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Prepsters Present Colorful Pageant

The vuletide season was ushered in at Padua with the presentation of a Christmas pageant, Sunday evening, Dec. 16th. The Fathers, Brothers, many parents and friends of the school witnessed the performance.

The program opened in a darkened hall with the choir singing, "Come O Come Emanuel!" This portraved the four thousand years of waiting and longing for a Redeemer. The lights then went on and the entire student body recited the Christmas Gospel according to St. Luke, followed with the singing of "What Child Is This?"

The first play presented was, SISTER GOLD, in which St. St. Francis was portrayed by John Pilch, Brother Juniper by Conrad Sczcepanski, the miser by Paul O'Neil, the three robbers by Henry Cecce, Robert Malina and John Uss. Bernard Petrick played the role of a peasant boy.

To St. Francis, the wolf was Brother Wolf, the night, Sister Night and he called gold, Sister Gold. The theme of the play was that wealth and worldly prestige are inferior to the spiritual joys in life. Gold will not necessarily make a man happy; in fact, the 9:00 in the evening. more wealth one has, the more he often desires.

During the intermission, Father Bruno, professor of English, directed the choral recitation of "Boots", by Rudyard Kipling, "Around the Manger", and "A Musical Trust."

The second play presented was, feet together. Why the Christmas Bells Rang. Edward McDonnell played the role of Pedro, Thomas Trella was his little brother, and Hugh Carr was the old cobbler.

The small piece of silver, which on Christmas Day, in the eyes of the track meet. God was worth more than the was merely an act of pride.

for both plays.

job as stage managers.



Crib Scene at Padua

NEW PADUANS UNDERGO HALLOWEEN INITIATION

October 31 marked the date of Paduans. It was Halloween and a close second. for the entire freshman class it meant initiation to the fullest extent. The initiation began at 1:00 eryone had an equal chance in in the afternoon and lasted until the affair as the greasy clothes

The first event was a parade of freshmen brightly attired in vari- Pat Yurko and Norb Wisniewski. to raise the money. Fr. Albin ous costumes by the sophomores. They had their shoes on the wrong found the Juniors in first place feet, trousers on backwards. Some even wore pants instead of a Sophomores second with thirtyshirt. Marching was made difficult for a few by tying their

was held. Although the victors mediately after, more punishment were to win no special prize, the loosers were to rake the abundance of leaves around the school campus for the rest of the year. the little brother offered to Jesus All three classes were eligible for

The track meet consisted of costly crown of a king. The little thirteen various events and lasted brother's gift was given with a for about three hours. The events sincere heart, whereas the king's were: the human obstacle race; football field goals; pony-express Rigney Green was the narrator relay; box race; dizzy-izzy relay; box running race; siamese twins The whole production was un- relay; medicine ball distance; der the supervision of Fr. Sylves- medicine ball shot put; football ter. Edward Haydock and Con- throw for distance; soccer goal rad Szczepanski did an excellent kick for accuracy; the brick walking race; the cross country race.

The cross country race covered a great event at Padua because it over a mile of really rugged land. was then that twenty-one new Frank Czajkowski was the winner pupils were made full-fledged of the event with Ralph DeSocio

> An added attraction was the catching of the greased pig. Evproved. The two very proud and very greasy "Frank Bucks" were

> The final score of the meet with thirty-eight points, two points and the Freshmen third with twenty-one points.

The initiation, however, did not After the parade a track meet end with the track meet. Imwas heaped upon those being in-

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Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year

-Fathers, Brothers and Students of Padua

CLASS MEETINGS

On December 5, 1951, all classes held their second class meeting of the school year.

The Junior class discussed and settled several points.

Class rings were to be ordered for anyone who wanted them.

Also discussed was a place to go for a class trip. Several sites were suggested but the best one seemed to be Washington, D. C Suggestions for raising money for this trip were discussed. Some suggested holding a raffle for a television set; others establishing a parking lot at the Grand Prix race. A few in the class seemed to think that both should be done the class moderator also thought this a good idea.

The meeting ended with

The Sophomores opened their meeting with prayer led by the Moderator, Father Henry, and the Class President, Joseph Niezgoda. The Secretary, Norbert Wisniewski, then read the minutes of the previous meeting and they were accepted as read.

The first item of business was the selection of the class colors. Suggestions were made and after a short debate the final vote was twelve voting for old rose and silver with seven in favor of red and white. The class colors signify richness, inspiration, true wisdom and eternal life.

The next problem was choosing a class flower. Out of the many suggested the field was limited to five: rose, carnation, lily, pansy

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Take It Away, Joe!

On December 21 dutiful com- only by the breath of the animals tions. True, many no longer on earth to men of good will." celebrate birthdays because of Papa Stalin, can you reach back Papa Stalin.

Christmas again gently descend man who could lift a fist.

straw of a manger, wrapped in ing from the Crib of Bethlehem. swaddling clothes, kept warm JOSEPH MALINA

down the centuries and erase the The communists would like to homages paid the Infant Babe? erase from every mind of man Can you even hope to make flicker the beautiful story of the first the roaring flame of love that will Day. He would then thank God Christmas; they would like to pour out of hearts loving the tiny for His blessings throughout the tear out every fiber of the human Savior even unto eternity? Beheart that beats joyously to its decked in your best uniform, buried wit htheir dreams in the wonderful message of salvation. loaded down with your decora-Poor Papa Joe and little Joeys, tions and medals, your mustache it. Take away, Joe, the fears, col dand discomfort suffered for a holy manner? the anxieties, the tears that mar us. You clench your fist, Joe, as

with its peace and joy upon men. Say, Joe, would you do us a For, almost two thousand years favor? Drop out of the picture ago, the prophecies of the proph- and let us once again in peace ets came true. The foretold Sav- contemplate the birth of the only and ivy. The class voted the ior of the world was born in a Ruler who will forever rule our carnation as its flower unanimous- Explorer meeting of the present little town called Bethlehem, love and hearts. Take the dark-ly. The carnation is the symbol scholastic year. About thirty new There in a rude stable the God-ness with you, Joe, to hell where of ambition and power and typi-Man was born of the Virgin Mary, it belongs. Let the children of fies endurance. The newborn King lay on the light bask in the brightness com-

RECTOR ATTENDS ANNUAL CONVENTION

Academy of American Franciscan History and this year dedicated

A Solemn Pontificial Mass was celebrated in honor of Our Lady Americas, in the Franciscan Monastery Church on December 9th. The celebrant was His Excellency the Most Roverend Amleto G. Vincent Kroger, O. F. M. Father History's managing editor. Claude was one of the two Deac-

The Rector, Father Claude, at- ons at the Throne. The music tended the Annual Academic was rendered by the Clerics' Choir Convocation conducted by the of the Holy Name College, Washington, D. C.

The Serra Award, paying tribto the Franciscan Missions of Col- ute to high ideals of Christian onial Central America. The gath- brotherhood and self-sacrifice was ering took place at the Catholic this year conferred upon Carlos University of America in Wash- Eduardo Castaneda, professor of ington, D. C., on December 9 and the University of Texas. It was awarded him for his lofty historical studies and researches. Professor Castaneda is a recognized of Gaudalupe, Patroness of the authority on the history of Texas and has written seven volumes on the story of the Catholic Church in that state.

The presentation of the candi-Cicognani, D. D., Archbishop of date was made by Rev. Roderick Laodicea and Apostolic Delegate Wheeler, O. F. M., Vice-Director to the United States. The Assist- of the convention and the Acadant Priest was the Very Reverend emy of American Franciscan

EUGENE LEWANDOSKI

Happy New Year!

munists throughout the world will which encircled Him. In a nearby the year, the war in Korea was this day His Precious Blood wa gather around their birthday field a choir of angels summoned great v in favor of the Americans, shed for the first time, cakes, reverently read rousing a group of shepherds to hasten to General McArthur was so sure of Yet Holy Mother Church ha passages from the Communist the stable so that they could adore a victory that he promised the still another reason for proclaim Manifesto or some recent speech their newborn King. (Oh, Papa soldiers that they would be home ing New Year's Day as a holyday of Stalin, and wish Papa Joe a Stalin, I see on your face the look for Christmas. These words de- On this, the first day of the new happy birthday! His is the birth- of Herod!) The angels disappear- lighted every soldier and lifted year, She wishes us to sanctify day celebration to make one for- ed amidst the strains of "Glory their morale greatly. Each one a new period in our lives. She get all other birthday celebra- to God in the highest and peace began to dream of home and wants us to consecrate this period imagined his future activities to God and to His service. And there.

> ned to attend the proper services Communion. in his parish church on Christmas war. Unfortunately, many are bleak land of Korea.

Christmas has a spirit and tra-They will never know the real waxed and bristling you do pre- dition which somehow makes the peace of Christmas nor feel its sent a sight, Joe. But do you fool individual want to be good, at comforting warmth. Take it away, yourself into thinking that you least for the day or for the Joe, take it away! The world could capture the hearts of men greater part of the day. But what knows enough misery and wretch- as did the small Babe of Bethle- can be said of the spirit of New edness without you and your hem. He, too, held up a clenched Year's Day. How mony look forbloody horde wanting to spread fist, Joe, but it was clenched from ward to it and plan to spend it in

For Catholics, New Year's Day the beauty of this day, blemishes a symbol of your selfishness and is a holyday of obligation. And You can then be sure that the for which you are responsible, greed for power which you want rightly so. For it is an important New Year will be a happier and Let the message of the angels and to hold in your grasp even if it day. Scripture tells us that eight more blessed year. the beautiful story of the first means that you remain the only days after Christ's birth (Jan. 1), He was circumcised according to

CLASS MEETING

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with a prayer.

ator, called the Freshman meet- Socio and Joseph McDonnell. ing to order. The minutes of the approved.

whether or not the Freshman re- then, however, they must subcreation room should be re-decor- mit a list of sports, hobbies and ated. The class decided it should skills which interest them. They be and a committee consisting of must also give an outline of their Richard Tulko, Joseph Kurina and previous camping life and experi-Eugene Szufel was appointed ences if any. The scout oath and They are to make a report on law must be learned and the oath what the Freshmen would like to taken together with the pledge of have in their recreation room and allegiance before they are officialthe possible ways of obtaining ly enrolled. furnishings to re-decorate it.

ing, St. Joseph was elected as ing a leader to represent it at class patron and the calss colors meetings. of red and white were selected.

Another topic of business was the class motto and the class emselected to get examples of mot- with a prayer. toes and emblems and present them to the class at the next meeting.

Last year, toward the end of the rite of the Jewish Law. O

of course, the best way to do this Undoubtedly, the soldier plan- is to hear Mass and receive Holy

> In this dizzy world of ours, the old saying "Ring out the old (year) (we presume that church bells were meant) and ring in the new" has been changed by too many to "Drink out the old and drink in the new."

> Stay awake until midnight New Year's Eve if you wish and greet the New Year, but, before you retire, set the alarm for Mass the next morning. At Mass thank God for the blessings received during the past year. Ask Him for His assistance in all your undertakings in the coming year.

> > JOHN PILCH

New Explorers For Padua

On Nov. 30, Padua had its first members were enrolled in the Explorer Post 160. Many of the The meeting was adjourned new boys have had no previous scouting experience. The meet-Father George, the class moder- ing was conducted by Radph De-

The new members will be offiprevious meeting were read and cially received into the Post at the next meeting with a formal The first topic of discussion was investiture ceremony. Before

All the members have been di-After much discussion and vot- vided into six groups, each hav-

ROBERT MALINA

The last piece of business over, blem. Since a decision could not the Class President, Robert Mabe reached, two committees were lina, officially closed the meeting

> THOMAS TRAINOR JOS. BACLAWSKI RICHARD TULKO



Brother Felix at work at band-saw

FRIAR, PIONEER OF PADUA HIGH FORCED TO END WORK

The sun of the life of Brother Felix Kuczek, O. F. M., of the Padua High School Friars is sinking into eternity. Friar Felix, for more than 40 years a member came to Padua High long before hill was made ready for its stud- sweeter. ents.

to Padua with the hopes and awe because of it. dreams of once again creating the stations of the cross, grottoes and other statuary for the grounds of the spacious school campus.

He with gifted hands and na- continental gestures. ture had worked long hours with other school of the order, St. mail always goes through. Francis College, he had created many shrines for the statues of sisi, the Patron Saint of the Or- Paduan. der, and of course the traditional last walk of the Saviour.

of the Catholic faith and those of the crib scene. the other religions in pilgrimages St. Francis.

other things needed to be done and the dream of Sunday pil- the Brothers of Padua! grimages had to be set aside for

attention on making of the Altars pert cabinet maker. There were and humility. other things needing to be done carved altars, he had desks and when we need it. tables to make and numerous other pertinent duties.

And now his work is done. (Continued on page five)

WE GIVE THANKS!

The spirit of yuletide is a spirit of brotherly love. It is in this spirit that . . .

We appreciate FATHER REC-TOR'S cheerful little talks which are fired at us after the quarterly marks are published.

We are thankful to FATHER GEORGE for a good varsity basketball team and a long list of "words and phrases."

We think of FATHER SYL-VESTER who is always thinking of us . . . that is giving us demerits and turning up when we least want him to.

During this Christmas season we can't help but mention the beautiful assortment of calesthenics which FATHER EMIL has given us. After forty minutes of these exercises, we don't know which is the front and which is the back of us.

of the Order of Friars Minor, ning of the Students' PX by EBIUS, especially during the came to Padua High long before FATHER MARTINIAN. We must be deathed account the new Catholic School on the admit he does help make our life

We appreciate FATHER ALBIN Nearly four years ago, he came for always bringing in the moleto Watkins Glen to continue his cular theory into every subject he long life of sacrifices. He came teaches. We face life with a new

> Toujour amour, toujour amour. That's right! We can't forget French pronunciations and his mor?

We thank FATHER MARTIAL the Tufa Rock in other places. In for upholding the post office BROTHER VIANNEY who must real Bethlehem scene. far away Burlington, Wis., at an- motto and seeing to it that the get up in the middle of the night

We salute FATHER BRUNO (what we can see of him through the Christ Child, of the Blessed the sigar smoke) for his hounding To each at Virgin Mary, St. Francis of As- of the editors in putting out the CHRISTMAS.

We think with pride of our bit station of the cross depicting the in helping FATHER METHOD-IUS add something to the Christ-To Burlington came the devout mas spirit at Padua by erecting

We don't see to much of FATHto view his work of 20 years at ER RONALD or FATHER DIS-MAS but we are aware that they Arriving at Padua, however, are important wheels.

And we simply couldn't forget

There's BROTHER POLYCARP the strenuous other tasks at hand. whose home-made sausage has Brother Felix had to center his made many a mouth drool.

There's BROTHER TIMOTHY for worship, for he too is an ex- who amazes us with his strength

And the one reason so many of on the old Glen Springs Hotel us are in one healthy piece this property which houses the big season is BROTHER CASIMIR school. Besides making the hand who gives us a pill and more

> And who could match BROTH-ER FIDELIS who will look all day for a piece of laundry you never threw in.



Scene from Christmas play-1. to r.-J. Pilch, J. Uss, C. Czczepanski, P. O'Neil, R. Malina and H. Cecce.

We appreciate the brotherly en-We marvel at the capable run- couragement of BROTHER EUSbasketball season.

> And if we are getting fat and sassy, blame our cooks, BROTH-ED GABRIEL and BROTHER LEONDARD.

Who could gaze upon the smiling face of BROTHER IGNATIUS FATHER HENRY for his genuine and not be infected with his hu- to tell of Jesus' birth in a capti-

> And we cannot forget that it is to keep us warm in the cold night the idea of having a real crib of winter.

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ST. FRANCIS AND THE CRIB

When Christmas comes, a figure of our Lord as an Infant is placed in a crib in church. It is lifeless but lifelike. Upon looking in. one finds a babe "wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

St. Francis wanted very much vating way. Christmas was always one of his favorite feasts. He wanted to show the people a

Francis was so enthused about that he sought the permission of the Pope. He then visited his To each and all A MERRY friend, John Velita, who lived near Greccio, and asked his help.

> Both enthusiastically betook themselves to the task. They needed a place for the crib. Francis thought of the wooded hillside with its rocky cavern at the foot. There they built stalls and filled the manger with straw. In it they placed a statue of the little Babe and a statue of Mary and Joseph on either side. They needed animals like the ones that kept the Infant warm that first Christmas Eve at Bethlehem with their breath, so Francis led in an ox and an ass and several sheep.

> Francis then thought of celebrating Mass there at midnight so that the people of the village could see the scene as in Bethlehem. On Christmas Eve the bells of Greccio rang out the midnight hour and the people crowded Francis' stable to hear Mass. Everyone sang the "Gloria in Excelsis Deo" with a new fervor.

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SHOUTS and WHISPERS

more steel has come in, but it today. doesn't mean much until sometogether.

tion of Father Bruno. Officers the sawmill. were appointed: Joe Trella as a bit and some of us hope that a shining like stars above it. revival can take place.

God grant him a speedy and many. complete recovery.

and arrows supplied. The sport bless you!

The student body cheered when is taught as a part of the physical the crane drove up the road, education course. The clanging ing the points in a varsity game the past few months the shout of Visions of a new spacious gym you hear comes from the stud- by looking at the expression on "Boy" made the students look to floated about freely. So what ents strutting about in armor, the face of ED SOBECK. When the Disciplinarian's room for in happens? They park the thing Some pretend to be William Tells ever his brother George scores a structions. near the gym foundation and let and some wish that the other basket his face lights up like an it stand like a dead duck. A bit some were as William Tell is electric light.

one decides to start piecing it charitable doors to four more of government, LOU POPPLE- nominated St. Patrick and a green A new, interesting but short- DPs at the school now numbers that "this procedure is similar to flower. Saints be praised! A ful lived hobby came into being. A eleven, including two families. that of England." model airplane club was initiated The new arrivals are already by the students under the direc- busy helping Fr. Methodius at PEARSON finish a water fight, glory! He plays center for the

Father Methodius, the carpenpresident, William D'Andrea as ter par excellence, has built a vice-president and Anthony De- beautiful Christmas crib with the Socio as secretary. Airplane glue help of the students. The stable covered many a clumsy finger scene is placed on the side of the while the lawn gave mute testi- hill among the pines in the back mony to more than one crack-up. of the school. It is beautifully The project has fizzled out quite illuminated at night, blue lights

rvival can take place. The Very Rev. Fr. Isidore Brother Vianney, our boiler- Cwiklinski, former provincial, man, is recuperating from a paid a visit to the school. The hernia operation in St. Mary boys were glad to see the former Hospital in Elmira. We wish that superior for he is well known to

The Infant of Prague is the During the Thanksgiving recess, best dressed boy in the school! many of the Fathers decided to (Courtesy of Fr. Rector.) Mrs. try their skill with bow and ar- Paddock, cousin of Joseph Kuchrow. Now it is a sport of the inski, donated three beautiful whole student body. On the top dresses for the statue. Mrs. Amfloor of the school building, a rozowicz, too, sent in a pretty target was put up and then bows dress for the Infant. To both, God

JUNIORS

Joseph Malina 97.3 Frank Czajkowski 95.3 Francis Zygmuntowicz 94 Thomas Trainor 92.7 Richard Chodnicki 90.3

SOPHOMORES

John Pilch 94.5 Joseph Baclawski 93.3 Larry Pijanowski 91.3

FRESHMEN

Richard Tulko 97.8 Rober Malina 94.5 Rigney Green 94.1 Richard Heid 91.7 Joseph Kurina 94 Ed Sobeck 91.2 Ed Szufel 90.5



Leading the honor roll-l. to r. R. Tulko, F. Czajkowski, J. Malina

Sixteen Make Honor Roll

Five juniors, three sophomores Ronald Wroblewski 91 and eight freshmen made the first-quarter honor roll. Richard Tulko heads the parade outpointing the former leader, Joseph Malina, by five-tenths of a point (.5). Worthy of comment is the fact that the first five students on the honor roll hail from Brooklyn, N. Y.

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LIFE CAN BE BEAUTIFUL

The school has opened its history class on the English form meeting? For patron saint he displaced persons. The total of TON decided to inform Fr. George carnation got his vote as class

After HENRY CECCE and HAL Fr. Sylvester has to wade to his midget varsity and being one of room.

out in the season's opener with he plays. Dundee, the varsity members have resolved to take it easy on following are the famous expresthe opponents in future games, sions of the faculty: "It's more fun to play the game than to watch it from the bench helplessly", commented the players who fouled out. In the next game the number of fouls dropped from forty to sixteen.

Is it true that JOE NIEZGODA actually brought a "shy look" from the lab for Fr. Albin? Next time he'll get a left-handed screwdriver or polka dot paint. Who knows?

The Tarzan picture that Fr. Sylvester saw last summer made

Sacrifices For The Sacrifice of The Mass

It would make a glorious drama, olic Church. the record of the countless sufferings and dangers braved by Mass is worth sacrificing for. Catholics for the Mass.

There would be a picture of a crippled French peasant who lived three miles from the church and rose in the early dawn to drag himself inch by inch to the morning Mass.

There would be the "hedge' priests of Ireland.

We would see the English Catholics in the time of Elizabeth huddled together in a little room, expecting at any time the knock on the door which would mean soldiers, trial, imprisonment, and for your perusal and admiration martyrdom.

We would see brave priests in Russia and in Poland saying Mass in barns or hotel rooms, always at the risk of a firing squad and always with the supreme conviction that, "what matters is not their life, but the Mass."

Courage is what it takes, courage in little things. It was perhaps such courage that brought the Notre Dame football team out regularly at 5:00 in the morning when out of town for a big game. But, so, Knute Rockne tells us, it was seeing them sacrifice their

One can easily tell who is scor- quite an impression on him. For

Is it true that "Tinker" Ford campaigned for green and white After having spent the whole class colors during the recent class blooded laddie from the ol' sod!

LEO TRZASKAWKA is in his the taller players, he feels that After seven players were fouled the world is beneath him when

According to Jim Angelo the

Fr. Rector: "Okay, boys, let's go."

Fr. George: "Keep talking, go ahead, keep talking. I'll fix you."

Fr. Henry: "Tout ensemble vite."

Fr. Emil: "Sh! Sh! Shut up!" Fr. Martinian: "Don't get smart boy, or I'll cuff you!'

Fr. Sylvester: "Get wise to yourself, boy!"

Fr. Bruno: "You don't think can do it, huh?"

sleep time after time to go to the Mass and Holy Communion that led the great coach to the Cath-

The priceless Sacrifice of the

EDWARD O'NEIL

GENIUSES IN TRUNKS

Belying the tradition that good athletes are supposed to be dunces in class, the varsity as a whole has a scholastic average of 86.5.

The varsity members and their first quarter averages are given

Joe Malina 97

Frank Czajkowski 95

Frank Zygmuntowicz 94

Thomas Trainor 92

Fred Wurzberger 87

John Considine 85

George Sobeck 82

Robert Groncki 82

Norbert Wisniewski 79

Richard Eskra 76

MY HOMETOWN

What! You never heard of many guys when I first meet very civic-minded. port, New York.

dustry is wine-making. there is such an ideal climate for grapes, what else would you do? of Lake Keuka in the Finger ty. Lakes region. The lake is the reason why we have such a mild, ideal-for-grapes climate. There are about four or five good-sized wine-cellars and numerous other small ones. Some of the larger ones, like Taylor Wine Company, to Texas and even as far as California.

Another small but important Graham Bell. industry is the wire-hood factory. This plant manufactures the little wire hoods that go on wine and champagne bottles. This may not sound important, but this factory is the only one in the United States. There is only one other in the world, situated someplace in France.

Another important industry is Mercury Aircraft, Inc., where vital parts for airplanes are made. This company employs most of the people who do not work in Hammondsport, my home town. the wine cellars.

Although it is only a small town Hammondsport? I say this to so with a population of 1,112, it is them it isn't funny! In this little large scout building, a memorial celebrate Christmas piece I'm going to tell everybody to the son of one of our leaders about my hometown, Hammonds- who was killed in the war. It has a separate room for Cub and Boy About the most important in- Scouts and a larger room for the Where Girl Scouts. It has a good sized banquet hall to hold dinners in. Hammondsport is on the shores by people from all over the coun-

Hammondsport is often called "The Cradle of Aviation", for it was here that Glen Curtiss built plane, and it was a Curtiss plane that first took off from an aircraft tiss's old friends like Alexander

ed by beautiful hills which are the Infant Jesus. fine to hike in and play in. There's the lake where we go swimming in the summer and skating in the winter. And we are not very far from cities like Bath, Corning and Elmira, where you can do all your big shopping.

So now you have heard about JAMES RIGNEY GREEN

Christmas In Other Lands

Christmas in Bethlehem-From all over the world people come We have a to the "City of the Nativity" to All night long on Dec. 24, religious services are held and at midnight a Solemn High Mass is said by the Patriarch of Jerusalem.

Christmas in Mexico-The cele-We have a beach which is used bration here starts on Dec. 16 life will soon cease. and lasts until Jan. 6. All the people, old and young alike, make the toys and trinkets used for head of Padua, told him the diaggifts and then when all are ready nosis made by the physicians at they sell them in the cities. In St. Joseph's Hospital in Elmira, his airplanes. Glen Curtiss is Mexico the Christmas season is where he was a patient for a given credit for inventing the sea- courting season and there are short time. His "stomach troumany marriages. children write letters to the Christ mankind—cancer! where my dad works, ship wine carrier. Some of the older peo- Child listing the toys and gifts ple can remember some of Cur- which they want. Masses and school. One memento he left beelaborate services are held in all the churches at the Epiphany. always carried as he walked and As far as living in it is con-Christmas in Mexico means music, meditated through the woods and cerned, oh boy! There isn't an- lights, dancing, singing, love and other place like it. It is surround- devotion in commemoration of

> Christmas in Paris—In France erhouse, Assumption Monastery, the day of joy is New Year's Day Pulaski, Wis. and not Christmas. Although New Year's Day is their Christmas, the children watch on Christmas Day THE CRIB for the Infant Child to come down the chimney. At Christmas time a feature of Paris is the "baraques" or booths where small crib and took the statue of the knicknacks and sweets are sold. Child into his arms. When he It is much like a fair in our did, the Child became alive and mas by sitting up all night. Mid- were so astonished at the sight is also a crib to remind one of the erds did the night Jesus was born. first Christmas Eve and the real

> music, mirth, and hilarity. Here gifts generally are not exchanged. orated, are lined with turkeys ready to be purchased. markets are crowded with livestock, fruits, and sweetmeats of If an S and an I, and an O and all kinds. They do not use Christmas trees but they do have the manger. Groups of children go about the streets singing various Nativity songs. After the twelfth day of these festivities the people go to the gates of the cities to meet the Magi but when these do not come they go home and wait until the following year for their appearance.

> > BY THOMAS TRAINOR

BROTHER FELIX

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No longer will he create the Christmas Cribs at the Yuletide season. This was his particular joy to him for his Birthday was on the same day observed joyously throughout Christendom. He was born in Poland 70 years ago on Christmas Day and came to America as a young man.

As it must come to all men, his This he knows for his long time friend, Father Claude Zabinski, O. F. M., The Mexican ble" is one of the scourges of

Friar Felix has now left the hind is the hand-made cane he on the hills of the campus. He gave it to Fr. Claude just before he left for what he knows will be his final resting place, the Moth-

MR. ARTHUR RICHARDS Jr.

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After Mass, Francis came to the country. On Christmas Eve there a circle of golden light shown are the reveillons or friendly around its head and a smile apgatherings to welcome in Christ- peared on its face. The people night Mass is celebrated in most that they fell on their knees of the churches of Paris and there adoring the Infant as the sheph-

The crib scene will always be a reminder of the poor yet glorious birth of our Savior. It will, Christmas in Spain-In Spain too, always be a reminded of that

> EUGENE LEWANDOWSKI EUGENE LEWANDOSKI

SPELLING

a U,

With an X at the end spell 'su,"

And an E and a Y and an E spell

Pray what is a speller to do? Then if an S and an I and a G And an H E D spell "side,"

There's nothing much for a speller to do

But go commit siouxeyesighed.

THE PADUAN

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PADUA TRIPPED BY DUNDEE IN OPENER

Padua opened the basketball season at Dundee. The Cascaders went into the game with high hopes after witnessing the Junior Varsity tramp over the Dundee J.V. by a 42-18 score. Gene Szufel was high man for the J.V. squad with sixteen points.

The Varsity score at halftime seemed to indicate that the Cascaders would take both games, since the score read 24-12. This comfortable margin was cut down to six points in the third quarter. By this time at least four of the first string Cascaders were occupying the bench because of personal fouls. Meanwhile the Dundee cagers had slowly but surely closed the difference. With just one minute left to play, another Cascader fouled out, adding the to use second stringers and, in fact, had to play with only four men on the court for a brief spell. In the final minute the Dundee team made four of its six free throws to forge ahead 48-46.



FADUA					
	FG	FT	FTA	PF	TP
Trainor	1	6	9	5	8
Considine	0	1	3	5	1
Eskra	5	1	2	5	11
Czajkowski	2	5	10	5	9
Sobeck, G.	0	5	9	5	5
Malina	2	3	6	5	7
Wurzberger	0	0	0	3	0
Wisniewski _	2	1	3	5	5
Groncki	0	0	0	1	0
Frawley	0	0	0	0	0
Moran	0	0	0	1	0
Total	12	22	41	40	46
DUNDEE					
Hunt	2	3	5	5	7
Davis, H.	0	0	0	1	0
Styrcula	4	3	7	5	11
Ward	0	0	0	0	0
Crawford	2	4	8	5	8
Waters	0	0	0	0	0
Symonds	0	8	10	4	8
Davis	1	0	3	3	2
Cadwell	2	4	11	4	8
Numire	2	0	1	5	4
Total	12	22	45	32	48
	1	2	3		Tot.
Padua	14	13	7		-46
Dundee	11	3	16	18-	—48

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total to seven. The Cascaders had Cascaders '51-'52 Varsity Squad. Starting clockwise Norb Wisniewski, with the dark rimmed glasses; Tom Trainor, Joe Malina, George PADUA Sobeck, Fred Wurzberger, Frank Czajkowski, John Considine, Frank Zygmuntowicz, Richard Eskra and Bob Groncki.

Padua's Midget Varsity

Something new at Padua is the midget varsity whose players have to be 5' 6" or under. So far Dec. 4—Padua at Dundee Padua's team has played two Dec. 9—Padua at Ithaca (CYO) games and won both of them. Both have been against St. John of Montour Falls and have been very close games.

The first game was a thriller with the final score Padua 34-St. John 31. Robert Malina was high scorer for the victors with six points.

In the second game the score was Padua 24-St. John 23. Sharing the scoring honors were R. Malina, J. Uss, L. Trzaskawka, W. D'Andrea with four points each. Malina's basket in the last seconds was the winning factor in the game.

Another game is scheduled with Dundee after Christmas.

Father Emil is coach of the midget squad.

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Basketball Schedule For 1951-52

,	Dec.	11—Hammondsport here
	Dec.	12—Padua at Romulus
	Dec.	18—Padua at Odessa 15—Odessa here
١	Jan.	15—Odessa here
	Jan.	18—Addison here
	Jan.	25—Elmira Catholic here
	Feb.	5—Padua at Lakemont
5	Feb.	8—Padua at Savona
l	Feb.	10-Padua at Elmira (Cath.)
	Feb.	12—Dundee here
	Feb.	15—Lakemont here 19—Romulus here
	Feb.	19—Romulus here
	Feb.	29—Padua at Addison
	Mar.	4—Padua at Savona

Dec. 4-Padua at Dundee

HOW THEY ARE SCORING BY GAMES

Eskra	11	14	15	11-12.75
Sobeck	5	9	5	19 9.5
Czajkowski	9	7	7	12 8.75
Trainor	8	5	2	3-4.5
Malina	7	3	11	3- 6.0
Considine	1	1	4	0- 2.0
Wurzberger	0	0	0	0.0
Wisniewski	5	0	0	0-2.5
Groncki	0	0	0	0- 0. 0
Zygmuntow	icz	0	2	11- 4.1

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Cascaders Trounce Ithaca C. Y. O.

The Cascaders went on to will the first game of the season when they handed Ithaca CYO theil first defeat in two years on their home floor. The game was a close; see-saw affair throughout the firs half until Richard Eskra made six consecutive baskets to give the Cascaders a twelve point lead Ithaca was unable to come close than seven points until the clos ing minutes of the game. The final score, 39-34.

The Padua J.V. produced it share of thrills in playing the Ithaca C.Y.O. J.V. team. The lead changed sides often with only one point making the difference. The J.V. Cascaders won 24-23 on half court set shot by Dick Morar in the last ten seconds of play.

FG FT FTA PF TF

4 1

20 34

4 Tot.

16-39

Bardoni

Denmark

Padua

Davenport

	-				
Trainor	2	1	4	1	5
Malina	1	1	6	1	3
Considine	0	1	2	1	1
Wurzberger	0	0	0	0	0
Eskra		2	4	3	14
Wisniewski	0	0	4	0	0
Zygmuntowicz	0	0	0	0	0
Sobeck, G	4	1	2	5	9
Czajkowski		3	5	1	7
Groncki	0	0	0	0	0
Total	15	9	27	12	39
ITHACA C. Y	. o				
Sprague	6	1	6	4	13
Paolangeli	_0	0	1	3	0
Gessini	2	1	2	1	5
Fabi	0	0	1	0	0
Kenerick	1	1	1	4	3
Shappi	0	0	0	1	0
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8 Ithaca CYO 9 9 8-32 What They Call Each Other

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If you should witness a varsity practice session, don't be too surprised if you hear strange unfamiliar names. Here is what the players call each other:

Richard Eskra—"Foamy" Frank Zygmuntowicz—"Fever" Joe Malina—"Bounce" Frank Czajkowski—"Shoot" Thomas Trainor—"Bench II" John Consiidine-"Bench I" Fred Wurzberger—"Splinter" George Sobeck-"Choo Choo" Robert Groncki-"Bean Pole" Norbert Wisniewski-"Knobs"

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Considine goes high for rebound in Hammondsport game

CASCADERS TROUNCE HAMMONDSPORT

The Cascaders went on to win again, this time against Ham- 59-63. mondsport. The game was played and aggressiveness characterized win 46-37. The team never trail- score, 49-40. ed throughout the game.

PADUA (46)

Trainor 1 0 0 0 2 Considine 1 2 2 0 4 Malina 5 1 1 2 11 Eskra 5 5 8 2 15 Czajkowski 3 1 1 2 7 Zygmontowicz 1 0 1 3 2 Sobeck, G. 2 1 1 3 5 Groncki 0 0 0 0 0 Wurzberger 0 0 0 0 0 Wisniewski 0 0 0 0 0 Total 18 10 14 10 46		FG	FT	FTA	PF	TP	
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Sobeck, G. 2 1 1 3 5 Groncki 0 0 0 0 0 Wurzberger 0 0 0 0 0 Wisniewski 0 0 0 0 0	Czajkowski	3	1	1	2	7	
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Wurzberger 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 Wisniewski 0 0 0 0 0 0	Sobeck, G.	2	1	1	3	5	
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	Wurzberger	0	0	0	0	0	
Total 18 10 14 10 46	Wisniewski	0	0	0	0	0	
	Total	18	10	14	10	46	

HAMMONDSPORT (37)

Bailey	1	3	5	1	5
McCann	7	1	3	3	15
Green	2	1	2	1	5
Niver	1	0	0	4	2
Hiney	2	0	0	0	4
Dunn	2	2	2	2	6
Milliron	0	0	0	0	0
Linehan	0	0	0	0	0
McCann, J.	0	0	0	0	0
M-4-1	15	-	10	11	0.77

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Total		15	7	12	11	3'

	1	2	3	4 Tot.
Padua	9	12	11	14-46
Hammondsport	2	12	10	13—37

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FIGHTING PADUANS DOWNED BY ROMULUS

The Cascaders played their fourth game of the season at Romulus. Playing their second game in two days, the Cascaders were unable to get started and were trailing at the end of the first quarter by 14-2. At the half they trailed 34-19.

Romulus extended its lead in the third quarter to 44-22 when the Cascaders came to life. Led by George Sobeck and good backboard play by Richard Eskra and Frank Zygmuntowicz, Padua managed to whittle down the oppon-Cascaders Trounce Hammondsport ent's lead to four points. But the rally started too late and the final whistle blew defeat for Padua,

The Padua J.V. tilt with Romon the St. John's gymnasium floor ulus had in a way set the pattern at Montour Falls. Smooth play for the varsity game. With height of the opposing team a definite the Paduan team which led at edly but could never overcome handicap, the JVs fought spirithalftime, 21-14 and went on to an early Romulus lead. Final

PADUA

		FG	FT	FTA	PF	TP	
P	Trainor	1	1	4	1	3	
2	Malina	1	1	4	4	3	
4	Eskra	5	1	1	2	11	
1	Czajkowski	4	4	7	4	12	
5	Zygmuntowicz	5	1	3	3	11	
7	Sobeck, G.	8	3	3	2	19	
2	Considine	0	0	0	0	0	
5	Groncki	0	0	0	0	0	
0	Wurzberger	0	0	0	0	0	
0	Wisniewski	0	0	0	0	0	
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_	Total	24	11	22	16	59	

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	ROMULUS					
	Preston	1	2	2	4	4
5	Somerville	5	1	4	4	11
15	Conrad	5	2	2	4	12
5	Gable	5	1	1	2	11
2	Warren	2	2	2	1	6
4	Smith, S.	8	3	3	3	19
6	Sorenson	0	0	0	0	0
0	Hutchinson	0	0	0	0	0
0	Shoots	0	0	0	0	0
0	Hicks	0	0	0	0	0
37	Total	26	11	17	18	63

Total	26	11	17	18	63

	1	2	3	4 Tot.
Padua	2	17	21	19-59
Romulus	14	20	13	16-63

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gion, stationed at Caerleon-on-Usk, England, leave behind a custom kept up by village children for nearly 1500 years: the decorated apple tree, pagan ancestor of the Christmas tree.

ing up their stockings for Christmas.

575 Archbishop Martin of Braga use from Greece to Spain. forbids the use, derived from pagan customs, of greenery decorations.

800 Charlemagne crowned Em-Leo, thus beginning the Holy Roman Empire.

name Cristes Maesse (Christesmesse in 1131).

Westminster Abbey, then a Cath- of the Manger. olic Church.

a Christmas tree.

mince pies and plum puddings by the Child Jesus. condemned as heathen by act of the Puritan Parliament in England.

1670 meets to consider defense against they stopped to drink. raids of the Indian chief "King Philip."

1840 Christmas tree introduced in France and England.

1860 The Christmas Greeting Card habit begins in the U.S. A.

1873 Grotto of Bethlehem plundered by the Greeks of everything of value, including paintings by Murillo and Maello.

REV. JOHN MARTIN

INITIATION

(Continued from page one)

itiated. They were made to bow to all upper-classmen, obey all orders given them by Sophomores and keep strict silence. From four to five in the afternoon they were forced to carry wood for the bonfire to be had later in the day.

At seven, a grand trial was held to give the Freshmen their individual punishment. The Supreme Judge was John Pilch and the jury was composed entirely of Freshmen The Sophomores. didn't have a chance and every one was found guilty and given a sentence. A funeral march was played as the culprits walked out of the courtroom. After the sen-

Once Upon a Christmastime LITTLE KNOWN FACTS ABOUT CHRISTMAS

Called the Birthday of Christ: by St. Helena, mother of Con- Dies Natalis, Dies Nativitatis (Nastantine. Basilica erected over tal Day, Nativity) in Latin; Noel the chapel by her son, the Em- (English "Nowel", birthday) in French; Il Natale in Italian; Holy 400 The Second Augustan Le- Night (Weihnachten from "zie wih nachten") in German.

> Yule is old Saxon for December and for the midwinter festival future is of so much interest as Where there is sadness—joy; in honor of Odin, the storm-god.

December 25 was generally accepted as the Christmas date on 450 Convent girls begin hang- the authority of the Roman Church after many and long disputes. By 386, this date was in

> Wednesday, according to constant tradition, was the weekday of Our Lord's nativity.

Midnight Mass became custom- So why study? peror of the Romans by Pope St. ary because St. Luke places the Birth at night.

Relics of the Crib of Bethlehem, If you save all you earn, you're a 1038 First known use of the brought to Rome about 645-an x-shaped end and three side slats, If of sycamore-are exposed Christ-1066 William of Normandy mas Eve in the Church of St. If you lose, you're out. crowned King of England at Mary Major, nick-named St. Mary If you find it, you're in.

A burning well in the Baku oil 1605 First recorded mention of fields is said to date from the If you lend it, you're always after Wise Men who set it afire by 1644 Christmas suppressed and throwing in a stone given them It's the cause of evil.

A well between Jerusalem and Bethlehem is named for the Magi who are said to have seen the Massachusetts Council Star reflected in its waters when

Christmas carols differ from Christmas hymns, the former being a running story with a refrain repeated between verses.

Adeste Fideles, most popular Christmas hymn of our time, is of XVIIth Century origin.

The Christmas Tree has been Others go to jail for it. traced via Germany to a custom The Mint makes it first. of the Saturnalia, winter festival It's up to you to make it last. of pagan Rome.

REV JOHN MARTIN

tences were fully exacted the initiation was officially over.

As darkness fell a huge bonfire was lighted. Each member of the student body received a box Jan. 19-When Willie Comes of marshmallows, and those who were brave enough to approach the huge blaze had a marshmallow roast.

The evening was climaxed with a movie, "Meet the Killer", star- Feb. 9-Man In The Iron Mask ring Abbott and Costello. It was late by the time it was all over and the students contentedly Feb. 23-Canadian Pacific sighed themselves to sleep with thoughts of a free day to begin Feb. 27-Message to Garcia the next morning.

JAMES FRAWLEY

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"My husband thinks the world and all of a gift I gave him", Mrs. Lord, make me an instrument o Mrs. Hutchins said to a friend. I gave him a box of cigars last Where there is hatred—let me sow, Christmas, and, although he's very fond of smoking, he hasn't touched them yet."

Christmas-A widely observed holiday on which the past nor the Where there is darkness-light; the present.

The more we study, the more we know

forget.

know.

The less we know, the less we It is in giving-that we receive forget.

The less we forget, the more we know.

miser.

a fool.

If you owe it, they're always after

vou.

them.

It's the cause of good.

It's the cause of happiness.

It's the cause of sorrow.

If the government makes it, it's all right.

If you make it, it's all wrong. As a rule it's hard to get.

But it's pretty soft when you get to nine different foods. it.

It talks!

stay."

To others it whispers, "Good-bye." Some people get it at a bank.

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Feb. 2-Knickerbocker Holiday

Feb. 16-Cry of the City

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Your peace!

love:

Where there is injury-pardon; Where there is doubt—faith: Where there is despair-hope;

O Divine Master, grant that I may

not so much seek to be consoled—as to console; The more we know, the more we To be understood—as to under-

stand: The more we forget, the less we To be loved—as to love;

for

It is in pardoning—that we are pardoned:

It is in dying—that we are born to eternal life.

Christmas In Poland

The celebration of Christmas you spend all you earn, you're begins with the supper Christmas At the appearance of the Eve. first evening star, the entire fam-ily gathers around the supper table. The head of the family then takes the wafers (specially prepared for this occasion) breaks them and passes them to the members of the family. This portrays the brotherly love which should be characteristic of all Christians. It is also a figure of the Last Supper which teaches us that, as Christ gave Himself for us, so too we should share the last piece of bread with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

The meal itself consists of seven First comes a borscht, made of mushrooms, then, cabbage with mush-To some it says, "I've come to rooms, "pierogi" stuffed with potatoes or cabbage, different types of herrings, "kluski" with honey a special home-made jam, cooked prunes, stewed fruit. This meal is placed on a table covered with straw, in order to remind the whole family of that first Christmas in a lowly stable.

It is customary in some places to read the Christmas Gospel.

After the meal, the entire family joins in singing several of the

Jan. 12—My Darling Clementine from the table and given to the animals.

The climax of Christmas Eve comes with the midnight Mass the Mass of the Shepherds, as the Poles call it.

In the morning the children rush down to the table so see what they can find at their places Usually there will be nuts, sweets and a rod. The length or this rod will indicate to them (as if they already did not know) how well they have behaved during the year.

In this manner is Christman

celebrated in Poland.

JOHN PILCH