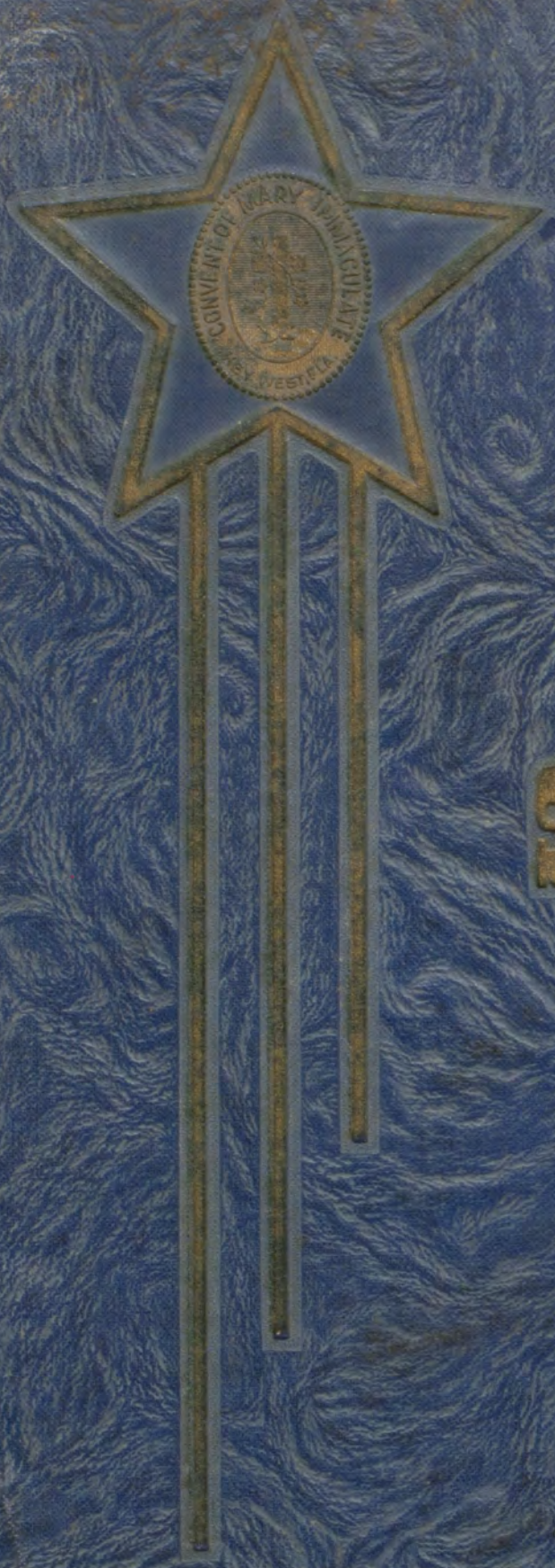




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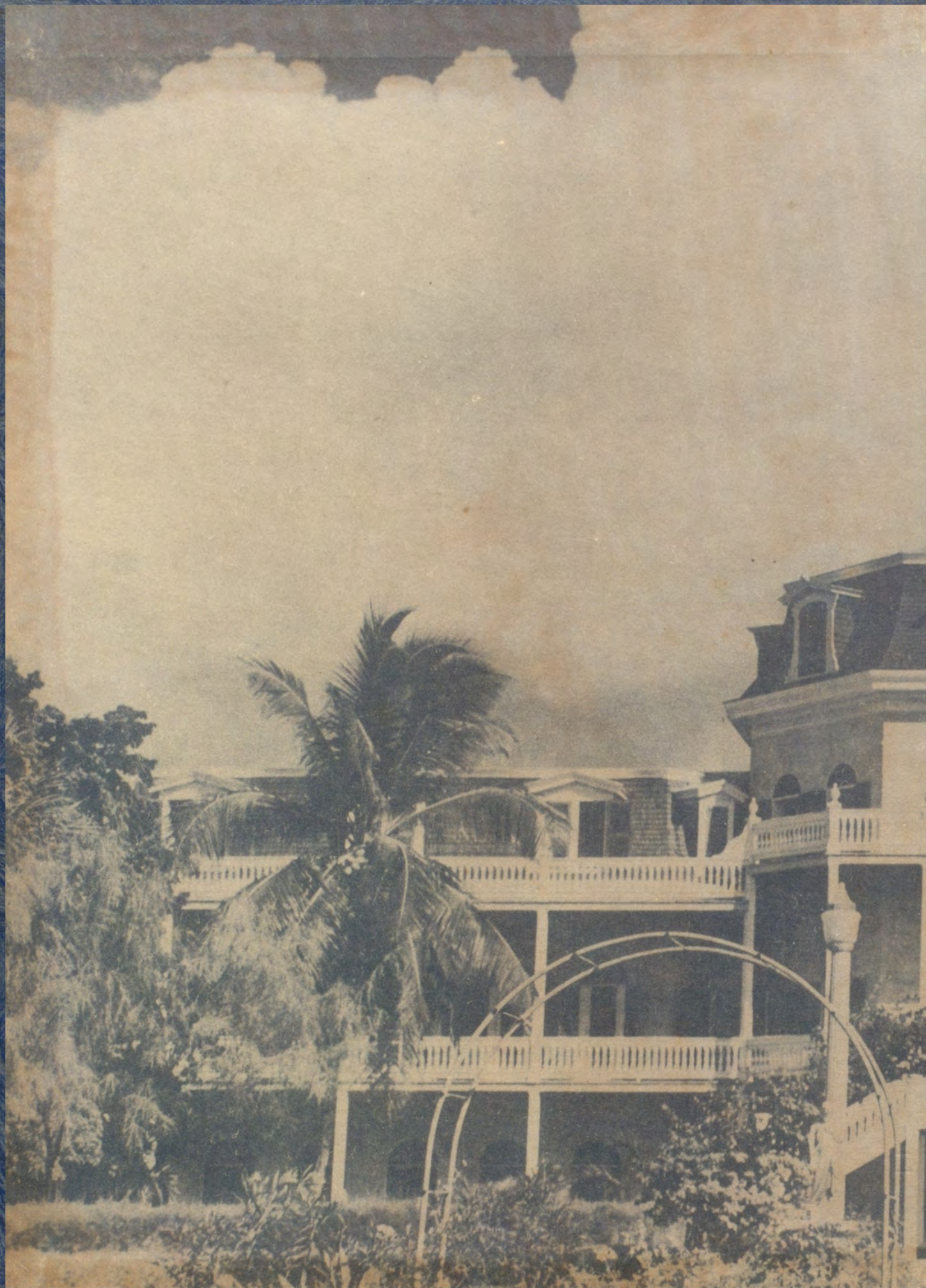




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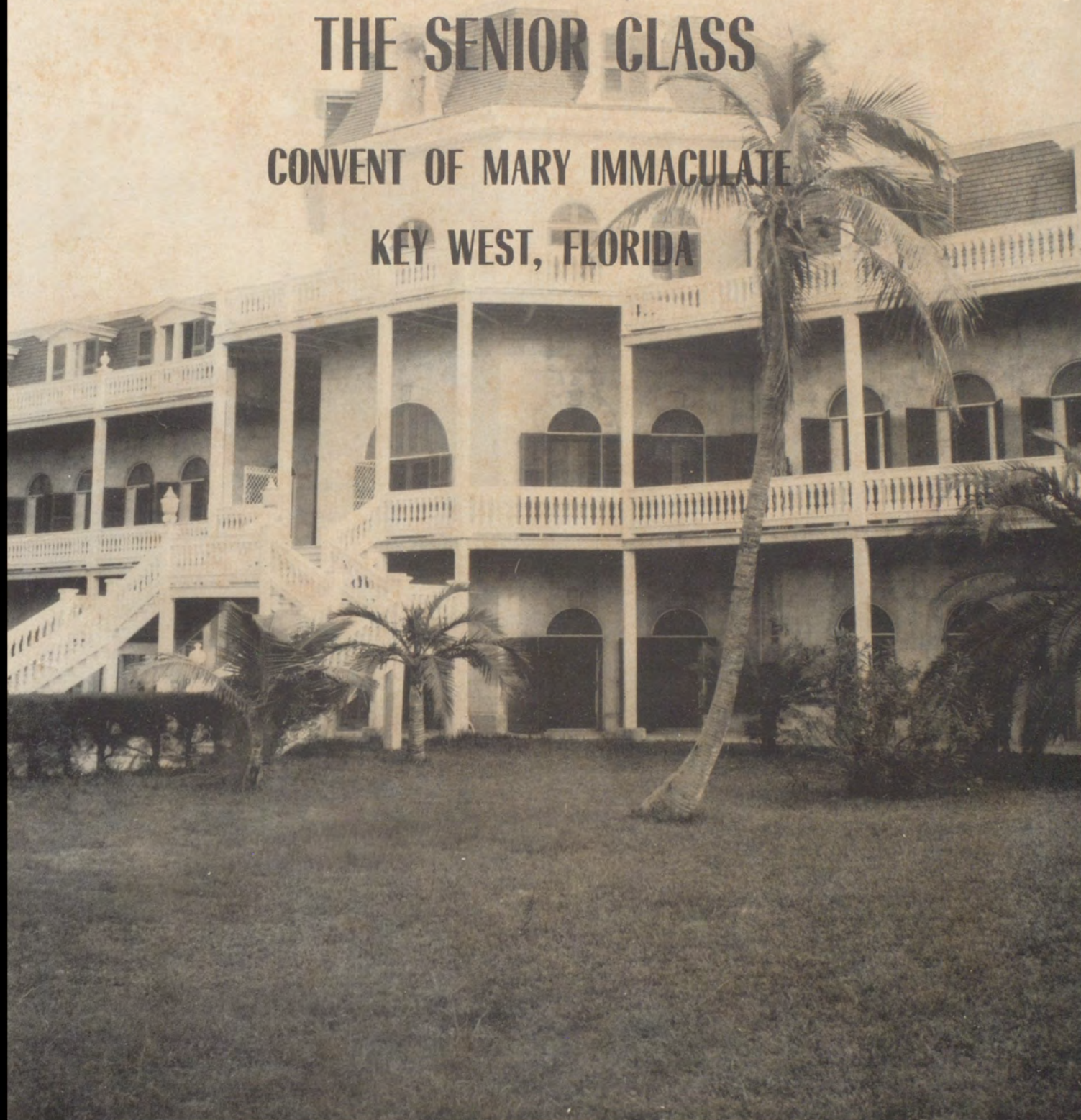
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KEY WEST, FLORIDA



DEDICATION



TO OUR FATHERS AND MOTHERS

Who have by their example been a most powerful influence in our lives.

Who have desired to prepare us for a successful journey through life.

Who have so generously, and at the cost of much self sacrifice given us the opportunity of attending the Convent of Mary Immaculate . . .

WE, THE CLASS OF 1949, AS A SMALL TOKEN OF OUR APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE, LOVINGLY DEDICATE THIS VOLUME OF STELLA MARIS.

FOREWORD

AS WE TURN the leaves of our story book, our treasured memories come to light, as one happening after another opens before us. Memories of trivial incidents which at the time seemed like major catastrophes, cause us to smile, and pleasant and exciting occurrences make us realize our debt to parents and teachers who were largely responsible for their success.

We the class of 1949 sincerely hope that you will enjoy reading our book of memories as much as we have enjoyed compiling it.



OUR BOOK OF MEMORIES

CHAPTER ONE	ADMINISTRATION
CHAPTER TWO	CLASSES
CHAPTER THREE	STUDIES
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THE CONVENT OF MARY IMMACULATE IS IN SAINT MARY'S STAR OF THE SEA PARISH



FATHER J. MARING S. J.
Pastor

THE PARISH CHURCH has been under the direction of the Fathers of the Society of Jesus for over fifty years. The parish is the Family group in the church. Here individual families gathered at the altar, worship God and derive spiritual strength. Here in the presence of Christ, we show our gratitude by praying for those who have given us life—our parents.

The present Pastor, Father Maring S.J. together with his assistants: Father T. Cronin S.J. and Father F. Kness S.J. labor to promote a family spirit among the members of the Parish. The C.Y.C., weekly Parish Socials, the N.C.C.S., the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, are only a few of the activities in which Convent students can take part.

THE SISTERS OF THE HOLY NAMES DIRECT OUR SCHOOL



Over one hundred years ago, Mother Mary Rose founded the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Names for the "Christian education of children and young girls". For more than seventy-five years her daughters have labored in Key West endeavoring to instill in its youth those ideals and principles which will make them truly Christian mothers and daughters of Mary.



MOTHER MARY ROSE

ADMINISTRATION

Sister Delphine Marie, Superior and Principal
Sister M. Catherine of the Blessed Sacrament
Sister Madeline of Jesus

HIGH SCHOOL

Father F. Kness, S.J.—*Religion*
Sister M. Catherine of the Blessed Sacrament—*Senior Class*
Sister M. George Edmund—*Junior Class*
Sister M. Rose Eucharista—*Sophomore Class*
Sister M. Joan Teresa—*Freshman Class*
Mrs. Ralph Hartenstine—*Physical Education*

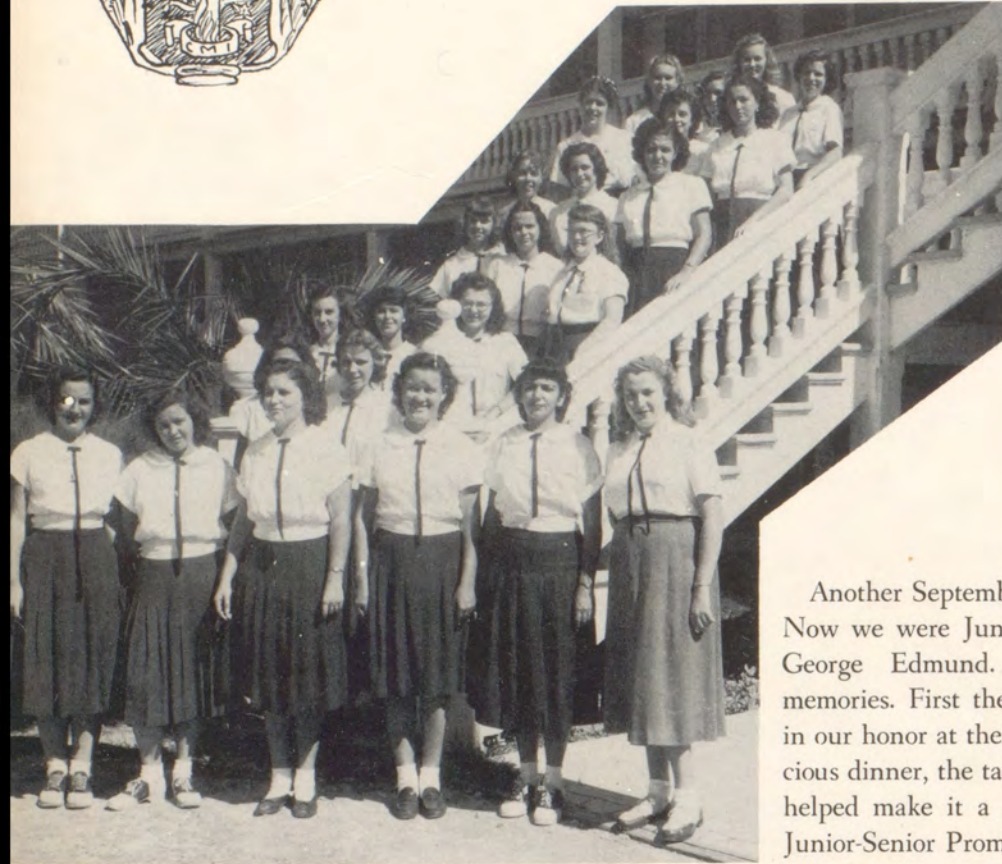
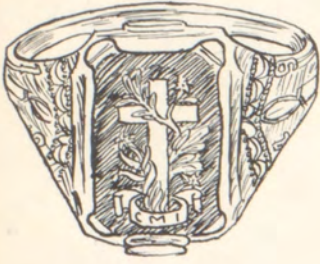
MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Sister Mary Elizabeth
Sister M. Isabelle des Anges
Sister M. Margaret Kathleen

GRADE SCHOOL

Sister Monica Mary—*Grades Seven and Eight*
Sister M. Catherine of the Holy Child—*Grades Five and Six*
Sister Agnes Maria—*Grades Three and Four*
Sister M. Rose Albina—*Grade Two*
Sister M. Melanie Rose—*Grade One*

SENIOR CLASS HISTORY



The Class of '49 must have been a study in confusion when we became Freshmen at C.M.I. The name of "Freshies" suited as to a "T." We were thrust into new surroundings; swept up in a tide of new activities. Never shall we forget those first days of struggle with Algebra I, Latin I, Ancient History, English and Religion. Highlights of the year were the Vocational play, and the class picnic at Gayley's Beach!

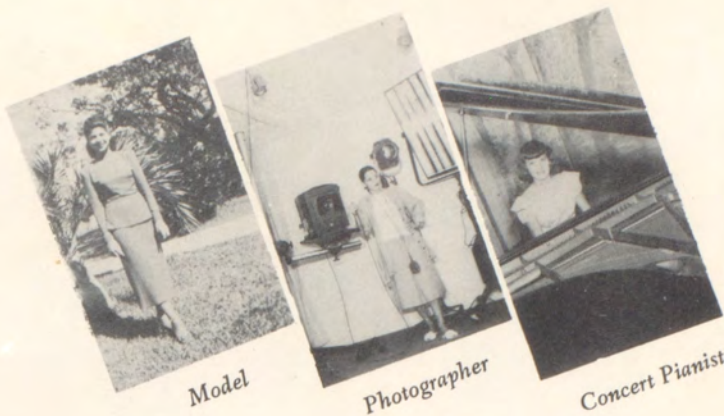
Next fall was a direct contrast. We entered the portals of our Alma Mater with a jaunty stride. We were Sophomores—wise Sophomores at that! What a pleasure to wear a knowing smile as we regarded the new crop of Freshmen! Eagerly we began classes. We worked feverishly under the guidance of Sister Rose Eucharista, to give a Graduation Breakfast for the Seniors. In May we took time out for our picnic on Big Pine Key.

Another September, another year of work and play. Now we were Juniors, under the guidance of Sister George Edmund. 1948 is filled with pleasant memories. First there was the Junior-Senior Banquet in our honor at the Ocean View Restaurant. The delicious dinner, the tasteful decorations and the programs helped make it a gala occasion. Then it came—the Junior-Senior Prom! For weeks we were busy making roses and flowers for the hall to transform it into an old-fashioned country garden, complete with rose arbor and wishing-well! The breaking of the two pinatas and the Grand March climaxed the evening. Our participation in the Rose and Candle Night made us really Seniors.

Our home-room teacher, as graduates was Sister Catherine. The history of this best of years is written in these pages.

Class Night saw our first donning of Caps and Gowns. After that "Graduation"! The honor of being the first class to graduate in the new auditorium added to our joy on that occasion.

These years have been the best in our lives to date. May we ever progress in the practice of the principles taught here at our beloved C.M.I. To our parents we extend our thanks for the opportunity they have given us.



Model

Photographer

Concert Pianist



BEVERLY ARTHUR

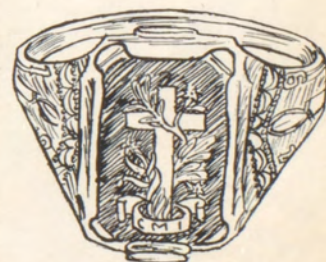
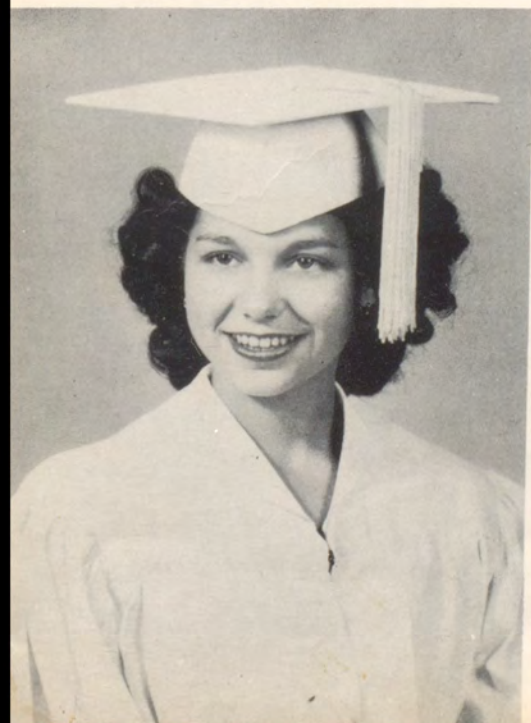
One of the outstanding musicians of the class, Beverly wants to be a concert pianist. A list of her activities make her a Senior of distinction: Class President '47, Vice-President '48, Advertising Manager STELLA MARIS '49, Sodality '46, '47, '48, '49. We're sure she'll reach the top in her chosen profession.

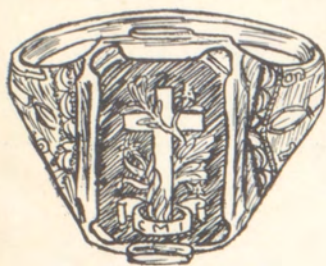
GLORIA CARBONELL

Quiet and demure, Gloria came to C.M.I. in 1946. She claims shorthand is her favorite study, but the class considers her its expert in civics and city government. Her readiness to please, and her sunny disposition have endeared her to all.

IDA HASKINS

Quick-witted and ready-tongued, Ida has been an active member of the Senior class. She was Class Secretary in '47, Mission Representative in '48, and STELLA MARIS photographer in '49. In the Sodality she served on the Apostolic and Eucharistic committees, and earned the distinction of Maid of Honor in the May Crowning of '48.





ALICIA BARCELO

Alice's motto is "Better late than never." A major in History, her favorite subject is Shorthand! Alice was a member of the French Club in '46, '47, and typist on the STELLA MARIS staff in '49.



MARTHA BOUZA

A C.M.I. girl from start to finish, Martha's quiet energy is her greatest asset. Scholastically, Spanish is her favorite subject and her major. Her hobby is basketball, and she was a star player on the Varsity. Martha is an active Sodalist and a decided asset to the committee on which she serves.

ISOLINA CASANOVA

Wherever there is art work afoot, "Isy" is in the midst of it. She earned membership in Quill and Scroll for her art work on the "Key." A Spanish major, she is interested in the Spanish Club activities. As a member of the Sodality, Isolina was especially active as chairman of the Eucharistic committee in '49.



FUTURE AMBITION



Artist

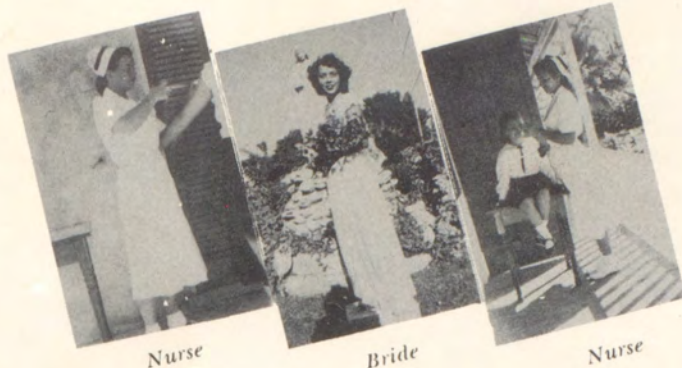


Stenographer



Secretary

FUTURE AMBITION



Nurse

Bride

Nurse

EDITH KNUCK

Chosen as the school representative for Girl's State in '48, Edie is our idea of an all-round girl and outstanding leader. She is a member of the Spanish Club; was class President in '48. Edith was Vice Prefect of the Sodality in '48 and Prefect in '49. She played basketball on the Varsity team, too.

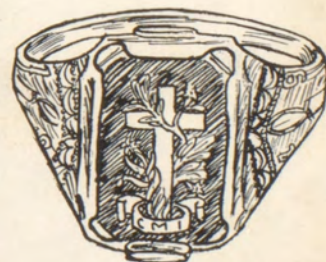
SYBIL MARDIS

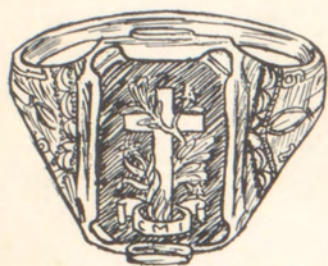
Sybil, our only newcomer this year comes from Alabama. An enthusiastic photographer, she has taken snapshots for both "STELLA MARIS" and "The Key". If a pleasing personality and kindness give any indication of the future, we know she'll be a lovely bride.



ESTELLA DELGADO

Estella is best described by the adjective "lively". She majored in Spanish and Mathematics. An enthusiastic Sodalist, she has been chairman of the Catholic Truth Committee at C.M.I., and chairman for the Southeastern Deanery. She is typist for "The Key," and an ardent basketball player.





PATRICIA MARTIN

Blond-haired Pat has majored in mathematics and Spanish. She has been an active member of the Spanish Club and of '49's basketball team. Pat's ambition is to be a professional model. We are sure she has all the qualifications for success.



DORA MARTINEZ

Dora was our Class treasurer in '47, '48, and Vice President in '49. The Sodality elected her as Social Committee chairman in '48 and as Sodality Treasurer in '49. One hundred percent dependable, Dora is a general favorite at C.M.I.

RAY GENE NEUBIG

'49's shortest Senior, Ray Gene, has the most varied ambitions: to be a veterinarian, an aviatrix, and the owner of a dog-kennel! She is also a professional Yankee. Her achievements as an honor student, Associate Editor of the Yearbook and the "Key," and Class Treasurer '49, assure her future success.

FUTURE AMBITION



Veterinarian



Model



Surgical Nurse



FUTURE AMBITION



College Graduate



Housewife



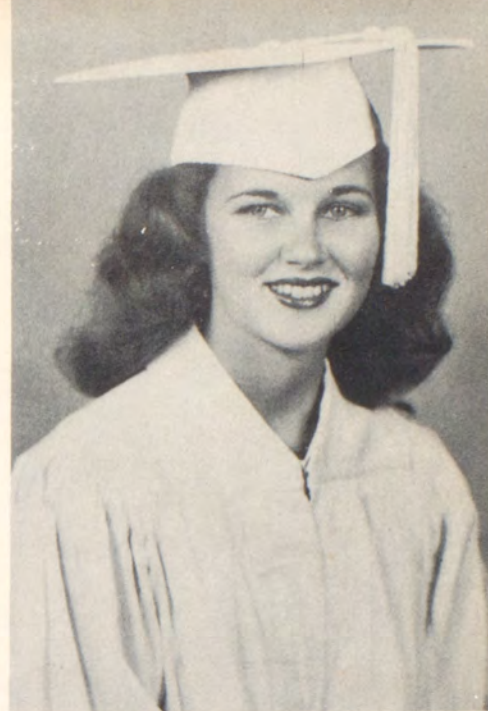
Artist

MATILDE RAMOS

A future actress, sparkling with wit, over-flowing with liveliness—that's our Tillie. An honor student during all her years at C.M.I., Tillie has been an active member of the Sodality, and the Science and Spanish Clubs. A member of the Quill and Scroll, Tillie has been Associate editor of the "Key" in '48 and Editor-in-chief '49. Her favorite studies are Spanish and history.

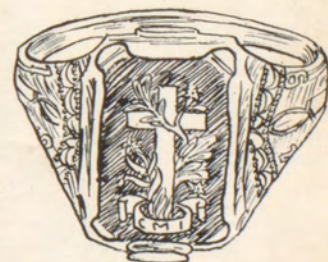
SYLVIA RIVAS

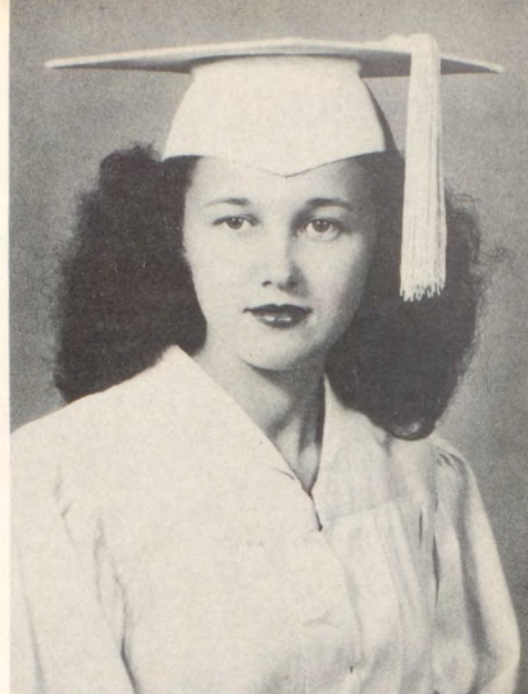
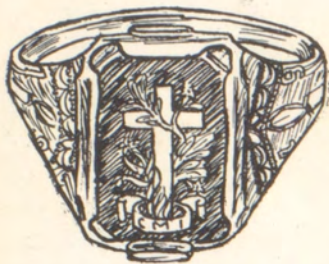
Class President in '46, Sodality Treasurer in '47, Business Manager of the "Key" '49—offices filled with distinction—reveal Sylvia as a dependable, popular Senior with an attractive personality. Active in all C.M.I. projects, Sylvia belongs to the Quill and Scroll and the Spanish Club. She majored in Spanish.



BETTY PARKHURST

Parky entered C.M.I. from Marathon in '47. Her fine art work won her a place as Staff artist for the "Key" and for STELLA MARIS, as well as membership in the Quill and Scroll. She enjoys Spanish and plans to continue art work after graduation.





LAURIETTE ROBERTS

Lauriette's ambition is to be a teacher of mathematics. As a four-year honor student, member of the Quill and Scroll, Class President '49, Associate Editor of the "Key," Lauriette has shown that she has the energy and initiative to reach her goal. She also found time to belong to the Spanish Club, and be a 100% worker for the yearbook!

SARA RODRIGUEZ

Quiet, shy, and an artist to her finger-tips, Sara is a decided asset to the class of '49. Class Vice-President '45, Secretary of the Sodality '49, Art Editor of the "Key," Quill and Scroll, are a few of the honors won by this outstanding student.

MARY WALTERSON

Mary, known as Red, entered C.M.I. from Miami in '44. She likes everything about Spanish—her favorite subject—except studying it. She took part in the Spanish play in '48 and is a typist for STELLA MARIS.

FUTURE AMBITION



Graduate



Teacher



Secretary

FUTURE AMBITION



Nurse



Nurse



Housewife



MAGDALENA RUSSELL

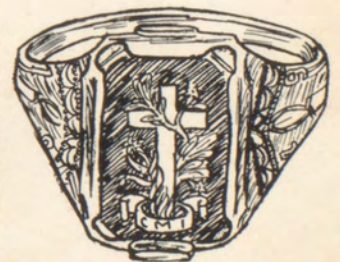
An honor student, Class Secretary '46, member of the Spanish Club, and Editor-in-chief of *STELLA MARIS* '49—that's Maggie, who came to C.M.I. in the kindergarten. We like her for her dependability and for the sturdiness of her opinions. She has been an active Sodalist and a member of the Catholic Truth Committee. Her favorite studies are history and Spanish.

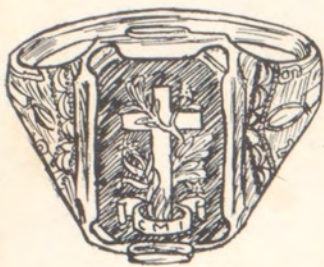
CHRISTINA SANCHEZ

Gay and carefree, Chris is an old timer at C.M.I. having entered in '42. Chris was business manager of *STELLA MARIS* '49, a member of the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin and an active member of the Spanish Club '48, '49. Her major is Spanish. Her willingness to oblige and her sense of humor have endeared her to everyone.

DOLORES SOLANO

A history major with ambitions to become a nurse, Lola has spent her entire thirteen years at C.M.I. Vivacious and with a flair for style, she always throws herself wholeheartedly into school activities. Dolores has been an active Sodalist for four years and was on the business staff of *STELLA MARIS* in '49.





FUTURE AMBITION



Photographer



ELIZABETH TAYLOR

Quiet Lizbeth claims (believe it or not) that her favorite pastime is studying shorthand. She has been an active Sodalist, having served on both the Social and Catholic Truth Committees. Her hobby is photography, and she was staff photographer for the "Key" in '49.



ANA MATEO

Ana came to us from Cuba this year to do post graduate work in English—as she is working for a teacher's certificate. We enjoyed having her with us, and we're sure she'll make a splendid teacher.



LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

We the Senior Class of 1949, being of sound mind and memory, do make, publish and declare this our last will and testament, hereby revoking any and all former Wills and Testaments made by us at any previous time.

ITEM I:

To the faculty we leave our ardent desires, that they might again see and have a class of such geniuses, as we, the Seniors of '49 are.

ITEM II:

To the class of '50 we leave our ability to hold a quiet and orderly class meeting.

ITEM III:

To the class of '51 we leave our school spirit and cooperativeness.

ITEM IV:

To the class of '52 we leave the hope that they will exceed us in number by the time they graduate.

ITEM V:

Since it is all too clear that our Alma Mater has been drained of all intelligence and ability by our departure, we hereby will the following to our fellow classmates:

To Joyce Parks, Ray Gene Neubig wills her gentle voice.

To Althea Haskins, Magdalena Russell leaves her love of American History.

To Rose Mary Roberts, Patricia Martin bestows her blonde tresses.

To Clara Alvarez, Christina Sanchez donates her ability to grow.

To Bernadine Threlkeld, Betty Parkhurst bequeathes her artistic ability.

To Letitia Castro, Elizabeth Taylor wills her friendly disposition.

To Ellen Trevor, Edith Knuck generously gives her unique Spanish pronunciation.

To Nellie Acevedo, Lauriette Roberts wills her love of dancing.

To Letricia Castro, Sylvia Rivas leaves her virtue of constancy.

To Nancy Fairfield, Stella Delgado bequeathes, in all its splendor, her vivacious personality.

To Janice Ross, Beverly Arthur wills her ability to be heard.

To Shirley Cothron, Ida Haskins leaves her love of Shorthand.

To Inza-Nell Roman, Alice Barcelo gives her love of study.

To Janice Ross, Mary Walterson donates her flair for style.

Isolina Casanova gives to Nellie Acevedo, her patience and fortitude.

Gloria Carbonell bestows her understanding of simple things, to Joann Bethel.

Martha Bouza leaves her love of Cuba to Clara Alvarez.

To Norma Martinez, Sybil Mardis gives her ability to evade the State Highway Patrol.

To Althea Haskins, Sara Rodriguez wills her good nature.

Matilda Ramos leaves her keen mind to Joyce Parks.

Dolores Solano wills to Inza Nell Roman, her love of study periods.

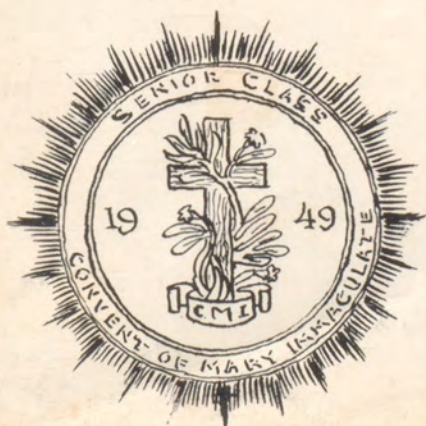
To Joann Bethel, Dora Martinez bequeathes her love of travel.

We, on this second day of June, in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-nine, do hereby declare this to be our Last Will and Testament.

Testator: EDITH KNUCK

Witnesses: SYLVIA RIVAS

MARY WALTERSON



JUNIOR CLASS

Greeted by a wide selection of subjects: English III, Literature III, Algebra II, Spanish I, French II, Religion III, Home Economics, Biology, Typing and Shorthand, the Juniors of C.M.I. settled down in September to a year of work, study, and play.

Each year our class grows stronger. New additions to our numbers are Janice Ross from New York and Shirley Cothron from Islamorada. We also welcomed the return of Shirley Aldridge who returned to C.M.I. after a two year absence to bring our enrollment to seventeen.

The election that stirred the Junior class the most was,—you guessed it—their own! When the ballots were counted the results showed the office of president was to be filled by Inza-Nell Roman and the Vice Presidency by Joyce Parks. Nelia Acevedo was elected secretary; money matters were put in the capable hands of Althea Haskins.

In literary merit our class showed a willing spirit. Nancy Fairfield won an honorable mention in the Navy Day Essay Contest which was held in October. In the "Voice of Democracy contest" Inza-Nell Roman had the honor of being runner-up at C.M.I.

No one could question our Christmas spirit either. Our class teemed with busy artists, many of

JUNIORS

Nelia Acevedo
Clara Alvarez
Joann Bethel
Gloria Bezanilla
Joyce Bradley
Leticia Castro
Shirley Cothron
Nancy Fairfield

HISTORY

whose talents had never suspected. A beautifully decorated Christmas Tree, laden with gifts formed the center of interest at our Christmas Party. Santa Claus brought gifts for all, and we left school in a fine holiday spirit.

January brought a flood of events: the Casa Marina Dance, the American Legion Oratorical contest, and, most important of all, the Junior-Senior Banquet at which we were honored guests of our Senior Sisters. (Need we speak of mid-year examinations? Need we?)

The opening of the new term found us busy preparing for the Junior-Senior Prom, our major social event for the year. Visions of a beautiful ballroom decorated in old rose and silver and the haunting strains of the orchestra filled the winter days with expectation. When the day actually arrived—our hopes were fulfilled to the brim. Never had anyone had such a lovely time!

Time flew on wings of a jet-propelled plane after that! The annual class picnic, thoroughly enjoyed by all, (even to mosquito bites and sunburn) freshened us up for the last ordeal: final examinations.

Having survived this trial by fire we emerged as full-fledged Seniors looking forward to wearing Caps and Gowns in 1950.

Althea Haskins
Norma Martinez
Joyce Parks
Rose Mary Roberts
Inza-Nell Roman
Janice Ross
Bernadine Threlkeld
Ellen Trevor



SOPHOMORE CLASS

HISTORY

"School days! School day!" Everyone was singing on September 8, 1948. We were looking forward to dissecting worms and frogs in Biology and to making our own clothes in Home Economics. Besides these subjects, our schedules included: Religion I, English II, Algebra II, Latin II and Spanish I.

The Sophomore numbered ten girls, a small class but a good one. In October we entered the Navy Day Essay Contest and were greatly pleased when Judy Trevor was chosen as one of the winners. We worked hard until Thanksgiving, for we were getting our first report cards. On December 6, our usual routine was interrupted by our annual retreat. After two days of conferences and quiet, we resolved to study even harder. At Christmas time we had fun decorating our tree and classroom amidst laughter and shouts of "The tree is lopsided" and "Where's the tinsel?" Then the holidays when we rejoiced over the Birth of Our Lord—and no school! But our fun-filled vacation was soon over, as school began the new year on the 3rd of January. We paused here a minute to bring you the solemn news of—Mid-terms! Picture our worried looks, as we tried to remember what we had studied the night before. The exams were not as bad as we had expected, however, and we breathed sighs of relief. Reports and more reports! We were then looking forward to the finishing of the new auditorium, the Senior dance, and other events at the end of the year. In the meantime we had a very enjoyable Easter vacation, after which we again buckled down to hard study. School was drawing to a close, which meant final exams were at hand. Patiently we waited and worked!

And now we, the Sophomores, want to say that we have had a very happy and profitable year. We all hope to be again within the gates of C.M.I. for another year filled with adventure.



FRESHMAN CLASS HISTORY

How well we remember that morning of September 8th, when our mothers so cruelly came in at seven a.m. just to tell us to get up for school. Horrors! And after staying in bed until eleven all summer! Anyway, we got up and struggled on to C.M.I.. After all, we were its new Freshmen, even if we were sleepy. After about a week though, we got used to getting up at seven and really began to enjoy school.

Now that it is nearing the end of our first year high, we can well recall the many happy times we've had. For instance: the Halloween party held over the C.Y.C.; our cake and candy sale to raise money for the missions; the retreat on December 16; and our preparations for Christmas. Then of course we had our initiation which at first we weren't too happy about. But after it was all over we were treated to a lunch and that made up for everything!

January exams came and departed just like all the other examinations amid the usual flurry of excitement. What with the Alumnae Dance at the Casa Marina, work on the year book, and Sodality initiations, the year was gone with the wind.

Now, this small green class of eight pupils is looking forward to the future, and hoping they will, in the next three years grow into the largest and wisest class that C.M.I. ever had.

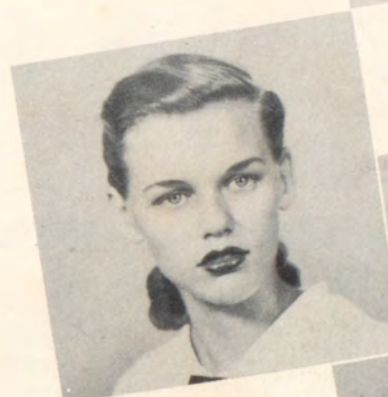
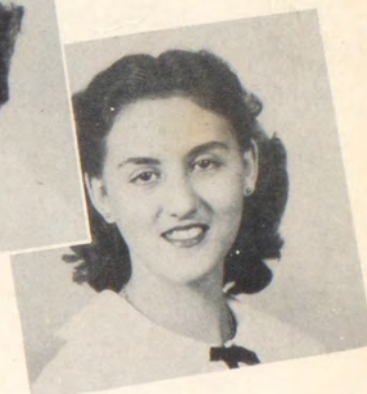
ANITA BOSSELET

SOPHOMORES

Patricia Bethel
Teresa Carey
Betty Fairfield
Nancy FitzGerald
Caroline Gibbs
Diane Goldberg
Sharon Mardis
Diana Molina
Mary Lou Solomon
Judy Trevor

FRESHMEN

Beryl Albury
Anita Bosselet
Carol Caruthers
Maria Theresa Diaz
Letricia Garcia
Anne Mills
Isabel Sais
Nancy Sawyer





SEVENTH GRADE

Left to Right: Sylvia Alvarez, Gloria Muniz, Lorraine Wornock, Barbara Twiehaus, Elvira Perez, Grace Baker, Theresa Bardwell, Eleanor Gato, Jackie Delaney, Barbara Prichard.

EIGHTH GRADE

First Row (Left to Right): Marie Russo, Rachel Sanchez, Marguerite Smith, Sylvia Taylor, Joyce Lounders, Jo-Anne Witto, Patsy Yates. *Standing:* Dolores Valdez, Donna Sawyer, Audrey Wilson, Geraldine Weakley, Olga Martinez, Mary Virginia Demeritt, Jennie Arango, Christina Heilner, Sylvia Knowles, Sherry Hoffmeister.





FIFTH GRADE

Bottom Row (Left to Right): Mabel Harris, Cecilia Barcelo, Ann Zorsky, Rose Marie Perez, Patricia Holik, Rose Marie Garcia, Dollie Owen. *Top Row (Left to Right):* Donna Gomez, Marietta DePasquale, Delores Knowles, Peggy Jordan, Yvonne Moore, Celi Bezanilla, Lourdes Gonzales, Sandra Johnson.

SIXTH GRADE

Front Row (Left to Right): Gale Varela, Audrey Richardson, Marie Rendueles, Jaqueline Valdez, Rose Marie Yates, Deanna DePrima, Madeline DeBarcee, Madeline Llorida. *Second Row (Left to Right):* Norma Avila, Esther Trujillo, Joan Albury, Nancy Jones, Patricia Saylor, Sheila Morris, Jean Albury. *Third Row (Left to Right):* Barbara Ladd, Gweneth Gibbs, Iraida Rivero, Martha Alonzo, Earlene Eckstine.



THIRD GRADE



Top to Bottom, Row 1 (Left to Right): Edwina Sweeting, Elsa Acevedo, Anna Haskins, Alice Perez, Emilina Garcia, Beverly Maloney, Judy Hardin, Patricia Guzewich, Adrienne Gomez. *Row 2:* Andrea Coniff, Sandra Pugh, Margaret Ardagh, Mary Castellano, Cecilia Nicolau, Martha Acosta, Patricia Piodela, Yolanda Avila, Adair Jameson, Juliette Perez. *Row 3:* Jan Knowles, Linda Borreson, Victoria Gervickas, Carole Mills, Claydene Johnson, Haydee Lopez, Rebecca Gilkey, Darleen Platt.

Top to Bottom, Row 1: Sara Hunter, Mary Lou Goddard, Shirley Fernandez, Donna Norton, Marie Sikes, Annette Dion, Donna Graham, Rebecca Dillon, Rachel Diaz. *Row 2:* Linda Weakley, Cecilia Lopez, Myrna Nickolson, Jean Castellano, Nancy Dillon, Sandra Owen, Sally Gibbs, Patricia Brennan, Sandra Kemp. *Row 3:* Geraldine White, Velma Roberts, Barbara Bosselet, Catherine Griffin, Ilka Munoz, Frances Harlfinger, Eliza Malgrat, Elsie Faraldo, Diane Ayers.

FOURTH GRADE



SECOND GRADE



First Row (Left to Right): Paula Ann Mesa, Rosemary Hyde, Ceres Munos, Annette Esperdy, Nancy Gelabert, Dorothy Harlfinger, Christina Pinder, Lucy Gato, Marguerite Garcia, Armida Estenoz. *Second Row:* Sylvia Avila, Kay Cassidy, Ruth Curry, Billie Ann Hampton, Juanita Aguiar, Anna Maria Gato, Sheila Stensland, Virginia Rose Nolte, Barbara Barber, Wilma Thompson, Barbara Goddard. *Last Row:* Marion Lee Joy, Pearl Sosin, Geraldine Jensen, Mary Ronda Brewster, Rachael Mattingly, Linda Jones, Sandra Wickers, Emilie Lane, Kathryn Faraldo.

Top Row: Virginia Rios, Vivian Garing, Mary Louise Malgrate, Judy Jones, Barbara Melton, Deanne Williams, Bonnie Hinkle, Janice Mays, Marianela Rhoden, Judy Kline, Linda Curry, Barbara Baker, Dorothy Ellison, Paula Newhouse, Sylvia Gervickas, Judy Roberts. *Middle Row:* Diana Blanco, Sonia Lane, Magda Lopez, Arleen Hinton, Mary Ann Lopez, Ann Marie Portor, Gladys Diaz, Pamela Donahue, Rosario Garcia, Annette Trusillo, Georgene Knowles, Henrietta Sands, Carole Rivas, Ruth Braun, Juanito Solano. *Bottom Row:* Diane Mills, Sheila Munroe, Gloria Gibson, Arleen Walsh, Josette Santana, Betty Fizzell, Toni Ann Demeritt, Francine Delaney, Jacqueline Tucker, Isabel Herrfandez, Patricia Joyner.

FIRST GRADE





Spanish class concentrates on conjugations.



The Library is conducive to study.

Sophomores "questing for happiness."

C. M. I. OFFERS A





Juniors absorbed in American Literature.

One of the reasons our parents, in their search for a school, sent us to C.M.I. was because the Convent had proved itself capable for more than seventy-five years, to develop children physically, intellectually, and spiritually.

C.M.I. offers its students a well-rounded curriculum in the sciences and arts. Fully accredited—a member of the Southern Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges—its graduates are prepared to take their place in the business world or to pursue higher education in College. Physical education, as can be seen in the following pages is not neglected either! Music forms an integral part of the program. The study of home arts prepares its students to found homes of their own in the future.

Through its courses in religion, by its inculcation of high ideals, annual retreats, and character training, the Convent of Mary Immaculate aims to form its students to true Christian womanhood.

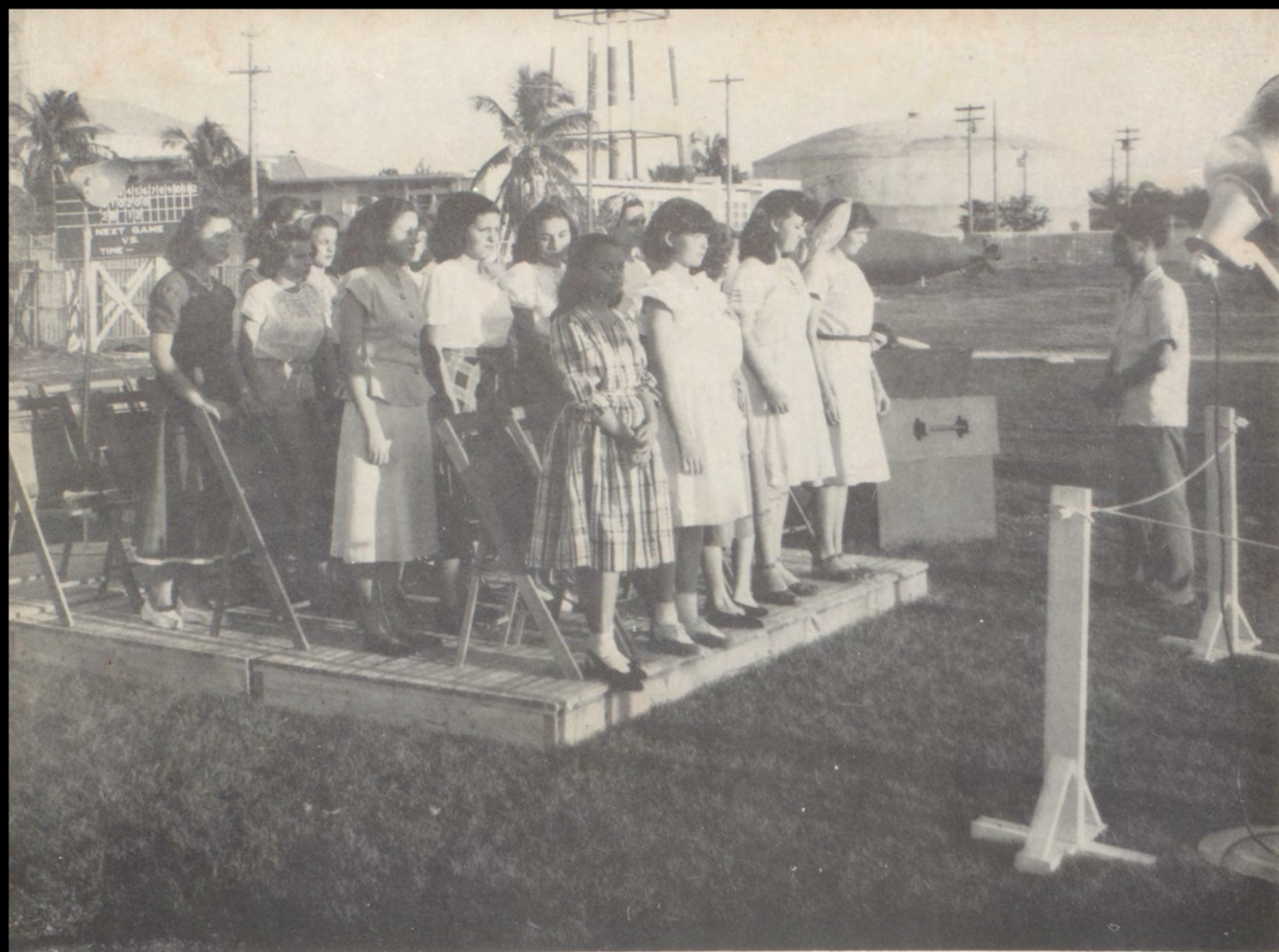


Freshmen ponder.

WELL-ROUNDED PROGRAM

Biology students dissect annelida.





Senior choir rehearses at
Naval Base.



Beryl Albury at organ.

MUSIC

Of all the activities at C.M.I. music is one of the most enjoyed. Both vocal and instrumental music are taught. Our choral class had the honor of singing the Christmas Midnight Mass at the Naval Base. Regularly, the Senior choir sings at the Parish Church. Choral classes also sang over WKWF on one of their regular programs.

Clara Alvarez—our Violinist.



Ray Gene Neubig at Concert Grand.

HOME ECONOMICS



Joyce, Joann, Gloria, Clara, Judy and Ellen seem very proud of the gathered skirts they made themselves.

Tailored skirts modeled by—
Leticia, Rose Mary, Sharon, Nelia,
and Althea.



The new-look ballerina skirts worn by Joyce, Teresa, Betty Kay and Nancy are their own handiwork.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION





SODALISTS RECITE OFFICE

"To Christ through Mary"! Our motto illustrates the life Sodality members try to live.

Every Monday, our Sodality members assemble in St. Cecilia's Hall to attend their weekly Sodality meeting under the leadership of Edith Knuck, our Prefect, and the Sodality Council: Nelia Acevedo, Vice-Prefect, Sara Rodriguez, Secretary, Dora Martinez, Treasurer, Dianne Goldberg, Chairman of Our Lady's Committee, Isolina Casanova, Eucharistic Committee, Estella Delgado, Catholic Truth Committee, Joyce Parks, Apostolic Committee, Norma Martinez, Social Committee.

Among the projects of the Sodality, the adoption of a German family was the most noteworthy. The Sodality provided Mr. and Mrs. Gruber and their children with food, clothing, books and medicine. Funds for this project were raised by means of a bunco party sponsored by the social committee.

In preparation for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the Sodality held its annual retreat under the direction of Father John Moreau S.J. Daily conferences, ample time for prayer and meditation, made the two days a time of spiritual refreshment and pleasure.

The Eucharistic Committee members prepared two Thanksgiving baskets for the poor of the city.

On November 24th the following representatives: Nelia Acevedo, Edith Knuck, Ida Haskins, Dolores Solano, Norma Martinez, Estella Delgado, Dora Martinez, Beverly Arthur, Jo Ann Bethel, Dianne Goldberg, Joyce Parks, Patsy Yates, and Marie Russo attended the annual state convention held in Tampa.



FATHER JOHN MOREAU, S.J.
Retreat Master

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SODALISTS ON THE WAY TO THE CONVENTION IN TAMPA

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Christmas Day saw the Sodalists bringing Christmas cheer to the old people of the County home. As in former years, the Sodalists played Santa Claus, distributing gifts. They closed their visit by the singing of Christmas Carols.

But temporal projects are not the principal work of the Sodality. The Spiritual work of the Sodality has not been neglected. The tridiums in honor of Christ the King, the October devotions, and the Triduum for our Holy Father the Pope were faithfully attended. On the second Sunday of the month, the Sodalists in white uniforms, veils, and blue mantles assist at Holy Mass receive Holy Communion in a body. After Mass comes our favorite devotion choral recitation of the Little Office of the Immaculate Conception. The climax of Sodality activity comes in May the month with the celebration of World Sodality Day and the crowning of the Queen of May. On this day the Senior Sodalist who has received highest honors in the study of Religion and Sodality work will crown our Lady's statue. A solemn procession and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament closes an eventful Sodality year.

SARA RODRIGUEZ



SODALITY COUNCIL—left to right: Dora Martinez, Edith Knuck, Estella Delgado, Dianne Goldberg, Isolina Casanova, Nelia Acevedo, Sara Rodriguez, Joyce Parks, and Norma Martinez.

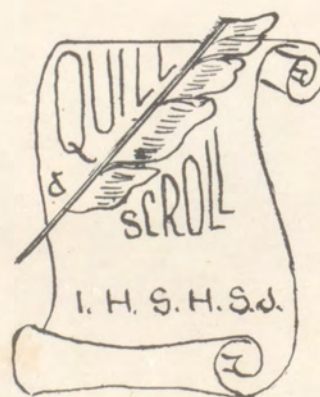


Seated (Left to Right): Ida Haskins, Inza-Nell Roman, Ray Gene Neubig. *Standing:* Nelia Acevedo, Matilda Ramos, Isolina Casanova, Sara Rodriguez, Betty Parkhurst Lauriette Roberts, Magdalena Russell.

“QUILL AND SCROLL”

The Quill and Scroll is an International Honorary Society for high school journalists. Qualifications for membership are: that the candidates be Juniors or Seniors in high school; that they be elected from the staff of the school newspaper, yearbook or magazine; that they be in the upper third of their class in general scholastic standing; that they have done superior work in writing, editing or business management; that they be recommended by the school principal or publication advisor; that they be approved by the executive secretary of the Society.

The girls who this year merited reception in the Quill and Scroll were: Ida Haskins, '49, Photographer for the "STELLA MARIS;" Ray Gene Neubig, '49, Associate Editor of the "STELLA MARIS;" Magdalena Russell, '49, Editor and Chief of "STELLA MARIS;" Inza-Nell Roman, '50, Associate Editor of "The Key" and Nelia Acevedo, '50, Art Staff, "STELLA MARIS."



IN APPRECIATION

TYPING STAFF

Martha Bouza, Gloria Carbonell, Alice Barcelo, Norma Martinez, Mary Wal-
tersen, Pat Martin.



We, the 1949 Staff of STELLA MARIS wish to thank:

Sister Delphine Marie, our principal, for her kindness and permission to publish this edition of STELLA MARIS.

The Faculty, for their graciousness and cooperation.

The student body, for their loyal support.

Our patrons and advertisers whose financial aid made this edition possible.

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Joyce Parks, Sharon Mardis, Nancy Fitzgerald, Ray Gene Neubig, Magdalena Russell, Diane Goldberg, Nelia Acevedo, Betty Parkhurst, Ida Haskins.



BUSINESS STAFF

Delores Solano, Christina Sanchez
Beverly Arthur, Althea Haskins.



WE ARE THANKFUL ESPECIALLY TO:

Mr. Frank Evans, who has willingly contributed his skill and time to the portraits and photography in this annual.

Also to the Key West Photo Service, Nan and Clint Giese, and Joe Alonzo for those of their photographs used in the yearbook.

MAGDALENA RUSSELL
Editor-in-chief

"THE KEY"



The Key Staff tries its hand at offset typing!

This year we celebrated the first anniversary of our school paper "*The Key*." Our school publication has been recognized by the "Quill and Scroll"—International Honorary Society for high school journalists. The staff of writers and artists have worked hard to continue its last year's success. Our hope is that future classes will celebrate many more anniversaries.



Edith Knuck, Estella Delgado, Sylvia Rivas, Ray Gene Neubig, Elizabeth Taylor, Matilda Ramos, Caroline Gibbs, Inza-Nell Roman, Beryl Albury, Isolina Casanova, Lauriette Roberts, Betty Parkhurst, Sybil Mardis, Sara Rodriguez.

JUNIOR RED CROSS



Shirley sews for the
Junior Red Cross

The Junior Red Cross is a very active organization in Key West. Its main purpose is to help the Navy and members of the armed Services but there are many other needy people here who are in need of their help. All students in Key West are asked to join and participate in Red Cross activities. For our student representatives we chose Shirley Aldridge '50 and Diane Goldberg '51.

The meetings are held in the Harris School and all the school representatives attend. During the year the schools were assigned special work. The Convent took over the task of making card table covers for the Naval Hospital.

The state organizer of the Junior Red Cross addressed our high school assembly in December. Her exhibit of scrap books made by foreign children and her description of their needs aroused the student body to fill greeting boxes for friends overseas.



Key West Junior Red Cross
Representatives

SCIENCE CLUB

C.M.I.'s Science Club was re-organized rather late this year. Under the sponsorship of Sister Mary John, the club sent in articles on "What I want Next" to Science Newsletter.



C.M.I.-J.R.C. Representatives
Shirley Aldridge, Dianne Goldberg



Members of the club, pictured above are:
Top Row (Left to Right):

Betty Fairfield, Inza-Nell Roman, Nancy Fairfield. Bottom Row: Judy Trevor, Sharon Mardis, Nancy FitzGerald.



OUR RESIDENT STUDENTS



On September 8th, 1948, this year's group of boarders tripped lightly over the convent threshold for another year of study and fun together. "Old timers": Ray-Gene Neubig and Mary Walterson, Betty Parkhurst (two years makes you an "old" boarder), Christina Heilner, Beryl Albury, Ann Mills, Sheila Morris, and Linda Jones welcomed Ana Mateo, Martha Alonzo, Maria Diez, Isabel Sais from Cuba, and Sara Hunter and Grace Baker from Miami.

This will be a red-letter year for the boarders who are eagerly awaiting the completion of the new dormitory and recreation room on the second story of the auditorium building. When they move in they will, indeed, be living "on top of the world."



EVENTS FILLED THE YEAR





IN MEMORIAM

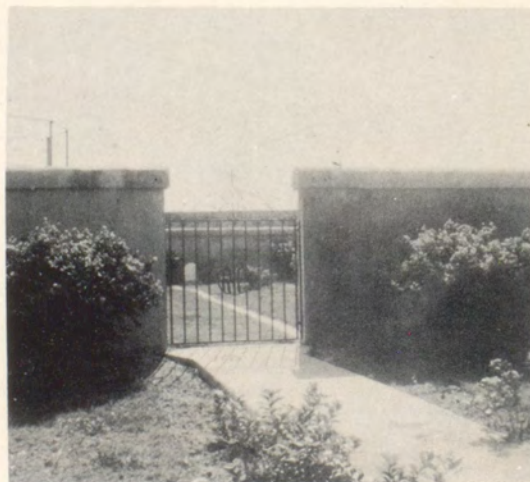
SISTER LOUIS GABRIEL

Saddest of all events in this school year was the death of Sister M. Louis Gabriel who died on September 13th, after fifty years of devoted service to the families of Key West and to the Convent she so loved.

To say that we miss Sister is a decided understatement. Our parents who had Sister as a teacher, our grandparents who knew her when she first came to Key West, have given us an appreciation of what Sister has done for them, and of what her departure has meant for us.

Sister's experience—that of spending her entire religious life on one mission—was perhaps unique in the annals of the Sisters of the Holy Names. As a result, she knew every family personally, intimately, sympathizing with all, encouraging all by her kindness and cheerful service.

The more we realize what she has done for our families, the more we shall miss her. May our prayers never cease for so great a friend, and gain her speedy enjoyment of her "incorruptible crown."



NAVY DAY

Navy Day is an annual event in Key West that calls for a celebration of first magnitude. Preparations were made for weeks ahead of time. The Navy sponsored an essay contest. Lieutenant Gillette addressed the student body. On the day itself everyone in school was buzzing with excitement for all were wondering if we were going to get out in time to see the parade. We were dismissed at twelve o'clock. Hurrah!!! Our own Judy Trevor was given a special place of honor as honorary executive office of the U.S.S. Odax, which she merited by having submitted the winning essay of the subject "The Role of The Peace Time Navy As A Unit of Our Armed Forces."



Judy Trevor receives award aboard U.S.S. Odax from Comdr. Vincent E. Schumacher.



Lieutenant and Mrs. Gillette



C.M.I.-P.B.W. Prize-winning

float in Navy Parade.





Business and Professional Women's Week was a gala occasion for the Seniors of 1949 who on Friday, October 15, 1948 took over the city and filled the offices of the respective officials whom they represented, under the guidance of the Business and Professional Women of Key West. Did the Seniors enjoy it? The pictures tell the story.

SENIORS TAKE OVER CITY

A collage of black and white photographs showing high school seniors in various roles within a city government office. The photos depict students working at desks, on a telephone, and in a vehicle, all dressed in uniforms. The collage includes: a group of students in white uniforms standing on a staircase; a female student in a police uniform sitting at a desk with a typewriter; a student working at a desk with a microphone; a student in a police uniform sitting in the driver's seat of a car with other students standing behind it; a male student pointing at a large document on a desk while two female students look on; a student writing at a desk; a student talking on a telephone; and a group of students working at desks in a room with windows.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S VISIT



Sunday at three o'clock all the girls of C.M.I., dressed in blue and white uniforms welcomed President Truman to our tropical city. As the occasion was a special one, the city outdid itself to honor the President on the occasion of his re-election. We stood out in front of the Convent in eager anticipation waiting for a glimpse of our famous leader. Seven little girls in the first grade held a welcome sign elaborately decorated with crimson hibiscus.

When the moment arrived we were well paid for our long waiting. The President looked over in our direction. When he saw the welcome sign and the little girls he gave us an extra big smile and said: "Well, look at that!"—much to our pleasure, it goes without saying!



I SPEAK FOR DEMOCRACY

GENERALISSIMO JOSEPH STALIN

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Moscow

UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALISTS REPUBLICS

DEAR UNCLE JOE:

Though this is addressed to you, it is really an open letter to the people of the U.S.S.R., telling them what is right with American democracy. Therefore, I take it for granted that this will appear in such newspapers as *Pravda*, as well as over the radio. (You do allow people to listen to the radio, don't you?)

To begin with, our nation is based upon the Constitution. This was drafted by our forefathers in order to form a more perfect union. They based their judgment on what they knew about the good and bad points of previous forms of government, and they incorporated the former but omitted the latter in ours. Our Constitution has served remarkably well for nearly two hundred years. You, too, have a constitution, I hear. A very high sounding one at that. The only difference between the two seems to be that we live up to ours; and if we find something faulty in its pages, we are free to change or correct it. Are the citizens of your "iron clad paradise" free to do so?



One of the mainsprings of this Constitution of ours is the Bill of Rights. You say this Bill of Rights is a fraud, but tell me, Uncle Joe, are there such things as the Four Freedoms in Russia today? Is the mass starvation, religious and political persecution which we so often hear of, much to your discomfort, only a rumor, and the N.K.V.D. merely a figure of speech?

You and your "little boys" like Molotov, Vishinsky, and Gromikov have accused our country of deliberate war mongering. Suppose we look at statistics.—How many wars has our nation waged? Six—and all but one defensive! Doesn't that belie your cry of "mercenary imperialism?" Oh—and by the way:—What country lives by the motto—"Economy depends on slavery!" You answer that one!

Democracy here in the United States means more than the monotonous, dull clank and whine of the modern machine; it is the man behind that machine: one who is free to strike for higher wages or better working conditions; it is more than the fertile, well-tilled land—it is the farmer who rises at cock-crow and spends the day producing the food so vital to the nation; it is even more than the businesses and the government; it is the men (bourgeois capitalists I believe you call them) who man the business firms and represent the people in the government.

Our boys have fought and died that totalitarian and oppressive government such as yours might be banished from the earth. We solemnly pray that these men have not died in vain. I remain,

The puzzled daughter of an American capitalist,
RAY GENE NEUBIG



Santa Comes to C.M.I.

CHRISTMAS

Christmas excitement grows as the great day draws near. Seniors and Juniors, Sophomores and Freshmen (to say nothing of graders!) begin to dream about vacation and to wonder what Santa Claus will bring! Classroom decorations start to take shape . . . hidden artistic talent comes to light . . . choral classes start practicing Christmas Carols . . . the Christmas trees are put up . . . the Crib is arranged . . . and it's Christmas!



Donna Graham puts finishing touches on Christmas tree.



Second Graders visit the Crib.

JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET



Social hour after banquet at
Martinez.



One of the highlights of the first term was the Junior-Senior Banquet. Date: January 14, 5:00 P. M. Place: the Blackout Restaurant, Key West. On that evening the Seniors were hostesses to the Faculty and the Junior Classmen—guests of honor on this gala occasion.

Souvenirs, programs and appropriate decorations added to the gaiety event.



Junior-Senior Banquet.



JUNIOR-SENIOR PROM

REFRESHMENTS COMMITTEE:

Rose Mary

DECORATION:

Bernadine, Norma, Nelia.



The climax of social events at C.M.I. is always the Junior-Senior Prom. The Seniors look forward to it with eagerness—to say the least; Freshmen and Sophomores think of it wistfully and longingly. When will it be *their* turn? The Juniors determine that *this year's* Prom will be the best ever.

Much of the success of the Prom is due, not only to the graciousness of Senior guests, but to the hard work of committees.

Beautiful invitations, alluring decorations in old rose and silver, delicious punch, lovely gifts point to careful and loving preparation. Add enticing dance music and you have the Perfect Prom 1949.



PROGRAM COMMITTEE:

Inza-Nell, Joyce.



INVITATIONS:

Althea, Ellen, Nancy.



MAY PROCESSION 1948



His Excellency,
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Auxiliary Bishop of St. Augustine
addresses Graduates.



Conferring of diplomas.



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GRADUATION

1948



Graduation Chorus.



Graduates of 1948

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Class of 1948





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ALUMNAE

FLOSSIE BAKER
Reporter



The Convent of Mary Immaculate Alumnae Association has been very active during the past year.

The Alumnae's annual business meeting is held during February of each year and the highlight of the year is the annual Easter Monday banquet when we meet classmates and old friends and reminisce.

When we learned that after three happy years with us Sister Mary Isabella was leaving C.M.I., to show our affection and high regard the Alumnae honored Sister at a Lawn Tea on August 8th.

In June, Edith Knuck, co-sponsored by the Business and Professional Women's Club and the Alumnae Association, represented C.M.I. at Girls' State in Tallahassee and, on her return, gave a very interesting report on her stay. We hope to establish this sponsorship as a perpetual memorial to our dear Sister Mary Louis Gabriel.

We were hostesses at a Stanley Party on September 17th, 1948, and on October 26th we held a Hallowe'en Festival at St. Mary's Parish Center. The youngsters had a wonderful time discovering what the Gooseneck would give them in return for their pennies and the Witch's Pot bubbled over with surprises.

On October 27th, to the delight of all, the C.M.I. float co-sponsored by the B.P.W. and the Alumnae won first prize in the Navy Day Parade.

Then, on January 12, 1949, the Alumnae at the invitation of Sister Superior, were hostesses at the Convent's Annual Benefit Dance at the Casa Marina.

We look forward with high hopes to the ensuing year.

ELOINA GATO,
Secretary



VIRGINIA McDERMOTT
Vice President

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OF EVENTS



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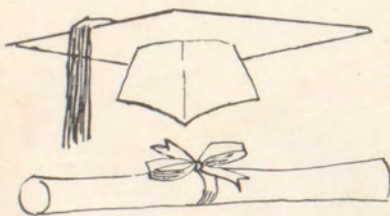
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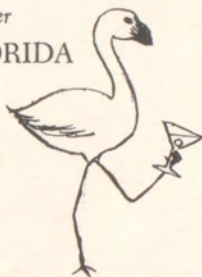
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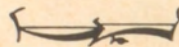
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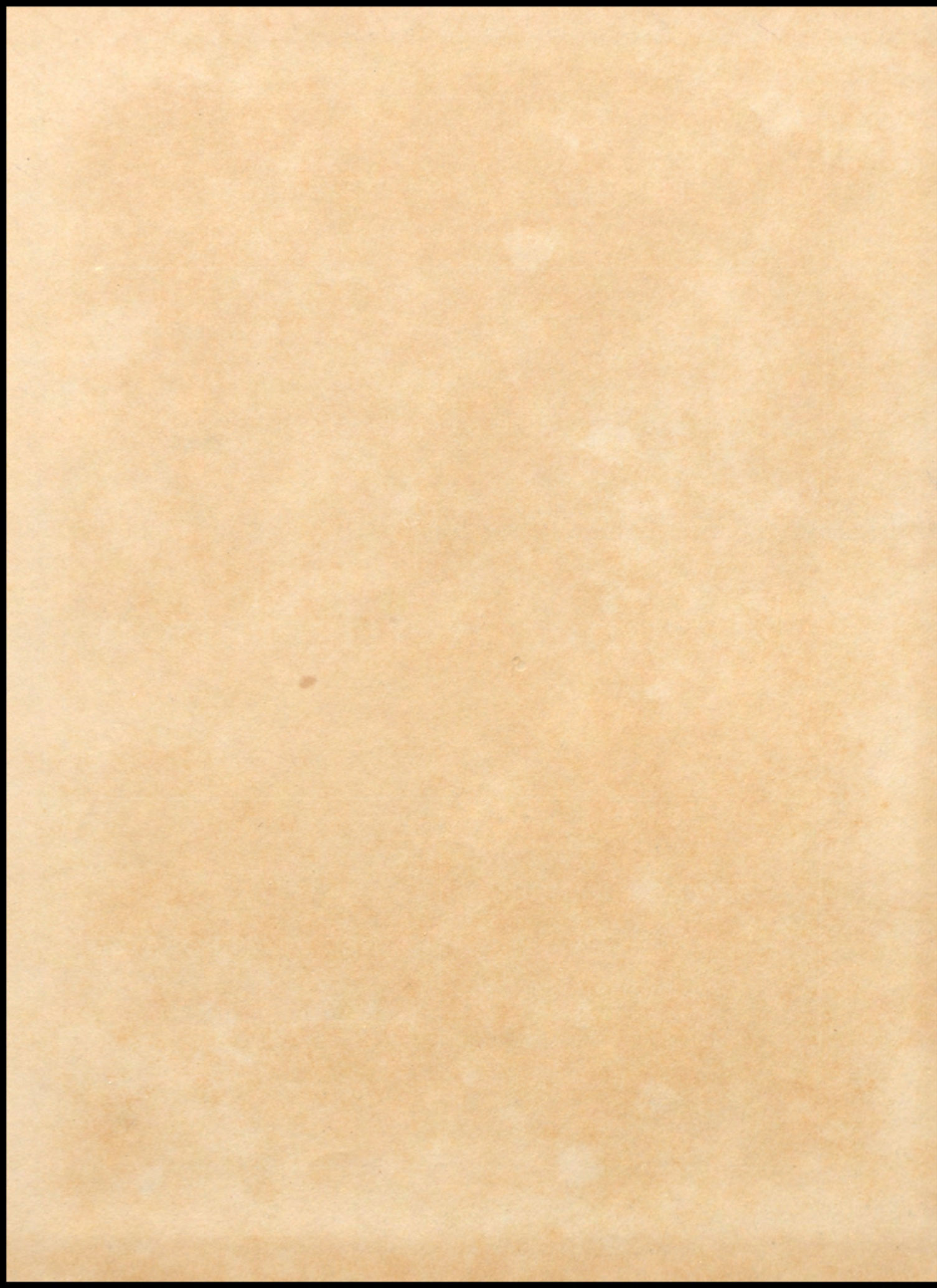






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