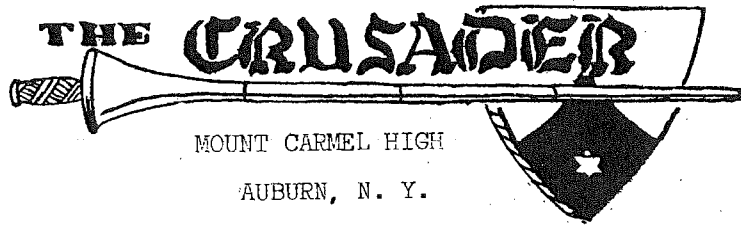


Kathy Saunders, New Queen

Mount Carmel's annual Christmas dance, "Moonlight'n Mistletoe" was brought to an exciting climax with the crowning of Kathleen Saunders as its' queen on December 27. Kathy was escorted at the crowning by the Senior Class President, John Vergamenni. Her court made up of two other senior candidates. Ann Mulvey and Theresa Bigley, who were escorted by the Student Council President, Kirk Walker, and by the Senior Class Treasurer, Joe Ganley, respectively.

Kathy was chosen from among the three candidates by ballots cast by each person attending the dance. Also attending her were three princesses selected from each under class. Representing their classes were Mary Payne, freshman, Cindy Schimlnske, sophomore, and Kathy Murphy, junior.



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Prom To Be Held

Carmel's annual Junior Prom will take place Feb. 7 in the gym, with junior and seniors attending.

"On Broadway," the theme of the Prom, was chosen from the entries submitted by each member of the Junior Class.

Four committees have been chosen to work on this dance. They are: Publicity: Linda Searing, Chairman; Linda Smith, Joanne Aversa, Jim Fronczyk, and

Jim Walsh and Mike Didio. Program; Elaine Genova-Chairman, John Lorenc, Kevin Proctor, Jim Davis, Rita Evangelista. Refreshments: Martha Theobald-Chairman, Mary K. O'Connell, Nancy De Beaumont, Jim Greule, Jim Fedor, Kathy Kavanagh, Carol Masley, Phil Cinnotti, and Frances Damick. Entertainment: Judy Dodge-Chairman, Bob Greene, Dan Tessonni, Mark Dec, Kathy Koskey, and Mary Lou Mazzeo.

School Year Half Over

Next week marks the midway point of the school year. Semester exams will be administered for the freshmen and sophomores on January 20 and 22 and for the juniors and seniors on January 21 and 23. Each exam (except English and history) will last 90 minutes instead of the usual three hours.

These exams which are a determining factor of the semester mark are especially important for the seniors for they will be the latest indication to a college of their progress in high school.

To eliminate conflicts French I, Journalism, Latin III, and Salesmanship will be given today.

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John Vergamini, Senior Class President, and Kathy Saunders, Queen of the Christmas Dance.

Editorials

SENIOR PRIVILEGES

From his freshman year, every Mt. Carmel student anticipates the day he will finally share in the glories and privileges of senior year.

Only a senior can express the joys of seniority over the school's underclassmen. Three years of rank-and-file struggle are climaxed on the day he is finally recognized as a leader of his fellow students, entitled to the "privileges" which senior class brings him.

What a disappointment it is to a senior who finds he has only five privileges (one of which he has preserved since his sophomore year), and more shocking the sight of underclassmen abusing these privileges for which he has waited so long.

By this, we mean such things as juniors stepping ahead in the senior line, underclassmen taking a place at the senior table and finally, students walking brazenly down the main corridor after school using excuses which seem to be very flimsy.

May we suggest the seniors themselves work to preserve the significance of their privileges, by taking the time out to correct those who abuse these privileges. Further, we request the help of the faculty in this regard, to enforce more stringently these privileges.

by Paul Harig

Readers of the last edition of the "Crusader" were pleasantly surprised at the sharpness of the pictures. This improvement was achieved by switching to a different printing process. The change was not, however effectuated with impunity as many unwanted shadows and streaks cropped up. We wish to thank the students for their indulgence as we attempt to improve the "Crusader" without putting it beyond the reach of anyone's pocket-book.

Ed.

WHOSE FAULT?

Through the halls of Mount Carmel there has lately been heard cries of "unfair," from the seniors. The general feeling is that they are getting cheated out of their senior privileges. But the majority are content to just complain about it and not do anything about it.

I have come to the conclusion that the blame lies entirely on the seniors themselves. It has come to my attention that all the reasonable privileges submitted for faculty approval were granted and that for everyone rejected a very good reason was given.

The ones consented to by the faculty consist of: the senior lunch table, the senior lunch line, the senior lettermen's privilege, the privilege of going out the side door after school and the privilege granted the seniors to go to their lockers after gym classes.

As I already mentioned the ones rejected were rejected for very legitimate reasons. For instance it was submitted that seniors be allowed to come in the side door as well as out. But this would create a maintenance problem as the halls could not possibly be cleaned up in the morning, thereby leaving the main hall in one big wet mess for the better part of the day. Also it was submitted that the seniors be allowed a smoking privilege, but if the American Medical Ass., the students of A.C.C. and public opinion in general condemn smoking, how would it look if Mt. Carmel approved of it? It was also suggested that the seniors be allowed to leave 10 minutes early. The faculty decided against this as it is not fitting that a privilege be attached to a punishment.

In conclusion, all I can say is that if the seniors want any more privileges, it is up to them to think seriously and intelligently of any desired and to submit them to the faculty via the student council. Senior privileges are up to you. If you are not content with the present privileges you have the power to change them.

A very studious and learned English IV class of Senior girls, under the expert guidance of Sister Aloysia, is now studying the works of Alexander Pope. One of the class's homework assignments was to comprise after one of Pope's greatest pieces, "The Rape of the Lock."

A mock-heroic poem is a satirical poem in which the author pokes fun at a trivial matter which has been greatly magnified by others. Therefore the class was assigned to use as the subject of its poems some triviality which had been built up into a major issue, and to show by exaggeration the absurdity of it all. Following is one of the finished products, see if you can guess who the main characters are in real life.

Each entered the room with a
countenance so meek,
And not a word was one allowed
to speak.
All were guilty of such a sordid
crime,
And tearful eyes showed now had
come their time.
The judge, in black, sat with a
scornful face,
Glaring upon these sinners, ready
to try each one's case.
With trembling lip the first
knelt on one knee,
Fearing the merciless judge--
Insanity was her plea.
Cold was the heart of this cruel
judge; she sat taciturn,
And then roared out the verdict
that the poor girl was to burn.
"Mercy, Mercy," is the cry as
they drag away the lass,
"Oh, please forgive me if you
can, for chewing gum in class!"

Judy Gleason

CONGRATULATIONS

The Crusader staff wishes to congratulate our fellow Mt. Carmel students on their recent pickup of school spirit which has been displayed at the home basketball games. We are counting on you to continue this fine showing by filling the stands at the future home basketball games.

Many interesting and unusual things happened December 20, 1963, the last school day before Christmas vacation. The candid shots on the Feature Page indicate that. The 11 o'clock assembly was the perfect culmination to the half-day. After a brief pageant to remind everyone of the real meaning of Christmas, the Boy's and Girls' Glee Clubs assured that everyone would be in a festive spirit. Their influence was shown in the senior boys' swaying version of "White Christmas" which was dedicated to Fr. Paschal. It's unfortunate the weatherman also was moved for he sent enough of the white flakes to postpone the Didio Brothers' Show.

P.S. Don't miss the rematch between the Didio brothers in Rome on February 9. Buses will be provided for the students.

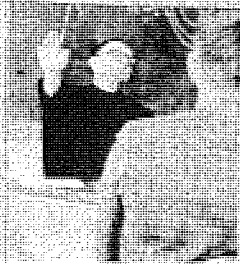
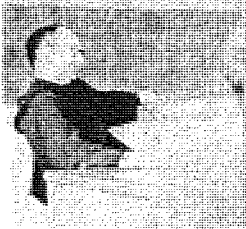
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SCENE Around School



In another five minutes I can have a cigarette.

My group had 2% fewer cavities.

Enough compliments! I know I'm great.

But doesn't everybody wear his scapular thrown over his shoulder?



If that's an olive branch, I'll swing from it!

And to think I could have been a missionary.

I know I heard Father Nicholas in here!



Don't tick me off!

The next time I want you to hum: "Hail to the chief"

Sodality Hosts at Party

The Junior and Senior Sodalists of Mount Carmel High School were the hosts of a gala Christmas Party held at the Seabrook Nursing Home, South Street, on December 22, 1963.

Accompanied by Sister M. Jogues and Sister M. Jeannine, Sodality moderators, the girls presented gifts and sang carols to the patients at the Nursing Home.

"I think the party for the older people was nice and we really needed the cocoa by the time we walked up to the Convent," remarked Mary Rose O'Neill, one of those who attended the Christmas Party.

Among those who were present at the party were: Marianne Doyle, Vice-Prefect of the Senior Sodality, Ann Greene, Prefect of the Senior Sodality, and Nancy Herrling, Mary Rose O'Neill, and Mary Anne McKeon, all members of the Junior Sodality.

After the caroling at Seabrook, the girls adjourned to the basement of the Sisters' convent to continue the festivities. Cocoa and decorated cookies were served to the girls by members of the faculty.

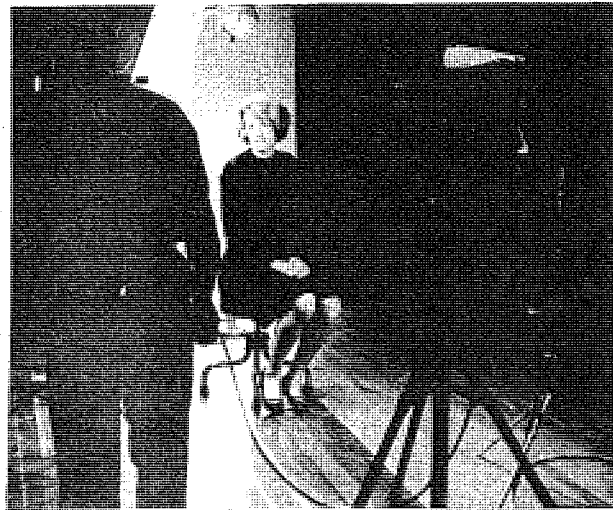
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Monday there will be Religion I & II, Latin I & II, Business Arithmetic, English I & II and typing for boys.

Tuesday there will be: Religion III & IV, Advanced Booking, and English III & IV.

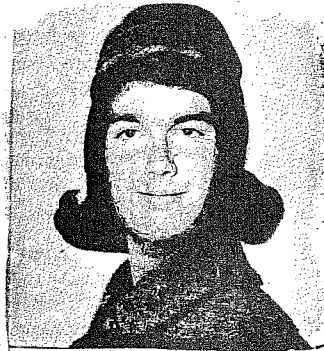
Wednesday: Math IX & X, World History, Social Studies, Sociology, and typing for girls.

Thursday: Physics, Chemistry, Shorthand I & II, Business Law, Math XI & XII, Advanced History, American History, and Current Events.



The photographer from Varden Studios gets Kathy Wilson to strike just the right pose before he snaps the shutter.

Dear Stella



Dear Stella,

I just got a new silk top hat and was wondering to what school functions I could wear it.

Well-Dressed

Dear Dressed,

Although the majority of students don't often wear them, I see no reason why you can't wear it to football games and record hops. The only time I know of where you might see a lot of top hats is at the inauguration of the president of the student council.

Dear Stella,

I have a pair of black sneakers and would like to know where I could wear them.

Casual

Dear Casual,

Most people wear them on their feet, but if you want to wear them around your neck or hanging from your ears, it's all right by me.

Dear Stella,

Is it all right to bring alcoholic beverages (booze) to lunch with us.

Epicure

Dear Epicure,

There is nothing in the handbook that specifically says you can't so I see no reason why you shouldn't since it is part of the culture of many families to drink wine and beer with their meals. However, remember the "elastic clause" of the handbook.

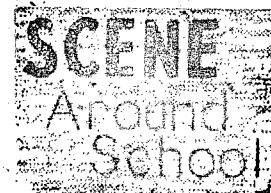
Dear Stella,

Are you really a girl or are you a boy using a pen name?

Wondering

Dear Wonder,

Yes, how did you know?



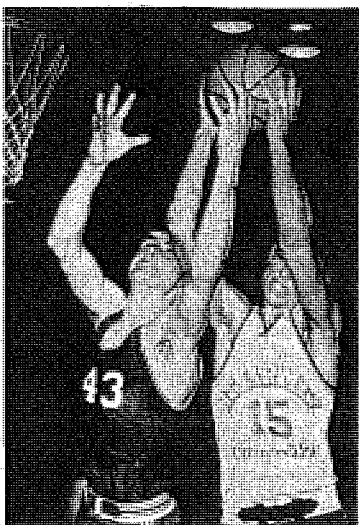
by Anna Walton

Crusaders smash Groton--Canned goods drive tops real-- Junior Prom in the m--ag-- Frosh officers elected--January exams tell us only half a year to go--Seniors photographed for yearbook--innovation: Carmel banner which hangs in gym--bravely bearing Carmel's banner on before us.

Carmel Wins In Cage Tourney

Over the past Christmas vacation, the Carmel cagers participated in the Holiday Basketball Festival at Trumansburg. In the preliminary round, the Crusaders took on the undefeated T-burg quintet. In the nip and tuck battle that ensued, the Didio men were edged 70 to 59. Tom Dolan was the big gun for Carmel with 16 markers while Fred Millspaugh, an impressive backcourt man, was voted the Tournament's most valuable player, poured in 24 counters to pace the Trumansburg outfit.

The consolation tilt on Dec. 30, 1963, saw Coach Didio's hoopster's garner their first win this season with a thrilling 60-59 victory over Waverly. With a 2 point deficit at half-time. The Crusaders stormed back in the third canto with Tom Dolan again paving the way with four buckets and two charity tosses. The Carmel Quintet then had to hold off a furious Waverly rally to escape with the one point verdict. Dolan topped the list with 18 points while rangy Pete Herrling pitched in 17.



Ron Wood gets rebound

Crusaders Drop 2



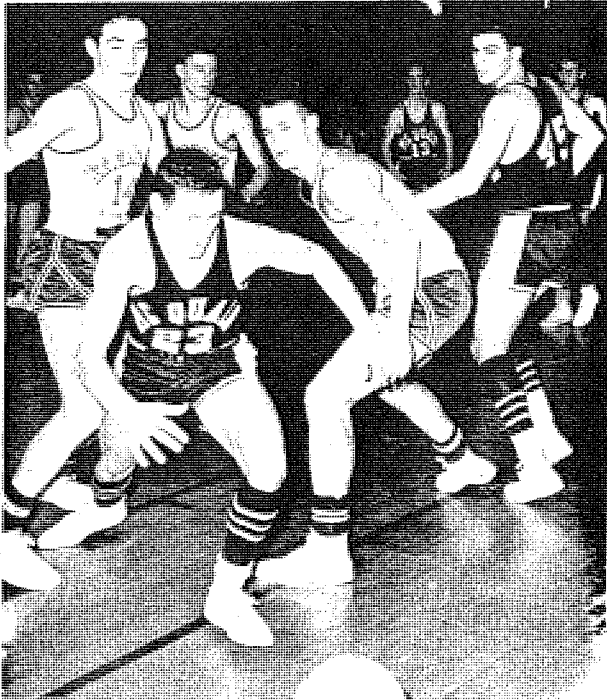
Pat Parisi battles two McQuaid players for the ball.

Coach Didio's Crusaders faced two formidable Rochester foes over the weekend and showed themselves to be game but evidently outclassed, as both McQuaid and Aquinas rallied to easy victories.

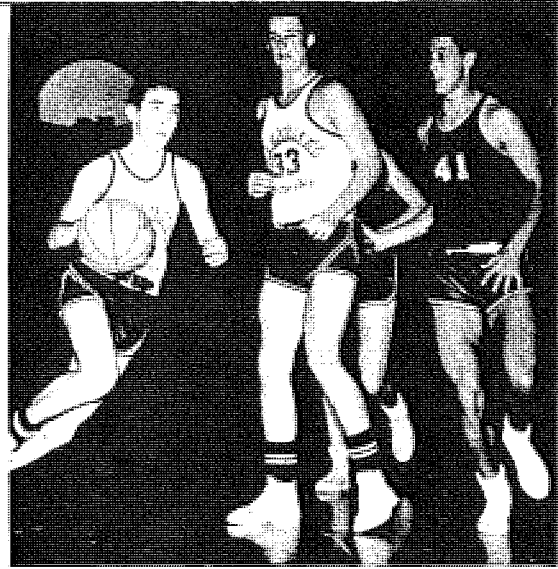
Mount Carmel's encounter with the Aquinas five Friday night started off on the right foot with Bill Dolan pouring in the initial buckets. However, the Little Irish soon showed their adept ball control, as Tom Pectorius, and Jim Caverly dominated the boards and paced the scoring for the Kodak City quint.

The Crusaders fought hard to overcome the half-time deficit, with the Dolan brothers, both valuable backcourt men, leading the drive. Ron Wood and Neil Salvage also tallied with timely double-deckers, but the surge was useless, as Aquinas took it 83-52. Topping all scores was Pectorius' 30 markers, while Caverly netted 16. Parisi and Bill Dolan were the big guns for the losers with 10 points apiece.

In Sunday's tilt with McQuaid, the Crusaders put on their worst shooting display of the campaign, as they found the range on only 3 of 40 shots in the first half. Bob Brady and 'Bear' Ianacone played stellar ball for the Knights as they garnered 12 and 10 points respectively by halftime. The Didio men came alive in the third stanza and poured 21 points through the meshes. Captain Tom Dolan and Neil Salvage spearheaded the offense, the former connecting with 4 field goals and a charity toss for 9 points. However, the Knights never let up, as Leonardo, Ianacone and Brady controlled the ball and ripped the meshes consistently. The final score: 82-45. Tom Dolan was high man with 20 counters, while Salvage tallied 10 and Bill Dolan 8.



Bill Dolan and Pete Herrling try to prevent "Rabbit" Spiegel from getting the ball. McQuaid won 82-45.



Bill Dolan garners two against Groton.

Dolan Brothers Shine

The Carmel Crusaders opened the new year with an impressive victory over Groton Central. It was the second straight win for the Crusaders after dropping their first five games.

The Carmel five opened with an early lead and led at half time by an eleven point margin. The Crusaders were sparked by the stellar shooting of Captain Thomas Dolan and his brother Bill and the fine rebounding of Peter Herrling and Ron Wood. The final score was Carmel-71, Groton-39.

Scoring honors were shared by Tom and Bill Dolan with 18 and 16 points respectively while David Forshee had 10 for the Groton five.

CHEER LEADERS' CORNER

Cheerleader's Corner this week features Patricia H. Cimildora, a senior and a member of the Varsity Cheerleading squad. Tricia, 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cimildora of 24 Havens Avenue.

"It's more than an honor to be a Carmel cheerleader and I love every minute of it," commented Tricia.

Tricia, known for her pep and smile, has been on the cheerleading squad for three years. In her Junior year she was vice-president of the Cheerleading Club.

She is very active in extracurricular activities. Tricia was named head of the concession committee this year. In the Senior Play "Mrs. McThing," she portrayed the character of the Ugly Witch.

In past years she has participated in the Cheerleading Club and Sodality. She has also worked on the Poster, Publicity, Pep Rally, Junior Prom and Bunny Hop Committees.

Her outside interests include skating, sewing, and water skiing. She plans to attend Auburn Community College.



Trish Cimildora