

Boys Town Senior Class Of 1965



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Wyoming

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South Dakota

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Houston
Texas

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Indiana



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Utah

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Augusta
Georgia

Phillip Flowers
Chicago
Illinois

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Sherman
Texas

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New Mexico

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Kansas City
Missouri

James Garringer
Kansas City
Missouri

Albert Garza
Omaha
Nebraska



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Omaha
Nebraska

Frank Gehringer
Omaha
Nebraska

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Cleveland
Ohio

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California

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In Tribute

By Melvin Hamilton
Mayor of Boys Town

The day is near at hand when members of the Class of 1965 of the Boys Town High School will be taking our places in society. Graduation Day, May 30, is a milestone in our careers, and although it means the end of one chapter in our lives, it really marks but the beginning of our education.

On this day, and henceforward, we will have the opportunity to begin to apply what we have learned, to face with courage and confidence the trials and tribulations of life as we have learned to overcome them at Boys Town, and to acknowledge the debt of gratitude we owe to Boys Town for preparing and qualifying us for citizenship in this greatest of all nations.

Many of us came to Boys Town with the attitude that everyone was against us, and we felt, that the world owed us a living, without realizing that it is we who owe the world a great deal. The majority of us came with problems of some sort. In addition to our personal problems, we were faced with other problems, such as learning to adapt ourselves into a society which was new and strange to us. Coming from various parts of the country with different customs and different beliefs. There were and are differences of race and creed among us, and, being human, we brought with us prejudices toward those things which were unfamiliar to us.

Thanks to the patient guidance we have received over the years at Boys Town, we have worked out our problems. Slowly we have freed ourselves from the tendency of rebelling against authority and we have learned to achieve mastery over ourselves and our emotions. We have learned that the hands of our superiors were outstretched to lift us up, to support us in our weakness and to guide us until such a time as we were able to stand strong and erect. We have learned to work, to play and to pray together, coming to the realization that in spite of differences, as children of God we all are brothers.

We have discovered that getting along with authority and with our fellow citizens forms a major emphasis of the Boys Town program. The best moral, physical and mental training has been provided by the best possible teachers, and as we prepare to leave this Home, we are able to realize the value of this training and more.

Before we leave, we would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude for the services provided to us by Boys Town. We would like to show our appreciation to Monsignor Wegner, our counsellors, teachers, deans, welfare workers, and everyone else who has helped to make it possible for us to achieve manhood and to accept reality. Especially we want to thank Father Wegner for his never-failing toleration, his patient understanding and his deep insight into the problems, the misfortunes and the conflicts which have faced us during our stay at Boys Town.

On the afternoon of May 30 the 123 members of the Class of 1965 will receive our high school diplomas. Were it not for Father Flanagan's Boys' Home, many of us might never have received such a diploma. We came as boys—we leave as men. Boys Town has taught us that no matter what goal we seek in life, we will have to work and work hard to gain it. We have learned that the essence of our nation's strength is competition, and we have learned that we must stand on our own two feet if we want to survive, and to work even harder if we want our nation to survive.

As members of the Class of 1965, we would like to leave for all graduating classes to come a few words of advice:

1. Take advantage of all the opportunities presented to you.
2. Use all your talents to the best of your ability.
3. Remember always that a quitter never wins and a winner never quits.
4. Live as though each day were your last, because one day you will be right.

There is nothing new about this advice. It is being given every day, but there are a lot of people who do not follow it. Most of us have taken these words seriously, but unfortunately, even some of us have not.

There is but one thing to be said. Those of us who have taken this advice to heart will always be on top.

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Laredo
Texas

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Iowa

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Boon
Michigan



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Ogallala
Nebraska

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Colorado

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Elyria
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Peter LaHood
Omaha
Nebraska

Dennis Lansaster
Cleveland
Ohio

Jerry Lane
Sioux City
Iowa



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Sioux Falls
South Dakota

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Humboldt
Iowa

James Longtin
Kankakee
Illinois

George Lupper
Trenton
New Jersey

Terrence McBride
Cleveland
Ohio



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Henderson
Kentucky

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Denver
Colorado

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Illinois

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Twin Falls
Idaho

Leo Milota
Cedar Rapids
Iowa

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Scottsbluff
Nebraska

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Springfield
Missouri

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Kansas City
Missouri

Leonard Morgan
Fremont
Nebraska

Thomas Morris
St. Petersburg
Florida

Milton Moss
Pueblo
Colorado

Dave Nelson
Sioux Falls
South Dakota

William O'Hern
Britt
Iowa



Lawrence Paul
Albuquerque
New Mexico

Steve Pavey
Bowling Green
Virginia

Thomas Payne
Fort Dodge
Iowa

Walter Peszulik
Burlington
Iowa

Michael Pyykola
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Alamosa
Colorado

Martin Quintanilla
Denver
Colorado

Francis Robbins
Council Bluffs
Iowa



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San Ygnacio
Texas

Frank Rodriguez
Detroit
Michigan

Robert Rodriguez
Detroit
Michigan

Gordon Rollis
Fremont
Nebraska

Remi Ronsyn
London
Canada

Thomas Rydell
Rock Rapids
Iowa

Edwin Sagataw
Harbor Springs
Michigan

Albert Salazar
Scottsbluff
Nebraska



Jack Scampone
Williamsport
Pennsylvania

Cort Schaible
Sacramento
California

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Evansville
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Norton
Kansas

Earl Simms
Auburn
Nebraska

Roger Sisson
Flat Rock
Michigan

Dennis Smith
Davenport
Iowa

Oliver Snowden
St. Louis
Missouri



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Rhinelander
Wisconsin

Nathaniel Summers
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Nebraska

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Wahoo
Nebraska

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Iowa

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Ohio

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Jacksonville
Florida

Graduates Have Average Tenure Of Four Years

The 123 seniors who will receive their high school diplomas from Msgr. Nicholas H. Wegner director of Father Flanagan's Boys Home, at the 38th annual commencement exercises to be held Sunday afternoon, May 30 at the Music Hall, comprise the second largest class ever to be graduated from the Boys Town high school.

Only the Class of 1962, with 145 graduates, was larger than the 1965 group.

The 1965 graduates have an average residence of four years and slightly more than two months at the Home, with a combined residence of 515 years.

From the standpoint of residence the oldest member of the graduating class is Daniel Chesire, who lacks about 3 weeks of having been at Boys Town for 10 years. Dan, who came from Omaha, Nebr., is the youngest of five brothers who have been Boys Town citizens.

Four older brothers, Charles Tom, John and James, all have been graduated from the Boys Town high school.

Three boys have been at Boys Town eight years or longer. They are Lawrence Paul, Albuquerque N. M.; Earl Simms, Auburn, Neb. and Morris Tasker, Washington, D. C.

Another six have been citizens more than seven years. They are Charles Beckius, Ogallala, Nebr.; Ronnie Chavez, Del Norte, Colo.; Joseph Doherty, International Falls, Minn.; Santiago Hernandez Lardeo, Texas; Robert Martinesky, Denver, Colorado, Albert Salazar, Scottsbluff Nebr., and Paul Zachman, Toledo, Ohio.

Other veterans, with a Boys Town residence of more than six years, include Gary Anderson, Waterloo, Iowa; Joseph Buckler, Waldorf, Md.; Kenneth Gilchrist, Cleveland, Ohio, Lionel Jaramillo, Antonito, Colo.; Bennie Knight, Sapulpa, Okla.; Mike Kudlacek, David City, Nebr.

Jesse Montanez, Scottsbluff, Nebr.; Steve Pavey, Bowling Green, Va.; Joseph Ronsyn, London, Ontario, Canada; Roger Sisson, Flat Rock, Mich.; Don Spengler, Rhinelander, Wis., and Nathaniel Summers, Omaha, Nebraska.

Seventy-four members of this year's class have received their entire secondary education at Boys Town, while 51 of these also received their 8th grade diplomas from the Boys Town grade school.

Seniors Served In Boys Town's City Government

Members of the Class of 1965 have played an important role in the Boys Town self-government program.

Melvin Hamilton is the present Mayor of Boys Town, in addition to having served as a Councilman and as a Commissioner. He also is secretary of the senior class.

Jack Kelly served a six-month term as Mayor during the first half of this year, and he too has served as a Councilman and as a Commissioner, and is president of the senior class, having held the top post as a junior and sophomore, as well.

Dan Chesire is now serving as a Councilman, as well as a Commissioner. He is vice president of the senior class, held that office as a junior, and was class secretary as a freshman and sophomore.

Paul Zachman is currently serving as City Clerk, as well as having served as a Commissioner, and Arnold Johnston also has held the City Clerk's office. He was class president in his freshman year.

Other seniors who have served as Councilmen and Commissioners are Eugene Gordon and Robert Hill.



Carl Cook, right, president of the Junior Class, attaches the class colors to the mace which then was presented to him by Jack Kelly, senior class president, at left, to signify the passing of seniority to the juniors. The presentation was made at the annual Junior-Senior banquet held in the high school dining hall.

Majority Of Seniors Took Trade Training

More than 70 percent of the seniors who will receive high school diplomas at the commencement exercises, Sunday afternoon, May 30, also will receive a certificate indicating they have completed training in one of the 12 vocational courses taught in the Boys Town trade school.

Eighty-eight of the seniors, nearly three-fourths of the total, have taken trade courses in addition to their academic studies.

Among the 1965 graduates, printing and wood working have

Memorial Services For Founder Next Sunday

Msgr. Nicholas H. Wegner, director of Boys Town, will celebrate a Memorial Mass Sunday,

May 16, in observance of the 17th anniversary of the death of Msgr. Edward J. Flanagan, the Founder of Boys Town.

Father Flanagan died in Berlin, Germany, May 15, 1948 while on a youth welfare mission for the United States Government.

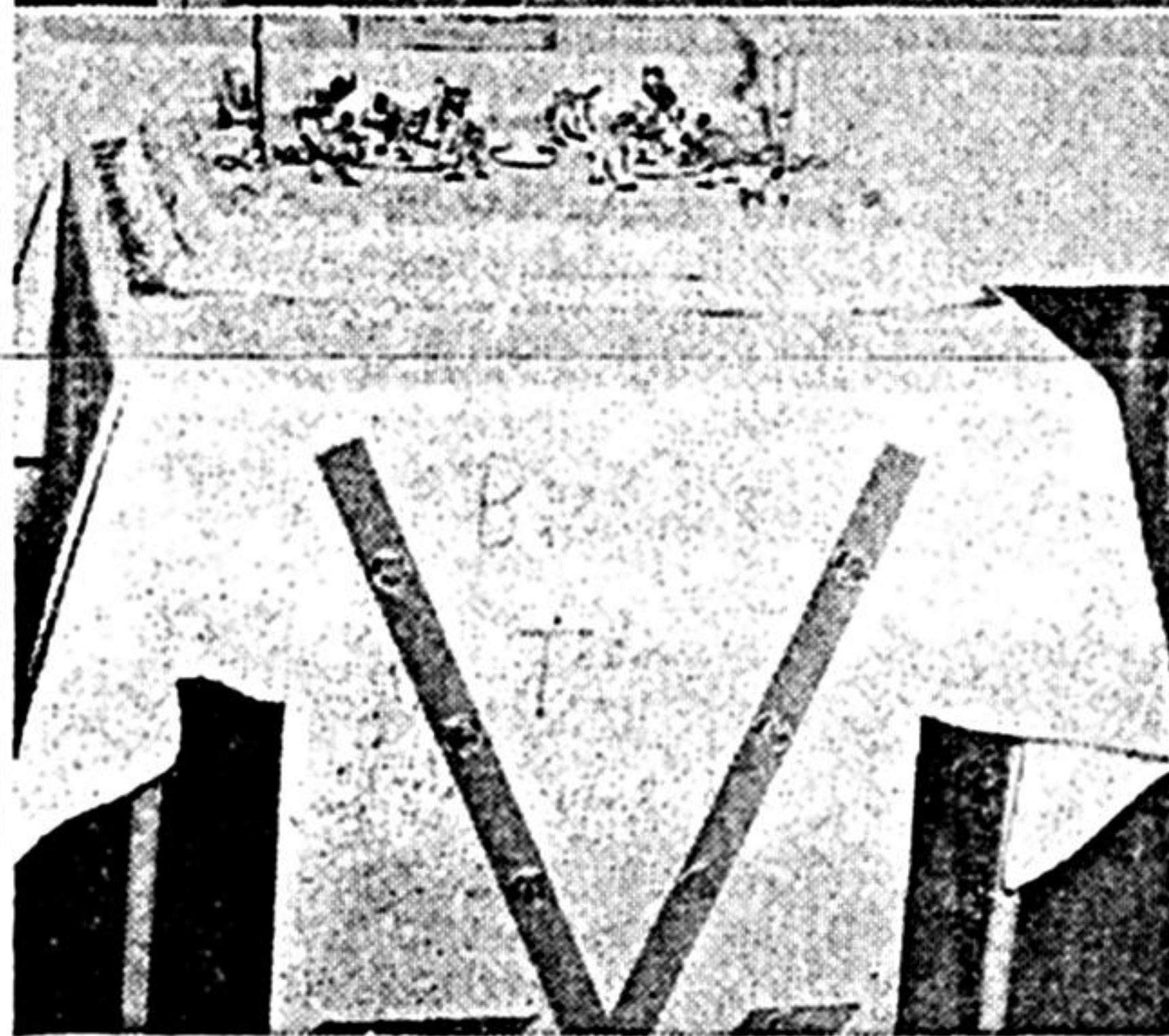
The previous year he had undertaken a similar mission to Japan and Korea at the request of the late General Douglas MacArthur.

The Memorial Services are being held Sunday to enable a greater number of Alumni living in the Omaha area to attend the services.

been the most popular trades, with 15 of the seniors having studied in these courses.

Close behind are auto mechanics and machine shop, each of which trades will have 13 graduates.

Following in order are heating and air conditioning, seven; electronics, six; vocational agriculture, five; baking, ceramics, shoe repairing and tailoring, each three, and barbering, two.



Members of Boys Town's Nebraska state championship basketball team and their coaches were honored at a dinner in the Omaha area. At top left, Coach George Pfeifer, himself a Boys Town alumnus, receives the alumni trophy from Mr. Edwin Novotny, national treasurer, while Msgr. Nicholas H. Wegner looks on. At right, Governor and Mrs. Frank B. Morrison, who were special guests at the dinner, receive Boys Town certificates of Honorary Citizenship. At bottom left is the cake prepared for the occasion, and at right is Mr. Howard Sorensen, principal of Omaha Benson High School, who was the speaker at the dinner.

Dr. Paul Miller Will Be Speaker At Commencement

Dr. Paul A. Miller, Superintendent of Schools at Omaha, Nebr., will be the speaker at the commencement exercises of the Boys Town grade and high schools to be held Sunday afternoon, May 30, at the Music Hall.

Msgr. Nicholas H. Wegner, director of Father Flanagan's Boys' Home, will present high school diplomas to 123 seniors, the second largest graduating class in Boys Town history, and to 118 8th grade graduates.

Dr. Miller has an impressive record as a school administrator, covering a period of more than 30 years.

Born in Cincinnati, Ohio, he received his B. S. in Education from Wilmington College in 1936; his M. A. from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, in 1941, and an LL. D., from Miami in 1960, and his Ph. D. from Ohio State University in 1951.

He taught in the elementary and secondary schools of Butler County, Ohio, from 1934 to 1939, was assistant principal of schools at Seven Mile, Ohio, 1939-40; principal and superintendent of schools at Okeana, Ohio, 1940-42; Seven Mile, 1942-45, and Wintersville, Ohio, 1945-47.

He was a research assistant at Ohio State University, 1947-49, and coordinator of secondary education at Cedar Rapids, Ohio, 1948-49.

He was assistant superintendent of schools at Canton, Ohio, 1949-51; superintendent of schools at Warren, Ohio, 1951-55, and at Syracuse, N. Y., from 1955 to 1962, when he became superintendent of schools at Omaha.

Dr. Miller is a board member of the Catholic Interracial Council, Center Applied Research Education, Inc.; a member of the National Education Association and member of that body's educational policies committee.

He is also a member of the Nebraska and Nebraska Associations of School Administrators, and a member of the State Centennial Celebration Committee of the latter group.

He also is a member of the Nebraska Education Association, the School Facilities Council, the Greater Omaha Historical Society, Ak-Sar-Ben, and a Rotarian.

Dr. Miller is the author of articles in professional journals, and a member of the national advisory council of Scholastic Magazines.

Please Help Us Find Missing Journals

An urgent appeal is being made to all readers of The Boys Town Times for help in locating a number of missing issues of Father Flanagan's Boys' Home Journal.

Boys Town now has a nearly complete file of The Journal from the first issue in February, 1918 until the final issue in September, 1938, when The Boys Town Times began publication.

However, six issues, those of June, July, August, September, October and December, 1923, are missing from our files, and we are anxious to complete our archives with these important periods of Boys Town history.

If any readers of The Times should have in their possession any of these missing issues, or have knowledge where they might be obtained, please write to Msgr. Nicholas H. Wegner, Director, Boys Town, Nebr.

Three Sets Of Brothers Are Among Graduates

Three sets of brothers are among the 123 seniors who will be graduated from the Boys Town high school May 30.

They are Albert and Daniel Garza, Omaha, Nebr.; Frank and Robert Rodriguez, Detroit, Mich., and Ken and Robert Van Nett, Minneapolis, Minn.