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## Men of LaSalle Meeting Hears St. Elizabeth's Glee Club

### BROTHER ALBERT SPEAKS AT MARCH MEETING

The Men of LaSalle held their regular monthly meeting on St. Patrick's Night, March 17, with Vice President James Morro presiding. Following Prayer by Brother Joseph the Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Chairman Morro reported on the success of our recent drawing, which was covered in this paper's last issue. A letter from President James Driscoll was read in which Jim tendered his resignation because of the present state of his health. A general discussion followed and it seemed that the body was unanimously of the opinion that a leader such as Mr. Driscoll has proven himself to be should not be too lightly dispensed with, and that with the wholehearted cooperation of all our officers and members he should be able to finish out his term with not too great a tax upon his health. Accordingly, upon motion of Dr. Karl Ehmann, the Secretary was instructed to send a letter to President Driscoll declining to accept his resignation.

Mr. P. J. McFarland, in reporting for the Nominating Committee, announced that his committee will hold a meeting in the near future to prepare the ballots for Men of LaSalle's annual elections in May. When the question was asked as to how many members had not received their copy of Men of LaSalle News not one hand was raised. This was ample proof that the Publicity Committee, working with Brother Joseph, had been on the job. Mr. Frank Branagan, of the Entertainment Committee, announced at this time that Brother Albert, the High School's Guidance Counsellor, would address the gathering. Brother had printed sheets distributed which were titled "An attempt to trace with you the growth and development of our boys from the time of application to LaSalle until college admission." This sheet Brother used in demonstrating that our boys are not just permitted to roam around or decorate the campus but are observed and graded at many check-

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You could use a lot of adjectives to describe the performance of the Choir and Glee Club of St. Elizabeth's Church without exaggerating our opinion of this great singing group. For it was this organization of nineteen mixed voices who received, individually and collectively, the most enthusiastic reception accorded any entertainers at our meetings, within our memory. They are just wonderful, and it is our hope that those who had to be absent for other St. Patrick's Day get-togethers will have an early opportunity to hear them.

Their program ranged from the majestic strains of "Finlandia" to the sparkling "Italian Street Song" of Victor Herbert; with several fine solos and a duet. An air of comedy was furnished in the brilliant rendition of "Captain Mac," by Mr. Archie Lytle, who, though blind for nineteen years (since he was 22), has developed a fine baritone voice and carved out a career as a voice teacher.

Just to show you what you missed, see program on back of this news folder.

The Glee Club was presented to us by their Spiritual Director, Father George Vermeiren, a gift to America from Belgium. They were accompanied flawlessly by their director, Mrs. Vencina Thompson. Once again, we say "Thanks," to these musical artists, "may you return soon." Thanks, too, to their pastor, Father Edward Cunnie, of St. Elizabeth's Church, 23rd and Berks Streets.

And as though such a fine musical event were not enough for one night, our entertainment committee, of which Frank Branagan is the guiding light, served up another treat in the form of the unique comic and singer, José Reed, "The South American Hill Billy." It's too bad that we got a late start, because José packed an awful lot of fun into about twenty minutes. He's the only person we've ever seen playing an harmonica holding it in his mouth like a cigar, all the while strumming a guitar. With his Spanish lingo, his instrumentation, his songs and stories, he was a one-man show by himself.

And the moral, my dear friends, is this: **DON'T MISS THE NEXT MEETING! APRIL 21 ! !**

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### Brother Albert Speaks at March Meeting

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points throughout their scholastic careers and given needed guidance to formulate their desires and ambitions. Brother pointed out that, being a prep school, his office was primarily interested in guiding boys in pursuing the proper studies to form a basis for the courses they intend to major in when they enter college. But this is by no means the sole function of LaSalle's Guidance Service. In conjunction with our Placement Bureau, Brother Albert has placed some 25 boys from last year's graduating class in permanent jobs, not one of whom do we have any record of changing employment. This is the result of the commonsense approach used by these two agencies. The Placement Bureau, under the leadership of Mr. P. J. McFarland, finds out from the prospective employer what he needs and expects in the boy he wishes to hire, and Brother Albert, through school records and numerous interviews with each of the students, is in position to provide the right boys for the right jobs. Anyone in position to hire any of these boys may avail themselves of this excellent service by contacting Mr. P. J. McFarland, 5100 Roosevelt Blvd. Brother reported that out of a graduating class of 182 this year about 30 would be available for placement in full-time employment.

In the Jackpot Drawing the first name drawn, which would have netted him \$40, had he been present, was Edward A. Ganley, our Treasurer, but, unfortunately, Ed was not present. The next name was then drawn for a prize of \$50, and this was won by Joe Graham, who was there to claim his award. Men of LaSalle News extends congratulations to our first Jackpot winner in six months. The third name drawn for \$10, which was the regular award for March, would have gone to T. Stanton Shelton, but

## WHAT WE KNOW



again Antipathy showed its vacuous face and there was no claimant for the prize. April's Jackpot will therefore amount to \$20.

Anyone having a piano around that may be considered to be cluttering up the home will find a good home for it and at the same time be doing LaSalle a great favor if they will contact Brother E. Joseph, Moderator of Men of LaSalle. Two pianos are needed, one in the Cafeteria and one in the College.

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Recording Secretary Ed Nevins and son drove to Newport, R. I., to attend the Eastern States Catholic Invitation Tournament in which LaSalle High School finished third.

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The LaSalle College Placement Bureau would appreciate hearing from any Men of LaSalle who control or know of job openings. Phone or write John J. Kelly, Director, at the College.

The annual Father's Day Dinner sponsored by the LaSalle College Alumni will be held on Monday, May 16, at the Broadwood Hotel. Subscription is \$5.00. Reservations may be had by sending check or money order to Thomas J. Hickey, in care of the College.

The High School will present its Third Annual Spring Music Festival in the Auditorium, April 27, 28 and 29. This is an affair that needs and deserves the support of our membership. Tickets are 75c. You may order them through any student or write directly to the Music Department.

**Regular Monthly Meeting of the  
MEN OF LA SALLE**

**ENTERTAINMENT**

**APRIL 21st**

**REFRESHMENTS**

## FATHERS-MOTHERS' NIGHT TO BE HELD MAY 14

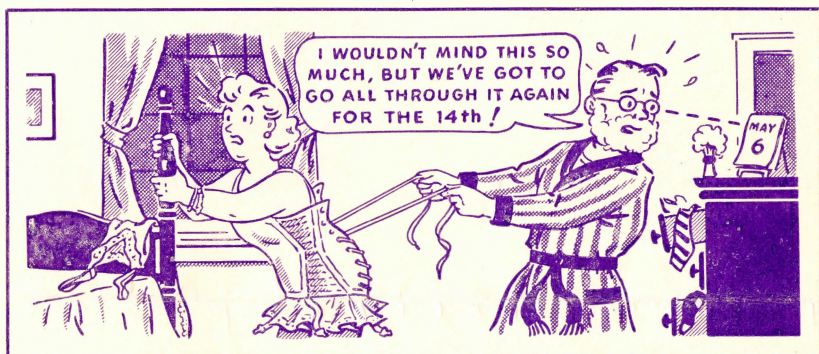
The Board of Directors met April 7 with another banner attendance, and received the gratifying news that President Driscoll was feeling much better and expected to be at the April Meeting and would continue in his official capacity until the end of his term. Mr. Ray Kaelin discussed the practicability of having the Directors' terms of office rotate, thereby assuring each Director an equal tenure and having him move up with the class he represents. This, however, would require a change in the constitution.

A very nice letter was received from Mr. Landis, winner of the Dodge sedan in our recent drive, thanking us for the opportunity afforded him of winning the car and praising the organization for its wonderful ideals and accomplishments.

report to them from time to time. Dr. Ehmann said that in view of the rapid strides LaSalle is making in the sciences and the still greater strides that will be made when the Endowment Fund completes its present task, that of completing LaSalle's College Library, he felt that we should be wholeheartedly behind this project and represented on the Foundation's Board. The matter was taken under consideration by the Directors and will be acted on later.

Treasurer Ed Ganley reported the organization had a bank balance of \$5,992.09, after we had cleared our indebtedness for tuition to the High School of nearly \$1,000. Approval was given to take the usual ad in the Mother's Club program for LaSalle Night, May 6.

Frank Branagan was called upon to do the honors in presenting tokens of our esteem for the outstanding work done in



A Minstrel Show was discussed, but it was generally agreed time did not permit sufficient preparation to hold a successful one this year. The next activity to be discussed was the annual Fathers' and Mothers' Night. Frank Branagan was appointed Chairman of this committee and Saturday, May 14, was designated as the date.

Dr. Karl Ehmann moved to have Men of LaSalle award a prize in music to the member of the graduating class having done the most for the LaSalle Music Department. This will be in addition to the annual LaSalle Loyalty Award given by Men of LaSalle.

Mr. Tom Hickey, a member of the Endowment Fund Board, spoke to the Directors and expressed the wish that Men of LaSalle would be represented on that board or that he be permitted to

the Grand Drawing, which has put this organization in a healthful financial position. Gifts were presented with appropriate remarks to Brother Joseph, our Moderator, and to Henry DeLuca, Chairman of the Committee. A present was also sent to Miss Rosemary Sommers, Mr. DeLuca's secretary, for the many extra hours she put in on this work.

Mr. DeLuca, who was leaving the following week to take up residence in Los Angeles, where he is to take a position as assistant manager of one of the largest banks in that city, stated that he would miss the Men of LaSalle very much and that he would be sorry to leave, that he still believed very much in the ideas which prompted the formation of this association and that if he was ever in the vicinity he would seize every opportunity to renew his acquaintances within this organization.

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