elements of their characters which make them stand out in bold face type, and which incurs our admiration and respect.

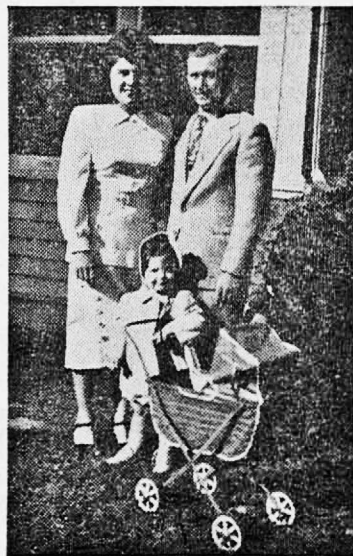
Leo and Martin came from Kansas, the Sunflower State. Their state flower is quite descriptive of their countenances which have the gleam of the mid-

afternoon autumn sun, especially when that familiar smile slips across the pleasantness of their features like the sun across the rich, dark Kansas top-soil at plow-time. I believe that these rustic words are well used because the Kuhn Brothers came from a farm, and to me who could never distinguish a pear tree from a mulberry bush, a farm connotes strength, firmness, moral stability and cleanliness of body, of heart and of soul.

Perhaps their nearness to the soil is the reason why their actions are quick, decisive, like nature that does not wait, but commands harvesting; perhaps, indeed, their well-disciplined natures stem from the farmer obedient to the call of nature's seasonal uniformity, yet submissive to the force of circumstance. Perhaps this is why their characters are as straight and distinct as furrows of soil.

Leo and Martin came to Boys Town in 1936. I will not delve into the files for minute details of their lives at Boys Town, but, if I recall correctly, I think that they both, of course, worked on the farm. Both distinguished themselves in athletics.

On June 1, 1946, Martin married Miss Patricia Lipka of Rochester, N. Y. and today they are the parents of two sweet, lovely little children, Patty, 4, and Joseph, 2 months. Martin is a member of the Boys Town maintenance staff, thus those of us former boys who are still here are cheered daily by the flash of his smile and the tenor of his wit. For Martin seems to be one of those people who will never grow old, but who will always remain young in heart, and it is those people who naturally bring joy to others.



Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kuhn and their daughter, Patricia.

In 1938 Leo went away to the seminary. There he attained an intellectual stature revealing an open, incisive and fertile mind, ready to focus its powers on any subject he considered worthy of attention.

In 1945 Leo (or "Whitey" as

Thumb Nail Sketches

Dear Fellow Alumni:
Many thanks for the letters from some of you. We were happy to have you write and re-establish contact with the Home. We sincerely hope that more of you will write and let us know where you are and what you are doing.

This column, began in our first Alumni paper, is dedicated to the purpose of re-newing memories of days gone by, of re-newing old acquaintances and friendships, and thus carrying on the spirit of Boys Town, and devotion to the memory of our Father Flanagan.

May God Bless You!
Charles Wilfang, April 20, 1918
Louis Salerno, April 30, 1918
Charles Incontro, May 11, 1918
Barney Pilitowsky, May 13, 1918
Barney passed away in April of 1927. May his soul rest in peace.

Paul Braman, May 12, 1918
Donald Braman, May 12, 1918
Felix Gradowski, May 18, 1918
Orval Bedinger, May 19, 1918
Frank Senin, May 25, 1918
Farnk Yacana, May 25, 1918
Matthew Lynch, June 12, 1918
James Balsana, June 29, 1918
Joseph Wittulski, June 30, 1918
Kenneth Wittulski, June 30, 1918
Leo Coyne, July 8, 1918
Alfred Terrill, July 13, 1918
Edward Roos, July 29, 1918
Bernard Warden, July 29, 1918
Floyd Wood, August 5, 1918
Glen Wood, August 5, 1918
Harold Goddard, Aug. 18, 1918
Joseph Tomasella, Aug. 19, 1918
Frank Hertzig, Aug. 31, 1918
Earl Huddleston, Sept. 9, 1918
Felix Whittaker, Sept. 9, 1918
Melvin Whittaker, Sept. 9, 1918

Melvin was killed in an auto accident in 1932. May he rest in peace!

Raymond Webber, Sept. 15, 1918
Dick Saiffa, Sept. 17, 1918
John Russell, Sept. 23, 1918
Larry Callahan, Sept. 26, 1918
James Callahan, Sept. 26, 1918
Joseph Guerin, Oct. 1, 1918
Joe died on Oct. 12, 1918. May his soul, departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Leo Beninata, Oct. 4, 1918
Jessie Welliener
Jessie came to the Home Nov. 12, 1918 and left in June of 1919. A letter from Jessie recently informed us that he gave a talk on Boys Town to members of his local Kiwanis Club. He lives in Medina, Ohio, and is employed, I believe, by the Redwood Storm Sash Company in Cleveland. Let us hear from you again soon, Jessie.

James Hammon, Oct. 7, 1918
Joseph Hammon, Oct. 7, 1918
Harold Kelly, Oct. 19, 1918
Larry Christie, Oct. 19, 1918
Tom Hiscox, Oct. 24, 1918
Kenneth Hiscox, Oct. 24, 1918
Leo Murphy, Nov. 2, 1918
Vincent Murphy, Nov. 2, 1918
Charles Gaston, Nov. 5, 1918

he was called back in our youthful days) became the Reverend Leo Alexander Kuhn. From the fertility of the soil and the spirituality of the seminary, Father Kuhn went forth to labor in the Lord's vineyard nourished by a background steeped in the sacramental life of the Church. For awhile his young brothers of all races, creeds and colors, at Boys Town were the recipients of his priestly ministrations. Then the voice of God, through his bishop, called him to Saint Patrick's Church in Omaha where he lives and labors at the present time.

Father Kuhn has always exemplified a genuine piety and an ardent love for the established worship of God, and this piety and love has rendered him a true apostle, ever assiduous "that in all things God may be glorified."

Who, indeed, could better typify two of the Church's greatest sacraments—Matrimony and Holy Orders—than the Kuhn Brothers, Martin and Leo?

My pen portraits have fallen far short of the realities, I know—but I have enjoyed my musings just the same.

Letters From The Alumni

Father Wegner, and we of the National Alumni Office rejoice at every letter from a former boy. We look forward to the incoming mail every day, hoping that there will be lots of long, newsy letters from some of you.

Donald Roybal (1936-1941) wrote an interesting letter from the 80th Air Base Headquarters in Germany. Don was, for a long time, associated with the Boys Town over there.

John Butella (1943-1947) also wrote from Germany. "I sure miss the Alma Mater." (Hope you come home soon, Johnny.)

Bob McFarland (Sam Turner) (1935-1941) down at Camp LeJeune, wants to know if any other alumni are there. Our records revealed this name, Bob: Pfc. B. B. Helsel, U. S. M. C. 1159458

Reg. Hq. Btry. 10th Marines
2nd Marine Division, F. M. F.
Camp LeJeune, N. C.

From Pueblo, Colorado comes a letter from Paul Cozzetti (1942-1945) saying that he is very much in favor of the Alumni Association and would like to know more about it.

We will keep you posted on the development of the association, Paul, through our alumni paper. The August 10th issue of the Times contained much information about it. If you didn't receive this issue, let us know, and we'll send you a copy of it.

And from the Island of Oahu comes a message from Jerry Sandon (1942-1948) saying that he is very pleased about the Alumni Association, and wishes us luck.

Elmer Scharfenberger (1938-1938) from way down in Kentucky says that he, too, is happy and pleased about the association and sends his regards to Father Wegner, and everyone.

We have also received letters from Don Jency (1941-1944), Gilbert Long (1945-1946), Alphonse Zimmer (1923-1926), Paul Tuck (1941-1946), Joseph Benson (1947-1950), Elmer Marshall (1948-1951), Don Knapp (1943-1946) and Jim Stark (1935-1938).

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Joseph Nemeth, Nov. 9, 1918
Paul Nemeth, Nov. 9, 1918
Emmett Powers, Nov. 9, 1918
Egon Uhlenbrack, Nov. 15, 1918
Joseph Pivonka, Nov. 20, 1918

Joe now lives in Lake Charles, Louisiana. He is married and has two children, Gerald Joseph, 15, and Mary Ann, 14. During World War II, Joe served in the Navy. Francis Pivonka, Nov. 20, 1918
Raymondo Agasta, Nov. 23, 1918
Wilson Truman, Nov. 23, 1918
Joe Fullerton, Nov. 26, 1918
Lyle Fullerton, Nov. 26, 1918
Clifford Stoney, Dec. 9, 1918
Kenneth Duff, Dec. 11, 1918
Ray Dougherty, Dec. 14, 1918
Joseph Pavlicek, Dec. 14, 1918
Frank Salmon, Dec. 21, 1918

We have reached the end of the list of the boys who were residents of the home in the year 1918. These were the "first", the veterans, the old-timers, the truly privileged ones, for they were very close, indeed, to Father Flanagan.

We would certainly appreciate hearing from any of these fellows now. So we hope that you will see your name listed here and will be inspired to write us.

In the next issue, we will begin the thumb-nail sketches of boys who were here in 1919.

So until then - so long - and God Bless You.

Andy

P. S. Sorry, fellows, we are not able to give you more information about the alumni listed above. If anyone knows the present address of any of them please let us know.

An Appeal To The Alumni In Kansas, Washington, D. C., Maryland Virginia, Penn., Colorado, Iowa and New York

We list below the available names and addresses of the Alumni in the states listed above, and we urge them to get together and form a chapter of the Alumni Association. It will be well if you set a time and place for your meeting, elect your officers, and send the names and addresses in to the National Office. The following article from the constitution tells how a chapter may be obtained.

ARTICLE III. Section 3. The association shall, upon evidence of the gathering of five or more members of the Boys Town Alumni Association, for the purpose stated in the Preamble, issue a charter, certifying that certain qualified members at some given place have complied with the requirements of the laws, for the organization and institution of a Boys Town Alumni Chapter.

Listed below are names and addresses of former boys in Kansas City and nearby cities. Let's get a Kansas City Chapter organized fellows.

William E. Anderson
116 S. Bowen
Independence, Missouri

Gerard P. Evans
2115 1/2 East 15th St.
Kansas City, Missouri

Vince A. Evans
2926 Main St.
Kansas City, Missouri

Dwane Slusser
3709 Church Road
Topeka, Kansas

John J. Gapa
1431 So. 17th St.
Lincoln, Nebraska

James F. Balsano
546 Gillis St.
Kansas City, Missouri

Norman Blackwell
26 No. Ferree St.
Kansas City, Kansas

Thomas C. Padilla
3136 Jefferson
Kansas City, Missouri

Charles R. Yerby
3212 Garfield
Kansas City, Missouri

Listed below are names and addresses of former boys in Washington, D. C., Maryland and Virginia. Let's get a Washington Chapter started fellows.

James Alsup, c-o F. B. I.
9th and Penn. Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Norman Hewitt, P.O. Box 1-4493
University of Maryland
College Park, Maryland

Theodore Chester
1831 No. Spring St.
Baltimore, Maryland

John F. Clyde
4640 So. 31st Road
Arlington, Virginia

Joseph J. Pline
U.S.S. L. F. Mason D.D. 852
c-o F.P.O. San Francisco

Sfc. Jesse J. Ruiz
Hdqs. Detach. 9135 - T. S. U.
Fort Lee, Virginia

Sgt. 1st Class Bernie Wold
329th Comm. Recon. Co.
501 Comm. Recon. Group
Camp Pickett, Virginia

Pvt. Dan Johnson U. S. 52085438
2101 A.S.U. Support Co. ROTC
ORC Camp
Fort George G. Meade, Md.

Charles Powell
2836 Denham Circle
Baltimore 25, Maryland

Frank D. Szynskie
2151 A.S.U., Hq. & Hq. Det.
Aburbeen Proving Grounds
Aburbeen, Maryland

Cpl. M. L. Schmidt, RA 17219268
9710 T.S.U. Det. No. 1
Army Chemical Center, Md.

Stephen Arales, Co. 167
23 Batt., 2nd Regt.
U. S. N. T. C. - R. T. C.
Bainbridge, Maryland

Pvt. J. A. Fox, US 55092330
Hq. & Hq. Co. 321 Sig. Bn.
Fort Meade, Maryland

Pvt. R. Lowrey, US 55165833
Ng. 3, Hq. Bn., 9829th T. S. U.
T. E. C. R.
Fort Belvoir, Virginia

Joseph A. Trudeau, SN 9003651
U. S. S. L. S. M. R. 514
Little Creek, Virginia

Francis A. Persick
1101 Trenton Pl., S.E., Apt. 10
Washington 25, D. C.

Listed below are names and addresses of former boys in or nearby Denver, Colorado.

James A. Braaton
1828 W. 39th Avenue
Denver, Colorado

Louis J. Roberts
1328 So. Vine St.
Denver, Colorado

James K. Bond
3225 East 28th Avenue
Denver, Colorado

James N. Galloway
1730 Logan St.
Denver, Colorado

George Nicholes
321 East Calfax
Denver, Colorado

William Kotick
2037 Iola
Aurora, Colorado

Listed below are names and addresses of former boys in or nearby Des Moines, Iowa.

William A. Burke
2500 Kingman
Des Moines, Iowa

Henry R. Ramsey
917 Locust St., Apt. 234
Des Moines, Iowa

Kenneth G. Allison
325 Center St.
Des Moines, Iowa

Percy Evans
1205 - 15th St. Place
Des Moines, Iowa

Edward Weir
Dowling College
Des Moines, Iowa

James Bonanno
1601 S. E. 1st St.
Des Moines, Iowa

Joseph H. Vainreb
Gilmore City, Iowa

Tom King
Route 2, c-o M. O. Knudson
Fort Dodge, Iowa

William Flynn
1218 1/2 Othy St.
Perry, Iowa

Listed below are names and addresses of former boys in or nearby Dubuque, Iowa.

Ned. K. Krause
2830 Washington
Dubuque, Iowa

Richard F. Plein
870 Kaufman Avenue
Dubuque, Iowa

Thomas Smith
505 Napier St.
Dubuque, Iowa

William Stark
R. R. No. 4
Dubuque, Iowa

Mervyn R. Cousins
Elkader, Iowa

Donald E. Leemey
615 S. Johnson
Iowa City, Iowa

Paul K. Shaw
309 - 16th Avenue
Clinton, Iowa

Raymond J. Lyre
1420 1/2 East 12th
Davenport, Iowa

Francis White
Keota, Iowa

Listed below are names and addresses of former boys in or nearby Sioux City, Iowa.

Joe J. Fili
709 1/2 - 4th St.
Sioux City, Iowa

Richard R. Boulden
952 North Logan
Sioux City, Iowa

Orville R. DeJong
701 Pierce St.
Sioux City, Iowa

Arthur C. Biddle
c-o Charles Slattery
Sioux City, Iowa

Robert Conn
3302 East 14th St.
Sioux City, Iowa

Robert J. Schneidawind
200 No. Anna Avenue
Spirit Lake, Iowa

Elmer L. Riley
1200 West Cedar St.
Cherokee, Iowa

Gerald McGuire
Milford, Iowa

Gregory F. Plahn
Westbend, Iowa

Listed below are names and addresses of former boys in or nearby Pittsburgh, Penn.

Joseph P. Galle
635 William St.
Bethlehem, Penn.

Sidney P. Fell
428 Countyline St.
New Castle, Penn.

Burwell F. Porter
1945 Harland St.
Philadelphia 21, Penn.

Santa Claus

"Santa Claus" a name that conjures in the minds of youth the thought of gifts, bright shiny new neck ties, sleighs, electric trains, fruit and candy The hearts of the young (yea, even the old) beat more rapidly with happy expectation as the grandeur of the Yuletide draws nigh. Santa Claus is an old soldier that will never fade away. His chubby, roly-poly physique is familiar to every young lad and lassie; his broad, friendly smile brings sunshine into the hearts of all, and young, eager eyes invariably come to rest on the monstrous bag of toys bursting at the seams.

Yet this grand old gent of the Season is human; he is composed of all the human elements that make one strong or weak. And no matter how lovable, how kind and generous a fellow he may be, he, like the rest of us, has his short-comings. His most pronounced weakness is, perhaps, his failure to bring joy to the hearts of all youngsters.

When youthful legs spring from their beds on Christmas morning 1951, there will be many whose day will begin with dark, dull, dreary, mournful moments. For you see, they will discover that somewhere, on his way from the North Pole, old Santa lost his way. He overlooked their stockings, or they will think that maybe he came, but didn't stop because their socks had big holes in the toes or the heels. Whatever the reason, the young eyes that should be bright with joy will be misty with tears of sorrow; young hearts that should be light and gay, will be heavy and burdened.

You perhaps are wondering, Fellow-Alumni, why this talk of Santa and Christmas so early in the season. Well, do you recall your Christmases at Boys Town? Have you heard about that first Christmas at the Home when they had sauerkraut for dinner? They won't have sauerkraut this Christmas, of course.

John Bauer
1112 Elm St.
Reading, Penn.

Bernard Erhard
Box 7767
Philadelphia, Penn.

Michael Flaherty
c-o Rev. Wm. M. Griffin
Catholic Charities
1211 15th St.
Altoona, Penn.

Frank A. Johnson
27 Yoder St.
Pittsburgh 7, Penn.

Thurmond E. Milleren
Penn. State College
State College, Penn.

Donald Murphy
1904 N. 2nd St.
Philadelphia 22, Penn.

Ernest Nicholas
c-o Mrs. Anthony Vorrasi
1037 Duffield St.
Pittsburgh, Penn.

Ed T. Sallon
1623 Ralph Avenue
Scranton, Penn.

Listed below are names and addresses of former boys in or nearby New York City, N. Y.

Joseph Americo
377 Sumpter St.
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Edgar G. DeLong
P. O. Box 143
Syracuse, N. Y.

Frank L. Rizzo
N.A.J.T.U. - N.A.S., Div. X
Lakehurst, N. J.

Charles Wirth
135 Barclay St., Apt. 15
Newark, N. J.

John L. Alvaro
93 Cottage St.
Auburn, N. Y.

Leonard S. Charity
806 Myrtle Avenue
Brooklyn 6, N. Y.

Pvt. Ronald W. Highberger
AF 13402540
3650 Trng. Sq., Flight 259
Sampson A. F. B., N. Y.

Pvt. Joseph D. Hinderer
AF 17336305
3669 Trng. Sq., Flight 758
Sampson A. F. B., N. Y.

Pvt. Maltravass N. Vincent
3654 Trng. Sq., Flight 483
Sampson A. F. B., N. Y.

Frank E. Ament
2346 - 6th St.
East Meadow, L. I., N. Y.

John S. Moran, YN 2, USN
Hq. Comm. Eastern Sea Front.
90th Church St.
New York City, N. Y.

Donald M. Gavin
43 - 11Forley St.
Elmhurst L. I., N. Y.

Letters From The Alumni

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Frank Kearns (1941-1948) "is having a grand time" in the Army down in Fort Benning, Georgia.

Pfc. Marice (C. J.) Adams, No. 8502, 715 Trans. Trk. Co., A. P. O. 301, c-o P. M., San Francisco, Calif., wrote a very fine letter from Korea. Marice has been in Korea since January of 1951, and says he dreads spending another winter in Korea. We all hope and pray tha it won't be long now before all of the boys will be coming home. Keep your chin up, Marice, pray hard and we will be praying right along with you.

Pfc. Ralph Pawlak, 1162216, 12th Repl. Draft "A" Co., J&R Command, Camp J. H. Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif., wrote: "We have been on the ocean 4 days now, on our way to Japan, and then we go to Korea. The food aboard ship is good and we are fed 3 times a day. The recreation program is very fine." Lots of luck to you, Ralph.

There will be turkey and all the trimmings. There will be gifts - yes. The home will give every boy a gift. There will be fruit and candy for all. There will be shows and other entertainment. But Christmas is one time of the year when you cannot give a boy enough. There just cannot be too many presents, for Christmas is a time of giving and receiving. The more beautifully-wrapped gift boxes a boy has to open the happier he will be.

Now many of the boys here have relatives and friends. These people will not forget these boys. They will send them packages, and the thrill for these lads will be, not so much, in the fact that they have received more gifts, but that they are not forgotten, that they are remembered also by someone outside the Home.

On the other side of the fence, the grass is not so green (not even at Christmas time). There will be a few of our boys who will receive only the package the Home gives them. Perhaps they have parents who do not give a darn about them, or maybe they have no one at all. Anyway, it is these boys who will feel left-out, forgotten, and a little bit sad. Truly they can make their theme song "In The

Pfc. Richard F. Plein, US 55067818, SVC. Co. 8th Cav. Regt., APO 201, c-o P. M. San Francisco, Calif., wrote from Korea and returned the Alumni application form along with his letter. Editor's note: We have the co-operation of the boys on the battle line in returning the applications - so all those in the states that have not returned their applications please fill it out and mail it in as soon as possible.)

Pfc. Gerald P. Burkett, RA 13350049, Co. E, 8th Cavalry, APO 210 c-o P. M., San Francisco, Calif., wrote from somewhere in Korea. Gerald stated that Richard Plein is in his regiment, but in a different company. However, Gerald hopes to have a long chat with Richard as soon as the fighting lets up. Lots of luck to you fellows. We are all pulling and praying for you.

S1c Donald G. Knapp, SN 1st Div., U.S.V.A.B. Navy No. 913, c-o F. P. O., New York City, N. Y., wrote from Bremerhaven, Germany. (Sent his correct address and just said that he promises to visit B. T. in '53). Thanks for your correct address, Don, and write often.

Cold, Cold, Cold of The Morning" or (for us old-timers) "Out In The Cold Again."

This is where we come in, fellows. We can remind old Santa that there is a very good paved road leading directly from the Pole to Boys Town. We can do this by sending in a package (better still p-a-c-k-a-g-e-s) with emphasis on the S, or if we don't know what to send in a package, we can send the money, and the men of the B. T. A. A. will buy gifts, wrap them, and - Oh, can't you just see the joy in little Johnny's eyes when he sees a package addressed to him from the Boys Town Alumni!!!

Come on, fellows, whoever you are, wherever you are, these little guys here now are our little brothers; they are here for the same reasons you and I were, so let's do all we can to make them happy at this happiest time of the year. God will bless your own Christmas. Indeed, He will!

Start the packages and money (if you prefer) rolling in. Address them to:

**Alumni Christmas Committee
Alumni Office
Boys Town, Nebraska**
"God loves a cheerful giver."
Father Anderson

Alumni Day

On November 25, 1951, the Boys Town Alumni Association will celebrate its first "Alumni Day". All former boys are cordially invited to come to Boys Town for that day - in fact, we urge you to do so. Sleeping accommodations will be provided at Boys Town for those who desire them.

Please send a card to the "Alumni Day" committee stating whether you will or will not be with us on that day. Following is the schedule for the day:

- 8:30 a. m. Solemn High Mass
Celebrant: Rt. Rev. Msgr. Nicholas H. Wegner
Deacon: Rev. Leo A. Kuhn (1936-38)
Subdeacon: Rev. John J. Farrald (1937-40)
Master of Ceremonies: Rev. W. B. Martin (1938-42)
Thurifer: Rev. Joseph W. Anderson (1939-40)
Acolytes: Mr. Samuel J. Breci (1935-41)
Mr. Charles Mitchell (1939-43)
Sermon: Rt. Rev. Msgr. Nicholas H. Wegner
- Breakfast following the Mass
- After breakfast - Visit the buildings and cottages
- Dinner with the Priests
Short talks by:
Msgr. Wegner, Father Peter F. Dunne
Mr. Breci and Mr. Mitchell
- 1:30 p. m. Basketball game - Alumni vs. Varsity
- Convocation with the present citizens of Boys Town. (Speakers will be members of the Alumni Association representing the various stages of Boys Town's growth from 1918 until today.)
Master of ceremonies: Monsignor Wegner
Speakers: To be appointed
- Supper with the boys
- 6:30 p. m. Rosary for the deceased Alumni, especially those that died in the service of their country.
Rosary and Prayers led by Rev. John J. Farrald
Benediction - Celebrant: Rev. Joseph W. Anderson
- Movie - "Boys Town" film

We hope that Boys Town will be filled with former boys on Sunday, November 25th. Come on fellows, let's make our first "Alumni Day" a memorable occasion.