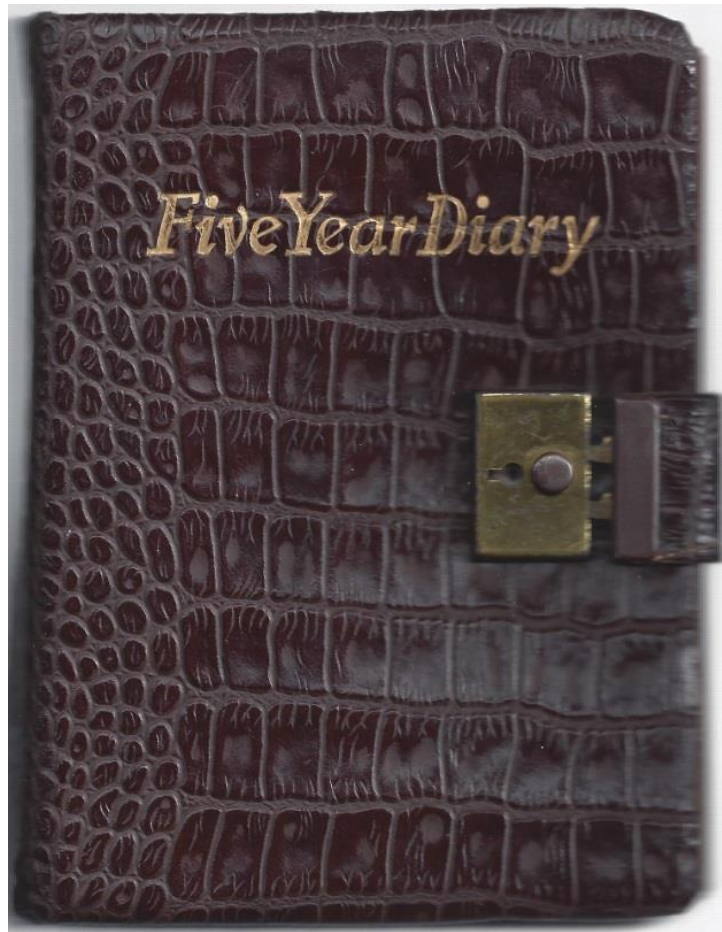


The Conan Archival Project

The Scrapbook & Personal Diary
of
Paul B. Conan, Sr.

Diary 1945 – 1949
(age 15 – 18)



Diary_1945-1949

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Introduction

In the 1940s Paul Bernard Conan Sr. was a teenager living in Syracuse, New York. He lived at 159 Wolcott Ave. with his brother Robert Jr. (Bob) and his Irish Catholic parents, Helen and Robert Conan Sr. Paul attended Most Holy Rosary school and graduated in 1947. He was an avid player of playground basketball, pick-up football games, and golf at Bellevue Country Club. Paul frequently attended Most Holy Rosary sporting events. He had a core group of friends & many friendly acquaintances.

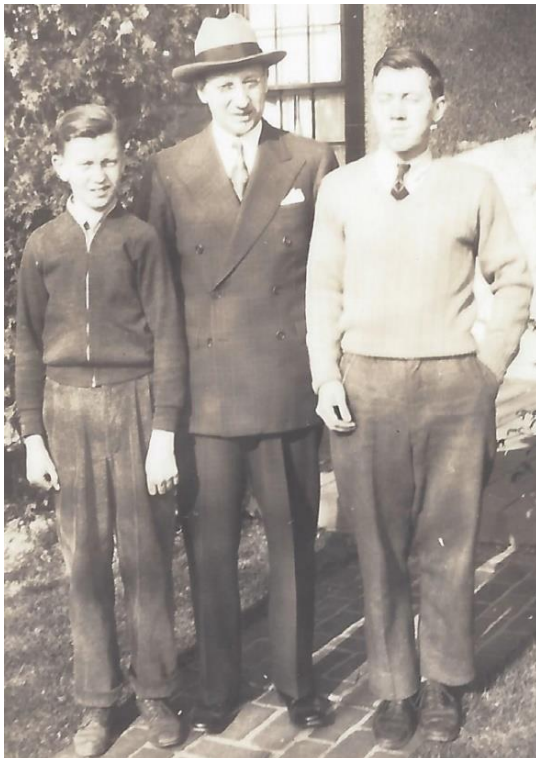
Paul kept a diary and wrote in it every day, beginning as a 15-year-old sophomore on January 1st, 1945, and continuing through May 6th, 1946. After that date Paul made one more diary entry in 1946, one in 1947, three in 1948, and two entries in 1949. He mentioned World War II events in 1945.

He also kept a scrapbook from about 1938 through 1957, which included his 1939 Lone Ranger membership card, his 1942 Boy Scouts ID card, his 1945 Learner's Permit to drive, his report cards, and 20 family photos. Paul saved newspaper articles and the Commencement program from LeMoyne College's very first graduation ceremony in 1951, copies of which are also included in this book.

Analyzing Paul's scrapbook and diary entries provide an interesting look at his daily routine & activities. Paul mentions the names of more than 120 people living in Syracuse in the 1940s. He and his family patronized many Syracuse area restaurants and businesses that no longer exist today. In his neighborhood he tobogganed on Overlook Drive, ice skated at Drumlins, and skied on the side of the Woodland Reservoir. His family took vacations in the Adirondacks and New York City.

Fortunately, Paul had a neat cursive writing style so it wasn't difficult to decipher his hand-writing in the diary. If I could not figure out a word I added a question mark (?) after it. To provide context and additional information I added details in *italics*. Paul's diary writings and scrapbook items provide a snapshot of the life of a teenage boy in 1940s Syracuse, New York.

Bob Conan Sr. with sons Paul & Bob Jr.



Helen with son Bob Conan Jr. 1942



These photos may have been taken before Bob's 1942 Most Holy Rosary High School graduation.

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CHARACTERS

Parents:	Uncles:	Aunts:	Brother:
Bob Conan Sr.	Michael O'Brien	Isabelle Thorpe O'Brien	Robert Conan Jr
Helen O'Brien Conan	Donald O'Brien	Lucy O'Brien	
	Clement Conan	Pauline 'Polly' Vollmer Conan	
Other Relatives:	Grandmother:	Other Relatives	
Aunt Lillie	Carrie McKay ('Ann')	Dr. Conan (<i>Neal</i> or <i>Mark</i> ?)	
(Mother St. Bernard)		Sister Armond	

SYRACUSE AREA

Tom Anderson	Jack Dee	Mary Hurly	Jean Pier
Commissioner Barry	Peggy 'Peg' Delaney	Dorothy Kallfeltz	The Pomeroy's
Lenny Berry	Jimmie Dermody	Bob Korta	Joan Pringle
Art Bigsby	Mr. Duffy	Dick Lang	Gus Roe
Wilbur Bowman	Bob Ealy	Herb Leary	Michael Ryan
Alice Boynton	Jack Feola	Chuck Levy	Jeanette Schneider
Ann Bright	Mary Finkbeiner	Father Lynch	Dick Shaw
Joe Brown	Bishop Foery	Bill Lyons	Warren Shultis
Ann Byron	Malcolm Goetting	Deni McCarthy	Stanley Sizing
Ellen Caring	Louie Goode	Marybeth McCarthy	Tom Slater
Peggy Carr	Bud Griffin	The McClays	Ed Smith
Clancy kids	Nog Headd	Joey McManus	Winnie Sorgenfrei
Tish Coffey	Jimmie Hefferon	John Moody	Jim Sullivan
Bert Coling	Peggy Hemmer	Agnes Mullin	Dr. Thornton
Bill Collins	Peggy Hennsberry	Jerry Murray	Jean Wakeman
Joe Collins	Louis Heuschneider	Barb O'Connor	Jimmy Walch
Neal Cuddy	Bob Hill	Midge O'Connor	Lois Waring
Nancy Curling	Rosie Hollenbeck	Bud Pello	Betty Wood
Marilyn D.	Marsha Holmes	The Phalens	

PAUL'S GOLF PLAYING PARTNERS AT BELLEVUE CLUB

Bob Barth	Wiley Entwistle	Art Langan	Lloyd Schneider
Charlie Carpenter	Billy Entwistle	Wendell McBachron	John Schneider
Bob Clark	Fran Feola	Jim Manning	Al Schneider
Bob Conan Sr.	Bud Finkbeiner	Mr. McClay	Jeanette Schneider
Bob Conan Jr.	Jim Johnson	Joe McGrath	Susie Sopher
Paul Conan Sr.	Walt Hansen	Charlie Miller	Bill Stockford
Dr. (<i>Neal</i>) Conan	Dr. Hoffman	Mr. Page	Ed Tucker
Jack Donahue	Tom Hueber	Bud Quinn	Archie Von Gorden
Jimmy Entwistle	Ed Keohane	Al Reynold	Dan Williams

CHARACTERS

PAUL'S PALS FREQUENTLY MENTIONED

Fran 'Frani' Feola	Skip Brennan
Kevin Voll	Doc
Theodore 'Ted' Sizing	Don La Casse
Dick 'Dutch' Hennessy	Bud Quinn
Gordon 'Gord' Wakeman	Bud Priest
Jimmy Murry	Richard 'Dick' Lang

PAUL'S MOST HOLY ROSARY TEACHERS

JANUARY 1945-JUNE 1945	SEPT. 1945-JUNE 1946
Geometry - Sr. Incarnata ('Inci')	Homeroom - Sr. Pieta
Mechanical Drawing - Mrs. Polites	Chemistry - Sr. Pieta
English - Sr. Pieta	Algebra - Sr. Incarnata
Religion - Father Skinner	English - Sr. Paul Joseph
Latin II - Sr. Gerardo	Religion - Sr. Pieta
History - 'Maggie'	Latin III - Sr. Gerardo
History Subst. - 'Mother' the 'Warden'	History - Sr. Demitrius
History Subst. - Sr. St. Margaret	Father Brady
	Father Lynch

MOST HOLY ROSARY ATHLETES' NAMES MENTIONED

BASEBALL PLAYERS	CHEERLEADERS
Ed Hamm	Mary Anderson
Bill Dacey	Jeanette Schneider
Bob Daly	Peggy Delaney
Touch Irving	Phyllis Kennedy
	Catherine Carroll

CHARACTERS

PAUL'S ADDRESS BOOK ~ 1944

Kevin J. Voll	545 Velasko Road	Syracuse	N.Y.
John Moody	305 Glenwood Avenue	Syracuse	N.Y.
John Foertch	1312 Park Street	Syracuse	N.Y.
Bud Larned	242 Brattle Road	Syracuse	N.Y.
Bob Nash	164 Cresline Drive	Syracuse	N.Y.
Ed Gorman	200 Paul Avenue	Syracuse	N.Y.
Tom Moynihan	125 First Street	Liverpool	N.Y.
	Liverpool Sports Center		
Ed Tucker	Fifth Avenue	Oswego	N.Y.
Mr. & Mrs. Ted Downes	454 James Street	Syracuse	N.Y.
Bud Priest	1018 Velasko Road	Syracuse	N.Y.
James Hennigan	322 Whittier Avenue	Syracuse	N.Y.
Neal Cuddy	530 Stinard Avenue	Syracuse	N.Y.
Frani Feola	113 Bungalow Terr	Syracuse	N.Y.
'Dutch' Hennessy	118 Bungalow Terr	Syracuse	N.Y.
Stanley Mackowski	1509 Burnet Avenue	Syracuse	N.Y.
'Stan Mack'			
Bud Doyle	801 Stinard Avenue	Syracuse	N.Y.
Edward Markert	196 Robineau Road	Syracuse	N.Y.
Jack Parkinson	Avery Avenue	Syracuse	N.Y.
Mrs. Ethel Goetting	155 Wolcott Avenue	Syracuse	N.Y.
Master Robert Goetting	155 Wolcott Avenue	Syracuse	N.Y.
Mr. & Mrs. William Clancy	201 Wolcott Avenue	Syracuse	N.Y.
Mr. & Mrs. Ed McCormick	231 Roberts Avenue	Syracuse	N.Y.
Mr. Daniel C. Williams	325 Rugby Road	Syracuse	N.Y.
Mr. & Mrs. James O'Brien			
	<i>'Jim & Cecil O'Brien'</i>		
Mr. & Mrs. Michael O'Brien			
	<i>'Mike & Isabelle O'Brien'</i>		
Mr. Donald R. Campion, S.J.	(S.J. = Society of Jesus – 'Jesuit')		
Rev. John Fernan, S.J.	953 James Street	Syracuse	N.Y.
Rev. Eugene Culhane, S.J.	Fordham University	N.Y.	N.Y.
Midge O'Connor	340 Buckingham Avenue	Syracuse	N.Y.
Barbara O'Connor	340 Buckingham Avenue	Syracuse	N.Y.
Midge Bresnahan	310 Avery Avenue	Syracuse	N.Y.
Mary Jane & Peggy Corbett	549 Bryant Avenue	Syracuse	N.Y.
Ginger Bockey	528 Robineau Road	Syracuse	N.Y.
Mother St. Bernard			
	<i>'Aunt Lillie'</i>		
Sister Priscilla			
Bill Moody		Binghamton	N.Y.
Ally Boynton	Arlington Avenue	Syracuse	N.Y.

Highlights of 1945 - 1948

1945

- Feb 2 Coal truck got stuck in Conan driveway snow delivering one ton of coal for furnace
- Feb 14 Paul was devoted to attending Mass frequently, especially during Lent through April 1
- Mar 25 Cut down tree to make basketball hoop in empty lot across the street from Paul's home
- Apr 30 Paul's brother Bob Jr. graduated from Syracuse University
- June 25 Paul began his first job at age 16 working at Wadsworth Park in Syracuse
- July 9 There was an eclipse of the sun for the first time in 13 years
- July 17 Attended Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Baily Circus
- Aug 17 Paul's family vacationed at Lake Placid & Saranac Lake in the Adirondack Mountains
- Aug 3 Paul obtained a learners permit to drive a car & renewed it on September 29th
- Oct 18 Paul's family sees many attractions in N.Y.C. including Radio City Music Hall
- Oct 19 Paul's parents' 25th wedding anniversary was celebrated in New York City
- Dec 24 For Christmas Paul receives a \$32 pair of skis with spring clamps and steel edges
- Dec 25 Midnight Mass, then celebrate Christmas with family at the Conan house on Wolcott
- Dec 26 Paul's parents Bob Sr. and Helen attend the annual St. Thomas More party

Paul played a great deal of golf at Bellevue Country Club and a lot of basketball near his home
He closely followed the sports teams at Most Holy Rosary school and attended games
Paul had winter fun that included tobogganing, ice skating, skiing, and a snowball fight

1946

- Apr 28 Paul turned 17 years old and received a golf jacket, sport shirt, & 2 books on golf
- May 1 Aunt Lillie (also known as 'Mother St. Bernard') developed pneumonia

1947

- Sept 4 Paul scored a 74 on 18 holes of golf at Sunnycrest Golf Course at the age of 18

1948

- Sept 10 Paul scored a 75 on 18 holes of golf at Bellevue Country Club at the age of 19



Photo by Joe Rosenthal

Raising the Flag on Iwo Jima
February 23rd, 1945

Historical Events of 1945 – 1946

WORLD WAR II EVENTS MENTIONED BY PAUL

1945

Jan. 27 th	Coal crisis – schools, stores, etc. close for one week beginning midnight tonight
Jan. 30 th	Birthday of President Roosevelt F.D.R.
Feb. 4 th	Manila (capital of Philippines) was captured from Japanese
Feb. 15 th	Americans land in Tokyo
Feb. 18 th	Americans take Corregidor (<i>Battle for the Recapture of Corregidor</i>)
Feb. 26 th	Heard General MacArthur on the radio from the Philippines (Manila)
April 12 th	President (of the United States) Roosevelt died at 3:35 p.m. President Truman is the new president
April 16 th	The Allies are now near Berlin but have met much resistance
April 17 th	The Russians are 12 miles from Berlin
April 18 th	Ernie Pyle, famous war correspondent, was killed by a Japanese sniper
April 24 th	The Russians have entered Berlin. Fierce battles are being waged
April 25 th	California Peace Conference opened in San Francisco - 46 nations
April 27 th	The Americans and Russians met 75 miles south of Berlin
April 28 th	A false report issued that the Germans have surrendered unconditionally
May 2 nd	All the Nazis in Italy surrendered today
May 5 th	War in Europe almost over
May 7 th	Germany surrenders. European war ends after 5 years, 8 months, 6 days
May 8 th	V-E Day
July 28 th	A B25 hit the 79 th floor of the Empire State Building killing at least 19
August 7 th	The Allies used the atomic bomb on Japan
August 9 th	Russia joins war against Japan. Second atomic bomb launched on Japan
August 10 th	Japan surrenders conditionally but it has not been accepted yet
August 11 th	The Allies are waiting for an answer to the peace terms sent to Japan
August 14 th	V.J. DAY. War is over. President Truman announced Japan's surrender General Douglas MacArthur is to be in command Conan family goes to downtown Syracuse to celebrate the end of war
August 15 th	This day was proclaimed a holiday and nobody worked
August 16 th	Rationing of gas and canned goods is lifted and peace plans are in progress
Sept. 2 nd	The President proclaimed today is V-J Day
Nov. 12 th	Celebrated Armistice Day

World War II Began December 8th, 1941 on the Feast of Immaculate Conception

World War II Ended August 15th, 1945 on the Feast of Assumption

1946

March 1st Soviets fire upon an American plane

LOCAL DEATHS

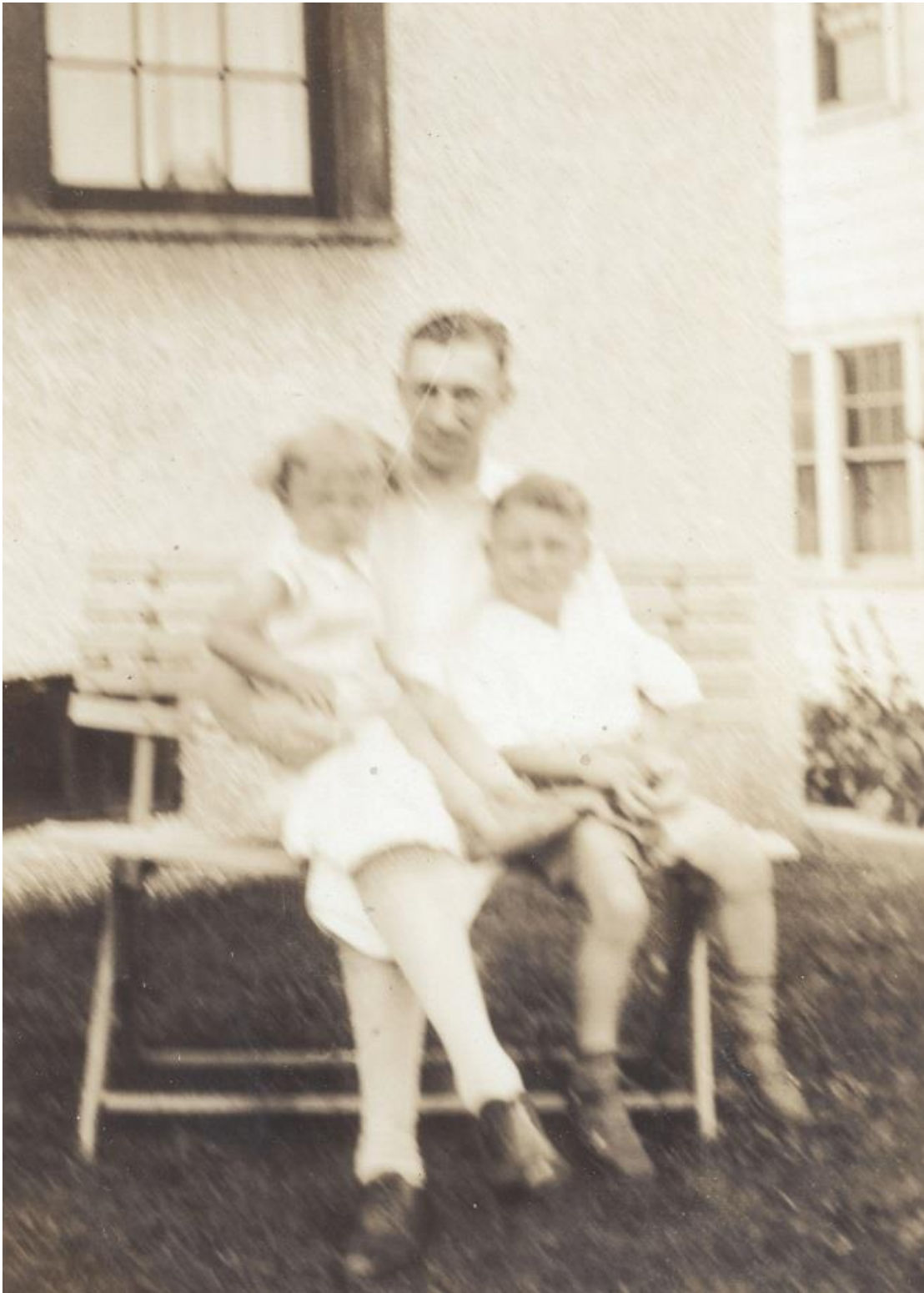
Billy Quinn died while in the air corps

Marie Carpenter's brother killed in action

Tom (Fig) Mourin killed in action in Germany

Mr. Henry W. Goetting

Paul and his Family



Bob Conan Sr. holding sons Paul (~age 2) and Bob Jr. (~age 7) in 1931
Photo taken in the backyard of Paul's residence at 159 Wolcott Avenue, Syracuse, N.Y.

Paul and his Family



Paul (~age 9) and Bob Jr. (~age 13)
with their mother Helen Conan ~ 1938



Bob & Helen Conan's camp on the west side of Skaneateles Lake

Paul and his Family

Paul's relatives with last names O'Brien and Conan visit his 159 Wolcott Ave home in Syracuse.



Lower left to right:

Bob Conan Jr.
(age ~ 10)

Paul Conan
(age ~ 5)

Upper left to right:

Bob Conan Sr.
Archbishop Michael O'Brien

Helen O'Brien Conan
Clement Conan

Carrie McKay O'Brien
James O'Brien

Fred O'Brien m. Carrie McKay

1	1	1	1
Helen	Donald	Michael	James
O'Brien	O'Brien	O'Brien	O'Brien
m. Bob		(not Archbishop)	
Conan Sr.			
(has brother Clement)			

Fred O'Brien had a brother Michael who became Archbishop of Kingston, Ontario, Canada. He was ordained as priest on July 6, 1897 in Peterborough, Ontario - the same city where he was born July 29, 1874

Photo circa 1935

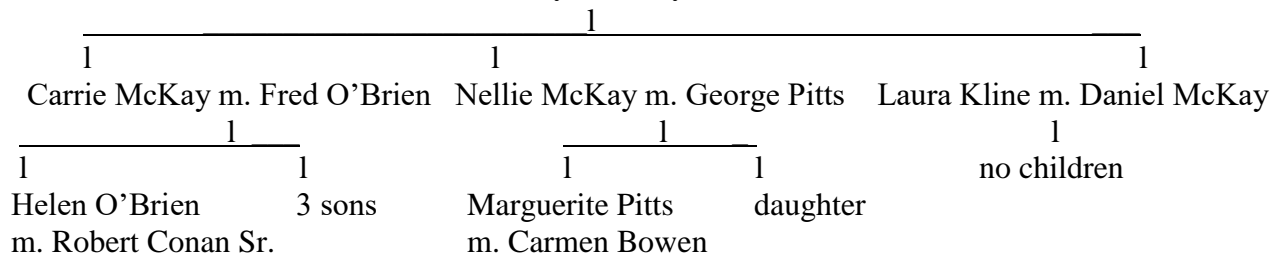
Paul and his Family



Standing: Bob Conan Jr (age ~ 23) Carmen Bowen (wed Marguerite) Paul Conan (age ~ 19)
 Sitting: Laura Kline McKay Dan McKay Marguerite Pitts Bowen Helen Conan

This photo (circa 1948) was taken in back of the McKay farm on Tollgate Rd, located north of Cornwall, Ontario, Canada. Highway 401 runs near where their house & farm used to be before the house was torn down. Dan died in 1950. Helen O'Brien Conan's mother is Caroline 'Carrie' McKay. Marguerite Pitts Bowen is Helen's first cousin. Laura & Dan are their aunt and uncle.

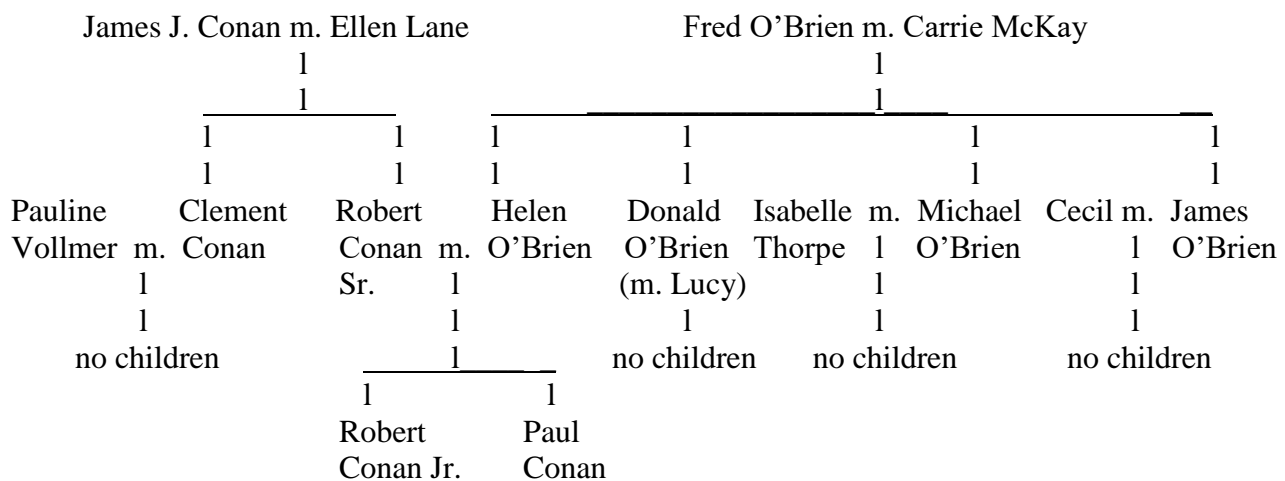
Donald McKay m. Mary Munroe (had 9 children)



Paul and his Family



Conan family at 263 Robineau Rd. in Syracuse. Robert Conan Sr. took the photo 12-24-1965.
Helen O'Brien Conan, Cecil O'Brien, Isabelle Thorpe O'Brien, Pauline Vollmer Conan (Clem)
Robert Conan Jr., Paul Conan Sr., Clement Conan, James O'Brien (sitting -his wife is Cecil)



Father: Robert J. Conan Sr.

James Conan
bapt. 12-9-1830
Foilagoule, IRE.
d. 7-2-1905
Pompey, N.Y.

James J. Conan
b. 3-15-1858
Pompey, N.Y.
d. 1-10-1915
LaFayette, N.Y.

Jeremiah Coonan
b.~1805 Ireland
Lived in Foilagoule,
Upperchurch, Co.Tip
d.~1858 Ireland,
County Tipperary

Winiford Walsh
b.~1810 Ireland
County Tipperary
d.~1861 Ireland
County Tipperary

Nicholas Welch
b. 1794
d.~1857
USA - 1852

Anastasia 'Ann' Welsh
b.~1834 Ireland
d.~1883
Pompey, N.Y.
m. 1854

Johannah
b. 1804
d.~1868
USA - 1852

Robert J. Conan
b. 4-17-1896
LaFayette, N.Y.
d. 4-22-1986
Syracuse, N.Y.

Thomas Lane
b. 1823
Ireland
d. 2-12-1890
LaFayette, N.Y.

Morris Lane
b. 1800
Cork, Ireland
d. 1880
Sempronius, N.Y.

Paul B. Conan
b. 4-28-1929
Syracuse, N.Y.
d. 5-30-2013
Camillus, N.Y.

Helen O'Brien
b. 5-23-1894
Marcellus, N.Y.
d. 4-18-1968
Syracuse, N.Y.

Nellie 'Ellen' Lane
b. 6-15-1868
Sempronius, N.Y.
d. 8-17-1917
Syracuse, N.Y.
m. 1891 Pompey N.Y.

Ellen McCarthy
b.~1805
Ireland
d.~1865
Ireland

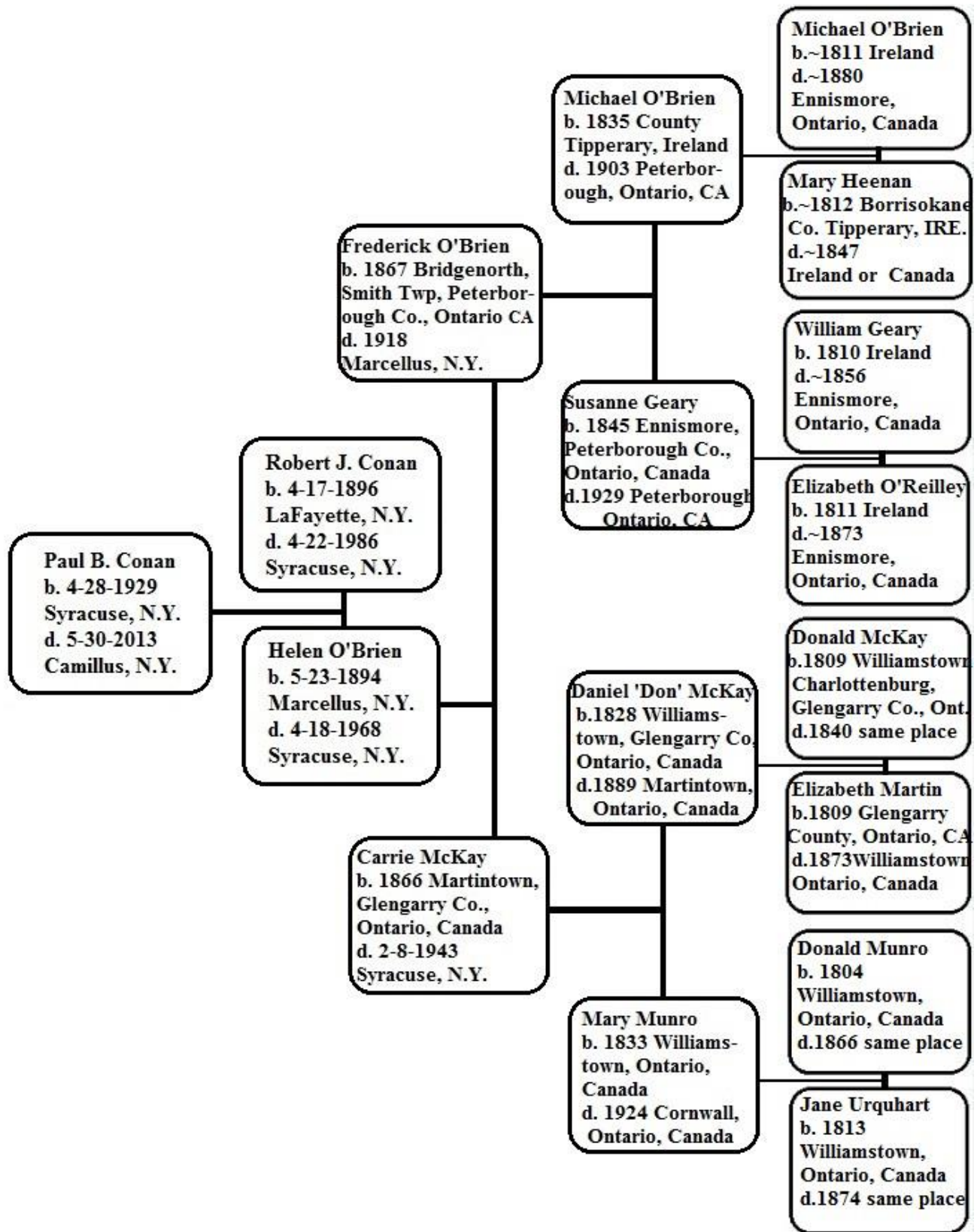
Mary Horan
b. 1831
Ireland
d. 6-6-1887
LaFayette, N.Y.
m. 1851

John (?) Horan
Ireland

Anna (?)
Ireland

Paul and his Family

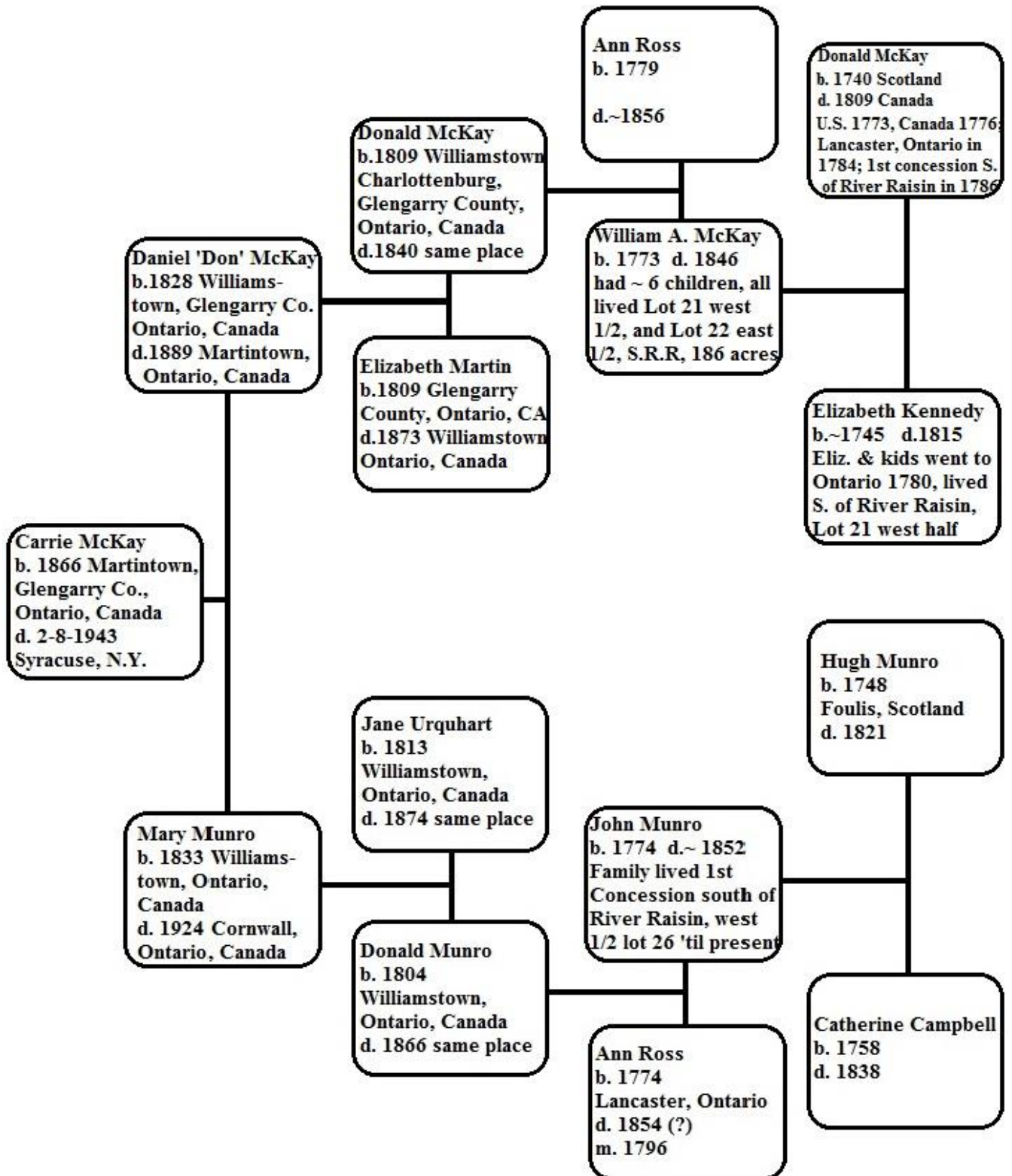
Mother: Helen O'Brien



The information contained in Paul's family tree was compiled by his brother, Robert 'Bob' Conan Jr.

Paul and his Family

Grandmother: Caroline 'Carrie' McKay



Paul and his Family

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES IN 1945

Bob Conan Sr.	49 th birthday	April 17 th
Paul Conan Sr.	16 th birthday	April 28 th
Helen Conan	51 st birthday	May 23 rd
Bob Conan Jr.	21 st birthday	October 30 th
Helen & Bob Conan	25 th wedding anniversary	October 19 th
Carrie McKay (a.k.a. Ann = 'Ahn') (Paul's grandmother, Helen's mother)	2 nd anniversary of death	February 8 th

ACTIVITIES OF BOB SR. & HELEN CONAN (PAUL'S PARENTS)

1945

Bob Sr. is Vice President of Pomeroy Organization, located at 327 Montgomery Street in Syracuse
Bob Sr. would often be picked up after work by one of his sons, Paul or Bob Jr.
The Conan family attended the annual Pomeroy picnic at Fair Haven on Lake Ontario on July 11th

Attended wedding of Jimmy Walch on February 10th

Bob & Helen visited N.Y.C. March 15th with the Mullins. Bob returned on the 19th, Helen the 22nd

Relatives from Pompey, N.Y. met the Conan family at Drumlins on May 13th

Bob & Helen went to a clam bake at the Bellevue Club on July 18th

Bob & Helen visit the Mullin's camp on 4th Lake in the Adirondacks from August 2nd to August 6th

Attended a real estate convention at Saranac Lake from September 23rd to September 26th

Helen cans grape jelly with the help of her son Paul on October 6th

Bob & Helen celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary in New York City on October 19th

1946

The Conan family joined the Liederkrantz Club

Bob & Helen visited New York City and Atlantic City NJ from March 20th to March 25th

Bob & Helen left for Ottawa in Ontario, Canada on May 4, 1946

ACTIVITIES OF BOB CONAN JR. (PAUL'S BROTHER)

1945

Bob Conan Jr. graduated Syracuse U. on April 30 in 2 yrs., 8 mo. for 4-year course, B.S. Chem.

Bob Jr. started to teach Chemistry at Syracuse University on July 3rd

Bob Jr. is a student at Syracuse University working on his Master's degree

1946

Paul's brother Bob vacationed in New York City with friend Joe McGrath from May 3rd to May 5th

Paul and his Family



12 years old in 1942



Paul Conan

16 years old in 1946

Paul and his Family

Caption: "This picture was taken on April 18, 1943 across the street at Mr. Ryan's house. In the picture are Kevin, Stuart O'Brien, Bob (*brother*), Michael Ryan, and me (*Paul Conan*)."

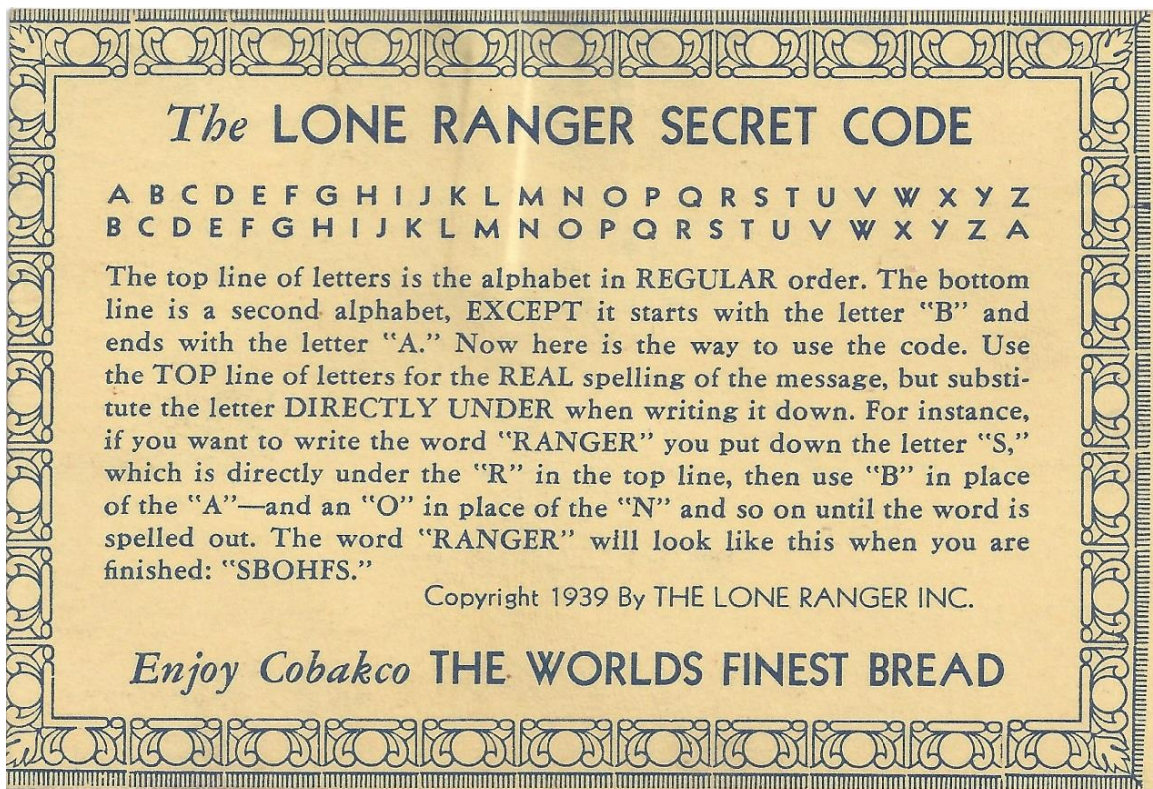


Top left to right: Paul Conan (age 13), Bob Conan (age 18), Kevin (*Voll* ?)

Paul and his brother Bob lived in New York State's Onondaga County at 159 Wolcott Avenue in Syracuse. Since this photo was taken 'across the street at Mr. Ryan's house' the Ryans likely lived on Wolcott Ave. Paul's address book indicates he had a friend named Kevin J. Voll who lived at 545 Velasko Road in Syracuse, so the person pictured at the top right is probably Paul's friend Kevin. Kevin and the two younger children are not related to Paul.

Paul's Interests in 1939 - 1943

Paul joined the Lone Ranger Safety Club on May 24th, 1939 & was given this membership card.



Paul's Interests in 1939 - 1943

As a member of the Lone Ranger Safety Club
Paul took this Safety Pledge at the age of 10.



Paul's Interests in 1939 - 1943

Paul had two Boy Scout membership cards – one for 1942 and one for 1943.
Below is the front and back of his 1942 card when he was 13 years old.

**NATIONAL COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**
CHARTERED BY CONGRESS
JUNE 1916.
2 PARK AVE., NEW YORK, N.Y.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
PAUL B. CONAN # 87
HAS COMPLETED _____ YEARS IN SCOUTING AND UPON
RECOMMENDATION OF THE LOCAL SCOUT AUTHORITIES IS
REGISTERED FOR THE YEAR ENDING
December 31, 1942

AS A MEMBER OF THE CHARTERED UNIT AS INDICATED
ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS CERTIFICATE AND IS EN-
TITLED TO WEAR THE OFFICIAL UNIFORM AND INSIGNIA
OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA ACCORDING TO HIS
RANK SO LONG AS HE MAINTAINS HIS REGISTRATION AND
GOOD STANDING IN SAID UNIT WITH THE UNDER-
STANDING THAT AS A SCOUT HE WILL FAITHFULLY OB-
SERVE THE SCOUT OATH AND LAW "AND DO A GOOD
TURN DAILY" AND EFFICIENTLY CARRY OUT THE
SCOUT PROGRAM SO AS TO "BE PREPARED" TO MEET
ANY EMERGENCY.

Franklin Roosevelt
HONORARY PRESIDENT

Harold G. Haring
HONORARY VICE PRESIDENT

John H. Thompson
HONORARY VICE PRESIDENT

William A. Coffey
PRESIDENT

James E. West
CHIEF SCOUT EXECUTIVE

A 3780545
NOT TRANSFERABLE

"BE PREPARED"

THE SCOUTING TRAIL
This is the Trail that the Scout shall know
Where nobility dwells, thrive and grow.
The trail of honor and truth and worth
And the strength that springs from the
The trail that Scouts, in their seeking, take
Through the toughest tangle, the deepest maze,
Till out of Babylon the scout comes straight
To Mankood's splendid and high estate.

"DO A GOOD TURN DAILY"
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THE SCOUT OATH

ON MY HONOR I WILL DO MY BEST:
TO DO MY DUTY TO GOD AND MY COUNTRY, AND TO OBEY THE SCOUT LAW;
TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE AT ALL TIMES;
TO KEEP MYSELF PHYSICALLY STRONG, MENTALLY AWAKE, AND MORALLY STRAIGHT.

THE SCOUT LAW

- A SCOUT IS TRUSTWORTHY**
A SCOUT'S HONOR IS TO BE TRUSTED. IF HE WERE TO VIOLATE HIS HONOR BY TELLING A LIE, OR BY CHEATING OR BY NOT DOING EXACTLY A GIVEN TASK, WHEN TRUSTED ON HIS HONOR, HE MAY BE DIRECTED TO HAND OVER HIS SCOUT BADGE.
- A SCOUT IS LOYAL**
HE IS LOYAL TO ALL TO WHOM LOYALTY IS DUE: HIS SCOUT LEADER, HIS HOME, AND HIS COUNTRY.
- A SCOUT IS HELPFUL**
HE MUST BE PREPARED AT ANY TIME TO SAVE LIFE, HELP INJURED PERSONS, AND SHARE THE HOME DUTIES. HE MUST DO AT LEAST ONE GOOD TURN TO SOMEBODY EVERY DAY.
- A SCOUT IS FRIENDLY**
HE IS A FRIEND TO ALL AND A BROTHER TO EVERY OTHER SCOUT.
- A SCOUT IS COURTEOUS**
HE IS POLITE TO ALL, ESPECIALLY TO WOMEN, CHILDREN, OLD PEOPLE, AND THE WEAK AND HELPLESS. HE MUST NOT TAKE PAY FOR BEING HELPFUL OR COURTEOUS.
- A SCOUT IS KIND**
HE IS A FRIEND TO ANIMALS. HE WILL NOT KILL NOR HURT ANY LIVING CREATURE NEEDLESSLY, BUT WILL STRIVE TO SAVE AND PROTECT ALL HARMLESS LIFE.
- A SCOUT IS OBEDIENT**
HE OBEYS HIS PARENTS, SCOUTMASTER, PATROL LEADER, AND ALL OTHER DULY CONSTITUTED AUTHORITIES.
- A SCOUT IS CHEERFUL**
HE SMILES WHENEVER HE CAN, HIS OBEDIENCE TO ORDERS IS PROMPT AND CHEERY. HE NEVER SHRINKS NOR GRUMBLES AT HARSHIPS.
- A SCOUT IS THRIFTY**
HE DOES NOT WANTONLY DESTROY PROPERTY. HE WORKS FAITHFULLY, WASTES NOTHING, AND MAKES THE BEST USE OF HIS OPPORTUNITIES. HE SAVES HIS MONEY SO THAT HE MAY PAY HIS OWN WAY, BE GENEROUS TO THOSE IN NEED, AND HELPFUL TO WORTHY OBJECTS. HE MAY WORK FOR PAY, BUT MUST NOT RECEIVE TIPS OR COURTESIES FOR GOOD TURN.
- A SCOUT IS BRAVE**
HE HAS THE COURAGE TO FACE DANGER IN SPITE OF FEAR, AND TO STAND UP FOR THE RIGHT AGAINST THE COAKINGS OF FRIENDS OR THE JEERS OR THREATS OF ENEMIES, AND DEFEAT DOES NOT DOWN HIM.
- A SCOUT IS CLEAN**
HE KEEPS CLEAN IN BODY AND THOUGHT, STANDS FOR CLEAN SPEECH, CLEAN SPORT, CLEAN HABITS, AND TRAVELS WITH A CLEAN CROWD.
- A SCOUT IS REVERENT**
HE IS REVERENT TOWARD GOD. HE IS FAITHFUL IN HIS RELIGIOUS DUTIES, AND RESPECTS THE CONVICTIONS OF OTHERS IN MATTERS OF CUSTOM AND RELIGION.

PERSONAL RECORD

Became a Cub..... (DATE).....
Den..... Pack.....
Became a Tenderfoot Scout.....
..... Patrol, Troop.....
Second Class..... First Class.....
Star..... Life.....
Eagle..... Bronze Palm.....
Gold Palm..... Silver Palm.....
Senior Scout..... Explorer Scout.....
First Honors..... Second Honors.....
Apprentice Sea Scout.....
S. S. S..... Ordinary.....
Able..... Quartermaster.....
Appr. Rover..... Rover..... Crew.....

OFFICES AND SPECIAL DUTIES

Ass't. P. L..... Patrol Leader.....
S. P. L..... Jr. A. S. M.....
Den Chief.....
Ass't. Crew Leader.....
Crew Leader..... Mate.....
Explorer P. L..... Rover Mate.....
Scribe or Yeoman..... Bugler.....

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE SCOUT
NAMED ON THE FRONT OF THIS CERTIFICATE
IS A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF
TROOP (SHIP, CREW) NO. 87
CITY OF Springfield
STATE OF N.Y.

HE IS ENTITLED TO PURCHASE THE
OFFICIAL UNIFORM AND TO WEAR IT AND
THE OFFICIAL INSIGNIA OF HIS RANK DURING
THE PERIOD COVERED BY THIS CERTIFICATE.

THIS CERTIFICATE IS SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION OR RECALL FOR CAUSE BY THE LOCAL SCOUT AUTHORITIES.

HIS AGE 13 HEIGHT..... WEIGHT.....
GIVEN ON THIS..... DAY OF.....
19.....

Paul B. Conan
LEADER

Paul B. Conan
SCOUT EXECUTIVE OR COMMISSIONER

I HEREBY ACCEPT THIS CERTIFICATE WITH ALL
THE CONDITIONS STATED HEREON FOR ITS USE

Paul B. Conan
159 Holcomb Ave.
SCOUT'S SIGNATURE ADDRESS

NOTICE

THE SCOUT SHOULD CARRY THIS CERTIFICATE WITH HIM AT ALL TIMES. HE SHOULD SHOW IT TO THE LOCAL SCOUT DISTRIBUTOR WHEN PURCHASING HIS UNIFORM. HE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO SHOW IT WHENEVER CALLED UPON.

Paul's Interests in 1939 - 1943

**SYRACUSE POLICE
BICYCLE REGISTRATION**
EXPIRES DEC. 31st, 1943

DO NOT WRITE ON THIS LINE
Lic. No. 4405
Frame No. 045N 32028
File No. 1088

Licensee CONAN BERNARD PAUL
LAST MIDDLE (PRINT) FIRST

Address 159 WOLCOTT AVE. City SYRACUSE
PRINT

Phone 5-5792 School Holy Rosary

Make of Bicycle Rollfast

Above bicycle is registered for fiscal year as provided by Chapter 36, Section 15A, of General Ordinances of City of Syracuse, N. Y., at office of Chief of Police. If sold or traded fill in reverse side and mail to Chief of Police within ten days.

Date Issued FEB 22 1943 Paul B. Conan
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

SYRACUSE DEPARTMENT OF POLICE
WILLIAM E. RAPP

Approved by _____
CHIEF OF POLICE

Frame ☒ Boy's
☐ Sgl. Bar
☐ Dbl. Bar
☐ Girl's

Wheels ☐ 20 ☐ 28
☐ 24 ☒ 28

Rims ☒ Plated
☐ Ptd. Metal
☐ Ptd. Wood
☐ Natural Wd.

Seat ☒ Troxel
☐ Mesinger
☐ Persons

Brake ☒ New Dept.
☐ Morrow

Fenders ☒ Front
☒ Rear

Color ☒ Red
☐ Blue
☐ Black

Trim ☒ White
☐ None

Paul's 1943 bicycle registration card says his bike had 28" wheels, white trim, & red fenders.

Preliminary Certificate

Be it known that

Paul Conan

has completed the requirements for admission to academic grade by securing a satisfactory standing in Regents examinations in the following subjects at

Most Holy Rosary School

READING WRITING SPELLING ELEMENTARY ENGLISH ARITHMETIC
GEOGRAPHY ELEMENTARY U. S. HISTORY

June 18, 1943

No. 15 on the school records

Geo. M. Wilkey
Associate Commissioner

W. C. McDowell Principal

14-year-old Paul received a 1943 "Preliminary Certificate" indicating he could move up to the next grade at Most Holy Rosary. Besides Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic, Paul also secured a 'satisfactory standing' in Spelling, Geography, Elementary English, & Elementary U.S. History.

Paul's Academics in 1945 - 1946

PAUL'S MOST HOLY ROSARY SOPHOMORE CLASSES

JANUARY 1945 – JUNE 1945

Geometry	Latin II	English
Mechanical Drawing	Religion	World History I

SCHOOL TOPICS LEARNED ABOUT

GEOMETRY	LATIN	ENGLISH
Proportions	Latin Translations	Read Julius Caesar
Similar Polygons	Latin II Regents exams	Library
Theorems	Maps of Gaul	
	Gallic War	

PAUL'S MOST HOLY ROSARY JUNIOR CLASSES

SEPTEMBER 1945 – JUNE 1946

Intermediate Algebra	English	Latin III
Chemistry	Religion	History

SCHOOL TOPICS LEARNED ABOUT

	INTERMEDIATE ALGEBRA	
Squaring a binomial	Exponents	Quadratic equations
Fractions	Radicals	Logarithms
		Ellipses
	CHEMISTRY	
Balance chemical equations	Rules for solubility	Solvay process
Valences in Chemistry	Volatility of compounds	Made CO ₂ in lab
Acids, bases, and salts	Made Chlorine water	Photo-electric cell
Brown ring nitrate test	Acid/base litmus paper test	Made iodine
Ionization equations	Made Hydrogen Sulfide	Flame tests
Heats of formation	Made Ammonia gas	Borax bead test
	ENGLISH	
Military Conscription	Complex Sentences	Clauses

MOST HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL FACTS

Paul often attended 7:15 Mass before school. School was cancelled 2 days due to fuel shortage. Did Geometry problems on school blackboard. Stood along classroom wall to recite Geometry. Paul walked home during school for 'dinner' (lunch). At night he would eat 'supper'. School cancelled due to President Roosevelt's death. Received medal for joining Latin club. Attended C.Y.O. Sports dinner at school. No school February 11th due to Abe Lincoln's birthday. No school February 22nd due to George Washington's birthday.


Paul's Academics in 1945 - 1946

MOST HOLY ROSARY REPORT CARD JUNIOR YEAR 1945-46

DIOCESE OF SYRACUSE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

STUDENT REPORT CARD

MOST HOLY ROSARY HIGH SCHOOL
SYRACUSE, NEW YORK



REPORT OF Paul Conan

CLASS Junior 19 45 19 46

HOME ROOM TEACHER Sister M. Pieta

PRINCIPAL J.C. McDowell

Form 4

RECORD OF CLASS WORK

First Semester Quarters					Subjects	Second Semester Quarters					
1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Exom. Ave.		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Exom. Ave.	Yr's Ave.
90	85	85	88	88	RELIGION	85	85	85	85	91	96
80	84	85	84	83	ENGLISH	91	80	82	83	87	
70	80	80	85	83	LATIN ¹¹¹	85	83	85	83	66	81
					FRENCH						
					ECONOMIC WORLD						
65	75	85	80	70	HISTORY	65	75	78	65	48	73
84	65	70	85	84	ALGEBRA	75	80	86	84	76	79
					GEOMETRY						
					GEN. SCIENCE						
					BIOLOGY						
					PHYSICS						
65	80	80	86	92	CHEMISTRY	85	85	85	86	83	84
					DESIGN						
					REPRESENTATION						
					INTRO. TO BUSINESS						
					STENOGRAPHY						
					TYPEWRITING						
					BOOKKEEPING						
					BUSINESS LAW						
					SALESMANSHIP						
					SECRET'L PRACTICE						
					BUSINESS ARITH.						
					<u>Chart</u>					87	

Quarterly grades are based on daily class work, tests, and teacher's estimate; the examination grades are the results of formal tests only.

100-90 honor; 85-85 satisfactory; below 65 unsatisfactory

STUDENT'S ACTIVITIES

Traits Marked Deserve Attention

A—always; B—usually; C—sometimes; D—seldom; E—never

First Semester Quarters				Traits	Second Semester Quarters			
1st	2nd	3rd	4th		1st	2nd	3rd	4th
B	B	B	B	COMES WELL PREPARED				
				WORKS CAREFULLY				
				WORKS INDEPENDENTLY				
				BEGINS WORK PROMPTLY				
				COMPLETES TASKS				
				FOLLOWS DIRECTIONS				
				COOPERATES WITH OTHERS				
				RESPECTS PROPERTY OF OTHERS				
B	B	B	B	WORKS TO ABILITY				
				FINDS WORK TOO DIFFICULT				
				HAS NEAT PERSONAL APPEARANCE				
A	A	A	A	IS ATTENTIVE				
				SHOWS RELIGIOUS SPIRIT				
				IS COURTEOUS				
				ANNOYS OTHERS				
				SEEMS UNWELL				
				PROTECTS SCHOOL PROPERTY				
27	23	18	22	SCHOOL DAYS IN QUARTER	23	28	22	
25	18	15	22	DAYS PRESENT	23	24	21	
				TIMES LATE				

TO PARENT OR GUARDIAN:

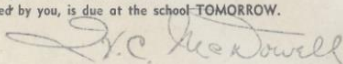
This report is made eight times each year. Please examine it carefully before signing. The school needs the full cooperation of the home if the best interests of the student are to be served. Your signature means that you have examined the report.

Some home study is essential as a means of developing valuable traits for life as well as being a preparation for class. At least two hours of home study is necessary in order that a high school student make normal school progress. You will be doing a service to the student by diligently providing a home atmosphere conducive to proper study.

Your continued cooperation is sought. You are encouraged to visit the school and consult with the principal, particularly when the interests of your child are concerned.

Absence interferes with expected school progress. All absences must be explained by you when your child returns to class.

The report, signed by you, is due at the school TOMORROW.


 (Principal)

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

FIRST SEMESTER

First Quarter Mrs. Robert J. Conan

Second Quarter Mrs. Robert J. Conan

Third Quarter Mrs. Robert J. Conan

Fourth Quarter Mrs. Robert J. Conan

SECOND SEMESTER

First Quarter Mrs. Robert J. Conan

Second Quarter Robert J. Conan

Third Quarter

Fourth Quarter

Enlarged versions of Paul's report cards are in the "Most Holy Rosary Report Card" chapter.

Paul's Entertainment in 1945 - 1946

BOOKS READ

Coast Guard Cadets
Comic Books

MOVIES WATCHED

'National Velvet' with Mickey Rooney
'Bells of St. Mary' with Bing Crosby

RADIO SHOWS LISTENED TO

Lux Radio Theater	Hit Parade
Final game of 1945 World Series	Detroit Tigers beat Chicago Cubs

RESTAURANTS IN SYRACUSE, N.Y.

Drumlins	Zimmerman's
Bellevue Country Club	Bersani's
The Grill at Bellevue Club	Howard Johnsons
Edward's	Liederkrantz
Child's	Myer's (<i>Meyer's</i>)
Carl's Drug Store	Schrafft's
Most Holy Rosary cafeteria	Hotel Syracuse
Tobins (best meal Paul ever ate)	

RESTAURANTS IN NEW YORK CITY

Schrafft's	Child's
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RESTAURANTS IN ADIRONDACKS

Homestead Hotel	Saranac Inn
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BUSINESSES IN SYRACUSE, N.Y.

Carl's Drug Store	Adams Hat Shop
Wells & Coverly	Bert's Drugstore
Loblaws Grocery Store	Sears
Marble Dairy on Grand Ave	Frank's Drugstore
A & P Grocery Store	Learbury's
Queen Anne's ice cream parlor	Knowland's
Jefferson Bowling Alley	MacGregory
Loew's State Theater	University Club
Velasko Riding Stables	Syracuse Hotel

Paul's Entertainment in 1945 - 1946

SYRACUSE AREA

Winter in the neighborhood

Tobogganed on Velasko Rd & Overlook Dr
Ice Skating at Drumlins & Onondaga Park
Skied on Velasko Rd & Hancock Dr Reservoir
Syracuse seasonal snowfall is 126.8" as of March 11th

Had a snowball fight with friends
Late season snowfall on May 10th
Built a snow fort with friend Frani

Other Entertainment

Ringling Bros. Barnum and Baily Circus
KC Sorority Dance at Syracuse Hotel
Obtained a learners permit to drive a car
Listened to music at friend's house
 – piano, violin, singing
Planted tomatoes in his Victory Garden
Onondaga County Jr. Golf Championship
Basketball at Wolcott & Vieau
Most Holy Rosary basketball, baseball games

Took a drive at Onondaga Lake
Set up electric train
Parents bought new piano
Visited Cornell University in Ithaca
Owasco Lake amusement park
Best Christmas present - new skis
Went to library
Looked at family scrapbooks
Most Holy Rosary Soccer games

Drumlins Country Club

Charity Guild dance
Fashion show

Dining
Ice Skating

ADIRONDACKS, N.Y. AREA

Mullin's camp
4th Lake
Slept in cabin
Homestead Hotel

Lake Placid
Boat ride
Saranac Lake Golf Club
The Coliseum

Ice skating in an arena
Ausable Chasm walk
Whiteface Mountain
Rented a motorboat

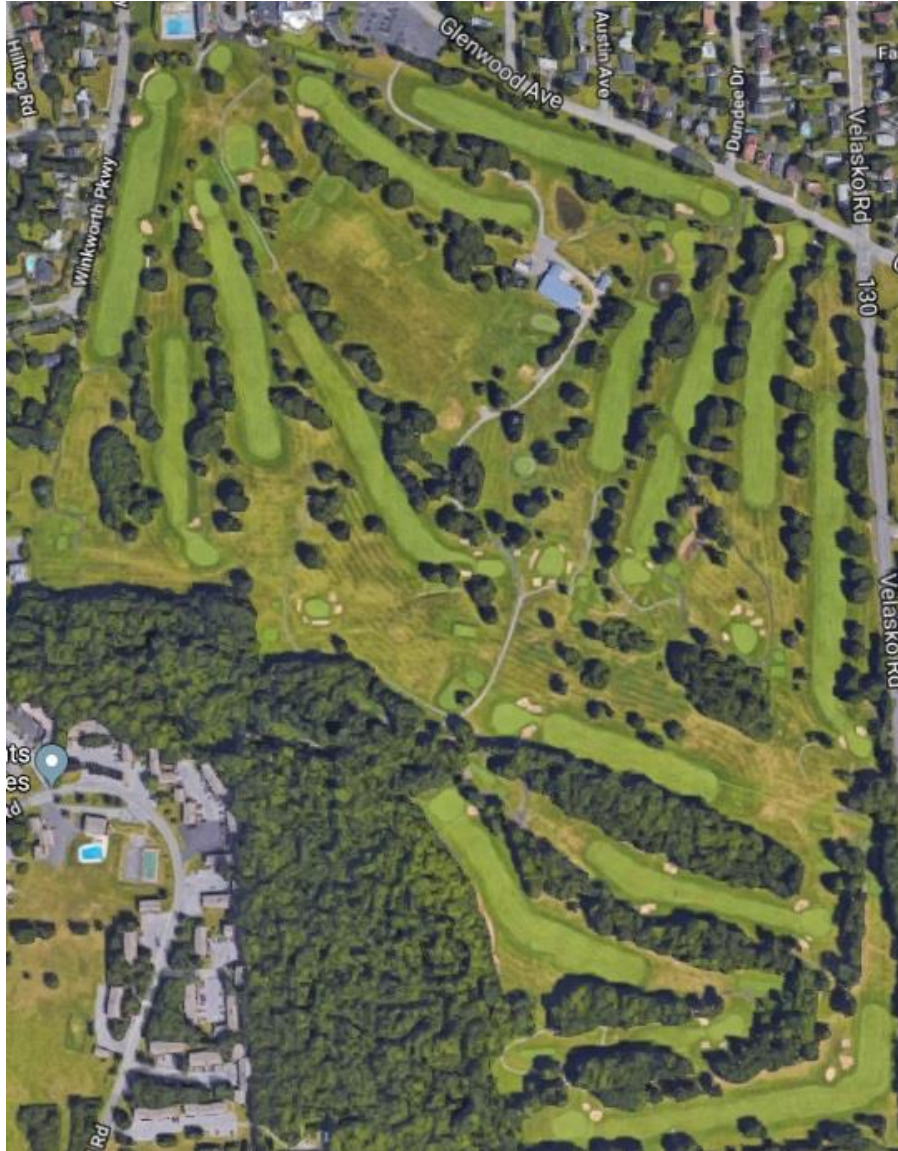
NEW YORK CITY AREA

Empire State Building
Radio City Music Hall
Watched the Rockettes
Saw a ventriloquist
5th Avenue
St. Patrick's Cathedral
N.Y. Public Library
Hayden Planetarium
Central Park
Boat ride on N.Y. Harbor

Woodstock Hotel
Roosevelt Hotel
New York Hotel
Watched an ice show
Watched a science show
Frick Museum
Looked at paintings
The Zoo
Wall Street

Macy's Department store
Roxy Theater
Saw movie & stage show
Waldorf Astoria Hotel
N.Y. City subway
Statue of Liberty
Statue Island
N.Y. Museum of Fine Art
Battleship Enterprise

Golf in 1945 - 1950



Bellevue Country Club, Syracuse N.Y.

PAUL'S ACTIVITIES AT THE BELLEVUE CLUB IN 1945-46

Play Golf
Watched member-guest golf
Bowling alley – set your own pins
Attended Ice Cream Social

Dining for lunch or dinner
Swimming pool
Attended Junior dance

Unsanctioned Teenage Activities on the Bellevue golf course:

Shot off firecrackers July 4th
Floated on raft at Bellevue pond
Searched for lost golf balls

Skiing
Played touch football

Golf in 1945 - 1950

GOLF COURSES PAUL PLAYED IN 1945-46

Bellevue Country Club	Sunnycrest Golf Course	Westvale Golf Course
Tecumseh Golf Course	Burnet Park Golf Course	Saranac Lake Golf Club

BELLEVUE CLUB 18 HOLE GOLF SCORES

Holes	Score	Date	Age
18	111	1945 July 9 th	16
18	105	1945 July 23 rd	16
18	102	1945 September 26 th	16
18	100	1945 November 12 th	16
18	98	1946 March 31 st	16
18	94	1946 April 17 th	16
18	99	1946 April 24 th	16
18	95	1946 May 5 th	17
18	75	1948 September 10 th	19

TECUMSEH 18 HOLE GOLF SCORES

Holes	Score	Date	Age
18	92	1945 August 28 th	16
18	88	1945 August 29 th	16

SUNNYCREST 18 HOLE GOLF SCORES

Holes	Score	Date	Age
18	96	1945 June 22 nd	16
18	74	1947 September 4 th	18

BURNET PARK GOLF COURSE

Holes	Score	Date	Age
9		1945 June 19 th	16

WESTVALE GOLF COURSE

Holes	Score	Date	Age
18		1945 May 8 th	16

SARANAC LAKE GOLF COURSE

Holes	Score	Date	Age
12		1945 August 20 th & 21 st	16
8		1945 August 23 rd	16

Golf in 1945 - 1950

PAUL'S BELLEVUE COUNTRY CLUB GOLF SCORES & DATES

Holes Played	Score	Date 1945	Holes Played	Score	Date 1945	Holes Played	Score	Date 1945
3		March 28 th	9	55	July 9 th	1		October 22 nd
3		March 29 th	9	56	July 9 th	6		October 28 th
3		March 31 st	8		July 15 th	4		October 29 th
6		April 1 st	9	51	July 16 th	3		November 8 th
5		April 7 th	3		July 22 nd	18	100	November 12 th
6		April 8 th	9	55	July 23 rd	6		November 23 rd
6		April 9 th	9	50	July 23 rd			1946
9	60	April 12 th	3		July 24 th	6		January 8 th
9	52	April 13 th	3		July 25 th	9	49	March 16 th
3		April 14 th	9	50	July 30 th	7		March 18 th
9		April 15 th	6		August 2 nd	9		March 21 st
3		May 1 st	3		August 3 rd	14		March 23 rd
3		May 2 nd	13		August 4 th	6		March 24 th
6		May 6 th	12		August 5 th	9	47	March 30 th
6		May 7 th	6		August 9 th	18	98	March 31 st
7		May 13 th	12		August 10 th	5		April 6 th
12		May 19 th	6		August 11 th	6		April 11 th
12		May 20 th	9	47	August 12 th	3		April 12 th
9		May 26 th	9	46	August 15 th	9		April 13 th
6		June 1 st	15		August 26 th	15		April 14 th
3		June 7 th	13		August 27 th	13		April 16 th
9		June 11 th	9		September 2 nd	18	94	April 17 th
3		June 13 th	6		September 8 th	9		April 18 th
6		June 14 th	9	48	September 9 th	4		April 19 th
8	38	June 15 th	12		September 9 th	9		April 21 st
9		June 20 th	9		September 10 th	18		April 22 nd
9		June 24 th	3		September 11 th	9		April 23 rd
3		June 27 th	6		September 12 th	18	99	April 24 th
9	51	June 28 th	6		September 16 th	9		April 28 th
3		July 2 nd	5		September 20 th	5		April 29 th
9		July 3 rd	3		September 24 th	3		April 30 th
9		July 5 th	18	102	September 26 th	9		May 1 st
6		July 6 th	9	49	September 26 th	6		May 4 th
5		July 7 th	9		September 28 th	9	48	May 4 th
13		July 8 th	4		October 5 th	18	95	May 5 th
						18	75	Sep 10 th , 1948

Golf in 1945 - 1950

PAUL'S BELLEVUE COUNTRY CLUB GOLF SCORECARD ~ 1947

LOCAL RULES:

Out of Bounds—Penalty Distance Only.

No. 1. Road to left and Parking Space.

No. 2. Ball lying in or across cut portion of 8th Fairway.

No. 4. Road back of Green.

No. 5. In or over furrow to left of Fairway.

No. 6. In or over furrow to left and stone wall at the right.

No. 8. Ball lying in or across cut portion of 2nd Fairway.

No. 17. In or over furrow to left and back of Green.

No. 18. In or over furrow to left and over bank at Green. In or over furrow at right corner of Green.

A ball played onto any Putting Green except that of the hole being played must be lifted and placed back, not nearer the hole, no penalty.

If ball rests in hole made by burrowing animals drop back without penalty.

No ground under repair except when so marked. A ball in creek or pond may be dropped back with penalty of one stroke.

YOU MUST REPLACE TURE

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**BELLEVUE
COUNTRY
CLUB • INC.**

SYRACUSE, N. Y.

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REMINDERS:

Slow moving players must give way to those following when there is an open hole ahead. Players looking for a lost ball must waive through the players following and must stand aside until they are out of range.

Read the Rules of Golf
and be governed accordingly

SMOOTH
SAND IN
TRAPS

Holes	Yards		Par	Hdcp	W. + L. - H. O
	LADIES	MEN			
1	425	4	5	6	5
2	388	4	5	8	6
3	130	3	3	16	4
4	138	3	5	4	6
5	465	4	5	1	7
6	503	5	5	2	4
7	340	4	3	18	5
8	150	3	4	10	7
9	380	4	4	11	6
Out	3195	35			41

Signed

Attested

Date

Holes	Yards		Par	Hdcp	W. + L. - H. O
	LADIES	MEN			
10	387	5	5	9	
11	392	4	3	15	
12	162	3	5	3	
13	420	5	5	2	
14	473	5	3	17	
15	504	5	5	5	
16	147	3	4	13	
17	153	3	3	14	
18	418	5	4	7	
19	467	4	4		
20	335	4	3		
21	397	4	5		
22	190	3	4		
23	420	5	3		
24	433	4	38		
25	2983	35			
26	3205	76			
27	6120	70			
Tot.	6400				

Handicap

Net Score

STYMIE MEASURE — SIX INCHES

Paul played with a 'Doctor Conan' (Neal?) and shot a 41 on the first 9 holes at Bellevue.

Golf in 1945 - 1950

NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS

June 29th, 1947 *Syracuse Post Standard*:

Results of opening matches in the Bellevue junior championship tournament:

Art Langan defeated Tony Kinney, 6-5
Bill Carrigan defeated Lloyd Schneider, 4-3
Dick Hurley won from Bob Grady, 8-7
John Schneider won from Bob Ames, 6-5

Bob Clark bested Don Grady, 5-4
Bill Stockford beat Walter Hanson, 3-1
Paul Conan eliminated Don Edwards, 1 up

August 27th, 1947 *Syracuse Post Standard*:

“FAVORITES WIN FIRST ROUND TILTS IN JUNIOR TOURNEY

Favorites advanced in yesterday’s first-round. Competition in the county junior golf championship tournament at Tecumseh, no upsets being recorded:

Jack Darling defeated Brady Wrightmire, 4 and 3
Paul Conan defeated Lloyd Schneider, 2 and 1
(12 other names listed)

Darling will play **Conan** in today’s opening match at 9 a.m. and others will follow at 10-minute intervals.”

September 13th, 1947 *Syracuse Post Standard*:

“Billy Kelly and John Ward yesterday won the junior member-guest tournament at Bellevue by defeating the co-medalists Jack Kinney and Alex Stevenson 2 up in the first flight final.

Paul Conan and Stan Mack defeated Dick Hurley and Jim Rush, 5 and 4, in the second flight final. Walter Hansen and Chuck Moore won the third flight, defeating By Davis and Mort Vedder, 2 up.”

Golf in 1945 - 1950

PAUL PLAYS GOLF AT BELLEVUE COUNTRY CLUB IN WINTER



From left, Ed Tucker, Paul Conan and Daniel Williams try out Bellevue links

Syracuse Herald-Journal, Thursday January 26, 1950

“SUMMER SPORTS INTERLUDE. When the mercury zoomed to an unbelievable 70 yesterday, setting a January record for Syracuse, some folks went for a spin in the family car, others dug out golf clubs for a midwinter workout and the younger set yelled “Play ball!” At Bellevue, Ed Tucker and Paul Conan of LeMoyne golf club and Dan Williams played 18 holes.”

Basketball & Other Sports in 1945 - 1946



Paul (plaid shirt) & a pal (maybe Dutch Hennessy) play on Wolcott Ave & Vieau Dr corner lot

From February 10th, 1946 diary entry: "Dutch came over and we played basketball and took pictures of each other with each other's cameras."

Basketball & Other Sports in 1945 - 1946

SPORTS & ACTIVITIES THAT PAUL PLAYED

Basketball	Skiing	Ice Skating
Football	Ping Pong	Tennis
Baseball	Badminton	Poker
Golf	Biking	Tobogganing
Bowling	Swimming	

BOWLING

Bellevue Country Club

Games					
#1	#2	#3	#4		
Score					
135				1945	February 25 th
113				1945	April 28 th
103	112	136	138	1945	November 18 th
146				1946	February 24 th

Jefferson Bowling Alley

Games				
#1	#2	#3		
Score				
109	106	138	1945	January 23 rd

PAUL WATCHED SPORTS AT THESE LOCATIONS

Baseball

Wadsworth Park	Kirk Park
Grant Baseball diamond	MacArthur Stadium

Basketball

The Armory

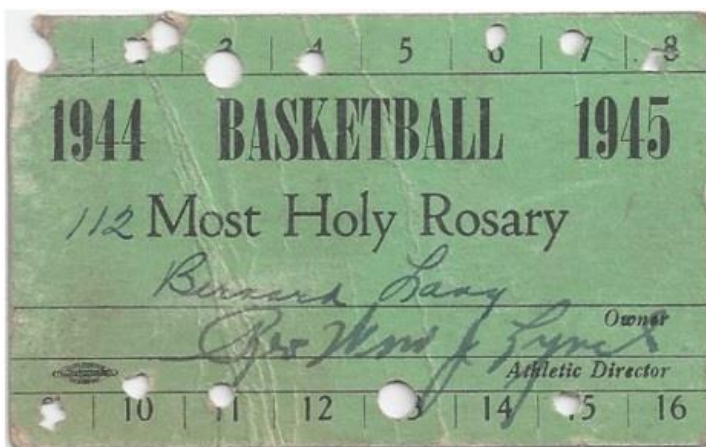
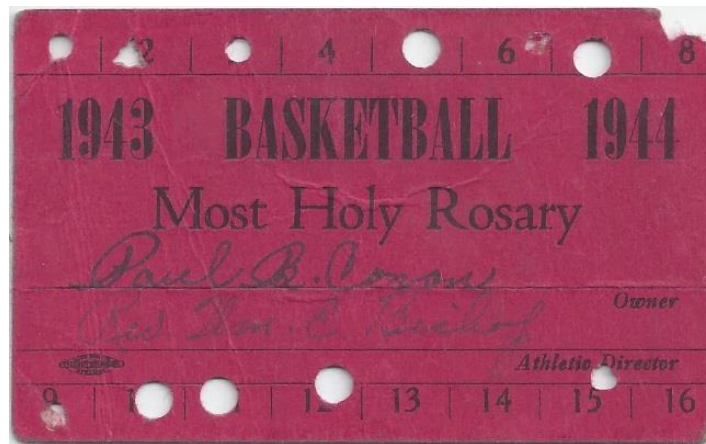
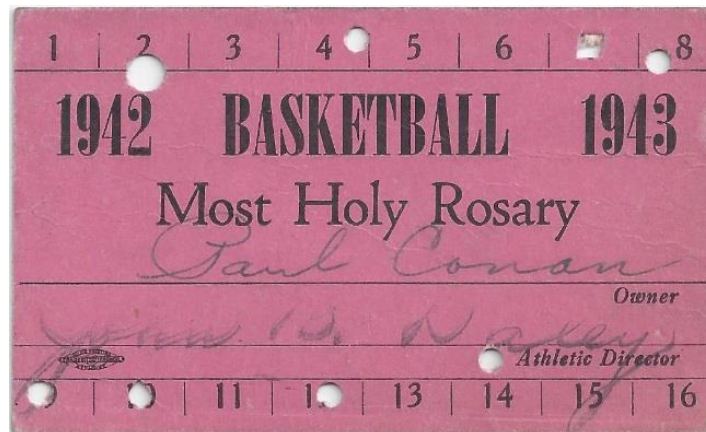
Football

Archibald Stadium

Syracuse vs. Cornell	Syracuse vs. Dartmouth
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Basketball & Other Sports in 1945 - 1946

M.H.R. BASKETBALL ADMISSION CARDS WITH TICKET PUNCH HOLES



Based on the number of ticket holes punched Paul attended Most Holy Rosary basketball games 8 times during the 1942-1943 season, 10 times during 1943-1944, and 11 times in 1944-1945.

Basketball & Other Sports in 1945 - 1946

MOST HOLY ROSARY SPORTS MENTIONED BY PAUL

Most Holy Rosary = M.H.R.
 Most Holy Rosary Alumni = M.H.R. Alum.
 Christian Brothers Academy = C.B.A.

St. John the Baptist = St. John B.
 St. John the Evangelist = St. John E.
 St. Vincent de Paul = St. Vincent

PAUL'S SOPHOMORE YEAR

BASKETBALL GAMES Most Holy Rosary (M.H.R.) vs.

Team	Score	W-L	1945
M.H.R. Alum.	53-44	W	Jan. 2 nd
St. Patrick	21-30	L	Jan. 5 th
Cathedral		L	Jan. 12 th
St. Lucy	38-36	W	Jan. 25 th
St. Anthony	35-47	L	Jan. 26 th
St. John B.	27-28	L	Feb. 16 th
Cathedral	43-61	L	Feb. 23 rd
St. John E.	40-29	W	Feb. 27 th
St. Vincent	48-36	W	March 5 th
Assumption	36-34	W	March 7 th
St. Lucy	32-37	L	March 9 th
St. Anthony	42-50	L	March 14 th

BASEBALL GAMES Most Holy Rosary (M.H.R.) vs.

Team	Score	W-L	1945
Cathedral	10-4	W	May 4 th
St. John B.	7-11	L	May 11 th
Assumption	0-14	L	May 15 th
St. Lucy	5-3	W	May 18 th
St. Anthony	1-14	L	May 22 nd
St. Patrick	4-8	L	May 25 th

PAUL'S JUNIOR YEAR

BASKETBALL GAMES Most Holy Rosary (M.H.R.) vs.

Team	Score	W-L	1945
Cathedral	24-26	L	Nov. 30 th
St. Anthony	45-59	L	Dec. 7 th
St. Lucy	43-46	L	Dec. 14 th

Team	Score	W-L	1946
St. John E.	32-30	W	Jan. 4 th
St. John B.	29-35	L	Jan. 11 th
St. Vincent	31-43	L	Jan. 25 th
C.B.A.	39-51	L	Jan. 26 th
Assumption	52-42	W	Feb. 1 st
Cathedral	45-20	W	Feb. 8 th
St. Anthony	31-34	L	Feb. 11 th
St. Lucy	38-36	W	Feb. 15 th
St. John E.	52-28	W	Feb. 21 st
St. John B.	31-34	L	Feb. 22 nd
St. Patrick	33-42	L	March 1 st
St. Vincent	33-40	L	March 8 th

BASEBALL GAMES Most Holy Rosary (M.H.R.) vs.

Team	Score	W-L	1946
St. Anthony	0-5	L	May 3 rd

SOCCER GAMES Most Holy Rosary (M.H.R.) vs.

Team	Score	W-L	1945
Cathedral	1-0	W	Oct. 2 nd
St. Lucy		Tie	Oct. 5 th
St. Patrick	2-1	W	Oct. 9 th
St. John E.	1-0	W	Oct. 17 th

Paul's Home – 159 Wolcott Ave

Paul's home in Syracuse as it looked around 2017



Below are some of the household chores Paul did to help his parents:

Clean & vacuum the rugs
Wash dishes
Make beds
Rake leaves
Wash car

Mow lawn
Trim bushes
Tend to garden
Clean attic
Clean screens
Paint screens

Wash windows
Install storm windows
Shovel snow
Dust stairs, furniture, floors
Shop for groceries

Paul's Home – 159 Wolcott Ave

Paul standing in front of his 159 Wolcott Avenue home ~ 1941



The matching front porch archways in this photo and the previous photo show it's the same house.

Paul's Home – 159 Wolcott Ave

Syracuse streets that Paul mentioned in 1945 and 1946

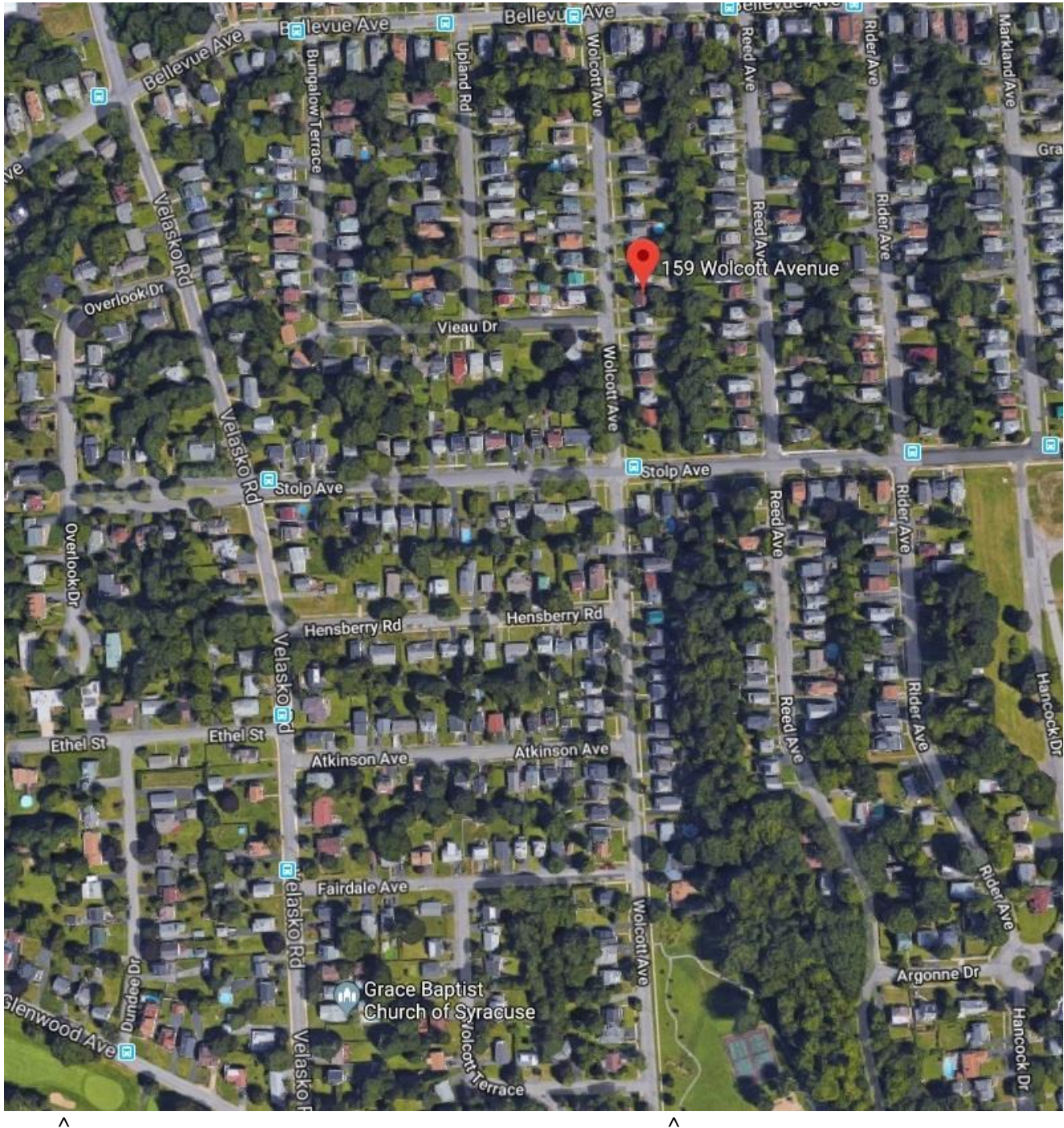
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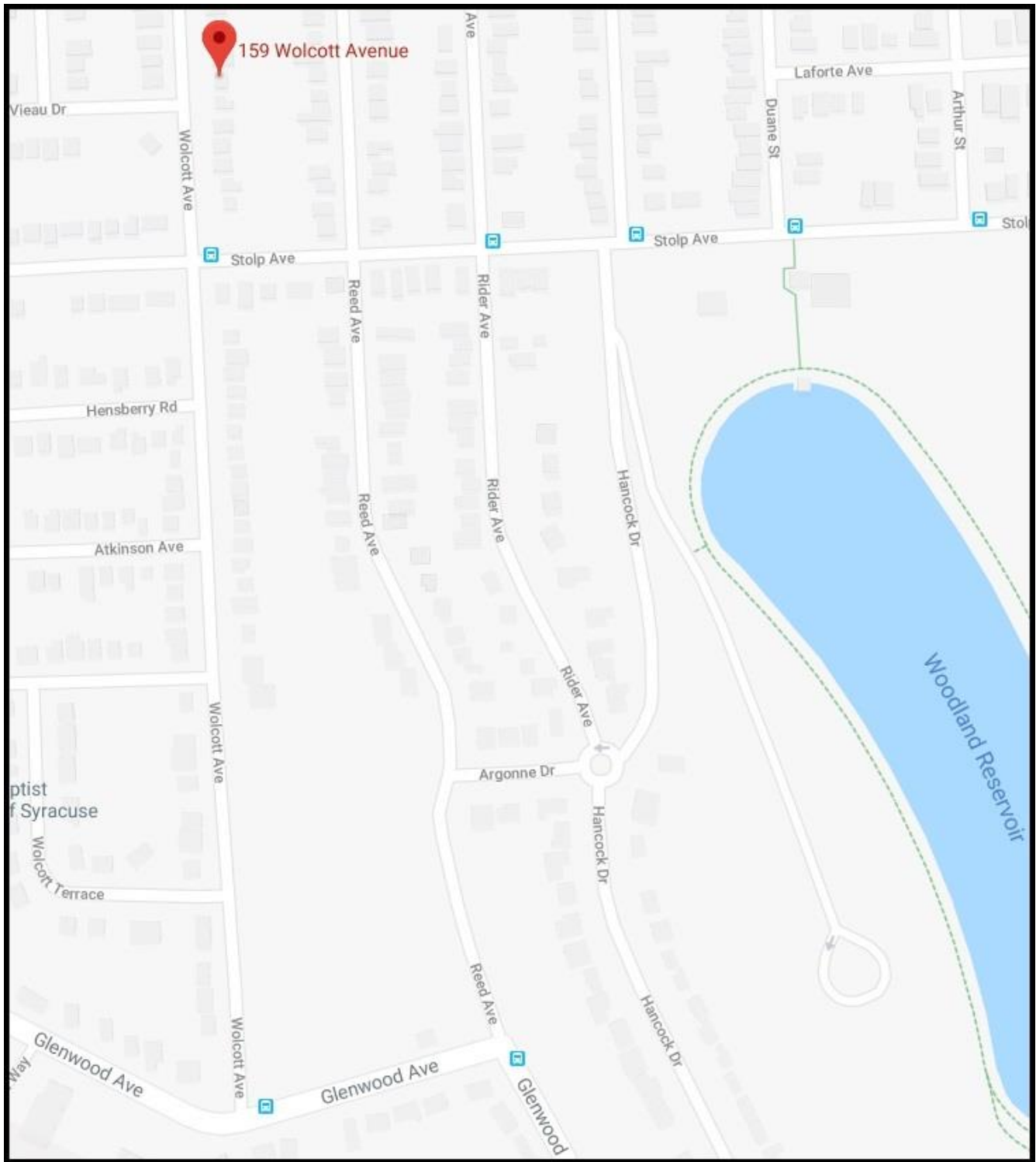
Grand Ave.
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Paul's address is 159 Wolcott Ave. in Syracuse, N.Y. Most Holy Rosary School is at 1031 Bellevue Avenue, which is 8 blocks east and $\frac{3}{4}$ miles from of his home. Bellevue Country Club is in the lower left corner and Wadsworth Park is adjacent to Wolcott Ave., both indicated by a ^.

Paul's Home – 159 Wolcott Ave

Syracuse neighborhood



Paul and his friend Fran Feola would ski down the side of the Woodland Reservoir. There used to be an empty lot on the corner of Vieau Drive across from Paul's house at 159 Wolcott Ave. The neighborhood kids made good use of it playing basketball and football, playing catch with a baseball, and hitting golf balls. Paul would also play around with his dog Skippy on that lot.

Paul's Home – 159 Wolcott Ave

Archbishop O'Brien lived in Kingston, Ontario, and would often visit the family of his niece, Helen O'Brien Conan, at her 159 Wolcott Ave home in Syracuse. The Archbishop died at age 69, and Bob Sr. and Helen said they believe if he had lived longer he would have been named a cardinal. In the history of the Catholic Church only 16 Canadians have been appointed cardinal.

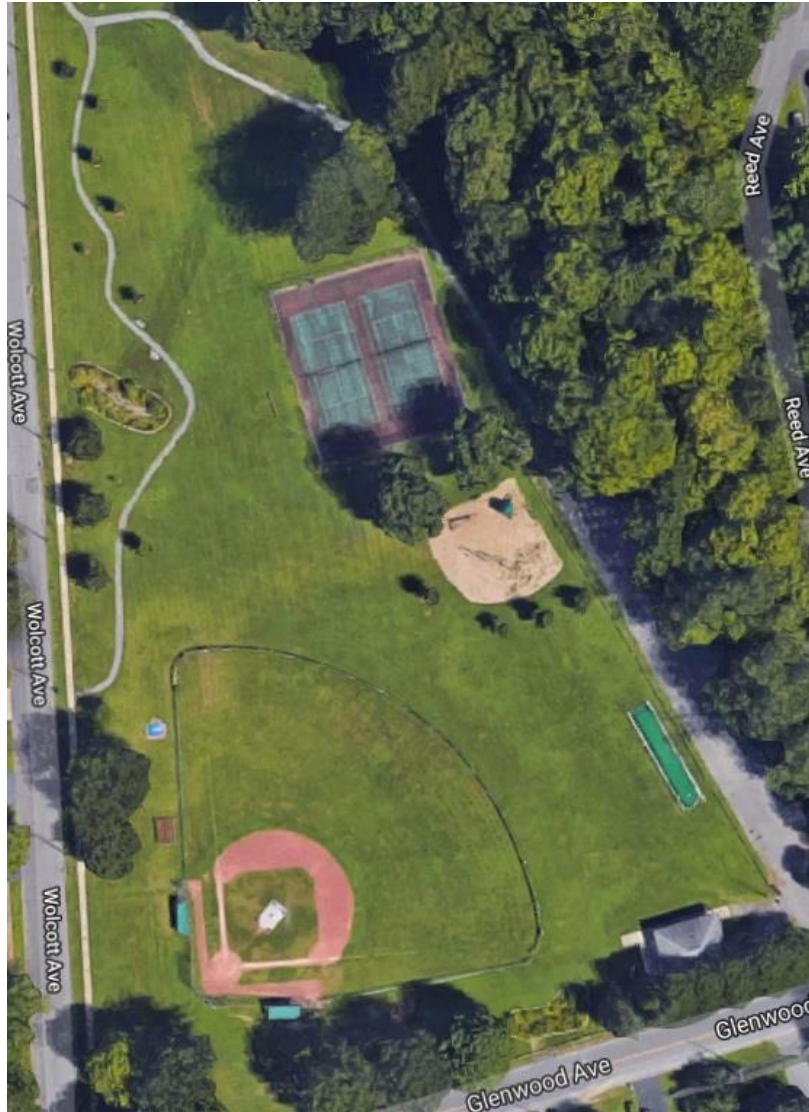
When Archbishop O'Brien died, Bob and Helen inherited a painting of him which they proudly displayed on the wall of their living room. The photo below was taken in December 1963 at the Conan's home at 263 Robineau Road in Syracuse, where they moved to in the early 1950s. His funeral Mass card is also pictured below and appears to show the same image as the portrait.



Left to Right:

Helen O'Brien Conan (Bob Conan's wife)
Cecil O'Brien (Jim O'Brien's wife)
Pauline 'Polly' Vollmer Conan (Clem Conan's wife)
Isabelle O'Brien (Michael O'Brien's widow)
James O'Brien (a.k.a. Jim or Jimmie)

Paul's First Job - Wadsworth Park in 1945



Paul worked at Wadsworth Park from age 16 to age 19

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES

Cut grass	Cut high grass with scythe	Mark baseball field	Lock park
Pull weeds	Sweep Community House	Mark tennis courts	

Wadsworth Park was a 6-block walk from Paul's home at 159 Wolcott Avenue in Syracuse, New York. Paul first asked Commissioner Barry at City Hall about working at Wadsworth Park on May 19th, 1945. His first day working for the Parks Department at Wadsworth Park was June 25th, 1945. He received his first paycheck from working at Wadsworth Park on July 12th, 1945. His last seasonal day of work at Wadsworth Park was Saturday, September 1st, 1945. Using money he earned at Wadsworth Park, Paul bought a new golf bag on September 8th, 1945. Paul permanently quit his job at Wadsworth Park on September 9th, 1948.

Paul also worked at the Bellevue Country Club as an occasional caddy, carrying golf bags for tips.

Paul's Catholic Faith

Churches Attended in 1945 and 1946

SYRACUSE

Most Holy Rosary
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

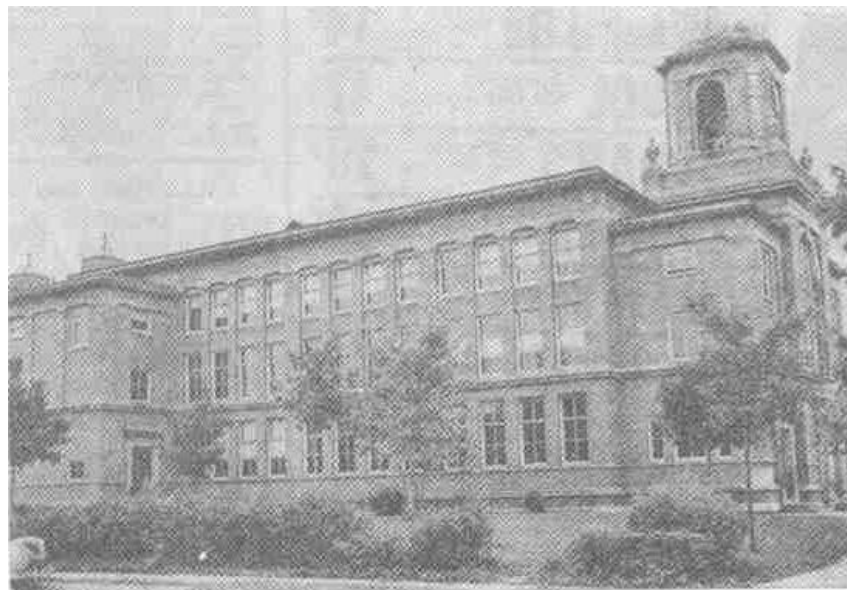
St. Charles Church
Holy Name

NEW YORK CITY

St. Patrick's Cathedral



Most Holy Rosary Church



MOST HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL, Bellevue Avenue

Paul's Catholic Faith

In his diary Paul noted the following events related to his Catholic faith:

1945

Jan. 5	First Friday
Jan. 20	Went to Confession
Feb. 8	Mass for grandmother Carrie McKay (a.k.a. 'Ann') – 2 nd anniversary of death
Feb. 14	Beginning of Lent, Ash Wednesday
Feb. 18	Sodality Sunday
Feb. 22	Solemn High Mass for Marie Carpenter's brother who was killed in action
Mar. 2	First Friday
Mar. 8	First day Paul missed Mass since February 13 th (23 consecutive days)
Mar. 12	Novena to St. Joseph
Mar. 18	Sodality Sunday
Mar. 19	Feast of Saint Joseph
Mar. 20	First day Paul missed Mass since March 8 th (11 consecutive days)
Mar. 26	Holy Week
Mar. 27	At Mass the priest read the Passion in Latin
Mar. 29	High Mass and a procession
Mar. 30	Good Friday
April 1	Easter Sunday
April 6	First Friday
April 8	Holy Name
April 20	Recited the Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Church
April 25	Prayed for the success of the California Peace Conference of 46 nations
April 27	Sodality meeting in the school auditorium
April 29	Mass at S.U. Bob Jr. wore cap & gown. Attended Methodist service for grads
May 4	First Friday
May 8	Went to Church on V-E Day
May 10	Ascension Thursday
May 13	Holy Name Mass and Communion
May 18	The entire Most Holy Rosary school marched to Church and sang the Mass
May 21	Missionary nuns spoke to students at Most Holy Rosary school
May 22	Went to a C.Y.O. (Catholic Youth Organization) Sports dinner at school
May 27	Went to Most Holy Rosary school for May devotions in Church
June 1	First Friday
June 9	Went to Confession
June 10	Holy Name Sunday Mass and Communion
June 15	Took Religion class and Chant class at Most Holy Rosary
June 17	During Mass the Church was hot and muggy

Paul's Catholic Faith

1945

- Aug. 15 Feast of Assumption.
- Sept. 7 Sister Pieta is his Religion teacher at Most Holy Rosary
- Sept. 16 Sodality Sunday
- Sept. 25 Sodality meeting
- Sept. 26 100th Anniversary of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Nuns
- Sept. 28 Recited Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Church
- Oct. 5 First Friday
- Oct. 19 Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral in N.Y.C. Bob & Helen's 25th anniversary.
- Oct. 21 Went to Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral in N.Y.C.
- Oct. 26 Recited the Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary at school auditorium
- Oct. 28 Feast of Christ the King
- Oct. 31 Went to Confession
- Nov. 1 All Saints Day
- Nov. 2 All Souls Day and First Friday
- Nov. 9 Sodality meeting
- Nov. 16 Recited Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary at school. Practiced singing in Church
- Nov. 18 Sodality Sunday
- Dec. 6 Went to Confession
- Dec. 24 Midnight Christmas Eve Mass

Number of Days Paul Attended Mass in 1945

January	6	April	7	July	4	Oct.	7
February	18	May	8	Aug.	5	Nov.	6
March	26	June	4	Sept.	5	Dec.	10

CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

- Dec. 18 Paul bought Christmas tree
- Dec. 23 Paul and Bob Jr. put lights and trimmings on their Christmas tree
- Dec. 24 Paul and Bob Jr. put lights and green roping around their front door
- Dec. 24 Bob & Helen and a few relatives exchange Christmas presents on Christmas Eve
- Dec. 25 Attended Christmas Eve Midnight Mass at the Cathedral and sat in the choir loft
- Dec. 25 Paul and Bob Jr. drove over to give a present to their M.H.R. teacher, Sister Pieta
- Dec. 25 Paul's family & relatives ate a turkey dinner with all the fixings on Christmas day
- Dec. 26 Bob wore a tuxedo and Helen a long dress to the annual St. Thomas More party
- Dec. 31 Bob & Helen have New Year's Eve party at their home, then go to Bellevue Club

January 1945

January 1, 1945 Monday

New Years Day. What weather! All morning it rained and later it turned to snow. Mother, Dad, Bob and I attended the 11 o'clock Mass. Bob, Frani, and I went to the movies this afternoon. Tonight we ate supper at the Bellevue Club. It is blowing hard and snowing a little.

January 2, 1945 Tuesday

2nd day of 1945. During the night it got cold and a very cold wind arose. I went back to school. Mother (*a nun at Most Holy Rosary school*) came in during Geometry and gave back some previous test papers in which I got 80%. Tonight Rosary's present team played the Alumni and won 53 to 44 (*'Rosary' is the casual name given to Most Holy Rosary*). Now 11:30.

January 3, 1945 Wednesday

Temperature 20 degrees above 0. Walked to school as usual this morning. We reviewed in History. In Geometry we are learning about proportions. I came home for lunch. I finished another plate "Book Rack" in Mechanical Drawing. After school I went tobogganing on Velasko (*Road*). Did my homework tonight.

January 4, 1945 Thursday

Snowed some today. Up to date it has snowed as much as it snowed all last winter. Today I wore my new loafer coat to school and many of the kids exclaimed about it. We are starting similar polygons in Geometry. I tobogganed after school and did homework tonight.

January 5, 1945 Friday

Cold out today. Clem (*Clement Conan is Paul's father's brother*) and I got up and went to the 7:15 Mass and to Communion as today is First Friday. After coming home for breakfast I went to school with Dad in the car. I tobogganed after school. Rosary (*Most Holy Rosary school*) played St. Pat's 6th game and lost 30 to 21. 1st game we have lost.

January 6, 1945 Saturday

Temperature of 9 degrees below zero. It was pretty cold today. At 8 a.m. it was 9 degrees below zero. After getting up at 10:30 I stayed in all morning. This afternoon Frani and I tobogganed on Velasko (*Road*). It was fun and fast. At 4 p.m. it was 4 degrees above zero. Tonight I listened to radio and took a bath.

January 7, 1945 Sunday

Snowed a little. I walked to the 8:30 Mass this morning. It was pretty cold – 4 degrees above zero. It was snowing then and continued all morning. After dinner at Drumlins I skated there. I had a lot of fun and the ice was good. I did my Latin II homework tonight.

January 8, 1945 Monday

Warmer today. I went to school today. We had a new theorem in Geometry. In Latin we had translation but didn't know it. I ate lunch in the cafeteria. After school we had to stay for Latin until 4 o'clock. Tonight I did my homework and listened to radio.

January 9, 1945 Tuesday

Cold wave hits tonight. It was about 20 degrees when I went to school this morning. When I came home this noon it had gone down to 12 degrees. I finished my 17th plate in Mechanical Drawing and started my 18th. We learned about the library in English. After school I came in and did my homework. At 9 p.m. it is 4 degrees outside.

January 10, 1945 Wednesday

Temperature is 4 degrees below zero at 10 a.m. We had our 5th period of Latin II first this morning. She gave us a test. At 11 o'clock the boys went over to the chapel and Monsignor talked to us. I worked on the 18th plate in Mechanical Drawing. Our whole class had to stay after school for Latin. I did my homework after school and tonight.

January 11, 1945 Thursday

Not so cold. Dad got up and took me to school this morning. At noon I ate in the cafeteria. I did some more on my 18th plate in Mechanical Drawing. After school Kevin, Frani, and I tobogganed over by Kevin's house. We had lots of fun. I did my homework tonight.

January 12, 1945 Friday

Drifted a lot. When I went out this morning Mr. Goetting was stuck and I helped dig him out, not getting to school until 9 o'clock. I took my lunch this noon. Rosary has been in 1st place. Tonight we played Cathedral (2nd place) and lost – leaving 1st place for them. Got to bed at 12.

January 13, 1945 Saturday

There is a crust on the snow. After getting up at 10:30 I went to 'Skip' the barber. This afternoon Kevin and I tobogganed on Velasko Road. Then we came over and I got my skis and went skiing across from Kevin's. It was fun. I went over to Frani's tonight. Rosary (*basketball*) is now in 3rd place.

January 14, 1945 Sunday

Snowed today. This morning I walked to the 9:45 Mass alone. After Mass I did a little homework. At 2 p.m. Mother, Dad, Bob, and I ate at Drumlins. When we got home I went tobogganing and skiing on Velasko (*Road*) (*near Wolcott Ave where the Conan family lives*). It is good weather for it. Stayed with Clancy kids tonight.

January 15, 1945 Monday

Very dark at 7:30 this morning. I went back to school today. Inci (*Sr. Incarnata, the teacher*) is still going awfully fast in Geometry. This noon I ate at school with Ted Sizing. This afternoon I finished my 19th plate in Mechanical Drawing. After school I went skiing on Velasko (Road). Tonight I did my homework in Geometry and English.

January 16, 1945 Tuesday

Snowed all day today. I walked to school as usual this morning. We did a construction this morning in Geometry. Peg Delaney is in my Geometry class. In Latin II we are doing past Regents exams. After school I shoveled our sidewalk. Did my homework tonight. It is still snowing hard.

January 17, 1945 Wednesday

Yesterday it snowed 9 inches. The snow was very deep when I went to school. All together it is about 18 inches deep. There was school anyway. I took my lunch for this noon. Our car got stuck and we had to get a tow truck to pull it out. I shoveled sidewalk and some of the driveway after school.

January 18, 1945 Thursday

Drop to 15 below zero at 4 a.m. When I went to school it was just zero. We are reviewing for exams tomorrow. I took my lunch. After school I went to a Latin class. I shoveled a little more of the driveway. (*My brother*) Bob and I got our own supper. Tonight I studied Religion and Mechanical Drawing.

January 19, 1945 Friday

Examination started. This morning I took a Religion test. It was fair. After getting finished at about 10:30 I went to a Latin class. I ate my lunch at school. This afternoon I took Mechanical Drawing and it was pretty easy. After school I fooled around and tonight also. Rosary drew a bye (*for basketball*).

January 20, 1945 Saturday

Temperature is zero at 10 a.m. I slept until 10 o'clock this morning. Then I helped Mother (*Helen Conan*) for a little while. This afternoon Kevin and I went up to the Bellevue Club skiing. Then Frani and I tobogganed on Overlook (*a few blocks from the Conan house at 159 Wolcott Avenue*). I went to Confession tonight. Jim Manning came up tonight.

January 21, 1945 Sunday

Temperature at 8 a.m. is 2 degrees above zero. When I started for 8:30 Mass with Clancys and their car got stuck in his driveway, we had to walk and I was late for Mass. We ate dinner at home and then Frani and I went to a Latin class at school at 2 p.m. We went up to the Bellevue Club afterwards. Did a lot of studying tonight.

January 22, 1945 Monday

Warmer today. This morning I took World History I. It was pretty hard. After eating at school I studied Latin until 10 o'clock. I took Latin II this afternoon. It was very hard. I got home at 5:15. It snowed after school. I studied English tonight.

January 23, 1945 Tuesday

More snow. Walked to school as usual. I took English II this morning and it wasn't easy. I came home to dinner and then Mother, Frani, and I rode down city on the bus. Fran, Ted Sizing, and I bowled 3 games at the Jefferson bowling alleys. I bowled 109, 106, and 138 (average 117). Studied Geometry tonight.

January 24, 1945 Wednesday

Cold wave hits. I took Geometry this morning. It was a very hard test. I am pretty sure that I failed it. There is an awful blizzard all day. At times I couldn't see two feet ahead of me. I stayed in most of the afternoon. I didn't have school. Tonight at 9 the temperature is negative 3 degrees.

January 25, 1945 Thursday

At 9 a.m. the temperature was 14 degrees below zero. It sure is cold out. At about 11 o'clock I went over to McMahon's for Mrs. Clancy and had to carry a 25-pound sack of flour and some other things. Bob and I went to the library today. Tonight Dutch (*Hennessy*) and I went to St. Lucy's. Rosary won 38 to 36 in a thrilling game. It's below zero now. 11 p.m.

January 26, 1945 Friday

Still cold today. I didn't have school yesterday or today. After sleeping until 10:30 I went over by Frani's for a little while. This afternoon I read and hung around until 4, and then went to the dentist. Dutch and I went to the Rosary vs. St. Anthony basketball game at Anthony's court, and Rosary lost 47 to 35. St. Anthony's is in 1st place.

January 27, 1945 Saturday

Coal Crisis. Schools, places of amusement, stores down city, library, etc. to close for one week starting at midnight tonight. I cleaned the rugs for Mother this morning. This afternoon I went over to Onondaga Park to skate. I listened to the radio tonight. Rosary (*Most Holy Rosary*) is now in 3rd place for basketball.

January 28, 1945 Sunday

Warmer today. Mother, Dad, and I went to the 9:45 Mass. It was in the lower Church because of the coal shortage. Frani came over after Mass. After dinner (at home) I went over skating with Ted Sizing at the Park. We had fun. When I got home at 6:30 I ate and read comic books and went to bed.

January 29, 1945 Monday

Snowed again today. Last night I didn't sleep very well. After staying in bed until 11 o'clock I ate breakfast. I didn't feel too good so I stayed in all day. I just have a cold. Dad didn't come home for supper. Mother and I looked at her scrapbooks and listened to the radio.

January 30, 1945 Tuesday

Drifted last night and today. I got up at 9:30 this morning. Then I helped Mother with the dishes and beds. This afternoon Mother went up to the hairdresser. I went out and shoveled quite a bit. I also read some of 'Coast Guard Cadets', listened to radio and read tonight.

January 31, 1945 Wednesday

One of the worst days this winter. Today was a bad day. It wasn't so cold (13 degrees) but the wind was very cold and piercing. This afternoon I shoveled a lot of the driveway, mainly a drift in front of the garage. Tonight I listened to the radio. The Coal Crisis is getting worse.

February 1945

February 1, 1945 Thursday

Total snowfall for this year is 111.8 inches. Yesterday we got new mattresses for Bob's and my bed. I shoveled a little of the driveway this morning. This afternoon Frani and I tobogganed down the street. Mother and Dad ate supper out. I read and listened to the radio tonight.

February 2, 1945 Friday

The City is still closed. We got 1 ton of coal this morning. The truck got stuck in the driveway but luckily got out. This afternoon Frani and I and some kids tobogganed down the street. After supper we did the same. It was swell. I went to the dentist at 4:30. I am all finished.

February 3, 1945 Saturday

Coal crisis to last another week. I helped Mother this morning. This afternoon we (Frani, Jimmie Murry), etc. went on our toboggan trail down the hill. Was it fast! Tonight Dutch (*Hennesy*), Frani (*Feola*) and I went over to Church for a visit. I stayed at Doc's with kids afterwards.

February 4, 1945 Sunday

Manilla (capital of Philippines) was captured from Japanese. I went to the 10 o'clock Mass alone this morning. Afterwards I fooled around with the kids. At noon we just had sandwiches and at 8 p.m. ate dinner. This afternoon and tonight we tobogganed. It is snowing tonight.

February 5, 1945 Monday

No school because of fuel shortage. This morning after getting up at 10:30 Frani came over. After dinner Frani and I went down sliding and then went in Jimmy Murry's cellar and played ping-pong. Mother has a cold. Tonight I went in Frani's house and listened to radio when I got home.

February 6, 1945 Tuesday

City to reopen tomorrow. Dutch came over at 11:30 and we went down to Doc's. Then I came home and ate dinner. Afterwards Frani, Dutch, and I walked up to the Bellevue Club. Dutch got his pay. We fooled around the rest of the afternoon and after supper. Mother and Dad ate supper out and Bob went to a meeting.

February 7, 1945 Wednesday

School starts again. After getting up at 7:30 I ate and then went to school. All morning we just sat in our home rooms. Then we got our report cards. We didn't have to go back this afternoon. I got my hair cut and helped shovel a driveway. I did some studying tonight.

Sophomore Midyear Exam Marks:

Religion	96
English	85
Latin	77
History	87
Geometry	80
Mechanical Drawing	94

February 8, 1945 Thursday

Warmer these days. At 7:45 we all went to Mass for Ann (*Paul and Bob's grandmother Carrie McKay whose nickname is pronounced 'Ahn'*). It is her 2nd anniversary (*She probably died 2 years ago on February 8, 1943*). Then I went to school. We had half hour periods all morning until 12. This afternoon we had off. Dutch and I fooled around. Tonight I did my homework. Mother (Warden) taught us History today.

February 9, 1945 Friday

School all day today. Maggie is away so Mother (the Warden) taught us History. We went over tests all during Geometry. In Latin we colored maps of Gaul. I came home to dinner this noon. This afternoon I went to Mechanical Drawing II which I am taking and English. Tonight Frani and I went to the movies. It was very good.

February 10, 1945 Saturday

Melted a lot. After getting up at 10:30 Frani came over and we fooled around. Mother and Dad went to Jimmy Walch's wedding at noon. Fran and I made a snow fort across the street. Then it started to rain and kept doing so. Tonight I stayed in and listened to the radio.

February 11, 1945 Sunday

Weather is bad. Last night Mother and Dad got stuck on Strathmore Drive and had to stay with the McClays all night. I went to the 7:30 mass. This morning we went over to McClays and got Dad out. It has turned cold. All day they plowed out Bellevue.

February 12, 1945 Monday

Back to school again. I walked to school with Mary this morning. The schedules change so that I have Latin II first period. I came home for dinner this noon. When I went back I started Plate I in Mechanical Drawing. Our class has 15 kids. Tonight I had an awful lot of homework.

February 13, 1945 Tuesday

Turned cold again. In Latin we are reading about the Wars of Gaul. We go over part I of old Regents during Geometry period. In Study I did my English for today. Mother got my dinner this noon. I did some more on Plate I in Mechanical Drawing. After school I went over to the gym and threw the basketball around. I did homework after school and tonight.

February 14, 1945 Wednesday

Ash Wednesday. Beginning of Lent, I went to the 7:45 Mass this morning. We did problems in part III Regents during Geometry period. I got my English done during Study. This afternoon I did more work on Plate I in Mechanical Drawing. After school I got ashes and then we (Frani, Dutch, etc.) fooled around. I did an awful lot of homework tonight.

February 15, 1945 Thursday

Yanks land in Tokyo. I went to 7:45 Mass and then to school. We did some constructions at the board. It's melting today. I finished Plate I in Mechanical Drawing and then went to English. After school I fooled around with "Skip" (*his dog Skippy*) across the street. I did my homework tonight. It rained tonight.

February 16, 1945 Friday

Turned cold again tonight. After going to Mass this morning I went over to school. Second period we went to an assembly. This afternoon we fooled around a lot in English. After school I shoveled the sidewalk. Tonight Fran and I went to the game at St. John the Baptist's court at LeMoyne. We lost in last minute because of 10 p.m. curfew 28 to 27.

February 17, 1945 Saturday

Average temperature for day about 25 degrees. After sleeping until 10 o'clock I ate and then went down to 12:10 Mass at the Cathedral (*of the Immaculate Conception*). Afterwards I went over to Edward's and ate dinner with Clem. When I got home I went over to Kevin's and we fooled around. Tonight Frani, Dutch, and I went over to Confession and then hung around "Franks".

February 18, 1945 Sunday

Yanks take Corregidor (*Battle for the Recapture of Corregidor*). Dutch and I walked to the 8:30 Mass. It is Sodality Sunday and so I went to Communion. At noon we ate dinner at Drumlins. Then I met Fran and his brother and we saw "National Velvet" with Mickey Rooney. It was swell (about horses). We got home at 7 and then I did some homework.

February 19, 1945 Monday

Went to Mass at 7:45 a.m. We reviewed two theorems in Geometry this morning. I wore a brown coat (formerly Bob's) with my brown pants to school. The Sisters remarked how nice I looked. I worked some more on Plate 2 in Mechanical Drawing. We fooled around in English. After school I went in Kevin's house. Tonight I did my homework and listened to Lux Radio Theater.

February 20, 1945 Tuesday

Mr. Goetting is much worse. After getting up at 6:45 to go to Mass I went over to school. She (Sister Gerardo) was kind of mad in Latin II. This noon Mother went down city. I ate dinner at home alone. I did some Latin homework in English. After school Dutch and I fooled around. Mrs. Goetting ate supper with us. I did my homework then. I am tired tonight.

February 21, 1945 Wednesday

Total snowfall up to now 120.8 inches. I walked to Church with Mary and Tata. Most of the kids have to stay for Latin but I was lucky. Mother was home this noon. Father Skinner came in for Religion. I am very slow in Mechanical Drawing but I do it pretty good. I went to C.B.A. (*Christian Brothers Academy*) vs North at House of Providence after school (*basketball game*). C.B.A. lost 28 to 27. I did homework tonight.

February 22, 1945 Thursday

Rosary loses again. Most of this morning was spent in Church. After 7:45 Mass both sophomore classes went to Solemn High Mass for Marie Carpenter's brother who was killed in action. This afternoon at 2:30 we went to a pep meeting. I shoveled ice off walk after school. Tonight I went to a basketball game.

February 23, 1945 Friday

Colder today. This morning I got up very late but managed to get to Mass on time. We had a test in Geometry. At noon I ate dinner down stairs in the cafeteria. After school we went to a pep meeting. I called up Peggy Delaney but she said that she had promised to go out with the girls. Tonight Rosary played Cathedral and lost 61 to 43. It was exciting though.

February 24, 1945 Saturday

Attended Mass at 12:10 at Cathedral today. Afterwards Jim Sullivan and I went to Adams Hat Shop and got a hat to ZOOT UP. When I got home at 2:30 I went over to Frani's (*Fran Feola*) house. We fooled around. After supper tonight I did a Geometry test. The Walch family came up for a visit. It is melting a little.

February 25, 1945 Sunday

Bowled today. Dutch (*Hennessy*) walked with me to the 8:30 Mass. I went to Communion. After Mass I did a Part I Geometry test. This noon we ate dinner at Drumlins. When I got home Frani (*Feola*) and I went up to the Bellevue Club, and then Mother came up later. We all bowled (Mother once – score 132) and Frani and I three games. My highest was 135. Did some homework tonight.

February 26, 1945 Monday

Heard General MacArthur from the Philippines (Manila) tonight. Went to Mass at 7:45. School was o.k. today. We received 4 theorems in Geometry. It is a rainy day. The snow is melting. Mr. Goetting had his leg amputated at 11 a.m. today. This afternoon Mrs. Polites didn't come for Mechanical Drawing. Did homework tonight.

February 27, 1945 Tuesday

Rosary wins over Evangelist. I wore my new hat to Church and school this morning. In Geometry I did a problem on the blackboard. I took my lunch and ate it down stairs at noon. Mrs. Polites didn't come for Mechanical Drawing. Tonight I went up to watch Rosary play the Evangelist and won 40 to 29. Mr. (Henry W.) Goetting passed on tonight.

February 28, 1945 Wednesday

Mother and I went to the movies tonight. This morning I got a ride to church at 7:45. Maggie didn't do much in History. In Religion period we nominated class officers. Again we didn't have Mechanical Drawing. After school I came in and did my homework. Mother and I ate supper at Child's (restaurant) and then went to a movie. I feel sorry for Mrs. Goetting.

March 1945

March 1, 1945 Thursday

Melted today. I walked to Mass at 7:45 today, then I went to school. In Latin we translated English sentences into Latin. We just did part III problems in Geometry. This afternoon Mrs. Polites came for Mechanical Drawing. We just read Julius Caesar in English. I shoveled and cleaned walk after school. Mother, Dad, Bob, and I went to Mr. Goetting's wake tonight.

March 2, 1945 Friday

Went to Mr. Goetting's funeral at 11 o'clock with Mother. Clem and I went to the 7:15 Mass and to Communion because it is First Friday. I didn't go to school this morning. After the funeral I ate down city and then went to school. I finished Plate 4 in Mechanical Drawing. After school Dutch, Frani, and I fooled around. Dutch and I went to the Bellevue Club tonight.

March 3, 1945 Saturday

I slept until 10 o'clock this morning. After helping Mother a little I went down city to the bank and then to the 12:10 Mass at the Cathedral. This afternoon Bob and I walked up to the Bellevue Club and watched the men bowl. I made a little of a drawing for Mechanical Drawing this afternoon and tonight Dutch came over. I listened to radio.

March 4, 1945 Sunday

A beautiful day. Bob drove me to the 8:30 Mass this morning. I received Holy Communion. After Mass I read the papers and did some drawing for Mechanical Drawing class. At noon we (family) ate dinner at Drumlins. Then Dad, Mother, and I bowled 3 games at the Bellevue Club. Mother did very good. I did my homework tonight. Most of the snow has melted.

March 5, 1945 Monday

Back to school. Bob and I both got up at 6:45 and I walked to Church. We drew numbers for Geometry and have to stand in line for recitation. I am no. 15. I came home this noon as usual. After school I went to a pep meeting. Then I came in and did my homework. Rosary played St. Vincent's and won 48 to 36 on our home court.

March 6, 1945 Tuesday

Almost all the snow has melted. I went to Mass as usual. We are reading about the Gallic War in Gaul. In Geometry we stood along the wall for recitation. Today was kind of rainy. After school I went up on Hensberry Road and played a little basketball. Tonight Frani and I went to Billy Quinn's wake. He was killed. Bill is in air corps.

March 7, 1945 Wednesday

Rosary is to be in the playoffs (*basketball*). Went to 7:45 Mass. It didn't get out until 8:45 and we were a little late for school. I advanced one in Geometry recitation. After school I played basketball with the kids up the street. Tonight Frani and I went to the game. We beat Assumption 36 to 34 in a very exciting game. There was a fight afterwards and a lot of commotion.

March 8, 1945 Thursday

Played basketball after school. Today was the first time since Lent started that I missed mass in the morning. I was so tired that I just slept. Maggie was mad as usual in History. In Religion we elected class officers. After school Frani and I and many other kids played basketball on Hensberry Road. I did homework tonight.

March 9, 1945 Friday

Got our reports today. Mine was pretty good. After Mass at 7:45 I went to school as usual. We went to our Latin class and then all the rest of the morning we had Study in our homeroom. I ate at Carl's Drug Store this noon with kids. After school I went to a Pep meeting and then played a little basketball. Tonight Most Holy Rosary lost to St. Lucy's 37 to 32 but we are still in playoffs.

March 10, 1945 Saturday

Slept until 10 this morning. At 11:30 Bob and I went down city and I went to the 12:10 Mass at the Cathedral. After mass I met Ted Sizing and we went to Zimmerman's for dinner. We met Tom Slater and he paid for our dinner. This afternoon Mother and I went to Wells (*Wells & Coverly*) and I bought a new suit. When I got home I played basketball. Didn't do much tonight.

March 11, 1945 Sunday

The family went to the 11 o'clock Mass this morning. It is a beautiful day. Just about all the snow has melted. The total snowfall up to now is 126.8 inches. This afternoon I played catch with "Skip" Brennan (across street) and Dutch (baseball). We fooled around. Kevin came over. Tonight I fooled around on Hensberry (*Road*) and then did a little Geometry homework.

March 12, 1945 Monday

I went to the 7:45 Mass. Afterwards there was a Novena to St. Joseph which I stayed for. When we got to school it was late so we had Religion first period and Latin II last. After school I came home and then Mother and I went down city and looked at top coats. Today was a bad day for weather. It snowed a little and then rained on and off all day. I did my homework tonight.

March 13, 1945 Tuesday

Last night St. Pats won the first playoff (*basketball*) game. It was between Cathedral. They will now play the winner of tomorrow night's game. Yesterday about 30 boys skipped school. After going to Mass I went to school. I took the T.B. test for tuberculosis. After school Frani and I went up to the Bellevue Club and floated on a raft in the pond. I also played basketball. Joe McGrath (Bob's friend) came to supper.

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE SYRACUSE, N. Y.	<u>NEGATIVE</u>
Date <u>Mar 13, 1945</u>	
To the Parents:	
This will report to you our findings in the	
Tuberculin Test study of	<u>Paul B. Conan</u>
recently made at school.	
We find no evidence of tuberculous infection in your child.	
Very sincerely yours,	
<u>Wm E. Ayling, M.D.</u>	
Health Director	

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Paul's parents received this notice after he was tested for tuberculosis at school on May 13th

March 14, 1945 Wednesday

Rosary (*Most Holy Rosary school*) plays St. Anthony's and loses 50 to 42 at North gymnasium. O'Connor couldn't play because of skipping school. It was a playoff game and our last game. Went to 7:45 Mass. After school Dutch (*Dick Hennessy*), Frani (*Fran Feola*), Skip, Gord (*Gordon Wakeman*), etc., and I played catch. Tonight Frani and I went to the game. Afterwards we stopped down city. Got home at 11:30.

March 15, 1945 Thursday

I have only missed Mass this Lent once so far. As usual I went this morning. Mother and Dad went to New York on the train with Mullins this noon. At noon Ted Sizing ate dinner at home with me. The weather has turned very warm. All I wore was a suitcoat. I went down city after school and ate supper with (*Uncle*) Clem (*Conan*) and (*brother*) Bob. Fooled around tonight.

March 16, 1945 Friday

I got in a little mischief today. After Mass at 7:45 I went over to school. Sr. Demetrius was mad at me because I skipped an assembly at 3pm yesterday. I didn't have my Latin homework. I ate dinner at school this noon. Heuschneider and I had to stay and work tho. After school I played catch and hit golf balls across the street. Fooled around tonight with Kevin.

March 17, 1945 Saturday

St. Patrick's Day! Yesterday and today I didn't even wear a sweater. I slept until 8:30 a.m. During the night the dog Skip (*also called Skippy – a female dog*) chewed a big hole in the kitchen wall. I went to the barbers and then to 12:10 Mass. Peggy was there as usual. I hit a few golf balls across the street and played basketball. Tonight I won 42 cents in a poker game at Jim's house with Bob, etc.



Skippy

March 18, 1945 Sunday

It is a little cooler today but still warm. Bob drove me to the 8:30 Mass – Sodality Sunday – and I went to Communion. After Mass we (the boys) played catch (baseball) across the street. This noon Bob and I ate at Drumlins. This afternoon we played 7 holes of golf for the first time this year. After supper I burned some of the (*empty*) lot next door.

March 19, 1945 Monday

No school. Feast of Saint Joseph. When I got up at 8 a.m. it was pouring rain and continued practically all day. I went to the 7:45 Mass as usual. Afterwards I washed and wiped the dishes, cleaned up the house, etc. Dad came in (from New York City) on the sleeper this morning. I went to St. Anthony – St. Pats playoff basketball game tonight. Anthony's won 34 to 31 in overtime.

March 20, 1945 Tuesday

Back to school. Today is another rainy day. I didn't get to Mass this morning. It is the 2nd time I've missed since Lent started. School was o.k. At noon I got my own lunch at home. After school I went over to Frani's and then home (still raining hard). At 5:30 I went down to supper in the city with Dad. Did homework and listened to radio tonight.

March 21, 1945 Wednesday

Didn't go to Mass for 3rd time this Lent. It rained hard all day today. I didn't miss Geometry recitation today. The whole class has to stay for Latin II. This noon I ate dinner at school. After school I came in and did my homework. Tonight I went to the 2nd playoff game at North Street. Pats (*St. Patrick's*) won in a very exciting game. Got home at 10:15.

March 22, 1945 Thursday

Mother got home from New York last night on the train. She had a nice time. I went to school at 8:30. We had a test in Geometry. At 11 a.m. we heard a talk by a missionary priest. This noon Mother got my dinner. I did some Geometry during English period. I am starting my 7th plate in Mechanical Drawing. It rained all day and now is snowing. I did homework tonight.

March 23, 1945 Friday

St. Pat's won playoff championship game 35 to 33. It finally has stopped raining and today is a day of sunshine. I went to the 7:45 Mass and then to school. This afternoon at 2 o'clock we went to an assembly. After school I went down city to have my new suit fixed and then fooled around. Tonight Frani and Dutch (*Dick Hennessy*) and I went to the game but couldn't get in because of crowds.

March 24, 1945 Saturday

Beautiful day today. Bob (*brother*) and I got up at 10 o'clock. I went down city to the 12:10 Mass at the Cathedral. I saw Peggy. This afternoon Bob, Frani (*Fran Feola*), and I went up to the woods by the Bellevue Country Club. We just fooled around. After supper at 7 o'clock I went over to Frani's and then up the street. Over 1,600 were locked out of the game last night.

March 25, 1945 Sunday

Swell day today. I went to the 8:30 Mass this morning. Then I raked a little out back. Then at about 12:30 Gordon Wakeman, Frani (*Feola*), Bob (*brother*), and I went up to the woods at the back of the Bellevue Country Club and cut down a big tree. We brought it home and set up a basketball court (basket) in the lot across the street. We played quite a bit today. Did homework tonight.

March 26, 1945 Monday

Holy Week. Today was another beautiful day. It was very warm. I went to the 7:45 Mass. I came home for dinner this noon as usual. In Mechanical Drawing I completed my 7th plate. After school Frani and I walked up to the Bellevue Club. Before and after supper I washed Dad's car. I also played PIG in basketball across the street. Did homework.

March 27, 1945 Tuesday

Attended the 7:15 Mass. The priest read the Passion in Latin. Today was another warm and sunshiny day. I got my own dinner at home this noon. After school I played PIG in basketball across the street with the kids. After supper I went up on Hensberry (*Road*) and played basketball. I also went down to the store.

March 28, 1945 Wednesday

Very hot today. After Mass this morning I went to school. We just had school this morning until 12 noon. This afternoon Frani and I went up to the Bellevue Club and caddied (first time this year). I made \$1.45. Then I played 3 holes of golf with Dad and Archie Von Gorden. Tonight I went to Confession. I got sunburned today. It was very hot.

March 29, 1945 Thursday

Holy Thursday. Kevin, Dutch, and I all walked to the 7:30 o'clock Mass. It was a high Mass and also a procession. I raked and rolled some of the front lawn. At about 3:30 I went up to the Bellevue Club and putted a little (played 3 holes alone). It was another swell day today. Tonight I went to church and then stayed at Clancy's.

March 30, 1945 Friday

Good Friday. I didn't wake up this morning until 9:30. We put up our net on the basket across the street. This afternoon I went over to church at 2 and stayed until 2:45. Then I met Mother down city and bought a pair of shoes. Tonight we (all the kids) played basketball across the street.

March 31, 1945 Saturday

Holy Saturday. Kevin and Dutch (*Dick Hennessy*) came over and we went to Mass. It rained all morning. I took my bike wheel down and had it fixed and bought a plant for Mother for Easter. This afternoon I went up to the Bellevue Club and fooled around (played 3 holes). Tonight Bob and I went to get gas by Onondaga Lake and took a little ride.

April 1945

April 1, 1945 Sunday

Easter Sunday. It was beautiful weather today. The sun was shining all the time. The family went to the 8:30 Mass and Communion. I wore my new suit and top coat. Afterward we (all the kids) played basketball across the street. At 3:30 Mother, Dad, Bob, and I ate dinner at the Bellevue Club. Then Bob and I played 6 holes of golf. I fooled around tonight.

April 2, 1945 Monday

There is much fighting going on across. I slept until 10:30 this morning. It rained most of the day. This afternoon Frani and I went to the movies. After supper I played basketball with the kids on Hensberry (*Road*). I made about 20 points – mostly sets. I came in at 8:30 and did a little Geometry and listened to the radio.

April 3, 1945 Tuesday

Back to school. The weather has changed and it is a little cool out. I didn't have my Geometry homework for class today. This noon I walked home for dinner and then back at 1:15 as usual. After school I came home and played basketball across the street. Tonight we played a game on Hensberry (*Road*). Did homework tonight.

April 4, 1945 Wednesday

After getting up at 7:30 I ate and then went to school. I didn't miss recitation in Geometry. At 11:15 Father Skinner came in for Religion. I got a ride home at noon. In Mechanical Drawing I finished my 8th plate. After school I played basketball across the street. After supper I also played and made 38 points. Then I did my homework. Got to bed at 10:30.

April 5, 1945 Thursday

Snow today. It has turned cold and this afternoon it snowed a little and blowed all day. As usual we had our classes this morning. This afternoon we went to a party downstairs in the school. It was for the basketball team. After school it was snowing so hard I stayed in. After supper I did my Geometry homework a lot.

April 6, 1945 Friday

First Friday. Clem and I went to Mass and Holy Communion at 7:15. Then I came home, ate my breakfast and then went to school. We had 2nd period first and 1st period last. Today is a nice day – sunshiny. After school I went up to the Bellevue Club and then played basketball across the street. After supper I played again.

April 7, 1945 Saturday

Windy day. I got up at 9:30 and vacuumed the rugs for Mother (*Helen O'Brien Conan*). Then I played a little basketball across the street. This afternoon at about 2:30 Bob (*brother*), Jim Manning (*brother Bob's friend*), and I played 5 holes of golf at the Bellevue Club. Tom Anderson came home on a furlough today. He has been in California. Went over to Kevin's tonight.

April 8, 1945 Sunday

Holy Name. This morning I went to the 7:30 Mass and Communion. I sat with Tom Anderson and then got a ride home with him. After Mass I did a little homework. We all ate dinner at Drumlins this noon. This afternoon Bob and I (Dad for 3 holes) played 6 holes of golf. Tonight I fooled around up the street. Did homework quite a bit.

April 9, 1945 Monday

Temperature hits 74 degrees today at 1p.m. It was a beautiful day. I went to school at 8:30 as usual. It was o.k. We had a test in Religion. This afternoon I finished my 9th plate and started my 10th plate in Mechanical Drawing. After school I played 6 holes alone using a 2 and 5 iron. Tonight I played basketball across the street with the kids.

April 10, 1945 Tuesday

Another swell day. I walked to school with Marilyn D. this morning. It was a little warm for school today. In Mechanical Drawing I finished my 10th plate – did it all today. After school I mowed our back lawn (1st time this year). After supper I played basketball (in lot) with kids. We had 3 swell games. Did my homework also.

April 11, 1945 Wednesday

What weather – every day is perfect. We (7 boys) got kicked out of History class this morning and had to stand along the hall. I recited a theorem in front of the room in Geometry. During English I got a book at the library. After school Bob and I played golf. I am surely getting better. Tonight after playing a little basketball I did my homework.

April 12, 1945 Thursday

President (of the United States) Roosevelt died at 3:35 p.m. today. This is the 4th warm day this week. The temperature reached 79 degrees this afternoon. We boys still had to stand out in the hall during History. After school we were reinstated in Maggie's class. I played 9 holes of golf after school and shot about a 60. Listened to reports on President tonight.

April 13, 1945 Friday

Friday the 13th. The President's death has been quite a shock to the world. Radio and newspapers are full of it. School was called off. This morning I mowed our front lawn. Mother went down city. This afternoon I played 9 holes with Bill Stockford at the Bellevue Club and shot a 52 (getting better). A man and a boy (18) also played. There was a storm tonight.

April 14, 1945 Saturday

President Truman is the new president. The weather changed during last night and it is cool out. I went to the barber this morning. This afternoon I mowed a little, played basketball, and then Bob and I played 3 holes of golf. I got a 5 on the 12th hole. Bob and I went to the movies tonight. Mother and Dad had company.

April 15, 1945 Sunday

Funeral services and the burial of the President was today. I went to 8:30 Mass and received Communion. This noon we ate lunch home. I played 9 holes with John Schneider. I got a par 3 on hole #3 but didn't do so good. I played basketball across the street also. Tonight we ate dinner at Drumlins. It is very cool today.

April 16, 1945 Monday

All flags are still being flown at half-mast. I went back to school today. The Allies are now near Berlin but have met much resistance. All morning we had study periods and the Msgr. (*Monsignor*) gave out our reports. My average was 83%. President Truman spoke today. After school and tonight I played basketball. We really had some good games tonight. Did my homework tonight.

April 17, 1945 Tuesday

Dad's birthday. Russians 12 miles from Berlin. School was o.k. today. Mother got my lunch as usual. At 11:15 this morning we had music in Priory Hall (*at Most Holy Rosary school*). I finished my 11th plate in Mechanical Drawing today. After school Dutch (*Dick Hennessy*) and I played basketball and then went up to the park and watched Rosary practice baseball. I got Dad a sport shirt for his birthday.

April 18, 1945 Wednesday

Ernie Pyle, famous war correspondent, has been killed by a Japanese sniper. We went over some part IV in Geometry today. Eleanor came to help Mother today. I started my 12th plate in Mechanical Drawing today. After school I attended Latin Club meeting in Priory Hall. I received a medal and membership card. Mother, Dad, and I ate dinner out tonight. Bob went up on Hill (*Syracuse University*). Played basketball tonight.

April 19, 1945 Thursday

Cool today. I am now in 6th place for recitation in Geometry. Bob didn't have to go to college today. Joe McGrath came up. I ate dinner with them this noon. This afternoon we had 30-minute periods and got out at 2:15. I played a little golf at the Bellevue Club with Skip Brennan and his girl. Tonight I played basketball across the street.

April 20, 1945 Friday

Tom (Fig) Mourin (graduated with Tom Anderson) has been killed in action somewhere in Germany on April 7. At 11 a.m. we said the B. V. (*Blessed Virgin Mary*) Office at Church. In Mechanical Drawing I finished my 12th plate and started my 13th. After school I went up to the park and watched the kids practice baseball. Dutch, Frani, and I fooled around tonight.

April 21, 1945 Saturday

Rain all afternoon. After getting up at 10 o'clock I mowed the back lawn. At noon it started to rain and it rained all day. I did my homework this afternoon and stayed in all afternoon. Tonight Frani came over and we fooled around inside. It turned cold tonight but has stopped raining.

April 22, 1945 Sunday

Sunshiny but cool today. Dutch (*Dick Hennessy*) and I walked to the 8:30 Mass this morning. After Mass Frani, Dutch, and I played catch across the street. At noon we ate at Drumlins. From 3 to 6 I played basketball in the lot. Tonight we went over to Pieri's house. We ate supper and listened to music. Pianos, violins, singing, etc.

April 23, 1945 Monday

A frost last night. Many crops were spoiled by the frost which occurred last night. I went back to school today and we had a test in Geometry. After school Frani, Skip, etc. played softball across the street in the road. After supper we (the boys) played basketball in the lot. Went to bed at 9:45 tonight.

April 24, 1945 Tuesday

The Russians have entered Berlin. Fierce battles are being waged. In two tests in Geometry which I have taken I got 67% and 80%. At 11 o'clock we had singing downstairs. Bob took me home at noon in car (raining). After school I played basketball. I ate supper alone (everybody went out) and then played softball with the kids in the road.

April 25, 1945 Wednesday

The California Peace Conference opened today at San Francisco. Delegates from 46 nations were present. At 11:15 we went to Church and prayed for the success of the Conference. All afternoon it poured rain until 8 o'clock tonight. After school I did some homework and finished after supper. I didn't get to bed until 11 o'clock.

April 26, 1945 Thursday

I got up at 7:30 as usual this morning and walked to school. Latin and Geometry were uneasy periods. Bob has finished college (4 years). I started my 14th plate in Mechanical Drawing. After school Frani and I caddied 13 ½ holes each (*at Bellevue Country Club*) and got \$1.15. There was a thunderstorm but we didn't get too wet. It rained all night also. I did homework.

April 27, 1945 Friday

The Americans and Russians met 75 miles south of Berlin. What weather! Another cold spell hit today and the rain turned to snow and snowed (half rain) all day. Last period in this afternoon we went to a Sodality meeting in the auditorium. After school I had to stay in (rain). Tonight I went to the movies and met a lot of kids.

April 28, 1945 Saturday

My birthday. The Germans have surrendered unconditionally. Dad and Mother gave me an expensive identification bracelet, Bob, a key chain, and Clem \$2. I went down city this morning, had my picture taken in a 5 & 10 (4 photos) and ate dinner with Dad. I played golf and bowled a game (113) at the Bellevue Club. Don La Casse came also. I went to the C.B.A. musical with Dutch tonight.

April 29, 1945 Sunday

It was a false statement that the Germans have surrendered. We all went to Mass at the (*Syracuse*) University and Bob wore his cap and gown. Then we went to a Methodist service for all the graduates (Bob is graduating tomorrow). I played basketball with a couple of kids. Tonight we ate at Tobins. It was the best meal I have ever eaten.

April 30, 1945 Monday

Bob graduated from college in 2 years, 8 months (4-year course). He now has a B.S. in Chemistry degree. We all went at 9:45 to the University gym. It lasted until 12 noon. Then we (the family, Cecil, Isabelle, Clem, Agnes Mullin) ate at the Hotel Syracuse. When I got home I mowed our front lawn (also after supper). I played basketball with the kids some too. Tonight I did some homework.

May 1945

May 1, 1945 Tuesday

For graduation Bob got \$95 and a desk lamp. He did very well. I went to school and in Geometry went to the end of the line in recitation. Then 4th period I stayed in Inci's Algebra class (*Sr. Incarnata's class*) to take a test I missed yesterday. After school Frani and I played a few holes of golf at the Bellevue Club (Bob played 3 holes with us). All tonight I worked on projects for Appreciation Night.

May 2, 1945 Wednesday

All the Nazis in Italy surrendered today. I didn't go to school this morning because I had to get caught up in projects for Appreciation Night on Friday. I made a cover for my plates in Mechanical Drawing II. After school Frani and I looked for golf balls at the Bellevue Club. I played 3 holes also. Tonight we played basketball and then softball at parks. Did homework.

May 3, 1945 Thursday

Our Latin period has been changed from 1st period to 4th period. I take my Study 1st period. Maggie has been sick all week so we have Sr. St. Margaret for History. I came home at noon as usual. In Mechanical Drawing I worked on a Religion project and then got out of English and worked on it. I finished it. Frani and I caddied 9 holes after school in which I made a buck (\$1). I did my homework and went to Confession tonight.

May 4, 1945 Friday

First Friday. Clem and I went to Mass and Communion at 7:15. Then I came home and ate my breakfast. We had 1st period last and 2nd period first. We didn't have Religion. After school I went to the baseball game at Wadsworth (*Park*). Rosary beat Cathedral 10 to 4 (their 2nd victory). Last Tuesday we won 17 to 8 by beating St. Vincent's. Went to Appreciation Night tonight.

May 5, 1945 Saturday

War in Europe almost over. I slept until 10 o'clock this morning and then Bob and I rode down city on the bus. I got my name printed on my identification bracelet (it will be ready Saturday, next). All afternoon it rained. I hung around the Bellevue Club for a little while. Tonight I played catch (baseball) and walked to church with Dutch. Stopped at Doc's.

May 6, 1945 Sunday

Since April 20 there has only been two days that it hasn't rained. I went to the 8:30 Mass and to Communion. Frani and I played across the street afterwards. This noon we ate dinner at Drumlins. When we got home at 3 p.m. Bob and I played 6 holes at the Bellevue Club. Tonight I did my History homework and went to the store with Dutch (*Dick Hennessy*).

May 7, 1945 Monday

Germany has surrendered. Tomorrow is to be V-E day. This brings about the end of the European war after 5 years, 8 months, and 6 days of bloodshed and destruction. I went to school this morning. It is a beautiful day today (lots of sunshine). After school I played 6 holes of golf with Bob. Fooled around with Dutch and Frani tonight.

May 8, 1945 Tuesday

V-E Day. It was raining very hard when I went to school so Mother drove me in the car. We had classes until 11 a.m. and then went to Church until 12. This afternoon (no school) Bob drove Frani (*Feola*), Jim Manning, and I out to Westvale golf course and we played 18 holes. Jim and I broke even. I did fair but kept getting a slice. Jim's father took us home. Did some homework tonight.

May 9, 1945 Wednesday

Cooler today but fair weather. I walked to school and we had our regular classes until 11:15. Then we went over to Church for singing. I finished my 15th plate and started my 16th plate in Mechanical Drawing. After school I cut down bushes and dug my garden a little. Tonight we fooled around and I went to Kevin's.

May 10, 1945 Thursday

Ascension Thursday. Bob, Mother, and I went to the 9 o'clock Mass. Then I went to the barbers and got my hair cut. What funny weather! Today it started to snow at 8 a.m. and continued and at 10:30 p.m. is still doing so. The ground is covered. This afternoon I went to the movies alone. Tonight I stayed in and did my homework. Got to bed at 10:30.

May 11, 1945 Friday

Cold today. Went to school again today. It was okay. The sun is out and the snow (about 1 inch) melted. After school tonight I went up to the baseball game at Wadsworth Park. Rosary played St. John the Baptist and lost 11 to 7. We have won 2 games and this is our first loss. Tonight I fooled around across the street, etc.

May 12, 1945 Saturday

Slept until 9:30 this morning. Then Bob, Mother, and I did some work in the attic. Mother and I went down city to Wells & Coverly about 11:30 and I got a pair of pants. Then I ate at Zimmerman's and bought Mother a corsage for Mother's Day. I hung around the Bellevue Club this afternoon. Tonight Dutch and I played catch. I also saw Kevin and we went down to Doc's.

May 13, 1945 Sunday

Mother's Day. I went to the 7:30 (Holy Name) Mass and Communion. Afterwards I did some homework. Dutch (*Dick Hennessy*), Jimmie Murray, and I fooled around in front. Then it rained and continued until 3 o'clock. We all ate at Drumlins. Some relatives from Pompey came. At 4 o'clock Bob and I played 7 holes at the Bellevue Club. Tonight Dutch, Frani, etc., played basketball and fooled around.

May 14, 1945 Monday

Back to school! I walked alone to school this morning. We had a test in Geometry and Latin II. They were both hard. At 11:15 we went over to Church for singing. After school I mowed some of the lawn and played basketball. After supper I did the latter also. We had lots of fun fooling around (all the kids). Skip, Fran, Dutch, Don La Casse, etc.

May 15, 1945 Tuesday

Did quite a bit of homework in my Study period this morning. We went to Church for singing at 11:15. I walked home on Stolp Ave. this noon with Jack Dee, Bud Pello, Frani, etc. I have started my 16th plate in Mechanical Drawing. After school I went up to Grant Baseball diamond. Rosary lost to Assumption 14 to 0 (2nd loss). Fooled around tonight.

May 16, 1945 Wednesday

It has rained some almost every day for over a month. Geometry and Latin were ok this morning and we went to Church for singing at 11:15. After school I hacked at golf balls at the Bellevue Club. Then I played hit the bat in the street by Murray's. Tonight I watched a baseball game at the park.

May 17, 1945 Thursday

We worked part III problems in Geometry today. At 11:15 we had a little Religion and then went to Church at 11:40. At noon it rained so Mother drove me back. After Mechanical Drawing (2:00) we had a study in Pieta's room. After school I mowed our back lawn very good (cut every dandelion). Tonight I hit a hardball with the bat at pals (Skip, Ronnie, etc.)

May 18, 1945 Friday

I had to be at school at 8 o'clock this morning. All the school marched to Church and sang the Mass. At 9:15 we started having regular classes. After school Rosary played St. Lucy's team at Wadsworth Park. We won 5 to 3 in a no-hit game pitched by Ed Hamm (2 innings) and Bill Dacey. Bob Daly plays 2nd and Touch Irving plays 3rd. Tonight I went over to Bert's (drugstore) and then the Band Concert at school.

May 19, 1945 Saturday

Mother got Bob and I up at 9:30 to do some work in the attic. At 11:30 I rode down city on the bus with Mrs. Goetting. I went to the City Hall and Bill Collins took me in to see Commissioner Barry about working at Park. Bob and I played 12 holes and I went down on Geddes Street with Gordon and Jean Wakeman in car. They had to get something.

May 20, 1945 Sunday

Dad, Mother, and I went to the 10 o'clock Mass at the Cathedral. This noon we ate dinner at home. Then Bob and I met Mr. McClay at the Bellevue Club and we played 12 holes. I have a slice (*in my golf shot*). We got home at 5:30. After eating, Dutch, Frani, and I (also other kids) fooled around. I also did my Geometry homework tonight.




May 21, 1945 Monday

A cloudy morning. I went back to school. It is quite warm out. This noon Mother went down city so Bob and I ate alone. Bob is still on his vacation. At 2 o'clock we heard some missionary nuns speak. There was a thunderstorm. I fooled around (softball) down the street. I did the same after supper. Did homework and got to bed at 11.

May 22, 1945 Tuesday

What funny weather. This morning it was sunshiny and warm. I got my Geometry homework done in Study period. Yesterday Maggie came back. We have her for History every day now. After school (it rained during school) Rosary played St. Anthony's and lost 14 to 1 at Wadsworth Park. Tonight I went to a C.Y.O. (Catholic Youth Organization) Sports dinner at school. Got home at 10:30.

SECOND ANNUAL		Toastmaster -- Mr. William Dacey		Address -- Mr. Robert Chryst	
Most Holy Rosary C.Y.O.		Hymn -- For Christ the King		Vocal Solo -- Kathleen Karney	
		Drum Solo -- James Thornton		Accompanist -- Mary Joan Lisson	
		Accompanist Mrs. J. M. Thornton		For Rosary -- Assembly	
		Address -- Mr. Fred Lowe		Awarding of Block Letters --	
		Piano Solo -- Edward Markert		Rev. Wm. J. Lynch	
		Trumpet Solo -- Henry Heft		Address -- Rev. Wm. E. Bishop	
		Quartet -- James Greenwood		Address --	
		William Brogan		Very Rev. Msgr. H. McDowell	
		Thomas Brogan		Star Spangled Banner -- Assembly	
		John Hildebrand			
		Edward Hamm			
SPORTS DINNER					
Priory Hall					
Tuesday, May 22, 6:15 p.m.					



May 23, 1945 Wednesday

Mother's birthday. Overnight it turned cold. This morning it was raining when I went to school. Inci (*Sr. Incarnata*) was kind of mad in Geometry. I started my 18th plate in Mechanical Drawing. After school I painted a screen and then fooled around. After supper it turned nice. I played baseball at the park with all the boys (15 kids). In 5 times at bat I hit 4 doubles and a single and pitched 2 innings.

May 24, 1945 Thursday

A nice day. It was not too hot or too cold today – just right. We did constructions all during Geometry period and translated Latin to English in Latin. At noon I got my own dinner. I finished my 18th plate in Mechanical Drawing. After school I went up to the Bellevue Club and fooled around. Tonight I did my homework. It is cool tonight. Now 10:15.

May 25, 1945 Friday

Today was a beautiful sunshiny day. School was fair as usual. Frani and I walked home Stolp Ave. at noon. In Mechanical Drawing we did a problem on practice paper. After school I went up to the park and watched Rosary play St. Pats. We lost 8 to 4. Tonight Dutch (*Dick Hennessy*) and I went down to the store and then over to an ice cream social at Bellevue Club.

May 26, 1945 Saturday

I got up at 9:45 and then all morning until 1:30 I painted screens. Frani came over and helped me. At 1:30 he ate with me and then we went up to the Bellevue Club and looked for golf balls (*searching for lost balls in ponds*). Bob and I played 9 holes of golf. Tonight I went over to Frani's and played badminton. Then Don La Casse and I went down to Doc's. Mother and Dad have company tonight.

May 27, 1945 Sunday

Clem, Bob, and I went to the 11 o'clock Mass this morning. This noon Bob and I drove out to Drumlins to eat dinner. When we got home I fooled around across the street with the kids. At 4 o'clock I went to school and we had May devotions in Church. Tonight Kevin came over and we did some homework.

May 28, 1945 Monday

A windy day. I went to school again. The Junior-Senior breakfast was this morning so we didn't have Latin. In Geometry we had a part I test. We just talked during Mechanical Drawing today. After school I went up to the Bellevue Club and hit a few golf balls. Frani, Don La Casse, and Bob also came along. Tonight we (Frani, Don La Casse, etc.) played baseball at the park (hard ball of course).

May 29, 1945 Tuesday

I still like Peggy Delaney. This morning I was late for school and had to stay out in the library first period. Maggie is out again so we have Sr. St. Margaret for History. After school I went up to the Bellevue Club, went out on 12th tee and practiced hitting golf balls (driving). I have practically gotten my slice down and hit pretty straight. Dutch and I stopped at Doc's tonight.

May 30, 1945 Wednesday

Memorial Day. No school. Last night it turned cool and is windy today. I got up at 10 o'clock and then Kevin, Bob, Bill Burke, Jimmie Hefferon and I played basketball across the street. This afternoon I worked. I mowed the back lawn, filled in a hole by the back door, etc. At 6:30 we (the family) ate at the Bellevue Club. It was very good. I then did my homework.

May 31, 1945 Thursday

Went to school this morning. It is very cool weather today. At 6 a.m. it hailed and Watertown had snow. In a January 1945 Part I test I got 75% (I didn't get finished). In Mechanical Drawing I did a lettering plate. After school I came home and cleaned out the garage. Bob helped me wash the floor with the hose, etc. After supper at 7:30 I rode my bike over to Confession.

June 1945

June 1, 1945 Friday

First Friday. Very cool today. At 5 a.m. it was 34 degrees. (*Uncle*) Clem (*Conan*) and I went to Mass and Communion at 7:15 a.m. Then I rode back to school with Dad. The "Warden" taught us History. Last period this afternoon we went to a play put on by the Freshmen. After school Bob and I played 6 holes of golf. Tonight Frani, Kevin, etc. played baseball at the park (hardball) and then went to the store.

June 2, 1945 Saturday

Rained all day. After getting up at 9:30 this morning I went down city to the eye doctor (Mr. Duffy down the street) to have something taken out of my eye. It started to rain at 11 a.m. and continued all afternoon. I did my Geometry homework. At 5 I went over to Frani's. Tonight we played baseball with a tennis ball on Wolcott Ave. Washed my hair and took a bath tonight.

June 3, 1945 Sunday

Another rainy day. I walked to the 8:30 Mass with Dutch and got a ride home with Mr. Duffy. I went to Communion. It started to rain while we were in Church and rained all day. I did some Latin after Mass. This afternoon I went to the movies with Frani. We got home at 6:30 and then I ate. Tonight we took rugs up for the painters tomorrow.

June 4, 1945 Monday

Back to school. Examinations start in 1 week from tomorrow. It was cool and the sun didn't shine all day as usual. For History we have a new Sister. She had me read about a page and a half this morning. I went to the board in Geometry. In Mechanical Drawing I did another lettering plate. After school I went to the barbers. Tonight I played hardball at the park with kids. I hit some swell hits. It is raining now.

June 5, 1945 Tuesday

More rain. Mother took me to school this morning because it was raining. It rained continually all day until 4:30. After school we went to an extra History class held by Sr. Demetrius. When I got home I rode up to the Bellevue Club on my bike but didn't play. Tonight we ate at Bersani's (*restaurant*), rode around in the car, and then I played baseball at the park.

June 6, 1945 Wednesday

The sun shone this afternoon for the first time in a long while. In Geometry we reviewed theorems. Yesterday the painters came to paint all the downstairs and the hall. After school we (the kids) played some 8th graders in baseball and lost 18 to 15. All we had was small kids. I hit a triple. Tonight I played at the park and did homework.

June 7, 1945 Thursday

A beautiful day. I walked to school as usual. Again we reviewed theorems in Geometry. Today the kitchen and back hall were painted and they finished at 4 o'clock. I stayed for History after school. At 4:30 I went up to the Bellevue club, played 3 holes, ate (6:30) a buffet with Bob and Mother, and then played 6 holes with Charlie Miller.

June 8, 1945 Friday

Now we are having a streak of nice weather. In Study (1st period) this morning I got all my Geometry homework done. During Religion I also did some of tonight's homework. Mother is starting to get the house back in order. Tonight Dutch and I went to the C.B.A. (*Christian Brothers Academy*) – St. Anthony's baseball game at MacArthur Stadium. C.B.A. won 17 to 2. Got to bed at 12:30.

June 9, 1945 Saturday

I got up at 9:30 this morning and vacuumed the rugs for Mother. Because of rabies we have to keep Skippy tied up (all dogs). I took her for a walk. This afternoon I dug up my garden and then went up to the park. Tonight I raked it. At 4:30 Dad and I went to Sears and bought 30 tomato plants. Went to Confession with Dutch tonight.

June 10, 1945 Sunday

Went to Mass at 7:30 and to Communion (Holy Name Sunday) alone. This morning I raked my V-garden (*victory garden – a home garden to increase the production of food during the war*) and planted 30 tomato plants. This noon Bob and I drove out to Drumlins to eat (Frani came but didn't eat). Then Frani and I went to the movies. Tonight Frani, Don La Casse and I played catch. It rained on and off all day.

June 11, 1945 Monday

Rained today. It was very hot and muggy today. All morning and some of the afternoon it rained. Tomorrow examinations begin. This noon I got my own lunch as Mother went down city. After school I played 9 holes of golf at the Bellevue Club with Willey Entwistle. Tonight it rained. I did my homework and studied a little also.

June 12, 1945 Tuesday

Took my first exam. This morning we didn't have History so I had two Studies in a row. I got my dinner alone again this noon. This afternoon I took Mechanical Drawing which was pretty hard. I got home at 4:30 and then mowed the back lawn. Tonight I played basketball at the park (1st base and pitcher).

June 13, 1945 Wednesday

Took English today. Today we had our regular classes in the morning. This afternoon I took English II which was not very easy. I got home at 4:30 and at 5:15. Mother drove me up to the Bellevue Club and I played 3 holes with Archie Von Gordon. Dad and Bob had played 9 holes before with Archie. I studied History tonight.

June 14, 1945 Thursday

Warm, nice day. This morning I studied History during my 1st period which was Study. At 9:15 I had World History which was very hard and I don't know if I passed it. This afternoon I just had two study periods. After school I played 6 holes with Bill Stockford. I planted 6 tomato plants. Played baseball tonight.

June 15, 1945 Friday

Hot today. I took Religion II this morning and this afternoon took Chant. I started Chant at 1:30 and was finished at 1:45. Then I went down city and saw Commissioner Barry about my job. When I got home Bob and I played 8 holes of golf with Dr. Hoffman. I got 38 out of a 29 par. Went and ushered at Class night tonight.

June 16, 1945 Saturday

Warm as usual. This morning I slept until 10 o'clock. Then I helped Mother. At noon the movers brought a new dining room suite which we just bought. I mowed the front lawn this afternoon. Then I hung around at the Bellevue Club. Frani and I hit golf balls around at the park after supper. It rained from 5:30 to 7p.m.

June 17, 1945 Sunday

It looked like rain when I got up. Bob (*brother*) and I went to the 9:45 o'clock Mass. It was very hot and muggy at Church. Afterwards Bob and I walked up by the 5th tee at Bellevue Country Club. Then at 1 p.m. we (Bob and I) ate at Drumlins. It rained some. At 3 I went to a Latin II class at school. Tonight I studied a little (Latin and Geometry). I don't feel very good.

June 18, 1945 Monday

Took Latin II Regents this afternoon. After sleeping until 9 o'clock I got up and then studied Latin most of the morning. This afternoon I took the exam. It was quite hard but I think I passed. I got home at 5 o'clock. After supper I studied Geometry and went down to Doc's with Kevin and Bud Quinn. Got to bed at 10:45.

June 19, 1945 Tuesday

Today I took Geometry Regents from 9:15 to 12:15. It was quite a hard test but I'm pretty sure I passed it. Part III was very hard. This afternoon Frani and I played 9 holes of golf at Burnet (*Burnet Park Golf Course in Tipperary Hill*). It was nice out this afternoon. Tonight I played tennis at the park with Gordon, Frani, J. Jean Wakeman, etc. Walked home tonight.

June 20, 1945 Wednesday

First day of my vacation. Mother got me up at 9 o'clock because Eleanor came to clean. At 11 Frani and I went down city. This afternoon Dad, Archie Von Gordon, Bob, and I played 9 holes of golf at the Bellevue Club. It was very hot. Tonight Frani, Jack Feola, and I played a little baseball game with L. Goode, Joe Collins, Dutch (*Dick Hennessy*), etc., and won 32 to 2. I pitched one inning.

June 21, 1945 Thursday

Slept until 10 o'clock this morning. I hung around this morning. After dinner I stayed with the Clancy kids. Frani and Don La Casse came in with me. It rained most of the afternoon. Frani and I went up to the Bellevue Club about 4 and hung around. Tonight we hit golf balls around at the park.

June 22, 1945 Friday

After sleeping until 9 a.m. I went down city to see Commissioner Barry about my job this summer. Then Don La Casse (I met down city) and I went up and got my clubs at the Bellevue Club. Frani, Don, Tom Bardenette, and I played 18 holes of golf at Sunny Crest (*Sunnycrest Golf Course in Eastwood*). I shot 50-46 for a 96 on 18 holes. Tonight I fixed a flat on Bob's bike and Jack Feola bought it.

June 23, 1945 Saturday

Hot day. I went down to the City Hall at 10:45 and waited until 12:15 before I saw Commissioner Barry. I'm supposed to come Monday. This afternoon Frani and I just hung around the park. The temperature was 86 degrees in the shade. Tonight I went over to Frani's and then walked down to the store. Took a bath and then went to bed.

June 24, 1945 Sunday

Mother, Dad, and I went to the 9:45 o'clock Mass. Afterwards I sat around on the front porch and read the papers. After dinner (2 p.m.) I went over to school and got my marks. I passed everything. I hung around the Bellevue Club this afternoon. Tonight Bob, Bob Korta (in Navy) and I played 9 holes of golf – the second nine holes.

Sophomore Final Exam Marks:

Religion	97
English	87
Latin II Regents	88
History	76
Geometry Regents	84
Mechanical Drawing	87
Chant	75

June 25, 1945 Monday

(Uncle) Clem (Conan) drove Dad, Bob, and I down city and then I went over to the Parks Department garage. I start up to Wadsworth Park tomorrow. When I got home I went up and told Mac. This afternoon I hung around the Bellevue Club until 3 and then it rained all afternoon. Tonight I went over to Frani's and down to the store.

June 26, 1945 Tuesday

Started working in Wadsworth Park today. I got up to the park at 8 a.m. and a truck brought the swings and teeter-totters up. Mac and I took weeds out by the tennis courts. At 11:30 I went home to dinner and came back at 12:30. I cut grass, marked the baseball field and tennis courts, etc., and finished at 5:30. We ate at Drumlins. Got together with Gord (*Gordon Wakeman*), Jean Wakeman, Frani (*Fran Feola*).

June 27, 1945 Wednesday

After getting up at 10 a.m. I went up to the Bellevue Club and hit the golf ball around for 3 holes. At 12:30 after dinner I went to work. I cut the grass from around the trees and mowed up Reed Ave. behind the park. At 4:30 I came home and ate supper and got back at 5:45. I tied up swing and locked up at 8 p.m. Frani and I walked over to Frank's Drugstore tonight.

June 28, 1945 Thursday

Got up to the park at 8 in the morning. I started to mow the grass by the woods at 9 o'clock. After finishing at 10:30 I cleaned and swept out the community house. At 12:30 Mac came and I ate dinner at home and went back at 2. I finished at 6 and after supper played 9 holes of golf (51) – 1st side (*first 9 holes*), Nice day today.

June 29, 1945 Friday

A very hot, muggy day. I got up at 9:30 a.m. At about 10:30 it rained with thunder and lightning. I ate dinner at noon and got to work at 12:30. All afternoon we sithed (cut the high grass with a scythe) the hill back of the park. At 4:15 I went to the store, went home and ate, then got back to the park at 5:30. Tonight Don La Casse, Frani, and I fooled around at the park.

June 30, 1945 Saturday

What a thunderstorm last night! At 2:30 the lightning came so close that it struck Coyne's house at Glenwood and Velasko Rd. All morning I dug weeds up by the tennis courts. Frani and I went swimming at the Bellevue Club (1st time). I got very sunburned, especially my legs. Tonight I have a stiff neck. Pieri's and Timensky's (?) came tonight.

July 1945

July 1, 1945 Sunday

Mother, Dad, Bob, and I all attended the 11 o'clock Mass. It is very hot. All morning my neck was very stiff. I wiped dishes most of the morning. At 2 o'clock we just had sandwiches. Bob and I went up to the Bellevue Club at 3 o'clock and I putted with Bill Stockford and Tom Hueber. We ate at Drumlins tonight.

July 2, 1945 Monday

I got up at 10 o'clock and at 11 went up to the Bellevue Club and putted with Al Schneider. At 12:30 I went to work. It rained lightly most of the afternoon. I cut the rest of the hill back up at Wadsworth Park. After going home for supper at 4:30 I went back up until 8 p.m. Then I played 3 holes of golf with Jack Donahue. I hit them pretty good tonight.

July 3, 1945 Tuesday

Bob has started to teach Chemistry again on the hill (*Syracuse University*). I worked the early shift today. When I got up at 8:30 the man was mowing the grass. I cut the grass outside the walk. At 3 o'clock I got through and went up to the Bellevue Club and played 3 holes. After supper (Bob and I ate alone) we played 6 holes. I am getting better I think. I went to the store also.

July 4, 1945 Wednesday

Independence Day. No work! Mother and Dad slept until 12 o'clock while I got up at 11. Bob went up on the Hill (*Syracuse University*) to teach at 9:30. This afternoon Fran and I went up by the Bellevue Club and shot off 5 old firecrackers I had. At 4:30 I went up and putted. At 6:30 we ate at the buffet and was it good! Afterwards I putted and watched the kids swim.

July 5, 1945 Thursday

When I got up to Wadsworth Park at 8:30 Mac had the swings unlocked and flag up. He just came up to check up. He went back home and I took some grass out of the tennis courts and mowed around some trees. This afternoon we took grass out of the courts. It was pretty hot. Tonight I played golf with Al Schneider – 9 holes – and won 25 cents. I was hitting them the best yet.

July 6, 1945 Friday

After getting up at 10 a.m. I went down to the barbers on my bike. I didn't get home until 12:30 and after eating I went right to work. I rolled the tennis courts and mowed some this afternoon. At 4:45 I went home and Bob and I ate alone. I worked until 8 and then played golf for 6 holes (Dutch came).

July 7, 1945 Saturday

When I got up at 8 a.m. I had a stiff neck. At Wadsworth Park I marked the baseball diamond. Bob and Frani came up and we sat around. After I got home at 1 I mowed the front lawn and trimmed a lot. At 4 o'clock Dad, Bob, and I played golf – 5 holes. I did pretty good. On hole #1 I hit it over the hill on the drive. Went to Confession tonight.

July 8, 1945 Sunday

Bob and I attended the 9:45 Mass and I received Communion. We ate dinner at home this noon and then I went up to the Bellevue Club and sat around until about 4:30. Then I played 7 holes with Jimmy Entwistle. At 6:30 I bought a sandwich and then played 6 more afterwards.

July 9, 1945 Monday

This morning there was an eclipse of the sun for the first time in 13 years. At 9 o'clock Frani and I started out for 18 holes of golf at the Bellevue Club. I was off, and I three-putted and four-putted each green. I shot 55-56 (*first nine score & back nine score*) for 111. Frani got 115. This afternoon I mowed grass until 4 o'clock. After supper I went up to the park (*Wadsworth Park*), played basketball, and locked up at 8 o'clock.

July 10, 1945 Tuesday

I got to work at 8:30 and at 9 there was a thunderstorm so I came home and went back at 9:30. After the rain I mowed the outside of the walk on Wolcott St. This afternoon we sat around most of the time. Tonight I fooled around at the Bellevue Club. It turned cool tonight and rained a little.

July 11, 1945 Wednesday

A cool spell hit the city (*of Syracuse*) and this morning it was very cool. I had to wear heavy pants and a sweater. I went home to dinner at 12:30 as usual. After going back to work Bob came and got me. Then Dad, Mother, Bob, and I went to Fair Haven on Lake Ontario to the annual Pomeroy picnic. We got home at 11:15. I played badminton there.

July 12, 1945 Thursday

Pay Day. At 8 o'clock I got up to the park (*Wadsworth Park*) to work. I went up on the hill behind the park and mowed from 9 to 11. My first two checks came and I got \$45.10 all together. At 3 o'clock this afternoon I played golf. Jeanette Schneider and I stood (*faced or competed against*) Susie Sopher and Billy Entwistle. At 6 I finished work. Frani and I rode around on bikes tonight.

July 13, 1945 Friday

Friday the 13th. This morning I slept until 10:30. It is nice out, not too hot or cool today. At 12:30 I went up to the park. I marked white lines around for the playleaders. Dutch was up there today. From 4:30 to 5:30 was my supper hour. Tonight I played a little basketball and locked up at 8:30. It is raining tonight.

July 14, 1945 Saturday

After getting up at 9:30 I went out and mowed the front lawn. At 12:30 I went up to the park (*Wadsworth Park*). I marked the tennis courts and Frani helped me. I went up and putted at the Bellevue Club at 4:30. Tonight I locked the park up and then Frani and I rode our bikes up to the Bellevue Club and we looked for (*lost*) golf balls. I found two.

July 15, 1945 Sunday

Bob and I attended the 9:45 o'clock Mass. All day it looked like rain but it didn't. At 1 Bob and I went out to Drumlins to eat. Kevin, Bud Quinn, and another kid were playing golf there. I went up to the park and stayed from 2:30 to 3:45. Then Billy Entwistle and I played 5 holes of golf. After supper at home I played 3 more holes alone.

July 16, 1945 Monday

When I got up at 7:30 it was raining. At 9:30 I went up to the Bellevue Club and shot a 51 (I shot an 8 on the 13th hole), should have been 49 on the last nine. This afternoon I went to the park as usual. I just fooled around until 3:30 and then started to mow some. At 4:30 I ate supper. Tonight I finished mowing and watched a ball game at the park. At 9:30 I came home with Frani.

July 17, 1945 Tuesday

I got up to the park at 8:30 and most of the morning mowed outside the walk. Mac came at 1 and I ate dinner. Then I walked up by the golf course and back to work until 6 o'clock. Tonight Mother and Dad drove Bob, Frani, Jack (Frani *Feola's* brother) and I to the Ringling Bros. Barnum and Baily Circus. It was good. It rained from 7:30 and is still raining.

July 18, 1945 Wednesday

After sleeping until 10 a.m. I went down city to the bank and cashed my checks for \$67. I gave Mother \$6 for 2 weeks board. At 1 o'clock I went to work. It rained some of the afternoon. I ate supper at 4:30 to 5:30. Mother and Dad went to a clam bake at the Bellevue Club tonight. Frani and I looked for golf balls at the Bellevue Club and I found two.

July 19, 1945 Thursday

Pay Day. I got up at 7:45 and up to the park at 8:10. After mowing by the woods for an hour the man came with my check of \$26.62. I went home for dinner at 12:45 and got back at 2:30. It rained some this afternoon and we sat around. Tonight I played basketball at the park with the kids and went to band concert at Onondaga.

July 20, 1945 Friday

Went up to the Bellevue Club at 10:45 and hung around until 12 noon. This afternoon I took some grass out of the tennis courts, sprayed them, and sithed (*cut*) some. At 4:15 I came home and ate my supper alone. After supper I went back up and watched a baseball game and locked up. Frani and I fooled around afterwards in my back yard.

July 21, 1945 Saturday

After oversleeping a little I got to work at 8:40. After a while I marked the tennis courts. Mac came at 10 o'clock and I went home. Kevin came over and we went up to the Bellevue Club and hung around. It was very hot today. After supper tonight Frani and I hit a few golf balls at the Bellevue Club with a 2-iron. Washed hair and took a bath.

July 22, 1945 Sunday

At 6:45 this morning it started to teem down rain and continued until 11:30. Mother, Dad, Bob, and I went to Drumlins at 2 p.m. This afternoon Bob and I played golf – 3 holes – and hung around the Club. Tonight Bob (*brother*), Frani (*Fran Feola*), Dutch (*Dick Hennessy*), and I went to “Field Day” on Grand Ave. I won 50 cents on the gambling games.

July 23, 1945 Monday

Frani, Jack Ryan, and I played 18 holes of golf this morning at the Bellevue Country Club. I shot 55-50 for 105 which shows I'm getting down. I went to work at 12:45 and mowed outside the sidewalk on Wolcott Street. At 4:30 I came home and ate supper. After getting back up at 5:30 I played basketball and walked up by the Bellevue Club with Frani.

July 24, 1945 Tuesday

Very hot and muggy all day. This morning I took the grass out of the tennis courts and rolled them. Then I fixed the nets of the basketball courts. Mac didn't come until 1:30 when I went home. I mowed Glenwood Avenue grass in the boiling hot sun this afternoon. Played 3 holes of golf tonight. Am improving.

July 25, 1945 Wednesday

Another very hot day. At 10:15 I rode down to the barbers and got my hair cut. Then I went up to the Bellevue Club and played 3 holes of golf with Lloyd Schneider. I went to work at 1 and cut around some trees. Mac let me go home at 4 to eat. I cut some more grass after supper and then rode around with Frani.

July 26, 1945 Thursday

Pay Day. The man came with my check of \$26.62 at 8:30 after I got there at 8. Last night it rained and stormed all night. This afternoon Mac let me off at 2:30 and I played golf with Dad, Archie Von Gorden, and some other men (a fivesome). I had my slice again and didn't do too good. Tonight I went to a dinner party at Jean Pier's. Kevin and Bob came.

July 27, 1945 Friday

Member-Guest Tournament at Bellevue Country Club starts. I didn't wake up until 11:30 after not getting to bed until 1:30. Then I ate breakfast and dinner together and went to work at 12:30. I marked some lines around and mowed the hill behind the park. After eating at 5 I closed up the park at 7:30 and cut some grass at home.

July 28, 1945 Saturday

This morning I went down city, cashed two checks and deposited some in the bank. I have \$200 in the bank now. At 12:30 I went to work and stayed until 2. Bob and I went up and watched the tournament. I walked 4 holes and watched Eddie Rowe and Alex Banazek vs. Bill Stark and Larry Sovick. Rowe-Banazek won. A B25 hit the 79th floor of the Empire State Building this morning. So far 19 dead and many injured.

July 29, 1945 Sunday

Bob and I went to the 9:45 o'clock Mass. Afterwards I went up and watched Dick Stroud and Bill Friday vs. Banazek and Eddie Rowe in semi-finals. Rowe-Banazek won. We ate dinner at Drumlins this noon. Then I went back up and walked 18 holes watching White and Dr. Gilmore vs. Rowe and Banazek. Rowe-Banazek won the watch 2-up – very good, many birdies.

July 30, 1945 Monday

Bob woke me up at 7:15 and I went up to the Bellevue Club to play golf. Frani didn't come until 9:15 so we only played holes 10 to 18 (9 holes). I shot an even 50 again and Jack Ryan and Bud Finkbeiner played too with us. I went to work at 12:45 and cut with scissors around the stones on Glenwood Ave. After supper (4:30) I played basketball and locked up.

July 31, 1945 Tuesday

Got to work at 8 o'clock and mowed down Wolcott. Then I rolled the tennis courts. Mac came to let me eat dinner at 12:50. After I got back at 2 Mac went away and I fooled around most of the afternoon. Clem played tennis with another man at the park. Tonight Bob, Dutch (*Dick Hennessy*), and I fooled around on golf course.

August 1945

August 1, 1945 Wednesday

Mowed our front lawn this morning and raked it. At 12 it started to rain. I went to work at 12:30 and mowed around the tennis courts. Mac didn't come today. At 5 o'clock I came home for supper and went back at 6:30. Tonight I played basketball with the kids and Kevin, Bob, and I went to the store.

August 2, 1945 Thursday

I got paid \$26.62 again today. Mac didn't come again until 3 o'clock this afternoon. This morning I mowed the woods and read some in the field house. Mother and Dad left for Mullin's camp on 4th Lake at 8 p.m. Bob and I got supper and I played 6 holes of golf with Mr. Schneider, etc.

August 3, 1945 Friday

Bob and I got up at 7:30 and I went up to the university (*Syracuse U.*) to see his class. He has 11 pupils and at first had lab and then gave a lecture. I then came home (10:30) and went back down city and got a learners permit to drive and deposited a check. This afternoon I worked and fooled around. Bob and I ate in the grill at the Bellevue Club at 5. Played 3 holes of golf tonight.

August 4, 1945 Saturday

Clem got up at 6 a.m. to polish (simonize) his car. After getting up at 8 and to work at 8:30 I mowed down Reed Ave. Mac came at 10 o'clock and I went home and ate. Bob and I played 7 holes of golf this afternoon and 6 holes tonight. Joe McGrath (*Bob's friend*) played tonight with us. Bob and I ate supper at the Bellevue Club in the grill.

August 5, 1945 Sunday

Bob and I drove Clem's car to the 9:45 o'clock Mass. Afterwards I talked to Skip Brennan in the front yard. At 1 p.m. Bob and I ate dinner at the Bellevue Club. Then we played 9 holes of golf with Doctor Conan. I didn't do too bad. Later I played 3 holes more. At 6 I got bread at the store and we ate. I read some tonight. It is very cool.

August 6, 1945 Monday

What a day! Rain! I was going to play golf but it was raining when I woke up at 7:30 and continued all day. At 12:30 I went to work in the rain and sat around all afternoon. Mother and Dad came home from the woods last night (the Adirondacks). They brought me a woolen shirt. Tonight I went to the movies alone. After getting home at 11:30 I went to bed.

August 7, 1945 Tuesday

Cloudy all day. It was my turn to work at 8 a.m. After reading the morning paper I swept the community house out. This afternoon Mac and I just sat around. We took the stones off roof of house. We (family) ate supper at 6:30. I fooled around at the Bellevue Club. The Allies used the atomic bomb on Japan yesterday.

August 8, 1945 Wednesday

Sunny for a change. I slept until 10:15 this morning and then mowed the front lawn. I went to work at 10 o'clock and scythed some of the hill and cut some grass. At 4:30 I came home and ate supper. Then I went back up and stayed until 8:30. The papers are full of the atomic bomb and Japan. They say it was a great success.

August 9, 1945 Thursday

Russia joins war against Japan. Second atomic bomb launched on Japan. After getting to work at 8 a.m. I mowed some grass and rolled the tennis courts. Mac didn't come until 1:15. I didn't get back until 3:30. Tonight I played 6 holes of golf with Lloyd Schneider. Listened to the radio tonight.

August 10, 1945 Friday

Japan surrenders conditionally but has not been accepted yet. This morning I played 9 holes of golf with Lloyd Schneider but didn't do very good. At 12:30 I went to work and fooled around most of the afternoon until 4:30. I then ate supper and went back up. After locking up at 7:45 I played 3 holes with Bob (*brother*) and Dutch (*Dick Hennessy*).

August 11, 1945 Saturday

The Allies are waiting an answer to the peace terms sent to Japan. I finished mowing our back lawn this morning. Then I went up to the park at 12:30 and played until 3:30. I went up to the Bellevue Club, took a swim, played 3 holes of golf, and then went home. Bob and I played 3 more holes after supper and Dutch and I went swimming from 9 until 9:30.

August 12, 1945 Sunday

Japan surrenders reported but later proved false. Bob and I went to the 9:45 o'clock Mass. Afterwards Kevin and I went up to the Bellevue Club and putted. Mother, Dad, Bob, and I ate dinner at Drumlins. This afternoon Lloyd Schneider (12 years old) played holes 10 to 18 and shot a 48, and I shot a 47. We played another 7 holes afterwards.

August 13, 1945 Monday

Allies still waiting for an answer to the peace terms sent to Japan. I got up at 8:45 a.m. and after breakfast had indigestion so I laid on the davenport all morning. I went to work at 12:30. After coming home for supper at 4:30 I went back up to the park. Tonight I went to the Bellevue Club from 8 to 9 and hung around.

August 14, 1945 Tuesday

IT'S OVER. V.J. DAY. The war is over. Japan has surrendered unconditionally at 7 p.m. tonight. General Douglas MacArthur is to be in command. This morning I mowed grass. This afternoon Mac and I just sat around. After supper tonight (7 p.m.) President Truman announced the surrender. The family went down city and the excitement was great. I never saw so many people.

August 15, 1945 Wednesday

VICTORY. World War II started on December 8, 1941, Feast of Immaculate Conception, and ended on August 15, Feast of Assumption. Mother, Dad, and I attended Mass at 10 a.m. Today has been proclaimed a holiday. Nobody worked today. This afternoon Dad and I polished the car. At 4:30 o'clock I played the 2nd nine holes at the Bellevue Club and shot a 46. Bob has been in bed all day and has the grip (*influenza* or *flu*).

August 16, 1945 Thursday

Rationing of gas, canned goods, is lifted. Plans for peace in progress. This morning I got my hair cut and then went down city, bought a station wagon coat and many other duties. After getting home at 1:15 I got to work at 1:30. Most of the afternoon I just sat around. Supper at 4:30 and closed up park at 8. Played basketball before. Then packed at home for trip tomorrow.

August 17, 1945 Friday

We all got up at 7:45 a.m. Bob and I took Skippy (our dog) up to a dog kennel on Onondaga Hill. We came home after packing and started for the Adirondacks at 11 o'clock. After traveling until we reached the lake we stopped at Mullin's camp. Then we continued on to Saranac and Lake Placid at night. Tonight we stayed at cabins just outside of Saranac.

August 18, 1945 Saturday

After a fair night's sleep in the cabin we got up at 9 o'clock and then ate breakfast. Dad got us rooms in Lake Placid and we moved from the cabin at 11:30. At 1 we ate dinner in the Homestead (hotel we're staying at) and Bob, Dad, and I walked around the town. At 6:30 we ate supper and tonight went to an ice carnival at the arena.

August 19, 1945 Sunday

Mother and Dad have one room and we are in another. Bob and I got up at 7:30, ate breakfast alone because Mother and Dad overslept, and went to Mass at 8:30. Later we drove over to a golf course with Mr. and Mrs. Donahue and hung around. This afternoon at 4:30 we (family) took a boat ride on Lake Placid. Bob and I went to the movies tonight.

August 20, 1945 Monday

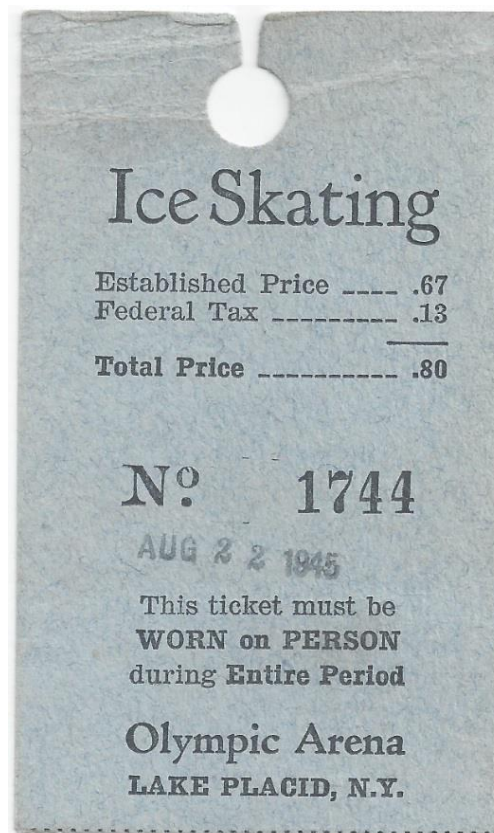
Yesterday Bob and I were changed to another house. This morning after breakfast Dad, Bob, and I played 7 holes of golf at the Saranac Lake Golf Club. Dad did the best yet and I did fair. I had one par 4. We ate dinner at 1:30 and afterwards I went to the Coliseum. Tonight at 8 we went with Jack Donahue and his wife to a skating arena and skated with figure skates.

August 21, 1945 Tuesday

Beautiful Day. Again today Bob and I were moved back to the Homestead across the hall from Mother and Dad. This morning Dad and I played 5 holes of golf but didn't do very well. After dinner Jack Donahue gave me a 10-minute golf lesson. This afternoon we drove to Ausable Chasm and walked through it. Tonight I sat around and wrote some postcards.

August 22, 1945 Wednesday

Bright Day. I slept well last night and this morning. Bob and I walked over to Lake Placid and rented 2 rowboats. I had a flat bottom boat and Bob had a round bottom boat. We rowed all over for 1 ½ hours. This afternoon we drove up Whiteface Mountain. The views were immense. It was cool up there. Tonight Bob and I watched and skated. Lois Waring (a nice girl) is down the hall.



This is the actual ticket issued to Paul for ice skating at Olympic Arena in Lake Placid on August 22nd.

August 23, 1945 Thursday

Cool weather. Yesterday the Donahue's left for home. This morning Dad, Bob, Harris (boy 25 down the hall), and I played 8 holes of golf at the Saranac Lake Golf Course. After dinner Bob and I rented an outboard motorboat and went boating. Out in the middle we stopped and couldn't get started for a while. Tonight we went to the movies.

August 24, 1945 Friday

The sun didn't shine all day and it was very cool. After breakfast Bob and I walked the ¼ mile to Placid Lake and tried to rent a motorboat but couldn't. We all ate dinner at 1:30 and this afternoon went for a drive viewing the mountainous scenery. Tonight we went down to the Arena, watched the skaters, and I skated with figure skates. I talked to Lois today.

August 25, 1945 Saturday

Today we ate breakfast at 9 o'clock and then packed. At 11:30 we started for home. On the way we stopped at the Saranac Inn. We arrived at Mullin's camp on 4th Lake at 3:30 and at 4:15 started for home. After stopping at Howard Johnsons for supper we got home at 8 p.m. (208 miles). Then we drove up and got Skippy at the kennel.

August 26, 1945 Sunday

Rain! I haven't seen so much rain in a long time. Bob drove me to the 9:45 o'clock Mass. All day until 3:30 it rained continually. This noon Bob and I ate dinner in the grill at the Bellevue Club. When it stopped raining at 3:30 I played 15 holes of golf with 3 men. Tonight Frani and I went up to the park and then over to his house.

August 27, 1945 Monday

Yesterday morning Mac left for New York City on his vacation. I am here all alone at Wadsworth Park. I got up and unlocked at 8:30 and then played 5 holes at the Bellevue Club. Then I came back and stayed until 12. After dinner I played a game of basketball at the park and fooled around. At 4:00 I played 8 holes of golf. Locked up the park tonight.

August 28, 1945 Tuesday

Big Day. This morning I got to the park at 9:30 and rolled and marked the tennis courts until 11:30. After dinner Frani and I took the bus out to Tecumseh Golf Course and Frani (*Fran Feola*), Jack Ryan, Bill Mara, and I played 18 holes in qualifying for the Onondaga County Jr. Championship. I shot a 92, Frani 105, Jack 109, and Bill 106. I got 5 pars. I never played the course before.

August 29, 1945 Wednesday

In this morning's paper it said that I am to play Henry Banazek. I got up at 7:30, went up and unlocked the park, and got out to Tecumseh at 9:30. All morning I sat around and at 12:30 started to play him. I started out very well getting pars and bogies. We were all even at the end of 9 holes. The 2nd nine holes I guess I got tired and blew up. He beat me 3-2. I shot an 86 or 88.

August 30, 1945 Thursday

I got up to Wadsworth Park at 8 and the man came with Mac's check at 8:30. Then I mowed along Glenwood and talked with Lenny Berry, a seminarian. This afternoon it was very hot and still. I rolled the tennis courts. At 4:15 I came home and hung around. Tonight I played 9 games of tennis with Lenny Berry. He won 6 to 3. Went to the store tonight.

August 31, 1945 Friday

After sleeping until 8:45 I went up and unlocked the park. It was very warm today. This morning I mowed a little and then played ping-pong with Lenny Berry and another kid. I mowed the hill behind the park this afternoon. At 5 I came home and took a shower. Tonight there was a thunderstorm. Frani was over. Very muggy.

September 1945

September 1, 1945 Saturday

Mac got home today. Got to the park at 9:30. The cellar in the community house was flooded this morning. I swept out the house and fooled around. Mac came up at 12:30. After dinner Dick ('*Dutch*') Hennessy and I went to Doc's and then up to the park. Bob and I went to Confession at 5:30. Frani and I went to Valley Field Day tonight and spent money.

September 2, 1945 Sunday

The President proclaimed today V-J Day. Mother, Dad, and I went to the 9:45 o'clock Mass and I received Holy Communion. I read the paper after Mass. It rained all day until 2:30. After dinner at home Bob gave me a driving lesson. Then I played 9 holes of golf with Mr. Page and Dick. Tonight Bob, Walt Hansen, and I went to the movies and walked home.

September 3, 1945 Monday

Labor Day. Saturday was my last day of working at the park. This morning everybody slept until 10 o'clock. After dinner we (family) started on a drive to Ithaca. We got there at 4 and looked at Cornell University. On the way home we ate supper in Auburn. Then we stopped at Owasco Lake amusement park and came home. We got home at 10:30. Beautiful day today.

September 4, 1945 Tuesday

At 6:30 this morning I woke up and started throwing up. All day until 3:30 I continued to do this on and off. I didn't eat anything today. Most of the time I slept. Tonight I developed a temperature of 100 degrees. I don't feel good at all. Today is a nice day and is very warm. Went to sleep at 11 o'clock tonight.

September 5, 1945 Wednesday

I didn't sleep very well last night and had slight nightmares. School started today but naturally I didn't go. All morning I stayed in bed but didn't have any temperature. I ate dinner downstairs and this afternoon got dressed. I walked up to the park. I ate a fairly good supper. I went over to Frani's tonight for a little while.

September 6, 1945 Thursday

Went to school today to begin a new year. I have Sr. Pieta for homeroom. From 8:30 to 12 we had half hour periods and changed classes. I didn't feel very good today. I couldn't eat any lunch when I got home at noon. Isabelle (*Thorpe O'Brien, Paul's aunt*) came in today. Mother and Bob have got the same thing I have. Sat around all afternoon and evening.

September 7, 1945 Friday

Hot today. I rode to school with Dad and Clem at 9 a.m. My period in order are:

1. Chemistry – Sr. Pieta
2. Intermediate Algebra – Sr. Incarnata
3. English III – Sr. Paul Joseph
4. Religion – Sr. Pieta
5. Latin III – Sr. Gerarda
6. History – Sr. Demitrius
7. Study.

We had half hour periods and were let out at noon. This afternoon I went to the park, played PIG in basketball, and fooled around. Bob gave me a driving lesson tonight.

September 8, 1945 Saturday

A 90-degree temperature day. After sleeping until 10:30 a.m. I went down city and deposited \$50 in the bank, ate dinner with Dad, and bought a new golf bag. I got home at 3 o'clock. It was very hot. I went up to the Bellevue Club and about 5 to 6 played 6 holes of golf with Walt Hansen. I did very good on drives I thought. Frani and I rode our bikes around tonight.

September 9, 1945 Sunday

Day of Golf. Bob, Dad, and I attended the 8:30 Mass and I received Holy Communion. After Mass Dad, Bob Barth, Charlie Carpenter, and I played 12 holes of golf. I did pretty good (48 on first nine holes). Then Bob and I ate dinner at the Bellevue Club and later played the second 9 holes with Walt Hansen. I beat him playing 5 cents a hole and won 40 cents. Found 4 golf balls tonight at the Club.

September 10, 1945 Monday

School Days! Today I went to school again. It was our first full day and a hot one. We had 45 minute periods. I came home for dinner at noon. After getting out of school at 3:15 I got my hair cut. I ate supper at 5 and Dutch (*Dick Hennessy*) and I played 9 holes at the Bellevue Club. I was off tonight. Did my homework when I got home.

September 11, 1945 Tuesday

At 7 this morning there was a hard rain storm. I rode to school with Clem (*Clement Conan, Paul's uncle*) and Dad. I read aloud in English. At noon I ate my lunch home. Last period I had a Study and did my English homework. After school I played 3 holes of golf alone at the Bellevue club. I had a very far drive on hole 10. After supper I mowed some of the back lawn and then did my homework. I had lots to write.

September 12, 1945 Wednesday

Cooler weather! Last night it turned cool. Sr. Pieta sure is strict in Chemistry. We stood around the room for recitation. I walked home with Frani and the boys as usual at noon. History class is the duller period. Last period we had lab. I played 6 holes of golf after school. I'm hitting my balls farther and better. Did lots of homework tonight.

September 13, 1945 Thursday

I got to school on time all right as usual. In Intermediate Algebra we have been removing brackets and parenthesis. I read out loud again in English and recited in Religion. Last period I took a Study today and got all my Intermediate Algebra done. After school I mowed the front lawn and then Bob gave me a driving lesson. I did my homework tonight.

September 14, 1945 Friday

After getting up at 7:10 it was raining very hard and I rode to school with Dad and (*Uncle*) Clem (*Conan*). We recited in Chemistry as usual. Last period I had a Study and did Chemistry. After school Bob gave me a driving lesson. I drove up around Velasko Riding Stables and around home. Tonight Frani and I went to a dance and fashion show at Drumlins. I didn't dance and got home at 1.

September 15, 1945 Saturday

I slept until 10 a.m. and then mowed and trimmed the yard. After lunch Bob and I took the grass out of the driveway. At 4 we did some errands for Dad and I drove some of the time. I drove in some traffic too. Bob and I ate super alone because Timinsky's and Pieri's and Mother and Dad ate at the Bellevue Club and played at our house. Did Algebra tonight.

September 16, 1945 Sunday

Sodality Sunday. Bob and I went to the 8:30 Mass and I received Holy Communion. After Mass I read the paper. At 12:30 Dad, Bob, Mother, and I ate at Drumlins. After getting home Bob and I took the car and went up to the Bellevue Club. We played 6 holes and then I drove over to Robineau Road and practiced stopping on a hill. Played football (touch) at the park tonight.

September 17, 1945 Monday

Walked to school as usual this morning and got to school a little early. In English I read out loud. At noon I got my own dinner as Mother went down city. I bought a new History book today. After school Bob gave me another driving lesson. I'm doing pretty good. After supper I did my homework.

September 18, 1945 Tuesday

Rain! When I awoke at 7:15 a.m. it was pouring rain. I walked to school alone in the rain. At 11 o'clock we went over to the Choir room (whole class) and took Chant. At noon I rode home with Mrs. Hefferon. I learned something in History today. After school I came in. After supper and the dishes I did a lot of homework. It's still raining.

September 19, 1945 Wednesday

More rain! Again it was raining this morning and continued all morning. I rode to school with Clem and Dad. At noon I again got my own lunch. It drizzled rain most of the afternoon. I went up to the Bellevue Club and hit about 50 golf balls out. I got home at 6 and after supper I wiped the dishes. Then I did homework until 11 p.m. Raining a little now.

September 20, 1945 Thursday

We had a test in Chemistry today which was fair. I didn't have my Intermediate Algebra homework today. In English we took a test which was easy. Bob is up on the hill (*Syracuse University*) getting his Masters degree. Michael Ryan was over to Wakeman's today. Last period I had a Study. I played 5 holes of golf and played touch football at the Bellevue Club. Mother and I ate at Drumlins tonight.

September 21, 1945 Friday

Sr. Pieta got mad because nobody knew their Chemistry today. We are learning rules for squaring a binomial etc. in Intermediate Algebra. Mother got my lunch this noon. After school I went up and started out the first nine holes. It was very windy and after a while Bob came and it was too windy to play. Tonight Dutch and I went to the store and to Frani's.

September 22, 1945 Saturday

I slept until 10 a.m. and then went down city (*Syracuse*) and got my shoes fixed. This afternoon Frani and I went up to Archibald Stadium and saw the Syracuse-Cornell football game. Cornell won 26 to 14. It was a beautiful, sunshiny day for a football game. Tonight I played touch football and then stayed with Clancys until 2 a.m.

September 23, 1945 Sunday

Mother and Dad left for a Real Estate Convention at Saranac Lake (Saranac Inn) today. Bob and I went to Mass at 10 o'clock at St. Charles Church. This afternoon after eating dinner at the Bellevue Club I played touch football all the time. Tonight I wrote a composition for English III. I'm tired tonight.

September 24, 1945 Monday

Back to school. In the Chemistry test we took the other day I got 92%. Mother and Dad are now up to Saranac Inn. Bob didn't go to college today because he had a cold. We got our own dinner at noon. I went to lab today. After school I played 3 holes of golf and then after supper played touch football. Did homework tonight.

September 25, 1945 Tuesday

Bob left for college at 7:15 a.m. I got up then and after breakfast left for school. At 11 o'clock this morning we went to the first Sodality meeting. Jack Dee was elected Prefect, Ann Bright, Secretary, Art Bigsby, Treasurer. We got out of school at 3 and then I fooled around. Bob and I went up and ate supper at the Bellevue Club. Frani came over tonight. It rained.

September 26, 1945 Wednesday

No school because it is the 100th Anniversary of the I. H. of Mary Nuns (*Immaculate Heart of Mary nuns – I.H.M. – a Catholic religion institute of sisters*). This morning I played a short game of touch football. This afternoon I took Frani up to the Bellevue Club and we played 27 holes of golf. I didn't even break 100 (got 102), and Frani got 120. We were out of practice. The last nine holes we played I got 49. I improved and got my old swing back. Mother and Dad came home tonight.

September 27, 1945 Thursday

Mother got up and got my breakfast this morning. In English we wrote the whole period. We wrote during Religion too because Sr. Pieta went away. Last period (Study) I did some Intermediate Algebra. After school I hung around and at 5:15 Bob took me for a driving lesson. Frani and I played basketball in the lot and I did homework tonight.

September 28, 1945 Friday

Mother gave us some questions to do during Chemistry because Sr. Pieta is in Scranton. In English I read out loud. At 11 we said the Office of the B.V. (*Office of the Blessed Virgin*) in Church. This afternoon we had half hour periods and got out at 2:45. After school I played 9 holes of golf (6 holes with Bill Stockford). I parred hole 15 and got on hole 14 with a 5 iron. Stayed with Clancy kids tonight.

September 29, 1945 Saturday

When I got up at 10:30 this morning it was raining. I went down city (*Syracuse*), to the bank, got my learners permit renewed (*see image next page*). Then I ate dinner at Edwards with Clem. All day it rained lightly. Frani came over this afternoon and we played football with Gordon. I took a drive out Genesee Street also. Stayed with Clancys again tonight.

September 30, 1945 Sunday

This morning at 2 o'clock all clocks were set back an hour to regular time instead of war time. I drove with Bob to the 8:30 Mass this a.m. and afterwards read a short story. At 1 we (family) ate dinner at Drumlins. This afternoon Bob and I fooled around at the Bellevue Club. Tonight Gord (*Gordon Wakeman*), Don La Casse, Dick ('*Dutch*') Hennessy, Frani, and I played touch football. Again I stayed at Clancy's.

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At 16 ½ years old he stood 5'6" tall and weighed 121 pounds.

October 1945

October 1, 1945 Monday

I never saw so much rain. It started at 3 a.m. today and at 10:45 p.m. it is still raining. Every teacher gave us a lot of homework. We started on fractions in Intermediate Algebra. I walked home and back to school in the rain this noon. After school I came in and did my Intermediate Algebra and some Chemistry. After supper I did the rest until 10:15. We had an awful lot.

October 2, 1945 Tuesday

More rain. Today it rained on and off. I did a problem on the board in Intermediate Algebra as usual. At 11 we went over to Church and had Chant. Frani and I got a ride home with Mrs. Hefferon at noon. After school I went up to the park and watched Rosary vs Cathedral in soccer. We won 1 to 0. We have won 2 out of 2 games. Tonight I did an awful lot of homework until 11 o'clock.

October 3, 1945 Wednesday

Overnight it turned cold out. The sun shone most of the day. This afternoon we answered questions in History. Last period lab we had in our homeroom. After school I went down city, got my shoes half-souled and bought new shoes. Then I rode home with Dad. Tonight I did homework in Chemistry, Intermediate Algebra, Latin, History. Listened to the radio also.

October 4, 1945 Thursday

A nice day. Last night there was a slight frost. During Chemistry we balanced equations. We also had a test in Intermediate Algebra. In Religion we stood up along the wall and answered questions. Tonight after school I got my hair cut at Skip's and then Bob and I went for a driving lesson. Tonight I went to Confession. Donahues came over tonight.

October 5, 1945 Friday

First Friday. Clem and I went to Mass and Communion at 7:15. Then we went to school at 9 a.m. In the test in Intermediate Algebra which I took yesterday I got 80%. After school I went up to the Bellevue Club and Billy Entwistle and I played 4 holes in which I did pretty bad. Rosary tied St. Lucy's in a soccer game. I stayed with Clancys tonight. Frani came over.

October 6, 1945 Saturday

I awoke at 10 o'clock this a.m. and then helped Mother canning grape jelly. After dinner I walked up to the Bellevue Club and then to Wadsworth Park and watched a football game. Later Gordon Wakeman, Frani, Jimmie Murray, and I played touch football across the street. Tonight I went over and stayed at Clancy's. Did my Algebra homework.

October 7, 1945 Sunday

The whole family attended the 8:30 Mass and all received Communion. It rained this morning and Bob and I went for a drive out Genesee Street and around. We ate dinner at home today and this afternoon Bob and I fooled around (golf) at the Bellevue Club. Billy Entwistle and I went for a short drive. Later I played football with Gord., Bob, etc. Did homework at Clancy's again.

October 8, 1945 Monday

Today I got to school early in the morning. In English III we took a test and in Religion we handed in compositions on our Guardian Angel. Mother got me my dinner at noon. After school (rained) I went down city and looked for a sport coat but didn't get one. Tonight (still raining) I did my homework from 7 to 10 p.m.

October 9, 1945 Tuesday

This morning when I got up I didn't feel very good. I rode to Church at 8:45 with Dad and (*his brother*) Clem. It was the ending of 40 hours and was over at 10:15. I walked all around until 11:15. This afternoon we went to the auditorium and heard a play. After school (*Most Holy*) Rosary beat St. Pat's 2 to 1 in a soccer game. I went to bed sick tonight.

October 10, 1945 Wednesday

I didn't go to school today. Last night I had a temperature of 103 degrees at 7 p.m. It went down later in the evening though. Today my temperature was exactly normal. This afternoon I lay in bed and listened to the final game of the World Series in which the Detroit Tigers beat the Chicago Cubs 9 to 3. I got dressed at 4 and tonight I did some homework for tomorrow.

October 11, 1945 Thursday

After getting up at 7:15 to go to school I didn't feel very good so I went back to bed. I didn't have any temperature so this afternoon I went shopping (in the car) with Mother. I got chills and when I got home went to bed with a temperature again. Tonight I had a high temperature of 102 degrees all evening and didn't sleep very good tonight.

October 12, 1945 Friday

Columbus Day. No school! I was sick anyway. I slept until 11 a.m. and at 11:30 my temperature was 101 degrees. I just didn't feel good. Mother brought me my breakfast and lunch (later) in bed. This afternoon Warren Shultis (a sailor friend of Bob's) came and is staying at our house. I ate supper down stairs and tonight Clem slept in my room.

October 13, 1945 Saturday

I felt a little better today but still am not well yet. This morning I awoke at 9:30. I stayed up the rest of the day but didn't get dressed until 3 o'clock this afternoon. I just listened to football games on the radio this p.m. Tonight Frani came over. I went to bed at 11 o'clock.

October 14, 1945 Sunday

The family all went to the 9:45 o'clock Mass (myself too). It was raining and rained all day. After Mass we sat and talked in the living room. Warren Shultis and Tom Anderson, sailors, were with us. After dinner I didn't feel good and laid down. Tonight I laid in Bob's bed. I have a 99-degree temperature.

October 15, 1945 Monday

Still sick. I didn't wake up until 10 o'clock and just sat around all morning. This afternoon I had a temperature of 99 degrees and I set up my electric train. After supper tonight I had an increased temperature of 99.9 degrees and then I listened to the radio. It is raining very hard at 10:30 p.m.

October 16, 1945 Tuesday

Again I slept until 9:30 a.m. I felt about the same but my throat felt foggy. I laid around all morning. After dinner Mother and I went over to Dr. Thornton in the car. He said I have a slight infection in my throat. I have been gargling, etc. Tonight I did some Intermediate Algebra problems and listened to the radio.

October 17, 1945 Wednesday

Felt much better when I awoke at 9:30 in the morning. I did some studying in Chemistry after breakfast. Yesterday Rosary beat St. John the Evangelist 1 to 0 in a soccer game. This afternoon I went down city and drew some money from the bank. When I got home I raked up some leaves out back. Then I drove to the store, etc., with Bob. Tonight we packed.

October 18, 1945 Thursday

A beautiful day. We all got up at 7 a.m. and prepared to go to New York City. Clem took us to the train station and at 9:30 we started on the train for New York. It was quite a long ride (we ate dinner on train) and we arrived at 3:30. We got 2 rooms at the Woodstock Hotel and then ascended the Empire State building (102 stories) – what scenery! (*see image next page*). Then we ate supper and went to Radio City. The theater that we went to is immense. We saw a movie, the Rockettes, a ventriloquist, etc. We then walked down 5th Avenue and home to the hotel.



Paul visited the Empire State Building on October 19th and bought this postcard

October 19, 1945 Friday

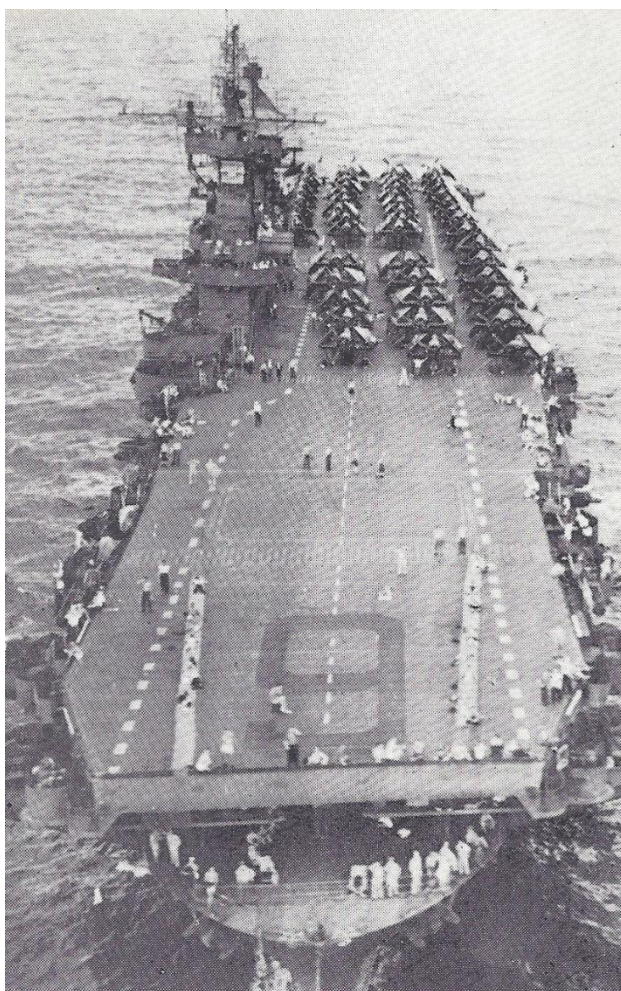
Mother and Dad's 25th Wedding Anniversary. We got up and went to Mass at 9 a.m. (Communion also) in the beautiful immense St. Patrick's Cathedral. We then ate breakfast at Schrafft's, looked at the library, and went through a department store. This afternoon Bob and I went up to Hayden's Planetarium and saw the show. It was very good. We walked through the Central Park and back to the hotel (we are now in the Roosevelt Hotel). Tonight the family went to the New York Hotel, ate, and watched an ice show. Mother has an orchid. Bob and I took the Radio City tour.

October 20, 1945 Saturday

This morning after breakfast Dad, Bob, and I went over to Radio City to a Science show. This was very interesting and large. We stayed there for about 1 ½ hours and then after eating dinner we took the 5th Avenue bus to the Frick Museum and looked at paintings. Then to the New York Museum of Fine Art and the Zoo (just Dad and I). Dad and I got back to the hotel at 3:30. Then Mother, Dad, and I went over to Macy's (very large) and looked around. Tonight we ate and went to the Roxy theater to a movie and stage show. We stopped at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel afterwards.

October 21, 1945 Sunday

Rising at 8 a.m. we attended Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral at 9 o'clock. The bishop said the Mass. After eating at Child's we took a subway over to Wall Street (first time I rode in speedy subway). Then we took a boat out on New York Harbor, past the Statue of Liberty (*image below*). It is a very nice day and the scenery was good. After passing many big ships we ended up on Statue Island. When we got back in the Wall Street section we went to the locks on the Hudson and after waiting for one hour we went on the battleship Enterprise (*image below*). It is mammoth. Then we took the subway back, ate dinner, and then we went and got our homebound train. We arrived home (Bob and I) at 9:05 at night.



Paul visited the Statue of Liberty & the Enterprise on October 22nd and bought these postcards

October 22, 1945 Monday

Back to school. After getting up and getting my own breakfast I went to school. The leaves are falling very rapidly. I am quite behind in my subjects, especially Intermediate Algebra. At noon I got my dinner. I am behind in Latin III quite a bit. We made chlorine in lab. After school I met Jim Manning (soldier) and we attempted to play golf but after one hole it began raining very hard and at 11:30 p.m. tonight is still doing so. Tonight I did Chemistry, Intermediate Algebra, and Latin III homework.

October 23, 1945 Tuesday

Bob got up at 6:30 and went to college for an 8 o'clock class. I got a ride to school with (*Uncle*) Clem (*Conan*) because it is raining at 7 a.m. My Intermediate Algebra is hard for me because I missed so much. I got my dinner at noon again. During my study I made up some Latin III. After school I came home in the rain. Bob took me for a driving lesson and we ate at the Bellevue Club. I did homework tonight.

October 24, 1945 Wednesday

The rain which started on Monday afternoon is still continuing at 11 o'clock tonight. School was good as usual. This noon Mrs. Clancy invited me over for lunch. After school I went for a short driving lesson and did a little homework. After supper I did my Intermediate Algebra and Chemistry. At 9 we went down to get Mother and Dad and drove for about 20 minutes in the dark waiting. They came at 10.

October 25, 1945 Thursday

Mother and Dad are now back home. They went on the destroyer Missouri on which the peace terms were signed. I rode to school with Malcolm Goetting. Inci (*Sr. Incarnata*) was mad because I didn't have all my homework in Intermediate Algebra. At 1 we went to a lecture and then I had studies from 2 to 3:15. I got my bike at the Bellevue Club after school. Tonight I did homework from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m.

October 26, 1945 Friday

In school we had a test in Intermediate Algebra. I did pretty bad I think (absence didn't help any). In English I read out loud. At 11 o'clock we went over to the auditorium and said the Office (*B. V. Office which is the Blessed Virgin Mary Office*). We had a test in History and after school I walked up to the Bellevue club with Jim Manning and Bob. It rained and I stayed in tonight.

October 27, 1945 Saturday

After getting up at 9 o'clock I vacuumed the rugs and took down the screens. This afternoon Frani and I went to the Syracuse-Dartmouth football game in which Dartmouth won 8 to 0. It was awfully muddy. Tonight Frani and I fooled around.

October 28, 1945 Sunday

I got up alone and walked to the 8:30 Mass. It is the Feast of Christ the King and we said prayers etc. before Mass. After Mass I just hung around the house. We (the family) went out to Drumlins to eat and then Mother and Dad drove Bob and I to the Bellevue Club. We played 6 holes and I did pretty bad. I did homework tonight until 9.

October 29, 1945 Monday

After arising at 7:30 and eating breakfast, I walked to school with Mary Finkbeiner. In Chemistry she got me up and asked me a lot of questions. A recent Algebra test we took I got 65% (not too bad for being absent). After school I played 4 holes with Jim and Bob. I parred hole 3. Bob and I got our own supper as Mother and Dad went to the movies. Did homework from 7 to 10.

October 30, 1945 Tuesday

Bob's birthday. He is 21 years old. I did a problem on the board in Intermediate Algebra today. At 11 we went over to Church for Chant. As usual I walked home with the boys. During my study I did Latin and finished up after school. At 3:30 I went to the barbers down city, got Bob a book of music, went up on the hill (*Syracuse University*) and tonight fooled around.

October 31, 1945 Wednesday

Halloween! Went to school as usual. At 2:30 went to the auditorium and heard a lecture by a priest. After school I went to Confession. I drove down through the city to get Dad. Tonight went over to school and then fooled around, ending up at Ann Byron's house where there was a party. We went in (Lang brothers, etc.) and I danced with J. Schneider, M. Anderson, A. Byron.

November 1945

November 1, 1945 Thursday

All Saints Day. No School! After getting home at 1 o'clock this morning I got up at 9 and went to 10 o'clock Mass. After Mass Kevin, Frani, etc., came over and we played touch football. Then Kevin ate dinner with me and we played rough football at the park - also Dick ('Dutch') Hennessy, Don La Casse, Bud Quinn. We fixed our basket across the street. Did homework tonight.

November 2, 1945 Friday

All Souls Day and First Friday. It was pouring rain and (*Uncle*) Clem (*Conan*) drove me to 7:45 Mass and I received Communion. I came home afterwards and ate breakfast. We didn't have Chemistry this morning. After school Bob and I took a little drive (I drove naturally) on Genesee Street. Tonight Frani and I fooled around and then went up to Jeanette Schneider's and talked.

November 3, 1945 Saturday

It was raining this morning and I slept until 11 o'clock this morning. I cleaned the rugs and did my Latin III homework. At about 2:30 I walked down to Doc's. Later I played touch football across the street with Frani, etc. Tonight I got ready and went up with Frani to the Bellevue Club Junior Dance. I danced with about 5 different girls.

November 4, 1945 Sunday

Last night I got home at about 1 o'clock. This morning I got up and went to 8:30 Mass and Communion. After Mass Frani and I played basketball and then Kevin and Dutch (*Hennessy*) came over and we played football. We ate dinner home and Bob and I went for a driving lesson. It was snowing today (a few flurries). After supper I went to sleep on the davenport.

November 5, 1945 Monday

Last night there was a heavy frost and this morning it was quite chilly out. In Chemistry we are learning valences and writing formulas. All during English we wrote. After school I went down city (rode in car down with John Moody) and got my shoes fixed, then made an appointment for my driving test on Friday. Later I played basketball across the street. I did my homework tonight.

November 6, 1945 Tuesday

Nice bright day. We did graphs in Intermediate Algebra and again wrote during English. At 11 we went over to the Choir room for Chant. This noon I got my own dinner because Mother was down city. I had a Study last period. After school Frani, Dutch, and I went up to the park and played rough football with B. Martin, Bob Hill, Dick ('Dutch') Hennessy, Don La Casse, etc. Did homework tonight.

November 7, 1945 Wednesday

Warm today. Today Sr. Pieta gave us a test on valences in Chemistry. I did a problem on the board in Intermediate Algebra. My seat has been changed in home room and Religion. We have to memorize a lot in Religion. We wrote in our lab books during Chemistry lab. After school I cut down the bush by the garage. Tonight as usual I again did homework from 7:30 to 10:30.

November 8, 1945 Thursday

All these last few days the weather has been beautiful. As usual I went to school. We are on exponents in Intermediate Algebra. At noon Mother got my dinner. During my last period Study I did History. After school I went up to the Bellevue Club and played 3 holes of golf with Billy Entwistle, L. Schneider, etc. Tonight Bob and I took a short practice drive. Then did homework.

November 9, 1945 Friday

Got to school early this morning. We stood in line for Chemistry and I didn't miss. At 11 we went over to a Sodality meeting. After school Bob picked me up at school and I drove up Salina Street to the place where the driving test starts. Bob Korta came too. I took the test and did pretty good. Tonight Bob and I went to Doc's and went to bed.

November 10, 1945 Saturday

I slept until 9:30 this morning. After breakfast I washed and put up the storm windows. This afternoon I played touch football across the street. Bob and I walked up to the Bellevue Club but came back after a little while. Tonight I went over to Frani's and then came home at 8:30. I took a bath, listened to the radio, and went to bed at 11 o'clock.

November 11, 1945 Sunday

Bob and I went to the 9:45 o'clock Mass. It is cold out today. After Mass I played basketball for about 15 minutes across the street, and then it started to rain. At 12:30 we all went up to Drumlins for dinner. Then we went up to the Bellevue Club (just Mother, Bob, and I) and watched them bowl. Mother won \$10 on the machines. Tonight I did Chemistry and listened to the radio. Raining hard.

November 12, 1945 Monday

No school! Yesterday was Armistice Day and we celebrated it today. After getting up at 9:30 I went up to the park with Kevin, Dick ('Dutch') Hennessy, etc., and played football (rough). This afternoon Dutch and I went up to the Bellevue Club and played 18 holes of golf. It was beautiful out. I shot 100. I got 2 pars and a birdie 2 on hole 14. I also bowled about 10 balls. Studied tonight.

November 13, 1945 Tuesday

Back to school! I got my letter from the Motor Bureau and I failed my driving test but most people fail the first one. This afternoon in History I was playing tic-tac-toe and Sr. Demetrius clipped me. It was my day for a Study last period. I stayed for Latin after school. Tonight I stayed home alone and did my homework.

November 14, 1945 Wednesday

We are learning about acids, bases, and salts in Chemistry. During Intermediate Algebra I wrote on the board and in English we had a test. It is colder today and the sun didn't shine at all. This afternoon History was dull as usual but Chemistry lab was interesting. After school I played touch football and also basketball with Frani, Dutch, Jimmie Murray, etc. Did my homework tonight.

November 15, 1945 Thursday

Early this morning the temperature was below 30 degrees. Going to school it was pretty cold. I came home at noon for lunch as usual. Last period which was a Study period I got my Intermediate Algebra and Chemistry done. After school I planted some tulips for Mother and played basketball across the street. Tonight I listened to the radio and studied Latin.

November 16, 1945 Friday

Snowed for first time today! During Chemistry period it started to snow and snowed hard for about an hour. There was some on the grass. Last period we recited the Office of B.V. (*Blessed Virgin Mary*). After History this afternoon we practiced singing in Church. Then I met (*Uncle*) Clem (*Conan*) in front of school and drove his car around Strathmore (*a neighborhood in Syracuse*) for an hour. Afterwards I played basketball. Went to Doc's tonight.

November 17, 1945 Saturday

Rainy day! After waking up at 10 o'clock and eating breakfast I rode down city with Mother. I went to Wells and Coverly and inquired about a job for Christmas. This afternoon (I ate dinner down city) I listened to the Syracuse-Colgate game in which Colgate won 7 to 6 and then played touch football in the road with kids. Tonight I walked over to Confession and listened to the radio.

November 18, 1945 Sunday

I drove with Bob to the 8:30 Mass. It was Sodality Sunday in which we sang a high Mass and received Holy Communion. After Mass I did my Chemistry homework. We ate dinner at home and then Frani and I went up to the Bellevue Club and hung around until 6. Mother came up and we bowled (first time this year) 4 games (Mother 2 games). I got 103, 112, 136, 138.

November 19, 1945 Monday

School! Bob and I rose at 7:30 and I walked to school. This noon Mother got my dinner. At 1:30 it started to rain and continued all afternoon and evening. After school I went down city to Dad's office and then over and got another appointment for a drivers test. Bob and I got our own supper and tonight I did homework from 7 to 10.

November 20, 1945 Tuesday

Snow. The rain last night turned to snow and this morning the ground was covered with snow. It was 30 degrees and a cold wind out. Third period we went to our home room and waited until Monsignor came and gave us our report cards. I got an average of 80%. After school I went down city, met Mother, and looked for an overcoat. I got my haircut and tonight did Chemistry.

November 21, 1945 Wednesday

The little snow that was on the ground has melted. During English we just read aloud. This afternoon we had our first period and then we went to a Thanksgiving Party in Priory hall which our class (juniors) sponsored. After school Kevin, Frani, Dutch, etc. played touch football across the street. Tonight I washed my hair and listened to the radio.

November 22, 1945 Thursday

I slept until 10:30 this morning. Then I went out and planted some daffodils. After that we (the kids) played touch football in the road across the street. We ate our turkey (deluxe) dinner at 3:30. Before Bob and I drove the car around, and after we drove up to the driving place. Tonight Bob, Frani, Mother, and I bowled at the Bellevue Club taking turns setting pins.

November 23, 1945 Friday

No school. Dad drove me down city and at 11 o'clock I took my second driver's test. I didn't do very good but think I passed it (*see image next page*). This afternoon I went up and played 6 holes of golf but it was too cold. I went in the Bellevue Club and Dutch and I set pins (bowling) for the ladies. Tonight Dutch and I fooled around at the store.

November 24, 1945 Saturday

Today a girl came to help Mother. I got up at 9:30 and then at 11:30 went over to Kevin's house. Later I came home to eat dinner alone and then went back over. I went down to Doc's and called up Peggy Delaney about going to a movie but she is in Utica. I read a little and tonight went to a party at Mary's house. We danced all evening. Then I walked up with Tish Coffey.

November 25, 1945 Sunday

Last night at about 9:30 it started to snow. When we walked up with the girls it was cold and slippery. I got home at 2 a.m. This morning Bob and I rode to 11 o'clock Mass with (*Uncle*) Clem. This afternoon I played touch tackle across the street with Gus Roe, Dutch, Skip Brennan, etc. Tonight it snowed a little more. I did my Chemistry and Intermediate Algebra and am very tired.

November 26, 1945 Monday

Went to school today. Just read during English. This noon I came home for my lunch as usual. Last period this afternoon we had a lab. After school I went down city and shopped around for an overcoat. Mother, Dad, and I ate supper at Edwards and then they came and looked with me. We finally bought an overcoat (blue) at MacGregory. After getting home at 9 I did homework until 11:30.

November 27, 1945 Tuesday

We are having radicals which are very hard in Intermediate Algebra. Last period this morning we went to Chant. We (boys) fooled around a lot during it. This noon I got my own lunch. Last period I got my Chemistry done. After school I stopped in Doc's on way home and then Frani and I played kicking goals. Tonight I did homework from 7:30 to 10:30.

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This is the driver's license Paul earned when he passed his driver's test on November 23rd, 1945

November 28, 1945 Wednesday

Malcolm Goetting gave me a ride to school because it was raining. In Algebra I wrote on the board all the period. We had Religion as usual. I took my lunch and all during the noon hour I copied Bob Ealy's History. We had another lab today. After school it was raining. At 5:30 I went down city and ate with Dad and Mother. Did homework tonight.

November 29, 1945 Thursday

During last night the rained turned to snow and all morning it snowed hard. I ate my lunch at school again and did some Chemistry. At 3:30 the snow was about a foot deep. The car was in the driveway with the battery dead. I shoveled the sidewalk, etc. I am still wearing no hat. I did my homework consisting of Chemistry, Intermediate Algebra, and Latin III tonight.

November 30, 1945 Friday

Most Holy Rosary loses first basketball game 26 to 24 playing Cathedral. At 11 o'clock this morning we went down stairs to a Sodality meeting. Mary Anderson and Jeanette Schneider are cheer leaders. Also are Peggy Delaney, Phyllis Kennedy, and Catherine Carroll. I ate dinner at home this noon. Later tonight I watched a varsity basketball game.

December 1945

December 1, 1945 Saturday

I slept until 10 o'clock and then rode down city on the bus with Mother. I went alone to the bank, bought a scarf and glove set at Wells and Coverly and shopped around for small things. This afternoon I played touch football in the icy road. Gord (*Gordon*) Wakeman and the other kids played (Don La Casse). Tonight I listened to the radio, did my Intermediate Algebra, and took a bath.

December 2, 1945 Sunday

When I went to 8:30 Mass it was 11 degrees above zero. I wore my new overcoat and scarf and gloves. After Mass I did my Chemistry. We ate dinner at 1:30 and at 3 Kevin, Neal Cuddy, and I went out to Drumlins ice skating (1st time this winter). We had fun and at 5:30 I came home alone. I wore ear muffs. I did my English and finished Latin tonight. Also read.

December 3, 1945 Monday

Went to school and got a ride with Malcolm Goetting. It was warm and melting this morning. I have a slight cold. When I walked home this noon with Bud Priest it was raining. We had lab last period. After school I rode with Bud Priest down city in John Moody's truck. I looked around for a sport coat and later Dad and I looked at Learbury's. Tonight I did homework

December 4, 1945 Tuesday

Bob got up at 6:30 and didn't set the alarm for me at 7:30. As a result I overslept until 7:50. I got to school on time although. Last night half of the snow melted. At 11 this morning we had Chant. At noon I got my own dinner. After school I went down city to meet Mother but didn't. Dad went to Buffalo today. I read tonight.

December 5, 1945 Wednesday

This morning I went to Mass and Communion at 7:45 to begin our retreat. Monsignor informed us that the retreat master is ill and the retreat has to be postponed. I came home for breakfast. During English I had a study. I ate my lunch at school this noon. After school Frani and I fooled around with the basketball across the street. Tonight I read and did a little homework.

December 6, 1945 Thursday

It froze last night and it was glare ice going to school. I just about made it without falling. I got to school at 8:30 and hung around until 9:30 when we had Intermediate Algebra in which I wrote on the board. Then we (Juniors) went over to the auditorium and practiced for the Christmas play. After school I went up to Confession and then hung out with all the boys. I went down city for Mother and tonight read some.

December 7, 1945 Friday

(Uncle) Clem (Conan) and I got up at 6:30 and went to Mass and Communion at 7:15. We had our Intermediate Algebra and English classes and then went down in Priory Hall and sang and then there was a pep meeting. This afternoon at 2:30 we went over to Church for the reception of new members into the Sodality. Tonight Frani and I went to basketball game at St. Anthony's. We lost 59 to 45.

December 8, 1945 Saturday

After getting up at 8 and going to the 9 o'clock Mass and Communion Mother and I went down city. When we got down I found out I forgot my bankbook and I drove alone home and back down city. I ate dinner with Mother and Dad and then shopped all over for a sport coat and pants which I bought. I got home at 5 and fooled around. Tonight I took a bath, etc.

December 9, 1945 Sunday

I got up and walked to the 8:30 Mass and Communion. Afterwards I walked up to Franks and hung around for a while with Joe Brown, etc. After getting home I had a snowball fight with Frani, etc. We ate dinner at home. I stayed in for a while and also fooled around this afternoon. Tonight I finished my project for Religion.

December 10, 1945 Monday

Back to school! There is no snow at all on the ground (there are small patches here and there). We had a test in Intermediate Algebra and in Religion. I got a ride home at noon and ate dinner at home. We had a Chemistry lab last period. After school Frani and I played basketball across the street. It was fun. Tonight Bob and I ate alone. I called up Peggy Delaney and asked her to go to a movie tonight.

December 11, 1945 Tuesday

When I got up I had a sore throat but went to school anyway. Last night it snowed a little and covered the ground. This morning we had Chemistry and Intermediate Algebra and then went over and practiced for the Christmas play. I ate dinner at school and after Latin and Study we went over and practiced again. Afterwards I went down city. Went to bed tonight.

December 12, 1945 Wednesday

I didn't feel good this morning when I woke up. I had a sore throat. All morning, afternoon, and evening I stayed in bed mostly. I gargled four times and listened to the radio all day. Tonight I was supposed to be in the Christmas Play but of course didn't go. It snowed some today and is quite cold. It is 17 degrees at 4 p.m.

December 13, 1945 Thursday

I stayed home from school again today. I woke up at 9:30 a.m. and still had my sore throat. I stayed in bed some of the morning and listened to the radio. This afternoon I also listened in bed. I gargled every so often all day. Tonight I did my Chemistry homework. I feel some better tonight.

December 14, 1945 Friday

My throat was still kind of sore so I stayed home today again. I listened to the radio programs all day and got dressed after dinner. I was home alone all day as Mother is down city (*Syracuse*). At 5 Bob drove down after Dad and Kevin and I came too. Tonight I went to the Lucy-Rosary basketball game. We lost in the last minutes 46 to 43 (our 3rd loss).

December 15, 1945 Saturday

After getting up at 10 I ate and went down city shopping. I went to the bank also. The city was awfully crowded. This afternoon I stayed in the house. My cold has gone from my throat to my nose. My nose is quite stuffy. Tonight at 8 I went to a party but hardly danced at all. It was a fair party.

December 16, 1945 Sunday

After getting in at 1:30 this morning I went to the 11 o'clock Mass. Clem gave Bob and I a ride to and from Church. We ate a lunch at home and Bob and I went up by the Bellevue Club and drove around for a while. I drove some. At 4 we met Pomeroy's at the University Club, heard a concert, ate supper, and then went out to their house and heard music. It is very cold tonight.

December 17, 1945 Monday

This morning I arose at 11 o'clock. After eating breakfast and dinner together I went down city. After shopping for Christmas presents I met Kevin and we did shopping together. Last night when up to Pomeroy's I visited the Phalens who now live across the street. Tonight Bob and I ate supper alone and I listened to the radio.

December 18, 1945 Tuesday

I woke up at 9:15 a.m. today. Then I walked down to get my hair cut but the barber is sick. On the way home I got my ice skates which were sharpened. I also stopped at Kevin's. After dinner Kevin and I went down city and shopped and then went to C.B.A. (*Christian Brothers Academy*)-Nottingham basketball game. C.B.A. was in first place. I also went with Kevin to buy a Christmas tree. Tonight I again called up Peggy about going out Friday night but she is working at the Post Office and doesn't know if she will be able to. I read some tonight. It is still cold out.

December 19, 1945 Wednesday

Bob and I rose at 9:30 this morning. Our piano was given back to McCains and a new one was brought in that we bought. I read some this morning and afternoon. After dinner I got Kevin and we fooled around all afternoon. It snowed too all afternoon. We played basketball across the street. Tonight I went to Doc's, and Dutch (*Hennessy*) and I stopped at Mary's and I danced with her.

December 20, 1945 Thursday

When I got up this a.m. Mother asked me to take the car out. I did but it wouldn't start afterwards. I went down city and got my hair cut and also ate dinner with Dad. After getting home Kevin and I played basketball across the street (with Kevin's brother). Later we went down and mailed some packages for Mother. Tonight Kevin and I went to Mary's and danced and sat around. I called up Peggy again tonight but she has the flu and a temperature and can't go to the movies tomorrow night. Kevin and I were sliding down the street on my toboggan tonight.

December 21, 1945 Friday

A good exciting day. After rising at 9:30 today I shoveled our sidewalk and then went shopping at Loblaws (*Grocery Store*) with Mother. This afternoon I played basketball across the street. Nog Headd also played. At 4:30 I had a tooth filled at the dentist. I bought some Christmas cards and then rode home with Dad. Tonight Kevin and I went over to Onondaga Park. We met Nancy Curling and Betty Wood (Kevin goes with Nancy) and skated around twice with Betty Wood. Then we walked to Nancy's and I walked Betty home. Came home then.

December 22, 1945 Saturday

Again Bob and I got up at 9:30 and I dusted the stairs, furniture, and floors for Mother. This afternoon Bob and I went down city and shopped for presents for (*Uncle*) Clem (*Conan*) and (*Uncle*) Jimmie (*O'Brien*). After getting home at 3:30 I played basketball over in the lot with Don La Casse and other kids. Tonight I went over to Confession and then watched skating at the park. Frani was there. It was awfully cold tonight and I just had ear muffs on. We walked from the park to Clocks and then got a bus home. I took a bath tonight and got to bed at 12 midnight.

December 23, 1945 Sunday

Mother, Dad, and I went to Mass at 9:45 o'clock this morning. I received Holy Communion. Afterwards I ate and read the papers. At 1 we all went out to eat at Drumlins. Then we got our Christmas tree and came home. Tom Anderson (Navy) came up for a while. Tonight Bob and I put up and put on lights of the Christmas tree.

December 24, 1945 Monday

Dad didn't work today because the office is closed. We got up at 9:30 and finished trimming the Christmas tree (Bob and I). This afternoon I played basketball in the lot across the street with Wilbur Bowman (?). Then we went down to the store and came up and gunned again (*shot more baskets*). Bob and I put up the Christmas tree lights around the door and also green roping which looks very nice. Kevin and I also played basketball later. Tonight I wrapped up all the packages and (*Uncle*) Clem (*Conan*), Jimmie (*O'Brien*) and Cecil and our family received our presents (*Cecil is Jimmie O'Brien's wife*). I got some swell skis with spring clamps and steel edges. At 11 Bob and I drove down in the car to Cathedral and met Joe McGrath and sat in choir loft for beautiful midnight Mass by Bishop Foery.

My Christmas presents are:

\$32 pair of skis with spring clamps and steel edges

A yellow sleeveless sweater

\$5 from (*Uncle*) Michael and Isabelle (*O'Brien*)

A wallet with \$2 from Bob

A tee and a nice wool glove with leather palm from (*Uncle*) Jimmie and Cecil (*O'Brien*)

A bowling shirt and a parker pen from (*Uncle*) Clement (*Conan*)

December 25, 1945 Tuesday

Christmas Day. Last night (this morning) we got home from Mass and Communion at 2 o'clock. We got up at 11 a.m. It was raining and did so all day. Bob and I drove over to give Sr. Pieta a Christmas present. We (the family) ate dinner of turkey and all the fixings at 3 o'clock.

Afterwards (*Uncle*) Michael (*O'Brien*) and (*his wife*) Isabelle (*Thorpe O'Brien*) came in. Dutch (*Hennessy*) and I went to Kevin's and then with Bud Quinn to Dutch's. Then Dutch and I went to Hefferon's house and looked at their presents and sat around for quite a while. Tonight later Clem and Polly (his girl) came up (*Clem Conan and his future wife Pauline 'Polly' Vollmer*). The snow is melting.



Helen and Bob Conan Sr. preparing Christmas dinner in 1966.

December 26, 1945 Wednesday

I woke up at 11 o'clock this morning. Frani came over and saw my presents and really liked my skis. Most of the snow has melted and it was raining this morning. After lunch Frani and I went down city and I had my initials put on my wallet. Then we rode home with Dad at 4 p.m. Frani and I played basketball and Frani and Dick 'Dutch' Hennessy stood Jerry Murray (10 years old) and I and we won 20 to 18 (I made the 20 points and was I hot). Bob and I ate supper alone and tonight Frani and I went to drug store. Kevin came over.

Tonight Mother and Dad went to the annual St. Thomas More party. Mother wore a long dress and Dad wore a tails tuxedo. They both looked very nice.

December 27, 1945 Thursday

Kevin came over this morning and I helped Mother. This afternoon Frani, Kevin, and I went out to Drumlins to skate but it was so awful we quit. Upstairs there was a fashion show which we watched. Tonight I went down to Bud Finkbeiner's and we went down on Grand Avenue to the Lang's house to a party. There were 9 boys and 9 girls. I danced with 7 of the girls and Ed drove us home at 1:45. We all had a good time. The snow is melting.

December 28, 1945 Friday

Kevin got me up at 10:30 and then we gunned across the street (*shot baskets*). Dick and Bernie Lang stopped by for a while. This afternoon 7 of us boys played basketball. What games and what fun! One game we tried to play dirty for the heck of it. We stopped at Dad's and played the machine for a while. Tonight Kevin took Mary and I took Peggy Hemmer out to the Charity Guild Dance at Drumlins. Bob drove us out. I danced most of the dances. We got a ride home in a car with a kid from C.B.A.

December 29, 1945 Saturday

I slept until 11 a.m. today and then helped Mother. I ate my breakfast and lunch together. Afterwards I played a game of basketball with Wilbur Bowman (?), Louie Goode, etc. This afternoon Bob and I went to Bob Korta's and played with his trains and saw some movies. Tonight Kevin came over and we fooled around. I went to bed at 10:45.

December 30, 1945 Sunday

Went to 10:45 Mass said by Father Lynch which lasted 25 minutes. At 12:30 we went out to Drumlins for dinner. Then we came back and took down the Christmas tree. Dutch and I went in Frani's house for a while. Tonight Kevin came over at 7 and we went to Betty Wood's house and then to Nancy Curling's house. We walked down Velasko Road and got a ride to the other side of Burnett Park to Peggy Carr's house to a party. I took Betty Wood and Kevin took Nancy. We played games (darts, etc.) and I walked Betty home.

December 31, 1945 Monday

Kevin and I got home at 1 last night. Mother got Bob and I up at 10:30 and we worked until 12:30. Then I drove to store, etc. with Bob along for Mother. After getting back Kevin and I drove down to Marble Dairy on Grand Ave. Then we (other kids too) played basketball until 5 o'clock. Tonight Frani and I went to the movies "Bells of St. Mary" with Bing Crosby.

January 1946

Paul Conan Sr. was 16 years old when he wrote this. His 17th birthday is April 28th.

January 1, 1946 Tuesday

Happy New Year! We went to the 11 o'clock mass. It lasted 20 minutes. We did dishes from the party. Mother and Dad had last night before the party at the Bellevue Club. We ate dinner at home and then I went to the movies alone at Loew's State theater. All day there has been snow flurries and it is getting colder. I got home from the movies at 6:30 and ate supper with Bob. I got ready for bed at 7:30 and I wrote my diary while listening to the radio. Got to bed fairly early.

January 2, 1946 Wednesday

During the night it snowed three inches. I got up at 7:30 a.m. and walked to school alone. We had all our classes and I did work on the board in Int. Algebra. After getting out at 11:45 I went home for dinner. This afternoon we had Latin III and History. Then we had a lab in which we made HCl. After school Frani and I shoveled off the snow and played games of basketball. After supper without Dad I did my homework and heard some programs on the radio.

January 3, 1946 Thursday

It wasn't so cold today (20 degrees) and I walked to school as usual wearing no hat. We stood for recitation in Chemistry and in Intermediate Algebra are solving quadratic equations. I got a ride home this noon and got to school early and did my History. Last period (study) I did tomorrow's History. After school I came home and Frani and I went down city and bought a pair of ski boots at Knowland's. We got home at 6:30 with Dad. Tonight I did my Intermediate Algebra and Chemistry. Got to bed at 10:45 p.m.

January 4, 1946 Friday

Clem (*Clement Conan is Paul's father's brother*) and I went to Mass and Communion for 1st Friday at 7:15. At 9 I went to school. I ate my lunch at home as usual. After school there was a pep meeting but I came home. Kevin came over and I drove over to the tailors with him. We came back and fooled around outside. After supper I walked down to Bert's (Coling) and went to the basketball game at the Armory with the kids. Rosary (*Most Holy Rosary school*) won 32 to 30 over St. John the Evangelist.

January 5, 1946 Saturday

I got up at 10 and took my watch which I dropped and broke the bands off to the jewelers. I also did some shopping. After dinner I went down to Doc's and later up to the Bellevue Club with Frani. We just walked around. The snow has melted and it is mild out. Tonight Kevin came over at 7 and I got Betty Wood and he Nancy Curling and we went to the movies. We sat in the balcony. Afterwards we got something to eat at Child's (*restaurant*). I think Betty is a good kid.

January 6, 1946 Sunday

After getting home at 12:15 I went to Mass at 11 o'clock this morning with Clem and Bob (*Paul's brother*). This weather we are having is remarkable. Every bit of the snow has melted and it is very mild and warm. We passed the football around after Mass. At noon we ate at Drumlins. When I got home I played touch football across the street with about 15 kids. Dutch (*Hennessy*) and I went down to Doc's afterwards. Tonight, home alone, I did my Intermediate Algebra and some Chemistry.

January 7, 1946 Monday

School again! Another day of no snow. The temperature marked a record of 60 degrees yesterday. When I walked to school this morning it was 50 degrees. Six golfers were playing at the Bellevue Club yesterday. Pieta was very mad in Chemistry this morning. We graphed more quadratic equations in Algebra. At noon I got my own lunch as Mother was down city (*Syracuse*). We made CO₂ in the lab today. After school we played football (Deni McCarthy, Griffon, Kevin, etc.). Then I drove (with Bob along) down after Dad. After supper I did Chemistry and Intermediate Algebra and worked very hard.

January 8, 1946 Tuesday

Guess What – I played 6 holes of golf today. After school this afternoon Frani and I played the 6 holes of golf and I did good having some nice hits, especially on 18 drive. Today was a little dark without the sun but still was nice and mild. School was fair today. We had Chant in the choir room at 11 o'clock. After eating at 5:30 I did my homework while Mother and Dad went to the movies. Bob and Herb Leary also went. Getting a little colder tonight.

January 9, 1946 Wednesday

This morning I rode to school with Clem (*Paul's uncle*) and Dad as it was raining. It rained on and off all morning. When I came home from school at noon it had stopped. We started logarithms today in Intermediate Algebra. We had a test in Latin after getting back to school. I made a visit to the chapel before Latin. We worked in our workbooks in lab. After school I went down city but didn't do much. When I got home Dutch, Jimmie, Jean V., and I played basketball. Tonight I did my homework. Windy out tonight.

January 10, 1946 Thursday

This morning when I walked to school it was windy and colder. We did ionization equations in Chemistry and logarithms in Intermediate Algebra. In Religion we reviewed and memorized the questions as usual. I came home to dinner at noon. L. Heuschneider asked Tish Coffey to K.C. (*Knights of Columbus?*) today (dance). We had fun in Latin III as usual. I got some Chemistry done in study. At school I gunned in the gym (basketball) for a while and then went down city and got my hair cut. Did homework and wiped dishes tonight. There is still no snow but it rained today.

January 11, 1946 Friday

I got up at 7:30 and got to school on time. Every day in Intermediate Algebra Bob, Ted, and I make a graph on the board. I got back to school early at noon and gunned in the gym (basketball) with the Heuschneider brothers. As usual History was boring. I did Intermediate Algebra homework in Study. After school we played basketball across the street. Bud Griffin, Dutch, etc. played. Tonight Fran and I went to Rosary (*Most Holy Rosary school*) for the game with St. John the Baptist. We lost 35 to 29. "Oc" O'Connor, Jack Dee got thrown out for fighting. What a rough game!

January 12, 1946 Saturday

After rising at 9:30 I helped Mother. At 11:30 I went down to Doc's and watched the kids play the pinball machine. After lunch I hung around and later in the afternoon we (about 10 boys) played touch football on Vieau Drive (*which intersects with Wolcott Ave where the Conan family lives*). At 4:30 Frani, Bob and I got Dad's suit at Learbury's and then got groceries for Mother. After supper I took the car alone and went over to Confession. After getting home I called up Betty Wood and Nancy Curling and talked to them. After a bath I went to bed at 11 o'clock.

January 13, 1946 Sunday

Snow. I got up alone at 6:45, took Clem's car and drove to 7:30 (Holy Name) Mass and also went to Communion. When I went it was bare out (roads, etc.). On the way a blizzard came up and after Mass the snow was getting deep. After Mass Kevin, Frani, Dutch, and I played basketball. We ate sandwiches at noon and at 4:30 went up to the Liederkranz and ate dinner. We are members now. Mother and Dad went to the movies and we (Bob and I) took the bus home. When we got home I did some Chemistry. All day it has been snowing some and tonight is snowing hard.

January 14, 1946 Monday

Yesterday it snowed 10 ½ inches of snow. I went to ye old school today. Chemistry is interesting always and Intermediate Algebra also. I went to the board for Intermediate Algebra. I ate my lunch with the kids in the gym (Bob Ealy, Stan Sizing, Bill Lyons) and then we played PIG with the basketball. We got to class a little late. I just rested during History. After school I played a game of basketball with some kids on the varsity team and got 6 points. After getting home at 5 I shoveled sidewalk. After supper I called up Betty Wood and asked her to go to K.C. (*Knights of Columbus?*) dance Friday. She is.

January 15, 1946 Tuesday

It snowed a little more during the night. We are studying the heats of formation in Chemistry. Lately the Intermediate Algebra homework has been so hard I couldn't do it. We had Chant at 11 o'clock. I ate my lunch in the classroom at noon. After school I went down city and got my watch at the jewelers. After I got home at 4:30 I changed my clothes and drove over to Mullin's. Kevin came and the snow is deep and slippery. Then I drove Dad home. After wiping the dishes I tried to do Intermediate Algebra but couldn't.

January 16, 1946 Wednesday

It was very cold when I walked to school this morning (5 degrees below zero). Dad has Lumbago and is flat on his back. At noon I came home to dinner. In Latin nobody knew the translations and had to stay after school. Afterwards I came home, put on my skis and went skiing on the Reservoir. Frani was there. They worked good. After supper I did homework (dishes) and called up Betty Wood. I think she is cute and has a good personality.

January 17, 1946 Thursday

After sleeping with Clem last night - as Mother slept in my bed and Dad alone - I got up at 7:30. It wasn't so cold going to school this morning. We worked on the board during Intermediate Algebra. At noon I ate my lunch in school. We were throwing pencils around in History. After school I went in the gym and played basketball for a half hour and then came home. Kevin and I shoveled off our (*basketball*) court in the lot and played some more. At 10 I called up Betty again. Did homework. Kevin came over.

January 18, 1946 Friday

I slept in my own bed again last night. In Chemistry we learned rules for solubility and volatility of compounds. We attended an assembly in the school basement at 11 and also practiced singing. This afternoon Dick Lang and Louis Heuschneider skipped and played in the gym. I got some Intermediate Algebra done in Study. Kevin, Frani, and I played basketball in the lot after school. Tonight at 9 I got Betty Wood and took her to the KC (*Knights of Columbus?*) Sorority Dance in the Main ballroom of the Syracuse Hotel. At 11:30 intermission we went to Myer's and got something to eat. Came home in a cab at 1:30.

January 19, 1946 Saturday

Last night I sure had a good time and Betty is a good dancer. I didn't get up until 11 o'clock this morning. After eating breakfast, lunch together and vacuuming all the rungs, Frani and I went skiing on the Reservoir. Boy, was it windy and cold (10 degrees above zero)! We finally went over by Hancock and skied and had lots of fun. I am doing pretty good. We got home at 4 and there we gunned (*played basketball*) in the lot with Dutch Hennessy and Don La Casse. Tonight I listened to "Hit Parade, etc." and did some homework.

January 20, 1946 Sunday

Temperature is 6 degrees below zero this morning! Bob and I went to the 8:30 a.m. Mass and I let him drive. On the way home the car stalled and we had to walk home. Clem drove over and we drove it home. After dinner at home I went out to Drumlins ice skating with Bob and Joe McGrath. I met Betty Wood and Nancy Curling out there and went around with them. It was pretty cold and I didn't wear a hat as usual. We got home at 7 o'clock and after supper I talked to Bud Priest on the phone and listened to music on the radio.

January 21, 1946 Monday

When I got up it was raining and later in the morning it turned to snow. Clem (*Clement Conan, Paul's uncle*) drove me to school. All morning it snowed hard and walking home at noon also. Dad is still home sick with his lumbago. I got back to school a little later after lunch. Last period we reviewed in lab. After school I came home and shoveled the sidewalk. It was still snowing there. After supper with Mother and Dad I did homework. Bob was still up on the hill (*Syracuse University*) until 10 o'clock tonight.

January 22, 1946 Tuesday

There was a very cold wind out today. It was only about 10 degrees except for the wind. We are reviewing in Chemistry and still having logarithms in Intermediate Algebra. Dad is very slowly improving with his lumbago. During History we were fooling around (Lyons, Priest, Heuschneider, and I) and were supposed to stay after school. I did Intermediate Algebra in Study. After school we screwed up the desks in Demetrius' room when we were supposed to clean it. I shoveled a drift in the driveway and gunned (*played basketball*) across the street. Tonight I did my homework and called up Betty Woods and talked to her for an hour.

January 23, 1946 Wednesday

I walked to school at 8:30 a.m. Again we reviewed in Chemistry and Intermediate Algebra. I got my own dinner at home this noon as Dad was to the doctor's. During lab I had to answer 30 questions from a review book and got some wrong in which Pieta got kind of mad. After school Frani and I went skiing on the Reservoir. After a while Betty came up and skied with me. I went to her house with her and then got a ride with Bud Priest. I ate supper alone because I was late for supper. Tonight on radio I listened to the Syracuse – Cornell basketball game in which Syracuse won 63 to 45.

January 24, 1946 Thursday

Exams start. Sr. Pieta asked us review questions in Chemistry this morning. During English we studied the whole period by ourselves. Then we went to a pep meeting in the gym. Afterwards the boys had to stay and practice by themselves. I ate my lunch downstairs in the school. This afternoon I took English (1st exam). It was very long and a little hard. Afterward (4:30) I came home and gunned (*played basketball*) with Gord Wakeman in the lot. After supper I called up Kevin and listened to the radio, and also looked over Religion.

January 25, 1946 Friday

This morning I took Religion III and it was a little hard also. I finished at 11 and then went over to the gym and 8 of us kids played basketball. After playing for a while I came home at 12:45. After dinner Frani and I gunned across the street in the lot. Later Kevin came over and Don La Casse and I beat both of them. I was hot on sets (*set shots*) and others. Went to a basketball game of Rosary and they lost 43 to 31 to the 1st place team in the league. Then I got home at 10:30 and went to bed.

January 26, 1946 Saturday

I got up at 10 a.m. today and after breakfast cleaned the rugs for Mother. Dad is still home. After dinner I went over and got Frani and we came back and gunned with the basketball. Later I took the car (Frani came) and went to the A & P (grocery store) for Mother and did her grocery shopping. Tonight Dutch came over and we went to the Rosary – C.B.A. (*Christian Brothers Academy*) basketball game at the Armory. C.B.A. is in 1st place and is undefeated and they beat us 51 to 39. Rosary played a very good game too. Ray Lang got 16 points.

January 27, 1946 Sunday

Bob and I got up at 7:30 and I drove the car to Mass at 8:30. After Mass I read the papers. We ate dinner at home and Bob and I after dinner went out to Drumlins to skate. I drove both ways. Betty Wood was out there skating but I didn't skate with her. We got back home at 5:45 and then ate supper. Mother and Bob went to the movies. I started to study History but fell asleep and finally went to bed. It was about 10 degrees out today.

January 28, 1946 Monday

This morning Clem drove me to school. I took American History and it was January 1945 Regents test for practice. It was pretty hard and I doubt if I passed. After getting out at 12 I stopped in Doc's on the way home. This afternoon I had off and went over to the gym and played for a little while, and Father Lynch kicked us out. I hung around Bert Coling's for a while and came home. I then played basketball with Dutch and Kevin. I learned all experiments for Chemistry tonight (drawing, etc.).

January 29, 1946 Tuesday

After sleeping until 9 o'clock this morning I got up and studied Chemistry. This afternoon I went to school and took Chemistry. It was fairly easy I thought. After getting out at 3:45 I went over to the gym and got some shots for a while (*basketball*). Then Father Lynch gave Frani and I a ride home and Kevin, Dutch, and I played basketball in the lot. Tonight I studied Latin from 7:30 to 9:00 and then Intermediate Algebra until 9:30. Then went to bed at 10:15.

January 30, 1946 Wednesday

Today is the birthday of the late President Roosevelt, F.D.R. Took Intermediate Algebra this morning. Part I which consisted of 25 problems was a little hard. Part II which was 5 out of 8 problems was pretty easy. I ate my lunch in school and Stanley Sizing and I studied our Latin. This afternoon I took Latin III which was the January 1945 Regents. I didn't do too bad in it. After getting out of school at 3:30 I came home and played basketball in the lot with Kevin, Dutch, and Bud Quinn. Tonight I walked down to Doc's and then listened to the radio. It is 33 degrees and melting out tonight.

January 31, 1946 Thursday

Frani called for me at 10 o'clock and he and his brother and I went over to Rosary gym and threw the basketball around for a while with some of the kids. Today is very mild (45 degrees) and it is awfully slushy out especially for walking. I went down city and got my haircut and after getting home I drove the car down after Dad alone. Tonight Kevin, Bud Quinn, and I went to Confession and then to the C.B.A. – Central basketball game in the Armory in which C.B.A. won 41 to 35. Saw Betty at the game.

February 1946

February 1, 1946 Friday

Clem and I went to Mass and Holy Communion at 7:15 this morning. It is 1st Friday. After Mass I helped Mother and went down and hung around Doc's for a while. After dinner I went over and got Frani and we gunned ('*shot baskets*', *basketball*) in the lot. It is colder and the ground has frozen today. Later Dick '*Dutch*' Hennessy and Wil Bowmen (Bowman?) came down and played too. Tonight Dutch and I went to Assumption and watched the game with Rosary. We won for second time 52 to 42 in an exciting game. "Oke" (*O'Connor*) got 20 points, Larry Fox 11, Ray Lang 8, Jack Dee 7.

February 2, 1946 Saturday

It is cold out today and there is a very cold wind. I had a little cold when I woke up this morning. I vacuumed all the rugs in the house for Mother and after dinner drove down and got some cream on Grand Ave. When I came back I went out and played basketball with 12 other kids. Then Frani came with me while I drove down city after Dad. Later Frani and I gunned some more. Tonight Dutch and I went to the Armory to C.B.A. (*Christian Brothers Academy*) - Aquinas in which C.B.A. won 35 to 28. Got home at 12.

February 3, 1946 Sunday

I slept until 10 and then Bob and I went to the 11 o'clock mass. It was very cold today. I didn't feel very good all day. At 12:30 Mother, Dad, Bob, and I ate dinner at Drumlins. Bob stayed and went ice skating and I went to the movies. After getting out at 6 o'clock I came home and ate supper with Mother and Dad. Tonight I took a bath and listened to the radio. Tonight the temperature is about 5 degrees. School tomorrow!

February 4, 1946 Monday

Today I still didn't feel good and almost didn't go to school this morning but finally did. Sr. Pieta and the rest got right down to the old grind right away. I came home Stolp Ave this noon. Last period Chemistry lab we worked in our lab books the whole period. After school I walked home alone because nobody else came this way. Afterwards Frani, Kevin, Gord Wakeman, and I played 3 games of good basketball. I did Chemistry and Intermediate Algebra homework tonight.

February 5, 1946 Tuesday

It was kind of cold walking to school this morning. We stood up for recitation in Chemistry. Then Msgr. (*Monsignor*) gave us our report card and we didn't have Intermediate Algebra. I passed every with 90% in Chem. After English we went over to Chant. I ate my lunch in school. During last period Study I did Intermediate Algebra. We played basketball after school - Don La Casse, Dutch (*Hennessy*), Frani (*Feola*), and I. I had a lot of homework tonight and didn't get to bed until 11:15.

February 6, 1946 Wednesday

It melted during the night and was raining when I got up. Before school I got the car out of the garage and rode to school with Dad. My cold is much better today. We worked in our lab books during Chemistry lab this afternoon. After school Frani, Dutch, and I dumped ashes on the basketball court in the lot, and then it was still so muddy we just played PIG. Tonight I ate supper alone and then did my homework. I listened to the Syracuse - Colgate basketball game in which Syracuse won 69 to 51.

February 7, 1946 Thursday

It was colder again today. I as usual didn't wear a hat to school. In Chemistry we learned the Solvay Process. On the way home I got a ride some of the way this noon. We translated Latin III and I did my Intermediate Algebra homework in the Study (*a class during school like a 'study hall'*). After school Kevin, Ted Sizing, Don La Casse, Frani, and I played basketball across the street. Later I drove Ted home and then went down city after Dad. Tonight I did my Chemistry and Latin homework. I then got to bed at 11 o'clock.

February 8, 1946 Friday

This morning Isabelle came in and the family all went to Ann's 3rd anniversary Mass at 8:15. (*Isabelle Thorpe O'Brien is married to Michael O'Brien, who is the brother of Paul's mother Helen. Paul's grandmother is Carry McKay, whose nickname Ann is pronounced 'Ahn'. She must have died 3 years ago in 1943.*). Afterwards I went over to school. At 11 we went to church and recited the B. V. Office (*the Blessed Virgin Mary Office*). I ate my lunch in school and did my Intermediate Algebra homework. After school Ted Sizing came up and Dick 'Dutch' Hennessy down and we played basketball. Tonight I went to the game with Frani at Danforth. We played Cathedral and won 2nd straight 45 to 20 with "Oc" (*O'Connor*) getting 21 points. I went to Myers with boys and didn't get home until 12:15.

February 9, 1946 Saturday

I slept until 10 o'clock today. Then I vacuumed the rugs. After dinner I walked over to "Franks" store on Geddes and hung around with the boys for about an hour. The snow is mostly melted. What an easy winter! Later I drove the car and bought some cream and went to the store. Then I had to drive Rosie Hollenbeck home. Tonight I stayed alone and then Dutch and I went to Doc's. We came home and called up Betty Wood. At 11 we were playing basketball in the lot. Then I took a bath and went to bed.

February 10, 1946 Sunday

Hardly any snow on the ground! I drove the car to the 8:30 Mass and went to Communion. After Mass Dutch came over and we played basketball and took pictures of each other with each other's cameras. We ate home this noon and I went to the store and stalled the car. I had to take it down to the gas station to have the battery charged. I gunned for a while and went with the family to Mr. and Mrs. Colkins (?) (Elane?) 25th wedding anniversary. I did my Chemistry homework tonight.

Junior Midyear Exam Marks:

Religion	88
English	82
Latin III	85
History	70
Intermediate Algebra	84
Chemistry	92

February 11, 1946 Monday

Lincoln's birthday tomorrow. No school today! After sleeping until 10 a.m., I went down city and bought a dog license for "Skip" (*nickname for their dog 'Skippy'*). When I got home I ate lunch and then Don La Casse, Dick 'Dutch' Hennessy, Frani (*Feola*), and I played touch football in the road and then later played basketball in the lot. Gordon Wakeman and Skip Brennan played also (Dutch too). Tonight I got my own supper and then Frani and I went to Rosary gym and we played St. Anthony and lost 34 to 31. Ray Lang got 12 points and played a good game.

February 12, 1946 Tuesday

Today is Lincoln's birthday but we went to school and had off yesterday. In Chemistry I didn't recite too well but wrote on the board for a while. During English we just discussed Military Conscription. Next period we went over to the Choir room for Chant. I ate my lunch in school. During study I did last night's Latin III homework. When I got home Don La Casse, Frani, Jimmie Murray, and I played touch football in the road. Tonight I did all my homework and got to bed at 11 o'clock.

February 13, 1946 Wednesday

It was very mild out today. We went in the library for English period. This noon I came home for dinner. Mother and Bob have hard colds and I have a slight one. We had a test in Latin today. In lab we tested acids and bases on litmus paper. After school I went down city from school and took my watch to the jeweler because of a broken crystal. It rained all afternoon and evening. The family ate supper at Jimmie's and Cecil's house, and Bob and I came home and Dutch came over while I did my homework.

(Jimmie O'Brien is Paul's uncle, and his mother Helen's brother. Cecil is his wife).

February 14, 1946 Thursday

There was a rainbow this morning. Sr. Pieta was mad at the class in Chemistry for not knowing the lesson. Again I worked on the board in Intermediate Algebra. We learned about complex sentences, etc. in English and as usual memorized in Religion. I ate my dinner in school and did Latin homework. After school I went down city and got my watch. Then I came home, beat Frani (*Feola*) in one game of basketball, and then went down after Dad with the car. I got Mother a card and roses for Valentine's Day today. Did homework tonight.

February 15, 1946 Friday

Rosary (*Most Holy Rosary school*) beats first place St. Lucy 38 to 36 on their court. A very strong cold wind came up and it was very cold walking to school. At noon I walked home Stolp Avenue and it was awfully cold coming over the hill. For Latin III we wrote a translation. We got a new edition of the Rosarian (school paper). After school it was so cold I stopped in Doc's and played his new machine for a while. Tonight Frani and I went to the game and afterwards came straight home and got home at 10 o'clock.

February 16, 1946 Saturday

I slept until 9:30 this morning. Then after breakfast I cleaned the rugs for Mother. After dinner I went over across the street and played basketball all afternoon with McCarthy, Hennessy, La Casse, Griffon, Wilbur Bowman, Frani, etc. Jimmie Murray brought up his new basketball. Mother and I listened to a program on the radio. Then I walked down to Doc's and played the machine. I came home, took a bath, and heard the end of the 'Hit Parade'.

February 17, 1946 Sunday

Annual Communion Breakfast. I drove the car to Mass with Bob at 8:30. All the High School received Communion and then went over to school. We then went down and had breakfast. This noon the family all ate at Drumlins. Then at 2:15 I met Frani down city and we went to a movie at Loew's. We got home at 6:00. Tonight I did a little homework and called up Betty Wood on the telephone.

February 18, 1946 Monday

School again! All the public schools had off because of a teacher's convention. Religion period was just as boring as usual. This noon I came home for dinner. We made hydrogen sulfide in Chem. lab today. After school Deni McCarthy, Don La Casse, Dick 'Dutch' Hennessy, etc. and I played basketball in the lot. We really played good and are getting good. It was cold out and the ground nice and hard. Mother and I ate supper alone tonight and I did my homework and listened to the radio.

February 19, 1946 Tuesday

I got a ride to school this morning. It was about 10 degrees above zero then. Sister Pieta dictates questions for our notebooks every day in Chemistry. In English we are reviewing clauses. This noon I walked home Stolp Avenue with the boys. During Study I got some of my Chemistry homework done. After school again I gunned with Gordon Wakeman, Frani, and Dutch. It was blowing and snowing and tonight it snowed some. I did my Chemistry and Intermediate Algebra.

February 20, 1946 Wednesday

Last night it snowed and there was about a foot of snow this morning. It is windy and blizzardy also. We did part II problems in Intermediate Algebra (distance, etc.). We had a test in Religion. This noon I ate my lunch in school with Dick Lang, Ted Sizing, and the other kids. I changed my seat to the front in History. We had lab last period and afterward we went to a movie on T.B. I came home from school and shoveled the driveway. Then I drove down city after Dad. Tonight I finished Intermediate Algebra and read and studied Chemistry.

February 21, 1946 Thursday

Before going to school I took the car out of the garage and took out the papers to the curb. It was pretty cold out when I went to school. We had a pep meeting at 11:15. I ate my lunch in school and did some Intermediate Algebra. When I got home from school I shoveled the sidewalk and went down after Dad. Tonight Frani and I went to the Rosary - Evangelist basketball game. We won 52 to 28.

February 22, 1946 Friday

Washington's Birthday. No school today. I slept until 10 o'clock and went down city with Mother. I got my haircut. After getting home at 12:30 I played basketball in the lot with Deni McCarthy, Dick 'Dutch' Hennessy, Don La Casse, etc. Later we walked down to Doc's. It snowed lightly all day. Tonight I went up to LeMoyne School where the Baptist's play. Rosary was 8 points ahead and then lost 34 to 31 with "Oke" (O'Connor) getting 18 points.

February 23, 1946 Saturday

After sleeping until 10:15 I got up and after eating cleaned the upstairs rugs for Mother. This afternoon we (all the kids) played basketball (about 12 kids). After a while it got so muddy we had to quit. We went down to Doc's for a while. Later Frani, Dick 'Dutch' Hennessy, Gord (Gordon) Wakeman, Jimmie Murray, and Jackie Socra (?), and I played 3 real tough games. They were really fair and tough. I stayed in and listened to the radio tonight.

February 24, 1946 Sunday

Bob (brother) and I drove the car to the 8:30 Mass. After Mass I finished my Chemistry homework and went down to Doc's, fooled around, etc. We ate our dinner home which was good. This afternoon was very dull. Bob, Dutch, and I walked up to the Bellevue Club and I set for Dutch while he bowled (102) and he set for me (146). Then we met Bud Priest with his car and he drove us out to Fairmount and showed us where he rides horseback. Tonight I fell asleep on the davenport and got into bed at 10:15.

February 25, 1946 Monday

This morning I walked to school with Mary Anderson. It was snowing a little and about 12 degrees above zero. As usual I wore no hat which I always have a hard time with Mother convincing her. We stood for recitation in Chemistry and wrote on the board for Intermediate Algebra. This noon I ate my lunch in school and did my Religion homework due today. In lab this afternoon we made ammonia gas. After school I drove the car to the store and then with Frani drove down city after Dad. Tonight I did my homework.

February 26, 1946 Tuesday

Last night it snowed and this morning it was quite deep and still snowing. We went over to the Choir room in church (our class) for Chant at 11. I came home for lunch and rode back to school early with Mother. Practically all day it snowed. I did my Intermediate Algebra during Study and (Sister) Gerardo sent us to write a translation on the board which nobody could do, so she got mad. After school I stopped in Doc's and then shoveled the sidewalk. I drove the car over to Slater's and got Dad. Tonight I did my homework.

(There is a Mr. Slater who works at Pomeroy Organization. Robert J. Conan is Vice President of Pomeroy Organization in 1946, which is located at 327 Montgomery Street in Syracuse).

February 27, 1946 Wednesday

Today it was quite warm with all the snow on the ground and it rained all day. I took my lunch and ate it in school. Every day I change my seat in History just for fun. We made Chlorine water in lab and worked in our lab books. After school I stopped in Doc's and then came home in the rain. At 5 I drove down city after Dad. It was pretty slippery driving. Mother, Dad, and Bob went to an opera and I stayed alone tonight. I did homework and heard Syracuse - Canisius basketball game on radio. Syracuse won 62 to 32 for 22 out of 25 games.

February 28, 1946 Thursday

We had a test in Chemistry this morning. It was 7 long questions but I finished fully all but the last. I didn't have my homework in English and was the only one. I got a ride home this noon and ate lunch at home. We had to write a Latin III translation on the board in Latin and had a test in History. In Study I did English. After school I shoveled the sidewalk and driveway and at 5 went down after Dad. Tonight I drove the car over to Confession.

March 1946

March 1, 1946 Friday

Soviets fire upon an American plane. Clem and I went to Mass (1st Friday) at 7:15 and received Holy Communion. Then I came home to breakfast and rode back to school with Clem and Dad. School started at 9:30 and we didn't have Chemistry period. This noon I ate at school. After school Dutch came with me while I drove on an errand for Mother. We also stopped at Doc's. Tonight I walked down to "Bert's" drugstore and then took the bus to the Armory. Rosary (*Most Holy Rosary school*) lost to St. Pats 42 to 33. Got home at 12:30.

March 2, 1946 Saturday

Slept until 10:30 this morning and then washed the kitchen windows outside and vacuumed the rugs. After lunch I stayed in and then later went down city and bought a new pair of shoes and rubbers (*waterproof protective rubber overshoes*). I got home at 3 and Bob and I went to the store, me driving the car, and then drove out to Fairmont. Before and after supper I did my Chemistry and Religion homework. Later in the evening I went down to Doc's. Listened to the radio.

March 3, 1946 Sunday

Mother, Dad, and I attended Mass at 8:30 and all received Holy Communion. Bob went to 9:45 alone. I read the papers after Mass and Dutch (*Hennessy*) and I went down to Doc's and played the machine. The family all ate at Drumlins and I took the bus home from down city. All afternoon Dutch and I fooled around and played touch football. At 5:30 went down city, ate a sandwich at Meyers (?) and then went to a movie. We fooled around after and got home at 11 o'clock.

March 4, 1946 Monday

Back to school again this morning. I started at 8:20 and got a ride with Mr. Ditch (Ditah?). In a test in Chemistry I took the other day I got 95% - a very good mark. All the Intermediate Algebra period we (all the boys) worked at the board. This noon I ate lunch at home. It was very warm (60 degrees) today - warmest yet. The snow is all melting. In lab Sr. Pieta made HNO_3 . After school I played basketball in the gym and then Bud Priest and I drove down and got Dad. Tonight I did homework until 11.

March 5, 1946 Tuesday

The weather is quite mild and I have switched to wearing my top coat. The snow is mostly all gone. In the English test I took yesterday I got 76% out of 80%. We went over to the choir room for Chant at 11:00. This noon I walked home for lunch. After school I went over to the gym with 9 other kids and played basketball for about a half hour. It was raining when I walked home at 4:30. After getting home I read the paper and did my Intermediate Algebra. After the supper dishes I did my Chemistry, English, and Latin homework.

March 6, 1946 Wednesday

Ash Wednesday. I didn't wake up until 7:15 and hurriedly got to 7:45 o'clock Mass and received ashes. Lent begins today. Everything was all right until English period. P.J. (Sr. Paul Joseph) had us read out compositions in front of the room. When I read mine I got so nervous and my hands were shaking that I just read half of it. In lab today we did the brown ring test (nitrate). After school I played basketball in the gym with the kids. Then Dutch and I drove down city and got Dad. I went to a wake at Clancy's – Mrs. Clancy's aunt (*maybe a relative?*).

March 7, 1946 Thursday

We had a test in Intermediate Algebra this morning. Yesterday Father Lynch came in for Religion. It was raining when I walked to Mass at 7:15 with Dorothy Kallfeltz. This noon I got a ride home and rode back with Mother. After school I played basketball in the gym for about 20 minutes and then hung around with the kids. When I got home I drove the car down after Dad. It was nice out today -later in the afternoon. I did my Intermediate Algebra and Chemistry homework tonight.

March 8, 1946 Friday

Went to Mass this morning as usual. There was the thickest fog I have ever seen when I got up and walked to church. You couldn't see 10 feet ahead of you. We worked at the board during Intermediate Algebra period. At 11 we went over to church and recited the Office of B.V. (*Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary*). We had a test in Latin. After school I played basketball in the gym and then came home and played across the street. Tom Anderson drove me to the game (he is home from Navy on furlough for 12 days) and I came home with him. We lost to St. Vincent's (1st place) 40 to 33 on their court.

March 9, 1946 Saturday

I got up at 10:30 this morning and after helping Mother I drove the car down city and left it for Dad. Then I went to 12:10 Mass at the Cathedral. Then I took the bus straight home. Later Dick 'Dutch' Hennessy, Don La Casse, Wil Boman, Jimmie Murray, and I played basketball in the lot across the street. We also went down to Doc's. At about 5 I rode down city with Bud Priest. Tonight Bud Priest, Dick Hennessy, and I went to the movies and got home at 12.

March 10, 1946 Sunday

When I drove the car to 8:30 Mass this morning I picked up the Clancys and the Curtins (?). Bob came too. After Mass I went over across the street and gunned (*shot baskets on the basketball court*). Tom Anderson came up and played with us. The family all went up to Drumlins for dinner at 1:30. It is very nice out today. When I got back at 3 I played more basketball until 5:30. All the kids came down again. Tonight I did my homework.

March 11, 1946 Monday

Got up and went to Mass at 7:45 and then to school. Frani came back to school after a week with the mumps. I ate my lunch in school at noon and copied my Latin. After Latin period the whole high school went over to see a movie but the movie projector broke and we just sat for an hour. After getting out and coming home I gunned in the mud across the street. Then Kevin and I went down after Dad in the car. I was awfully tired and didn't feel good tonight and went to bed at 8:30.

March 12, 1946 Tuesday

After getting to bed at 8:30 I spent a restless night sleeping and got up at 11 this morning. I have a slight sore throat. This afternoon I learned some of the speech I have to give on Friday. Today is the 1st day I have missed Mass this Lent. I was up but not dressed all afternoon and evening. I cleaned a dresser drawer. Tonight I did some Intermediate Algebra homework.

March 13, 1946 Wednesday

Went back to school today not feeling very good. I have a hard cold in my throat and head. After school we went over to the auditorium and practiced our speeches for an hour. I did mine 4 times. Went to bed early tonight.

March 14, 1946 Thursday

Walked to school this morning and we stood for recitation in Chemistry. At 10:30 we went over to the auditorium and heard a speech by Father Brady. Then at 11 the girls came over and we went back, and the 10 boys who are to make speeches Friday practiced in Inci's room (*Sr. Incarnata*). After school we practiced our speeches in the auditorium for an hour and a half. Then I came home and drove down after Dad. Tonight I did my homework.

March 15, 1946 Friday

Delivered my speech today. I rode to school in the car with Dad and Clem because it was raining. I went to Chemistry and half of Intermediate Algebra class. Then Bob Ealy and I went over in the auditorium and practiced our speeches. We came back late for English and at 11 went back over and everybody practiced. I ate my lunch at school. We went to Latin and then went to the auditorium and gave our speeches before the 8th grade and high school. After school I played basketball in the gym, and after coming home at 4:30 played across the street.

March 16, 1946 Saturday

After getting up at 10 o'clock I ate and walked over across the street and played PIG and 21 with Jimmie Murry. It was beautiful out again today. I just wore a sweater out. After lunch I played a game of basketball in the lot. Bob, Frani, and I went up to the Bellevue Club, and Jack Donahue and I played 12 holes of golf for the first time this year (Bob and Frani walked). I was hitting very good and shot under 50 for the last 9. When I got home at 5:30 I drove over to Confession. Tonight I walked up to Bud Priest's house.

March 17, 1946 Sunday

St. Patrick's Day. Another beautiful day. Bob and I went to the 8:30 Mass and I received Holy Communion. After Mass I did my Intermediate Algebra homework. Later Frani and I went for a ride with Mary in her car. Bob and I went out to Drumlins to eat. After getting back Gus Roe visiting Clancys let me take his convertible Ford car all afternoon. Frani, Bob, Dick Lang, and Dick Shaw, and I drove around all afternoon. I did the driving and did we have fun. Tonight I did my homework and got to bed at 11.

March 18, 1946 Monday

Went to 7:15 mass with Bud Priest and Dick ‘Dutch’ Hennessy and to Communion. But drove me home and I ate breakfast and rode back with Dad and Clem. We had Religion period for the 1st time in a week. It is still beautiful weather out. We went to lab and watched Sr. Pieta make iodine. After school Frani and I walked up and hit golf balls around for 7 holes. I am hitting them farther than ever. I drove over and got Dad at Slater’s (*probably Tom Slater of Pomeroy Organization, where Paul’s father Bob Sr. works*) and drove him home. Went to Rosary – Assumption and we lost on home court 38 to 30.

March 19, 1946 Tuesday

I drove Clem’s car to the 7:15 Mass and received Holy Communion. Then I came home for breakfast and rode back with Dad and Clem. I came home for lunch at noon as usual. We got out of school at 3 and I came home, got my sneaks (*sneakers?*) and changed my clothes and went back to Rosary gym. The juniors played the sophomores in basketball and I played about half the game. I got home at 6:30, ate, and did my Chemistry and Intermediate Algebra homework.

March 20, 1946 Wednesday

This beautiful weather! Again I took Clem’s car and drove up to Bud Priest’s house after him, and then picked up Dick Hennessy. Today Mother and Dad left for New York City at 11 o’clock for a vacation. I took my lunch, ate at school, and then played basketball in the gym. In lab this afternoon I worked in lab book. After school we (Gord, Kevin, Dick Hennessy, etc.) and I played basketball across the street. At 5:30 I drove the car up on the Hill (*Syracuse University*), ate supper with Bob, and did my homework up there. On the way home we bought banana splits at Queen Anne’s (*ice cream parlor*).

March 21, 1946 Thursday

Nice and warm again today. I drove Bud Priest, Dick ‘Dutch’ and Mrs. Hennessy to Mass and we received. I am taking care of the furnace fine. This noon I ate in school and then did my Intermediate Algebra. After school Bob, Kevin, and I played 9 holes of golf at the Bellevue Club. I was hitting fair. We drove the car up and back. Tonight the fire went out and I had to build it. I did my homework also. Bob went up on the Hill (*Syracuse University*) tonight.

March 22, 1946 Friday

End of beautiful weather. I drove to Mass and Communion at 7:15. At 11 we went to a Sodality Meeting. I ate lunch in school at noon. After school it was raining. Bob came and got me and took me home. Later Dutch and I drove down city and I got my hair cut. Bob and I ate supper at the Bellevue Club, and then Dutch and I went to the Armory to a semi-final playoff game in Parochial basketball. St. Anthony beat St. Lucy, and St. Vincent beat Assumption. We ate at Myers and I got home at 11:45.

March 23, 1946 Saturday

Mother and Dad are still in New York City. I drove alone to Mass and Communion at 8:15 o'clock. After Mass I came home and ate and then went over to Rosary gym. The juniors played the seniors and lost 40 to 25. I played for all but about 2 minutes and made 4 points. Bud Priest and I came home and gunned later (*shot baskets at the basketball court*). This afternoon Bob and I played 9 holes and then I played 5 more with Jack Donahue. I hit my drive way over the hill on hole #1 and was driving very good. I went up and did some homework at Bud Priest's tonight.

March 24, 1946 Sunday

It was nice this morning but rained tonight. I went to Mass and Communion at 8:30. Afterwards I gunned across the street, and Kevin and I drove down by Queen Anne's (*ice cream parlor*) and got some gas. This afternoon Bob and I played 6 holes of golf. I did fair. Bob and I drove up and got Joe McGrath (Bob's friend) and went up and ate at Drumlins. After getting home Dick Lang came up for my Chemistry. When he went out he had a flat tire. I drove him home and back again. Tonight I did a drawing for Chemistry.

March 25, 1946 Monday

I was quite tired this morning and didn't get up to go to Mass. After eating and fixing the furnace fine I got a ride to school with Malcolm Goetting. At noon I ate at school again. We had lab today and worked in our lab books. After school I changed my clothes when I got home and then went back and played basketball. The juniors played the sophomores and won. I made two points. Tonight at 9:30 I drove the car down and got Dad and Mother at the train station. They came home from New York City and Atlantic City.

March 26, 1946 Tuesday

Didn't go to mass today because I was up so late last night. I walked to school at 8:30 alone. Before English class I asked to be excused for not doing my homework, but she kicked me out and I did it in a study period class. We went over to the Choir Room for singing. I came back for lunch at noon. After school I went over to the gym and then house and played basketball with Gord, Kevin, etc., We also played catch with the baseball. Tonight I did my homework and got to bed at 10:45.

March 27, 1946 Wednesday

I arose at 7:20 and got a ride to school. All during the Intermediate Algebra class the boys wrote and did problems on the blackboard. We had Religion today. I ate my lunch in school and did my Latin homework. We worked in our lab books in Chemistry lab. After school I came home and played basketball with Kevin, Frani, Bud Quinn, etc. All I wore out is a sweater. As usual after supper and drying the dishes, I did some Intermediate Algebra., Chemistry, and Latin III homework.

March 28, 1946 Thursday

Warm, beautiful day. Bud Priest has been sick with the mumps since Tuesday. I came home for lunch at noon. After school I came in and did my homework until 5 and then Kevin came over and we went up on Velasko (*Road*) and played basketball. After getting home I changed my clothes and Mother and Dad and I went up to Buffet at the Bellevue Club. I stayed until 9:30 and then came home and went to bed.

March 29, 1946 Friday

We had a test in Chemistry today. There was a practice fire drill at 10:45. At 11 we went over to Church and said the Office of the B.V. (*Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary*). The Rosary basketball team has been awarded the sportsmanship trophy. As a result we had this afternoon off – no school. I helped Mother and we burned some dead grass, etc. out back. Then I went over to the gym and played a little basketball. I got home and went down after Dad. Tonight I went to a basketball game at the Armory. St. Anthony beat St. Vincent in a playoff game.

March 30, 1946 Saturday

After waking up at 9:30 this morning I went over to the gym at 11 and played a half of a basketball game. I ate lunch and then drove down city after Dad. When I got home Bob and I went up to the Bellevue Club and played 9 holes of golf with Walt Hansen. I played the last nine, shot 47, and beat him 4 up. Tonight Dutch and I went to the final basketball playoff game. St. Vincent won the playoffs 50 to 40. We went to the Waldorf (?) with Rgis King, “C.B.A.ster” (*attends Christian Brothers Academy*) of basketball and baseball (pitcher).

March 31, 1946 Sunday

I drove Bob and the Clancys to 8:30 Mass today. It turned cold and is quite cold today. I did some homework this morning and later Kevin came over. We ate dinner at home today and this afternoon I played 18 holes of golf with Walt Hansen (Bob played 6 holes). I shot a 98 (not very good). On holes 2-3-4 I got pars (3 straight). It was pretty cold and later on got very cold. I got home at 6:30 and ate. I did some Latin and took a bath tonight.

April 1946

April 1, 1946 Monday

Back to school! Snow! That is one thing (snow) that I didn't expect to see again this year. When I walked to school it was snowing hard but later on in the day it melted. At noon I ate at school. We had a test in Religion and a Chemistry lab today. After school I drove the car over to Kevin's and then down to Marble Dairy to get cream. Then we (Kevin, Frani (*Feola*), Dutch (*Hennessy*), Bud Quinn) played basketball in the lot. I did some homework and washed my hair tonight.

April 2, 1946 Tuesday

It was very windy last night. During Intermediate Algebra the boys made ellipses on the blackboard. At 11 we (junior class) went over to the Choir room for Chant. We all fooled around and got her awfully mad. We were throwing buckshot around - at her (Sister) too. I ate lunch at school. We had a part of Latin period and then went over and spent all afternoon having our pictures (class, etc.) for yearbook. When I got home I played basketball with Kevin, Frani, etc. Kevin and I drove down after Dad

(Paul would often pick up his father Robert from where he worked at Pomeroy Organization, located at 327 Montgomery St in Syracuse).

Jack Ryan came up and visited us today. Did homework tonight.

April 3, 1946 Wednesday

Again we boys made graphs on the board in Intermediate Algebra Today. This noon I walked home for lunch. After having lab last period I went up to the little school and practiced for a play we are having Friday over a loudspeaker. I got home at 4:30 and played basketball for a half hour, then drove down city after Dad. Mother, Dad, and I ate supper as Bob is up on the Hill (*Syracuse University*). Did homework and listened to the radio tonight.

April 4, 1946 Thursday

We stood for recitation in Chemistry as usual this morning. We had Religion period again today. All we do is read and memorize. I ate lunch at school and then did my Latin homework. After school Kevin came over and we went up and fooled around with Rosary baseball practice. I ate supper alone, got my own, and then walked over to Confession. Then I walked back to Doc's and then home and did my homework and listened to the radio.

April 5, 1946 Friday

I drove Clem's car to 7:15 Mass and Holy Communion as it is 1st Friday. After coming home for breakfast I rode back to school with (*Uncle*) Clem and Dad. Again at noon I ate at school and did my Latin III translation homework. It is quite cool today. After school Kevin and Frani came over and we (with Don La Casse, Dick '*Dutch*' Hennessy, and Jimmie Dermody (?)) played basketball in a very good game. Tonight Dutch and I fooled around down at the store.

April 6, 1946 Saturday

After sleeping until 10 a.m. I got up and vacuumed all the rugs for Mother. It is quite cold today. At 12:15 Frani came over and we played basketball for about a half hour. Later Bob and I rode out past Fairmount with Bud Priest and looked over the horses where he rides. He drove us back to the Bellevue Club and we played about 5 holes but it was too windy. Tonight Frani, Bud, and I went to the movies. Afterwards we went to Meyer's to eat something.

April 7, 1946 Sunday

I drove the car to the 8:30 Mass and received Holy Communion. After Mass, Frani and I went up on Stolp and Velasko (corner lot) and played basketball. The family all ate at Drumlins and afterwards we came home. Bob and I drove up to the Bellevue Club but nothing was doing (pretty cold for golf) and then came down on Stolp again and I played some more basketball. Tonight I did my homework.

April 8, 1946 Monday

Snow! This morning I got up and drove Clem's car to the 7:15 Mass and received Communion. Then I came home for breakfast and walked back to school. We did graphs on the board again in Intermediate Algebra class. I came home for lunch at noon. This afternoon it snowed enough to cover the ground. After school I played basketball in the gym with the kids (10) and played until 5:15. Tonight I did my Latin, Chemistry, Intermediate Algebra and English homework.

April 9, 1946 Tuesday

After receiving Communion at 7:15 Mass I came home and ate and rode back to school with Clem and Dad as it was raining. It rained all day a little. We went to Chant at 11 this morning. I ate lunch at school and then did some Intermediate Algebra homework. After school I played basketball in the gym until 5 o'clock. I made lots of points and was making all kinds of shots (2 teams, 10 men played). I came home and ate and then did some homework and a Chemistry drawing.

April 10, 1946 Wednesday

Again I drove Clem's car to Mass and Communion at 7:15. I walked back to school. In Intermediate Algebra we had a test and also had one in English. I ate at school at noon and did my Latin III. After school I had to stay and practice for a play we're having over the microphone Friday. I stayed until 4:30. Mother and Dad went out for supper and Bob and I got our own. Then I did some homework.

April 11, 1946 Thursday

Picked up Bud Priest, Mrs. and Dick Hennessy, and Don La Casse on the way to Mass and Communion this morning. This noon I stayed and ate and did my Latin homework. After school I came home and then went up and played 6 holes alone at the Bellevue Club. Tonight I drove the car down to Doc's and then came in and did my homework.

April 12, 1946 Friday

Again I picked up Bud and Dick on the way to Mass and Communion this morning. We stood for recitation in Chemistry and did problems in Int. At 11 we went over to the auditorium to a Sodality meeting. I ate lunch at school and did my Latin homework. After school Bob and I drove the car up to the Bellevue Club and 'hacked' around 3 holes. Then I drove down city after Dad with Dutch (*Hennessy*). Went up and fooled around at Bud Priest's house tonight.

April 13, 1946 Saturday

Didn't go to Mass this morning but slept until 10:30 instead. I got up and went down city and got my haircut. After getting home I went up to the Bellevue Club with Jack Donahue (rode up with him) and walked 7 holes watching Jack, Al Reynold (pro), Dr. Hoffman, and another man. Then Jack and I played 9 holes with Art Langan (the 20-year-old champ). I hit some beautiful shots, nice long drives. On hole #16 I was past the green with a drive of 5 iron. Tonight I just went down to Doc's.

April 14, 1946 Sunday

Slept until 9 and then went to the 9:45 Mass with Mother, Dad, and Bob. It is Palm Sunday. Dutch (*Hennessy*) came over after Mass and we just hung around. The family all went out and ate at Drumblins (Mother and Dad drove Bob and I home and we went up and with Lloyd Schneider played 12 holes. Then I played holes 13-14-15 alone. I got on hole #8 in 2 and got a 4 par. On hole #9 I was past the green on 2 and got a par 4. I got some swell drives. Took a bath tonight.

April 15, 1946 Monday

Retreat begins. This morning I drove our car to 7:45 Mass and received. I came home and ate and it was raining so hard I got a ride back with Mother. All morning was spent listening to talks by the Retreat Master and prayer, etc. At noon I came home and got my own lunch. We spent this afternoon like this morning. Last was Benediction. I got home and later Frani and I drove down city after Dad. It rained all day today.

April 16, 1946 Tuesday

Attended 7:45 Mass and Holy Communion. All the rest of the day we listened to conferences and prayed. At noon I ate at school and fooled around. After Benediction I came home and went up to the Bellevue Club and fooled around with Bob for 4 holes, and then played 9 holes (1st side) with Jack Donahue. On the first holes I was past it with a drive and a 3-wood shot. It was pretty windy and cool. Then I ate alone in the Bellevue Grill and then came home.

April 17, 1946 Wednesday

I drove the car to Mass at 9:15. It was the ending of the Retreat. I received Holy Communion and then drove the car up to Pogey and looked at it (*Pogey Pond was a 14-acre body of water that supplied the city of Syracuse with drinking water*). Frani and Ted Sizing also came. Later I went down city and bought Dad a birthday present. Today he is 50 years old. This afternoon I went up to the Bellevue Club and played 18 holes with Lloyd Schneider. I shot a 94 and he a 95. We broke even. I 3 putted at least 6 greens. The family all ate at Tobins (Restaurant) tonight.

April 18, 1946 Thursday

Holy Thursday. After not getting up until late I drove the car to Mass at 7:30. When after receiving Communion and watching the procession I came out of Church it was raining. I went up on Stolp Ave. and played basketball, and again after I ate lunch at home alone. I was hot on sets (*set shots*) and made about 15 in a 50-point game. Later Frani and I went up and played 9 holes with Lloyd. I did good until the 8th hole in which I hit 4 out of bounds. I went over and made 2 visits at Church tonight.

April 19, 1946 Friday

Good Friday. Went to the Mass of the Presanctified at 8 o'clock. Afterwards I drove Mrs. Hennessy (Dutch's mother) and Frani home. This morning I raked and rolled our front lawn. At 2:30 Dutch and I went over to Church for the Stations (*of the Cross*). Later Bob, Dutch, and I played 4 holes. Dutch and I drove down after Dad at 5 o'clock. Tonight Dutch and I went down to Doc's and hid in Mary's car while she and Jeanette Schneider took a ride and ended up at Jeanette's.

April 20, 1946 Saturday

I didn't go to Mass this morning but slept until 9:30 instead. After helping Mother I went up and played basketball on Stolp Ave. and Velasko Rd. This afternoon it turned very cold and at 5:30 I drove down after Dad and got Mother a plant for Easter. Dad got her an orchid. Tonight Bud Priest, Ed Smith, and I went to the movies. Mother and Dad went to a dinner-dance at the Bellevue Country Club tonight.

April 21, 1946 Sunday

Easter. Went to 9:45 Mass with all the family. I also received Communion. After Mass Kevin came over and then we went with his father to the train station. Then I drove it back home (car) and Kevin and I both drove around home. Mother, Dad, Bob, and I ate at the Bellevue Club and later I played 9 holes of golf – 3 with Wendell next door and the rest with a man and a boy. I parred holes 5 and 6 and got a birdie 2 on hole 7 (2nd birdie this year).

April 22, 1946 Monday

Kevin came over at 9 and we drove Bob up on the hill (*Syracuse University*) with Kevin's father's car and then drove around for about 2 hours. Then we took it to a garage but I had to drive it home alone. Then I mowed our front lawn. This afternoon I played 18 holes of golf at the Bellevue Club (9 holes with Mr. Donahue). I'm not as hot today as usual. Tonight Kevin and I went down city and walked around.

April 23, 1946 Tuesday

After Bob practically pulled me out of bed I got up at 9:15 and drove him up on the hill in our car. I stayed up there with him for a while and then came back home with him. This afternoon as usual I played golf – 9 holes with a Bob Clark (veteran). I wasn't hitting very good today. It rained at 3 and continued, and at 10 is still doing so. Tonight I stayed in and sat around. It was very hot today and the past 2 days (73 degrees yesterday).

April 24, 1946 Wednesday

Beautiful Day. Slept until 9:30 and then got up and went down city and got a haircut. When I got home Bob and I ate and then I went up and played 18 holes of golf with Jim Johnson (boy who plays on Eastwood High School golf team) and Bucky, assistant pro at Green Lakes golf course. I beat Jim 3-2 but played lousy golf shooting a 99. Then we played 3 more after that. Tonight Kevin, Dutch (*Hennessy*), and I talked to Wendell next door and went down to Doc's.

April 25, 1946 Thursday

School in such beautiful weather. I opposingly got up at 7:30 and walked to school. The Sisters got right down to work as usual. C.B.A. (*Christian Brothers Academy*) and the public schools don't have to go back until Monday. At noon I came home for lunch. After school I mowed some of the side and back lawn and at 5:00 went down city after Dad. Tonight I went for a ride with Dick Lang, Mary Anderson, and Dick Shaw. Then I came in and did my Intermediate Algebra and Chemistry homework.

April 26, 1946 Friday

All day today it rained. Last period this morning we went to an assembly "For the Good of Rosary". I walked home at noon in the rain and Bob drove me back. This is his vacation. After school Heuschneider and I went over to (*Bob*) Korta's house where Bob was and then I rode home with him. Tonight the Langs picked me up at 8:30 and went over and picked up Peggy Hemmer, and then went to Ellen Caring's (?) party. It was a fair party.

April 27, 1946 Saturday

Last night the rain turned to snow and there was about ½ inch of snow on the ground today. I didn't get up until 11 o'clock this morning. All day I just stayed around as nobody was around. Twice I walked down to Doc's. At 5 Bob and I drove over to Confession. Tonight I stayed at Clancy's with their kids. Frani came over and we called up Marsha Holmes, my newest heart flame. She is a freshman and nice.

April 28, 1946 Sunday

I am 17 years old today. I got up alone and went to the 8:30 Mass and received Communion. After Mass I did some homework. We ate home at noon with a birthday cake Mother made. Dad gave me a golf jacket, Mother a sport shirt and T-neck shirt, Bob two books on golf, and Clem \$2. This afternoon Kevin and I went driving all around in his car, and three friends came. Later I played 9 holes of golf. Tonight I finished my homework. Daylight savings time began last night.

April 29, 1946 Monday

Back to school again! It was such a nice day I hated to go to school. At noon I came home for lunch. In Chemistry lab we learned about the photo-electric cell and electric eye. After school I went over to Kevin's and we walked up to the Bellevue Club and I played 5 holes of golf with Jack Donahue. I got home late for supper but Dad went to Albany today and tomorrow. After supper Kevin came over and we went up on Stolp and played basketball. I got home at 9:15 and just did my Intermediate Algebra homework.

April 30, 1946 Tuesday

I woke up at 7:15, went back to sleep and didn't wake up until 8:45, too late to go to school so I stayed home from school. I did my Latin III homework. This noon I went to school. Last period I had a Study. Bob and I went up to the Bellevue Club after school and played 3 holes. Kevin came up for 2 holes. Again tonight Kevin and I played basketball on Stolp with all the kids. We went down to Doc's later. Did some homework when I got home.

May 1946

May 1, 1946 Wednesday

Every one of these days are beautiful. We got our report cards this morning. I got an average of 81. At noon I walked home Stolp Ave. with the boys as usual. Last night Sr. Armond (Armand?) called and said that Aunt Lillie (Mother St. Bernard) has pneumonia. After school today I went up and played 9 holes with Jack Donahue. Jack is instructing me and I'm doing better. We (family) ate at Drumlins tonight. Did homework until 11:30 tonight.

May 2, 1946 Thursday

Mother St. Bernard is still very sick and not out of danger. We went over part I's in Chemistry and did problems on the board in Intermediate Algebra. Last period we went over to the auditorium and heard some speeches. After school I came home, helped Mother, and Kevin and I drove down city and did some errands for Mother. I drove the car to get some gas after supper. Then I did my homework of Intermediate Algebra and Latin III. Then I got to bed at 10:30.

May 3, 1946 Friday

Bob and Joe McGrath left for New York City this morning for a vacation. I drove our car to Mass and Communion (1st Friday). I have made 8 straight First Fridays. Pat Feidt won the oratorical contest of the Catholic schools. When I got home after school I drove Dad down city and then stopped over to Kirk Park for the first baseball game. Rosary lost to St. Anthony's 5 to 0. Mother, Dad, and I ate supper at Schrafft's. Mother St. Bernard is worse again.

May 4, 1946 Saturday

Mother and Dad left for Ottawa at 9 this morning. Mother St. Bernard is very bad. I went over to Frani's and then walked up to the Bellevue Club with him. After playing 6 holes with Walt Hansen I ate at the Bellevue Club and walked 9 holes with Mr. Donahue and then played the last 9 holes with him. I parred hole 12 and got a 6 on hole 13. I shot about a 48. After eating supper alone I played baseball (hardball) at the park with Frani, etc., and then went down to Doc's and hung around.

May 5, 1946 Sunday

I got up and walked to the 8:30 Mass and received Communion. It was very cloudy and looked like rain all day. I went over to Kevin's and he took his father to Queen Anne's (*ice cream parlor*) and then we drove around. I got my own dinner at noon and Wendell Mc Bachron (?) and I went up to the Bellevue Club and played 18 holes of golf. He got an 85 (46 on 1st nine holes, 39 on 2nd nine) and I got 95 (46 and 49). I didn't play very well. I parred holes 3, 6, and 11. Tonight I did my homework. Bob came home from New York at 11:30.

May 6, 1946 Monday

Got up at 7:40, ate, and walked to school. At noon I came home and ate alone as Bob was down city. In lab this afternoon we did the flame tests and borax bead test. After school Bud Priest came home with me and helped me start the furnace fire which went out. Then I went down city with him in his car to do some errands with him. Tonight I did my homework.

Most Holy Rosary School 1946 - 1947

Annual Junior-Senior Breakfast Program

May 13, 1946

Note: Nothing written in diary between May 7 and May 12, 1946. May 13 is last diary entry in 1946.

May 13, 1946 Monday

Annual Junior-Senior breakfast! (*see program on next few pages*). This morning I attended 7:45 Mass and afterwards I drove our car, with Bud Priest in his car, out to Howard Johnson's restaurant for the breakfast. We fooled around and had a good breakfast. Then Frani, John Moody, and Alice Boynton, Chuck Levy, and I drove out (our car) to Skaneateles Lake to Marybeth McCarthy's farm on the lake. We had lots of fun fooling around. After driving home I got home at 5:30 and ate supper with Bob and did some homework.

MOST HOLY ROSARY
JUNIOR -- SENIOR

BREAKFAST



Monday, May 13, 1946

JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS

PRESIDENT-----Martin Carroll

VICE-PRESIDENT-----Marie Carpenter

SECRETARY-----Marion Sopher

TREASURER-----William Irving

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Annual Junior-Senior Breakfast Program
May 13, 1946

PROGRAM

1. Welcome-----Juniors
2. For Rosary-----Assembly
3. Toast to Father Aylesworth-----
Marion Sopher
4. Song (Onesy, Twosy)
5. Toast to Father Lynch-----
Marie Carpenter
6. Song (Atcheson, Topeka)
7. Toast to Father Handlin-----
Robert Ealy
8. Toast to the Sisters-----
Mary Anderson
9. Song (I Can't Begin to Tell You)
10. Song (Laughing on the Outside)
11. Toast to the Seniors-----
Martin Carroll
12. Reply-----Stephen Hughes, '46
13. Song (Auld Lang Syne)
14. Toast to Monsignor-----
Theodore Sizing
15. Address-----Monsignor McDowell
16. National Anthem-----Assembly

TUNE: (ONESY, TWOSY)

Onesy, twosy, we'll miss yousy,
Twosy, threesy, take it easy,
Threesy, foursy, out the doorsy,
You'll be going, Seniors.
Foursy, fivesy, you will risey,
Fivesy, sixsy, very quicksy,
Sixsy, sevensy, up to heavensy,
You'll be going, Seniors.
Our school will keep on growing,
Till the work is done.
But with the seniors going
We just won't have much fun.
Sevensy, eightsy, you're draft baitsy,
Eightsy, ninesy, you're just finesy,
Ninesy, tonsy, start againsy,
Onesy, twosy, we'll miss yousy.

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May 13, 1946

TUNE: (ATCHESON, TOPEKA AND THE SANE. PAR)

Do you see those seniors in the hall?
I reckon that they're reminiscing
basketball;
They're the only ones that can fight
that way,
And oh, how we'll need them when it's
time to play.

As their senior ye-ar quickly ends,
I figure that they know we're gonna
miss our friends,
Things around this school won't seem
the same,
Without Betty Flood it'll be too tame.

Whoo.....Hey, Rip, you'd better get
the car.
Whoo.....The Class of '46 is goin' far,
And Peg, why don't you give a cheer
For the kids that we hold so dear?
There is no class that can equal them.
On Rosary's hit parade they're the
best that's been.

TUNE: (I CAN'T BEGIN TO TELL YOU)

We can't begin to tell you,
How much you mean to us,
We miss you all from Tommy
down to Gus.
We can't begin to tell you,
How sad we all will be
When we lose our great prefect
Jackie Dee.

With Peggy, Bette and Phyllis,
The cream of all the crop,
They've always helped Ro-sa-ry,
We hope they'll never stop,
And now that we have given
Our praises to this class,
We bid farewell to every lad
and lass.

TUNE: (LAUGHING ON THE OUTSIDE,
CRYING ON THE INSIDE)

The Senior Class is going, so now we
must be showing
All we ever thought of them,
We're laughing on the outside, crying
on the inside
'Cause we're sure to miss them so.

Dear Classmates, since you're leaving,
Let's not start agrieving,
Can't you see that we're all blue?
We're laughing on the outside, crying
on the inside,
'Cause we're so in love with you.

AULD LANG SYNE.

Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot
And days of auld lang syne?

For auld lang syne, my dear,
For auld lang syne,
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
For auld lang syne.

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Communion Breakfast
November 10, 1946

The Most Holy Rosary school bulletin printed the following information in the November 1946 issue of the 'Mohorohi Bulletin'. Paul attended this Communion Breakfast at M.H.R.

COMMUNION BREAKFAST

The Fourth Annual Communion Breakfast will be held in Priory Hall, Sunday, November 10th at 10 o'clock.

The Communion Breakfast is not just a party. It has a spiritual significance. We want the real Rosary spirit, which we all possess but do not always show, to be evident on Sunday. The Apostolic Committee is responsible for it but we need your continued cooperation. It must be a wonderful feeling to come into Priory Hall and find the place befittingly decorated and ready for operations. That requires time, effort and many headaches.

This is how we want you to help – Rosary's "Fourteen Points":

1. After Mass report to the classrooms on first floor.
2. When the march begins, kindly start down in the order of classes.
3. Remain standing at your place in silence until grace has been said.
4. Do not seat yourselves until after the priests have been seated.
5. A picture of the group is to be taken so have a 'watch-the-birdie' attitude throughout the breakfast.
6. Do not tear or destroy the tablecloths or decorations.
7. One pint of chocolate milk or milk will be provided for those who requested that beverage. No 'seconds'.
8. The favors will be distributed to you personally at the Breakfast.
9. The boys will be responsible for the collection of all empty milk bottles. These will be placed in the cases.
10. All are requested to assist in the cleaning up. The girls will clear the tables. The boys will remove the tables and chairs to their respective places.
11. There are not going to be any policemen on duty. So anyone who wants to 'slink' has four doors through which to dash. Just pray that we do not see you going, for you would go so far down in our estimation that nothing you could ever do would bring you back. We want and need the generous spirit which you have always shown. Remember, 'Non omnia possumus omnes' (*translated from Latin: 'We cannot all of us do everything'*)
12. Keep out of the kitchen unless assigned to 'K P' duty.
13. Thank the Mothers who prepared your breakfast.
14. Last but not least – the boys will wear coats and ties. The girls will be in uniform.
Don't forget your class song at the Breakfast!

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Christmas Show
December 17, 1946

Below is the program for the Christmas show 'Peace on Earth'. Paul plays one of the three kings.

"PEACE ON EARTH" MOST HOLY ROSARY HIGH SCHOOL Tuesday Evening December 17, 1946 eight o'clock

PROGRAM

Blessed Virgin.....Ann Donohue	
Saint Joseph.....William Davis	
John Baptist.....Martin Ziembra	
Angel Gabriel.....Theresa Barry	
Angels.....Marie Polites Jeanette Schneider Maura Lynch Jean Sullivan	
Shepherds.....Charles Levy Robert Ealy Donald Priest	
Kings.....James Sullivan Richard Lang Paul Conan	
	TABLEAUX
	1 - - John Baptist
	2 - - Annunciation
	3 - - Crib - (Holy Family)
	4 - - Angels and Shepherds
	5 - - Shepherds at Crib
	6 - - Wise Men
	7 - - Adoration at Crib
	Lighting Effects.....George Finkbeiner Raymond Lang

SCRIPTURE CHOIR		CAROLERS	
M. Carroll	W. Brogan	Mary Anderson	Mary Finkbeiner
L. Doyle	L. Heuschneider	Ann Byron	Jean Fox
W. Irving	F. Feola	Joan Carey	Margaret Hemmer
W. Lyons	T. Sizing	Ellen Caring	Dorothy Hutt
		Marie Carpenter	Nancy Kerlin
R. Coolican	J. Fitzpatrick	Joan Chryst	Patricia Mahwinney
R. Castle	T. Hutt	Eileen Coffay	Mary Oster
D. Stapleton	J. Thornton	Mariellen Connor	Marion Sopher
R. Perkins	J. Cregg		Roberta Sullivan
D. Tyminski	R. Courchaine		
C. Reynolds	J. Thompson	Catherine Anderson	Marianne Horner
T. Anderson	R. McKeon	Claire Brady	Marilyn Johnson
W. Keefe	J. O'Leary	Margaret Ann Callahan	Janet Jordan
		Ann Carroll	Sheila McClarnon
		Patricia Centore	Carol McCormick
		Joan Christoffel	Nancy McLaughlin
		Elizabeth Curtin	Frances Morrison
		Frances DeLongo	Donna Pellow
		Barbara Dillon	Marilyn Ryan
		Joan Flaherty	Veronica Savage
		Betty Fox	Geraldine Sitterly
		Mary Fredenberg	Marianne Unz
		Dawn Horner	Joyce Vieau
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CAROLS			
O Little Town of Bethlehem...Redner			
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.....			
Under the Stars.....Brown			
Ave Maria.....Montani			
Birthday of a King.....Neidlinger			
Cantique de Noel.....Adam			
Sleep Holy Babe.....Traditional			
Angels We Have Heard On High...			
Angels from the Realms of Glory...Smart			
Hark, the Herald Angels Sing.....			
Gesu Bambino.....Yon			
We Three Kings of the Orient Are..Hopkins			
O Come, All Ye Faithful.....Traditional			
Joy to the World.....Handel			

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St. Patrick's Day Shamrock Jamboree
March 17, 1947

On March 17th, St. Patrick's Day, the Shamrock Jamboree was held at the Hotel Syracuse East Ballroom. 17-year-old Paul attended this event. Jigtime Rhythms were played by Jack Freischer's "Townsmen", and there was an Irish Songfest by Bob Planer. Lyrics of the following Irish songs were printed in the program.

EVERYBODY SING!

THE WEARING OF THE GREEN

O Paddy dear, and did you hear the news that's going 'round
The Shamrock is forbid by law to grow on Irish ground.
St. Patrick's day no more we'll keep, his color can't be seen
For there's a bloody law agin' this wearing of the green.

Verse

I met with Napper Tandy and he took me by the hand
And he said "How's poor old Ireland and how does she stand?"
She's the most distressful country that ever you have seen
They're hanging men and women for the wearing of the green.

A LITTLE BIT OF HEAVEN

Have you ever heard the story of how Ireland got its name?
I'll tell you so you'll understand from whence old Ireland came.
No wonder that we're proud of that dear land across the sea
For here's the way me dear old mother told the tale to me.

Chorus

Shure a little bit of Heaven fell from out the sky one day.
And nestled on the ocean in a spot so far away
And when the angels found it, Shure it looked so peaceful there.
So they sprinkled it with star dust just to make the shamrocks grow
'Tis the only place you'll find them, no matter where you go.
Then they dotted it with silver, to make its lakes so grand
And when they had it finished, shure they called it Ireland.

Verse

'Tis a dear old land of fairies and wondrous wishing wells.
And no where else on God's green earth have they such lakes and dales.
No wonder that the angels loved its shamrock bordered shore
'Tis a little bit of heaven and I love it more and more.

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St. Patrick's Day Shamrock Jamboree
March 17, 1947

MOTHER MACHREE

There's a spot in my heart which no colleen may own
There's a depth in my soul never sounded or known
There's a place in my mem'ry, my life that you fill
No other can take it, no one ever will.

Ev'ry sorrow or care in the dear days gone by
Was made bright by the light of the smile in your eye
Like a candle that's set in the window at night,
Your fond love has cheered me and guided me right.

Chorus

Shure I love the dear silver that shines in your hair
And the brow that's all furrowed and wrinkled with care.
I kiss the dear fingers so toil worn for me,
Oh, God bless you and keep you, Mother Machree.

WHERE THE RIVER SHANNON FLOWS

There's a pretty spot in Ireland I always claim for my land
Where the fairies and the blarney will never, never die.
It's the land of the shillalah, my heart goes back there daily
To the girl I left behind me when we kissed and said "Goodbye".

Chorus

Where dear old Shannon's flowing, where the three leaved shamrock grows.
Where my heart is I am going to my little Irish Rose
And the moment that I meet her, with a hug and kiss I'll greet her.
For there's not a colleen sweeter where the river Shannon flows

The Shamrock Jamboree program states "Let's also sing these songs:"

MY WILD IRISH ROSE

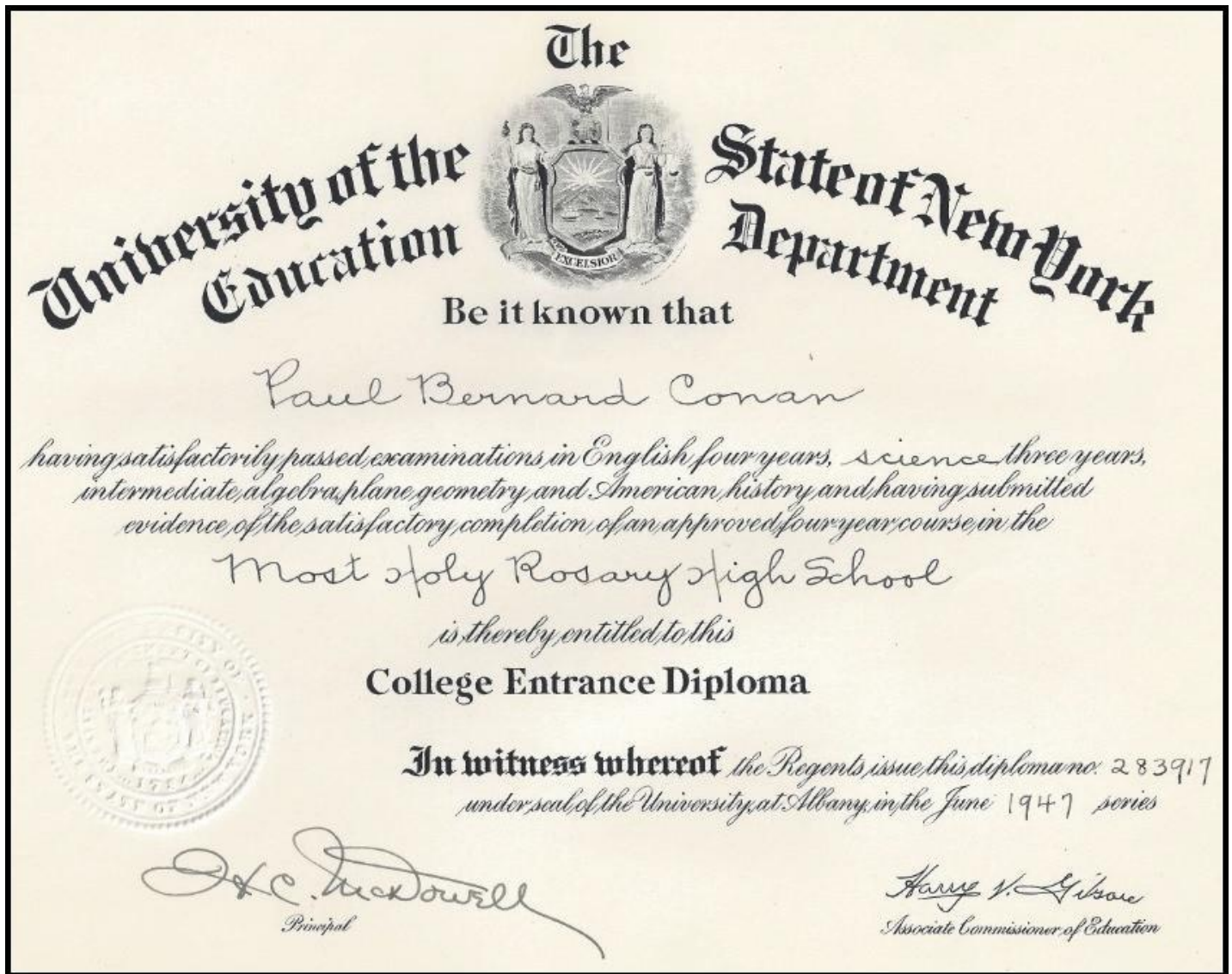
WHEN IRISH EYES ARE SMILING

DID YOUR MOTHER COME FROM IRELAND

THE SAME OLD SHILLALAH

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High School Graduation
June 21, 1947



Paul received his high school diploma from Most Holy Rosary on June 21st, 1947

The University of the State of New York Education Department

Be it known that

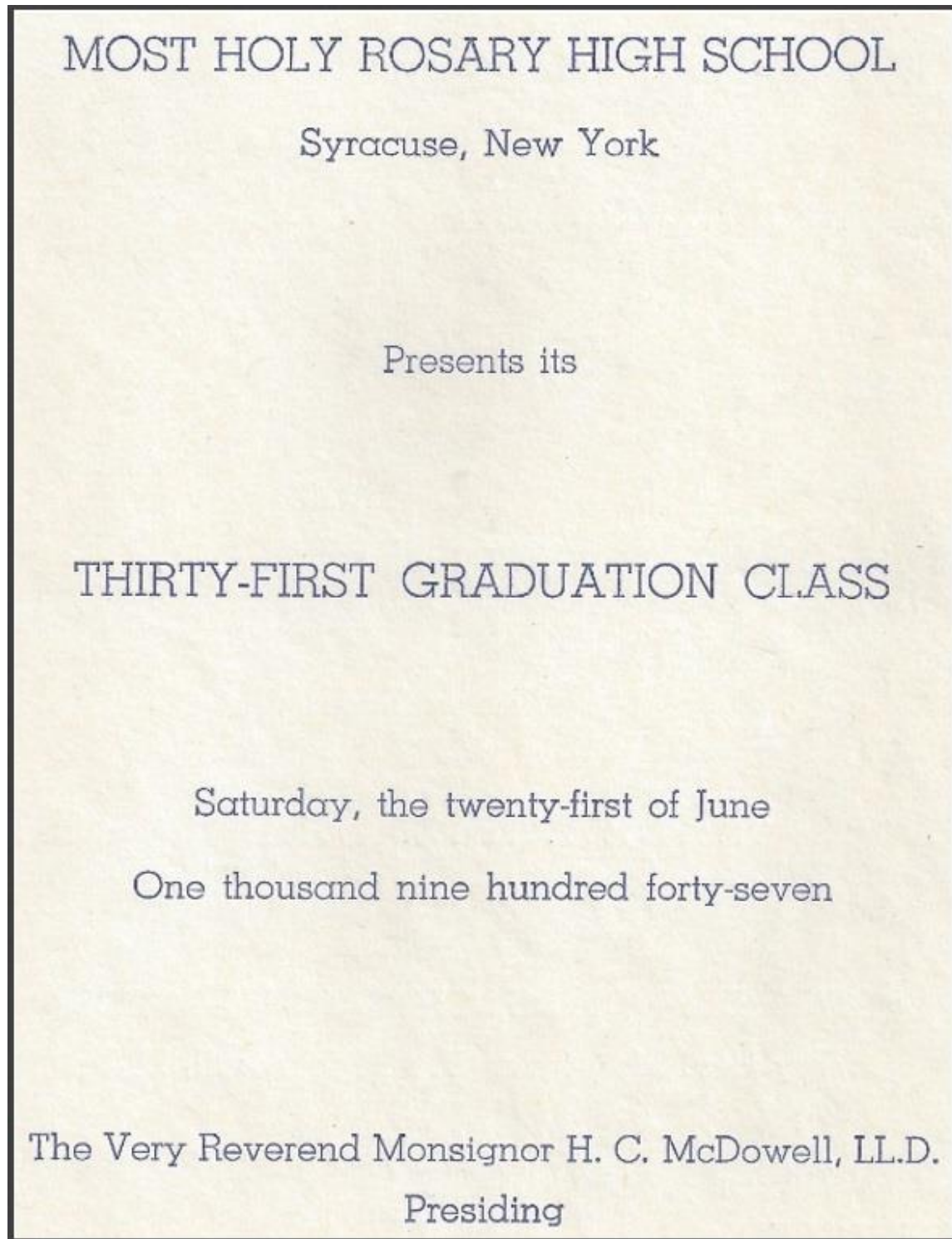
Paul Bernard Conan

having satisfactorily passed examinations in English four years, science three years, intermediate algebra, plane geometry, and American history, and having submitted evidence of the satisfactory completion of an approved four-year course in the Most Holy Rosary High School is thereby entitled to this College Entrance Diploma

In witness whereof the Regents issue this diploma no. 283917 under seal of the University at Albany in the June 1947 series.

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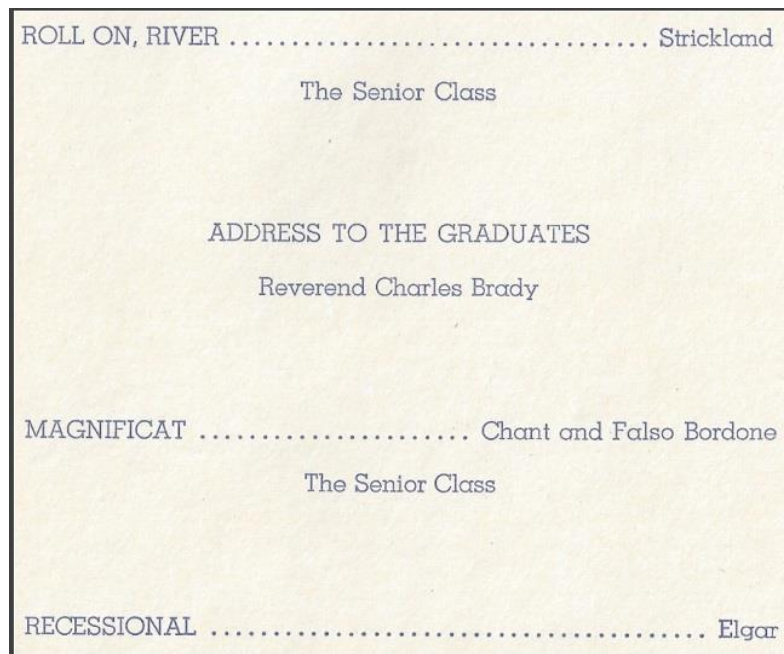
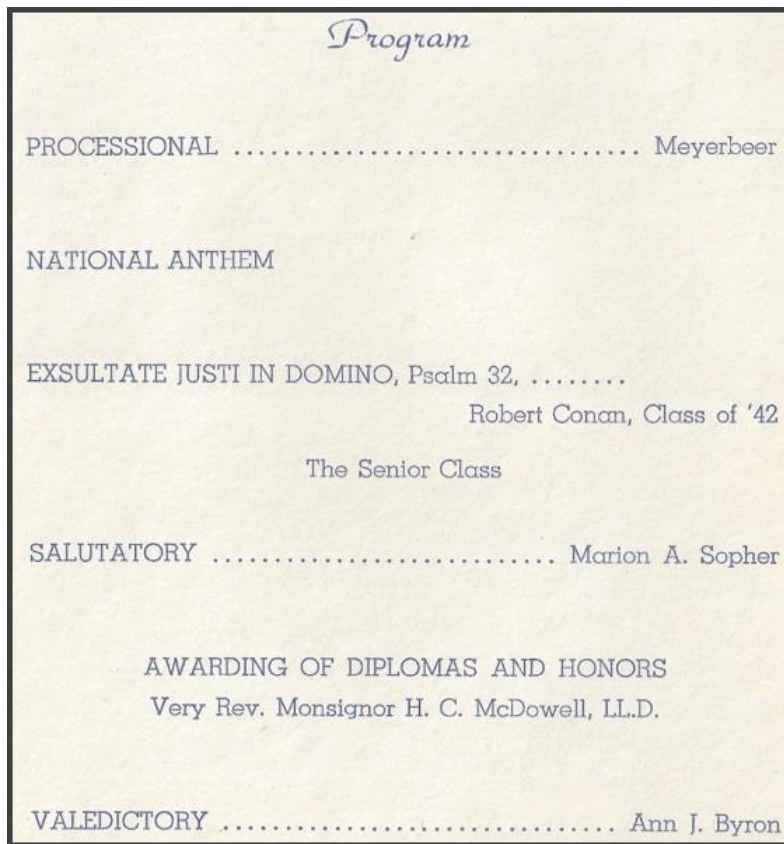
High School Graduation
June 21, 1947



This is the front page of the program Paul received at his high school graduation in 1947. Commencement took place at 3 p.m. on June 21st in the Most Holy Rosary Auditorium.

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High School Graduation
June 21, 1947



The middle pages of Paul's 1947 high school graduation program show that his brother Robert 'Bob' Conan read Psalm 33, which translates to "Rejoice in the Lord, O ye just".

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High School Graduation
June 21, 1947

Prizes to be Awarded at the
Commencement Exercises

Valedictorian	ANN BYRON	Salutatorian	SUSIE SOPHER
Religion	EILEEN COFFEY	American History	PAT MAWH
English	NANCY KERLIN	Sociology	
Latin	MARTIN ZIMBA	Science	ROBERT EALY
French	MARIAN SOPHER	Stenography II	JEANNE FOX
Mathematics	TED SIZING		

PARTIAL SCHOLARSHIP in a Catholic College donated by the Most Holy Rosary Mothers' Club and awarded to the senior girl having the highest general average for four years. ANN BYRON

PARTIAL SCHOLARSHIP in a Catholic College donated by the Most Holy Rosary Holy Name Society and awarded to the senior boy who has maintained the HIGHEST GENERAL SCHOLASTIC STANDING for four years. TED SIZING

PARTIAL SCHOLARSHIP in a Catholic College donated by the Most Holy Rosary Catholic Youth Organization and awarded to the senior boy who has been generally cooperative in C.Y.O. activities. FRANK FEOLA

PARTIAL SCHOLARSHIP in a Catholic College awarded by a friend to a senior boy who has maintained a high general deportment record for four years. LOUIS HE

PARTIAL SCHOLARSHIP awarded by Central City Business Institute. ANN BYRON

PARTIAL SCHOLARSHIP awarded by Powelson Business Institute. JEAN SULLIVAN

THE ROSARY MEDAL, the highest award of Most Holy Rosary High School, to a student who has been generally respected for loyalty to the best interests of Rosary throughout her four-year course. MARIE CARPENTER

Award to the SODALIST who has shown admirable leadership in Sociality activities. ROBERTA SULLIVAN

The ATHLETIC medal, awarded to the senior boy who has contributed most to the success of Rosary in sport activities. ROBERT EALY

The back page of Paul's Most Holy Rosary graduation program lists prizes awarded to students at their graduation. Paul wrote the winners' names on the program.

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This M.H.R. Alma Mater was printed in the Class of 1952 June 13th pamphlet 'Class Night Exercises'

<i>Song</i>	<i>Alma Mater</i>
<p><i>Tune: God Bless America</i></p> <p>While our dear friends gather At this happy time, Let us pledge allegiance To a school that's fine; Let us all be grateful For a school so fair, As we raise our voices In a solemn prayer.</p>	<p>For Rosary, for Rosary We sing our proud refrain! For Rosary, for Rosary 'Tis Wisdom's earthly fane. For here men are men and their hearts are true, And the towers on the heights reach to Heav'n's own blue. For Rosary, for Rosary Till the echoes ring again!</p>
<p><i>Chorus.</i></p> <p>God bless dear Rosary, A School that we love, Stand beside her and guide her Thru the night with a light from above; Bless our sisters, and our priests here And our classmates one and all, God bless dear Rosary And Ros'ry's halls.</p>	<p>For Rosary, for Rosary, Thy glory is our own! For Rosary, for Rosary, 'Tis here that Truth is known! And ever the right shall thy sons be found Till time shall be no more, and thy work is crown'd, For Rosary, for Rosary For thee and thine alone!</p>

Paul wrote on this pamphlet "I was Marshal with Sheila McClarnon and lead the graduating class on Sunday at Mass and at graduation."

1947

ONE LETTER & ONE DIARY ENTRY

Paul received a letter from Ginger Bockey that is postmarked August 26, 1947 from Eagle Bay – which is in the Adirondack mountains. It is transcribed below.

August 25, 1947 Monday

Dear Paul,

We have been having a wonderful time so far. We were told to pack up and leave at 3:30 in the morning because we were making too much noise.

Ann McLaughlin and I tramped the streets of Inlet this afternoon looking for a room for you. We finally found one for you in a Tourist Home near the Church in Inlet. There isn't a name to it, so you had better come here first so that I can direct you to it. It is a very clean and very respectable place and your room is O.K. It is \$3.50 per night, and it is all reserved for Saturday and Sunday. I paid some money down on it for you.

There are more people up here that I know, than I ever expected to see. Just everyone is here. (But you, that is).

They are enforcing a new rule at the L.P. (*T.P.*?). Everyone under 18 is supposed to leave at 10:30, but no-one does. It is not very exciting anyway, due to the fact that the females outnumber the males 10 to one.

I have the two ends of the bracelet hooked together with a safety pin, so if it comes unclasped I can't lose it, O.K.?

I do hope that my father and you got home safely. What time did you arrive in Syracuse? Anne and Mary didn't get here until 6:00 and Moe got here this noon.

I can't think of any more news offhand. Write and be good, Love, Ginger

P.S. See you Saturday? I hope.

Paul wrote only one entry in his diary book in 1947.

September 4, 1947 Wednesday

School starts again. I got up at 7:15 this morning and went to 8:15 Mass. Afterwards I went over to school. Msgr. (*Monsignor*) came in and promoted each pupil but I still had to stay in the Junior room because I didn't take the American History I flunked in summer school (all because of disobedience, Pooey!). Frani and I played 18 holes of golf at Sunnycrest. I shot a **74** and Frani got an 81. Went to Doc's tonight.

Most Holy Rosary Report Cards 1943 - 1947

PAUL'S FRESHMAN YEAR 1943-1944

DIOCESE OF SYRACUSE							CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS										
STUDENT REPORT CARD																	
MOST HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL																	
SYRACUSE, NEW YORK																	
REPORT OF <u>Paul Conan</u>																	
CLASS <u>Freshman I</u> 19 <u>43</u> 19 <u>44</u>																	
HOME ROOM TEACHER <u>Sister M. Incarnata</u>																	
First Semester Quarters						RECORD OF CLASS WORK						Second Semester Quarters					
1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Exam.	Ave.	Subjects	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Exam.						
80	84	78	86	85		RELIGION	95	95	95	90	93						
88	82	85	82	82		ENGLISH	86	89	90	89	85						
85	90	87	87	88		LATIN	91	90	92	92	87						
92	80	85	90	95		CIVICS	90	89	88	90	90						
89	82	76	84	96		ALGEBRA	93	88	94	92	100						
85	85	82	87	79		GEN. SCIENCE	86	89	93	90	87						
	75		80	76		Chant	70		75		84						
100-90 honor;						89-65 satisfactory;						below 65 unsatisfactory					

STUDENT'S ACTIVITIES											
Traits Marked Deserve Attention											
A—always; B—usually; C—sometimes; D—seldom; E—never											
First Semester Quarters					Traits		Second Semester Quarters				
1st	2nd	3rd	4th			1st	2nd	3rd	4th		
B	A	A	B	COMES WELL PREPARED		A	B	A			
		A		BEGINS WORK PROMPTLY							
				FOLLOWS DIRECTIONS		A	A				
			B	COOPERATES WITH OTHERS							
B	A	A	B	COMES WELL PREPARED		A	B	A			
		A		BEGINS WORK PROMPTLY							
				FOLLOWS DIRECTIONS		A	A				
			B	COOPERATES WITH OTHERS							
B	A			WORKS TO ABILITY		A		A			
	A			IS ATTENTIVE			A	A			
A		A	A	IS COURTEOUS							

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PAUL'S SOPHOMORE YEAR 1944-1945

REPORT OF <u>Paul Conan</u>													
CLASS <u>Sophomore</u> 19 <u>44</u> 19 <u>45</u>													
HOME ROOM TEACHER <u>Sister M. Demetrius</u>													
PRINCIPAL <u>R.C. McDowell</u>													
First Semester Quarters						RECORD OF CLASS WORK		Second Semester Quarters					
1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Exam.	Ave.	Subjects	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Exam.	Ave.	Yr's Ave.
85	88	90	92	96	90	RELIGION	90	90	90	95	97	92	91
83	85	86	87	85	85	ENGLISH	87	86	86	88	87	86	85
86	90	90	90	77	89	LATIN II	88	90	88	89	88	89	89
75	80	85	88	87	83	HISTORY	70	68	72	72	76	72	73
80	65	80	84	80	84	GEOMETRY	86	82	85	88	84	85	85
87	85	90	90	94	89	Mech. Draw	83	85	85	85	87	85	87
	75		75			Chant	76				75	75	75

Quarterly grades are based on daily class work, tests, and teacher's estimate; the examination grades are the results of formal tests only.

100-90 honor; 89-65 satisfactory; below 65 unsatisfactory

STUDENT'S ACTIVITIES								
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First Semester Quarters				Traits	Second Semester Quarters			
1st	2nd	3rd	4th		1st	2nd	3rd	4th
B	B	B	B	COMES WELL PREPARED	B	B		
				WORKS INDEPENDENTLY	A	A		
B	B	B	B	FOLLOWS DIRECTIONS	B	A		
B	B	B	B	WORKS TO ABILITY	B	A		
				SHOWS RELIGIOUS SPIRIT	A	A		
				IS COURTEOUS	A	A		
22	24	17	15	SCHOOL DAYS IN QUARTER	15	21		
21	23	16	15	DAYS PRESENT	15	21		
-	-	-	-	TIMES LATE	-	-		

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PAUL'S JUNIOR YEAR 1945-1946

REPORT OF <u>Paul Conan</u>													
CLASS <u>Junior</u>										19 <u>45</u> 19 <u>46</u>			
HOME ROOM TEACHER <u>Sister M. Pieta</u>													
PRINCIPAL <u>J. C. McDowell</u>													
First Semester Quarters						RECORD OF CLASS WORK		Second Semester Quarters					
1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Exom.	Ave.	Subjects	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Exom.	Ave.	Yr's Ave.
90	85	85	88	88		RELIGION	85	85	85	85	91	86	
80	84	85	84	82		ENGLISH	91	80	82	83	87		
70	80	80	85	85		LATIN <u>III</u>	85	83	85	83	66	81	
65	75	80	80	70		HISTORY	65	75	70	65	48	73	
84	65	70	85	84		ALGEBRA	75	80	86	84	75	79	
85	80	80	86	92		CHEMISTRY	85	85	85	86	83	84	
						Chant					87		

STUDENT'S ACTIVITIES											
Traits Marked Deserve Attention											
A—always; B—usually; C—sometimes; D—seldom; E—never											
First Semester Quarters				Traits				Second Semester Quarters			
1st	2nd	3rd	4th					1st	2nd	3rd	4th
B	B	B	B	COMES WELL PREPARED							
B	B	B	B	WORKS TO ABILITY							
A	A	A	A	IS ATTENTIVE							
27	23	18	22	SCHOOL DAYS IN QUARTER				23	28	22	
25	18	15	22	DAYS PRESENT				23	24	21	
				TIMES LATE							

TO PARENT OR GUARDIAN:

This report is made eight times each year. Please examine it carefully before signing. The school needs the full cooperation of the home if the best interests of the student are to be served. Your signature means that you have examined the report.

Some home study is essential as a means of developing valuable traits for life as well as being a preparation for class. At least two hours of home study is necessary in order that a high school student make normal school progress.

You will be doing a service to the student by diligently providing a home atmosphere conducive to proper study.

Your continued cooperation is sought. You are encouraged to visit the school and consult with the principal, particularly when the interests of your child are concerned.

Absence interferes with expected school progress. All absences must be explained by you when your child returns to class.

The report, signed by you, is due at the school TOMORROW.

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PAUL'S SENIOR YEAR 1946-1947

REPORT OF Paul Conan

STREET ADDRESS 159 Wolcott Avenue

CLASS Senior 1946 1947

HOME ROOM TEACHER Sister M. Paul Joseph

PRINCIPAL I.C. McDowell

First Semester Quarters							RECORD OF CLASS WORK							Second Semester Quarters						
1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Exam.	Av.	Subjects	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Exam.	Av.	Yr's. Av.							
78	78	80	85	90		RELIGION	87	85	85	88	91	84								
80	76	78	80	87 ^R		ENGLISH	82	85	85	88	-	82								
60	67	80	75	70		HISTORY	80	83	82	80	78	75								
85	84	85	90	92 ^R		TRIG. GEOMETRY						87								
92	92	90	88	76		PHYSICS	85	85	82	80	66 ^R	84								
						CHANT					93									
72	75	78	75	74 ^R		History C						75								
75	F	85	85	85		Health	82	84	84	85	86	82	81.4							

100-90 honor; 89-65 satisfactory; below 65 unsatisfactory

STUDENT'S ACTIVITIES

Traits Marked Deserve Attention

A—always; B—usually; C—sometimes; D—seldom; E—never

First Semester Quarters				Traits	Second Semester Quarters			
1st	2nd	3rd	4th		1st	2nd	3rd	4th
C	C			COMES WELL PREPARED	B			
C	C			WORKS TO ABILITY	B			
28	24	23	20	SCHOOL DAYS IN QUARTER	24	17	24	
28	23	21½	20	DAYS PRESENT	23½	16	24	
1				TIMES LATE				

Mrs. Robert J. Conan

Robert J. Conan

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Glee Club
December 17, 1947

Paul performed with the LeMoyne College Glee Club at the Syracuse Museum of Fine Arts.

STUDENTS OF LEMOYNE COLLEGE
Present a
PREVIEW FOR PARENTS
And
FRIENDS OF LEMOYNE

PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies.....EDWARD DOWNES

Words of Welcome.....REV. WM. J. SCHLAERTH, S.J.

PART I

Orchestra —

SiboneyLecuona

What Are You Doing New Year's Eve.....Loesser

Piano Duet.....PAUL MALO AND JAMES SMITH

Sophisticated Lady.....Ellington

Quartet —

JOHN TREPA, Accordion; THOMAS WALSER, Saxophone; ARNOLD
SPEVAK, Trumpet; JAMES TUCCINARDI, Drums

Indian Love Call.....Friml

Solo.....JEANNE ROUSCHE, Xylophone

Traditional Carols

Orchestra —

Boogie BluesGene Krupa

PART II

Glee Club —

Jesus, Joy of My Endeavor.....Bach

All Through the Night.....Arr. Ringwald
(Old Welsh Song)

Solo.....MARY ELLEN BRENNEN

White Christmas.....Berlin

Names of Orchestra and Glee Club on Pages III and IV

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Glee Club
December 17, 1947

MEMBERS OF THE LE MOYNE GLEE CLUB

Avery, Bernard	Cassidy, Frances	Dooley, Hugh	Hayes, Cornelius	Neu, John
Aspenliter, Thomas	Castellino, Samuel	Ennis, Thomas	Hennigan, James	O'Connell, Paul
Banach, Raymond	Chase, Thomas	Farina, Joseph	Herold, Hubert	O'Connor, Barbara
Bigsby, Arthur	Colucci, Clement	Fealoe, Francis	Hopkins, Kathleen	Pendergast, John
Bonfe, Samuel	Conan, Paul	Feeney, Nancy	Horn, Robert	Satterlee, Robert
Brady, John	Condalora, Mary	Ferguson, Dale	Howard, Virginia	Savage, James
Brennen, Mary Ellen	Connor, Mary	Garbarino, John	Kaldowski, Alma	Senecol, John
Brown, Daniel	Connors, James	Germain, Stanley	Long, Richard	Sopher, Marian
Burke, Catherine	Corbett, Margaret	Giemza, Joan	Mayer, Mary	Speech, Arthur
Burke, William	Derby, Paul	Gillen, Francis	McCann, James	Stiner, Gerald
Burns, Robert	Dillon, John	Giocondo, Michael	McMahon, Rosemary	Thomas, Norbert
Byron, Ann	Dillon, William	Gorman, Edward	Miskell, Allen	Turo, Francis
Cardarelli, Aldo	Dingle, Jerry	Grey, Frederic	Moran, Robert	Zepp, Clair
Carpenter, Marie	DiPaola, Samuel	Hafner, Frederick	Morant, George	

Glee Club Conducted by: JAMES S. MACE
Moderator: DONALD R. CAMPION, S.J.

Paul Conan's name is listed as a member of the LeMoyne Glee Club in December 1947.

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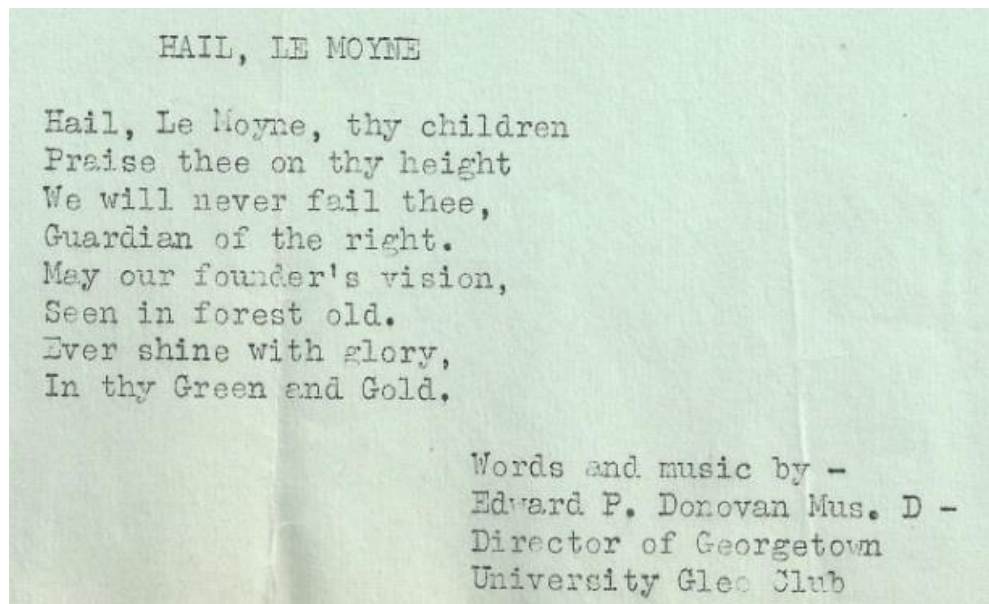
Glee Club
May 7, 1948

On Friday May 7th, 1948 Paul performed with the LeMoyne College Glee Club at their First Annual Spring Concert. The event took place at the Syracuse Museum of Fine Arts. The program noted that 1948 is the Centenary of the City of Syracuse. Paul's name is listed in the May 7th program below.

MEMBERS OF THE GLEE CLUB			
Thomas Aspenleiter	Jack Dillon	Frederick Hafner	George Moront
John Brady	William Dillon	James Hennigan	Paul O'Connell
Mary Ellen Brennen	Sam Di Paolo	Kathleen Hopkins	Barbara O'Connor
William Burke	Thomas Ennis	Robert Horn	Robert Pietrucha
Robert Burns	Nancy Feeny	Richard Long	Robert Satterlee
Ann Byron	John Garbarino	Gene Mayer	James Savage
Thomas Chase	Joan Giemza	James McCann	Marian Sopher
Paul Conan	Michael Giocondo	Rosemary McMahon	Gerald Stiner
Mary Condiloro	Edward Gorman	Allan Miskell	Norbert Thomas
James Connors	Frederic Grey	Robert Moran	Clair Zepp

The following are some of the songs in the May 7th, 1948 Glee Club program:

Hail, Le Moyne	Jesu, Joy of My Endeavor	Ave Maria	Menagerie
All Through the Night	Comin' Through the Rye	Because	Through the Years
Carry Me Back to Old Virginny	Sleep, Baby, Sleep	Dry Bones	Battle Hymn Republic



“Hail, LeMoyne” lyrics written by Edward P. Donovan, Music Director, Georgetown U. Glee Club

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Glee Club
May 7, 1948

X - Paul wearing white vest, dark shirt



LEMOYNE GLEE CLUB. James S. Mace, left, leads a group of students in the first rehearsal of the newly organized Le Moyne Glee Club. Mace is director of the group and the Rev. Frederick J. Helbig, S.J., is moderator.

May 8th, 1948 *Syracuse Herald Journal*



Paul Conan (age 19)

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Glee Club
May 7, 1948

LeMoyne Glee Club Makes Debut Before Capacity Crowd

The debut of LeMoyne college glee club last night in the Syracuse Museum of Fine Arts was before an overflow audience that enthusiastically received the club's presentation of the "song serious" and the "song in fun."

"Hail, LeMoyne" opened the first spring concert of LeMoyne college glee club. It was composed especially for the new ensemble by Dr. Edward P. Donovan, director of the glee club at Georgetown university, a fellow Jesuit college.

James S. Mace, conductor, who is guiding the chorus thru its adolescent period, explained the three to one ratio of the club. When the chorus call went out 75 to 80 boys answered and only six girls. The boys wanted a male glee club. But since LeMoyne is coed, it was decided to "put up with the women" and have a mixed chorus from the beginning. Now there are 10 women to 30 men.

GIRLS USEFUL, TOO

"Menagerie," a lively tune, was on the program for the male glee club crowd. The girls showed their usefulness to the group in a modern arrangement of "Comin' Thru the Rye."

Mary Ellen Brennen delighted the audience with her solo offerings of "Because" by D'Hardelot and "Thru the Years" by Heyman-Youmans. Her encore was "My Hero" from the Chocolate Soldier.

Following intermission the chorus and the audience has "fun with music" in which the glee club sang in all keys—"black and white"—and "sometimes all flats." "Old MacDonald's Farm" got a big hand.

Concluding numbers were the gentle "Sleep, Baby, Sleep" by Bell-Shaw, the chorus favorite, "Dry Bones" with the LeMoyne version of percussion accompaniment; and the final "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

ACCOMPANIST ABLE

One of the major growing pains of the new glee club which made such a fine start last night is the slight tendency of the feminine members to force their voices, possibly to make up for lack of numbers.

Credit is due the sympathetic and able piano accompanist, James F. Smith. Moderator of the group is the Rev. Frederick J. Helbig, S. J.

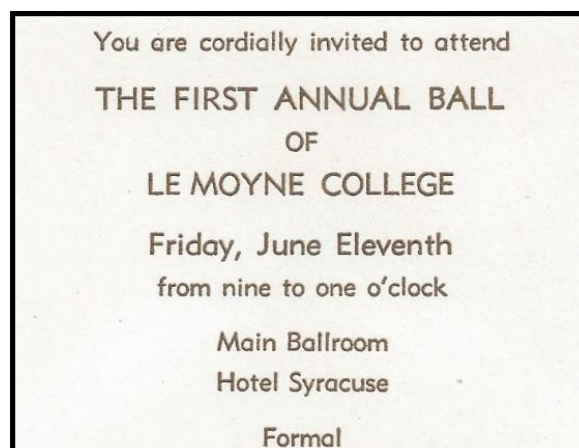
The youthful glee club was at its best in songs of joy and fun. But it will take growth and musicianship before they may touch the heart in songs of faith, hope, sadness and love.

LeMoyne college, Mr. Mace and members of the chorus should be congratulated for starting a musical organization which shows promise of becoming one of the leading glee clubs in the city. They demonstrated, as the Very Rev. William J. Schlaerth, S. J., president of LeMoyne College stated at the opening of the program, that man is a "singing animal."

May 8th, 1948 *Syracuse Herald Journal*

On December 15th and 16th, 1948 the "Boot and Buskin Dramatic Guild of LeMoyne College" performed in the auditorium at LeMoyne Heights. The LeMoyne Glee Club singers also performed, and all their names were listed in the program for this event.

Paul's name is not listed among the 91 members of the LeMoyne Glee Club in December 1948. Based on this it appears that Paul belonged to the Glee Club during his 1947-1948 Freshman year but did not participate during his 1948-1949 Sophomore year.



The First Annual Ball of LeMoyne College was held on June 11, 1948.

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Syracuse Centorama
~August 18, 1948

1948 was the 100-year birthday (the centennial) of the City of Syracuse. A 38-minute film with 3000 actors was made to recreate the history of Syracuse. It was called the *Syracuse Centorama "The Snow of the Century"*, and I found a copy of this "sound-color" film on youtube.com. My father, Paul Sr., had a small part in this film. He played an attendant to Father LeMoyne when he met with local Indians. Paul Sr. is pictured in the following newspaper photo, standing at the far right wearing black clothes, a light-colored hat, and white socks or boots. This same scene can be viewed in the film beginning around the 9 minute 30 second mark. A screenshot of the film is on the following page for comparison.



FILM SALT WELL DISCOVERY—Cameramen are shown recording on celluloid Father LeMoyne's discovery of salt well at the supposed site of the original spring near Onondaga lake. Left to right are: Dave Quaid, cameraman; Max Lasky, producer; Charles N. Howard, chairman of the Centorama; George Miles, director; Phil Herbst, Indian chief; James McCann, Indian guide for Father LeMoyne; Ted Downes, Father LeMoyne, and Paul Conan, attendant to Father LeMoyne.

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Syracuse Centorama
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Paul Conan is pictured wearing a hat at the far right of this scrapbook newspaper image (date unknown). In a screenshot of the film '*Syracuse Centorama*' made in color (top image) Paul's hat appears to be light blue. The date was approximately August 18th, 1948, the 100th anniversary of the founding of the City of Syracuse.

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Syracuse Centorama
August 18, 1948

Centorama Described as Genuine History, Reborn In Impressive Pageantry With Universal Appeal

BY ERNEST J. BOWDEN

You can catch the Centorama where you will, and it is a magnificent spectacle that you can't afford to miss.

For months past I have heard speeches about it and have served on one of its affiliated committees. I have watched the gathering tide of enthusiasm and the slow assemblage of the machine which was necessary to get a cast of 3,000 actors under way.

Now it is natural to ask, What have we got for it?

Monday night I went to see, with Mrs. Bowden for escort. She was born to the show business, so I knew that if it were badly conceived or directed, or if struck a false note, I should hear of it.

ENTERTAINING, TOO

We left deeply impressed. It was genuine history, reborn in pageantry, and with a broad appeal that should meet the taste of everybody.

You want entertainment? Well, you've got it in the costumes. Who could look at bustles and hoop skirts, or the array of pantolettes covering modest ankles, without a smile?

There's abundance of stir and excitement in the mass movement of Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, trumpeters, cadets, pages and jackies, Miss Syracuse Centennial and Miss Onondaga County with their attendants awaken something of the enthusiasm which piled up their votes in hundreds of thousands.

Of course there must be a rumpus and a fight. You get it in the coffee house riot and sympathize with the city fathers who longed for the protection of a city charter. The rioters started something more than they knew.

SPECTACULAR DANCE

Most spectacular of all is the fire dance that celebrates the clinching of the Iroquois confederacy.

But for sheer entertainment, the best episode is the municipal picnic by the lake with its bicycle parade, including two-seaters and high-wheelers; with its quack doctor selling patent remedies, introducing a "leg show" to draw trade, but drawing instead a bevy of police to arrest them for "indecent exposure." The scenes held long enough to really soak in and was close enough to middle-age memories to bring home the swift change of 40 years.

You want history? You get it in the formation of the Iroquois confederacy—Hiawatha pleading before the council camp-fire; then, his work done, the mystic light that shines on his canoe as he pushes off towards the setting sun.

RISE OF FRENCH FORT

There's more history in the story of Father LeMoyne, Father Dablon and the rise of the French fort.

But just one note of disappointment. I wanted to see that pig that Crandall Melvin told about, that rang the chapel bell to hold the attention of the Indians while the threatened pioneers escaped. Wasn't

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a pig to be found with a ham strong enough to work the bell rope? Or doesn't the story rank as "history?"

There was history, too, in the rise of the salt industry: Asa Danforth making the first commercial salt; the rise of the salt blocks; and those wild salt boilers of Salina who used to invade the peace-loving village by the canal and leave a trail of wreckage and broken heads.

Webster's speech from the balcony was highly effective. William E. Fox made the most of a great part. His sponsors were right—he was made for the occasion.

EASY TO FOLLOW

The whole thing—including the touches of comedy—gives the impression of authentic history. It is made consecutive and easy to follow by the script which introduces and accompanies each episode.

Perhaps you are looking for moral fervor and civic action. You get it in the Jerry Rescue; but here you must be prepared to fortify your imagination. It was evidently difficult for modern pageanteers to catch the volcanic passion that found expression under the leadership of Gerrit Smith, Samuel J. May and Charles Sedgwick.

In this respect it is the weakest of the episodes; for the Jerry rescue in Syracuse was nothing less than a pre-view of the civil war that followed nine years later.

You ask for patriotism? There is plenty of patriotic color in the

Syracuse Zouaves under Capt. John Butler marching off to the civil war. A solemn touch is provided when a trumpeter sounds "taps" over the crosses that stand "row on row" as a memorial to world war 1. And the planting of the Stars and Stripes in Iwo Jima is enough to recapture the mingled fervor and sacrifice of world war 2.

Religion has its place in the spectacle. It is handled with fine restraint. The Centorama opens with prayer. One of its episodes is the pioneer community kneeling in thankful worship. It closes with the hymn "Faith of Our Fathers."

PERFECT NIGHT

Then the fireworks. It was a perfect night; but the humped moon over the stadium looked very pale indeed during the half hour that the sky was ablaze with living color. Especially effective were the star shells that let loose a flock of brilliant fireballs suspended by parachutes. It gave a feeling of what it must have meant to our soldiers in battle to find themselves suddenly flooded with light.

Of one thing everybody who reads this may be certain—the Centorama has not been oversold. As I have heard Crandall Melvin, Richard Pass and Jerome Rusterholtz speak about it, I have wondered. But they were right. Syracuse history has been integrated and illuminated as never before. You can't afford to miss it.

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Diary Entries and Bob's Letter 1948

Paul wrote only three entries in his diary book this year.

September 6, 1948 Monday

Labor Day in the woods. Have been up in the Adirondacks since last Friday raising hell and having a swell time. Took Joey McManus out last night (met her at Lumissis (?)) and also drove John Moody's car to Old Forge with Don La Casse, Joan Pringle, Frani Feola and Mary Hurly. Got up at 11 a.m. and started home for Syracuse at 3:30 with John, Kevin, Bob, Winnie Sorgenfrei, and Peggy Hennsberry (?). Got home at 6:15 and tonight went to be at 11.

September 9, 1948 Thursday

I got up at 8 a.m. but it rained quite hard so I didn't get to the park until 9 a.m. I was pretty tired and actually laid down on one of the benches and rested while the radio played. Then I marked one tennis court and this afternoon marked the other one. At 4 I quit work for good and came home and slept for an hour. At 7 Mother, Dad, Bob, and I ate supper at buffet at the Club. At 9 Kevin came over in his car and we went up to Margo Villour's (?) house and sat around talking to all the girls from Pat's (11 of them).

September 10, 1948 Friday

My first free day. I quit work yesterday and so slept this morning until 10 o'clock. After breakfast I waited for Ed Tucker to come from Oswego. We went up to the Bellevue Club, played 9 holes together, and then at 1:30 played a golf match. Ed Tucker and Dan Williams (professor at LeMoyne) played Ed Keohane and I. We won and beat them 3-2. I had a **75** myself with birdies on holes 7 and 15. Tonight I rode to Homer with Buck and then after getting back at 9:30 stayed in.

On Wednesday October 13, 1948 Bob Conan Jr. sent his brother Paul the following personal letter that he wrote while attending Fordham University in New York City. The original letter that Paul wrote to Bob which prompted this response has not been located.

My Dear Paul,

Your letter was very welcome, for it awaited me here after a long day's work and brought with it a touch of home. And Mother's letter arrived at the same time, so I was doubly thankful. For its nice to hear from you.

But you sounded a little depressed and I don't wonder at it. Gee, I really liked Bill – be sure and let me know about him right away. That was awful, and you all must have felt terrible. I could sense that, for both letters seemed to be pervaded by a solemn gloom that was at once apparent – and I felt it too. Yet how does tragedy make us see into ourselves or into the lives of others with renewed feelings of understanding – sometimes with love or pity – but always with a deep sense of wonder at our own being. For we often study others, yet how often do we dare to examine and attempt to understand ourselves?

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Bob's Letter
1948

I know how you like people, and like to study them, to know them, and in that knowledge to find with them a common basis of friendship. And I note the joy with which you receive a kindred spirit – this Bob Nash whom you recognize as being the same, only different. But Oh, Paul, have you not noted deep within me the same thing – for how else could I quietly enjoy your youthful friends and the exciting times such as we have seen together (and I do look forward to more fun too, for let's go out together again - ?). Have we not sat and discussed our many friends, and having together seen into their life profited by our union of ideas. For I too have seen into people even as you and, discriminating those in whom I felt a depth of soul who were true to themselves, cultivated a friendship of mutual understanding.

Do you know what I would like – to wander ever more and more, and to meet people who interest me. Not always the most intelligent, but always the extraordinary – those who live up to their nature. So let's go out and see the gang again. Let's visit the places which are firm in our young memories and looking back, exult in our recollections of those cherished events in our marvelous life. And then turning our eyes forward we will seek new adventure – new faces and new ideas and, never forgetting our own might, grow in wisdom and strength. Let's drive again into the night as we have so often done before.

For now I am tired. Not really so, but just tired of a work that I enjoy. You know that I like to sit and read or write – to calculate some giant equation, or to play (*piano*) with meaningful living chords. Or I would read and know the giants of humanity; the awesome towering of a Beethoven, an Aristotle, a Bach or a Gibbs. But then I must rest and turn to my friends – our friends for truly we both share alike, is it not so?

Do some people effect you strongly – are there some who seem to cause within your being such an awful movement that you cannot ignore even if you so wished? Do you know men whom you would class on a higher plane than the average – higher because of the strange and magnificent power which lies within them? Of course this makes a personality as you have before noted, yet is it really that? I wonder. And sometimes the brilliance of these so overpowers you that after seeing them you feel an exhaustion, yet a longing to see them again. Have you felt that?

But you take out Midge O'Connor now! Well I'm real glad, for you know that I liked her – she is a true girl. And how friendly is she. You must have had lots of fun. I can scarcely imagine it otherwise, wish I could have seen you that night.

Sorry for the philosophy – you got me into a mood and, well, I just seemed to run along. Maybe it's because I like to have a heart to heart chat with you. There's no time or room (*on this paper*) left for news but right now there is nothing to tell anyways. So I'll write again and leave out the ideas and try to tell you something which you might enjoy. So bear up and remember me again when you get a change. See you in three weeks.

Bob

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Bob's Letter
1949

On Monday February 7, 1949 Paul received a letter written by his 24-year-old brother Bob, who was a PhD. candidate at Fordham University in New York City. Below is the part of Bob's letter that pertains to 19-year-old Paul. The untranscribed part of the letter pertained to Bob and Fordham.

Dear Paul,

So you passed! Well good – I knew that you would. But you must keep up your work now and not get behind, for that's so easy. And above all believe in yourself – in your own ability to do the work, for you can do it, honest. And you'll get good grades to, so don't worry about college.

But how are things coming these days? Busy as usual I suppose. And the girls? Which one? Well you tell me! And what are Kevin and Neal doing these days?

I have lots of new ideas for LeMoyne but never seem to get any time to work on them. Soon I must write to Fr. O'Brien and tell him some things tho, if I ever get around to it. I wish that I wasn't always so busy. When I come home in the summer once say to me 'be lazy' just to remind me to enjoy doing that for once.

So I guess that's about all for now. But I'll keep you posted, and sometime do let me know the news. Remember me to some of your friends too, for you will recall how much I enjoy going with you and hearing about them.

See you later brother,

Bob

N.B. (*Nota Bene*) And come on down here any time you darn well feel like it. I sure would be glad to see you.

(Paul wrote only two entries in his diary book in 1949)

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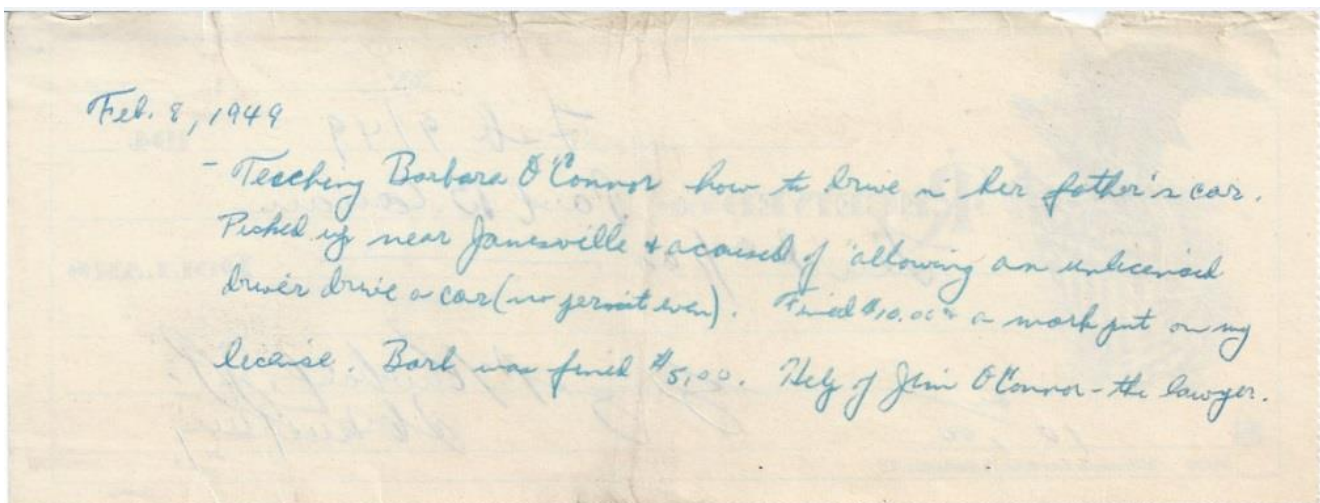
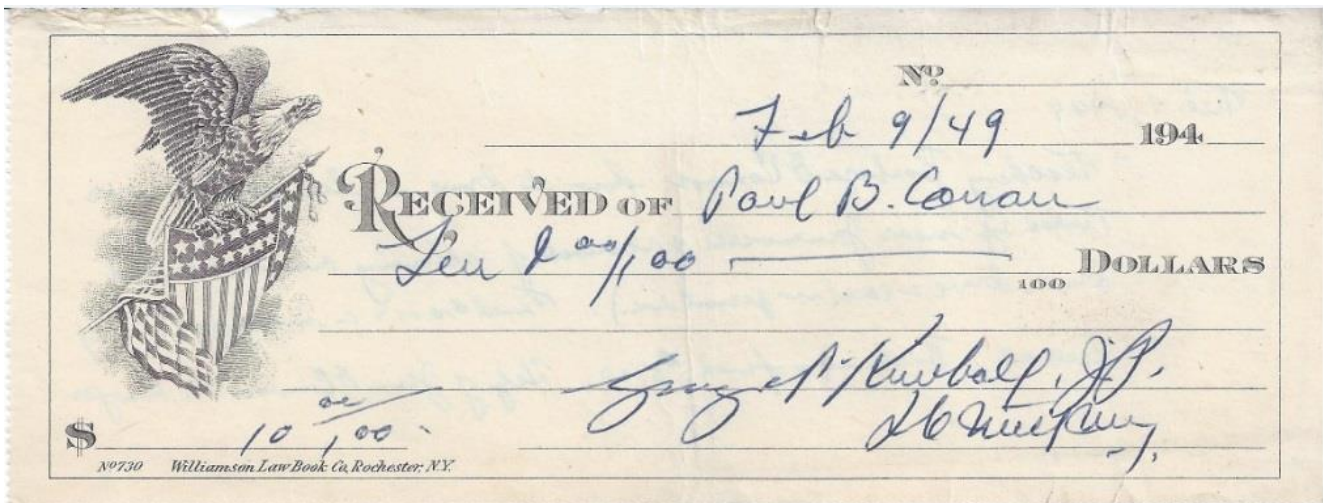
Diary Entries
1949

February 8, 1949 Tuesday

I drove to school at 8 after getting up at 6:30 (8 o'clock class). I had classes until 1 and after eating I went up to Barb O'Connor's house with her. Then we took her father's car and went out to give her a driving lesson. Out by Jamesville a state police car stopped us and caught Barb driving without a license or permit. So we had to go to Dewitt with them to the Court and got a summons to appear tomorrow at 5:30. Swell! Tonight I studied until 10 o'clock on Economics and then went to bed.

February 9, 1949 Wednesday

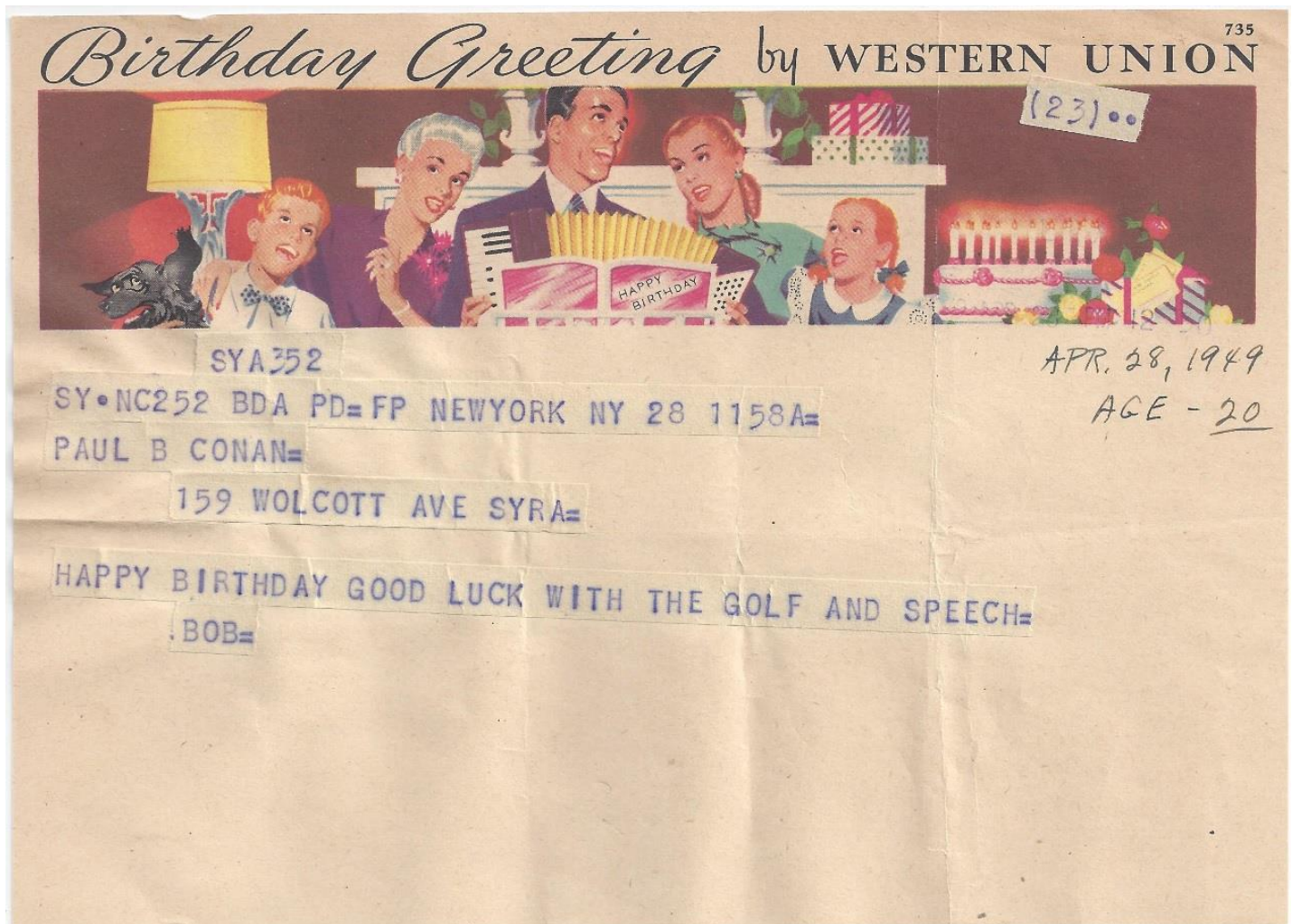
Took the 8 o'clock bus for school this morning and had Medieval History, Economics, Spanish, and English all of which were very trying. I stayed at school until 3 and then went up to Barbara O'Connors house and waited until 5 o'clock. Then we went out to Dewitt to the Judge because of yesterday. Mr. O'Connor's lawyer helped us and I got a fine of \$10 and Barb \$5 for yesterday's action. Then I ate at Barb's house (supper), took Midge O'Connor to Sorority with the car, and at 8:20 John got me and I came home. Dad is mad at me and things are bad around here.



Above is the receipt Paul received when he paid the \$10 fine.

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Paul's 20th birthday
1949



On his 20th birthday Paul received this telegram from his brother Bob at Fordham University in N.Y.C.

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Scouting Fraternity 1950

In his Junior year Paul joined the Scouting Fraternity Alpha Phi Omega.



LE MOYNE SCOUTING FRATERNITY—The Rev. Lewis Cox, S. J., right, will be an adviser to the new honorary scouting fraternity set up at LeMoyne college. Officers of the group are, left to right, Thomas Lowery, treasurer; John Prendergast, secretary; James O'Connor, vice-president; and Robert Jones, president.

LeMoyne Scouting Fraternity Elects Jones First President

The LeMoyne honorary Scouting fraternity, the first of its kind at the college, met last week to elect Robert Jones as its first president.

Other officers selected were James O'Connor, vice-president; John Prendergast, secretary; Thomas Lowery, treasurer. The new organization, which hopes to become affiliated with Alpha Phi Omega, national Scouting honorary, was set up for service on and off the campus.

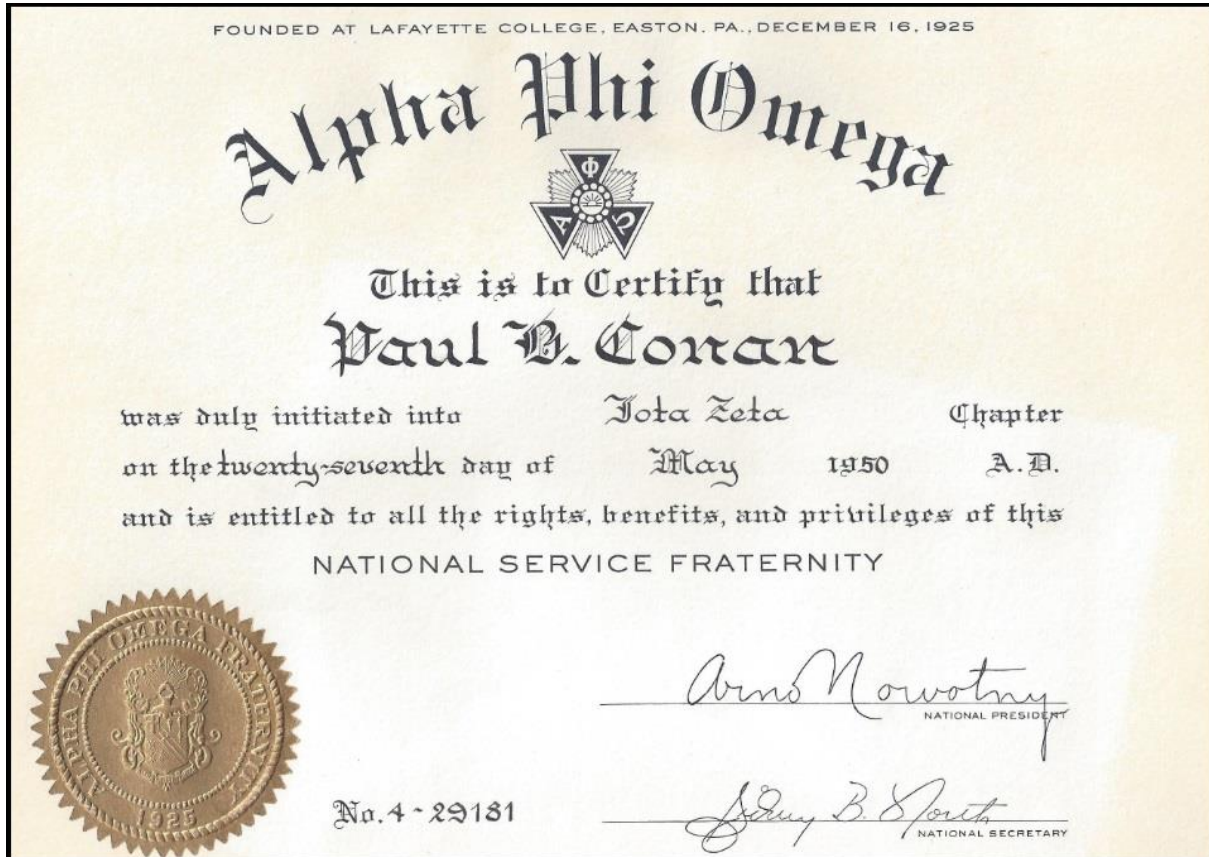
The program, as outlined by Jones, is to provide service to the student body and faculty, provide service to youth and community, provide service to members of the fraternity, and to provide service to the nation as participating citizens. The fraternity, similar to the Syra-

cuse university chapter of the national organization, is designed to promote a spirit of co-operation among students to benefit both school and community.

The only requirement for membership is that the candidate was at one time affiliated with scouting. Committee chairmen are, Paul Conan, program; James Meagher, publicity; Charles McCarthy and Brice Reinman, service; and George Moront, fellowship. Vice-president O'Connor will direct the membership committee.

Advisers selected to aid in the organization's work were the Rev. Andrew Brady, SJ, the Rev. Lewis Cox, SJ, and Eugene McCarthy, representing the college. Larry Eyres will be scouting adviser and Charles Resckle will be the lay scout mentor.

February 12, 1950 *Syracuse Post Standard*



Paul was initiated into the Alpha Phi Omega Scouting Fraternity on May 27th, 1950.

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Report Card
1951

This is Paul's report card for his final semester at LeMoyne College

LE MOYNE COLLEGE Syracuse, New York			
Office of the Dean			
Scholarship Report of <u>Conan, Paul B.</u> For <u>June</u> 19 <u>51</u>			
Class <u>Senior Social Studies</u>			
Subject	Grade	Credits	System of Grading
Philosophy 32	A	3	A, 90-100
Philosophy 33	B	2	B, 80-89
Philosophy 35	C	4	C, 70-79
Theology 32	B	1	D, 60-69
Fin. 4	A	3	E, 50-59
Acct. 4	A	3	F, Below 50
			A and B, Honor Grades
			C, Recommendation Grade
			D, Passing Grade: Credit for Course
			E, Conditional Failure
			F, Unconditional Failure
			I, Semester's work incomplete
			X, Conditional Failure removed by examination
			WF, Failure for dropping course
			Abs., Absent from semester examination
			For further information relative to scholastic standing, consult the College Catalogue or the Dean.
REMARKS:—			
Credit Point Ratio 3.31			

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Paul graduated from LeMoyne College in June 1951.



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Syracuse, New York

Commencement Exercises

JUNE SECOND TO JUNE TENTH

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SATURDAY, JUNE SECOND

Jesuit Alumni Day

Mass 8:00 A.M.

College Auditorium

Breakfast 9:00 A.M.

College Cafeteria

SUNDAY, JUNE THIRD

Senior Picnic 11:00 A.M.

Snooks Pond

MONDAY, JUNE FOURTH

Dinner Dance — Class of Fifty-one . . . 6:00 P.M.

Hotel Syracuse

(Restricted to members of Senior Class and Guests)

TUESDAY, JUNE FIFTH

K. of C. Day 11:00 A.M.

Syracuse Yacht and Country Club

(Restricted to members of Senior Class)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE SIXTH

Clambake 11:00 A.M.

Cavalry Club, Manlius

(Restricted to Seniors and their guests)

THURSDAY, JUNE SEVENTH

Rehearsal for Commencement 2:30 P.M.

College Campus

The John McNeil Orchestra played at the Senior Dinner Dance on June 4th in the Main Ballroom.

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FRIDAY, JUNE EIGHTH

Baccalaureate Day

Solemn Mass Coram Episcopo 9:00 A.M.

Cathedral of Immaculate Conception

The Most Reverend Walter A. Foery, D.D.

Bishop of Syracuse

Officers of Mass:

The Very Reverend William J. Schlaerth, S.J.

The Reverend John J. Fernan, S.J.

The Reverend Andrew J. Brady, S.J.

Baccalaureate Sermon:

The Most Reverend David F. Cunningham, D.D.

Auxiliary Bishop of Syracuse

Breakfast 10:00 A.M.

Hotel Onondaga

(Restricted to Seniors and Faculty)

SATURDAY, JUNE NINTH

Parents Day

Meeting With Faculty 1:00 P.M.

College Campus

Senior Play 2:00 P.M.

Academic Awards to Seniors First Intermission

College Auditorium

SUNDAY, JUNE TENTH

Commencement Day

*Conferring of Degrees 3:00 P.M.

College Campus

Address to the Graduates:

The Most Reverend Walter A. Foery, D.D.

Bishop of Syracuse

*Admission by ticket,

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Return God to Society, LeMoyne Grads Told

Paul (below, right)



SENIORS LEAVE CATHEDRAL—LeMoyne College's June graduates leave the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in academic procession after attending baccalaureate ceremonies. The approximately 265 members of the class of 1951 will receive their degrees at LeMoyne's first commencement exercises tomorrow.

June 9th, 1951 *The Post Standard* (Syracuse N.Y.)

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265 Seniors Hear Auxiliary Bishop At Baccalaureate

Approximately 265 members of the Class of 1951 at LeMoyne College, who will receive the first degrees awarded by the Jesuit institution at commencement exercises tomorrow, yesterday donned their caps and gowns to attend baccalaureate services in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Parents' Day

Academic awards will be made to the seniors during this afternoon's program at the college; the parents' day events completing senior week activities in advance of the college's first commencement.

The Most Rev. Walter A. Foery, bishop of Syracuse, who presided at yesterday morning's solemn mass coram episcopo, will deliver the commencement address and receive an honorary degree of doctor of humane letters.

The first baccalaureate sermon was given by the Most Rev. David F. Cunningham, auxiliary bishop, who told the degree candidates that

education unsupported by and even forcibly divorced from religion can produce only disastrous consequences.

"God has been taken out of the lives of men, out of the domestic life of nations and the deliberations of the family of nations," Bishop Cunningham said.

SOME INFLUENCE

He told the graduates they are expected to be firm advocates of God's rightful place in human society.

With all religious minded men you will seek to bring God back into government, into economic life, into all life, private and public, individual and social.

Noting that there is much tragedy in the world, Bishop Cunningham stated that one of the greatest is the unconscious hunger and thirst of millions for something which they cannot even express in words, but which they desperately need.

"It is the need of a knowledge of God and His divine truth, an

opening of men's hearts to God and His divine love, a recognition of God's rights and man's obligations to serve his Creator."

Preceding the students in the academic procession into the Cathedral for the baccalaureate were officers of the mass, members of the LeMoyne College Board of Regents, priests and members of the Jesuit faculty, members of the lay faculty and a choir composed of students of the college, who were directed by the Rev. Theodore J. Cunnion, SJ.

The Very Rev. William J. Schlaerth, SJ, LeMoyne College president, was celebrant of the mass assisted by the Rev. John J. Fernan, SJ, deacon, and the Rev. Andrew J. Brady, SJ, sub-deacon. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. James P. McPeak, rector of the Cathedral, was assistant priest to Bishop Foery, and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Robert E. Dillon, and the Rev. Francis J. Harrison were masters of ceremonies.

SERVED AS CHAPLAINS

Chaplains to Bishop Foery were the Rev. Raymond J. Kennedy, SJ, and the Rev. Thomas J. McGurty, SJ. The Rev. Thomas F. McGann, SJ, and the Rev. Edmund F. X. Ivers, SJ, were chaplains to Bishop Cunningham.

A closed breakfast for LeMoyne seniors and the college faculty was served at the Onondaga following the mass.

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BACCALAUREATE PROCESSION. LeMoyne College degree candidates enter the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception for a mass and to hear a baccalaureate address by the Most Rev. David F. Cunningham, auxiliary bishop of Syracuse. Breakfast after the service was at Hotel Onondaga. Commencement exercises will be held on LeMoyne campus Sunday for 265 members of the first graduating class.

June 8th, 1951 *The Syracuse Herald Journal*

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The text of Bishop Cunningham's address
June 8th, 1951 *The Syracuse Herald Journal*

On this very happy and significant occasion we are assembled in our Cathedral dedicated to the Immaculate Virgin Mother, to give thanks to God for the many blessings which He has bestowed upon us. It has long been the prayerful hope of Bishop Foery, the priests, religious and people that we might some day have our own institution of higher learning. Therefore, in this first Baccalaureate of LeMoyne, we humbly express our profound gratitude and adoration to God through the action of the supreme oblation of Jesus Christ renewed for us in the holy sacrifice of this Mass.

"LeMoyne College is founded on faith in God, in Christ and his Church. It is dedicated to love and service of our country, to science, to the arts and to culture, but its first loyalty is to our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, Whose cross rises into the sky above the college tower. Let us examine for a few moments this faith of LeMoyne.

"Faith in the supernatural is true knowledge. It is not merely information! It is a new light to the mind whereby we believe what God has revealed. True, sound logic is a cold light to knowledge. The light of revelation is a torch, a burning beacon. But this light must descend from above – the divine spark must first jump downward from God Who dwells in a world inaccessible to men. Unless He reaches out to us, we cannot grasp Him. His nature is utterly beyond us. Nothing can bridge the infinite chasm between Him Who Is and ourselves save a free act of the divine will. On our part, the only way we can reach God when He does reach out or speak to us is by an act of faith.

"Faith as an Intellectual process is something strange. In this mysterious universe we must trust someone. Every child takes its first lesson on faith. We believe reliable news reports on faith. This is natural faith. Faith in the supernatural is of a higher order – it rests on the authority of God and we, as His children, must accept it.

"The first testimony of faith, the first evidence of things that appear not, is the testimony of reason to the existence of God and the immortality of the soul. In the words of St. Paul to the Romans, 'For the invisible things of life of Him, from the creation of the world, are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, his eternal power also and divinity.' The second witness is the revelation of God.

"There was an original revelation given to man which, though never completely lost, was, in time, garbled and distorted. That filtered down to us dimly from prehistoric times. Then came the magnificent Mosaic revelation through the prophets. For the first time since the fall of Adam, heaven opened and God spoke officially and publicly to man. This was the first step in the reclamation of the individual and society. Then, finally, in the fullness of time, God sent His only begotten Son and completed His grand revelation to the human race.

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“Men have almost fought against this Light of Divine Revelation. They fight against the things that the Light reveals – the duty of forgiveness, the beauty of humility and chastity, the necessity of penance and self-discipline, and, in contrast, the ugliness of evil. They became outraged at the Light’s strange wisdom and consider it folly, they think its Apostles queer and often persecute them. This Light is too great, too bright for the circumscribed minds that cling to the vain, elusive things of the natural world and that resent being disturbed and shocked into knowledge so unearthly and sublime. In the words of Christ, ‘The light is come into the world and men loved darkness rather than light.’ (John 3, 19).

“To those who accept this revelation, it provides an immense new vision of life’s true realities. It offers tremendous hidden truths to the children of men; truths which even the greatest philosophers can never hope to attain. Faith in this revelation is an act of high wisdom – it is self-expression at its finest. Mind and will reach upward and accept the Light that clarifies and completes the knowledge gained by reason and experience. The soul of man then rests in tranquil certainty and its guarantee of peace is the uncreated, unchallengeable truth.

“The light of revealed truth is intended to endure for ‘the consummation of the world’ – it is by the Providence of God for peace and joy of men’s souls throughout all the ages of time even into eternity. The preserver, the guardian, the custodian of this revelation is the church, divinely established by Christ and endowed with the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit of God. One church alone has claimed from the beginning to be this custodian and that is the Apostolic Roman Catholic Church which dates from the very days of the Apostles. None other claims the right to speak in matters of faith and morals as with the voice of God. But the Roman Catholic Church cannot do otherwise, for it holds that the faith of the Apostles was entrusted of it by Christ Himself and infallibly protected from error ever since that time by the Holy Spirit. These fundamental dogmas of truth form a definite deposit of revealed facts which were imparted once for all and may be neither changed nor repudiated. If then the Catholic Church were to renounce by one jot or tittle its claim to be this visible and infallible custodian whose privilege it is to preserve the truth and to teach it with authority, it would immediately level itself with Christian sects in which authoritative doctrine and discipline have disappeared.

“The Charter of the Church giving it the power, the right and the duty of this teaching office was contained in the commission from Christ to the Apostles: ‘All power in heaven and on earth is given to me; going, therefore, teach ye all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.’ From Apostolic times the Church has sought to be faithful to this command of her Divine Founder. She has presented, through the centuries to both the slave and the free, to the savage and the cultured, to the ruler and the ruled, to the rich and the poor, the revelation of God and Jesus Christ as the way, the truth and the life.

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“In fulfillment of the command of Christ and at great sacrifice, the Church has built institutions of learning – from the elementary to the college and university level but it has always placed in the first and honored position the study of religion, the knowledge of God and the supernatural. Education unsupported by and even forcibly divorced from religion can produce only disastrous consequences. Just a hundred years ago the brilliant Cardinal Newman sought to convince his own generation that such a system of education was not only futile but fraught with great danger to society. Acutely aware of that peril to western civilization which accompanied the rapid specialization of knowledge, he foresaw that the human mind would be plunged in chaos if it were unhappily deprived of some general principle of unity and interpretation. This, he insisted, theology alone could give and he argued that theology, so far from restricting knowledge or limiting our horizon, was the true inspiration of all our learning. Now the world, confused and bewildered, must with slow and halting steps return to the wisdom that ‘religious truth is not only a presentation, but a condition of general knowledge.’

“One of the very touching and beautiful scenes in the life of Christ took place at his tomb. The holy women had come to the sepulcher to to anoint the dead body of Jesus and in a heart-breaking moment they discovered the great stone rolled back and the tomb empty and his sacred body missing. In tears of anguish Mary said to the young man sitting near the tomb who asked the reason of their tears, ‘Because they have taken away my Lord and I know not where they have laid him.’ Do not these words of the holy women describe the world today?

“Do they not describe what has happened to the great majority of men and women. Do they not indicate the cause of much of the suffering, anguish and chaos in the world? God has been taken out of the lives of men, out of the domestic life of nations and the deliberations of the family of nations. The remnants of past ages of Christianity still have some influence up on our society but neither an individual nor a nation can live indefinitely upon the capital of which he has been fortunate to be the heir. There is much tragedy in the world but one of the greatest is the unconscious hunger and thirst of millions for something which they cannot even express in words, but which they desperately need. It is the need of a knowledge of God and His divine truth, an opening of men’s hearts to God and His divine love, a recognition of God’s rights and man’s obligations to serve his Creator.

“We rejoice with you, the first graduates of LeMoyne, with your parents and your friends. At the same time, we confidently expect that as men and women of supernatural faith you will be firm advocates of God’s rightful place in human society. With all religious minded men you will seek to bring God back into education. You will seek to bring God back into government, into economic life, into all life, private and public, individual and social.

“It has been said that faith is like bread and today men’s hearts are withered because they have forgotten to eat their bread. Our Lady is ready to give the world the Bread of Life once more.”

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Following the baccalaureate service the LeMoyne graduates attended a breakfast for faculty and students at Hotel Onondaga. Tomorrow they will observe Parents Day on the campus.

A play will be presented by senior members of the Boot and Buskin Dramatic Society and academic awards will be made to seniors.

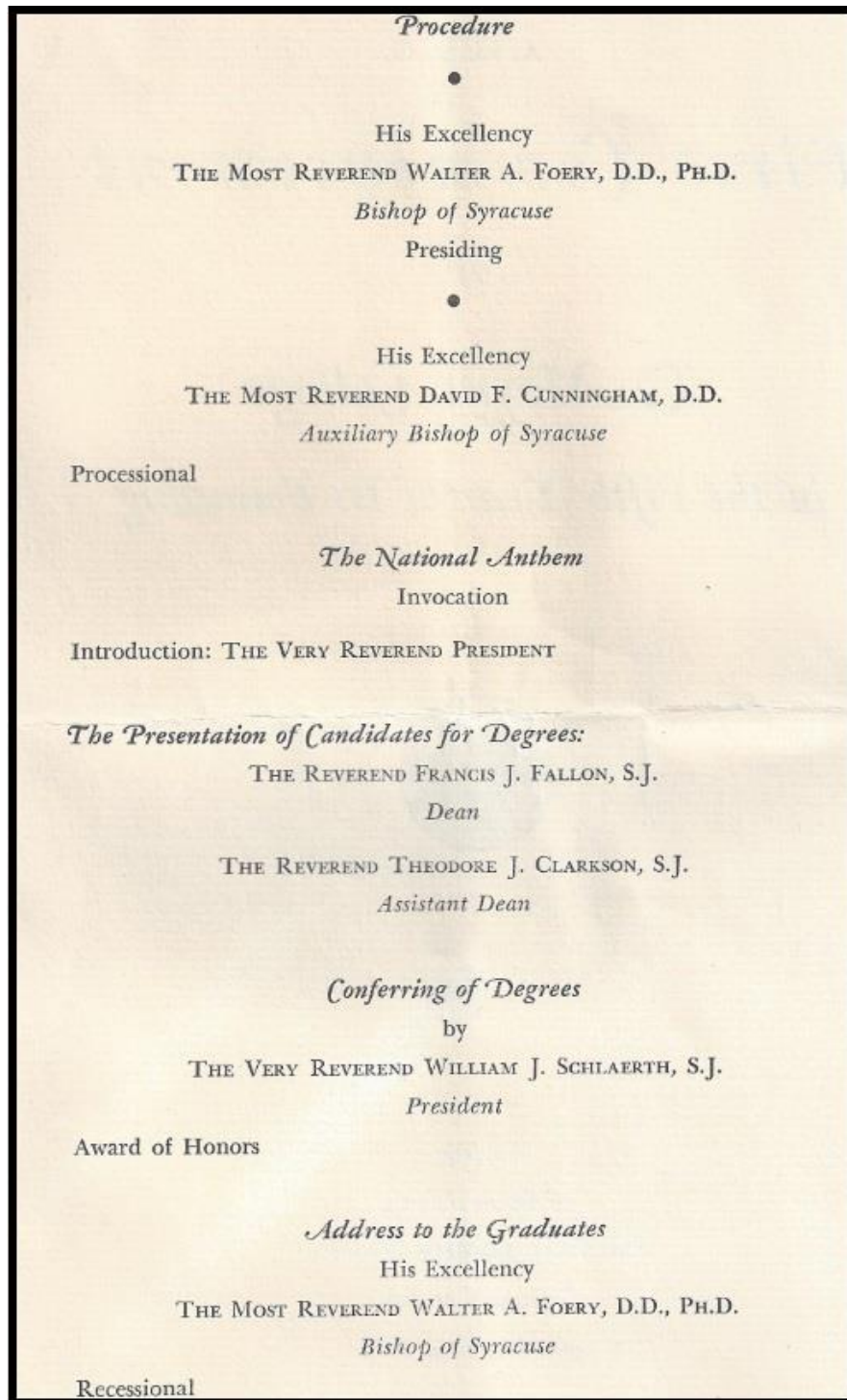
William F. Topp has been named executive secretary of the new Alumni Association. First president of the group is George C. Gunz.

Others on the Alumni Association board of directors are Edmund J. McGarrell of Elmira, vice president; Edward J. Downes, vice president; Daniel J. Brown, treasurer; Miss Kathleen Hopkins, secretary; Father Schlaerth, moderator; Miss Marian Sopher, William Kerrigan, Robert Jones, Miss Joan Meldon, Miss Grace Popp, Richard Ryan, Theodore Sullivan of Jersey City, Mason Crowe, Daniel McNeill, Ronald Fox, Donald Sawyer, William Scheutzow of Oswego and John Bradley.

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This is the program for the very first graduation class at LeMoyne College.

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Citation for Honorary Degree

His Excellency

THE MOST REVEREND WALTER A. FOERY, D.D., PH.D.

Is Declared

HONORARY DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS

To all persons to whom these presents may come greetings in our Lord.

INASMUCH as this Le Moyne College, youngest daughter of the generations of Jesuit colleges, does this day celebrate its first Commencement, and does solemnly and confidently send its first graduates into a world which lies in sore need of true Christian men and women.

AND INASMUCH as this Le Moyne College does bear about her and upon her and within her a weighty but joyous debt of gratitude toward one who, under God, has been her begetter in Christ, her zealous father and her fond and solicitous parent.

AND INASMUCH as this same Le Moyne College strives eagerly on this day not only to proclaim before all men of good will her everlasting gratitude to this, her father and guide, but also to publish abroad her joy in his singular gifts of intellect and of spirit, and her pride in his surpassing achievements.

THEREFORE this Le Moyne College, now advanced by the grace of God and by the favor of this nobleman of Christ, to the stature of a true Alma Mater, does on this day proudly and joyfully name and welcome as the first of her sons in Christ, His Excellency, the Most Reverend Bishop of Syracuse.

HIGH PRIEST and zealous pastor of his flock, this illustrious and most reverend Father in Christ bears nobly before the eyes of all men the fullness of the Apostolic priesthood. Not solely, however, in the eminence of his exalted position does he excel, but also in the splendor of his intellectual powers, in the richness of his own humane culture, in the depth and breath of his concern for the growth of true Christian education in the field of souls given into his charge and care. Few men in the course of a long and unselfish lifetime could deserve so well of community, of country and of Church as has this Most Reverend Bishop.

ACCORDINGLY, by these presents we, the Trustees of Le Moyne College, authorized to that purpose by the authority of New York State, bear witness that our dearly beloved, His Excellency, the Most Reverend Walter Andrew Foery, Bishop of Syracuse, has been advanced by us to the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, and endowed with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereunto.

AND IN PROOF THEREOF we have issued these presents under the seal of our Corporation and the signatures of the President and Dean of this College.

Le Moyne College, Syracuse, New York, the tenth day of June in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and fifty-one.

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<i>Degrees Conferred</i>		
<i>Bachelor of Arts</i>		
Thomas Brennan	Charles W. Fineout	Thos. F. J. McGill, Jr.
Ann J. Byron	Jeanne M. Heffernan	Donald J. Rhinehart
<i>summa cum laude</i>	Richard B. Locastro	Marian A. Sopher
John L. Connolly	Thomas V. McCarthy	<i>magna cum laude</i>
Robert T. Ealy		
<i>cum laude</i>		
<i>Bachelor of Science in Pure Science</i>		
Francis E. Antonacci	Salvatore J. Emmi	George P. Moront
Paul P. Antony	Joseph H. Evans	M. O. Naumann, Jr.
Joseph A. Barry, Jr.	John R. Fox	David D. O'Brien
Leon G. Bartle	<i>cum laude</i>	<i>cum laude</i>
Robert Bourke	William J. Gottstein	Patrick W. Olski
Robert J. Breed	Francis A. Grady	Carl J. Schneider
Catherine B. Burke	Francis J. Hemmer	Lawrence Scimone
James R. Byrne	Nicholas H. Hemmer, Jr.	John L. Scott
Thomas J. Campbell	James H. Hughes, Jr.	Anne M. Sperry
Samuel S. Ciccio	Kenneth R. Hughes	Elaine M. Sposato
James E. Cloonan	Paul J. Keebler	<i>magna cum laude</i>
Clement J. Colucci, Jr.	Nancy J. Kerlin	Gerald F. Stiner
James J. Connors	V. James Lauducci	Anne T. Sweeney
<i>magna cum laude</i>	Lee A. McCaffrey	Edward M. Szymanski
Robert L. Crotty	Rosemary E. McMahon	Harold T. Wall
Leo J. Dalton	Donald L. Miller	Marguerite A. Walser
John P. Eberz		<i>summa cum laude</i>
<i>Bachelor of Science in Social Studies</i>		
Joseph J. Biddulph	Joyce M. Frank	Barbara M. O'Connor
John A. Bonacci	Robert N. Gettman	James H. O'Connor
John C. Bradley	Edward J. Gorman, Jr.	James V. O'Leary
Anne M. Buell	<i>summa cum laude</i>	James E. O'Toole
Marguerite A. Burns	Thomas R. Hogan	Antoinette Pasquariello
Joseph N. Campolietta	Christopher J. Hopkins	John E. Pendergast
Marie T. Carpenter	Kathleen A. Hopkins	Frederick L. Picardi
Michael P. Coleman	Doris L. Hulsizer	<i>cum laude</i>
Paul B. Conan	<i>cum laude</i>	Grace M. Popp
Mary E. Connor	Robert P. Hurley	Patricia A. Quirk
Marilyn K. Corbett	Victoria A. Jagel	Mary R. Reidy
Dorothy Coyle	Robert L. Jones	Vernon B. Reinman
Thomas R. Cullen, Jr.	Eugene F. Kelley	Allan H. Rockwell
William J. Curran	Anne M. Kinney	Carl H. Roesch
Peter H. Damico	Kathleen A. Lane	Robert D. Romeo
Ralph J. DiFusco	Richard F. Long	Jeanne L. Rousche
William M. Dolan	Thomas J. Lowery, Jr.	<i>cum laude</i>
Edward J. Downes, Jr.	David F. Lozo, Jr.	Donald J. Savage
Thomas R. Dunnigan	Richard L. Lyons	Howard S. Sellinger
George R. Eaton	Charles M. McCarthy	Frank W. Szczech
James F. Egan	Joan A. Melden	John J. Testone
<i>summa cum laude</i>	John E. Moody	Joseph V. Treanor, Jr.
Joseph J. Endres, Jr.	William E. Moore, Jr.	John R. Treppe
William G. Eysaman	Alice M. Mullen	Frederick M. Valerino
Dale W. Ferguson	Robert Nier	John J. Walsh, Jr.
John M. Foertch		George K. Weidman

Paul received his Bachelor of Science degree in Social Studies on June 10th.

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Bachelor of Science in Industrial Relations

Placido Agrippino	William M. Flavin	James M. Meagher, Jr.
Arthur J. Bigsby	Stanley G. Germain	Nicholas D. Miller
Joseph F. Boehm	Richard C. Giblin	John F. Neu
Richard J. Brown	Daniel F. Gill, Jr.	William S. O'Neill
James D. Burke	Edward E. Hauss	Michael P. Piorek
William M. Burke	Virginia L. Howard	James E. Powers
Robert W. Carner	John A. Hughes	Cleon B. Quinn
Arnold G. Cornwell	William W. Kerrigan	<i>cum laude</i>
Charles J. Cronin	George C. Kunz	Harry J. Reidy
Sam S. Di Paola	William V. Kwasigroch	Bernadine R. Scarson
Louis J. Donahue	Howard A. Looney	Robert E. Schwarz
Joseph W. Dowd	Timothy P. Lowery	William F. Topp
John D. Evans	Edm. J. McGarrell, Jr.	Frederick S. Volotta
Charles O. Eysaman	Daniel F. McNeil	<i>cum laude</i>
M. H. FitzGibbons, Jr.		Eugene F. Walker

Bachelor of Business Administration

Thomas E. Aspenleiter	Joan H. Gienza	Richard K. Newmiller
Bernard H. Avery	Charles H. Golden	John J. O'Brien
<i>cum laude</i>	James P. Gorman	Primo W. Ponti
Francis L. Barclay	G. Edward Grant, Jr.	Thomas D. Reilly
Camille T. Bernardi	Robert F. Hagerty	Frank B. Reith
Samuel A. Bonfe	Francis W. Handlin	Anthony J. Romeo
Daniel J. Brown	Miles L. Hanlon, Jr.	Thomas M. Rowe
A. Patrick Burke	Raymond J. Hanlon	James J. Ryan
Francis G. Byrne	John P. Hannon	Richard J. Ryan
Arthur J. Campion	Edward M. Hare	Robert J. Ryan
Susan H. Carr	Carl A. Hayes	John A. Satalin
Joseph V. Colucci	Thos. F. Hennessey, Jr.	Robert J. Satterlee
Joseph B. Connor	Robert J. Horn	<i>cum laude</i>
Lester M. Crowe	Robert C. P. Kane, Jr.	Michael J. Scanlon
Joseph F. Davis	William G. Keating, Jr.	Nancy F. Scheutzow
Joseph A. DeAngelo, Jr.	Norbert D. King	William L. Scheutzow
William J. Delaney, Jr.	Bernard A. Krisak	Edward R. Sieklucki
Americo J. De Martino	Theodore H. Labus	Norman F. Simon
Robert J. Dermody	John E. Lynam	James J. Slocum
<i>magna cum laude</i>	William J. McCarthy	Theodore R. Sullivan
Mario C. De Santis	Cecil P. McCutcheon	<i>magna cum laude</i>
John F. Dillon	William L. McDermott	J. Anthony Testone
Henry J. Dodson, Jr.	James H. McEntee	Norbert P. Thomas
James E. Donegan	William E. McIlwaine	Francis E. Toles
George L. DuPlessis	James J. Mansour	James D. Tuccinardi
Elizabeth A. Farina	Raymond F. Marley	Edward W. Tucker
Thos. A. Fitzpatrick, Jr.	Emil P. Massad	Richard G. Tucker
Joseph A. Fiumano, Jr.	Francis J. Meleski	G. William Varney, Jr.
G. Reese Foote, Jr.	Salvatore J. Nastasi	Donald P. White
Leonard F. Fralick	Richard T. Nettle	James F. Wilson
<i>magna cum laude</i>		Russell W. Ziegler

Bachelor of Science Social Studies (Evening Sessions)

Marjory R. Barron	Helen J. Hogan	Edna J. O'Dwyer
Ruth A. Flynn	Lucille M. Hughes	Catherine A. Schneider
Madeline K. Garvey		Stanley E. Weiss

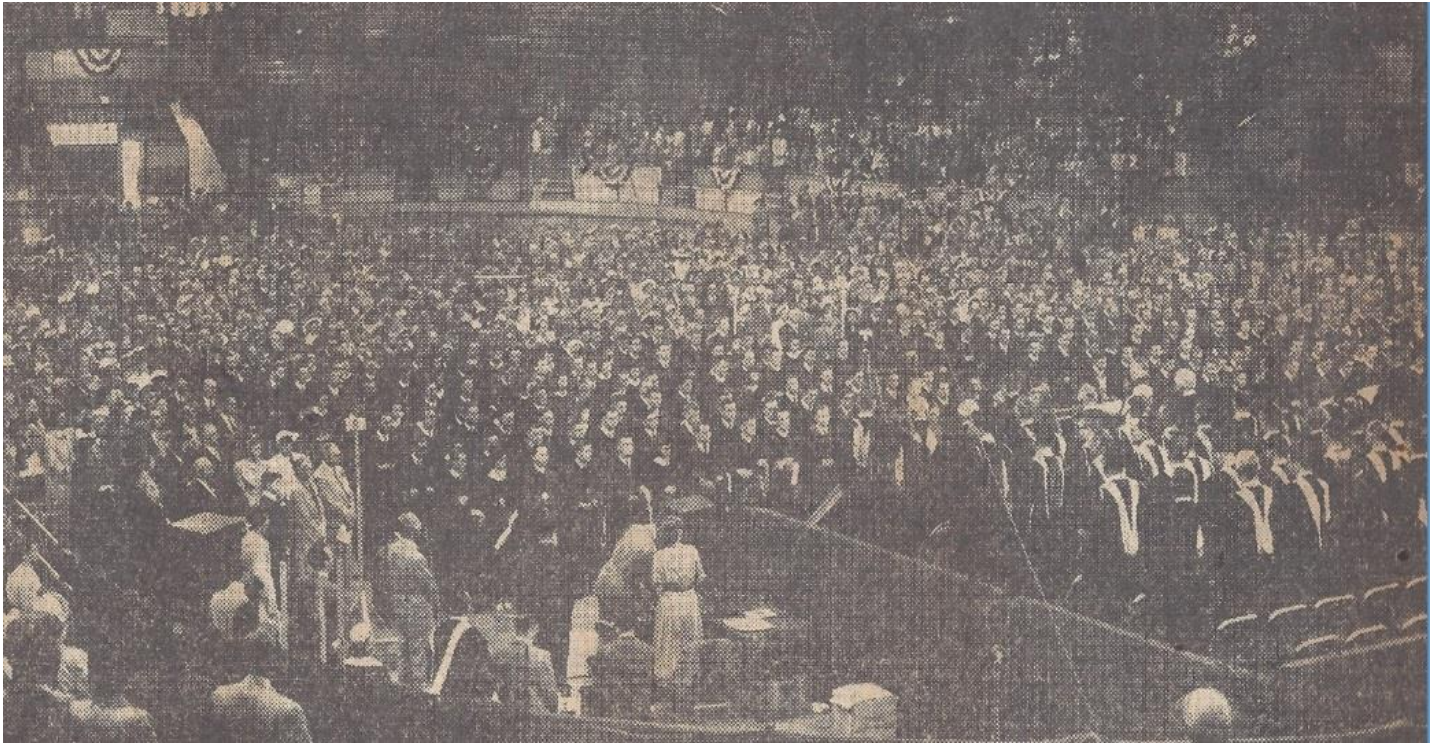
These students also graduated from LeMoyne College on June 10th.

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First LeMoyne Class Graduates As 4,000 Watch



Monday June 11th, 1951 *The Post Standard* (Syracuse, N.Y.)

LeMoyne College conducted the first commencement in its history yesterday.

Approximately 4,000 spectators witnessed the historic exercises in the state fair coliseum. Rain made it impossible to hold the commencement outdoors on the LeMoyne campus.

Bachelor's degrees in arts, pure science, social studies, industrial relations, or business administration were received by 262 students including 180 Syracusans.

Honorary Degree

LeMoyne, in the fifth year of its founding, presented its first honorary degree, an honorary doctor of humane letters to the Most Rev. Walter A. Foery, bishop of Syracuse, who received the honor clad in the red robes of his office.

Delivering the commencement address, Bishop Foery said "LeMoyne has been part of our thinking during the past four years. Its name has been upon our lips; its achievements applauded by grateful hearts. But the day on which our hearts and minds have been set is this commencement day – the graduation of its first class. These are the cornerstone on which, I hope and pray, that a magnificent alumni association will be constructed. These have formed the traditions which will forever be a part of the life of this young school."

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The bishop spoke of the war-like world into which the first graduates enter. "It is very easy in the mood of this hour to give up the struggle for understanding and for freedom and self-direction, and to let oneself be swept along with the opportunism that not only drifts with the tide, but exploits the confusion.

Youth Lauded

"It is one of the most encouraging things in our civilization," Bishop Foery noted, "that under such circumstances most of our young people are keeping their heads, that they are going calmly and constructively about their day-to-day business, that they are less anxious than those of us who are older, and they are by no means disheartened."

Three interests should be dominant in the heart of every LeMoyne graduate, Bishop Foery said. "No one of us can conscientiously stand idly by during these critical days which confront our beloved country. Our investigating committees may have discovered some of the weaknesses of our democracy, but they may have failed to indicate our strength.

"They may have uncovered some dishonest men in our political life," the Bishop explained, "but they did not intend to make political life so unattractive that good men, so desperately needed there, should refuse to serve. It seems imperative, then, that college graduates with a sharpened moral sense and with an unselfish devotion to our beloved country should enter into the political arena, for it is here that public opinion finds expression and policies are formed."

Urges Church Support

The bishop urged the graduates to remain strongly attached to the church and to remember their college always.

LeMoyne's president, the Very Rev. William J. Schlaerth, SJ, conferring the honorary degree upon the bishop, read the citation, which said in part: "High priest and zealous pastor of his flock, this illustrious and most reverend Father in Christ bears nobly before the eyes of all men the fullness of the Apostolic priesthood. Few men in the course of a long and unselfish lifetime could deserve so well of community, of country and of church as this Most Reverend Bishop."

At 3 p.m. the commencement exercises began with the academic procession. The graduates occupied front rows on the Coliseum floor and the officials and honored guests took their places upon the platform.

Leading the academic procession were the graduates, followed by about 65 lay teachers and the Jesuit faculty. Then came the college board of regents, including T. Frank Dolan, Albert Haskell, Leonard P. Markert, Francis L. McElroy, James Scanlon, W. Marcus Crahan, Edward Eagan, Thomas E. Kennedy, Justice William E. McClusky, H. Paul Nelligan, Anthony A. Henniger and Judge Brennan.

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Guests and Delegates

Next in line were guests and delegates, including Brother Cornelius of CBA, Paul Callahan, SJ, the Rev. Andrew J. Bouwhuis, SJ, Elmer C. Hughes, the Rev. Robert Long, the Rev. Robert Grewen, SJ, Brother Arthur, the Rev. Francis McGuire, SJ, the Rev. John Reagan, SJ, Mario Rossi, the Rev. Gannon Ryan, and the Rev. James Callaghan. They were followed by Monsignori Dooling, Piejda, McDowell, McPeak, and the Very Rev. Francis Edic, OFM.

In the president's party were the Rev. Joseph F. Beglan, SJ, first dean of LeMoyne; Dr. Finla G. Crawford, Mayor Thomas J. Corcoran, the Rev. Theodore J. Clarkson, SJ, assistant dean of LeMoyne; the Very Rev. Provincial John J. McMahon, SJ, the Most Rev. David F. Cunningham, the Very Rev. William J. Schlaerth, SJ, the Most Rev. Walter A. Foery, and the Rev. Francis Fallon, SJ, dean of LeMoyne.

The national anthem was played. Father McMahon, provincial of the New York Province of the Society of Jesus, gave the invocation. He prayed that God "bless this day and deed. We have labored to make this first group of graduates God's men and women."

Returns in Spirit

Father Schlaerth, in the president's remarks, said "By the grace of God we have come a long way. Father LeMoyne returns in spirit here today to salute the graduates. God bless and grace the class of 1951 – the first graduates of LeMoyne.

Following the conferring of the honorary degree upon Bishop Foery, the graduates marched to the platform to receive their degrees from Father Schlaerth and to kiss the bishop's ring. Dean Fallon and Assistant Dean Clarkson assisted Father Schlaerth.

Senior awards were presented to Ann J. Byron of senior arts, Marguerite A. Walser, Edward J. Gorman, Jr., C. Bernard Quinn, Leonard F. Fralick and Theodore R. Sullivan.

Miss Byron received the Bishop Foery medal in theology, the Leonard P. Markert medal in philosophy, and the Edward Eagan medal in liberal arts. Miss Walser was awarded the H. Paul Nelligan medal in science.

Medals Awarded

Mr. Gorman received the Gregory J. Derschug, SJ, medal in social studies. Mr. Quinn received the Mary Haskell Memorial medal in industrial relations. Mr. Fralick was presented with the Francis and Martha McElroy medal in business administration. Mr. Sullivan was awarded the Syracuse Chapter of the National Association of Cost Accountants award.

Paul's Professional Life

1957



The election of Paul B. Conan as assistant cashier of The Merchants National Bank & Trust Company was announced last week by Crandall Melvin, president. Conan is a native of Syracuse and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Conan, 263 Robineau Road. He was a member of the first graduating class of Le Moyne College where he earned his B.A. degree and is the first Le Moyne graduate to be named an officer of a Syracuse bank.

In addition to his degree from Le Moyne, Conan earned the degree of Master of Business Administration, with a major in finance, from Syracuse University. From 1953 until assuming his position at The Merchants Bank he was associated with Manufacturers Trust Company in New York City where he specialized in credit analysis and also had loaning experience.

At the Merchants Bank he will be the officer in charge of the credit department.

In 1957 Paul was the first LeMoyne graduate to be named an officer of a Syracuse bank.