

### THE CASMIRETTE

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1937

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Detroit, Michigan

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Meceslaus Deron

"Mickey"

Since February 11, 1920, Mickey has been reflexting light from his blonde hair, his fair complexion and
his blue eyes. He believes in physical harmony, for he
always wears a blue sweater. But to Mickey, the even
tenor of life is too monotonous, so that a little warming up frequently, does him good he believes. He likes
to settle differences immediately by word or deed.

Rita Kleinsmith

"Rita Kay"

Way back in 1920 on February 11th, Rita has her first birthday. All the qualities of a model senior miss are mirrored in her. Dignity, poise, charm, studiousness, maidenly reserve, helpfulness, missionary zeal,—all of these and many more are hers both by nature and by acquisition. Her middle name might well be "Courtesy". Would to God we had scores of such. We believe she is the type that teachers picture in dreams.

Chester Kochanski

"Chet"

If Chet goes about developing the artistic ability which he unquestionably possesses he will reap honors not only as a commercial artist but as a master of classical art as well. His well known determination will carry him on. The many varied school experiences will certainly serve as themes for his paintings. Probably Alpena's natural beauty will be immortalized on his canvas.

Henry Kraft

Just "Kraft"

Henry was born on February 25th. He completed his grammar school education at St. Stephen's. He has been a distinct asset to the school, a man of deeds not word. Dignified, alert, he has presided at many class and also school gatherings.



#### PERSON A L SKETCHES



Veronica Adamkiewicz

Verna was sixteen last January 13th. You would never think she is the youngest in the Senior class if you judged by the number of very responsible positions she has held. As editor of the Casmirette and of the 1937 annual, she had proved her journalistic bent. School affairs received a generous dose of her time and ability. All her friends, and they are many, hope that her highest ambitions will be realized, for she has deserved well from fate.

Rita Bratuszewska

"Rita Bee"

Rain or shine, for five days in a week, from a sweet home a block away comes a maiden of medium height and weight. Her cobedient hair stays combed. The blue green eyes are usually cast downward, though not in any bashfulness. No one, but she and heaven knowhat she is thinking about. Her middle name might very well be "Giggles." Charm, a sense of beauty, a pretty smile gowherever she goes.

John Budzinski

"Johnnie"

Long John who comes to us from St. Hedwig's was born March 6, 1918. He will be known as one of the greatest question givers known. We see no reason why some day he shouldn't be Lawrence Tibbett's rival for he has already thrilled large numbers with his mellow tenor. He has very definite ideas of his own, and he will certainly be a master of his own destiny.

Peter Kopczynski

"Pete"

Short, slow, self-conscious, dreamy, personable, Peter, sometimes called Dimples, has been a very regular student at St. Casimir's for twelve years. Though small of stature he will not be downed by height, weight or authority. One of a group of "Three Musketeers", he has made himself prominent in the school life of St. Casimir's High. The "Green Mountain Boy" was born in Vermont eighteen years ago.

Edward Kropidlowski

"Krops"

Eddie was born in Detroit on October 18, 1918. The lad with the ever ready smile and gentle ways has served on the basketball team for two successive, successful years. His friendly disposition together with a tempting little lock of hair above his forehead has caused many a maidenly commotion. His kindly services to the students and teachers will long be remembered.

Felix Kubik

"Fayleeks"

Regularly for four years from the vicinity of St. Andrew's, Felix has been making his way to school, with a determined step. No one will deny his honest work as a student and as a business manager for the team and for the school paper. He is making his way through school, yet he always finds time for study. He is satisfied with A's only. "First things first", is his motto.

Henry Lewandowski

"Hank"

Hank helps to make the world noisier since the 17th of July, 1917. He would be a great debater if debating didn't require logic and a clear cut conclusion. Hank is frank. He will never keep you guessing his desires, thoughts or opinions.

Bernard Myszkowski

"Kiki"

One look at a stocky fellow moving leisurely down the hall and you recognize the champion scorer. After spending two years at the University of Detroit high school, Bennie came back to his Alma Mater to graduate. He manages to get by with his classes without any too great effort. He has the distinction of being the only left hander in the High School. He will be 18 on his next birthday.

Edward Naruszewicz

"Lightning" or "barca"

Born on September 25, 1919, Barca has been a regular booster for St. Casimir for four years. He is a firm believer in the slogan "It Pays to Advertise" your goods, your school, and your team. His mathematical turn of mind has made smooth his path in Algebra and Chemistry. "Lightning" is not an appropriate name for him, since he is calmer than a clear June sky.

Joseph Ostrowski

" Oscar"

St. Casimir's first four letter man saw light of day for the first time Arril 9, 1918. He takes his sports and studies seriously. Judging from his bulk you would never surmise that Oscar has mastered the fine art of dancing. This mastery gives him and advantage with the fair.

Gertrude Rakocy

"Gertie"

Gertie at 18 is the most overworked girl in the school. In spite of this she is a crossword puzzle fan. Missions get a goodly measure of her time. Her neat appearance and stick-to-it-ive-ness will help to attain her ambition-to be a nurse.

Eleanor Dorczynska "Dorsch"

Petite, dark-haired, fervent spirited, Eleanor with a fair, velvety complexion, and a mincing step has returned to St. Casimir's after two years at Western. She is an excellent planist, with a taste for the classical.

"Strocks"

#### Bronislaus Strzolkowski

Tall, dark, slender, and rather handsome, our jokes editor finds joy and fun in other people's mistakes. His desire to see his classmates burst into a storm of laughter often gets him into trouble with the authorities. He takes for granted that because of his presidency in the S. C. H. A. A. nothing may go without his approval. Though he loves fun, he has excelled on the stage by dramatizing tragic characters.

#### Adelaide Tobiczyk

Just "Adelaide"

Adelaide hails from St. Barbara's in Dearborn. Here she was born a Detroiter, September 10, 1919. Like her dad, a street car conductor, she rides the trolley car daily, on warm, cold and stormy mornings, with the hope that she will be the first to greet her teachers. She usually succeeds. Her commercial subjects are her chief pleasure. She hopes that one of her classmates may become a prosperous business man so that she can secure a position as bookkeeper.

#### Casimir Wisniewski

"Cherry"

For twelve years Casimir has been a student here. He doesn't believe that it's sensible for a boy to lose a good night's sleep over studies. Cherry and shyness are mortal enemies, for to a captain of the "Three Musketeers" boldness is the quality of excellence. What his ambition is, nobody knows. He is a stickler for personal neatness.

#### Edwin Witkowski

"Vitki"

From St. Cunegundis comes our quiet, shy "Vitki". He has spent eighteen years trying to do something about his shyness, but we see he has failed completely. We don't believe he ever dropped below his standard "A" for conduct. He is well able to take care of himself. Teachers wish for more of the "Vitki" type.



#### CLASS HISTORY

It was on a beautiful day in September, in 1933. that forty-six elated students, gathered from various parochial schools the west side, entered the portals of St. CasimirHigh. Due to the large number we had to be arranged in two classes, Room 305 under Sr. Mary Angela's direction and Room 303 with Sr. Mary Hugolina as home room teacher. We spent practically the whole first week becoming acquainted in our new society and building.

During the second week we were given our first taste of Latin, Algebra and Library Science. After a very harassing initiation we buckled down to serious study. The rivalry between the two classes in basketball, undoubtedly helped to develop Champs. The high lights year--how well we remember them--Iniation. The Minstrel show, the Valentine Dance, Popcorn Sale, Penny Raffle Christmas program, the noon dances, and the farewell -they were unforgetable events. The Wee lights -- those that just about twinkle--Adelaide's pig-tails, Alice's dramatic recitations, Kraft's extreme shyness, Hank 's brilliant ancient history answers, and many others that added to the unforgettable memories we hold. Much too soon, we found ourselves, pencils in hands, writing a final examination and actually going home for a vacation. Thus the first lap of our journey of life ended.

The following autumn, we embarked on our second trip-we were Sophomores. We found that our number

of classmates decreased considerably. After a short time vacation pleasures were forgotten and we undoubtedly began to study and complain when Latin and Geometry, and other difficult subjects were handed to us. Our leisure moments were spent in cheering our team on to victory, attending pep meetings, and other student programs.

During the course of this year we participated in the school play, "St. Aloysius." Never shall we forget that characterization of "Zuani" by Bernard Strzolkowski. In the latter part of the year we held our "original" auction. Remember the dreadful prices many paid for articles that were practically worthless, to enlarge our treasury. Before we knew it we were again leaving our school for three months, but now as more intelligent, Sophomores.

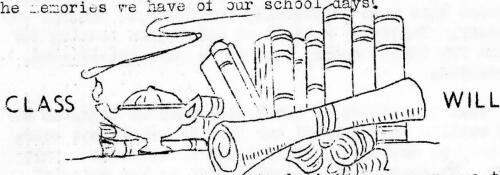
With the advent of our Junior year we began to at last realize that half of our life in school was over. Our trip to Greenfield Village was an event to talk about. We gazed with wondering eyes at the colonial homes and the progress of civilization. Here, many of us began to form plans for the nuture. The same year we reached our highest place on the Varsity. Six of our boys were on it. Who will forget the time our boys brought back the door-mat from Wyandotte (and took it back just as soon). Then closing the year with the Junior-Senior banquet, we closed the other chapter in our school life.

In September, 1936, twenty-one hopeful students entered the portals of our school in place of the original forty-six. This time wer were called Seniors. Although happy in the thought that soon we would be rewarded for our years of study, we felt a deep sorrow that we would soon have to leave the institution that for so many years was our home. Class elections were held and Henry Kraft was chosen as our president. The class play the

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the Senior Prom, the championship—they played an outstanding part in our Senior life. In spite of all activities we did not neglect Chemistry, Apologetics, and Economics.

And now commencement is no longer in the distant future but within our reach. In the past four years of association with the school, we have natured and became aware of life about us. Now we see that graduation day is our final noment in school but not in our association with the Alma Mater. We, the Seniors, do not have room for regret but will treasure and enjoy the memories we have of our school days.



Now that our school-tribulations are over, we the class of 1937, declare this our last will and testament:

To the faculty, we bequeath our deepest appreciation and reverence for the unlying interest they have shown in our education.

To the entire student body we leave only the happy memories of the days spent together--may you be as lo-yal as we have been.

To the Juniors, our successors, we bequeath our name "Seniors":

I, Veronica Adamkiewicz, donate my old uniform to a future freshie.

I, Rita Bratuszewska, leave my giggles to Eleanor Kujawa.

I, Adelaide Tobiczyk, leave my secretarial ability to Salome Antecka.

- I, Gertrude Rakocy, leave my spirit of punctuality to Casimir Zmijewski.
- I, Eleanor Dorczynska, leave my golden silence to Cecelia Mastej.
- I, Rita Kleinsmith, leave my art of breaking things in the laboratory to Camille Mateja.
- I, John Budzinski, bequeath my power to avoid the girls' smiles to Ewald.
- I, Mieceslaus Deron, leave my motto, "Only the best blades keep their temper," to whoever loses his.
- I, Chester Kochanski, leave my artistic ability to Helen Urban.
- I, Peter Kopczynski, leave my feeling of importance to Joseph Ochmanek,
- I, Edward Kropidlowski, leave my blonde locks to Angel. May you take care they stay so.
- I, Henry Lewandowski, leave the vague idea that school is a place to study in to someone who can improve on it, maybe Migdan.
- I, Felix Kubik, leave my ability as a business manager to Edward Kumor.
- I, Henry Kraft, leave my presidential duties to the "unlucky successor."
- I, Edward Naruszewicz, offer my large knowledge of current events to Pietrzyk.
- I, Joseph Ostrowski, leave my ability to arrive at school after the bell rings to Irene Borkowska.
- I, Bernard Strzolkowski, leave my trunk full of wisecracks to John Ostrowski.
- I, Casimir Wisniewski, bequeath my bold and affectionate nature to W. Izworski.
- I, Edwin Witkowski, leave my innocent and dreamy stare to Joseph Kubicki.
- I, Bernard Myszkowski, leave my athletic fame to Reds Mickiewicz.

Besides these gifts, we leave to our schoolmates our blessings and a pledge of lasting Triendship.

#### CLASS PROPHECY

Dear Gertrude,

May I inquire as to how you are faring at the St.
Joseph Mercy Hospital in New York.

I suppose that you received the letter inviting you to join our 1937 graduates in a reunion on May 1. I really regret that you missed seeing such a wonderful gathering. Since you were unable to attend the meeting yourself, I presume you would appreciate an account of all the old friends.

Seventeen of our classmates gathered at the home of our very gracious and kind hostess., Miss Veronica Adamhiewicz, a successful teacher. Her home is really the most glorious thing one would like to possess. It was beautifully decorated for this occasion by the promising interior decorator, Eleanor Dorczynska, who had arranged our class colows and flower in the most charmingly artistic decorative scheme.

The master of ceremonies, was none other than our "Dimples", Peter Kopczynski, who has recently been admitted to the bar and is now a licensed lawyer. Ready on hand to assist him was Henry Kraft, who is now holding a position as a general manager of the First National Bank. The chairman called the reunion to order and called upon the assistant manager, Felix Kubik, to take the floor (not home though). He expressed his great pleasure in a few strong words.

After a very short but cordial welcome to all by Bernard Myszkowski, who is now with Joseph Ostrowski, a prominent athletic leader, we began to relax and talk to each other. During the day I met Rita Kleinsmith,

who informed me that she is a successful secretary to Henry Lewandowski, a salesman for Josten's Jewelers.

As I was tired, I sat down and at my hand lay a newspaper. I opened it and almost fell out of my chair for the first thing I read was "Tomorrow--N.B.C. Red Network presents ---- "AllAmerican Concert" featuring Mr. Bronislaus Strzolkowski and the melodious strains of his violin, also, Mr. John Budzinski and his golden voice. Still dazed by such unexpected news, I turned the pages slowly and there vividly before me was printed the name --Edward Naruszewicz. He is the sports commentator columnist. I scarecely raised my eyes when in walked Ben, Lightning, and John. I put the paper down and Rita Bratuszewska approached me. I learned that she was private secretary to a certain engineer. We were joined by Eddie Kropidlowski, Mickey Deron, Cass Wisniewski and Ed. Witkowski, who apologized for their tardiness by saying that they were delayed by a bridge party sponsored by their wives! club.

On the previous day Veronica received a cablegram which she read to us. It was signed by Chester Kochanski, who wished us all a happy meeting and regretted his absence, which was due to his being in Paris studying art,

Now that I have finished in my attempt to picture all the joy and excitement that prevailed at the reunion, I must close and attend to my own home problems. I presume you know I am married to a successful business an. May I add my most sincere wishes for more success in the future.

I remain as ever.

adelaide





The athletic history of St. Casimir has been the athletic history of the class of '37. In 1933 when the now graduating class was only a group of diffident freshmen, the basketball team entered the Catholic League for the first time. The results did not coincide with their anticipation for they

won only two games during the whole season and stood second from the last. The second year put them in the third place. During the last two year they have made such splendid progress that they do deserve to bask in a glory that others might well envy them. In 1936 and 1937 they won the third division and district championships. The class team won the championship in the intramurals.

To Joseph Ostrowski, center for four years and the captain for 1937-1936, belongs the lion's share for winning the athletic laurels.

Bernard Myszkowski, foreward for a year and a half, was the highest scorer in the Catholic League for 1936-1937.

We must also remember the combined efforts and cooperation of the whole team in bringing about this glory.



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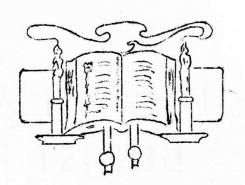
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