Then and Now Views of 50-Year-Old College

## Mt. Angel College Will Celebrate Golden Jubilee May 30-31

Northwest's Oldest Catholic School, Founded by Benedictines, Surmounts Loss of two Disastrous Fires to Take Place Among Educational Leaders

Excursion Train Takes Valley Crowd to First of and, Emil Schubert, Frank Birk-Graduation Exercises Held in 1887; Gala Event Described by Early Teacher

By LORETTA E. DEHLER T. ANGEL, May 22.—When the great hall of the new gymnasium at Mt. Angel college, completed during the past year, opens its doors to its first commencement crowd Sunday afternoon, May 30, it will mark the golden jubilee of that first college commencement of 50 years ago.

In the words of Rev. Maurus Snyder, one of the first teachers in the infant college of 1887, "That first annual commencement of Mt. Angel college was a grand affair. At bas Held, mathematics and com-4 o'clock in the afternoon of June 27 an extra train arrived with Archbishop Gross and an immense crowd of visitors from St. Paul, Gervais, Woodburn and even from Portland. A long procession marched to the college, and as soon as all were seated in the exhibition hall the college orchestra rendered in fine style, Keler Bela's Jubilee Overture. Joseph Jackson spoke the salutatory. Songs, recitations and musical selections followed one after the other, all numbers being received with great applause. At 6 o'clock the exercises were interrupted and students and guests were served supper in the college refectory. Early Leader

Graduation Long Event 50 Years Ago

"The orchestra opened the second part of the exercises at 8 o'clock with an overture. John Nathman played the feminine lead in a three-act play "School sharing honors with Frank Coleman, in the role of op era manager. After the distribution of the premiums Jerome Jackson delivered the valedictory. His Grace, Archbishop William H. Gross then addressed the students and the program ended with the singing of the old university song, "A, A, A, Valete Studia." The extra train, with its cargo of visitors, left that same

Father Maurus recalls that the Archbishop in his address called himself the father of the college and prophesied a great future for his "first baby boy" as he fondly ealled it. Archbishop Gross' right to that title seems to be unquestioned for it was at his request that the first Mt. Angel college was founded.

The small band of Benedictines, headed by Prior Adelhelm Odermatt, came to Oregon in 1882, having been sent by the monastery at Engelberg, Switzer- house the students, when, in 1887 settled in Gervais and a year later higher learning. moved to the present site of Mt.

College in 1885 When the archbishop visited first floor contained a study hall the settlement in 1885 he saw in and recreation room, director's the place a wonderful opportun- office and a class room. All three ity for the establishment of a col- rooms on the second floor were lege for boys and young men. He used as class rooms. The half urged the idea on Prior Adel- story above the church was fitted helm, but the latter hesitated be- up as a dormitory, accommodatcause he feared that they were ing 30 beds. not sufficiently acquainted with First Northwest the language and customs of the Catholic College

The first buildings of the Ben- college, the first Catholic college edictine community were situa- in the northwest, was set for Septed at the foot of the hill upon tember 6, 1887. Seven students which the present college build- presented themselves that first nabas Held of blessed memory, ings stand. The Fathers decided day: Jerome and Joseph Jack-

meyer, and Anthony Bauer. Within the same week Ned Smith, Roy and Ray Rickard, Frank Coleman, John Murphy, Peter Kirk, Sebastian McDonald and Charles McGee joined the school, and a few weeks later Tom and Jim Kerr, Joe and Jim Smith and Fred Davidson were added to the ranks. By Christmas the college boasted 25 students.

The first teaching staff was imposed of the Very Rev. Prior Adelhelm Odermatt who taught Christian doctrine; Rev. Barnamercial branches; Peter Beutgen, English literature, rhetoric, elocution and history; Rev. Maurus Snyder and Rev. Placidus Fuerst, preparatory classes and music; Rev. William Kramer, Latin and German teacher. Increase Staff In One Month

On October 20 the staff was increased by two more teachers. Rev. Dominic Waedenschwyler and Rev. Leo Huebscher arrived from Europe and the school of theology was opened, Father Leo teaching dogma and Father Dom-inic moral theology, Rev. Anselm Wachter was relieved as paster of the Gervais community and took his place on the college staff as professor of church history, sacred scriptures, Christian doc-trine, history, algebra and advanced Latin and Greek.

ical course covered six years and led to academic degrees, the commercial three years and the graduate was given a cer tificate of the Master of Accounts. The power to award the cademic degrees was granted the Benedictine Fathers of Rev. Maurus Snyder, O.S.B., mem-Mt. Angel by the ber of the first faculty of Mt. State of Oregon at the time of in-Angel college and today senior

corporation, May 4, 1883. Rev. Barnabas Held was the

and to him a great deal of the ganist and choirmaster of St. Angel. The name Mt. Angel given present spacious buildings of wonderful success of the school Mary's church, Mt. Angel. Within a week of the opening of served the entire community. An school he had a brass band organized.

> Sometime previous to the opening of school Simon Harris, conductor of the Portland orchestral union, and some of the members of the organization made a trip to Mt. Angel to inspect the new college and examining the professors in music. The examination resulted in the decision of the board that 'Mt. Angel had no equal in the state in the department of music. Professors of music at that time were Rev. Bar-Rev. Maurus Snyder still active

new land of the west. They first consent to found an institution of first director of the college. He | ing at the Benedictine monastery, | hill and cut by hand, reared its | best in the history of the institu- | degrees. At present seven faculwas a man of great magnetism and Rev. Placidus Fuerst, now or- five stories above the verdant val-

to the settlement was simply an brick, steel and terra cotta was a was due. He understood and lov- Conveniences were few in that fall of 1963. Accommodations tesque monument of 40 years of our universities. English translation of the name frame building 35 by 30 feet, pre- ed boys and he made school life first college, gauged by present were now luxurious. There was pleasant and interesting to them. day standards. One tin bathtub open shed took the place of the modern elaborately equipped gymnasium. Disastrous Fire of '92 Halts Progress

The college grew rapidly but that growth was cruelly halted May 2, 1892, when practically the entire institution was destroyed Undaunted the Benedictines

soon set about planning the rebuilding of the college. This time the site chosen was on top of the hill, named by the Indians "Tapalamaho," Mount of Commun-

The community moved into the new building on the hilltop in the ample room for the rapidly growing student roll. The college began to take its place in athletics among the colleges of the northwest. Alumni of the school began to distinguish themselves in all lines of work. In 1924 the Mt. Angel junior college was recognized by the Northwest association of higher and secondary schools and began to develop into one of the foremost colleges on the coast. Another Great Pyre Wipes Out Plant

Then came the disastrous fire of ten years ago. On September 21, 1926, the entire educational plant was once more destroyed. ion. Here a huge structure of The school year had just opened to erect no new buildings to son, John Nathman, Albert Pell- in the fields of music and writ- stone, quarried from that very and promised to be one of the that terrifying September night, value.

tion. In one night those glorious hopes were destroyed and the morning revealed blackened stone walls and twisted steel was a gro-

hard labor. But not for long did that ugly | gel college is coming into its own. homes in Mt. Angel were thrown cilities afforded through the erecsome of the classrooms of the local grade school. Their spiritual exercises were held in the parish church of Mt. Angel. Contribu- start due to the delay in complettions from all over the United ing the gymnasium. Intercolleg-States poured in to aid them in late baseball was taken up this

The skeletons on the hilltop were blasted and soon the foun- showing. dation for the first of the new buildings was laid. March 19, 1928, less than two years after rapidly mounting to their former

Commencement Exercises to Be Held Next Sunday Afternoon in new Gym; **Archbishop Howard to Speak Monday** 

DIFTY years of education of the youth of the northwest will be celebrated by the Benedictines and the grateful community of Mt. Angel May 30 and 31.

Commencement exercises will begin at 2 o'clock on Sunday, May 30. Rt. Rev. Msgr. Arthur Lane, P. A., will deliver the baccalaureate address to the class of 1937. Musical and the Benedictines once again mov- the Mt. Angel college and semin-

the Benedictines once again moved onto the hilltop. The building program was continued as means permitted, and now ten years after the fire, three large, fine structures give gallant testimony of the undying perseverance of the Benedictines.

Housing accommodations are still inadequate so that many of the out of town students find it necessary to board with families in the town of Mt. Angel. Despite the Mt. Angel college and seminary orchestra, conducted by Alexander Scharbach, and by the college quartet. Paul Zeller of Portland will be valedictorian.

Five to Beceive

H. A. Degrees

The bachelor of, arts degree will be conferred on Frater Bernard Maier, O. S. B., of St. Benedict's Abbey, Frater Richard Cebula, O. S. B. of St. Martin's college, Lacey, Wash., Harley A.

in the town of Mt. Angel. Despite lege. Lacey, Wash., Harley A. this fact 225 were enrolled in the college and high school departments during the past year. lege. Lacey, Wash., Harley A. Baker of Skagaway, Alaska: John A. Fennimore of Mt. Angel; and Paul M. Zeller of Portland. Junior college certificates will be awarded to William F. Brock-hause, Mt. Angel; Gilbert J. Wider Recognition

Wonderful strides in all fields of learning have been made by the college during the past decade. The Northwest association of secondary and higher school recognizes the school as a standard senior college. Bachelor degrees may be earned in the departments of philosophy, English, classical languages, m o dern languages, history, social sciences, mathemahistory, social sciences, mathematics, education and business administration.

Moreover, the state depart-ments of education in Oregon and Washington recognize the institu-

> tion as a standschool graduates... ard high school teacher college and diplomas the gold medals for so graduates are scholastic excellence during the eligible to teach Alumni Day past year will be awarded. in any high school of either state as long as clared Alumni day. His Excellenthe required cy Edward D. Howard, archbishop courses in education have been self-styled father of Mt. Angel college, Archbishop William H. Gross, will officiate at the pontif-ical high mass in St. Mary's taken. Teaching Staff,

High Attainment The teaching church, Mt. Angel, at 10:00 a. m. staff is constant-The assistants will be chosen ly being improvfrom the clerical alumni of the ed. Many of the school. Fathers have been sent to un-

Mary's school before mass and iversities in Ammarch with the clergy to the erica and abroad church. to secure higher Rev. Francis P. Leipzig, of Em degrees. At present seven facul-ty members hold doctor's degrees, occasional sermon. Immediately

while several more have earned after the mass the annual alumni the master's degree. Others are banquet will be served in the dintaking advanced courses at vari- ing hall of St. Mary's school. Franciscovich to In the field of athletics Mt. An- Represent Governor

The alumni will meet at S

Corvallis; Robert P. O'Hara.

Schaefers, Eugene; Magnus Sy-

verson, Independence; Wilbur F.

Trewik, St. Cloud, Minn.; and Marcel T. Van Dreische, Baker.

There is also a class of 24 high

After the conferring of degrees

Francis Franciscovich. symbol of defeat rise above the The glories of pre-fire days are dent of the Oregon senate and an surrounding country. Private gradually being revived. The fa- alumnus of M. A. C., will represent Governor Charles H. Martin open to the homeless Benedic- tion of the new gym have paved who will be unavoidably absent in tines. School for a limited num- the way for entrance in regular California, at the banquet. Also ber of students was continued in intercollegiate sports. The bas- present will be Dr. Frederick M. ketball team came through the season with considerable glory in state system of higher education, spite of being hindered with a late | and State Supt. C. A. Howard.

> Rev. Valentine Moffenbeier of Portland will act as toastmaster. Among the speakers will be Rev. Louis Sanders of Portland; Hon. John P. Kavanaugh of Portland, first graduate of Mt. Angel college; Umbert T. De Martini. prominent Portland lawyer; and Tom Shea, editor of the News-Tel-



Upper, first faculty of Mt. Angel college, 1887-1888, front row, Rev. Leo Heubscher, R. V. Barnabas Held, (president), Rev. Anselm Wachter, Rev. Dominic Waedenschwiler; back row, Bro. Theodule, Rev. Peter J. Beutgen, Rev. Maurus Snyder, Rev. Placidus Fuerst and Rev. William Kramer. Snyder and Fuerst are still with the faculty. Center, first Mt. Angel college, with first monastery on left, seminary in middle and college on right. Lower left, college destroyed by fire in 1926. Lower right, Mt. Angel college as it will welcome visitors on the 50th anniversary May 30 and 31.

## Sage of Salem Speculates

By D. H. TALMADGE

IDLE SPECULATION Those ebullitions of the mind, Termed by the thoughtless

thoughts,

Are what we struggle with to find Our oughtn'ts and our oughts. The seeming ought oft comes to The seeming naught to ought,

e'er fraught, Despite most careful thought. A lively game this life appears, Of oughtn'ts and of oughts.

But 'tis my guess that after years naughts.

Anyway, I think we may always be reasonably certain that guess ing on an uncertainty of desirable possibilities is greatly to be preferred to being bound hand and foot in a spiritual sense to fear of an undesirable destiny.

"The saddest words of tongue or pen-it might have been." I have never cared much for the assertion, although many of us draw this had not been-life is a ver- trust. itable tangle of ifs. Many of our santest dreams are followed their graves by a long cortege f sniveling ifs. They appear as company given unduly to mopters of time and strength and comfort. It seems to me better to play the game from an "it may angle than from an "it might ave been" angle. Nothing is cerin. There are impish ifs awaiting at every turn of the life trail. atter to accept the situation heerfully. Unless, of course, we ad joy in sadness, which I susct to be the case here and there the cavalcade. But it does seem ore sensible, life being what it and the past being dead as a string and the future being quite likely to hold brighter possibil-es as it is likely to hold darker

O well, each of us is as he or

ones, to accept the more cheerful

tions. The Iowa boys, I recall, went to Chicago once long ago to spend a three-day vacation. They expected in a half vague way to get about the city and see its sights and "ooh" and "ah" in duet. But they did not do this. They discovered, under the influ-And oughtn'ts are with doubt ence of a new and exciting environment, that their tastes were therefore neither had suspected. Will show more aughts than other spent the time largely at again. Nobody asked "Where is Armour's, watching the butchery of pigs. That which entertains one

member of the community.

The humble beginning of the

large and two small rooms. The

The opening day for the new

wife: "What she says goes, if she indifference," he said. "Nothin' says automobile, and what she like it. It'll be in the paper in the says goes." Now how would any- mornin'. " And that is one thing body make a polite response to a the climate of the Willamette valstatement like that?

A current news item from Tennessee in the papers tells of the divorcement of a girl of 12 from long faces and sighfully admit a boy of 14. Custody of the fam- for seven days. . . The Glen Morits truth. If this had been or if ily dolls awarded to the wife, I ris family is to take the Alaskan

> Old men and babies get up early in the morning because they somebody's colyum.

What does he mean, they don't do anything? He might be sur-

Folks of today don't do many of the things that folks once did, and folks in days to come won't do many of the things that we do now, so there's no sense in getting swelled up about it.

A late May wind with a kniferect and marked effect on human

MY GARDEN OF SONG With a tender heart, when the wander in my garden of song

whole life through, she is, and each will live and be- Come away, I'll go along with an lieve according to his or her no- you.

Your garden of song, a tear, a

For I couldn't live without my songs. Could you? Would you?

There's one of happiness so rare, A song for weariness and care, And one that sings to me so low Of childhood's blessed long ago. There's one I need in time of

That soothes my soul and gives relief. And one that came to me with

And one that takes my heart above.

-Susan Scott, Salem.

roared through Commercial street late one day recently. Three men on one of the bank corners glanced at the screaming everready not kindred ones, a fact that helps in time of trouble and reand the newspaper shops, and the on the block and walked back lem for two years. the fire?" Later, urged by a feeling of curiosity, I asked one of the men on the corner a reason for, their apparent indifference Salem gentleman refers to his He was almost indignant. "Tain't ley does to a person.

A local note or two: "Wake Up and Live," the Bernie-Winchell film, held steadily at the Grand trip in July . . . Overcoats and shirtsleeves side by side on the streets, warming up and cooling off for all there is in them . . . . Local drivers vary in opinion as to the desirability of radio service This is followed by an examinain automobiles . . . One successful smiling portraits of people who smile naturally and in tactfully trations of the artist under eco-Salem photographer specializes in making unsmiling portraits of whose smiles have to be forced . . . Two young women of the literary set at the state sanitorium have unearthed "otiose" from the dictionary and are making gleeful use of it. Even the staid old "unabridged" has its art and magic, art and mysticism, like edge is contagious, with di- zestful qualities . . . Manager Tay- art and religion, secular art, art lor of the Albany branch of Montcomery Ward & Co., accompanied education and art in transition. by Mrs. Taylor, materially assisted the sun in its rather feeble efforts to create a cheerful atmosphere in Salem early in the week . . Hint from a business man, asks that his name be withheld but who did not withhold his

Let's pause a bit and remember tion should be given by pupils in Salem public schools . . . . Fish stories thus far not plentiful. But Attorney Carey Martin has an interesting little story of a pair of robins, nesting in the Christmas tree on the courthouse lawn, that appear to have reared two families already this season . . . Ned Sparks' comment on another prominent citizen: He is so twofaced the barber has to shave him twice . . . Domestic item from the fairgrounds district: Man can't rest unless he puts his feet ered with dense up on something, and his wife can't rest till he takes 'em down flowers. It likes again . . . Naomi Phelps, of Salem and New York, has been assigned by a New York publisher to visit Idaho this summer to do research work preliminary to the writing of an historical novel of that state. Advices from the east indicate that Miss Phelps, accompanied by Jean Gardner, will leave for the Idaho country sometime in June by motor, and the trip will be continued on to turned to their confabs. A sales- the "old home town" in Oregon. One stuck closely to the theatres man walked from one of the shops Miss Phelps has not been in Ba-

## Book Nook

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attempted murder follows fast, the reader who enjoys his mystery stories is completely happy.

For the more serious-minded. Herbert Read has written "Art and Society." Anyone interested in the history of art will enjoy it. The author begins with prehistoric art, and then passes to the magical and animist art of primitive races. He next surveys religions of later civilizations, especially Christianity. tion of the artists' status since, and during, the renaissance, endnomic conditions In other words, Read surveys

the world's art, not as an isolated activity but as one reto the cultures and societies from which it flowers. Some of the chapter heads are and the unconscious, art and

Bales to Speak

loyance when giving out the day, a hint: More attention to punctua- arranged. Experiments on to Bring Color to Shasta Daisy, Now Available in Double Form By LILLIE L. MADSEN Care of Hollyhocks NSWERS to question: When your hollyhocks hav Among the best rock-wall bloomed, pinch off the withered plants is aithionema grandiheads. Small buds growing close to the flowers will then bloom, As soon as these are finished blooming cut down the stalk, give a small feeding of balanced fertilizer, and very likely you will have hollyhocks blooming again in

How Does Your Garden Grow?

summer it is covspikes of pink a comparatively light sandy soil and perfect drainage. It is also said to thrive on wet **~**31 winters. Shasta daisy can be had in a

florum. In early

double form. Hybridigers are now endeavoring Latte L. Madsen to bring color into the Shasta daisy. It is believed that it could be crossed with the Korean chrysanthemum. There would be a small fortune in it for the one who made a success of this. Most of us see Shasta daisies only in the old, straight-petal form. We them again for those who missed scarcely realize how many varieties can now be had. Burbank's Frilled has party-ruffles around its yellow center. The Admiral Byrd has two rows of rays and their ends curled but not ruffled.

quilted center. For Best Lilacs

Chiffon Shasta is frilled with a

If you wish nice lilacs next year, cut off the flower heads as the position of art in relation to soon as they wither. Seed pods take too much strength from the bust. Do not cut off beyond the first joint bearing leaves. Scatter a handful of lime and a little balanced plant food about your bush and work it in. Keep suckers and weeds down, and you should have a good crop of lilac bloom next year. Spray your lilacs during the Care of chrysanthemums must

be started this month if one is to have good results by fall-blooming time. Pinch them back two or three times in May and the same amount in June to make them branch out and become sturdy. Then in June begin feeding them every 10 days until color in buds show. Use a balanced fertilizer. If aphids show up-and keep a PIONEER, May 22 .- Allen close watch for them-spray with Bales will be the speaker at the a nicotine spray. Black Leaf-40,

a u t u m n. Hollyhocks must be sprayed or dusted with Bordeaux of sulphur every 10 days or rust will take them.

what to plant that will give a splash of color in a south exposure for the summer. I suggest either marigolds or geraniums. Both do well with lots of sun and both will give a riot of color all summer late into autumn. Lots of peony inquiries are reaching me. There are many, evi-

In answer to the inquiry as to

dently, who have difficulty in making their peonies bloom. Some of these answers I have given several times before. But I'll repeat

Plant Peonies in Fall Peonies should be planted in the fall. They prefer a sunny location, but will thrive in part shade. They should be planted so that the top of the root is about three inches beneath the surface of the soil. Too deep planting will cause lack of flowers. Lack of phosphorus and potash in the soil will also cause lack of bloom. As soon as the plants start in the spring they should be sprayed with Bordeaux, subsequent sprayings should be given them three or four

All buds showing deformity or bud-rot should be picked off at once and burned. As soon as the flowers fade, cut them off, but do not cut off the peony leaves. Then give each plant a trowelful of half-and-half bonemeal and acid phosphate. Woodashes or potassium sulphate are also good. Nitrate of soda around peonies should always be used sparingly. A separate sprinkling on the soil near the plants when buds are developing will increase the size of the blooms. Too much nitrate will make weak flowers.

Control for Ants As to whether ants are injurious or not to peonles seems to Sunday school meeting here Sunone teaspoonful to a gallon of be disputable. Some growers say
day, and special music has been water, to which add a little launthat ants are only after the aphids. dry soap, will do the trick. Others report they are after the

sweet fluid secreted in the buds and will injure the buds themselves as well as carry disease spores from one plant to another. A sweet poison balt has been suggested for their control. A sponge dipped in molasses water and poisoned with arsonate of lead has proved effective if placed beneath the peony bushes. However, it must be remembered that this is also poisonous to cats, dogs or birds who might have a sweet

year for the first time since the

fire, and the boys made a fair

pletely destroyed by the fire, are

The library and museum, com-

tooth. Peonies should not be mulched with manure and the tops of the plants should be cut off and burned in September. No dead foliage should be permitted to winter over in the peony bed Roses Need Much Care

The rose is most certainly the queen of flowers and it continuously needs a large number of hand-maidens to keep it in bloom-ing condition. It must be sprayed with Black-Leaf-40 for aphids, and must be sprayed or dusted with fungicides such as Bordeaux and lime sulphur. For certain leaf-chewing insects arsenate of lead must be resorted to. Other insects which easily curl themselves up in the leaves must be handpicked and destroyed. All yellowed leaves falling to the soil must be gathered and burned. Cultivation must be continuous. A two-inch dust mulch should be maintained. No weeds should permitted in the rose beds.

Summer pruning should be done as you cut the flower. Take a long stem if possible, make a all rose suckers from the roots

the suckers are from the root stock. They will completely choke out a budded rose if permitted to grow.

Most lilies resent lime in the soil. A few including L. Candidum, L. Elegans, L. Chalcedonicum, L. Hansoni, L. Monadelphum, and L. Tigrinum seem to be indifferent.

Spray Against Lily Blight Complaints of blighted or diseased madonna lilles are reaching me. Bordeaux mixture is again advised. The plants should be sprayed early in the spring and prior to blooming. In the fall they should be sprayed again and the soil saturated. Some growers advise digging some of the Bordeaux into the soil about the lilies. All leaves that fall off should be burned.

In response to another request for the fertilizer I gave a year ago for trees: Amonium sulphat or nitrate of soda, 50 lbs.; superphosphat, 30 pounds; muriate of potash, 12 pounds. To be most effective it should go on before June 10. The paint for the tree wounds is corrosive sublimate.

Weed eradicator is iron sulphate. Use it at the rate of 1 1/4 pounds per gallon of water. Remember it will also kill white clover. Sodium chlorate will also do the trick and is particularly effective on poison oak.

will do as well if planted now as slant cut, and make the cut right anytime. Give them an acid above an outside leaf-bud. Keep soil, partial shade and a good mulch. If selected now one can cut off. Most roses are budded and choose the colors wanted.

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