THE ALUMNI NEWS

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A Message From Father Wegner

To all our alumni and former boys I extend heartfelt greetings for a very blessed and prosperous New Year, and, I pray God to favor you with every success, happiness and good health throughout the year and for many years to come. These gifts will be yours if you keep close to God in prayer.

All of us have reasons to be thankful to Almighty God for the many blessings He gave us during the past years. It may be that at times we did not make full use of these blessings, and tried to rely too much on our natural strength and ability. This of course is to be regretted, and we should therefore, strive to correct this fault during 1952.

We probably made some mistakes during the past year; we may have at times wandered from the path of honesty and uprightness; we may have, for selfish reasons, too often, wanted our own way in dealing with others. Let us erase these faults from our hearts and mind, and propose to ourselves means and ways of improvement.

If our lot is not as happy as we think it should be, think of the millions who are faring much worse; who scarcely have food and clothing, who do not enjoy liberty but are bound in slavery. This will give us reasons to feel contented; to put forth greater efforts, and instill into our hearts a wish to be helpful to those less fortunate than we. Let us all, therefore, be grateful to God for all His blessings and benefits granted to us, and appreciate the help our relatives and friends have given us in the past.

The Alumni Association since its founding, June 4th, 1951, has ascended several rungs on the ladder towards success. During 1952, with the help of every Boys Town graduate we want to reach the top of the ladder. Nothing succeeds like success, but that comes only after intense work and effort. Your cooperation is needed. Several new chapters of the Alumni Association are in the offing. Every former boy should feel proud to belong to the Alumni Association and we at Boys Town sincerely want you to join.

Days Of Long Ago

I'd love to take a journey back through time and feel the joy that often was mine in other years, when I was just a boy.

I'd love to know the pleasures now that then were mine to know. The thrills that I knew at Boys Town, in years of long ago.

The world today may look the same, as far as looks may go, the trees the same as trees looked then, and just the same, the snow.

The songs the boys sing are just the same, and recitations too. In fact they're doing many things the way we used to do.

The roads are paved and better now than in the days of yore, a thousand comforts now are theirs we never knew before.

The sights are lovely at Boys Town, I really must admit, and often I find myself truly longing to see it.

I'd love to hike up to the farm, and hear the horses neigh. And see the beauty of the cows that seemed to make the day.

I'd love to journey back once more, and live it o'er again.

I'd love to see Boys Town now just like I saw it then.

But styles have changed, and ways have changed, and time has taken toll, yet mem'ries sweet of other days are written on the soul.

And while today I live them o'er with children dear to me, I feel a longing in my heart for days that used to be.

Listen, Son....

I am saying this to you as you lie asleep, one little paw crumpled under your cheek and the blond curls stickily wet on your damp forehead. I have stolen into your room alone. Just a few minutes ago, as I sat reading my paper in the library, a hot, stiffling wave of remorse swept over me. I could not resist it. Guiltily I came to your bedside.

"These are the things I was thinking, son: I had been cross to you. I scolded you as you were dressing for school because you gave your face merely a dab with a towel. I took you to task for not cleaning your shoes. I called out angrily when I found you had thrown some of your things on the floor.

"At breakfast I found fault, too. You spilled things. You gulped down your food. You put your elbows on the table. You spread butter too thick on your bread. And as you started off to play and I made for my train, you turned and waved a little hand and called, 'Good-bye, Daddy,' and I frowned ,and said in reply, 'Hold your shoulders back.'

Then it began all over again in the late afternoon. As I came up the hill road I spied you, down on your knees playing marbles. There were holes in your stockings. I humiliated you before your boy friends by making you march ahead of me back to the house. Stockings were expensive, and if you had to buy them you would be more careful. Imagine that, son, from a father. It was such stupid, silly logic.

"Do you remember, later when I was reading in the library, how you came in, softly, timidly, with a sort of hurt, hunted look in your eyes? When I glanced up over my paper, impatient at the interruption, you hesitated at the door. 'What is it you want?' I snapped.

"You said nothing, but ran across in one tempestuous plunge, and threw your arms tightened with an affection that God has set blooming in your heart and which even neglect could not wither. And then you were gone, pattering up the stairs.

"Well, son, it was shortly afterwards that my paper slipped from my hands and a terrible sickening fear came over me. Suddenly I saw myself as I really was, in all my horrible selfishness, and I felt sick at heart.

"What has habit been doing to me? The habit of complaining, of finding fault, or reprimanding-all of these were my rewards to you for being a boy. It was not that I did not love you; it was that I expected so much of youth. It was measuring you by the yardstick of my own years.

"And here was so much that was good, and fine and true in your character. Yo udid not deserve my treatment of you, so. The little heart of you was as big as the dawn itself over the wide hills. All this was shown by your spontaneous impulse to rush in and kiss me good night. Nothing else matters tonight son. I have come to your bedside in the darkness, and I have knelt there, choking with emotion, and so ashamed!

"It is a feeble atonement; I know you would not understand these things if I told them to you during your waking hours, yet I must say what I am saying. I must burn sacrificial fires, alone, here in your bedroom, and make free confession. And I have prayed God to strengthen me in my new resolve. Tomorrow I will be a real daddy! I will chum with you, and suffer when you suffer and laugh when you laugh. I will bite my tongue when impatient words come. I will keep saying as if it were a ritual: 'He is nothing but a boy-a little boy!'

"I am afraid I have visualized yo uas a man. Yet as I see you now, son, crumpled and weary in your cot, I see that you are still a baby. Yesterday you were in your mother's arms, your head on her shoulder. I have asked too much, too much.

"Dear boy! Dear little son! A penitent kneels at your infant shrine, here in the moonlight, I kiss the littlle fingers and the damp forehead."

Congratulations Are In Order

Henry A. Fernandez who graduated from Boys Town in June 1950 writes that he was recently married to Belle Ester Beckley at the Church of Our Lady Queen of Peace in Flushing, New York.

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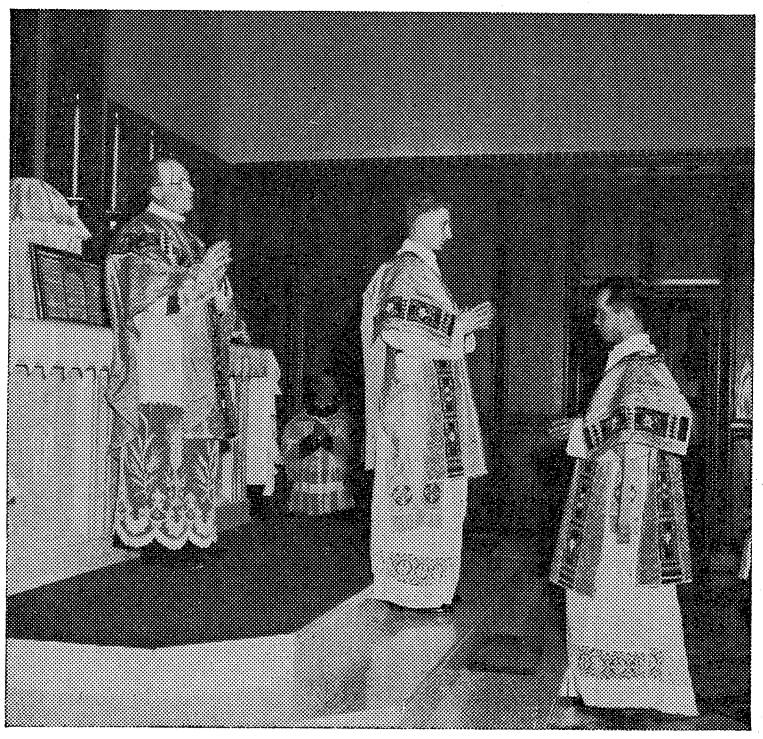
Pvt. Jerry W. Kobeszka (1943-1947) serving with the Marines and stationed in San Diego, California writes that he was married on October 20, 1951 in Calumet City, Illinois.

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M-Sgt. George M. Wagner (1946-1947) who just returned from a 43 month tour of duty in Korea and Japan was married on December 13, 1951 in Omaha, Nebraska.

Congratulations fellows and wishing you all a very Happy New Year. P. S. - May God bless you with many bambinos.

Father Anderson (Andy) '40 who had had charge of the Freshman High School boys since his ordination in May, was given charge of the grade school.



This picture was taken at the Solemn High Mass on Alumni Day. Monsignor Wegner was the Celebrant; Father Kuhn, Deacon; Father Farrald, Subdeacon. Father Anderson served as Thurifer, and Charlie Mitchell was one of the acolytes.

A Letter From The President

Dear Fellow Alumni:

B. B. T. A. - Build Boys Town Alumni.

I remember as a citizen of Boys Town during the years of 1935 to 1941 that Boys Town used for one of its slogans B. B. T. - Build Boys Town. Why not make our slogan for the coming year B. B. T. A.?

Let's all pitch in and really build our Alumni. Send in your applications if you have not already done so. Send in your dues to get on the active membership rolls. And send us names and addresses of new members.

In the few months since the organization of the Boys Town Alumni Association we have made great progress. Let's go back to June 4th 1951 and briefly state what progress the Alumni has made:

1. In response to a letter sent out by our beloved Director, Father Wegner, 39 former citizens of Boys Town met at the high school library at Boys Town on the evening of June 4, 1951 and there organized the Boys Town Alumni Association. Your present officers were elected and the ball started rolling. A constitution committee was appointed by the President. A constitution was drawn up and after much debate by the members of the Association, at a regularly scheduled meeting, the present constitution was passed and approved.

2. The Omaha Chapter was the first to be organized followed by the Detroit, Chicago, New York City and Southern California Chapters.

3. From the 39 Charter Members that we had on file on June 4, 1951 our files have increased to over 900 names and addresses.

4. At the present time we have over 400 members enrolled into our organization. 122 have paid their dues making them active members of the Association.

5. On November 25, 1951 the Association held its first Alumni Day at Boys Town. Giving the members and their wives an opportunity to get better acquainted with Boys Town and the present citizens. From all reports everyone had a wonderful time and the program for the day was executed with great success.

6. In the October issue of the Alumni News, it was suggested by Father Anderson, that it would be wonderful if through the efforts of the Alumni we could purchase some Christmas gifts for some of the present citizens of Boys Town that are homeless and who would not receive any Christmas present from home. Through this article I am happy to report that the Christmas Fund amounted to $103.00 That we purchased $97.13 worth of merchandise from the Anderson Merchantile Company in Omaha, at wholesale prices, and wrapped up fifty (50) Christmas packages and gave them to 50 boys on Christmas morning that were homeless and did not receive any outside packages. We have a surplus of $5.87 in the Christmas Fund which we will add to next year's Christmas total.

I was there on Christmas morning to distribute the above packages in the names of those that donated and I want to thank you on behalf of the boys that received them. I hope that many of you have heard from some of the boys that received your package.

7. On the 23rd of December (Sunday) the Alumni Association had a Christmas party for the members and their families at the Elks Club. The children had a wonderful time talking and receiving candy from Santa, and they had a grand time watching a show put on by John Rivers (1929-'32 - better known as Johnny Pearson to many of his old buddies) and his troup. It was a grand show and we all had a wonderful time - Thanks Johnny.

Thumb Nail Sketches

Dear Fellow Alumni:

Having published the names of those who were boys here in 1918, in this issue of the Alumni News, we begin on those who were here in 1919. Again, we appeal to all of you to send in names and addresses of any former boys whom you may know.

Julius Digilia, January 11, 1919.

Julius, who is married and has a boy 12 years of age, works at the Chesterfeld Cafe in Omaha.

Matthew Rodak, Jan. 13, 1919.

Matt left Boys Town in 1925. He now lives in Chicago, and is employed as a stationery engineer. He is married and has two fine children ,Donald 15, and Lorraine, 17. Matt visited us October 3rd of this year and we were really happy to see him.

Other boys who were here in 1919 are listed below.

WALTER RODAK
FRANK MERCURIO
MICHAEL MERCURIO
HARLEY B. FOX

Harley is in the cleaning and pressing business. He is married and has two daughters, 15 and 17 years of age. He lives in Chicago.

PAUL FOX
GEORGE KRAWZYK
VIVIAN C. HEAD
PAUL O'DONNELL
HOWARD TOOMIS
OLIVER WALCOT
ANDREW RODGERS
SEBASTINO FERRUCCALLO
CLARENCE SHANKS
RICHARD SHANKS
HAROLD IVENS
FLOYD ARMES
OLMER B. WHITE
PAUL BREHM
MERLE BREHM
BYRNE PENMAN
JOSEPH ZACH
LEONARD SCHWARTZ
(Francis Pritchard)
RICHARD WALKUP
ROY LITTLE
HARRY LITTLE
TONY RADZIEKAMSKI
JAMES C. RICE
SAM SILVERMAN
LEE NEFF

We will continue this list of former boys in the next issue of the Alumni News.

Andy

Recent visitors to Boys Town were Elmer Marshall, Al Karleskint, Joe O'Brien, Frank Carlotta (1936-1940) and Joe Fili.

Frank is a student at Creighton University in Omaha.

Joe Fili (1933-1938) works at the Martin Hotel in Sioux City, Iowa. He is married and has four children.

Joe O'Brien (1933-1939) is a supervisor for the Electric Auto-Lite Company in Richmond, Illinois. He is married and has four children.

Elmer Marshall (1948-1951) is a mechanic for the Bruce Mobile Company in Boulder City, Nebraska.

Jimmy Mitchell (1942-1947) was on a 30-day leave from the Naval Base at San Diego. Jim stayed with his brother Charlie in Omaha. Jim said he hated to go back but he has a job to do. Jim is married and his home address is: 2120 1st St., San Diego, California.

In closing this letter, on behalf of all the members, I want to thank all the present citizens of Boys Town for their prayers and splendid cooperation.

I also want to thank the members of Father Wegner's staff - Priests and employees - for their wonderful cooperation. To our present Director, Father Wegner, for putting the dream of Father Flanagan's (organizing an Alumni) into action and being with us every inch of the way in the last 6 months - I want to say thank you and may God's every blessing be with you in carrying on this wonderful work of caring for homeless boys. We know that your job is not an easy one - Good luck to you Father.

Don't forget - B. B. T. A.

Your Fellow Alumni
Samuel J. Breci

Four New Chapters Are Organized

Detroit

Our recently formed Alumni Association continues to grow and develop. On October 19th, Father Wegner met with some of the former boys in the Detroit vicinity, and the Detroit Chapter was organized. Those attending the meeting were Chester Reese, John Gutowski, William Roy, Bryan Burgess, Theodore Barnes, James Ray, Vincent Carr and Keith Bates.

The following officers were elected:
John Gutowski - President
James Ray - Vice-President
Theodore Barnes - Secretary
Chester Reese - Treasurer

Chicago

On the 20th of October Father Wegner met with the following former boys in and around Chicago and the Chicago Chapter was organized. Those attending the meeting were Matthew Rodak, Ralph Ward, William King, William Clifford, Ray Adams and Gene Blair.

The following officers were elected:
William King - President
Matthew Rodak - Vice-President
William Clifford - Secretary
Ralph Ward - Treasurer

New York

The meeting in New York took place at the Governor Clinton Hotel. The following alumni were present at this meeting: John Moran, Donald Gavin, Leonard Charity, Henry Fernandez, Henry Rizzo, Donald Murphy and Stephen Arales.

The following officers were elected:
John Moran - President
Henry Fernandez-Vice-President
Donald Gavin - Secretary
Leonard Charity - Treasurer

Southern California

Letters were received from Al Castiglia and Tony Villone stating that on Sunday night, November 4th, a group of the Alumni met at Tony's home and formed the Southern California Chapter.

The following officers were elected:
Al Castiglia - President
Jimmy Ross - Vice-President
Tony Villone - Secretary
Bob Reeder - Treasurer

We are certainly grateful to Monsignor Wegner for his work and great effort in establishing chapters throughout the country, as well as for all the encouragement and help he is giving us here at home. Congratulations to the boys in Southern California for their progress, and to the fellows in Detroit, Chicago and New York. We know that they will keep their chapters growing, and that they will also be an inspiration to alumni in other parts of the country to follow the example they have set.

Again, congratulations-We are now starting to make rapid progress, as this now makes a total of five chapters organized—Omaha, Detroit, Chicago, New York and Southern California.

We have several tentative chapters which we hope to organize in the near future.

Orchids To All!!!

On the 5th of October Father Wegner met with the following former boys in Pittsburgh: Tony Lagom, Burwell F. Porter, Frank Johnson, Ernest Nicholas, Frank Kaw and Francis A. Persick, with the purpose of forming a Pittsburgh Chapter, however, no chapter was organized at this particular time for the reason that of the above only 4 are from around Pittsburgh and the others from outstate.

Mike Lackner (1946-1950) came to visit us before going into service.

Bob Rose, '48, made a great showing in football in Detroit two years ago during his freshman season. Bob is still doing all right with the Omaha University team. Coach Lloyd Cardwell named End Rose co-captain of the team for the game with Wayne in Detroit this year.



A group of former citizens and their wives at a party given by Mr. and Mrs. Martin A. Kuhn, honoring Father Leo A. Kuhn, who celebrated his sixth ordination anniversary.

News Of The Home Of Yesteryear . . . .

(We are endebted to Mrs. Catherine Dannehy. for these news items of many years ago. We reprint them with the hope that they will bring back many pleasant memories to some alumni somewhere. Mrs. Dannehy, who is Monsignor Wegner's secertary, was Father Flanagan's secretary for many years.)

On Sunday, the seventh of October, the boys of Overlook Farm had a hilarious good time. The afternoon was passed in hiking and the capturing of two snakes. One boy now has a belt made of snake skin. In the evening they assembled in the gymnasium for the regular Sunday night entertainment. Jack Swansberg, Frank Mangamelli, Glen Mark and James Clark were the first boys to engage in a boxing contest on the new stage erected the day before. Albert Benignus and one of the teachers got a laughing out of the audience with some Irish Opera. Mr. Johnson, our chief engineer kept up the giggling with his mechanical high hat which went up and down as his accordion went in and out. Then followed an excellent comedy and the thrilling picture show, entitled, "A Thief in the Dark." Laugh everybody—Laugh, was the slogan for the night. Did they live up to it? I'll say they did!

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The following day, the Home Band had the extreme pleasure of seeing the world's greatest band master and leader, Sousa, himself. How did you like hearing Sousa's band, was the only question upon their return. Gosh, I'd walk a hundred miles to hear Sousa's band wa sthe prompt retort.

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Beware Of The Dreamer!

It was midnight. All was still . . . Suddenly a sound. Then, a white robed figure. Slowly he creeps forth. He begins to speak. Hark! Listen to what he has to say. He cries aloud. Jackie! Jackie! Jackie! How many rolls did you swipe? Early the next morning, a secret conspiracy was held among the Jackies. A few moments later, the guilty one left in silence. He came face to face with the white robed figure of the night before. With a glare in his eyes, he shouted: What do you mean, giving me away in your dreams? Ah, I couldn't help it, replied the dreamer. I was only dreaming that you stole some rolls.

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Saturday, the thirteenth of October, was another big day for our boys. It was the opening game of the football season. Our Band had the honor of playing before the game and saw Creighton take the first game from Oklahoma with the score, 43-0.

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Talk about activities. We sure got 'em here. Flyin' kites, playin' marbles, hand-ball, boxin' football, actin' an then blame it, they come 'round yet with some kind a' calisthenics. Wonder what's comin' next?

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Say, got to tell you about Sunday, the fourteenth. It sure was funny. We mean the actors who tried to act. They were so funny we couldn't help laughin'. Louie, the Journalist, laughed so hard, he cracked his face. Bishop and Julius tried to act funny and succeeded. The two nuts started to cry when Fatty played Home Sweet Home on his violin. Bill Newton make his first appearance on the stage We think he'll make some more. The boxing show sure was worth while. Our Bouncing, Jumping, Ulysses Willis sure had to do some stepping with our Sharky, Bob Grant .We don't know what to think about James Clark and Frank Cavitzel. Only this, both are better than each other. Then we saw Harold on the screen. He sure is funny.

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Saturday, the twentieth, was the fiftieth home-coming celebration for Creighton. Of course, our Band had to be there. We played until a shower came up. It was a silver shower. The people of Omaha certainly do appreciate good music. We saw Creighton lose their first football game to Oklahoma by the score of 7-0.

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Everything now is football, football. Sunday night we saw the College Hero on the screen. Might as well said Football Hero. It was all that anyway.

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Home Notes

Theodore Wilson, besides being in charge of the milk-house, is an omnivorous reader. His literary tastes extend from Sinclair Lewis to Shakespeare. Almost every minute of the day he can be seen with his nose buried in a book, and because of his philosophical frame of mind he is familiarly known as "Bishop."

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Arnold and Gilbert Haschke are learning to play the snare drum and the bass drum respectively. Arnold can make the roll on the snare drum in a very lively manner.

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On August 2nd we were disappointed because the Millard, Nebraska, baseball team failed to keep an appointment to play us a game. As our team has been greatly strengthened by the return of the Troupe, we feel sure we can defeat them.

Dick Schaefer, crack Trombone player of the troupe band, can be seen occasionally operating the Intertype in a very laborious fashion. He believes in the saying that practice makes perfect, and he expects in a short time to be very efficient.

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The band boys are anxious for the return of Mr. Dan Desdunes who is with his own band now as this is the fair season. Mr. Desdunes has been teaching Father Flanagan's bands for the past eight or nine years, and it was he who put out the most famous bands and troupes of the Home.

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School is again in full swing here. The boys are eager to take up their studies again after their long vacation. It is characteristic of our school that there is less "flunking" than in the average school.

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Past essay contests here seem to show that William Newton, will, perhaps, some day be a great literary figure, for he has won a great number of prizes with his energetic pen. He, also, plays solo cornet in the band.

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Every evening after supper the boys march for a half hour to the rythm of snappy numbers played by the first and second bands alternately. The marchers have to step lively to keep up with the flying sticks of Willie Harris, colored comedian of the Troupe.

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On August 30th, the troupe returned from their 2,200 mile trip. They were met at the gate by the second band and the boys.

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On the afternoon of that day all the boys enjoyed their annual picnic at Krug Park, Benson, Nebraska. The park offered many kinds of amusement for the boys, such as riding on the merry-go-round, trips on the Swanee River, and watching monkeys do a clog dance with a piece of watermelon in their mouths. At five o'clock a lunch was served and directly the boys returned home.

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Although Thomas Snellings has been at the Home for about four years, he has just found that he really wanted to be in the band. He is learning to play the baritone.

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Harvey Smith has told me more than once that he wants to enter the movies. He would like to follow in the footsteps of Ramon Navarro, whom he greatly admires.

Chapter News

Omaha

The Omaha Chapter of the Boys Town Alumni Association held its regularly scheduled meeting at the Hill Hotel in Omaha, January 7, 1952 at 8:00 p. m. The constitution of the Omaha Chapter states that the Omaha Chapter shall hold its nominations in the month of January and that elections will be held at the regularly scheduled meeting held in February. The following members of the Omaha Chapter were nominated:

FATHER FARRALD
ROBERT CLAUSER
HENRY AVILLA
WALTER SIPE
MICHAEL CERONE
LARRY KENNEDY
THOMAS WHITE
FATHER KUHN
TONY ODDO
WILLIAM THAYER
EDWIN NOVOTNY
JOSEPH DUKICH
FATHER ANDERSON
JOHN RUSHER
GLEN THARP
MARTIN KUHN
ERVIN ECKEL
DAN KAMPAN
WALTER MERTZ
DON PAUL

At the election to be held on February 4, 1952, a president, vice-president, secretary and a treasurer will be elected from the above members nominated.

Also discussed at the meeting were plans for a dinner followed by a dance to be held on February 15, 1952. (Saturday)

The officers of the Omaha Chapter urge all former boys in and around Omaha to mark February 4, 1952 in their date book and attend the meeting You will be notified by mail as to the place and time of meeting.

Southern California

Tony P Villone, secretary of the Southern California Chapter informs us that the Southern California Chapter is making great progress. Tony says that at their first meeting held in November there were only 7 members present, however at their last meeting which was held on January 4, 1952 there were eighteen (18) members present. Tony writes: "I'm very proud of the group, Sam, and a finer bunch of men you couldn't find anywhere. I'm sure that Father Flanagan must be very happy when he looks down from high atop his place in Heaven and sees his boys all coming back to him in the form of these chapters."

Tony says that Spencer Tracy and Dore Schary have been elected "Honorary President" of the Southern California Chapter and that in the near future they will have a picture taken with Mr. Tracy and Mr. Schary at a luncheon and forward it along to the Alumni News.

Thanks alot for your very interesting letter on the progress of the Southern California Chapter. Father Wegner and the alumni officers send you their best regards and a happy and progressive New Year to the Southern California Chapter.

Note: Former boys located in the Southern California area may join the Southern California Chapter by writing to:
Mr. Tony Villone
10123 Washington Blvd.
Culver City, California

Chicago

On January 3, 1952 at the Stevens Hotel in Chicago the Chcago Chapter held a special dinner meeting wth Father Wegner present. The dinner meeting was a great success with 18 members present. After the meeting the members of the Chicago Chapter were guests on a radio program at 10:00 p .m.

Father Wegner had a wonderful time at the meeting and he was very happy to see so many boys present.

Keep up the good work fellows —You are doing a wonderful job.

Up to the present time we have received 400 applications. There are still about 500 former boys that have not answered their application.

Names And Addresses Of Alumni Members Now Overseas With The Armed Forces

EUROPEAN THEATRE

Stephen Arales SA 4277712 (1949-'51)
U. S. S. Timbalier AVP - 54
c-o Fleet Post Office—New York, N. Y.
Cpl. John S. Butalla AF 16280853 (1943-'47)
25th Communication Squadron
A. P. O. 633—c-o P. M.—New York, N. Y.
George O. Chidester AD 3 (1943-'46)
VF - 174—c-o F. P. O.—New York, N. Y.
Pfc. Joseph A. Fox UX 55092330 (1943-'45)
Hq. and Hq. Co., 321st Signal Bn., Corps
A. P. O. 107—c-o P. M.—New York, N. Y.
Raymond G. Geinzer SN (1944-'47)
U. S. S. Harold J. Ellison (DD864)
c-o F. P. O.—New York, N. Y.
Pvt. Joseph Grabowski 12315721 (1939-'48)
Co. A 709 M. P. Sv. Bn.
c-o P. M.—New York, N. Y.
Cpl. Dan M. Henry A.S.N. 55051302 (1940-'48)
A. P. O. 58—c-o P. M.—New York, N. Y.
Pvt. Lewis N. Kaw RA 15211660 (1945-'45)
Co H 351st Inf. Trust
A. P. O. 209—c-o P. M.—New York, N. Y.
Pfc. Robert E. Kaw RA 15424856 (1945-'49)
Hq. VII Corps., A. G.
A. P. O. 107—c-o P. M.—New York, N Y.

S 1-c Donald G. Knapp, SN 1st Div. (1943-'45)
William D. Marshall—X Division (1944-'45)
U .S. S. Coral Sea (CVB - 43)
c-o F. P. O.—New York, N. Y.
Louis J, Pasqualone 1168536 (1945-'49)
"C" Co. 1st Bn. 8th Marine (Reinf.)
2nd Marine Division—c-o F. P. O.—N. Y., N. Y.
Sgt. Frank J. Petrzelka RA 37809879 (1940-'41)
7808 SCU—A. P. O. 172—c-o P. M.—N. Y., N. Y.
Charles M Powell, Jr. SA 4600769 (1947-'51)
6th Division—U. S. S. Missouri
Sgt. Eugene Rea (1945-'47)
7544th Aircraft Repair Sqd.
A. P. O. 124—c-o P. M.—New York, N. Y.
Sgt. Donald L. Roybal AF 38164237 (1936-'41)
Hq. and Hq. Sqdn. 86th Air Base Group
A. P. O. 65—c-o P. M.—New York, N. Y.
George E. Schlig RA 17294968 (1946-'49)
Co. A - 40th Tank Bn., 4th Inf. Div.
A. P. O. 39—c-o P. M.—New York, N. Y.
Robert J. Schmittauer A. N.-V. A.-75 (1946-'50)
c-o F. P. O.—New York, N. Y.
Mr. Walter Henry Stark (1935-'42)
Carrier Air Group SEVEN

PACIFIC THEATRE

Pfc. Maurice (C. J.) Adams 8502715 (1940-'44)
Trans. Trk. Co.
A. P. O. 301—c-o P. M.—San Francisco, Calif.
Pfc. George Austin RA 17269089 (1944-'48)
89th Med. Tnk. Bn. Medics
A .P. O. 301—c-o P. M.—San Francisco, Calif.
Robert Barry (1942-'48)
U .S. S. Rupertus DD 851
c-o F. P. O.—San Francisco, Calif.
Cpl. James R. Black USMC 1102537 (1945-'49)
U. S. S. Helena, Co. 75
c-o F. P. O.—San Francisco, Calif.
David J Blackburn US 56086904 (1937-'46)
40th Inf. Div. 40th Signal Co.
A. P. O. 6—c-o P. M.—San Francisco, Calif
Bob Boulden F. H. (1943-'46)
5th Div. U. S. S. Dixie A. D. 14
c-o F. P. O.—San Francisco, Calif.
Pfc. Howard Braddock RA 15698942 (1946-'47)
Heavy Mortar Co. 5th RCT
A. P. O. 301—c-o P. M.—San Francisco, Calif.
Cpl. Robert L. Buettner 17248637 (1943-'48)
A P. O. 503—c-o P M.—San Francisco, Calif
Tony Darga M. U. S. A. - U. S. N. (1946-'49)
955 - 22 - 81 Div. N—U. S. S. Essex CU 9 (Band)
c-o F. P. O.—San Francisco, Calif.
Jack C. Dredla 3185209 (1944-'49)
Com. Carrier Div. 3
c-o F. P. O.—San Francisco, Calif.
James E. Duffy CT3 (1942-'43)
Box 24, U. S. Nav. Com. Sta.
Navy No. 926—c-o F. P. O.—San Francisco
Pfc. Manuel J. Garcia RA 17309432 (1949-'51)
A. P. O. 7—c-o P. M.—San Francisco, Calif.
Pfc. Bernard K. Green 14294040 (1940-'42)
Btry. "C" 11th F. A. Bn. 24th Inf. Div.
A. P. O. 24—c-o P. M.—San Francisco, Calif.
Stan Hinrichsen S. O. S. N. (1944-'49)
U. S. S. Douglas A. Monroe (DE 422)
c-o F. P. O.—San Francisco, Calif.
Pvt. Jerry Howard US 55077635 (1942-'47)
Radio Company, 304th Sig. Op. Bn.
A. P. O. 301—c-o P. M.—San Francisco, Calif.
John Hurtado SN 3181727 (1944-'48)
U. S. S. Erben DD 631 1st Div.
c-o F. P. O.—San Francisco, Calif.
Leon Irvin (1945-'47)
U. S. S. Hammer DD 718
c-o F. P. O.—San Francisco, Calif.
Pfc. Donald A. King 1191689 (1945-'50)
E Co. 1st Platoon, 2nd Bn. 7th Marines
1st Marine Division F. M. F.
c-o F. P. O.—San Francisco, Calif.
Sfc. Harold A. Lederer 17178879 (1939-'42)
Headquarters Far Eastern Command
c-o 1st District 441 C. I. C. Detachment
A .P. O. 3—c-o P. M.—San Francisco, Calif.
Cpl. Donald E. Leeney US 55010030 (1943-'44)
Co. C 2nd Chem. Mortar Bn.
A. P. O. 301—c-o P. M.—San Francisco, Calif.
Pfc. Donald J. Martin RA 15271932 (1945-'46)
Hu. Mart. Co. 19th Inf. Reg.
A. P. O. 24—c-o P. M.—San Francisco, Calif.
Daniel J. Mason AF 17261984 (1944-'47)
c-o P. M.—San Francisco, Calif.
Pfc. Robert J. Matusik AF 17277226 (1949-'50)
154th FTR BMR. SQDN.-136 FTR. BMR. WNG.
Advanced Echelon
A. P. O. 970—c-o P. M.—San Francisco, Calif.
Robert D. Mowrey (1945-'47)
Co. C. 3rd Engr. Co. Bn.
A. P. O. 24—c-o P. M.—San Francisco, Calif.
George W. Nicholls CSG 3 (1942-'44)
U. S. S. Lenawee
A. P. O. 195—c-o P. M.—San Francisco, Calif.
Pvt. Cyp. Ortega RA 17269198 (1943-'47)
Hq. and Hq. Co. 29th Inf. Reg.
A. P. O. 331—c-o P. M.—San Francisco, Calif.

Pfc. Richard F. Plein US 55067818 (1942-'42)
Svc. Co. 8th Cav. Regt.
A. P. O. 201—c-o P. M.—San Francisco, Calif.
Joseph J. Pline CS 2 (1934-'39)
U. S. S. Leonard F. Mason DD 852
c-o F. P. O.—San Francisco, Calif.
James Carter Richards (1945-'48)
First Division U. S. S. Samuel N. Moore DD 747
c-o F. P. O.—San Francisco, Calif.
Pfc. Keith Richardson US 55155805 (1941-'47)
Company A 728th M. P. Bn.
A. P. O. 301—c-o P. M.—San Francisco, Calif.
Ernest E. Romero (1945-'49)
C. G. C. Nettie—WAK 169
c-o F. P. O.—San Francisco, Calif.
Pvt. James A. Sandon 19350269 (1942-'48)
Hq. Army Security Agency Pacific
A. P. O. 500—c-o P. M.—San Francisco, Calif.
Pvt. Jerome E. Sandon RA 17330799 (1942-'48)
47th Co. 40th Bn. H. I. T. C.
A. P. O. 957—c-o P. M.—San Francisco, Calif.
Michael R. Scoville YN3 USN (1940-'45)
U. S. N. S. General A. W. Brewster
c-o F. P. O.—San Francisco, Calif.
Cpl. Martin L. Schmidt RA 17219268 (1942-'46)
Co. 12 3rd Inf. Bn. J. L. C.
A. P. O. 613—c-o P M.—San Francisco, Calif.
Pfc. Harlan D. Smith (1945-'50)
"D" Co. 1st. Eng. Bn.—1st Marine Div. F. M. F.
c-o F. P. O.—San Francisco, Calif.
Charles R. Stewart RA 18314025 (1949-'49)
Co. A 13th Eng. Com. Bn.
A. P. O. 7—c-o P. M.—San Francisco, Calif.
Pfc. Frank D. Szynskie US 55018051 (1941-'47)
A. P. O. 613—c-o P. M.—San Francisco, Calif.
S-Sgt. Paul E. Tuck 37820779 (1941-'45)
3rd Maint. Squadron
A. P. O. 970—c-o P. M.—San Francisco, Calif.
Edward Wieleba EN 3 USN (1944-'48)
U. S. S. Cushing DD 797
c-o F. P. O.—San Francisco, Calif.
John A. Zezulak S. N. (1946-'47)
U. S. S. Elkhorn AOG 7
c-o P. M.—San Francisco, Calif.
Robert J. Conn (1943-'49)
U. S. S. - L. S. M. R. 409
c-o F. P. O.—San Francisco, Calif
Cpl. Leonard E. Kroll US 55010029 (1941-'47)
Service Co. - 35th Inf. Reg.
A. P. O. 25—c-o P. M.—San Francisco, Calif.
Pfc. Nick Kuzma AF 15439096 (1945-'49)
Det. 1 3rd Air Rescue Sqd.
A. P. O. 970—c-o P. M.—San Francisco, Calif.
Pfc. William M. Myers RA 17240090 (1946-'48)
Hq. 7th Inf. Div., Chaplain Section
A. P. O. 7—c-o P. M.—San Francisco, Calif.
Pvt. William L. Pettit RA 18306248 (1938-'44)
79ht T. C. Sr. Co.
Army Post Office—c-o P. M.—Seattle, Wash.
Robert Schneidawind RA 17246812 (1936-'38)
Provisional Sq. 710
A. P. O. 264—c-o P. M.—San Francisco, Calif.
S-Sgt. Cecil Stoughton (1930-'32)
15th AAFBU - A. T. C. Hdq.
Hickam Field, Honolulu, T. H.
Pfc. Ben Renegar 1163498 (1945-'50)
Marine Detachment - U. S. S. Antietam
c-o F. P. O.—San Francisco, Calif.
Pvt. John D. Reinhardt RA 17310741 (1942-'50)
8001st Army Unit - Yokohoma T. C. Depot
A. P. O. 503—c-o P. M.—San Francisco, Calif.
Pfc. John E. Trunk USMC 1154151 (1945-'50)
1st Serv. Bn., Hq. Co.
1st Marine Div., F. M. F. Pacific
c-o F. P. O.—San Francisco, Calif.
Pfc. Ralph L. Pawlak 1162216 (1946-'50)
"C" Co. 1st Amphibious Tractor Bn. F. M. F.
F. P. O.—San Francisco, Calif.



A scene from the farewell dinner given for Father Farrald. From left to right are shown, Captain Pat Norton, Father Ulrich, Father Anderson, Father Dunne and Father Farrald. President Sam Breci was also present for the dinner.

Just A Dream?

As soon as Tommy awakened from a restful and peaceful sleep, he turned over and looked out his window. It was a beautiful morning on June 5th in the year 2051.

It took Tommy but a moment to realize that he was back in Boys City. How happy this made him. It was the third time he had returned since he left fifteen years before in the year 2036. His business (He was owner and manager of the Gillen Gyroplane Maunfacturing Company) did not permit him to return to visit as often as he would like to.

Tommy quickly recalled what day it was. This was the day of the annual alumni convention, and also the day of the Boys City High School graduation exercises. He remembered also that he was to give a speech at the alumni meeting. "The speech had to be good," thought Tommy, "because I am president, and presidents are expected to give good speeches."

Tommy looked at his watch. "Gee ,I've got a whole hour yet. Think I'll lie here awhile longer, and think about my speech. 'The History and Development of the Boys City Alumni Association'. That's what I'm going to talk about. It was founded on June 4th, nineteen hundred and fifty-one, or was it June 10th? I'll have to remember to check on the date when I go over to the Alumni Building this morning.

Gee, the 'founding fathers' certainly must have had a pretty rough time of it way back in '51. The City was called 'Boys Town' in those days. You certainly couldn't call it a town today—not with all these buildings and street busses. Let's see —exactly how many buildings are there now? No—I'll count those that the alumni association built. First there's the boat house. Then there's the guest houses, the three-story Alumni Building, called 'Father Flanagan Hall,' and given by the Alumni Association in memory of and with gratitude to Father Flanagan. Then there is the science building, the nursery school for little boys of preschool age, and the association given park and the play-ground.

We have accomplished a lot in our first hundred years—what with all of the university scholarships, the various charity funds, the civic allotments! I only wish that those who were instrumental in organizing the association could be here with us for our hundredth anniversity. Representatives from chapters from all over the country will be here —from New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Maine, Wisconsin, Alabama, California—yes, they will come from everywhere.

Yes, those who started it must have found it to be pretty 'tough sledding' in the beginning. That Sam Breci, the first president, must have been a great guy. The records in the archives say that he worked ceaselessly and untiringly to get the association going. Then the other officers, the first ones, that is—who were they now? Let's see there was Tony Savorelli, Father Benedict Martin, Mike Brady, and a little later came Charlie Mitchell. Yes, they must have worked very hard—and how they must have loved Boys City, or 'Boys Town' as it was called in those days.

But the records say that the association would not have thrived ,that it would not have been successful had it not been for the whole-hearted and generous co-operation and the interest of Father Wegner.

Yes, it must have been difficult for them in the beginning. How grateful we of today should be, and are, to those who, way back in '51, worked so diligently that we might have the wonderful association that we have today. I look forward to these annual homecoming celebrations, to these reunions.

How fortunate those fellows were back in the thirties and forties, and earlier who had the privilege of knowing Father Flanagan ,and how fortunate we are, today, in the year 2051, that those fellows kept alive the spirit of Father Flanagan.

This, Alumni of 2051, is our obligation; this is our privilege; to this we should pledge ourselves."

We, former boys of 2051, have an obligation. Our obligation is expressed in the words of Father Wegner, taken from his article published in the then 'Boys Town Times' a hundred years ago when he expressed the main purposes of the alumni association:

"To foster a closer spirit and bond of friendship among former boys; to be of help to one another whenever the occasion presents itself; to keep in closer contact with the Home; to manifest a greater spirit of loyalty to it; and to be of help and service to the Home which did so much for all former boys."

Tommy smiled. He had gone over his whole speech in his mind. Would it be a good speech? Would it be a speech befitting the president of the association? It did not matter. The important thing was that he had been given the great privilege of sharing in the grand work of perpetuating such a worthwhile association which had its beginning a hundred years before.

"Please God," he prayed, "help me prove worthy of this honor."

- Tom White Asks Us -

— TO REPAY A DEBT —

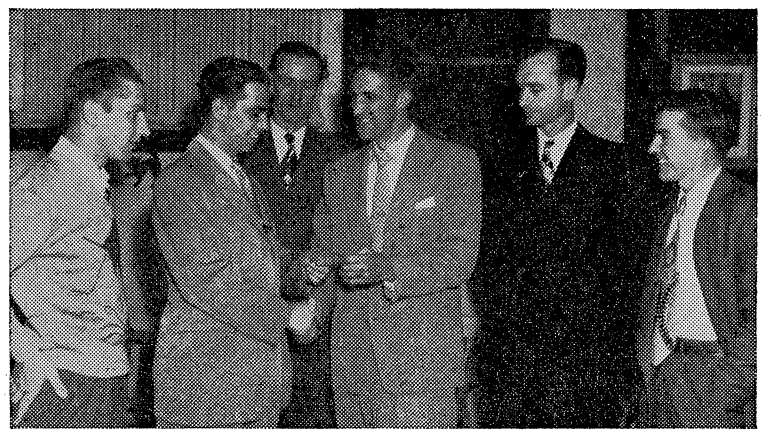
Those of us who spent several or more years at Boys Town and who were able to organize ourselves well enough to accept and use the training and the education offered us, should be forever conscious of our debt to Boys Town for affording us access to opportunity.

It is at least probable that the material success we have achieved and whatever spiritual or philosophical equilibrium we have found, might never have come to us had it not been for Boys Town.

This institution took us when no one else in all society wanted us or when those who wanted us could not provide for us. Many men and women of good will worked long and hard to give us a decent start in life.

Having been on the receiving end of all this care and concern for years, we surely have an obligation to take up the torch in our turn and contribute something to the welfare of other boys who need this same help. The obligation of which I speak is not to the institution of Boys Town but to the civilization as a whole which made Boys Town possible.

And this brings us to the matter of the Boys Town Alumni whose one important and basic reason for existence is to help other boys. This is a plea for every old boy who can appreciate the obligation I have discussed above, to join the Alumni and attend the meetings regularly. I want to stress regular attendance even at some personal sacrifice. Only by meeting regularly and seriously, do we have a chance to succeed in converting our verbal appreciation, whch is easy and valueless, to the concrete and partical methods of helping other boys, which is the only way we can discharge our debt.



Laverne Busch being initiated into the Omaha Chapter by President Sam Breci.

Alumni Notes

Jim Holden (1936-1937) better known to many of us as Jimmy Lang visited Boys Town recently to inform us that he has enlisted in the Air Corps and will be leaving behind civilian life for awhile. No doubt many of us that were citizens in 1936 remember the day that "Little" Jimmy and his four brothers were admitted to Boys Town. Remember how we all made a fuss over Jimmy, for never in the history of Boys Town did we have such a pee wee as Jimmy here. Jimmy was only 5 years old and for the time that Jimmy was here, until he was adopted by Doctor Holden, Jimmy had everything that he wanted. Did we spoil him? Well, I guess we tried, but Jimmy was pretty level headed even at 5. Lots of luck to you Jim and write to us often.

Jimmy also gave us some information on his brothers - Larry is living in Joliet, Ill., and was recently married. Ray is living in Portland, Oregon working in a lumber camp with his granddad. Leslie is living in Caladonia, Minn., and now has 3 children. Theodore is living in Hokah, Minn., and has one child. Lots of luck to you fellows, and write us soon.

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John and Roy Brimer (1946-1949) members of the Omaha Chapter recently enlisted in the Air Corps. Lots of luck to you fellows.

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Pvt. John T. Reinhardt, ASN RA 17310741, Co. D.Q.M.R.T.G. 1st Bn., Fort Lee, Va., wrote: "Last May I enlisted and since then have found Army life quite an adventure. I'm sure however, that if it wasn't for what I learned in Boys Town, I would not be able to take in stride the rigid discipline that a soldier must take." We, of the Alumni, know how right you are, John. John also sent Father some recent pictures of himself. We urge all former boys to send in a recent picture of themselves and their families.

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Joseph Taylor, 10736 Roscoe Blvd. Sun Valley, Calif., (known to us as Joe Krawczyk) wrote that he was surprised to see his picture in the August 10h issue of the Boys Town Times. We were happy to put your picture in there, Joe.

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Richard Porter, 714 Kentucky St., Bakersfield, Calif, wrote: "I remember the friends I made while I was there, friends I will never forget. I hope that sometime I shall be able to see some of them again." Richard we hope that it won't be too long before all the alumni can just flip a page in a directory and get in touch with any of their old buddies. Richard also wrote: "It was sure wonderful to receive the paper—It is nice to know that someone is still interested in the boys after they leave." Richard, we of the Alumni who are in closer contact with Father Wegner know that it was Father Flanagan's wish, and that it is very much Father Wegner's wish that all the former boys will never forget Boys Town and that they will write as often as they can. This is your home along with 7000 other former boys, so write as often as possible and always try to keep Boys Town close to your heart.

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Pvt. R. Lowrey, US 55165833, Company "C" E 16, 1st Sch. Bn., Fort Belvoir, Va., wrote that he is attending Demolition School at Fort Belvoir. Don't forget to run when you light the fuse Ralph. Lots of luck to you and May God Bless You.

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John Vilburn (1945-1951) is in the Army Engineers and was on his way down to Camp Hood, Texas. Many of you will remember John as our paper boy.

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Fred Kenny (1935-1936) visited Boys Town with his wife and six-year-old son, Steve. Fred is an installer for the Telephone Company in San Diego, Calif. Fred's last visit to Boys Town was in 1939 and he sure was amazed to see the wonderful progress Boys Town has made since he was a citizen. It was surely good to see you Fred and also your lovely wife and son. We hope all of the former boys, especially those who have not visited Boys Town in such a long time, will come back and see the great work that Father Flanagan accomplished before he passed away, and also the wonderful work that Father Wegner is doing now.

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Brother Robert Eckels (1943-1946) and Frater Clifford Forrester (1942-1946) of St. Benedicts Abbey in Atchison, Kansas, along with about 40 other seminarians visited Boys Town. They chartered a bus and came all the way to Boys Town to spend the day visiting and talking to the boys.

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Dave Nelson (1945-1951) spent a 10 day leave here at the home. Dave, has been in the Navy three months and was on his way to Naval Officer's Training School in Jacksonville, Florida.

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Jim Gunnell (1946-1950) visited Boys Town on his way to Western Kentucky State University. Jim said that Don and Walt (better known as "Babe") are living in Portland, Oregon. He also said that "Babe" is very happily married and now has two daughters, 3½ and 1 year old. "Babe's" address is: 3534 S. E. 14th, Portland, Oregon.

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Frank W. Roe (1942-1946) visited Boys Town for a few days on his way to attend college in California.

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Stephen Arales (1949-1951) spent several days at Boys Town after finishing training at Bainbridge, Maryland. Steve paid his $3.00 dues and happily put his Alumni Membership Card in his billfold.

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Nicholas Kuzma (1945-1949) recently visited Boys Town on his way to his new outfit bound for overseas. Lots of luck to you Nick.

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Matthew Rodak (1919-1923) came from Chicago to visit us. We were certainly happy to see Matt and to know that he is doing so well. Matt works for the Carson Pierre and Scott Department Store. He is married and has two children, Lorraine, 17, and Donald, 14.

John Daly Is Latest To Join Boys Town Alumni

Yes, he is the latest one to join our Alumni Association. He doesn't carry a membership card; he didn't pay his dues; he never attended any of our meetings or social events, but you see when he was able to do these things he was not an alumnus, so therefore was not eligible for membership. When he did become an alumnus, these things were not necessary for him.

It was a quiet afternoon around Boys Town last November eight. The members of the football squad were out on the field practicing; some of the boys were still in the shops for it was right after school hours; others were tossing footballs about here and there. The little fellows on the grade school side had their wagons out and were playing on the sidewalks. Visitors were strolling about the grounds. All of a sudden the peace and quiet was disturbed by the mournful wail of a siren. Crowds began to follow the rescue squad to the lake. There was that fearful, tense moment of wondering what had happened. Then it became obvious that someone was drowning.

About forty minutes later, the heretofore calm, friendly, peaceful lake gave up his body, and I saw that John Daly had become a member of the Alumni Association, and more important, he had become a citizen of the Kingdom of God.

John came to Boys Town on September 14, 1949, from the Minneapolis Boys' Home. He was a very friendly and lovable boy and endeared himself to all who knew him.

God was pleased to allow John to spend only seventeen years in this life, but during this short time he accomplished much by his good example.

From the moment it was reported that someone was drowning, the boys began to make their way to the chapel. After John's body was discovered, Monsignor Wegner called the boys to the Church, and then he gave a consoling talk on death, and the will of God. Then we prayed the Rosary and other prayers for the repose of his soul. The next afternoon, John's body was brought out to the Home from the mortuary. Msgr. Wegner met the body at the door and accompanied it with prayers to the sanctuary before the altar. There he bestowed the Church's blessing upon the body. The body lay in state in the Church from four o'clock until eight. Sea Explorers, of which John had been a member, stood guard at his casket. Father Walsh led the prayers upon the arrival of the body at the church, and Father Anderson led the prayers at seven-thirty that evening. Then the body was taken to Union Station to be placed on the train for Minneapolis. When the funeral cortege, led by Msgr. Wegner, arrived at the station, Father Anderson, Captain Patrick J. Norton and Brother Amedy Joseph, F. S. C. were there to meet it. The Sea Explorers again formed an honor guard.

On Saturday morning, Msgr. Wegner sang a Solemn Requiem Mass. The other officers of the Mass were Father Walsh and Father Anderson. The Monsignor left Sunday to be in Minneapolis Monday for the funeral. He was accompanied by Mr. Monte Shanks, Skipper of the Sea Explorer Scouts, Ship Father Flanagan No. 37, Mr. Peter Mulready, Director of the Trade School, Mr. Archie Kerns, Principal of the High School, and a group of boys who lived at the Minneapolis Boys' Home with John prior to their coming to Boys Town. They were joined in Minneapolis by Fathe rPeter Dunne and Father Roman Ulrich of the Boys Town staff.

When the peace and quiet of Boys Town was shattered suddenly that afternoon by what some people would call a tragedy, it was no one's fault. No one can be blamed for it. It was really not a tragedy, but something fine and beautiful. John is happier than we are now, and I would not call him back to this life were it possible for me to do so. Certainly it was God's will, and certainly John is now enjoying all the blessedness of heaven. We will not forget you, John, and please remember us to your heavenly friends. Remember us, and the Alumni Association of which you are, indeed, a member. Remember us to Father Flanagan whom you are with now. No, we shall not forget you, John. Perhaps, with Father Wegner's permission we will be able to establish a John Daly Memorial Fund, and erect a shrine or grotto in your memory down by the lake. Many of your fellow Alumni, I know, will send money for Masses for you, and for the Memorial fund.

No, we shall not forget you, John, and we beg of you - remember us.

Ted N. Brady (1935-1938) informed us that on September 19th of this year he became the proud father of Edward Niel weighing in at seven pounds, thirteen ounces. Ted also has a daughter, Theresa Karen, 1 year old. Congratulations Ted.



Captain Pat Norton with two members of the Alumni, Eddie Novotny and Charlie Mitchell.

A Brief Sketch Of Mr. Patrick J. Norton

Born: Cloonruff, Ballygar, County Galway, Ireland, May 30, 1898.

Education: Early schooling in Ireland. Higher education received in the United States. Attended Creighton Prep, Omaha, one year; St. Francis' College, Floyd's Knob, Ind., two years; St. Francis College, Syracuse, New York, 1917; St. Anthony's on-the-Hudson, Rensselaer, New York, 1918-1920; Creighton University, 1933. (Child Welfare Study).

Citizenship: Came to United States in 1913 at the age of 15. Became an American citizen October 26, 1933. Resided with grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Flanagan, Omaha, Nebraska.

Professional Data: Joined the staff of Rt. Rev. Monsignor E. J. Flanagan's Boys' Home in 1920. Served as business manager since early association with the Home.

First Postmaster of Boys Town, 1934-1937.

Appointed by Governor Olsen of California as acting superintendent of Whittier School Whittier, California during an investigation of brutality at the school.

Special Honors: Recipient of Papal Decoration, "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice" (For Church and Pope) from Pope Pius XII, May 5, 1941.

Accompanied Father Flanagan on War Department Mission to Europe in spring of 1948.

Recipient of a medal from City of Vienna in recognition of the work done for Austrian youth.

Other Affiliations: Omaha Athletic Club; Past President of District No. 1, Nebraska Welfare Association; Past President, Te Deum International; District Governor, Te Deum International; Past Grand Knight, Knights of Columbus; Past Worthy President, Fraternal Order of Eagles; American Legion; 40 and 8; Hibernians; Ak-Sar-Ben; Elks; Immediate Past National President, American War Dads; Immediate Past Nebraska State President, American War Dads; Captain Air Corps Reserve, September 1, 1942; Holy Name Society; Supervisor of Ground Observer Forces, Douglas County, Nebraska.

Scouting Record:

1. Member at large to National Council of Boy Scouts of America.
2. Member of Covered Wagon Council Executive Board.
3. Vice Chairman of Ak- Sar-Ben District - one term.
4. Chairman of Ak-Sar-Ben District - two years.
5. Institutional Representative for Father Flanagan's Boys' Home Boy Scout Units, known as Walter Head, League of Nations Units, 1926-1928; 1941-1951.
6. Recipient of the Scouter's Training Award, 1950.

News Items

Father Farrald (Jack) '40 was recently transferred from Boys Town to St. Mary's Parish in South Omaha. Father Farrald, who had been at Boys Town ever since his ordination three years ago, was honored by a big party given by the grade school boys, and employees in the grade school dining hall. He was given many fine gifts by the boys to whom he had administered so kindly for the past three years. There were many tears in evidenc because we all hated to see Father go, but we know that he will be most successful as an assistant parish priest.

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Boys Town is compiling information and pictures for a "Year Book" to be published in May of 1952. It is Father Wegner's desire that those wishing to buy a Year Book send us your order. The cost is $2.60, or you may just place your order and pay for it sometime before you receive the book. This Year Book will keep you up to date on all the activities at Boys Town and it will be a book which we all should own. Father Wegner says that a Year Book will be published each year hereafter - so make your set complete and start with the year 1952. The cost to you is the cost of printing and binding - $2.60.



Members of the Alumni and their wives who attended the Hallowe'en Dance, sponsored by the Omaha Chapter of the Alumni Association, at Saint Ann's Parish Hall, October 27th, 1951.