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(Floyd Blair thanks you for
pulling him through. He left
for home yesterday.)

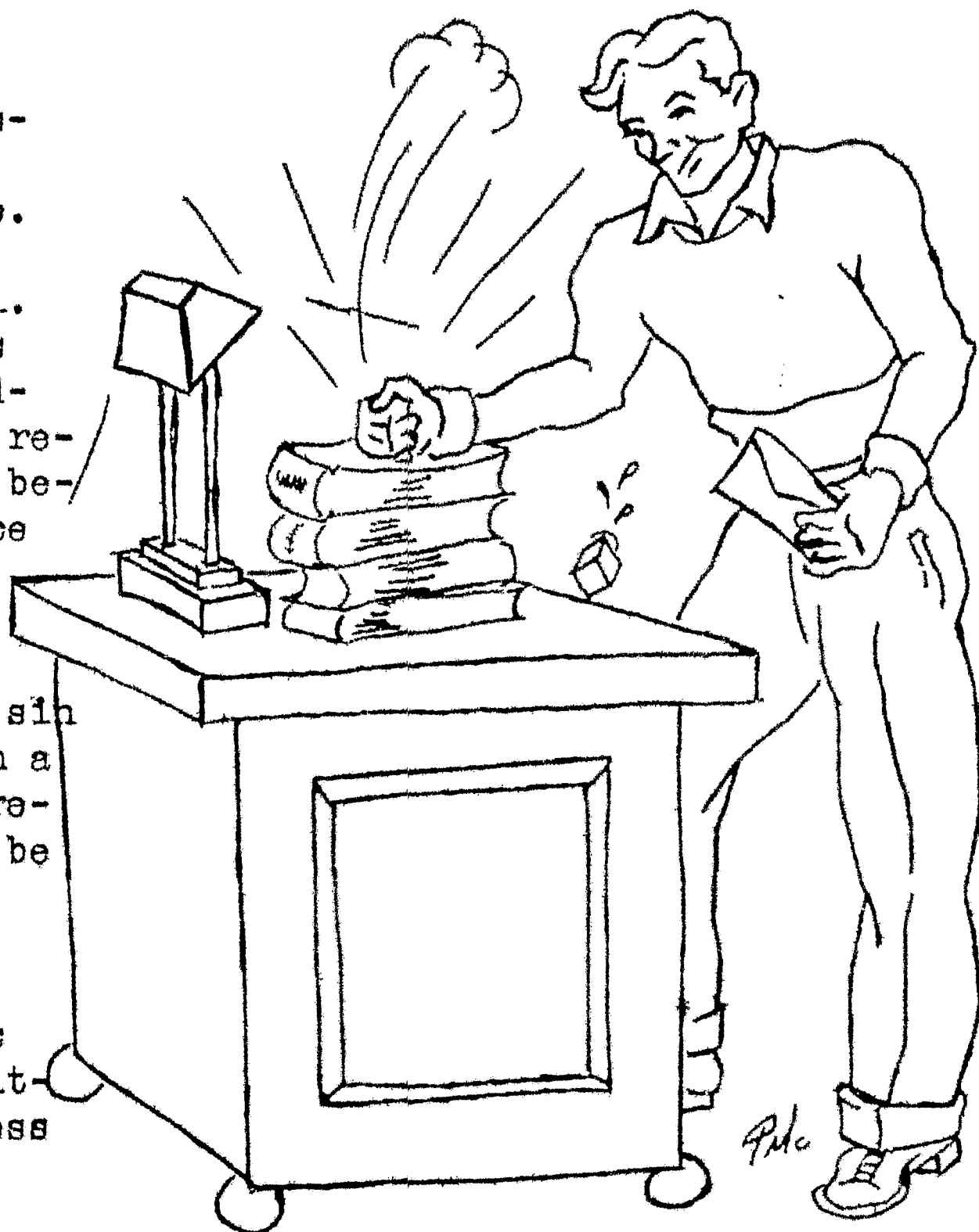
Hittin' The Books!

Using your head produces better results. Don't quibble about obligations to study even before mid-semester. Studiousness is that virtue which regulates pursuit of knowledge.

Neglecting to cultivate it is sinful. Human nature being what it is rebels against the work, weariness and hardship, which study demands. If this reluctance is not overcome one easily becomes guilty of the sin of negligence or ignorance.

Voluntarily omitting to study those subjects you are bound to know is a sin opposed to studiousness. Such a sin a student commits who wastes time in recreation or idleness when he should be "hitting the books" in the correct sense of the term.

Today the Church needs more Catholic intellectuals, skilful leaders in literature, art, science, labor, business and social service.



Pope Pius XI, shortly before his death, spoke about the crisis we are now experiencing. "It is no longer permitted to anyone to be mediocre. All men have the imperative duty to remember that they have a mission to fulfill, that of doing the impossible." Apply this monition to your responsibilities as college students today and as college graduates tomorrow. In this upset world you will be one against ten. To meet that ten on even an equal basis you will have to be ten times as strong. Otherwise the ten will affect you rather than your affecting them.

Piker Or Loyalist?

Loyalty to any cause calls for self-forgetfulness, self-sacrifice. On the indelible pages of the Book of Life you will be written down this November as a "Piker" or a "Loyalist." Classify yourself according to the number of masses and communions for your dead....There is still another strong motive for praying for the Poor Souls. It is their power to help you before the throne of God. The Poor Souls are helpless in helping themselves, but are powerful advocates in helping you in your difficulties.

Wooden-headed Soldiers.

The highly polished brass still keep marching in disordered ranks late for Sunday masses. When an abuse grows intolerable, one looks around for drastic steps to eradicate it. Appeals to reason, appeals to good theology, appeals to ordinary good manners--no appeal seems to be in tune. So down the aisles even after the Epistle parade our wooden-headed soldiers with enough polished brass to make one's eyes burn with indignation. It's not our purpose to conduct a boot camp for them, although they need boot training--the application of a boot where a boot is most embarrassingly felt. Amen.

Prayers: (deceased) mother of Dr. Walerko; mother of Ed. Roberts. Ill: Father of J. Giles.