

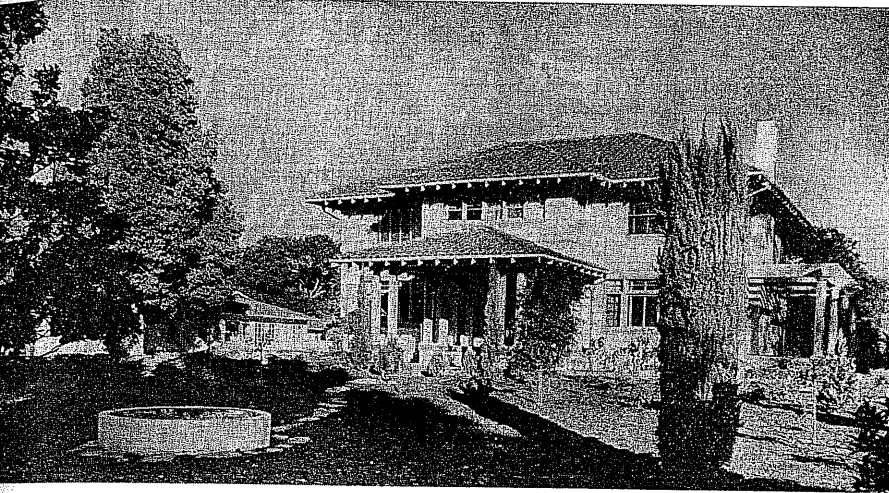


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The Brothers' house at St. Francis. One of the classroom buildings is at the left in the background.

Visit St. Francis

Saint Francis High School at Mountain View, California, staffed by four Brothers of Holy Cross, opened its doors for the first time last September 12 to forty-six freshmen.

This new foundation, the Brothers' first in the Archdiocese of San Francisco, is located approximately thirty-seven miles south of San Francisco, commonly called the peninsula area, in the fruit country of the famous Santa Clara Valley. This fertile valley is wedged in the Diablo Range on the east and the Santa Cruz Mountains on the west. It is doubtful if any other region in the Golden State has produced more fruit than Santa Clara. Miles and miles of apricot, plum, and cherry ranches meet the visitor's eye. Most of the major canneries have processing plants here. At fruit picking time, the country side is covered with fruit exposed to the warm California sun in large flat wooden trays for dehydration. But the orchards are disappearing and being pushed into the desert to make way for the influx of population. The growth is so rapid that it is difficult to keep up with population statistics.

San Jose which is twelve miles from Mountain View at the bottom of the San Francisco Bay boasts of fifty new housing projects. One such project planned for five hundred homes is still building and now has well over two thousand homes. Mountain View and the neighboring towns boast of twelve such projects. This mass movement of population is an astounding thing. Industry, of course, leads the way.

The school site at 2565 Miramonte Avenue in Mountain View is a rectangular tract of twenty acres of flat ground. Ideal for a school. Six acres were purchased from St. Joseph's parish in Mountain View and the adjoining fourteen from a local rancher. The present buildings include a faculty house of eleven rooms, two one-story school buildings, a small steam plant, and a large outdoor barbecue pit. Each school building contains two classrooms.

The faculty dwelling and classrooms were first used as a school by the Zellerbach family, the acknowledged founders of the McKenzie School, a school for paraplegics. In succeeding years, the property was leased to the Los Altos public school district since the grounds are located near the dividing line of Los Altos and Mountain View. In 1951 the school property and buildings were purchased by St. Joseph's parish of Mountain View to be used as temporary quarters for St. Joseph's Grammar School. The Sisters of Holy Cross conducted the school and continue with their work at the new school on McKelvey Drive in Mountain View. Since the classrooms on Miramonte had not been used for several years, Brother Leo Gilman, and Brother Jeffrey, helped ready these rooms during the past summer.

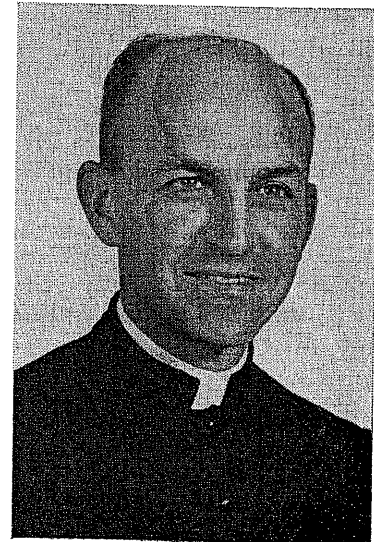
Fourteen acres of the grounds are still in orchard, which harbors, for the most part, apricot, plum and walnut trees. On the remaining six acres of the original plot, which is the school site, one finds a veritable garden of paradise. There are cherry, apple, pear, peach, almond, and some citrus trees such as

orange, lemon and grapefruit. A variety of sycamore, oak, and evergreen trees to say nothing of the many shrubs and flowers, enhance the beauty of the grounds. It will be a sorry sight to see some of these beautiful trees go down in the future when a new school plant is erected. Necessary, of course, but most unfortunate.

The climate at Mountain View is moderate. Even during the summer months, the evenings and early mornings are very cool, and the daily temperatures run about eighty. It is a dry heat without humidity.

Though small, the enrollment of forty-six freshmen represents thirteen different parishes and eight surrounding towns. Mountain View, a town of some fifteen thousand does not maintain a bus service as yet which means that out-of-town students must be picked up at the Greyhound station each morning and returned after school hours. Since the school grounds are just outside of town, it is referred to as a rural area.

In July, four teachers were assigned to Mountain View: Brother Donatus Schmitz, Principal, Brother Fisher Iwasko, Assistant Principal, Brother Harold Thielen, and Brother Francis Robinson. Already Mothers' Auxiliary and a Men's Club have been started. And besides the regular program of classes, the school now boasts of a small newspaper and a freshmen band. At present, the property is being surveyed for new buildings and athletic field in order to provide additional facilities for September, 1956.



Brother Donatus Schmitz

Cadets' First Christmas Party

Fifty Cadets at Sacred Heart Military Academy not only had new uniforms to glory in just before leaving for Christmas vacation, but they also had a surprise banquet and entertainment provided them by the staff and postulants. Dinner was by candlelight, decorations were festive, and the food was—as is customary with the Academy's two Brother cooks, excellent. After a few words from the Headmaster and the Commandant, the captain of the Cadet corps, Austin Mullaney, extended well wishes and thank you's to all the Brothers and lay people who have worked these many months to establish the new school and to get the military routine functioning smoothly. The postulants' choir, bereft of piano, carolled gladly for the Cadets, whereupon Kris Kringle appeared to distribute gifts to each of the incipient soldiers. The school's star accordion player held all agape with several dexterously rendered pieces, then led the banqueteers in a group sing.

No, the mess hall was seldom like this before; or so the Brother prefects must have been thinking.

Akron, Ohio

Although Archbishop Hoban High has no senior class, Brother Jerome Schwabe found talent for presenting the comical mystery-drama, "The Cat and Canary", in the school auditorium November 25. Assisting in the production were committees under the supervision of Brothers Harold Young, Thomas Dillman, Paul Burns, and Andrew Sukenik.

Austin, Texas

Brother Romard Barthel, Ph. D., head of the Physics Department at St. Edward University, addressed the senior section of the Texas Academy of Science at Waco's Baylor University. The title of his paper was, "Some Comments on the Nature of Physical Theory and Their Theoretical and Pedagogical Implications."

Brothers Joseph Kinsman and Joseph Heisler attended the meetings of the Texas Academy of Science on December 9 and 10.

Brother Raymond Fleck, Ph. D., instructor in chemistry, this past summer, had a paper entitled, "The Reactions of Some Acetylenic Carbinols", published in the *Journal of the American Chemistry Society*.

Brother William Fitch is a member of a research team that is working at S.E.U. on acetylene problems.

In tennis, Brother Walter Foken is president of the Big State Conference.

Brother Raymond Gunzel gave the

college students interested in teaching catechism a course of eight lectures on child psychology and teaching methods.

The SPBST is the name of the most recent organization at Vincent Hall. Also going by the name, "The Society for the Promotion of Better Scholastic Teachers," the group includes all the scholastics and the aim of the society is three-fold: to stimulate interest in books and magazine articles, to exchange ideas on prevailing problems and philosophies confronting the teachers; to sponsor any intellectual activity that would serve as a means for aiding youth.

The November meeting of the SPBST featured a talk by Brother Raymond Fleck on the theory of Catholic Action, and another talk by Brother Richard Reaume on the role of the Brother in a Catholic Action group. Brother Raymond cited the encyclicals of the popes to emphasize the mind of the Church on encouraging "the participation of the laity in the work of the hierarchy". Brother further stated that the "main purpose of the Catholic Actionist is to bring supernatural ideals to bear upon the environment he moves in". Brother Richard, Chairman, in a detailed manner discussed some of the problems encountered in organizing a high-school Catholic Action cell. He recounted some of his own experiences as a cell member and gave numerous suggestions for the development of these cells in our schools. After the talks there was a lively question period followed by a discussion from the audience.

Albany, New York

Under the direction of Brother Lucas Ritter, the cheerleaders at Vincentian Institute saw their 1955 football team through an undefeated, once-tied season.

Brother Joseph Ruane is the faculty moderator of the Chess Club at V. I.

Clinton, Michigan

Twenty of Boysville's 44 graduates returned from all parts of the country (one from Japan) to their alma mater October 31, for the formation of an alumni association. Unable to attend the first reunion were fifteen boys in the armed services.

When Brother Hilarion Brezik, the Director of Boysville, called a meeting October 9, of the parents and guardians of the boys, forty responded. To them he explained the advantages of a series of Parent-Teacher meetings to be held. At this first meeting, Brother Paulus McGory, the principal of the school, spoke on the pertinent problems of the adolescent and how these problems in the classroom and out relate to the work of the Brothers with the students at Boysville.

Three Hail Marys a day for Vocations.

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Obituary

Please pray for the souls of Rev. Raymond M. Norris, C. S. C., the father of Brother Joseph Cain, the father of Brother Genard Greene, the mother of Brother Joseph Coonrod and the uncle of Brother Roger Jamison.

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Silver Jubilee

Having had many years of experience as a farmer, machinshop worker, and truck driver as a layman, Brother Joachim Reiniche, Superior of the St. Joseph Farm, Notre Dame, Indiana, proved himself a valuable member of the Congregation of Holy Cross during the past twenty-five years of Religious Profession.



Brother Joachim entered the Juniorate at Watertown, Wisconsin, on Aug. 25, 1929. He received the Habit at St. Joseph Novitiate, Notre Dame, on February 1, 1930, and pronounced his first vows on February 2, 1931.

Brother Joachim was an assistant gardener at the Novitiate for two years before going to the St. Charles Home for Boys, Milwaukee, where he was in charge of the farm and where he made a name for himself as a dairy herdsman for thirteen and a half years. In the fall of 1946, he was transferred to the St. Joseph Farm, where in 1950 he succeeded Brother Florian Gill as Superior. Both Brothers are classmates. They were two out of a group of five who made their first profession of Religious Vows on February 2, 1931.

Brother Joachim did much to im-



proved the Holstein herd at St. Joseph Farm. From 395 pounds of butterfat per cow in 1947, the herd today has an average butterfat production of 525 pounds per cow.

Like Brother Joachim Reiniche, of St. Joseph Farm, Notre Dame, Indiana, Brother Florian Gill, Assistant Superior of St. Joseph Novitiate, Rolling Prairie, Indiana, did well in the Community as a farmer, although he, too, had a rich experience in other types of work besides farming. Brother Florian was at

one time a railroader, which position gave him a valuable insight in dealing with people from all walks of life.

After making his first profession of vows on February 2, 1931, following a



Brother Florian has a Christmas tree for the novices.

year of formation at St. Joseph Novitiate, Brother Florian was appointed head of the farm at the Sacred Heart Juniorate, Watertown, Wisconsin. After three years, he was changed to St. Joseph Farm to be in charge of the dairy. He held this position until he was made superior of the farm in 1944, succeeding Brother Anastasius Bordenkircher, who died on August 22 of that year. In 1951, Brother Florian was appointed to the position he holds today at the Novitiate.



Honor St. Joseph

For the past fifteen years the Brothers of Holy Cross have been collecting an International Library of St. Joseph. It is our purpose to gather together all that has been written about our great Patron so that further studies can be made, and that we may spread devotion to St. Joseph throughout the world.

So far we have been able to get books in French, Flemish, Spanish, Italian, and English. We have the opportunity to get many more volumes, some very rare ones, but this requires a considerable amount of money.

We feel that many of our readers would be happy to help us in our endeavor to spread devotion to St. Joseph, and so we are extending all an invitation to do so. If you wish to aid us send your contribution to Brother Ernest, C.S.C., Columba Hall, Notre Dame, Ind.

Chatsworth, California

Fifty or more of the Brothers in the California area assembled December 27 at Rancho San Antonio for the annual reunion of our Community members on the west coast. Each year a different school is the scene of this holiday get-together.

Evansville, Indiana

Brother James Gorman had the unusual distinction of representing his alma mater, Marquette University, at the installation of the new president of Evansville College.

Brother Regis Regensburger attended a general meeting and banquet for the Tool Engineers of the Tri-State (Indiana, Illinois, and Kentucky).

Brother Ambrose Nowak, the superior of the Brothers at Reitz Memorial, does not favor giving incoming freshmen many tests at the beginning of the year. Instead he gives one section at a time a battery of tests in November. After the papers have been graded and the results tabulated, the parents in corresponding groups are invited to spend an evening hearing an explanation of the testing program and meeting the teachers of their boys. About eighty per cent of the parents respond.

Later in the year and upon request, tests and consultations with parents are arranged for upper classmen.

Flushing, New York

At Holy Cross High the students, who are only freshmen and who have not been with the Brothers more than four months, presented *The Holy Cross Revue of 1955* in the school auditorium December 17-19. The program consisted of three acts with a dozen numbers in each act. Brother Etienne Cooper was the producer and director. Assisting him in various capacities were Brothers Paul Schwoyer, John O'Keefe, Paul Malich, Bertram Madden, Harold Miller, and John Joseph Donnelly.

Mountain View, California

While the California division of the National Catholic Educational Association was holding its meetings in San Francisco, St. Francis High in Mountain View played host to twelve Brothers attending the convention from the other Holy Cross Schools in California (Long Beach, Sherman Oaks, and Chatsworth).

During the flood caused by eight days and nights of constant and "unusual" rain during December, the telephone at St. Francis High was the only one in Mountain View that remained in service.

Lakewood, Ohio

St. Edward High has graduated only three classes but already the alumni number over six hundred and are scattered around the world. The prospects are that no class in the future will be less than three hundred.

This fall the alumni organized under the direction of Brother Francisco Drury, elected officers, and began the publication of a quarterly, *The Alumni*, which aims to keep graduates of St. Edward and their teachers in touch with one another and with the school.

The Mothers' Club of St. Edward High issued a very clever December bulletin, giving the results of a card party, announcing a Christmas party, and in race track terms inviting the mothers of new students to join the club and to share in its benefits. The bulletin, illustrated with a Nativity scene and several cartoons, was printed in the traditional Yuletide colors, red and green.

Brother John of the Cross, the librarian at St. Edward High, has published an exchange book list containing eight pages of books and magazines wanted by St. Ed's and duplicate copies of books that can be furnished to other school libraries.

December 17, Brothers Leonard Leary and Donald Eagleson presented the school's Concert Band in the fourth annual Pop Concert. Auxiliary committees for the project were headed by Brothers Florentius Schu, John Ryan, Eric Landers, Robert Leamnson, and George Tilley.

New Orleans, Louisiana

The Catholic Students' Mission Crusade under the direction of Brother Robert Brown sponsored the sale of religious Christmas cards to raise funds for a new altar in the students' chapel.

Monday night, November 7, the spotlight at Holy Cross was on the school's chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America. Brother Reinald Duran, Headmaster, opened the meeting with a prayer and a word of welcome to distinguished visitors; Brother Salvator Esposito, F.B.L.A., Moderator, installed the new officers; Brother Roberto Muller's band furnished the music for the assembly; and the Mothers Club provided the refreshments.

Brother Salvator and two delegates from Holy Cross attended the annual Southern Business Education Association Convention held in the Soreno Hotel, St. Petersburg, Florida, November 24-26.

Brother Vincent de Paul Hujar, the Bookmen moderator, is accepting applications for membership in the Holy Cross Chapter of the National Honor Society. To be accepted the applicant must meet the certain qualifications for scholarship and leadership: he must



Brothers from the Chicago area admire the new Consonata electric organ made by the Consonata Musical Co., Elkhart, Indiana, and purchased by the Holy Cross Brothers Auxiliary of Chicago for Dujarie Scholasticate, Notre Dame, Indiana. Standing: (left to right) Brothers Raymond Kelly, Kieran Ryan, James Sullivan, Richard Grejczyk Amadeus Connor, Donald Burkhardt, Stephen Davis, Eugene Palinski, and Chester Rachel. Seated: Brother Pascal Tomaszewski.

maintain an average of 85 per cent or better with no failures and he must participate in school activities.

Brother Reinald Duran and Gilbert Burke attended the Southern Education Convention held in Miami.

In a drive to promote Catholic literature, Holy Cross students sold over six thousand dollars worth of magazines within a two week period. Brother Salvator was the spark plug of the drive.

January 6, three Brothers will celebrate the fortieth anniversary of their first vows. All of them are still active: Brother Owen Lynch as the assistant superior of the Brothers at Notre Dame High in Sherman Oaks, California; Brother Xavier Donoghue as assistant superior of the Brothers at Holy Trinity High in Chicago; and Brother Cormac Walsh as a member of the Bengalese staff at Holy Cross Foreign Mission Seminary in Washington, D. C.

Terre Haute, Indiana

The Brothers in charge of the Father Gibault School for Boys had some distinguished visitors during the past few months.

Reverend Doctor Istvan Kemenes, the former private secretary to Cardinal Mindszenty, was the guest of the Brothers for several days. Father enthralled the Brothers with his factual relating of incidents about Cardinal Mindszenty and the Communists in Hungary.

A frequent caller is Joe Savoldi, Notre Dame football fame. "Jumpin' Joe" is now in the insurance business in Terre Haute and is very much interested in the type of rehabilitation work the Brothers are doing at Gibault.

By Mail

From Cardinal O'Connell Seminary, Jamaica Plain 30, Mass.

"You will be pleased to know there are ten boys here from Coyle High all of whom had you as a teacher."

Of course we are pleased and thank God for the graces he is showering on our boys. At least another ten are scattered in other seminaries. May God see fit to send a like number of worthy young men to carry on the work of our Brothers.

"Enclosed is a little gift toward *The Newsette*. I rented our garage for the winter. This fin is the first month's rent. I thought you could use it."

Thanks. You've helped to pay a bill of \$139.20 for a year's supply of envelopes.

"Your prayers — thank you."

Four words (no more) and a five-cent stamp on a Christmas card mailed in Chicago. Would that we could be as brief and direct in expressing our thanks in assuring the donor of remembrances in our prayers.