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Padua's Seven Student Representatives to the C.S.M.C. prepare their papers for the Rally at Aquinas Institute. Seated, from l. to r.: Fr. George, Faculty Adviser; Ed Flannery, John Dwyer, Conrad Szczepanski. Standing, l. to r.: Dana Griffin, Frank Zygmuntowicz, John Pilch, Frank Czajkowski.

## Seven of Padua's Prepsters Take Active Part In C.S.M.C. Rally

On Ascension Thursday the Society for the Propagation of the Faith sponsored a students' convention at Aquinas Institute in Rochester, N. Y.

The seven representatives from Padua arrived at Rochester a half hour before the mission rally began at Aquinas Institute. The rally was suitably opened by a Mass celebrated by the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of the Diocese of Rochester. After Mass his Reverence gave a talk showing his appreciation for the good work being done by the Crusade for the furthering of the missions in the foreign lands. He also thanked the Crusaders for their marvelous achievements and cooperation with the Church in the aid of the missions.

Following the Mass there was a general assembly in which Carolyn Metzger, the president of the Crusade, announced the program of the day. In the assembly there was also a welcome address given by the Very Rev. Eugene Cullinane, C.S.B., the principal of Aquinas High School, in which he welcomed the representatives of the various schools to the Institute, wishing them good luck in the events of the day. Following Father Cullinane, an address was given by Rev. Frederick McGuire,

C.M., of the Mission Secretariate, who described the conditions of the missions, mainly in China where he had spent thirteen years of his life. He showed that the number of people without any religion outnumbers those professing some religion in the United States, by at least 40%. He also showed that although the people in the U. S. respect religion more than the Chinese, there are even more converts during a period of one year in China than there are in the U. S.

After these talks, at exactly 10:45 a. m., the panel discussions on the missions in the following lands began: South America, China, Japan, Soviet Russia, Mexico, U. S. Home Missions, Africa, Philippines and the Pacific Islands, Southern Asia and Burma, Alaska and the Arctic Regions. The representatives of Padua were present at the following discussions: Africa, in which John Pilch was chairman; Mexico, in which John Dwyer and Dana Griffin were present; Philippines and Pacific Islands, in which Frank Zygmuntowicz, Frank Czajkowski, Conrad Szczepanski and Edward Flannery were the representatives. At the discussions the boys and girls discussed

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## Students Display Great Interest In 2nd Annual Pad-Pro-Etron Contest

Even before the official announcement was made, entries were being handed in for the 1951 prose and poetry writing contest, sponsored once again by the Paduan.

Last year's PAD-PRO-ETRON, which of necessity had to be an all Freshman affair, uncovered a few budding poets in the ranks of Padua's Pioneer Class. Both the quantity and the quality of the prose entries were considered below par, however, and no prizes were awarded in that category. But we feel confident that this year there will be no shortage of original contributions in either class, and that the quality of writing will be sufficiently good to warrant the selection of at least one short story and essay as of prize-winning caliber.

As a medium of fostering interest in creative writing, the PAD-PRO-ETRON gives every indication of becoming a well established annual event at Padua Prep. Now if the school could find some generous soul who would be will-

ing to give this idea a little financial backing the future of the Pad-pro-etron would be definitely assured. The cash prizes for the two years have come out of THE PADUAN's very meager so called treasury. But it looks as though we may go in the red this year, and then what?

The rules for this year's contest are exactly the same as they were for the 1950 PAD-PRO-ETRON. Every student is eligible to submit original contributions in either, or both of the two classes—prose, either 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 entries in each of the two divisions. The final judges this year will be Messrs. Art Richards, Bill Kelly and George Scaptura, all well known local journalists. All entries must be submitted to the English teacher on, or before the 17th of May.

## Mr. Watkins Glen Addresses Press Club

One of the most active organizations at the school is the Press Club. The fact that a school paper must be published bi-monthly, perhaps accounts for this activity.

Fr. Canisius, the adviser, has chosen 21 boys in whom he noticed exceptional talent in the field of journalism to attain the purpose of the club. These are the very same boys who, all year round have contributed articles to the paper.

After the elections and other formalities were completed, the boys decided to invite some guest speakers, who, acquainted with the field of journalism, might give them the "dope" concerning these matters.

It was the school's privilege to have Mr. Art Richards as guest speaker for the Press Club's last meeting. Art Richards, the representative of the AP and IP in Schuyler County, learned much during his 20 years as a reporter and was willing to impart to us

the knowledge he had acquired through hard experience. He related many stories—some were breath-taking, others were amusing but all showed that the life of a reporter is not only an exciting one but also one of great responsibility. At no time must the public doubt his integrity—to write the truth and only the truth is the first requisite for a good reporter.

After assuring the members of the Press Club that he is willing to help them in their problems, Mr. Richards had this bit of advice to give to all who would come in contact with a reporter.

### Rules for making an enemy of a Reporter

1. Lie to him.
2. Try to conceal facts which are certain to come out later.
3. Tell him what to print, and what not to print.
4. Be a publicity hound, seeking to have your picture or at least your name in every issue of the paper.
5. Be a turnquote. Say one thing and then, after it appears

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## LIFE CAN BE BEAUTIFUL

It would be nice if they would install wooden windows in the school for JOSEPH NIEZGODA recently tried walking through one. No, he doesn't need glasses . . . as he was being chased by one of his friends, Joe tried to climb in through the opened recreation room window . . . ONLY IT WASN'T OPENED!

ED "RED" O'NEIL, with the coming of warm weather, has given up his career as a ping-pong star and has taken to the gym to show us his talents in the field of basketball. According to his schedule, he will be playing baseball during the early part of October.

JOE BACLAWSKI will never again make an illegal entry into the students' quarters. As he put his hand through a hole in the wall to unlock the door, an unseen monster snatched his hand. Joe became excited, fell and found himself in the infirmary. Nothing serious, though.

What chance have we in baseball when all the big stars such as Trzaskawska, Stec, and Petrick don't even come out for try-outs?

JOSEPH NIEZGODA, who is now called General Douglas Niezgodia, is commander-in-chief of all revolutionists of the freshman class. Oh, so young, too!

"JAKE" LASKODY, alias, "The Kid from Gary", will not have much of a vacation this summer. You'll find him at Carnegie Hall. What an accordion player! Dark and handsome, too!

BERNARD PETRICK, Padua's brilliant poet, has this to say, concerning the recent press meeting during which Mr. Art Richards spoke:

Tuesday we had a meeting  
And the first one to speak was

Art Richards.  
He gave us a journalistic greeting  
Then he showed us some pictures.  
He told us some stories of realism  
And why he entered the field of journalism  
He closed the meeting, truly  
With another newspaper movie.

Brother Felix is making pews for our chapel. However, we certainly could stand a few kneelers in the classrooms for some of us are always kneeling for misbehavior.

The thought haunts us! We can't eat, we can't sleep! Three months ago, JIMMY BALOG threw a spitball! Et tu, Brute! What is this world coming to?

HAROLD SPENCER received permission to move into another room, provided he clean it out well. Well, Spence proved that he could clean a room just as well as he can pitch a baseball.

CONRAD OLSZEWSKI who played first base for the Blue Boys, champion team of Buffalo, felt a little hurt that he did not make the varsity. Cheer-up, Connie. Eat your corn soya each day and maybe you will grow a little. And besides, in the near future we may have a midget team and you will be able to show your stuff again.

NICK WATLOCK could easily be a walking street light. One green sock and one red sock . . . and there you have it.

TOM TRAINOR and JOE TRELLA should take their beds up to the gym. They live there during the baseball season.

by Sam Schickel

## If You Lose Her, Want Ads Won't Help

Several years ago a request appeared in the want-ad section of a newspaper which read something like this: Wanted—a mother for a little boy of three who is perfectly healthy and happy with the exception that he has a remarkable appetite for—motherly love. Signed: an orphan.

It is sad to say but we take too many things for granted. We learn to appreciate a thing only after we have lost it. The maimed miss the leg or arm they lost; the blind miss the beauty of Nature in its spring array, the deaf miss the sound of the human voice.

When shall we learn to appreciate our earthly mother? After she had closed her eyes and left this earth? When shall we appreciate our heavenly mother, Mary? After, God forbidding, we have been separated from her for all eternity?

May is the most beautiful month of the year and it is only fitting that the most beautiful month should be chosen to remind us of the most beautiful thing on earth—love of an earthly and heavenly mother. It is difficult to describe the love which a mother feels for her children. It is unselfish, it expects no payment in return, it never loses its lustre. It accompanies us both, in life's successes and failures.

Mothers expect nothing in return for all they did for us. But a little token of our appreciation will certainly make her happy. A spiritual bouquet, a sincere, "Thank you, Mom", will do wonders.

Your heavenly mother, Mary, also loves you and is constantly interceding for you. Thank her, too!

Appreciate your mother before it is too late!

by Joseph Malina

## So-You-Think-You're-Pretty-Smart Dept.

Padua has perhaps more than its share of smart alecks and gold-brickers who think they know it all.

They are the same guys who are always finding fault, grumbling, making life miserable for their fellow students and their teachers too.

By a strange (?) coincidence these same smarties are usually the ones who very rarely, if ever do their own assignments. This has shown up recently as a result of the third quarterly exam.

It seems these same fellows, some of whom were once on the honor roll have managed to fall behind, thereby bringing the roll down to an all time low of "9."

Consequently, the reprimands of Rector, Professors, and parents have no effect upon these care-

free youths who have grown "too big for their britches."

They continue to go on in their reckless fashion abusing the Fathers, wasting their parents' hard-earned money and their future.

With half of the fourth quarter already gone into the pages of eternity, these fellows have less than a month to straighten themselves out.

The kind Fathers are always willing to give the boys a second chance and the parents are praying hopefully for an improvement.

How about it fellows? It's for your own well being. Your future depends upon it and also the satisfaction of your parents to know that their son is not a failure in life. Give it some serious thought.

## Five Students Represent Padua at Press Conference

Those representing Padua Prep at the Annual Catholic Press Conference which was held at St. Bonaventure University were F. Czajkowski, E. Lewandowski, J. Malina, J. Balog and J. Pilch. Saturday, April 28th, was the day chosen for the event.

These Annual Catholic Press Conferences have been held regularly since 1920. Their purpose is to instill in young hearts and mind an appreciation of the good and clean in publications and to encourage young talent to write articles and stories with this lofty ideal in mind.

The program of the day was an interesting one. The partici-

pants assembled and registered in the gymnasium and at 10:15 things were under way. Prof. James L. Hayes, head of the Dept. of Business Administration was Master of Ceremonies and Rev. Juvenal Lalor, O. F. M., President of St. Bonaventure University, addressed the future journalists with a warm welcome.

From 11 a. m. until noon the "Teen Age Time" radio program was presented from the floor over Station WHDL Olean. At 12:30 discussion panels were held. There were reporters', editors', sports writers', columnists' and faculty advisers' panels.

After lunch a short talk on journalism was given by Mr. Philip H. Gordon, Managing Editor

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**Have You Heard—Or Seen?**

Have you heard how long Father Canisius keeps us after school in his "jug"?

Have you heard how J. BURKE and E. HAYDOCK were admiring the excavation for our new gym and fell into mud up to their knees?

Have you seen Father Claude casting out on the front lawn?

Have you seen the new bed spreads we have for our beds? Pretty "snazzy."

Have you seen how nice the grounds are beginning to look? Spring is here again.

Have you heard how "CHUCK" AUG agreed to eat the first ant found but "chickened out" when it was presented to him?

Have you seen how "BUCKY" BACLAWSKI sticks his tongue out when he is writing? It never fails, watch him sometime!

Have you heard of "Tool's Terrors"? It surely is some team even though "DIGGER" McCARTHY is playing on it.

Have you seen the sign on Fr. Sylvester's door which greets all uninvited visitors? It reads: No one is at home. I'm up to the cemetery. They buried me this morning!

Have you heard of the fun the Press Club had when it visited the Elmira Advertiser, April 19?

Have you seen "Hot Rod", Fr. Emil drive our school bus?

Have you heard of Fr. Albin's special evening Biology classes? There is no reason for not knowing Biology now, sophomores!

Have you heard how your day is spent here at Padua?

- 8 hours 50 minutes—sleep
  - 4 hours 45 minutes—free time
  - 4 hours 30 minutes—classes
  - 3 hours 30 minutes—study halls
  - 1 hour 15 minutes—eating
  - 1 hour 10 minutes—chapel
- by Dale Eisenhart

**Mr. Watkins Glen—**  
(Continued from front page) in the paper, issue a denial.

6. Promise to give a reporter a story and then, when it breaks, forget about it.

7. Take the attitude that "news-papers never get a story straight, anyway."

**Visit to Newspaper Plant**  
Carrying the Press Club program further, Fr. Canisius made arrangements with Mr. Richards to visit the Elmira Advertiser plant on April 19th. The trip was educational and enjoyable, and the refreshments served by Mrs. Flannery made the wonderful day unforgettable.

by John Pilch



Padua's Baseball Varsity poses for a picture with its coach, Fr. George, just before leaving for the Odessa game

**Cascader Nine Outhits Odessa, But Loses Season Opener 7 to 3**

A soggy field and bad weather conditions made early baseball practice impossible for the Paduans. The Cascaders, before their first game, had one official practice, and this was disrupted by rain and snow.

A still undetermined team met the Odessans at Odessa Central High April 18. The game was played in rather raw weather. Hurling for Padua, Spencer evidently had the stuff allowing the home team only three hits and accounted for nine of the Odessans' eighteen outs by strikeouts. However Spencer was a little short of control allowing seven

walks, and most of these made the circuit of the bases on passed balls. Minch, trying out for the first time behind the plate, had a difficult time of it. Considine did a fair-sized job of relief pitching in the sixth.

The Paduans outhit Odessa six to three but came out on the low end of the 7 to 3 score. Spencer's triple was the only solid smash of the game. The Odessa hurlers disposed of ten batters by way of strike-outs and gave only one walk.

Score by innings:  
Padua .....001 020 0—3 6  
Odessa .....110 023 x—7 3

**Trumansburg Edges Padua In Very Wild Game, 14 to 12**

May 2nd found the Cascaders visiting Trumansburg and playing the Central High School team there. In this long drawn-out game, all the pitchers of both teams definitely had an off day having difficulty in finding the p. ate. The four Trumansburg pitchers gave up 11 walks, while Spencer, Czajkowski and Considine, hurling for Padua, gave 12 free passes to first base. The T'Burg hurlers bested the Paduans in the strike-out department 10 to 3. The home team came out on top in the hitting department also, collecting ten bingles to Padua's nine.

The Cascaders led 4 to 2 until the fatal third inning, in which the home team collected 8 runs on five hits, two of which were circuit clouts. Padua came back in the fourth inning with five runs on one hit. In the fifth and sixth frames, Padua remained scoreless while Trumansburg collected two more runs. In the seventh, Watlock started off the fireworks with a single. Minch drove him in with his second double of the day, and in turn was brought in by Czajkowski's double. McDonnell belted in the tying run with his only hit of the day. In T'Burg's half of the stanza, the first man to bat was walked, and the second man picked out a home run pitch and there ended the game.

Watlock had the best day at bat, collecting three bingles and a walk out of five trips to the plate. Outstanding, however, was McDonnell who resumed his catching duties. Not a single pitch went past him, and his arm kept the runners close to their bases. Two men were picked off trying to steal second, once breaking up a double steal play. This game showed the outfield to be the weakest point on the team.

Score by innings:  
Trumansburg ..118 002 2—14 10 4  
Padua .....130 500 3—12 9 7

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## Sophs Plan 2nd Annual Banquet

In a class meeting before the Easter Holidays it was brought to the attention of the class officers that it was time to start thinking of the annual class banquet. The date chosen for the affair will be May 27th, Sunday evening. Conrad Szccepanski has been appointed chairman and will supervise the preparations.

## In Spring a Young Man's Fancy—

Fr. Sylvester has spring fever once again and that means only one thing. In spring a young man's fancy turns to lighter things of . . . house cleaning and of course, the cleaning of the grounds. So, under the supervision of Father Sylvester the boys are raking leaves, washing windows and it seems, for some funny reason, the building looks brighter and the grounds cleaner!

## Fishin' Around Padua

Well, they're at it again. Padua raided the lake and came back with a nice catch of rainbow trout. The scene of operations was the Punch Bowl Lake, just above the Glen Park.

Fr. Rector, who is the inspiration for these excursions came through with 1 trout; Richard Chodnicki, with 3; Norb Wisniewski and Eskra with 1 apiece. Louis Nowicki blushed as he

pulled in a minnow and Joe Niezgoda captured a fish which no one could identify.

Ever since the Sunday of April 15th, the lovers of fishing have been going each Sunday to prove to their colleagues and to the world that fish can still be outsmarted by man. More power to you, boys!

## Why I Like Ice Cream

If you have been wondering why everyone seems to be writing compositions as to why he likes ice cream, it is only because the boys at Padua are very much pleased with the quality and variety of ice cream which appears in the students' P-X.

In addition, a new Coca Cola cooler has been installed in the P-X. Now the cool ice cream can be washed down with cool Cola. What more can we ask for?

## Brothers to the Apache

For the last three Saturdays, strange creatures have been emerging from the students' barber shop. They were sporting brush haircuts. Ugh! Fr. Sylvester, the disciplinarian has been scalping at least 10 boys in one afternoon. Ah, revenge is sweet, eh, Father? But, Haydock, Pijanowski, Trella, Petrick, C. Olszewski look sharp in their new crew cuts.

## Press Conference—

(Continued from page two) of the Jamestown, N. Y. SUN. Awards were announced for story writing, prose compositions, etc. Rev. Canisius Connors, Director of Publications presented the awards.

by Eugene Lewandowski

## Big Ten Drops to Big Nine

The results of the third quarterly exams showed that the honor roll shrunk. Although it was a decrease of only one student, still it brought disappointment to the professors who would like to see every student on the honor roll. Two Brooklynites again topped the honor roll, namely, Joseph Malina and John Pilch.

## FRESHMEN

John Pilch .....	97.1
Joseph Baclawski .....	96.1
James Balog .....	93
Dana Griffin .....	91
Larry Pijanowski .....	90

## SOPHOMORES

Joseph Malina .....	98.7
Francis Czajkowski .....	96
Francis Zygmuntowicz .....	94
Thomas Trainor .....	92.7

## C.S.M.C. Rally—

(Continued from front page) freely the information they had gathered while researching on the various topics they were to talk about at the rally. These points were then collected by the chairman, and he or she reported on it during the final assembly at the end of the day.

At 1:30 there was a General Assembly during which the various chairmen gave their reports on the discussions over which they presided. There was also a talk given by the Very Rev. Ferdinand Evans, the Assistant National Secretary of the Mission Crusade, in which he talked about the various works going on in other states, and also data on the missions in the lands mentioned previously.

At 3:00 there was benediction of the Blessed Sacrament followed by a baseball game, in which Aquinas Varsity played Holy Family of Auburn. At 7:45 there was a talent show in which one student from each school could participate.

This ended a successful and very profitable day, and Padua's representatives returned to their hilltop school, satisfied and happy.  
by Frank Zygmuntowicz



Art Richards, Veteran Journalist, good friend of Padua, addresses Press Club. (See story on page 1)

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