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TEN STUDENTS TOP THIRD QUARTER LIST

The honor-scroll story was definitely going to be relegated to the limbo of either page two or the back page of this issue. Our minds were made up! We had published three issues of the Paduan before this one, and in two of them there was an honor roll story on the front page. It was beginning to look as if we were in a rut, especially since the names were practically all the same each time. So for variety's sake, and to avoid looking and sounding like a broken record, etc., etc., we decided to reserve a part of page four this time, for our old "faithful six" honor students.

So what happens? We got a few new additions at the end of the first semester, and two of these land right in the middle of the charmed 90 percent circle; and two more of the "oldtimers" worked a little harder than ever and they made the select group too! This gives us a record number of ten top-notch students, out of a group of thirty-seven, and that's good enough front page copy for us anytime!

If this keeps up, Fr. Rector will definitely have to get a bigger honor scroll. Congratulations fellows, and keep it up!

Joseph Malina	97.8
Edward Lagonegro	95.7
Harold Nixon	94.5
Gerald Schickel	94.2
Frank Czajkowski	93.6
Thomas Trainor	92.7
Frank Zygmontowicz	92.1
Richard Chodnicki	91.3
Thomas Colihan	90.5
Joseph McDonnell	90.2

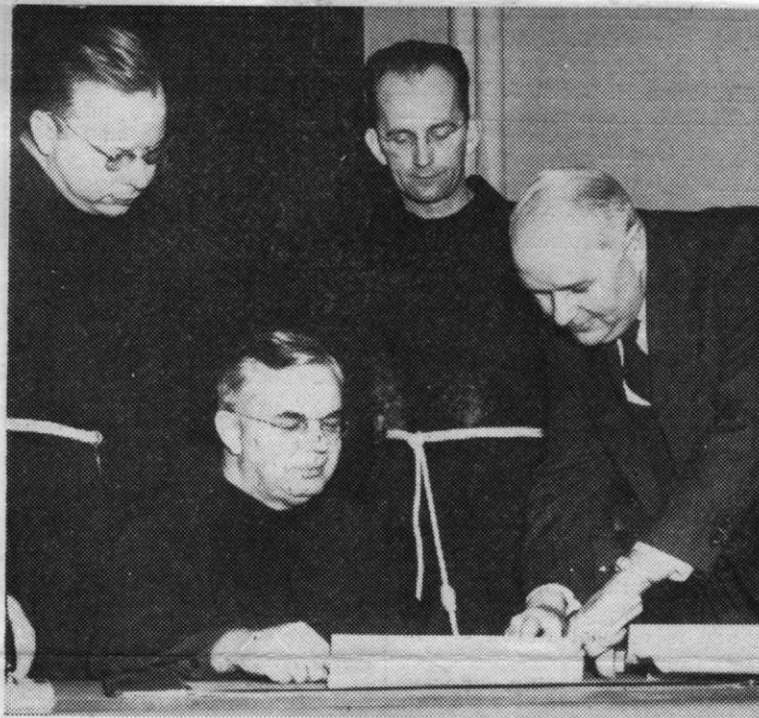
PADUA IN PICTURES

The afternoon of the feast of St. Patrick found the Paduans, one and all, dressed up in their Sunday best. And for a good reason too! Art Richards came to take photographs of the entire student body and its activities. Pictures were taken of students in the library, classrooms, dormitories, swimming pool, in the choir, the student store and on the varsity.

The photographs will be used to "brighten up" a folder, to be used for advertising purposes, which is now being assembled by Father Rector and the publicity manager, Fr. Canisius.

In addition, Fr. Rector has been taking colored moving pictures of various activities. After seeing the 10-minute reel, depicting various winter sports, one must admit that

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The Very Rev. Fr. Isidore, Fr. Claude, Fr. Henry and Architect Leo Considine study plans for new gymnasium

PROVINCIAL RECTOR, ARCHITECT DISCUSS NEW GYM PLANS

About a week before the beginning of the third-quarter exams, the Very Rev. Fr. Isidore Cwiklinski, O.F.M. paid us a not too unexpected visit for a few days. Even though it wasn't what you'd call a surprise, it was nevertheless a most welcome visit. We were glad to see Fr. Provincial, not only because he can declare an extra holiday once in a while, but also because most of us knew, or at least suspected that his last visit had something to do with plans for Padua's new gymnasium.

That's exactly what Fr. Ididore was here for, as everyone soon found out. On Wednesday, March 22, a rather lengthy (over three hours) but very important "Big Three" (Fr. Isidore, Fr. Claude, Architect Leo Considine) confer-

ence was held in the Rector's office. It goes without saying, of course, that the topic of discussion at this important meeting was Padua's future gym-auditorium.

Any new developments, decisions or changes? Well, all the information this, perhaps over-eager reporter could gather, can be summed up in a couple of short sentences: 1) It will take at least six weeks to draft the blue-prints, and this means that the actual construction work cannot begin before the first of June. 2) The gym will be a two-story structure for the present; a third floor will be added within a few years, as the need may arise for more classroom, and study-hall space.

ALLELULIA

By Frank Zygmontowicz

It was very bright and cheerful that glorious Sunday morning,
But the hearts of the two Marys and Salome
Were dark and dreary indeed with genuine mourning,
'Till they saw the open tomb, and flower blossoms;
and as they heard the word of their Lord's
Miraculous rising, at dawn's early hour.
Their heavy hearts, just recently so full of fear and sorrow
Became lightened and gladdened at once,
And together they sang a happy hymn of a brighter tomorrow.

FIRST PAD-PRO-ETRY CONTEST ANNOUNCED

Winners To Receive Cash Prizes

"It's not often that high-school freshmen walk away with all the prizes in a literary competition. That is just what will happen however, at a certain school situated on a hill overlooking the historic and picturesque village of Watkins Glen."

The above statement — or a reasonable facsimile thereof — was recently made by the faculty advisor of this paper, when he announced the Paduan's first prose and poetry contest. Fr. Canisius also said that he hoped this PAD-PRO-ETRY Contest would become an annual affair, especially if the school can get some generous benefactor to sponsor it every year.

Every student is eligible to submit original contributions in either or both, of the two classes — prose including short story or essay, and poetry. The two best prose entries and the two best poems will be printed in the June issue of the Paduan.

Four cash prizes will be awarded — \$5 for the best, and \$2.50 for the second best contribution in each of the two classes. The final judges in this competition will be Fr. Claude, Fr. Canisius and Fr. Sylvester. All entries must be submitted to the English professor on or before the 21st of April.

STUDENT QUOTES

The question of the hour around here is, "What will the first baseball team of Padua look like?" Here's how some of the students "sounded off" on this one:

JOE KULINSKI: I think that Padua will have a good baseball team. Fr. George, who is an old hand at the game, will do much in leading the team, if not to all victories, at least to a creditable season record.

JERRY SCHICKEL: Taking into consideration the lack of experience, and the limited number of students to choose from, we shouldn't expect too much this first year. But we seem to have good pitching material, and so it wouldn't surprise me if we do at least as well in baseball as we did in basketball.

HANK CECCE: The prospects for Padua's first baseball team are pretty good. The pitching staff is in good shape, and with Fr. George's able coaching, I feel that we'll have a pretty successful season.

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THE STORM CAME FIRST

He was a swell guy; the life of the party. Everyone was convinced that he was capable of handling every situation. Certainly, his bubbling personality would see him through life.

But, when infantile paralysis struck, our ideal young man was unable to cope with the situation. They found him one morning—or rather they found his lifeless body, with his right hand still clutching an emptied bottle of tincture of iodine.

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True, Easter is a day of great celebration. As Christian young men, it is our holy heritage to rejoice over the victory of our Lord and Redeemer. But, in the midst of these festivities, we find a sobering note. The storm—the dark skies overshadowing the death scene on Calvary came first. We must die unto ourselves in order to live; we must learn to accept the gall before we can break bread with the disciples of Emmaus.

During Lent, it was the intention of Holy Mother Church to bring about this death unto ourselves by encouraging us to mortify our bodies, to conquer our evil tendencies and to concentrate on eternal things.

How many of us are good sports when things are going our way? We are then the picture of happiness itself. But let the Lord put a cross on our shoulders—let the Redeemer lead us over the rocky ways of Calvary and we lose heart. We are satisfied with ourselves and with life when we enjoy health, when we rank high scholastically, but let someone dare to insult us, to belittle our talents and accomplishments and we fall apart just like an old clock. Why? We want to enjoy a perpetual Easter whereas we haven't learned to appreciate a Good Friday. We want perpetual daylight and are too nearsighted to recognize the character-building value of the darkness of night.

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In spite of our Lord's victory over satan and sin, He deemed it worthy to retain, for all eternity, the wounds He received on Calvary. Here is another sobering note in the story of Easter.

Can a pagan celebrate Easter? Surely he can. He can gorge himself with food and sweets—he can put on his spring finery and walk majestically in the Easter parade—he can decorate his home with bunnies and Easter eggs—he can even attend the services of a local church, provided he be seen by his neighbors. But, is he really observing Easter? Hardly.

On that day of days, we, as Catholic young men must pledge our allegiance not merely to a glorious King from whom we expect everything our hearts may desire, but who requires nothing from us in return. Our Redeemer was a CRUCIFIED King, who to this very day bears the wounds of the strife he had to undergo.

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There are too many Catholics today who lack backbone. They are willing to sing "Alleluia," but would never dare to upset the tables of the money changers in the temple for fear that they would become unpopular. They are Catholics—so long as their religion favors their advancement. But let an issue arise where it is necessary to state their stand, they crawl into their shells and apologize for their beliefs.

We do not live on an isolated island. As Catholic young men, we will brush shoulders and elbows with all sorts of characters. Many times situations will arise when it will be more convenient to fall in with the crowd—to do what they are doing. But then, we would be cowards. The Resurrected Christ died for what was good and true but we would have to admit that we haven't the backbone to stand fast by our religion.

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Happy Easter, soldiers of Christ! He is your Shepherd; you are His sheep. Follow Him, not only to the tomb from which He arose but also to the cross, on which He died.

LIFE CAN BE BEAUTIFUL
(By Dick O'Connell)

"Bloody murder," is what we call it when we see "FAT" EATON after he has finished shaving. However, we give him credit for trying. He'll catch on by the time he really gets some hair on his chin. In order to avoid the unnecessary loss of blood, "Fat" turned modern and brought back with himself a gadget called an electric shaver. But now, let's hope that the young man doesn't electrocute himself.

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JOHN LYNCH may like this school but a month is quite a long time to wear his school sweatshirt without changing it.

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It would be nice if someone would tell HANK CECCE and FRED NEWTON that a baseball is to be thrown into the other fellow's glove and not into the windows.

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JOHN DWYER who has injured his spinal cord must have a board in his bed to support his back. Probably the board would do him more good if he'd "wear" it on his head.

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PHIL WHITE is a patriot. Never does he permit a week to pass without accumulating a few red and blue demerits. A most noble assortment of colors, Phil: white, red and blue.

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The red and blue exit lights may have their specific meanings as far as the Fire Safety Rules are concerned. But the Paduans have them as a constant reminder, at every turn in the corridor, to beware of the red and blue demerits. They call it a concrete form of omnipresence.

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DICK O'CONNELL is over-generous in supplying the general prefect, LEO RYS, with raisins. Watch out, Leo, you may not know it but Dick knows that raisins give you the "runs." And, what can be more delightful to all concerned than a running prefect?

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We wonder why Fr. Canisius flatters us so by calling us, a lovely bunch of coconuts.

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MIKE GILL celebrated St. Patrick's Day to the best of his abilities. In the 7:30 P. M. study hall he passed around a canteen containing an old beverage called water. Unfortunately, Brother Boniface, not being Irish, was not in the holiday mood. So, the "kickapoo juice" came to an ignominious end by being thrown out of the second story window—canteen and all. Fortunately for Mike, he was not made to accompany the canteen on its journey down.

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Sunday morning, March 20th,

saw TOM TRAINOR'S dorm in utter confusion. The customary morning scramble for the bathroom was quite typical. However, someone should inform Tom that on that particular morning, the scramble for the bathroom and the accompanying noises were unnecessary—he was in the dorm alone, since his three roommates went home for the week end.

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PHIL WHITE decided that he would rather be sick than well He prefers to become sick, go home for a week, come back to school and then go home again for a few days. What a racket!

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Let not those infernal noises from HAROLD SPENCER'S dorm terrify you. Harold is merely obeying Fr. Sylvester's order to lock himself in his bathroom and practice a more dignified laugh.

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ED. HAYDOCK, assistant prefect, has a hobby of collecting things. Up to date he has received a canteen, a knapsack and a pocket knife. Must be planning for a long journey.

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Padua has a budding philosopher. After much observation, he has this advice to give: 1) Do not expect to tell the Rector how to run the school—even though you think you have some magnificent suggestions, 2) Do not think you can boss the professors around—you catch it in the end, eventually, 3) Don't specialize in stupidity—even though it be the easiest thing for you to do, 4) Write home only when you DO NOT need money.

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Beware of wild balls, when you walk the campus. Our star pitcher, DAN MCCARTHY is good at winding up—but when he lets it go, nobody knows where it will land.

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LEO O'TRZASKAWKA, our dyed-in-the-wool Irishman is only too glad to welcome the new addition to Padua, Jerry O'Grady, a dyed-in-the-wool Polish boy. America, the perfect, mellow blend of nationalities, cultures and traditions!

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What came first, the chicken or the egg? Answer: LAVALLEY. I hope that's settled once and for all.

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A common, secret ambition is to throw JERRY SCHICKEL out of the window to see if he will glide. If it ever happens, let's hope Jerry knows how to glide because he may be very embarrassed.

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FRED NEWTON must be rich! You know it pays to be ignorant!

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One of the Fathers has threatened the wild men of Borneo with

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THE HISTORY OF BASEBALL

By Joe Malina

The popular sport which is known and played almost over the whole world has a strange beginning.

Baseball, resembling the English game of cricket, traces its origin to stoolball, which in turn has a more ancient lineage. Stoolball was played by throwing a ball at an upturned three-legged stool which was defended by another player. Later a second stool or cricket was added, from which arrangement the modern game of cricket developed. Much later three, four or more crickets (bases) were added. In 1700, at Maidstone, England, this circuit running game was called baseball. It was also known as "Pecker," "Feeder," and "Rounders."

In 1829, the first baseball rules were printed by William Clarke, in London, and these were reprinted in America by Robin Carver.

Doubleday and Cartwright determined the American form of the game. Cartwright, an engineer is given the credit for having set 90 feet as the distance between the bases. In 1845 he became famous by forming a code of rules and organizing the first team.

The first recorded tour of an organized baseball club was made in 1830 when the Excelsiors of Brooklyn visited several cities in central and western New York State. The tour was a success; it made the sport famous and led to the formation of clubs in many places where baseball was not played.

Nor was baseball forgotten during the years of the Civil War. The soldiers of the Union forces played the game behind the lines and, when the opportunity afforded itself, they taught the boys of the Confederate Army how to play this new sport. As a result, baseball spread rapidly throughout all parts of the country after the war.

Prior to 1868, baseball was strictly played for the exercise and recreation it afforded. In 1869 the Red Stockings of Cincinnati began to pay their players. This was the first organized professional team in the country. Other teams took on a professional nature and formed a league, the National Association of Baseball. This, however, was dissolved within five years. Today, as almost every



Fr. Emmanuel, Athletic Director, presenting Ping-Pong Trophy to "Champ" Lagonegro

child knows, there are two Major Leagues, the American and the National Leagues and very many minor leagues, to say nothing of the hundreds of semi-pro and amateur teams.

Baseball has grown with America and has been interwoven with the American way of life. For this reason, as long as there will be American boys, you can be sure that baseball will flourish.

P. H. S. Baseball Schedule

April 18 Dundee
April 20 Altay
April 26 Watkins
May 2 Bradford at (Altay)
May 9 Savona (there)
May 16 Horseheads (there)
May 19 Bradford (here)
May 23 Watkins High
May 26 Savona (here)
June 1 Horseheads (here)

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LAGONEGRO WINS FIRST PING-PONG TOURNEY

One of the most popular of all indoor sports, the game of table tennis, better known as ping-pong, has been a favorite pastime with Padua students from the very first day of school.

That in itself would be nothing to write home about, of course—but wait—there's more! During the lull between the end of the basketball season, and the beginning of baseball competition, the Paduans' perennial preoccupation with ping-pong became almost an obsession.

Talk about fishermen's tales, or golfers' garrulity! None of these could ever hold a candle to a Padua ping-pong player. There were more "only real and recognized" title holders and claimers than you could ever count even in that strictly "simon-pure" sport (don't look now, but I'm blushing) known as wrestling.

To put an end to all this feudin' and fussin', and to restore at least some measure of peace to the hallowed halls of Padua, Fr. Claude suggested the idea of holding a ping-pong tournament, in which all of the thirty-seven boys could participate. A handsome trophy for the winner was immediately ordered, and Padua's first annual Ping-Pong Tourney was off to a good start.

The opening rounds were decided by a best two-out-of-three games series. Beginning with the quarterfinals however, the contests were increased to a best three-out-of-five series because the survivors were more evenly matched.

From a spectator standpoint one of the best matches of the tourney was the Dwyer-Lagonegro duel, in which Lag had his workout before he finally managed to eliminate J. D. The scores were: 21-10, 17-21, 21-19, 18-21, 21-8. In the other semifinal pairing Zygmuntowicz took Joe Malina in stride in three straight games.

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STUDENT QUOTES

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TOM TRAINOR: Our baseball team should be pretty good this year, especially in catching, pitching and first base. We have some good prospects, and will cause plenty of trouble to most of our opponents.

JOE MALINA: I think that we will not have too much of a chance against the older competition we'll have to meet. The boys have never played baseball together either, and many of us have never played baseball period.

CHUCK AUG: This year should be a pretty good one for our baseball team because most of those who have tried out so far, have had some baseball experience in grammar school. If we practice faithfully and play hard, I'm sure that we will do all right.

BOB GRONCKI: Padua High School will have a good team this year. We have a good coach, and at least a few experienced players. Spencer, Lagonegro, McDonnell and Malina are some of the boys who have had experience. We'll be meeting tougher and probably older competition than we did in basketball, and so we're bound to lose some games, but I'm sure we'll have a team that's going to be pretty hard to beat.

BOB EATON: I think the first baseball team of Padua is going to be better than fair. We "did better than fair" on the area hardwood courts, and we will do as well on the diamonds in this vicinity. We have a fine battery in Spencer and McDonnell.

PADUA IN PICTURES

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Fr. Claude did a professional job in taking the pictures. Inspired by this initial success, he will continue taking more of these colored movies of the school's activities.

Future students of Padua will soon have a preview of what they can expect here at the school. Besides the classroom routine, which is typical of any school, they will see many interesting features and activities which really make a student's stay at Padua a truly exciting experience.

SHOUTS AND WHISPERS

First Snow of Spring

On the morning of March 23, instead of being greeted by an array of violets and robins, we discovered a blanket of snow covering the ground. Evidently—March came in like a lion and was determined to go out like a lion.

The snowfall however, did not bring forth a display of enthusiasm. Some of the skis were broken and the casualties sustained during the winter sport season only made us long, all the more for spring—**AND BASEBALL!**

Planes for Padua

During the long winter months, the students showed quite an interest in constructing model airplanes. Some of them are beauties! Charles Aug, with his 43 inch wing span Taylorcraft plane led the aeronauts. G. Sobeck, J. Trella, F. Newton, E. Lewandowski, L. Rys and E. Haydock also produced models of which any pilot could be justifiably proud.

Harold Nixon, Joe Malina and Phil White carried the art of construction further by building speed boats and solid models of planes and trains.

Flying Saucers?

Local residents are asked not to become alarmed when they notice strange objects in the skies over the Finger Lakes region. These, definitely, are not flying saucers.

Weather permitting, the students at Padua will soon begin to construct their own kites. These will be entered in a contest and the winner will be given a prize.

Curly Locks Hit the Shears

The "brush-cut" is the latest in tonsorial fashions here at Padua. Following the example of Brother Casimir (who has long forsaken the vanity known as hair) ten students sport the crewcut but others are spreading the news that after Easter the number will be raised to twenty-five. Who said the Paduans are not fashion-conscious?

Something Different

In keeping with the general

mood of the Lenten season, the showing of the weekly Saturday night movies has been cancelled. However, on March 18th, a religious picture, "The Great Commandment," was shown to the student body. It was a treat to

see a movie which dealt, not with the frivolous, spectacular things in life, but rather, with the important, fundamental things, namely the life of the Savior, and brotherly love toward one another.

The Patron of Youth

March 20th, the Feast of St. Joseph, was not a free day. However, the day itself was one of importance to all of us. Since St. Joseph is the patron saint, not only of the Universal Church but also of youth, we directed our attention to the poor carpenter of Nazareth, with the prayer that he help us to walk in his footsteps.

Prizes From Heaven

One Saturday afternoon, a red and yellow Piper-Cub plane flew over Watkins Glen dropping balloons. Each balloon contained a slip of paper with a list of merchandise which could be received from Watkins Glen merchants upon presenting the coupon. The outstanding prize was a bicycle.

Hawk-eyed Tom Colihan and Leo Rys, spotted the balloons and immediately ran out to investigate. They recovered a few of them but were not lucky enough to get the one which would entitle them to the bicycle.

The Four-legged Variety

On March 26, a large herd of deer had an outing on the hills between Watkins and Ithaca. In order to have everyone see the difference between a cow and a deer, Fr. Rector had the whole student body board the bus and investigate the thrilling sight.

The trip was not in vain for the large herd was easily seen from the road. Everyone enjoyed the sight except Joe McDonnell who needs a pair of glasses badly.

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the muscle punishment or the rubber hose treatment. I should think he would need a rubber tree to calm **GENE LEWANDOWSKI.**

Up to date, **RICHARD CHODNICKI** was the only one who washed the refectory tables well. Nice work, Rich, it's a pleasure to eat on a clean table.

HAROLD NIXON has the ruptured idea that a baseball diamond consists of 9 bases. Will someone tell him it has only 8?

FRANK CZAJKOWSKI is writing some beautiful Easter poetry. His poems resemble the verses on the Easter cards I have. However, Frank will soon put a stop to this after he gets a copyright on his works of art.

TOM COLIHAN, our pianist is hitting the road this spring with Margie Truman. Let's wish them luck, boys.

People are funny. Everyone is anxious to get home for his Easter vacation. Then, when at home, they can't wait until they come back to school.

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