

Featuring Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School - Emmett, Mich.

Four IHM Sisters arrived at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (OLMC) School in Emmett, Mich., a small farming community about 50 miles north of Detroit, in October 1924 to teach 125 students.

From its inception, OLMC students worked hard to support their school. They helped raise money for a school library by raffling a gold watch, and the convent chronicler also mentions a show to raise money "for new cassocks and surplices for the altar boys." The show was so successful, it was repeated a week later. The proceeds purchased chairs for the auditorium.



During World War II, enrollment fell because of "gas and tire rationing which made transportation hard for some of our distant children." In spite of fewer children and transportation difficulties, the chronicler proudly records that "Our School participated whole-heartedly in the defense program by making afghans...for the soldiers."

OLMC School faced attendance challenges its urban and suburban counterparts did not. Students received a free day at the start of hunting season, and absence was frequent during planting and harvest seasons. The chronicler seems resigned to this reality when she notes in 1951, "Spring attendance is falling rapidly due to the late spring plowing which has to be done."



Students worked to make a difference in their world. They were part of a conservation program in 1963, planting "four types of pine trees around the athletic field." They raised money for the new IHM mission in Racife, Brazil, during the 1964-65 school year.

The Class of 1966, our **Featured Class Year**, participated in the second annual memorial program for President Kennedy. The chronicler reports that on the day of the memorial, "...a flag and pole were dedicated. The pole was confiscated from the old St. Stephen [in nearby Port Huron, Mich.]; the flag was donated..." The 20 eighth-graders graduated June 2, just a few months before fire destroyed the parish's original gothic church. The new, modern church was built of masonry, concrete, steel and "fieldstone from neighboring farms."



The parish built a new school for the 189 students in 1967. Teachers, parents and students all helped move into the new building, which included a library, clinic and AV room.

The school became the John F. Farrell Elementary School (in recognition of the Rev. John Farrell's long pastorate) in 1970. The last IHM Sisters left the school in June 1971.

In 1974, the parish sold the building to the Yale School District. The John F. Farrell Elementary School remains open for children in kindergarten through fifth grade.

In 1966



The Dow Jones Industrial Average finished the year at 785. The average income per year was \$6,900. The average cost of a new house was \$14,200; the average cost of a new car was \$2,650. Gas was 32 cents per gallon. Medicare began.

Civil rights activist James Meredith was shot while trying to march across Mississippi.



As a result of the case *Miranda v. Arizona*, the Supreme Court ruled that police officers must inform suspects of their rights before questioning them.

Uniform daylight saving time was first observed in most parts of North America.



The National Organization for Women (NOW) was founded in Washington, D.C.

It was a bad year for Los Angeles sports fans. The Dodgers lost the World Series when they were swept by the Baltimore Orioles. The Lakers fared only slightly better – they took the NBA Championship to six games before losing to the Boston Celtics. The Montreal Canadiens won the Stanley Cup in six games with the Detroit Red Wings.

"I'm a Believer" (the Monkees), "Good Vibrations" (the Beach Boys) and "Wild Thing" (the Troggs) were playing on the radio. Grammy awards went to Herb Alpert and the Tijuana Brass for "A Taste of Honey" (Record of the Year) and Frank Sinatra for *September of My Years* (Album of the Year).



Popular films included *Dr. Zhivago*, *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* and *A Man for All Seasons*.

The first *Star Trek* episode, "The Man Trap," was broadcast. CBS backed out of plans to broadcast *Psycho*, deeming the movie too violent for at-home viewing.