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## Summer School Program Features Many Innovations

A nine-week summer school program has just ended.

Such a program has been carried on in the Boys Town school system for more than 20 years, making available to students many opportunities they would not be able to enjoy otherwise.

About 80 per cent of the entire high school enrollment was involved in the summer program. There were 475 students registered in high school courses at the start of the summer term, and in the grade school the situation was quite similar.

All freshmen were involved in an orientation program, which has been expanded somewhat this year, so that the freshman students attended the full day, or four periods.

Included in the program this year was a social living course, involving personality development, vocational guidance, aptitude appraisal and orientation into the world of work, concentrating on the facilities at the Home, to acquaint students with the resources available at Boys Town.

Also stressed were health and nutrition and personal economics.

All freshman students also were involved in some vocational trials, participating in two periods of shop instruction each day. This could be either two hours in the same shop, or the two hours divided between two different shops.

For freshmen, a physical education program was a summer requisite, with emphasis on the Red Cross swimming program, with the aim of teaching all students at least the fundamentals of swimming by the fall term starts.

There also was a freshman band period for those musicians preparing to join the varsity band in the fall, as well as instrumental lessons on an individual basis for boys not sufficiently advanced for group instruction.

As in the past years, all boys in the concert choir took a full schedule to cover in advance the work they will miss while on tour during October and November. They will resume their course of study upon their return from the tour.



The new Mayor of Boys Town and his City Council is shown here. From left to right are Councilman Dan Chesire, Omaha, Nebr.; and Melvin Hamilton, Wilmington, N. C.; Mayor Jack Kelly, Grand Rapids, Mich.; City Clerk Arnold Johnston, Cleveland, Ohio, and Councilman Eugene Gordon, Wakefield, Nebr.

## Jack Kelly Named Boys Town Mayor In Recent Poll

Jack Kelly, 17, a senior from Grand Rapids, Mich., has been named the 58th Mayor of Boys Town in the semi-annual elections of the Boys Town self-government program held recently. He will serve a six-month term to expire in January of 1965.

The new mayor, who came to Boys Town February 1, 1961, is no stranger to politics, having served a president of his sophomore and junior classes.

He has won two letters in football, playing fullback, and also has won major letters in basketball and track.

He defeated three other candidates for the post, Daniel Chesire, Omaha, Nebr.; Mel Hamilton, Wilmington, N. C.; and Eugene Gordon, Wakefield, Nebr.

Running with Kelly for the post of city clerk was Arnold Johnston, Cleveland, Ohio.

Other commissioners who will serve for the next six months are Michael Kudlacek and Ronald White, Omaha, Nebr.; Bradley Bodeman, Central City, Nebr.; Gordon Rollis, Fremont, Nebr.; Alva Kline, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Tom Rydell, Rock Rapids, Iowa.

Walter Peszulik, Davenport, Iowa; Dennis Smith, Creston, Iowa; Milt Moss, Pueblo, Colo.; Lionel Jaramillo, Antonito, Colo.; Gilbert Quintana, Alamosa, Colo.; Pat Donovan, Sioux Falls, S. D.; Tom Roth, Mitchell, S. D.

James Thomas, Portland, Ore.; William Schiffbauer, Horton, Kans.; Dennis Tunks and Fred Wilson, Toledo, Ohio; Herbert Martin, Churubusco, Ind.; Steve Pavey, Woodford, Va.; Joseph Buckler, Waldorf, Md.; Michael Pyykola, Chicago, Ill.; James Acklin, Champaign, Ill.

Lewis Barnes, Augusta, Ga.; Morris Tasker, Washington, D.C.; Santiago Hernandez, Laredo, Texas; Frank Rodriguez, Detroit, Mich.; Ron Stepek, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Joseph Keeney, Baltimore, Md.; and Dave Aaron, Franklin, Ky.

## Twelfth Annual Music Workshop Opens Next Week

The 12th annual Boys Town liturgical music workshop will open Sunday, Aug. 16, for two weeks, closing Friday afternoon, Aug. 28.

Annually since 1953 this course of study has been offered to those interested in the music of the Church, both lay and religious, and especially to organists and choirmasters.

The Boys Town workshops, organized by Msgr. Francis P. Schmitt, are held under the patronage of the Most Rev. Gerald T. Bergan, Archbishop of Omaha, through the courtesy of Msgr. Nicholas H. Wegner, director of Boys Town, who has made the facilities of Boys Town available to the registrants.

Originally intended as a workshop for church musicians of the Archdiocese of Omaha, the two-week seminar soon attracted registrants from outside this area, and now its enrollment represent the entire nation.

In addition to the outstanding faculty, the comprehensive program of study and the convenience of the facilities at Boys Town have been responsible for the growth of the workshop.

The facilities include the Music Hall, with a seating capacity of 1,261, 25 air-conditioned practice, rehearsal and conference rooms, and a library of 12,000 liturgical items.

Dr. Roger Wagner, founder and director of the Roger Wagner Chorale, chairman of the music department at Marymount College, Los Angeles, and director of choral organizations at the University of California at Los Angeles, will again conduct the courses in polyphony and contemporary music, as he has done for many years past.

Heading the organ program will be Prof. Flor Peeters, organ head of the Royal Flemish Conservatory, Antwerp, Belgium, and organist at the Metropolitan Cathedral at Malines. Mr. Peeters, a noted composer as well as organist, has served on the workshop faculty on several previous occasions.

Assisting Prof. Peeters with

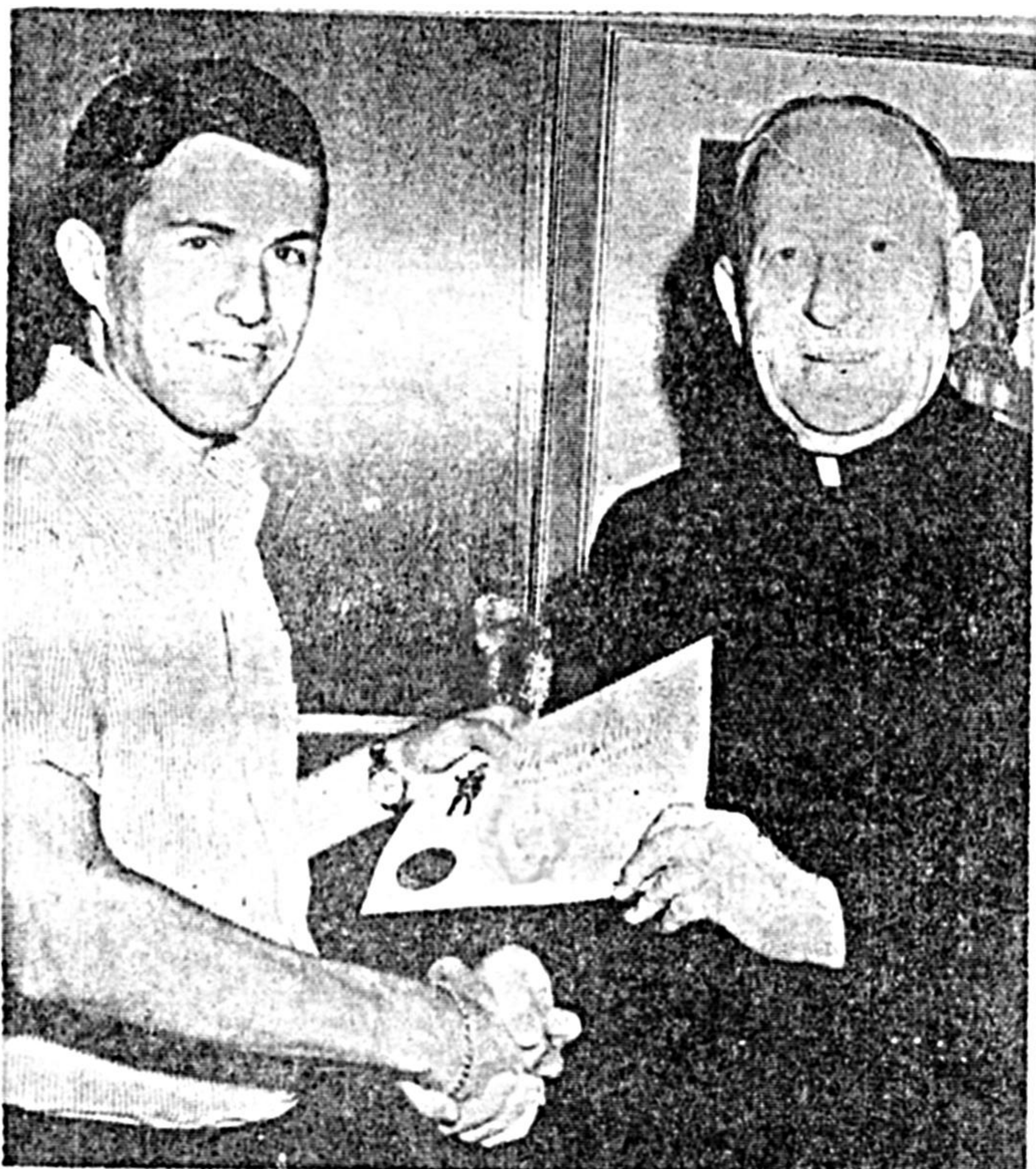
## Boys Town Article In Family Weekly

"If Father Flanagan Were Alive Today" was the title of an article by Msgr. Nicholas H. Wegner, director of Boys Town, which appeared in the July 5 issue of Family Weekly, a Sunday magazine carried by some 160 daily newspapers throughout the United States.

Collaborating on the article was Mr. Will Oursler, who with his father, the late Mr. Fulton Oursler, wrote "Father Flanagan of Boys Town," following the death of the Boys Town founder.



Byron McCane, basketball, football and track star for the Boys Town Cowboys, is shown with the trophy received recently from the Midwest Athletic Club of Omaha, designating him as the outstanding athlete of the year. Byron is a 1964 graduate of the Boys Town high school.



Nazmi Uyum of Izmir, Turkey, shown here with Msgr. Nicholas H. Wegner during a recent visit to Boys Town. Nazmi is in the United States on a Student Exchange program.

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## Father Wegner Says

The habit of failure can be acquired as well as the habit of success. It is well known that, as a rule, we tend to repeat ourselves, to act in a given situation as we have previously acted. If a person has been failing, his tendency is to conduct himself as if he must fail, although no person ever fails because of deliberate intention to fail.

Failure is not a problem for the little child. It is not disturbed by the fact that it experiences many falls and bumps before learning to take its first steps. Failure as well as success is a part of the child's learning process. But as the child grows in experience its capacity to appraise these experiences also grows, and success and failure assume a personal significance.

Parents and teachers should not allow the child to continue failing in anything. Every effort possible should be made to keep anticipation of failure from fastening itself in the child's mind. If this is not done, the child is likely to develop a negative attitude, to lose confidence in himself, and as a result become a victim of retarded development.

The habit of failure has a disastrous effect on personality growth. It is injurious to the victim's mental and physical health. It is responsible for emotional instability. Failure causes disappointment, robs the individual of buoyancy, encourages self-pity, discourages initiative, and in other ways inhibits the individual so he is unable to do or feel his best.

Success, on the other hand, is stimulating and invigorating. The satisfaction success brings is like a tonic which renews interest in all that we do. Success exerts an influence upon the vital processes through the reflex nervous system. And while it also helps to build up confidence in self, it is positive rather than negative in nature, and tends to create attitudes of wholesome objectivity.

One of the most apparent characteristics of the successful person is his abundance of vitality. He is seldom sick or out of sorts. His record of achievement gives him a cheerfulness in meeting situations of every-day life which enables him to do with ease what others do with difficulty. He may have his moments of disappointment, but he rebounds quickly, does not allow himself to become moody or depressed.

The person who has habitually failed, or who has acquired a failure complex, offers a study in the other extreme. He frequently complains of not feeling well, suffers from real or imaginary illness, lacks enthusiasm, and is exhausted before he even begins an enterprise. His situation is not helped by the long periods of mental and emotional depression to which he is readily subjected.

To develop within the boy the habit of success is, then, one of the essentials in character training. This calls for a knowledge of those conditions which contribute to failure. It means that the boy should not be given more than he is able to do. He should be given help, when help is necessary for accomplishment; but he should be taught to rely more and more on himself.

Never should parents or teachers attempt to motivate the boy by belittling his ability or depreciating his effort. It is equally bad technique to compare him with others who may be more fortunate in their studies or play or work. Positive attitudes are necessary for success in all endeavor, and positive attitudes cannot be cultivated by negative methods. Getting the job done is important, but it is never more important than the manner in which it is achieved.

The saying that nothing succeeds like success is so old that it is trite. Yet there is a wealth of truth in these words. At the same time, taking into consideration the habit of failure, the person who expects defeat is defeated before he starts.

The trouble with the "almosts" is that they have never cultivated the habit of success. They may have talents and capacities equal to those who seem to succeed in whatever they undertake to do, but they undervalue their abilities and are unable to make the most of their opportunities and endowments. More often than not, their shortcoming is the result of their mental attitude rather than their inability to succeed. They fail because others failed in giving them the proper kind of training when and where it would do the most good.

## Former Officer Has Praise For Boys Town Grad

Msgr. Nicholas H. Wegner, director of Boys Town, recently received a letter from Mr. Don Madrid, Gladewater, Texas, in regard to a former Boys Town citizen, Sgt. Marvin Harding, who lost his life in the Pacific during World War II.

Mr. Madrid had served a a Captain with I Company, 35th Infantry Regiment, 25th Division of the U. S. Army, the outfit of which Sgt. Harding was a member.

Sgt. Harding had come to Boys Town in August, 1931, from Morrill, Nebr., and was a citizen of Father Flanagan's Boys' Home until September, 1934. He died July 12, 1943, of cerebral malaria.

Capt. Madrid's letter follows:

Dear Father:

After 22 years it behooves me to write to the Fathers and members of Boys Town concerning a former member.

Sergeant Harding was regular Army, a career man, and it was pretty obvious. He was tall, erect and as lean as the infantry men in the platoons of the Company, which tended to prove that he took his First Sergeant's duties as more than a desk job.

The fact that officers, non-coms, and men respected him, and his authority, was an accomplishment because, you see, he had Negro blood in his veins, and in this all-white company, many of the men were from the South.

World War II was in progress, and I Company, 35th Infantry Regiment, 25th Division, was getting ready for combat, and so it was mandatory that the personnel be brought up to full strength.

All of the other units in the Hawaiian Islands were required to furnish a quota of officers and men to bring the 25th to full strength. I joined the other eight-balls as a 1st Lieutenant cast-off, and became a member of the 25th at Schoefield Barracks, and we proceeded to train in jungle warfare.

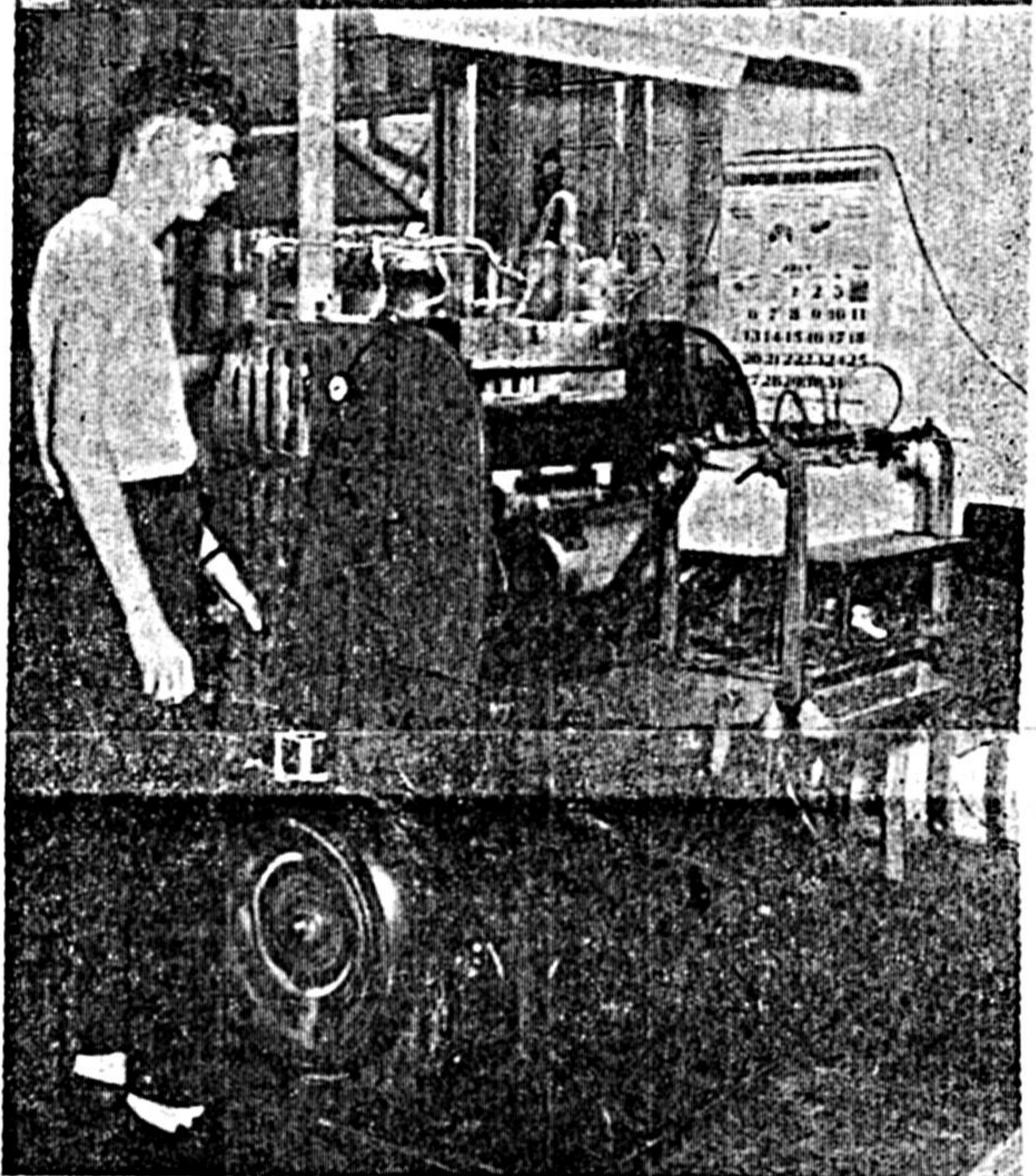
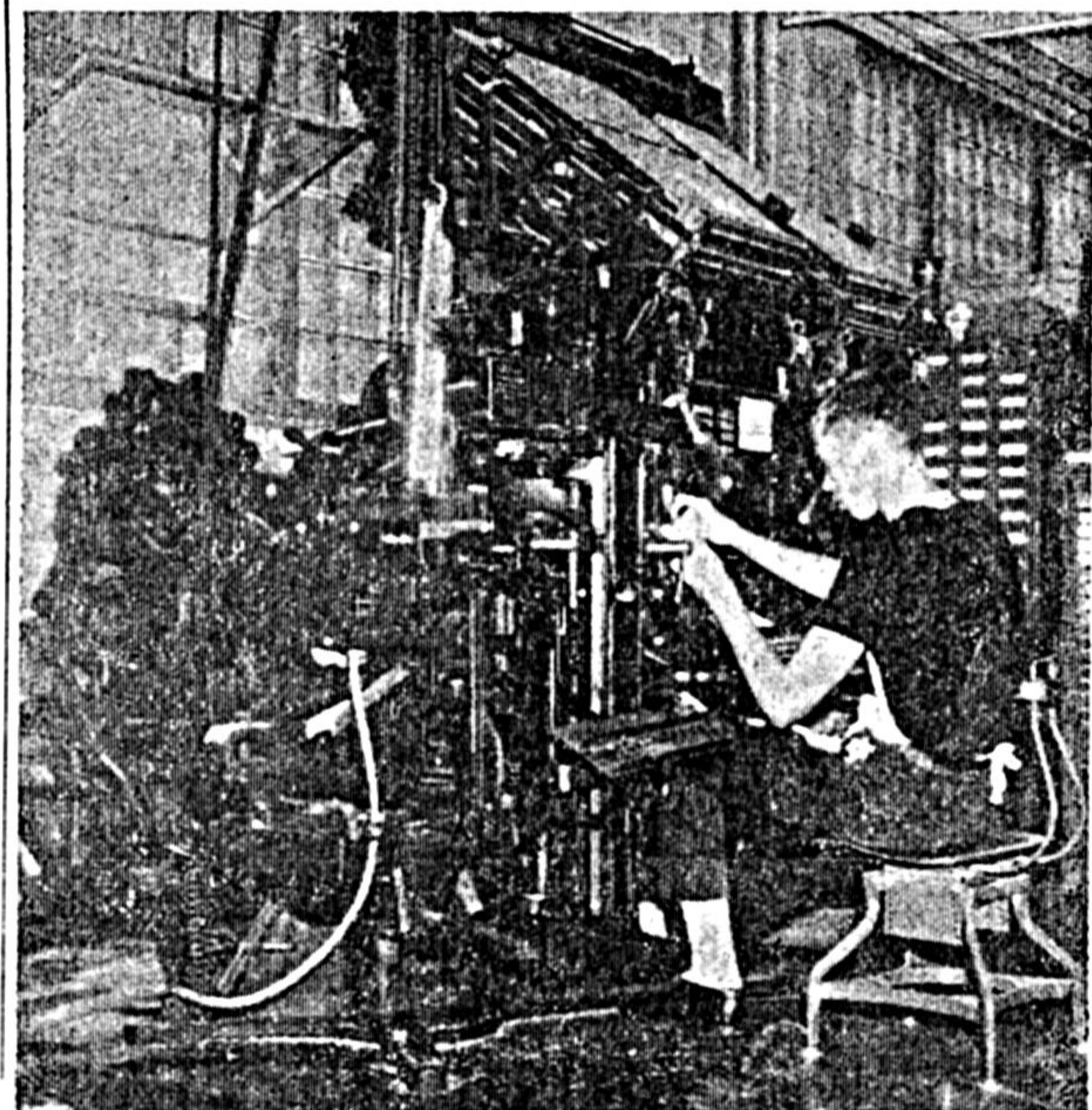
It was quite an accomplishment integrating all of these cast-offs and misfits from the other outfits, but soon the company was trained and we were on our way to Guadalcanal. After weeks of jungle warfare the island was secured, and after practicing landings all over again, we made a beachhead on Vella LaVella, an island on the way to Japan.

One evening just at dusk, and during the regular tropical rain that one could set his watch by daily, Sgt. Harding, a Polish fellow named Jaedjar, and myself were all huddled in a fox hole on Vella, and just passing the time of day. We were a pretty filthy bunch with malaria, dysentery, jungle rot, heavy beards, and sweat-soaked clothing. Jaedjar was telling us that he had fought in the Polish Free Army, and when the cause was lost, he had come state-side and joined the American Army.

We three talked about our past, and perhaps one learns a little more about his friends under combat conditions, or perhaps a man just enjoys sharing his personal experiences with someone. Jaedjar had salvaged a cake of soap from somewhere and had stripped down, and was standing there in the jungle soaping himself, and really getting clean. Sgt. Harding and I were ribbing him, asking him if he had a date that night out there on the front line, and he was taking it all as a big joke.

Sgt. Harding was in a talkative mood this night, which was quite unusual, because he seemed to be a "loner." He told me that he had spent his youth at Father Flanagan's Boys Town in Nebraska, and that after he left Boys Town he drove truck for a produce company, and that when he would pass Boys Town on a delivery he would stop and visit and leave a crate of oranges, apples, or something.

Boys Town must have given him the proper outlook on life



Working in the Boys Town print shop provides summer occupation for two Boys Town citizens. Above, operating the linotype, is Lewis Barnes, Augusta, Ga., while operating the Miehle press at bottom is James Garringer, Kansas City, Mo. Lewis is a printing student, while James regularly takes auto mechanics as a trade. The print shop duties are a summer bonus charge for him.

because nothing seemed to upset him too much.

The next day after our talk in the rain, Jaedjar was out on the point of a patrol and was shot through his dog tags and neck, and killed instantly.

I couldn't help but think of the talk that we had the previous night and how Sgt. Harding and I had ribbed him about his bath.

A few months later Sgt. Harding was also dead. He had come down with cerebral malaria and passed away he same night of the attack.

Sgt. Harding is a fine example of the type of men that are molded at Boys Town. He was made of the mettle and character that has made our country great and in order for the world to be a better place to live, we are going to need a lot of Sergeant Hardings in years to come.

It certainly must have been Sgt. Harding's training at Boys Town that enabled him to do such a splendid job at Honolulu during Pearl Harbor, and then through the ordeal of combat in the Pacific. I am sure that Boys Town has produced many fine, outstanding young men since its origin, but if Sgt. Harding were the only one you could refer to as an example, the whole country could shout and say "Well Done, Well Done, Boys Town, U. S. A."

Yours truly,  
Don Madrid  
Formerly Co. I, 35th Inf., 25th Inf. Division, Captain.

## Cornelius Arnold Is Graduate In Nursing

Boys Town played a big part in the commencement exercises at the Alexian Brothers Hospital School of Nursing in Chicago recently.

The commencement speaker was Msgr. Nicholas H. Wegner, director of Boys Town.

Among the 36 young men who were graduated was Cornelius Arnold, a former citizen of Boys Town.

Cornelius came to Boys Town in February, 1959, and was graduated with the Class of 1961. He served as Mayor of Boys Town, as a councilman and a commissioner, won two major letters as an end in football, and two major letters in track, as well as a minor letter in track.

## Three Auto Students Take Special Courses

Three Boys Town auto mechanics students have been taking specialized training at the General Motors Training Center in Omaha.

The three, Robert Caldwell, Howard Moore and John Straka, were part of a class of six students, the other three being mechanics already working at various auto agencies in the area.

A part of the course included a visit to the Buick, Oldsmobile and Pontiac assembly plant at Kansas City, Mo.



## Major Rebuilding Is In Store For Cowboy Gridders

The summer heat lays heavy over the Midlands, but in just 10 more days the first sign of fall will make itself felt at Boys Town when Coach Maurice H. "Skip" Palrang starts practice sessions for the 1964 football season.

The three weeks between the start of practice on August 24 and the first game of the season on September 11 promise to be strenuous ones, for Coach Palrang is faced with a major rebuilding task.

The 1963 squad which went undefeated in 10 games and was called the finest team Skip ever coached, is practically gone. Eight of the starting positions need to be filled by new men.

Gone is the entire backfield of George Buckler, All-Metropolitan fullback; Byron "Hurricane" McCane, All-State and All-Metropolitan, and Darrell Oswald, the starting halfbacks, and Dave Keeder and Joe Smith, who divided the quarterback duties between them.

In the line the losses have been equally heavy. Gone are both starting tackles, All-State Tom Robbins, and George Long; Dan Riely, All-Metropolitan guard, and Tom LaBlanc, starting end.

Other major lettermen missing are Mike Adams, end, and Larry Lowell, center. George Madara, a two-year letterman at halfback has returned home.

Also missing from last year's varsity squad will be nine other players who saw considerable action, including Ends Walter DelaPena and Jerry Floyd, Tackles James Foley and Don Mennig, Center John Aquino, Halfbacks James and John Robinson, and fullbacks Elroy Blunt and Ed Wickiffe.

Seven major lettermen, three of them starters, are returning. The returning starters are Ken Gilchrist, an All-Metropolitan center; Guard Melvin Hamilton, and End Kenneth Geddes. The other major lettermen are Paul Zachman, Tackle Clarence Jones, Halfback Arnold Johnston and Fullback Jack Kelly.

Reserve letter winners from last year's varsity squad are:



Two of the returning lettermen who will play a prominent part in the fortunes of Coach Skip Palrang's 1964 edition of the Boys Town football Cowboys are Mayor Jack Kelly, a fullback, and City Clerk Arnold Johnston, a halfback.

Ends Carl Cook, Santiago Hernandez and Joe Ronsyn, Center Andres Olivo, and Halfbacks Dan Chesire and Duane Phillips.

This leaves the quarterback position without a candidate having varsity experience, and also one of the tackles spots, and it means also that least several other positions are up for grabs, along with the necessary reserve strength which a team requires.

At least some of these positions may be filled from among the 30 prospects who won minor letters on the reserve squad, and perhaps some who come up from the freshman team.

Players earning minor letters on last year's reserve squad were Carl Avey, James Brewer, James Bronson, Richard Casaus, Kevin Crowley, Pat Donovan, Marc Dopson, Lawrence Floyd, Mike Flynn.

Dan Hentges, James Hester, Clifford Hilliker, Ronald James, Lamont McCarty, Howard Moore, Carl Nelson, Rodney Larson, Gerald Lilly.

Bernard Nero, Charles Osborne, Francis Robbins, Kenneth Scheiber, John Schmit, Abraham Schwartz, Henry Sokol, Kenneth Suddeth, Joseph Weathers and Salvador Ybarra.

### 1964 Football Schedule

Sept. 11:	Heelan High, Sioux City, Iowa
Sept. 19:	Creighton Prep, at Rosenblatt Stadium, Omaha
Sept. 25:	At Pius X High, Lincoln, Nebraska
Oct. 2:	At Technical High, Omaha, Nebraska
Oct. 9:	Bishop Rayn High, Omaha, Nebraska
Oct. 17:	At O'Gorman High, Sioux Falls, South Dakota
Oct. 23:	Washington High, Sioux Falls, South Dakota
Oct. 29:	South High, at Rosenblatt Stadium, Omaha, Nebraska
Nov. 11:	At Thomas Jefferson, Council Bluffs, Iowa
Nov. 14:	At North Catholic High, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

### Former Student Gets Air Force Promotion

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Witcofski have received word that their son, Ronald, has been promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant in the U. S. Air Force while on a four-month tour of duty in Italy.

Lt. Witcofski's father was a Boys Town citizen from September, 1919, to March, 1927, and has been a Boys Town staff member for many years.

Ronald received his early education in the Boys Town grade school.

### Six Cowboys Chosen For Shrine Bowl Game

Six players from Coach Skip Palrang's undefeated Boys Town football team of last fall have been chosen to play for the South squad in the sixth annual Shrine Bowl All-Star football game, to be played at Lincoln Saturday afternoon, August 22.

The six, all 1964 graduates, are:

Byron "Hurricane" McCane, All-American, All-State and All-Metropolitan halfback.

Tom Robbins, All-Metropolitan tackle.

George Buckler, All-Metropolitan fullback.

Dan Riely, All-Metropolitan guard.

Dave Keeder, brilliant Cowboy quarterback who threw 12 touchdown passes while completing 23 of 48 attempts for 478 yards without an interception.

Fred Newman, an outstanding end.

The six boys make up the biggest contingent of Cowboy stars ever to participate in this all-star event.

Palrang was coach of the South squad in the first Shrine Bowl game in 1959, directing his team to a 7-6 victory.

### Alumnus Is Secretary At Arlington Park

Word has been received of the appointment of Mr. William A. Thayer, Jr., a 1944 mid-term graduate of the Boys Town high school, as racing secretary at Arlington Park, near Chicago, one of the most noted race tracks of the country.

Mr. Marge Lindhelmer Everett, executive director of Arlington Park, said, "To us, Bill Thayer appears the ideal kind of man to become a secretary and I'm sure he will be a success in this field just as he would have been a success in any other career he might have chosen."

Bill came to Boys Town in October, 1941, from Santa Fe, N. M. While at Boys Town, he studied the printing trade, played reserve basketball and football, and was active in stamp, camera and scrapbook clubs.

Following his graduation from the Boys Town high school, he completed his higher education at Creighton University in Omaha.

A younger brother, Robert, also is a graduate of the Boys Town high school.

## Cowboys To Face Five Opponents In New League

Coach Skip Palrang's Cowboy gridders face a rugged 10 game schedule which will give little respite from the opening contest on Sept. 11 to the closing game on Nov. 14.

The veteran Boys Town mentor, now in his 22nd season directing the Cowboys, will send his charges into league competition for the first time, as the Cowboys participate in the recently-organized Metropolitan High School Activities Association.

Membership in the new association which is a successor to the old Inter-City League, climaxed 18 years of endeavors by Boys Town to become affiliated with such a league.

The Cowboys, in this first season of league play, will meet five opponents from the league, and will be eligible for championship consideration, if their record warrants.

The Cowboys will lose no time in getting their baptism of fire, opening the season with Heelan High of Sioux City, Iowa, an old and respected rival coached by Don Fleming, who formerly coached at Creighton Prep in Omaha, and prior to that was a protege of Coach Palrang when he was coach at Creighton University.

The second game, on Sept. 19, will find the Cowboys resuming competition with the Junior Jays of Omaha Creighton Prep. For 12 years, from 1944 through 1955 the Boys Town-Prep rivalry was one of the finest in Nebraska.

The Cowboys won six games, the Junior Jays won four, and two games, the first and the last in the former series, ended in a tie. The Prep game, to be played at the Johnny Rosenblatt Stadium in Omaha, is the first of five league games for the Cowboys.

The third game, on Sept. 25, will find the Cowboys in Lincoln to meet the Thunderbolts of Pius X, one of the leading independents in the state. The two teams have split in previous meetings, the Thunderbolts winning in '62, and the Cowboys romping last year in their undefeated season.

On Oct. 2 Boys Town will play at Omaha Tech, another league opponent, in the fifth gridiron meeting of the two teams. The Cowboys have won all four.

Oct. 9 will find Boys Town hosting Omaha Bishop Ryan, another league member. Although a comparatively new school, Ryan already is one of the athletic powers in the area. In four previous meetings, the Cowboys have won three and lost one.

The following week, on Oct. 17, Boys Town will travel to Sioux Falls S. D., to play O'Gorman High. The Cowboys won in the only other meeting of the club last year.

The next week, on Oct. 23, the Cowboys will host another Sioux Falls club, Washington High, one of the perennial powers in the Midwest. The Cowboys and Warriors have met seven times, with the Warriors holding a 4-3 edge in the series.

Oct. 29 will again find the Cowboys at the Johnny Rosenblatt Stadium, this time to face Omaha South, also a league foe. It will be the first time Boys Town will meet the Packers on the gridiron, although there has been competition between the two school in many other sports.

On Armistice Day, Nov. 11, the Cowboys will be at Council Bluffs, Iowa, to meet the Yellowjackets of Thomas Jefferson High, oldest rivals on the Boys Town schedule. The two clubs have been meeting on the gridiron since 1944, with the Cowboys having won all but one of the games. The Yellowjackets also are league members.

The season will close on Nov. 14 at Pittsburgh, Pa., when the Cowboys meet North Catholic in the annual benefit game for the Pittsburgh Firemen's Widows' Pension Fund.

In 13 previous games with the Trojans, the Cowboys have won seven, lost five, with one tie. In addition to North Catholic, Boys Town has faced Central Catholic, South Hills Catholic, and McKeesport at Pittsburgh.



Five of the six Boys Town Cowboys who will play for the South Squad in the annual Nebraska Shrine Bowl football game are shown above. Kneeling in front are Quarterback Dave Keeder and End Fred Newman. Standing are Guard Dan Riely, Tackle Tom Robbins and Fullback George Buckler. Missing when the picture was taken is Halfback Byron McCane.



## Neighbors Say "Thank You" For Flood Help

As reported in the July issue of The Boys Town Times, Boys Town citizens were active in lending assistance to home owners in the western suburban areas of Omaha who were hard hit by a devastating flash flood some weeks ago.

It started when a number of the boys, mindful of their debt of gratitude to the American people whose generosity has made possible their home at Boys Town, asked Msgr. Wegner, Boys Town director, for permission to assist in helping to clean up the damage caused by the flood.

Permission was readily granted, and several hundred boys and their counselors went to the flood-stricken areas to help.

Many have been the expressions of thanks from the flood victims to the boys for their aid. The Douglas-Sarpy County Chapter of the American Red Cross sent a letter of appreciation to each cottage, listing the name of every boy from that cottage who helped in the work.

Numerous letters in The Public Pulse department of The Omaha World-Herald have paid tribute to the unselfish help given by Boys Town citizens.

Mr. Wally Provost, sports editor of The World-Herald, made mention of a number of such letters in his column.

"Baseball seemed—and was—pretty inconsequential at the time of the recent flood in the southwest sector of Omaha.

"However, as the families began to scrape off the sludge and look about, they found a lot of soggy spirits among their young members. Diamonds that had been inundated gave a sad message: 'No baseball.'

"There was a solution, however. It is explained in this letter to Boys Town Athletic Director Skip Palrang from Richard E. Haskins:

"On behalf of all boys and parents in the West Omaha Suburban Little League, may I extend our sincere appreciation to you and to the other officials of Boys Town for the use of your baseball fields . . .

"This fine gesture along with the assistance given to many of our families by your boys during the flood aftermath makes us deeply indebted."

"Another Omahan, thanking Msgr. Nicholas H. Wegner and Palrang for Boys Town's 'gold-plated neighborliness,' made available to us a copy of a letter in which he declared:

"We worked with and watched with admiring satisfaction the aid provided to the homeless by your young citizens.

"It was marvelous to see these young men 'dig right in' without hesitation whatsoever. And it was a very complimentary 'Yes, sir,' 'No, sir' or 'Thank you' at all times from these youngsters."

"The foregoing testimonials made us all the more pleased that Boys Town has been granted membership in the new Metropolitan High School Athletic Association.

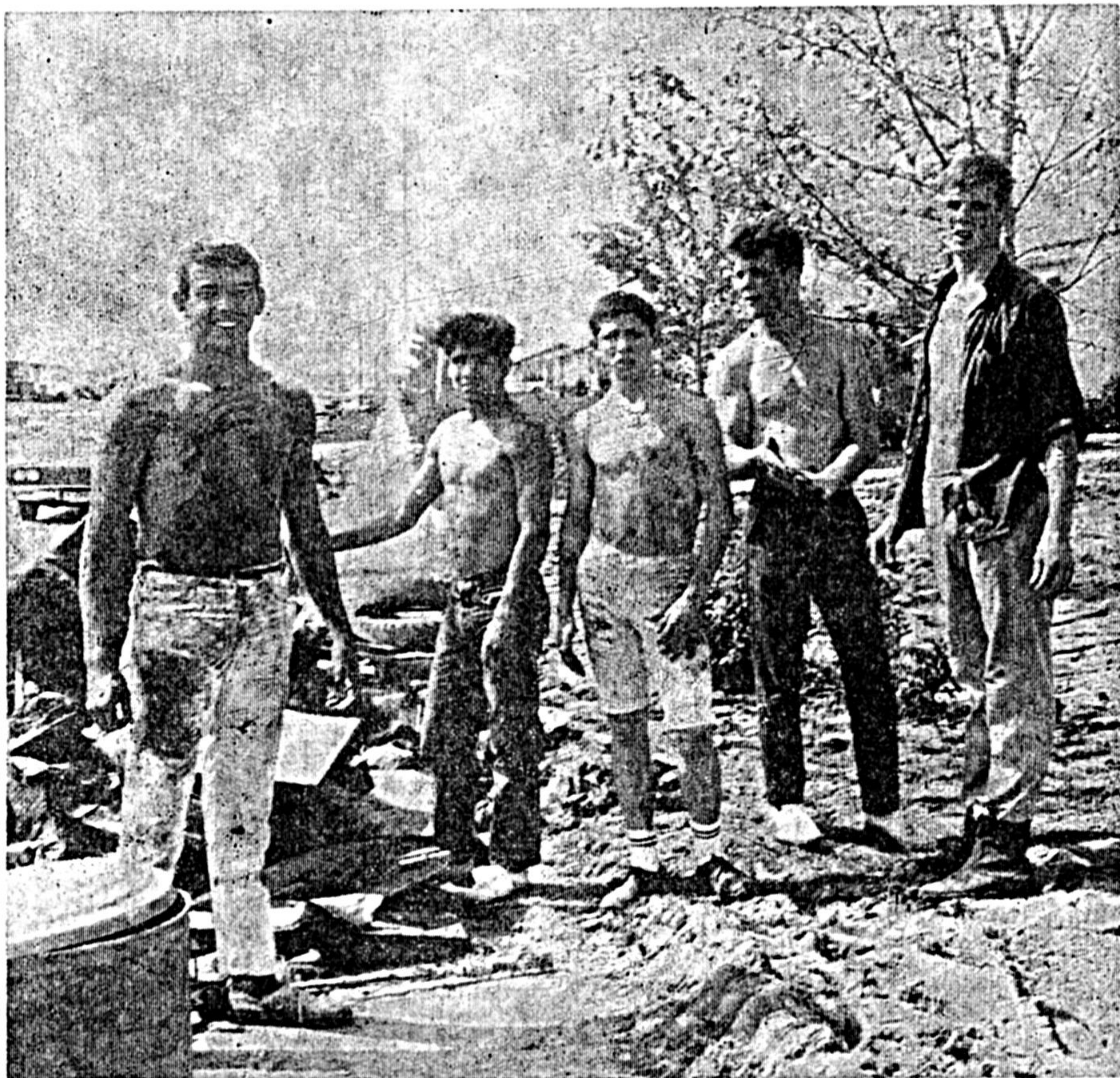
"It should not surprise any one that Boys Town exhibited a sporting attitude in time of stress. Its No. 1 good sport is Monsignor Wegner, a former athlete. He once was a baseball pitcher with good pro potential. To this day, the Monsignor has no difficulty in recognizing a friend in need."

## Alumnus Ray Kane Pays Visit To Home

One of the citizens of Boys Town in the early days of the Home returned recently for a visit.

He was Ray Kane, who was at Boys Town from 1923 to 1925, coming from Colfax, Iowa.

After leaving Boys Town, he worked for a number of years at an Omaha automobile agency, and then left to take a position with the Mobil Oil Company at Highland, Ind., where he has been for the past 35 years.



Five of the nearly 200 Boys Town citizens who helped in the clean-up following disastrous floods in the western Omaha suburban area are shown here, as they paused from the task of removing mud and water soaked possessions from flooded basements and homes. From left to right are Brady Mills, Gilbert Quintana, Dave Nelson, Herb Martin and Bob Burke.

## Music Workshop Opens Next Week

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the organ program will be Miss Kathleen Thomerson, New Orleans, La., who received her Bachelor and Master of Music degrees from the University of Texas. Miss Thomerson is a student both of Prof. Peeters and of Jean Langlais, the noted French organist.

Dr. Cornelius Bouman, Deacon of the Eastern Rite and professor of liturgy at the University of Nijmegen, The Netherlands, will conduct the courses in liturgy for the fourth consecutive year.

Courses in the history of church music will be conducted by the Rev. Richard Schuler, professor of music at the College of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minn., and director of the Twin Cities Chorale.

Father Schuler, who has been on the workshop faculty for a number of years holds a Doctor of Music degree from the University of Minnesota, a Master of Music degree from the Eastman School of Music, Rochester, N.Y., and was a Fulbright Scholar in Rome in 1955-56.

Seminars will be conducted by the Rev. Francis A. Brunner, C.Ss.R., Chicago, who has been a member of the faculty since the inception of the workshops.

Father Brunner is the translator of Jungman's "Mass of the Roman Rite," and "The Early Liturgy," and also K. G. Feller-

er's "History of Catholic Church Music."

Courses in chant will be conducted by Father Schmitt, the workshop director, director of music at Boys Town, director of music for the Archdiocese of Omaha, and editor of Caecilia.

Msgr. Schmitt recently was named by Pope Paul VI as a consultant to the Second Vatican Council, having been appointed to the Commission for the Implementation of the Liturgical Constitution which was promulgated by Vatican II.

Consultant service is available on all string, woodwind, brass and percussion instruments, and piano, by members of the Boys Town music department faculty.

In addition to the regular courses which have been offered in past years, a special feature of the 1964 workshop will be nightly discussions about the future shape of the liturgy, with the best available musicians of the Roman, Anglican and Lutheran Communion taking part.

Among the consultants in these discussions will be Mr. Ernest White and Miss Thomerson of the Anglican Communion, and Mr. Paul Manz, Mr. Walter Buszin and Mr. Alfred Bishsel of the Lutheran Communion.

## Midwest Athletic Club Honors Byron McCane

Byron McCane, 1964 Boys Town high school graduate, was honored recently as the out-

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was an intensive French program with a group of students taking four hours of French daily for a four-week period. These were students who already have taken some courses in French, and who will take the language during the regular term.

This special course was included at the specific request of the students themselves, since ordinarily French is not offered during the summer session.

Driver training instruction for seniors were given throughout the school day. One of the most popular subjects was typing, with every typewriter in use during every period of the day.

In addition to the above subjects, many of the students took summer work to overcome scholastic deficiencies, as an opportunity to take trade training either on a vocational basis, or as an opportunity to fill in weak spots in their scholastic program.

standing athlete of the year by the Midwest Athletic Club of Omaha.

Byron, who won two major letters in basketball and football and three in track, received the second annual Marty Thomas Trophy, given to the outstanding Negro athlete in the Metropolitan Omaha area.

## 60 Boys Towners Are Celebrating August Birthdays

Sixty Boys Town citizens from 17 states are celebrating their birthdays during August.

Forty-nine of the celebrants are high school students, while the other 11 are grade school pupils.

The grade school celebrants:

Aug. 3: Raymond De Herrera, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Aug. 15: John Gadd, Bellevue, Ohio.

Aug. 16: Carl Sparlin, Clinton, Iowa.

Aug. 19: Terry Anderson, Fort Madison, Iowa; Ronald Hastie, Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Andy Korus, Chicago, Ill.

Aug. 29: Allen Gray, Arkansas City, Kans., and Lawrence Seibold, Quincy, Ill.

Aug. 30: Michael Fedra, Osakis, Minn.; Teddy Kinney, Peoria, Ill., and Albert White Eyes, Lincoln, Nebr.

### High School Boys

The high school celebrants:

Aug. 4: Robert Clements, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Robert Frey, Minneapolis, Minn., and Michael Kielisek, Omaha, Nebr.

Aug. 5: Baltazar Garcia, Albuquerque, N. M.

Aug. 6: Harry Evans, Augusta, Ga.

Aug. 7: John Wessel, Omaha, Nebr.

Aug. 8: Mike Otero, Denver, Colo.

Aug. 9: Lawrence Creighton, Dallas, Texas; Elmer Wilson, Cherryvale, Kans., and Donald Young, Muncie, Ind.

Aug. 10: John Clute, Chicago, Ill.; Dale Roll, Kalispell, Mont., and William Smith, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Aug. 11: William Samatowicz, Redford Park, Ill.

Aug. 12: Clayton Mohr, Atkinson, Nebr.; Mark Nekonchuk, Omaha, Nebr.; James Robertson, Owatonna, Minn., and Andy Swies, Detroit, Mich.

Aug. 13: Raymond Kinney, Lorain, Ohio, and Al Lanxon, Fremont, Nebr.

Aug. 14: Keven Crowley, Cicero, Ill., and Dave Dillon, Cleveland, Ohio.

Aug. 16: Chris Hill, Muncie, Ind.; Robert Hyniak, Chicago, Ill.; Donald Listman, Sioux City, Iowa; John Straka, Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Henry Woytasek, Wahpeton, N. D.

Aug. 17: Mike Marine, Stockton, Utah, and Charles Onan, Chicago, Ill.

Aug. 18: Vincent Fillmon, Detroit, Mich.

Aug. 19: Richard Casaus, Panhandle, Texas, and Raymond Gonzales, Kansas City, Mo.

Aug. 20: Mike Dolan, Denver, Colo.

Aug. 21: Robert Cordova, Grand Junction, Colo., and Eugene Hudson, Sioux City, Iowa.

Aug. 22: David Berlowitz, and Duane Phillips, Lincoln, Nebr.

Aug. 23: Tom Coggins, Denver, Colo., and Robert Ruiz, Albert Lea, Minn.

Aug. 24: Jim Loschke, Kansas City, Mo.

Aug. 25: Lewis Barnes, Augusta, Ga.

Aug. 26: Miguel Broderick, Laredo, Texas; Edward Reno, Cleveland, Ohio, and Gerald Sandoval, Borger, Texas.

Aug. 27: Ed Sedor, Cleveland, Ohio.

Aug. 28: Luis Bernal, Corpus Christi, Texas.

Aug. 30: Larry Carlson, Muskegon, Mich., and Ken Richard, Omaha, Nebr.

Aug. 31: Rene Twohig, South Sioux City, Nebr.

## Aq Students Attend Tractor Safety Day

Thirty-four Boys Town citizens engaged in the vocational agriculture program attended a Tractor Power and Safety Day held recently at the University of Nebraska field laboratory.

The one-day school was held at Mead, Nebraska.

The group was accompanied by Mr. Joe Yungbluth, vocational agriculture instructor.



A group of students from Sophia University, Tokyo, Japan, are shown here with Msgr. Nicholas H. Wegner, director of Boys Town, during a recent visit to the Home.