



## To Perform Today

HOLY GHOST School in Opelousas will hold its May Day activities today starting at 7 p.m. on the school grounds. Highlight of the festivities will be a gymnastics demonstration. From left are A u g d e n

Sampa, Philomena Allen, John Boutte, Joseph Austin, Helen Tezano, and Eric Bonatto. In back are Dwright Keys and Joseph Glasper.

# Holy Ghost Accredited By Catholic University

As a result of a self-evaluation study and report, Holy Ghost High School has been accredited by the Catholic University of America for an initial period of two years.

In the near future, a committee designated by the University will visit and inspect the school.

Sister Mary Boniface, principal, received the certificate of membership for Holy Ghost from the Uni-

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versity.

Students are now preparing to take Catholic University examinations, seven of which when passed successfully, along with the qualitative and quantitative requirements of Holy Ghost, will entitle them to a diploma as a Catholic University affiliate.



HOLY GHOST SCHOOL BAND, MAJORETTES will participate in the gas school Homecoming ceremonies today at the institution on N. Union St. Majorettes are, from left,

Carol Pfefferkorn, Barbara Malreux, Barbara Thibodeaux, Norma Assmann, Delby Williams, Barbara Fustrot, Anna Orbro and Carol Ann Roberts.

# Holy Ghost Band Sets Performance

The public is invited to attend the annual Christmas concert tonight to be given by the Holy Ghost High School band.

The performance will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Ghost School under direction of Mrs. L.C. Ewell, band director. Admission will be 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children.

The program will open with a rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner."

Other numbers will include "O Holy Night" by the band; "Panis Angelicus" by a brass ensemble composed of M. Brisco, J. Semien, J. Lewis, M.S. Orbre. A. Thomas and A. Babineaux; "Man of the Hour", "At Christmas Tide", "Pilgrims Chorus", "Christmas Spirituals", "When Song Is Sweet," a clarinet quartet by B. Donnatto, H. Giron, J.L. Williams and J. Eaglin, "Storm King", "White Christmas", and "Joy to the World."

## HIGH SCHOOL GROUP

First Prize—Lena Lavigne, Holy Ghost School, Opelousas, La.

Second Prize—Birdie Lee Terrell, Webster Training School, Minden, La.

Third Prize—Ercell Curtis Kendrick, Magnolia Colored High School, Magnolia, Ark.

### Honorable Mention

Virginia M. Lewis, Webster Parish Training School, Minden, La.

Glynava Anderson, Webster Parish Training School, Minden, La.

John Hill Jr., Webster Parish Training School, Minden, La.

Catherine E. Jones, Webster Parish Training School, Minden, La.

Catherine Kennan, Webster Parish Training School, Minden, La.

Vertis McGlothew, Webster Parish Training School, Minden, La.

Frances Shaw, Webster Parish Training School, Minden, La.

Mable Greenard, Webster Parish Training School, Minden, La.

Oliver Washington, Randolph County Training School, Cuthbert, Ga.

Milton Malveaux, Holy Ghost School, Opelousas, La.

Cleo Doris Chener, Holy Ghost School, Opelousas, La.

Hazel Quarry, Holy Ghost School, Opelousas, La.

Mabel Breaux, Holy Ghost School, Opelousas, La.

Augustine Auzenne, Holy Ghost School, Opelousas, La.

Mary Lou Castille, Holy Ghost School, Opelousas, La.

Ruby Malveaux, Holy Ghost School, Opelousas, La.

Sunday, February 9, 1958

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**MAZIE SEMIEN** is the Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow at Holy Ghost School here. She received the highest score in a written examination on homemaking knowledge, entitling her to enter the state contest.

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# Alfreda Sampa Is Homemaker at Holy Ghost High School

The 1960 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow of Holy Ghost School is Alfreda Sampa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Sampa, Jr.



ALFREDA

Miss Sampa received the highest score in a 50-minute examination on homemaking knowledge and attitudes taken by graduating senior girls. She will

receive an award pin, manufactured by Jostens, and representing the slogan, "Home is where the heart is".

Her examination papers will be submitted for competition with other high winners to name the state Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow.

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**DONN OLIA**  
Chevis, daughter  
of Mrs.  
Irene Chevis,  
is the Betty  
Crocker Home-  
maker of 1965



at Holy Ghost High School in Opelousas. She scored highest in a written homemaking examination taken by senior girls at the school.





Career Day at Holy Ghost

## PROFESSIONAL SPEAKERS

# Career Day Sponsored At Holy Ghost School

Holy Ghost High School held its first Career Day recently under auspices of the Good Counsel Vocation Club with Sister Cecily Marie as moderator.

Seniors of Holy Rosary and J.S. Clark High Schools were guests.

Speakers were Dr. A. Terrence, physician, Wattie Castain, builder; Mrs. Doris Tatum, teacher; Mrs. Alzada Spraggins, registered nurse; and Miss Yvonne Lemelle, secretary.

One of the highlights of the day was an open forum on religious vocations and life in the convent conducted for the girls by two postulants, three white veiled novices, a junior professed and one senior professed of the Sisters of the Holy Family who staff Holy Ghost School.

At the same time Father Hubert Singleton, S.V.D., vocation for the Divine Word Fathers, held a conference of the boys.

The program opened with a Mass celebrated by Father Daniel Murphy. Father F. Smith, pastor of Holy Ghost Church, welcomed the students.

George Donatto of the junior class was master of ceremonies for the opening program and eighth graders presented a skit, "Vocation Room". Sister Mary Boniface, principal, emphasized the importance of knowing the five qualities of a test for any vocation.



## Students Attend Convention

A GROUP of 14 students from Holy Ghost High School attended a mathematics convention at the University of Southwestern Louisiana in Lafayette. The conference was sponsored by Mu Alpha Theta mathematics clubs. Representing Holy Ghost at the meeting were, above from left, front, Janice

Chenier, Judy Jolivet, Valencia Hall, Peggy Moullion, Sandra Stephens and Charlene Moullion; and standing, Aaron Johnson, Alvin Donatto, Genevieve Frijot, Rupert Nacaste, Larry Guidry, Bonnie Donatto, John Lastrapes and Atkins Thibodeaux.

# Holy Ghost Wins Top Awards at Contests

The student cast of Holy Ghost school won second place in the state drama festival last weekend at Grambling

college after winning first place in district 13. And Raymond Espree, a member of the cast that presented, "Balcony Scene", won the trophy for the best actor in the festival.

Others in the cast were Jerome Collins, Jude Alsandor, Michael Bill, Gail Aubespain, Dona Martel, Edith Carmouche, and Evelyn Sampa.

Ringgold high school took top place in the festival.

Twelve Holy Ghost students won top honors in the Louisiana Interscholastic athletic and Literary Association rally held recently at Southern University.

Local school winners were: Teresita Fenelon, soprano solo, and Justin Kelly, tenor solo, superior; Floyd Malveaux and Laouressia Gravens, first and fourth places respectively in general mathematics 11; Michael Bill, best panelist; Evelyn Austin, Michael Bill, Nianza Brisco, Raymond Espree and Consuela Malveaux, first as the best panel in the state; Lester Cheeks and Benjamin Williams, first for poster and textile prints; Pearl Robinson, third in humorous interpretation; Dorothy Olivier, third in mathematics charts.

## District Honors

In the district rally Holy Ghost placements were: algebra 1, Irma Donato, first and Gracie Garriet,

second; algebra 11, Louise Collins, first, and Margaret Chachere, fourth; plane geometry, Jacquelyn Taylor, second; chemistry, Charles Donatto, second; mathematics models, Franklin Herbert, first, Leon Gullory, second and third; mathematics charts, Lynette Alsandor, first, and Dorothy Olivier, second; bookkeeping, Margaret Rene, first, and Sylvia Espree, second; panel discussion group, first.

Sculpturing, Lion Gullory, first; Sonja Robinson, third, and Benjamin Williams, fourth; posters, Lester Cheeks, first and third; cartoons, Leon Gullory, first; textile designs, Benjamin Williams, first, Leon Gullory, second, Maxine Dartez, third, and Lester Cheeks, fourth; drawing, Lester Cheeks and Leon Gullory, first, third, and fourth; Sonja Robinson, second and fourth; painting, Maxine Dartez, first, Lester Cheeks, second, Sonja Robinson, third, Leon Gullory, fourth.

Music--Teresita Fenelon and Justin Kelly, excellent; mixed chorus, female chorus, female trio, male quartet, baritone solo by Benjamin Williams, contralto solo by Gail Aubespain, and piano solo by Ruth Gobert, all above average.

Speech--Pearl Robinson, first in humorous interpretation; Floyd Malveaux, second in original oration; and Gail Aubespain, second in serious interpretation.



**BALCONY SCENE** presented by Holy Ghost at L. I. A. L. A. district meet here was staged by, from left to right, seated, Gloria Skon, Donald Mar-

tel, Michael Maxwell, Jerome Collins, Thelma Dean, Donald Thomas, and standing, Vernell Auzenne and Raymond Espree.

# "Vocation Room"

## Presented by Negro Students

In an effort to draw attention to the necessity of thinking of and praying for guidance in the selection of a state in life, members of the Good Counsel Vacation Club at Holy Ghost school presented one-act play, "Vocation Room" for a student assembly.

The play was based on the visit to an exhibit room by two teenagers, Pearl Robinson and Agnes Martel, where they are told the joys of six callings by live picture



Living Joys

Representing the six callings were Gail Aubespain, nursing; Teresita Fenelon, entertainer; Sonja Robinson, religion; Elaine Collins, marriage; Vivian Marant, business; and Catherine Robert, teaching.



**GIVING FINAL** instructions to three members of the cast of "Above All Else, Liberty," is Father Francis Kichak, director of the presentation. It will be given tonight at the Holy Ghost high school auditorium. Members of the cast are, from left, Charles Collins, Irene Paullard, and Cecile Lamelle. —Daily World Photo by Webre)

## **"ABOVE ALL ELSE, LIBERTY"**

# **Curtain Rises Tonight on Holy Ghost Senior Play**

The curtain rises tonight on the annual senior play at Holy Ghost high school. The seniors will give, "Above All Else, Liberty" by Georgia Stenger.

The time is May, 1774. The place, in Virginia in the American Colonies. The action revolves around Patrick Henry and Thomas Jefferson.

Patrick Henry will be portrayed by Charles Collins and the role of Thomas Jefferson by Charles Olivier. Others in the cast are Vernell Auzenne, Irene

Poullard, Audrey Stelly, Thelma Dean, Preston Stelly, Donald Thomas, Vivian Remi, Richard Gobert, Yvonne Lemelle, Anthony Donatte, Clayton Jolivet, and Theresa Rachal.

The play is set in the ante-room of the colonial House of Burgesses, in the capitol at Williamsburg, Va.; in the sitting room of Henry's home at Williamsburg; and in the ante-room to the ball room at the capitol.



**BALCONY SCENE** that won second place for Holy Ghost school in the state drama festival at Grambling college was enacted by, from left,

Raymond Espree, Evelyn Samps, Dona Martel, Michael Bill, Edith Carmouche, Gail Aubespin, Jerome Collins, and Jude Alsandor.

# Holy Ghost Wins State AA Drama, Actor Trophies

The cast of Holy Ghost School won the state championship trophy and the best actor trophy for AA schools with its presentation in the one-act play competition, participated in by 19 districts at Grambling College. Performing "A Sunny Morning" were Michael Bill, Pearl Robinson, Catherine Olivier, and Willie Eaglin.

The winner of AAA was St. Augustine of New Orleans with "A Message from Khufu," and Single A was Paul L. Dunbar of Washington with "The Death of the Hired Man."

Michael Bill won best actor for his portrayal of Don Gonzalo.





MRS. J. ARCENEUX, portraying the role of Aunt Samantha, and Lucien Léttefield, a farmer, rehearse for comedy to be presented tonight at Holy Ghost School.

2nd place — Walter Gray, Arthur Lewis, Paul E. Lewis, Nelson Thomas.

General Science — Modern Trends of Transportation — 2nd place — Charles Rhone, Chemistry — Equation forming a Water Molecule — 2nd place — Wayne Martel.

#### MATHEMATICS PROJECTS

1st place, John Hudson, Raymond E. Harry.

#### SOCIAL STUDIES PANEL

1st place, Lois Manuel, Barbara Edwards, Helen Gordon, Bernice Rideau, Gloria Boute.

All first and second place winners will participate on a statewide basis in AAA category.

## 'Aunt Samantha' to Rule 'Roost' Tonight At Holy Ghost High

"Aunt Samantha Rules the Roost", a three-act comedy, will be presented at 7:30 tonight by the Parent-Teacher Association of Holy Ghost High School.

The play will be staged at the school gym. The three acts are set in the home of Samantha Simpkins in Simpkinsville. Father Francis Philben, C.S. Sp. is director. Clifford Lemelle will be master of ceremonies.

Cast in the play are Mrs. J. Arceneaux, Mrs. L. Gordon, Mrs. A. Keyes, Mrs. G. Orbro, Mrs. V. Nunnley, Mrs. J. Chenier, Lucia Bowman, Wakon Malveaux, Lawrence Gordon, G. Donatto and Garland Roberts.

# Holy Ghost School Wins First in Drama Festival

At the Drama Festival held last week, Holy Ghost school students for the fourth consecutive year won first place in the district when they presented, "The Slave with Two Faces," an allegory by Mary Carolyn Davies. They won fifth place in the state when it was produced at Grambling College.

The 10 characters in the play were Raymond Espree, the Slave; Vernell Auzenne, first girl; Galt Aubespin, second girl; Thelma Dean, a woman; Jerome Collins, a man; John Jolivette, a young man; Anthony Donatto, a workman; Sylvia Espree, Dona Martel, and Evelyn Sampa, three young women.

J. S. Clark school won second in the district with, "Gloria Mundi", and Carver of Sunset was third with, "Steps from Behind."

Other schools taking part were Drew of Eunice, Dunbar of Washington, and St. Peter Claver of Sunset.

Judges were members of the English department of Southern University.

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## Plaisance Music Festival Slated

Annual spring music festival will be presented by students of Plaisance high school music department Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the school.

Theme of the program will be "Les Souverniers de Printemps". Featured will be popular, spiritual and semi-classical numbers and novelties, ballet, and waltzes.

Appearing as guests will be the mixed chorus from Dunbar school, under direction of Mrs. R. W. Sylvester, and a dance group from Opelousas.



## Their Studies Bring Dividends

PROUD NUNS pose with some outstanding students at Holy Ghost High School, who were winners of Ford Future Scientists awards. From left are Sister Mary Camillus, sci-

ence teacher, Debora Gradney, Deltinez Malveaux, Janice Chenier, Sister Mary Joanne, principal, and the Rev. William Hurney, pastor of Holy Ghost School. — (Staff Photo)

### HOLY GHOST STUDENTS

## Local Group Wins Scientist Awards

Three Holy Ghost High School students are recipients of Ford Future Scientists of America awards. The program is

conducted by the National Science Teachers Association to encourage high school and junior high school students to undertake research projects.

The winners are Janice Faye Chenier, senior, a \$50 bond for her project entitled, "Study of the Effects of Cysteine, Hypaque Sodium and Barium Sulphate on the Internal Organs of Irradiated Hamsters".

Debora Gradney, Sophomore, a \$25 bond for her project entitled, "Determine and Analyze the Rate of Elimination and Retention of Idoine-131 in Organs of Hamsters".

Deltinez Marie Malveaux, seventh grade, a Certificate of Merit and a silver plaque for the project entitled, "To Observe Translocation in the School and Teacher also receive awards.

#### Students Choice

Competition is open to all students in grades 7 through 12 attending U. S. public, private and parochial schools. Under the terms of the FFSA program, students select the subject of their own research project. Working under the guidance of their science teacher, students complete their project and compile a formal research report which includes objectives, methodology and results. Only the report is submitted for judging in the competition.

Students are divided into three groups for ward purposes: grades 7-8, 9-10, 11-12. Participants compete with each other in their grade level group in each of the 12 FFSA regions across the country.

These projects were conducted under the guidance of Sister Mary Camillus.

## Baccalaureate Today at Drew

EUNICE — Baccalaureate services for graduating seniors at Charles Drew High School will be held in the school gym at 10 a.m. today, said J.E. Mason, principal.

Rev. Joshua G. Frank, pastor of New Zion Baptist Church, will give the baccalaureate sermon.

## St. Mathilda Graduation is This Morning

EUNICE — Graduation exercises for 13 eighth grade students at St. Mathilda School, 10 girls and 4 boys, will take place at the 9:30 a. m. mass today in St. Mathilda Catholic Church, according to Sister M. Eymard, principal. Rev. Paul Ortner, S. S. J., pastor, will celebrate the graduation mass.

Graduates are Bernite Matthews, Catherine Ann Clophus, Philomena Marie Pitre, Martha Guillory, John Gobert, Michael Guillory, Ophelia Bellow, Joyce St.-Andre, Janice Cunningham, Lorena Marie Poullard, Diana Marie Leday, Sandra Papillion, Philip Isaac and Ronald Joseph Coward.

The school will close for the summer on Thursday, May 29, Sister Eymard announced. Registration for the forthcoming year will continue until June 1. The school of religion and



## To Graduate Today

Fourteen girls and boys will graduate from the eighth grade at St. Mathilda School, Eunice, at the 9:30 a. m. mass today in St. Mathilda Catholic Church. Here with Sister Eymard are, from left, front, Diana Leday, Bernita Matthews, Philomena Pitre, Martha Guillory; second row, Joyce St. Andre, Catherine Clophus, Lorena Poullard, Janice Cunningham, Sandra Papillion, Ophelia Bellow; third row, Michael Guillory, Philip Isaac, John Gobert and, not shown, Ronnie Coward. — (Francois Photo)



## Class Acts Out Play

A PLAY, titled "The Apple of Contentment," is being acted out here by Leslie Tassir's reading class at Charles Drew High, Eunice. From left, front, are Robert Guillory, Velma Leday, Ruthie Skinner, Gracie Gobert, Mary Washington, Russell Bellard; second row, Ronald Pullard, Lubert Guillory, Jessie Doucet, Rocklin Gallow and Anna Lou Edwards. — (Francois Photo)

# HOLY GHOST SCHOOL'S NOTICE TO PARENTS

Sunday, August 28, (tomorrow), Right Reverend Jules B. Jeanmard, D. D., Bishop of Lafayette, will preach at Holy Ghost church on "Christian Education."

Through the Clarion, Father Hyland extends to all the people of the colored race a cordial invitation to attend the late mass on Sunday, at 10 o'clock, and avail themselves of the privilege of hearing the great Bishop's lecture.

The Holy Ghost schools will open Thursday, September 1, with solemn high mass at 9 o'clock. It is the earnest desire of the Bishop that every Catholic child attend the Catholic school. Our teachers are first-class, our courses standard, our school system second to none in St. Landry, remarked Father Hyland. "Here I take occasion to quote a passage from Dr. Craig's address recently delivered before the parent-teachers association in Opelousas; 'The assembly at the Holy Ghost school is the best I have seen in the country.'

"Our schools curriculum is the same as that followed in the public schools, with the difference that our teachers are more conscientious in the performance of their duty. It stands to reason, Teaching is their life work. Their minds are illumined by faith. Their hearts daily fed by the sacraments.

This is not all, because it is not enough—we teach religion. On the dollar is written 'In God We Trust.' We bring Him into the school and write His name on the child's heart.

"Our system has a beginning and an end—we lead the child from a knowledge of nature's laws to nature's God.

"Man is not all body, nor is he all soul. He is both, and the soul should receive as much attention as the body. Some will say 'Leave the religion to the Sunday School; but friend, not one in twenty colored children attend Sunday School, and even if all attended, one-half hour week in Sunday School for the soul's interest, and thirty hours each week for the interest of mind and body is a very unfair division.

"Religion should not be laid aside with the Sunday School clothes, but should so influence every act of life that it would become in them second nature, throbbing with every throb of their hearts and thinking with every thought of their minds. It is a dangerous experiment to



## Future Scientists of America

FIVE HOLY GHOST SCHOOL students are winners of the Ford-Future Scientists of America silver plaques and two students are recipients of honorable mention certificates. From left above are Janice Chenier, Janice Donatto, Ivan Lemelle, Debora Gradney and Bertha Hebert, winners, and Brenda Billeaudeau and Bridget Bertrand, honorable mention. The

Ford-Future Scientists of America Awards program is conducted by the National Science Teachers Association to encourage junior and senior high school students to undertake research projects. Sister Mary Camillus, science teacher at Holy Ghost School, guided the local winners with their projects. The school and the teacher also received awards.



**FIVE STUDENTS FROM** Holy Ghost High School in Opelousas were winners in the Gilbert National Awards program, designed to encourage greater interest and participation in the field of science and to continue to keep America's scientific leadership in the world community on a sound basis. John Bellemin, St. Landry parish school super-

visor, presents awards and certificates to the winners. They are seated from left, Charleta Gullory and Barbara Washington; standing, Bernadette Ann Durousseau, and inserts, Shirlene Ledoux, left, and Theresa Donatto. Awards were microscopes and chemistry sets.



## Fifteen Get Diplomas

FIFTEEN Holy Ghost seniors, eight girls and six boys, were graduated in 1938. The graduation picture, made 31 years ago, shows the graduates displaying their hard-earned diplomas.

# Ground to Be Broken for New School

Ground breaking ceremonies for the new \$200,000 Holy Ghost school will be held today at 10:30 a.m., following the high school graduation mass, Father Francis J. Smith, C.S. Sp., local pastor, announced.

The ground breaking is being conducted on the feast of Pentecost and feast of the parish. Graduates, alumni and societies of the parish will march in procession from the church to the site of the new school where Father Smith will conduct the ceremonies and turn the first spade of ground.



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# **Religious Films To Be Shown by Athletic Group**

Two religious films, "St. Francis of Assisi", and "The Story of Ruth", will be shown Thursday, All Saints Day, at the Lou Ana Theater under auspices of the Holy Ghost School Athletic Association.

The pictures will be shown from noon to 4 p.m. and again from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Admission will be 40 cents for adults and 25 cents for children.

Members of the sponsoring group said attending the show is an appropriate way to observe All Saints Day and at the same time support the athletic program at Holy Ghost School.

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# **Masquerade Dance For Halloween Set At Holy Ghost Hall**

The teenage dance at Holy Ghost School last Friday was so successful that the school's teenage dance committee has planned a Halloween masquerade ball at the Holy Ghost hall Wednesday night.

Dancing will be from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 a.m. Prizes will be awarded for the 10 most original costumes and refreshments will be served.

Admission will be 35 cents<sup>N</sup> per person.

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# Standing Of Schools

## IN ESSAY CONTESTS

### COLLEGES

Louisiana Rural Normal School, Grambling, La.....	100 points
Alcorn A. & M. College, Alcorn, Miss. ....	100 points
Tougaloo A. & M. College, Tougaloo, Miss. ....	80 points

### HIGH SCHOOL GROUP

Holy Ghost High School, Opelousas, La. ....	140 points
Webster Parish Training School, Minden, La. ....	110 points
Magnolia Colored High School, Magnolia, Ark. ....	30 points
Randolph County Training School, Cuthbert, Ga. ....	5 points

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GROUP

Dunbar Elementary School, Oklahoma City, Okla. ....	130 points
Southern University Elementary School, Scotlandville, La....	40 points



FIFTY NINE CONTESTANTS took part in the "Buds of Spring" pageant at Holy Ghost School April 20. Marie Blouin was chosen queen of the 7-10 year group, and Mathilda Ann Guillory of the 3-6 year group. Selected as maids to the respective queens were Joyce Marie Lazare and Kimberly Lastrapes; Sonya Antoinette Thompson and Cheryl Lynn Henry.

Cash prizes, to be used as a beginning savings account for educational purposes, were presented the queens and maids by Mrs. Grace Guildry in memory of the late M. M. Guildry, an educator. Proceeds of the program went to Holy Ghost School. The pageant was presented by Guildry's Kindergarten and the eighth grade class of Holy Ghost School.



### Thirty Nine Years Later

A PROUD moment in the history of Holy Ghost School was when this 3-story school building was dedicated, 39 years after the first school was opened in Opelousas in

1874. The faculty, members of the Sisters of the Holy Family, are shown on upper balcony.

# Holy Ghost School Founded In 1874; Four Sisters Come

By Sister Mary Jeanne

The great concrete highways were not yet in man's dreams when Father Francis Raymond invited the Sisters of the Holy Family to Opelousas. Rev. Mother Josephine, accompanied by three Sisters, sailed up the Atchafalaya River from New Orleans to Washington, La. There they hired wagons to take them to their new convent in Opelousas, nine miles away. Thus, in the heart of King Cotton's domain, the first school for Negro children was opened. The year was 1874.

The Sisters taught elementary French, using the basement of their convent for a classroom. The catechism was their basic text. Also included in the curriculum were needlework, art and piano. The school was named in honor of the Spouse of the Mother of God.

Within a few years it was evident that St. Joseph School in the basement of the convent was too small to accommodate the students. Funds to erect a new building, however, were scarce. The sisters planned concerts, organized the sale of needlework, and lived frugally from the small tuition and board collected from the students in order to save for the badly needed building. With the aid of Father Francis, property was bought and 28 years later, in 1902, a two-room school was erected.

#### Two Graduates

THE SCHOOL program called for elementary work only. However, special classes were conducted in advanced learning for students who were able to do secondary work. Consequently, in 1906, a special high school graduation was held for two students. They were Mary Payne and Corinne Simms. Seven years later, the second high school graduation was held. Thirty-nine years after the founding of St. Joseph School, a three-story building was erected. The dedication of this latest building was an occasion of justifiable pride for the Sisters of the Holy Family who had worked so uniringly.

In 1919 the Most. Rev. Jules B. Jeanmar, Bishop of Lafayette, decided that the Catholic Negro population in the Opelousas area needed a church of its own. The Fathers of Congregation of the Holy Ghost were invited to take up the work of the new parish.

History tells us that Father James Hyland, C.S. Sp., arrived in Opelousas in 1920 to begin the parish. In his diary Father Hyland wrote: "I came Oct. 20, spoke to the people Oct. 26, organized the parish Oct. 30th." The church was dedicated under the invocation of the Holy Spirit. Father Hyland's first con-

cern was to further the educational facilities of his parishioners, and to this end he united the St. Joseph School to the newly formed parish. His capable, efficient and energetic efforts brought forth such notable works as the opening of a high school in 1921, and the acquiring of the Andrus home in 1922 which is now the present rectory. He also established an approved training school for supplying teachers for the surrounding district of Opelousas. A band and a dramatic club were formed, and the complete high school course was added.

#### First Commencement

The first regular high school graduation took place in 1921, and the following year the school was approved by the State Department of Education and renamed Holy Ghost Training School. Holy Ghost School was the first school in rural Louisiana to be granted state approval. It is significant to note that the scholastic standing was enhanced when the school led the state in scholastic achievement during its first three years and again in 1933. It was during this year that the school attained full status as Holy Ghost High School.

In 1936 the building which was erected in 1914 was moved to the north side of the rectory and used as the high school. A kitchen and cafeteria were added in 1946. When the new Holy Ghost Church was completed in 1947, the original church was converted to an auditorium and elementary school.

#### Groundbreaking

On graduation day, 1955, the first St. Joseph School was demolished, and groundbreaking for the present Holy Ghost School took place. In 1954 the new Holy Ghost High School was dedicated.

The year 1957-1958 are marked with still more alterations and changes. In 1959 the new Holy Ghost Elementary School was dedicated by the auxiliary Bishop Robert Tracy of Lafayette. This building constituted the south wing of the high school. Thus ended the era

of the old frame buildings. Presently, the entire school consists of 24 classrooms, cafeteria, library and administration offices.

#### Proud Tradition

Since the first graduation in 1921 to the 48th in 1969, Holy Ghost School has developed a proud tradition. During the intervening years, it has noted with pride the achievements of its students. The year 1958 marked one of its finest hours when Brenda Marie Donata, a senior, won national honors in the Westinghouse 25 Annual Science Talent Search. She was the first Louisianian in 25 years to merit so outstanding an award.

R.H. Davis, manager of Graduate Student Training for Westinghouse Electric Corp., wrote to the principal of Holy Ghost School:

"This achievement in the face of such intense national competition must certainly be evidence of the high caliber of instruction, guidance, and inspiration received at your high school. We think it fitting, therefore, that you and your faculty also be cited for your work."

The scholastic, athletic, as well as music accomplishments of Holy Ghost School speak for themselves, not only through the great number of national and state awards of recognition, but also through the many educators and other professional people among the alumni. 1969 marks the 96th birthday of Holy Ghost School; 96 years of alteration and changes from whence have sprung strong leaders among the Negro people.





## Great Progress in 95 Years

HOLY GHOST High School has seen much progress in the 95 years since the first school opened. The present high school structure was dedicated in 1956, and three

years later the elementary school department was housed in new, modern quarters.





**PRINCIPALS** IN the "Passion Play" to be presented at 8 p.m. tonight at Holy Ghost school are Gail Aubespain as Mary Magdalene; Charles Collins, as Peter (at left); and Franklin Hebert as Achaz. — (Daily World Photo by Lee)

## Holy Ghost School To Present Passion Play Here Tonight

The story of the passion will be presented tonight at 8 at Holy Ghost school when students

offer Hugh Benson's, "A Passion Play". The public is invited, according to Father Francis J. Kichak, C. S. Sp.

The drama is an attempt to present the story of the passion in such a way as to be within limitations of small stage, he said. Therefore the scene is the same throughout the play, the upper room where the Lord had His last supper. The figure of Christ

will not appear through his voice is heard in the production.

Cast in the play are Charles Olivier, the doctor; Franklin Hebert as Archaz; M. Brisco as Samuel, the boy servant; C. Donatto as Joseph; Charles Collins as Peter; Raymond Espree as John; Preston Stelly as Judas; Anthens Donatto as Longinus; Diane Fontenot as Mary Gail Aubespain as Mary Magdalene; and Elaine Collins as Veroncia.

The chorus will consist of the voices of R. Gobert D. Thomas, J. Kell, C. Guldry, F. Boudreaux, J. Carmouche, J. Decoux, and C. Jolivette.

The prologue will show Samuel telling the story of Christ's passion, Christ starting on his way to the Cross, the story of the deserted upper room, Peter's return and Mary, John and the disciples united in prayer. A tableau of crucifixion scene will close the drama.



## Holy Ghost Student Honored

MISS GRADNEY, an alternate winner of a U. S. Atomic Energy Commission Special Award at the 19th International Science Fair, receives an AEC Certificate of Achievement from Dr. Paul W. McDaniel, AEC's director of research.

SISTER CAMILLUS, in charge of the science program at Holy Ghost School, displays the certificate awarded to the school for Miss Gradney's achievement.

### AWARDS PRESENTED

## Debora Gradney Wins On Science Project

Debora Gradney, student at Holy Ghost High School, is an alternate winner in the Atomic Energy Commission's special science awards program. Her winning project was, "Retention and elimination of iodine-131 in organs of hamsters."

Miss Gradney's advisor is Sister Camillus, who has charge of the science program at Holy Ghost School.

#### Award Presented

Ten high school science students won AEC special awards for their outstanding exhibits in the 19th International Science Fair at Detroit, Mich.

Miss Gradney received her award from Dr. Paul McDaniel, AEC director of research. It was presented at a banquet which climaxed the week-long science fair.

With the certificate goes an invitation for each winner and his science teacher to attend

an expense-paid Nuclear Research Orientation Week at the AEC's Argonne National Laboratory near Chicago, Aug. 18-24.

Exhibits at the international fair were evaluated by 12 judges selected from AEC headquarters and other installations involved in the U. S. Atomic Energy program.



# TAYLOR VISITS SCHOOL

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## Courier Representative Is Visitor at Holy Ghost School In Opelousas.

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OPELOUSAS, La., Jan. 26—O. C. W. Taylor, Louisiana representative for the Pittsburgh Courier, was a recent visitor to Holy Ghost Catholic school in Opelousas, La. Mr. Taylor went for the purpose of covering the basketball game between that school and Xavier Prep. of New Orleans. The weather being bad, and the court outside, the game was postponed. In commenting upon the school Mr. Taylor stated that it showed the highest type of progress. The school is one in which both the elementary and high school grades are taught. The enrollment is in excess of 500. A feature of the elementary school is the type of unit work done by the students in their activity program. This school boasts of probably more winners in the monthly news contest than any other school. They boast of one young lady whose ability has made her a winner in both the essay contest and in the poetry contest. The buildings are well lighted, spacious and conducive to study. The library is being well stocked with good books. The grounds are spacious and exceedingly well kept. The school's faculty is one of the best in Louisiana, the members being both sisters and laymen and women.



**HIGHLIGHTING** the basketball season of Holy Ghost will be the annual homecoming festivities with Donna Olia Chavis (center) reigning as queen. Sharing the spotlight with her are (from left) Marie Chachere, Miss Sophomore; Rose Mary Ware, Miss Freshman; Ingrid Donatto, Miss Senior; Irma

Babineaux, Miss Junior. A bonfire and pep rally will officially begin the activities. The Holy Ghost Doves will host the Charles Drew Cobras. The Homecoming queen of 1963 will crown this year's queen at the Ball which will be held in the school auditorium.



**HOLY GHOST HOMECOMING.** Above are three scenes from the Holy Ghost High School Homecoming celebration last Sunday. At left, is the queen's court, composed of (L to R) Audrey May Broussard escorted by Preston Stelly; Clydia Austin escorted by Charles Collins; Queen Vivian Roml escorted by Charles Olivier; Barbara Stelly escorted by Donald Thomas; and Evelyn Sampa escorted by Anthony Donatto. Attendants are Elizabeth Williams and Sharon Donatto.

At the center, the Holy Ghost band prepares to play to the crowd, while at right, the cheerleaders pose before the game. They are (L to R) Consuelia Malveaux, Rose Beverly Sampa, Jacquelyn Taylor, Sylvia Espee, Laura Olivier, Donna Lola Martel and Mary Ann Semlen. The cheerleaders also served as hostesses at the luncheon. — (Daily World Photo by Saltzman)



HOLY GHOST SCHOOL BAND, MAJORETTES will participate in the gas school Homecoming ceremonies today at the institution on N. Union St. Majorettes are, from left,



Carol Pfefferkorn, Barbara Malveaux, Barbara Thibodeaux, Norma Auzanne, Dobby Williams, Barbara Footnot, Alma Otero and Carol Ann Roberts.



HOMECOMING QUEEN Theresa Jones, 17, right, will reign today over the Holy Ghost School Homecoming events. First maid, left, is Jean Guillory, 16. Both are seniors at the school.



FEATURE OF HOLY GHOST HOMECOMING today will be action by the St. Landry Parish Tournament-winning Holy Ghost basketball team, shown above. Cheerleaders, right, will be in action, too. Members of the "giant-killing" team from the relatively small school are, front from left, Joe Collins, Lawrence Lazard; L. Lazard, John August



and Rex Griffith; back, Howey Panellier, Pat Footnot, Berlin Pizze, George Chavis and James White. Not shown, Capt. Murphy Farris, Cheerleaders are, kneeling, Rosemary Bertrand and Sadie Darjean; standing, Gale Chatman, Earline Lazard and Marville Chavis.



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# Vivian Remi Reigns over Holy Ghost's Homecoming

Excellent weather, a large crowd, and a double victory over Sacred Heart of Lake Charles blended to make the

reign of Miss Holy Ghost High School over the Homecoming events last Sunday a glorious one, dramatizing the theme, "The dove flies high."

Vivian Remi was selected as queen of the affair by popular vote of the student body. Her royal court was composed of Clydia Austin, Barbara Stelly, Evelyn Sampa and Audrey Broussard.

The day started with the pre-game parade made up of 35 cars which were gaily decorated in green and white.

Half-time ceremonies were climaxed by the presentation of a bouquet to the Queen by Theresa Melancon (Class of '55), last year's queen.

With Barel C. Dauphin (Class of '33) as master of ceremonies, the program opened with a prayer for peace and progress by Father Smith. This was followed by the Star Spangled Banner sung by Charles Ross (Class of '51), and the school song led by the pep squad.

The band then performed three sparkling march numbers, after which the girls coaches introduce their captains who in turn presented their teammates. The girls game ended in ultimate victory for the Holy Ghost quitted by a 34-16 score.

The same routine was followed in the boys game, with the captains being introduced, and they introducing their teammates. The game which followed saw a Holy Ghost jump to an early lead and coast to an easy 48-33 victory to reverse an earlier loss.

The 12 cheerleaders, clad in green ranger hats and jumpers, kept the spectators keyed to a high pitch with stunts, steps and yells. They also served as hostesses at the luncheon in the cafeteria.

The dance from 8 to 11 p.m. was well-attended and formed a beautiful final for the Homecoming event.

General chairman of all events Mrs. Savannah Rideaux (Class of '45) was Octavia Chachere (Class of '49) was in charge of the luncheon; Mrs. Isabel Arceneaux handled the dance; D. V. Weber took over publicity; Alice Remi (Class of '52) handled the pep squad; Rose Marie Martin (Class of '55) saw to the decorations; and Hugh Berry directed the band.

Other members of the faculty served on registration refreshments, parade and queen's committees.

## Holy Ghost Students Have Poetry Accepted For Publication

Poetry of nine Holy Ghost high school students was accepted for publication by the National high school Poetry Association, according to a recent announcement.

The students whose work was accepted were Vernell Auzenne, Thelma Deag, Ollie Desso, Yvonne Lemelle, Vivian Remi, Donald August, Lois Carmouche, and Herbert Donatto.

The works will appear in the annual Anthology of High School Poetry. Holy Ghost students have had poems included in the anthology for eight years.

## IT'S A...

**DAUGHTER**--Beverly Ann, weighing seven pounds, one and one-quarter ounces, born Dec. 19 to Mr. and Mrs. Fannel Ruben, Sr. of 1004 Perry Lane, Opelousas.

**TWINS**--Dona Fay, seven pounds and one ounce and Donald Ray, six pounds and one ounce, born Jan. 17 at St. Landry clinic to Mr. and Mrs. McKinley Handy of 934 East South st. Opelousas. She was Lillian Coster.

## Holy Ghost P-TA Has Breakfast Meet

Members of the Parent-Teacher's Association of Holy Ghost high school were served breakfast by the high school's Service Club Sunday, Jan. 8, after the group attended mass and received communion.

The breakfast was held on the day of the Feast of the Holy Family. Father Francis Kichak delivered a short talk at the meeting.

Officers of the P-TA are Walton Malveaux, Mrs. Preston Stelly, Mrs. Russell Lemelle, Mrs. Erwin Cotling, Mrs. Doris Garriot, and Mrs. Kelly Carmouche.

## WINNERS ANNOUNCED

# Holy Ghost Students Score High at Rally

Holy Ghost students came through the Louisiana Interscholastic Athletic and Literary Rally last Saturday in Breaux Bridge with flying colors, school officials reported.

The local students competed with those from seven other schools in district 2, double A, including Carver High of Breaux Bridge; Carlson, St. Martinville; Drew, Eunice; Holy Rosary, Lafayette; Herod, Abbeville; Dunbar, Washington; and Stevens, Ville Platte.

Holy Ghost placements in the music division follows: female chorus, superior; mixed chorus, excellent; trio composed of Sheila Morant, Sharon Bill and Shirlene Ledoux, excellent; Shirlene Ledoux, soprano solo, Sharon Bill, contralto solo and Norman Dean, baritone solo, all excellent; Sheila Morant, piano solo, superior; Barbara Landry, Veronica Green, Sullivan Gradney, Charlita Guillory and Rose Giron, piano solos, excellent.

In the industrial arts classes Holy Ghost amassed the most points in metal work, copper enamel, ceramics and textiles as follows: metal work: Woodrow Negro, first and second; Charles Pierre Auguste, second. Copper enamel, Charles Pierre Auguste, three first places; Woodrow Negro, two second places; David Eaglin, second; Auguste Nacaste and Steve Martel, third. Ceramics, Carl Arceneaux, second and third. Linoleum blocks, Patrick Sam, first and second. Textile, Rose Levergne, second, and Catherine Brothers, third.

In the area of science and mathematics, Holy Ghost students won the following placements: General Science, Rose Giron and Shirley Rideaux, first; Janice Tizeno, second; Linda Espree, third, Chemistry, Gail Chatman, second; Shirley Rivette and Janice Taylor, third. Biology, Ann Durousseau, two first places; Randolph Stelly, Phyllis Simien, Ollie Guillory, Barbara Washington, Thelma Sampa, Mercedes Darjean and Catherine Nero, first; Carol Roberts and James White, second; Theresa Donatto and Maris Stella Orbro, third.

Projects of the science and math winners will be entered in state competition March 2.



REPORTERS for the Charles Drew High School and Eunice area are Mrs. E. N. Francois and Miss D. E. Thomas. News for Sunday publication should be submitted to them not later than Thursday.



WINNERS IN the senior division of Region 6, Junior Academy of Science, held Saturday at Holy Ghost High School included from left, Calvin White, Barbara Washington, Alvin Sam, Bernadine Johnson, Atherine Bernard and Fredrick Wright.



JUNIOR DIVISION first place winners of Science Fair were from left, Donald Lawson, Floyd Sandle, Norweta Guillory and David Golden.

## Holy Ghost Scores at LIALO Rally

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In the art division Agnes Darjean won first in poster, oil and portraits, second in pastels and third in tempera; Thelma Sampe took third in both poster and pastel; and Patrick Martel won first on cartoon.

Brenda Donatto won first in mathematics.

Winners in the speech division were Isabella Broussard, second in original oration; Thelma Sampe, third in humorous oration; and Rose Bertrand, first in serious oration.

Science division winners were Cheryl Barnaba, Veronica Green and Charles Pierre August, first places; Shirley Rideau and Beverly Handy, second places; and James White, third.

In the music division ratings were given as follow -- Solos; soprano, Shirlene Ledoux, superior; contralto, Sharon Bill, excellent; baritone, Norman Dean, excellent; Piano; Sheila Morvant, superior, Charleta Guillory excellent and Sullivan Gradney, superior. Ensemble trio, Barbara Thibodeaux, Isabella Broussard, Venecia Desmore, excellent. Quartet, Norman Dean, Ollie Guillory, Frank Fenelon and Arnold Guillory, excellent. Choruses, mixed, superior; female chorus, superior; male, excellent.



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HOLY GHOST SCHOOL Library Club officers for this year are from left, Josephine Dugar, secretary; Frances Brisco, presi-

dent; Loretta Williams, vice-president; and Peggy Chatman, treasurer.

★ CLASS OF '67

## King and Queen Reign at Fete

Glenda M. Gradney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan Gradney Sr., and Karl Arceneaux, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Arceneaux, reigned over the May Day Festival held at Holy Ghost High School.



In the Royal Court were Peggy A. Meullion, Frances Bertrand, Brenda Tizeno, and Debra Gradney. Pages to the Queen were Sherbie Matthews and Jude Boyance.

# Local Students Win Ratings at Musical Festival

LAFAYETTE -- Students at two Opelousas schools were listed among those receiving high ratings at the Louisiana Music Educators Association District Three, Instrumental Solo and Small Ensemble Festival, at the University of Southwestern Louisiana.

Opelousas High School, with Budge Cutrera as teacher, won two superior and four excellent ratings. Holy Ghost High, Mrs. L. C. Ewell, teacher, won one superior and one excellent rating.

Students participating in the different categories from OHS and the rating won were:

Trombone quartet -- Hal Ramirez, Carroll Smith, Stephen Fontenot, Roger Irby, superior.

Brass sextet -- Laura Daigle, trumpet; James Ardoin, trumpet; Harris Lafleur, French horn; Harl Gardiner, baritone; Hal Ramirez, trombone, Bryan Carrier, tuba, superior.

Clarinet duet -- Neal Tannahill, John Long, excellent.

Woodwind trio -- Jeanne Vige, flute; Catherine Lafleur, flute; John Long, clarinet, excellent.

Alto sax duet -- Donnie Lewis, John Sonnier, excellent.

Brass quintet -- Harris Lafleur, trumpet; Kenny Hayne, trumpet; Joe Rich, trombone; Julie Ray, baritone; George Callouet, tuba, excellent.

Holy Ghost winners were Monice Donatto, baritone horn, superior; Michael Brisco, trumpet, excellent.

# National Essay Winners Announced

**NEW YORK.— (ANP) —** President A. W. Dent, of Dillard University, New Orleans, has announced winners in the 1947 Negro essay contest sponsored by the National Tuberculosis Association and its affiliated state associations. Dr. Dent was chairman of the committee of six judges.

First prize for the best essay submitted by a college student was won by Miss Althea Proctor, of Maryland State Teachers College, Bowie, Md. She will be awarded \$50 and a gold medal for her paper on "How Can I in My Chosen Profession Help to Control Tuberculosis?"

Miss Anna Gloria Mouton, of Holy Ghost School, Opelousas, La., was awarded first prize for the best essay by a high school student. Her subject was "Why Is Health Education of Major Importance in Tuberculosis Control." She will receive a \$75 cash award and a gold medal.