

MAROON and WHITE



1944

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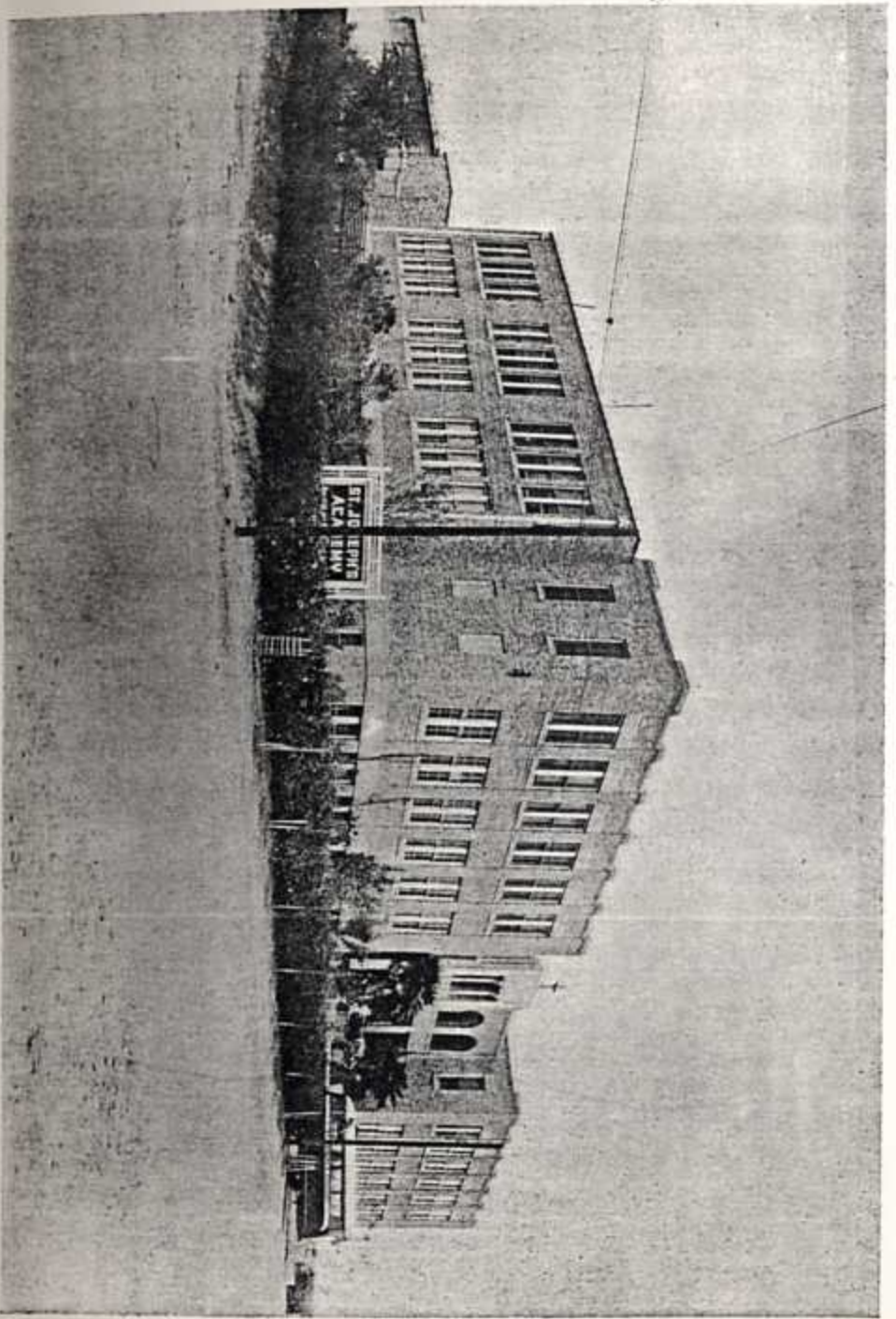
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FOREWORD

As life goes forward at its relentless pace, one often stops to ponder the incidents that have made the deepest impression on him. To the Seniors of '44 the year that has just ended has made such an impression. This book is published in the hope that in moments of reverie it will help revive the memory of the many good things we have found here at St. Joseph's: the slap on the back of a smiling classmate, the shouting and thrill of a hard-fought basketball game, the kind encouragement given by a Brother when things seem blackest, the good clean feeling that comes with First Friday confession and communion; these are some of the small things that spell happiness and form the memories we wish to treasure most dearly.

The Venerable Marcellin Champagnat

"All to Jesus through Mary; all to Mary for Jesus." This motto of Venerable Father Champagnat might well serve his biographer as a summary of his whole life, for such was his ardent love for and devotion to the Blessed Virgin that she became the inspiration of his every action, the soul of all his undertakings.

Born during the catastrophic times of the French Revolution, Marcellin Champagnat was able to appreciate at a very early age the evils brought on by the anti-religious doctrines of his day. Thus he realized long before Hitler organized his first youth camp or Mussolini taught the fascist's salute to the boys of Italy that the fate of our civilization depends upon the kind of education given to the young, and with this conviction he set out with all the ardor and vigor of a saint to win the youth of France and of the world to Jesus and Mary.

Soon after his ordination he gathered together a group of young men, villagers of his own parish, to carry out this world conquest. Humble, simple, modest, these first Marist Brothers captivated all who came in contact with them by their earnestness and their love for Mary. The infant congregation grew miraculously and at the death of its founder in 1840 it numbered 300 Brothers conducting 45 schools.

Today, after an interval of 100 years, the Institute of Marist Brothers has grown to 10,000 members, one of the largest of the Catholic Church. Behind the prison walls of the "Fortress Europe", and on the bloody beaches where waves the "rising sun", as well as in the peaceful haven of our own land, this legion of Mary is still carrying on the fight for the young. Its missionaries are in the lands of the Congo and the Amazon, its martyrs have fallen in China and in Spain, its schools flourish in the five continents of the world, and everywhere it carries with it a love and reverence for its father and founder, the Venerable Marcellin Champagnat.



The Venerable M. J. B. CHAMPAGNAT
1789 — 1840
Founder of the Marist Brothers

DEDICATION

To the many pupils of St. Joseph's Academy who have sacrificed family and friends to join the armed forces, the Seniors of 1944 affectionately dedicate this book with the assurance that the memory of their friendship lives in our heart.

BOYS IN THE ARMED FORCES

HORACIO ACEVEDO
ADELFO ALFARO
JOSE ALVARADO
GEORGE AMPARAN
ROGELIO AMPARAN
BEN AZIOS
† PAUL BEAUBIEN
RUSSELL BRADY
EDWARD BREWSTER
ARTURO BUITRON
MARIO CABALLERO
JAVIER CADENA
JOHN CAMPBELL
OLIVERO CARRILLO
MANUEL CAVAZOS
JESUS CHAPA
LUIS DALRYMPLE
FERNANDO DE LEON
ALBERT DORRINGTON
DAN FLORES
RAUL FLORES
CARLOS FERDIN
HYPOLITO GARCIA
MANUEL C. GARCIA
FRANCISCO GARZA
MANUEL GONZALEZ
EUGENE GUERNSEY
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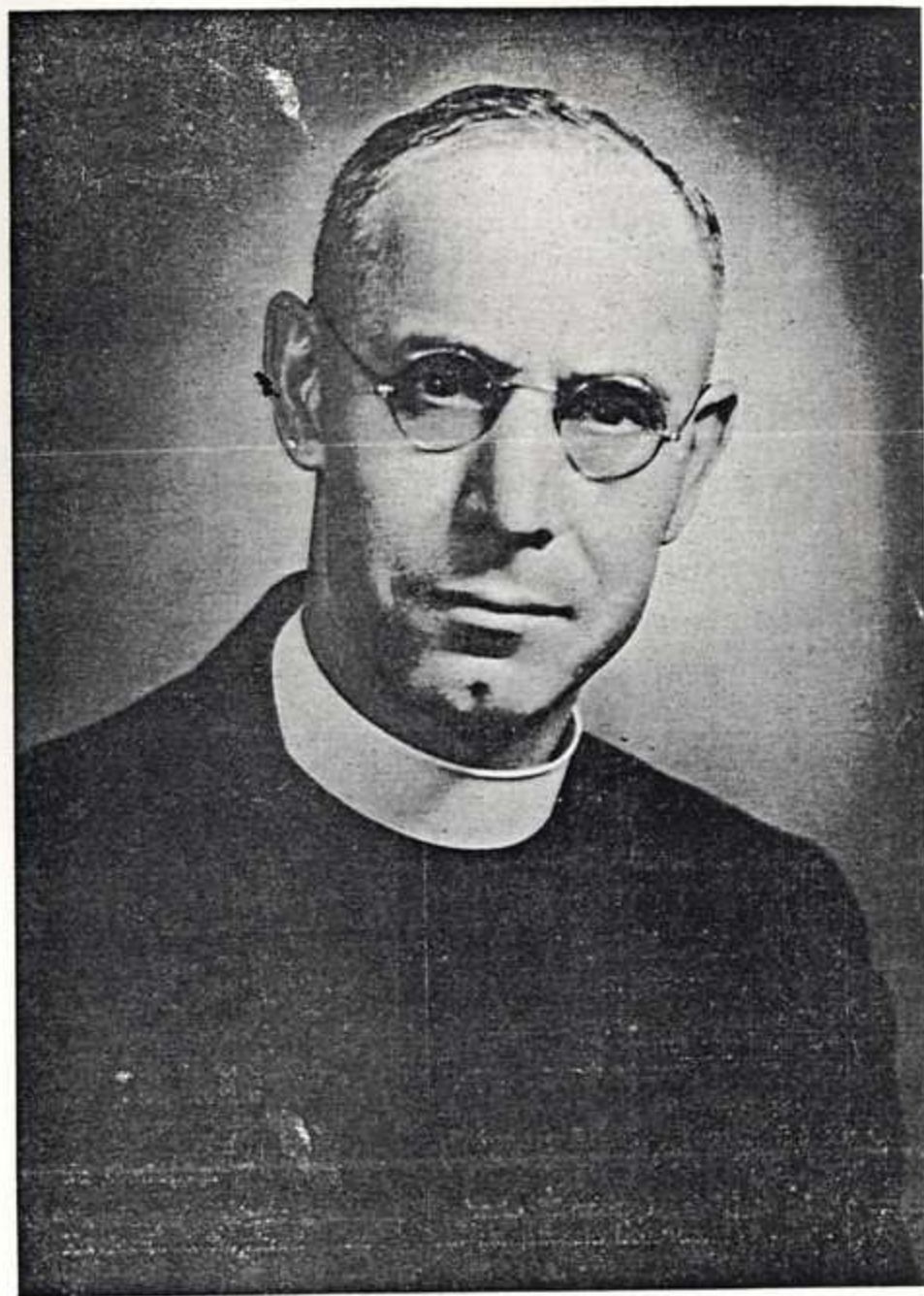
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TED MARINOS
FELIX MARTIN
ISAURO MARTINEZ
CHARLES MERRIWEATHER
MIGUEL MILO
FERNANDO MUMM
FRANK MUMM
DECOROSO PORTUGAL
PABLO QUIROGA
ANTONIO RAMIREZ
CRISTOBAL RAMIREZ
JOE J. RENDON
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HILARIO ROCHA
OSCAR M. RODRIGUEZ
MANUEL ROSALES
FELIPE SALAZAR
ALBERTO SALDIVAR
JESUS SEPULVEDA
• JOSE TREVINO
SEVERIANO VALDEZ
CARLOS VARELA
AUBREY VAUGHAN
ROBERTO VAZQUEZ
BILL WALKER
CHARLES WETEGROVE



Most Rev. E. B. LEDVINA, D. D.
Bishop of Corpus Christi



Most Rev. M. S. GARRIGA, D. D.
Coadjutor Bishop of Corpus Christi



Rev. STEPHEN KISTNER, O. M. I.
Acting Chaplain of the Academy
Assistant Pastor of Guadalupe Church



Rev. Brother HENRY B. FUMEAUX
Principal

IN APPRECIATION

Through the year your patient guidance and fatherly interest has always been a source of consolation to us. For this we are grateful beyond the power of poor words to express. The memory of our school days will ever bring with it the thoughtful remembrance of your kindness. It is with hearts filled with gratitude that the class of '44 bids farewell to you, dear Principal, Brother Henry B. Fumeaux.

SALUTATORY

In this our last school assembly we gather with you, our beloved parents, devoted teachers, and kind friends to commemorate a milestone on life's highway. The last grains of sand have sifted through the hour-glass of our high school career and have left us but these few brief moments before we pass the threshold of a broader and, God willing, a more fruitful existence. It is only fitting that we employ this short time in expressing a word of thanks to those who have aided us so generously during our high school years.

"Labor Omnia Vincit," says the poet, "Toil conquers all." But we have not conquered by hard work alone. Had it not been for the patience and perseverance of you, our devoted teachers; had it not been for the sacrifices of you, our beloved parents, our success today could never have been realized. There is no doubt that our debt to you can never be fully repaid. Yet, we are deeply grateful, and each one of us pledges to show this gratitude by a faithful adherence to the principles we have learned here.

Four years of hard studies, years of struggle, years filled with joy and fears have passed since we first entered high school. During these four years we have been taught to meet the future with confidence. Have we not the weapons with which to meet every obstacle? Gold may tarnish, fame may be defiled by the fickle tongue, fortunes may be looted from us, but training in the fear of God, knowledge of the eternal truths, taste for things spiritual cannot be taken away. No power on earth can despoil us of these fruits of Catholic education. No power on earth can oppose them.

It is our duty then to enter upon the crusade that every Christian and loyal Catholic must enter; the fight between good and evil goes on. We are confident but weak, we have been well instructed but we are inexperienced. It is with a realization of this that we ask you to continue the work you have begun by giving us sage advice and the aid of your prayers.

HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY



Brother STEPHEN



Brother JAMES



Brother XAVIER



Brother WILLIAM

FACULTY Grammar Department



Brother HILDEBERT



Brother FRANK



Brother ALBERT



Brother CHARLES

FACULTY Grammar Department



Brother PAUL



Brother ERNEST

PRIMARY GRADES

For the past two years the faculty of St. Joseph's Academy has been aided by the devoted assistance of two Sisters from the Ursuline Convent of Laredo. These Sisters have taken charge of the pre-primary and primary classes of the Academy. From them the tiny tots of this department have received excellent instruction in fundamentals as well as that maternal care so necessary at this stage of life.

By their zeal and devotedness Sisters Mary Alberta and Mary Angela have brought a surprising development to this department, not only by an increase in number but, especially, in scholastic results. Enjoying the privacy of their complete isolation and being supplied with a special playground equipped with slides and see-saws, the primary department has been allowed to develop as a separate unit.

No expression of gratitude nor word of praise could adequately express the appreciation of the Brothers for the aid the Sisters have given them. The faculty has been able to realize better than any one else the benefits reaped from their work. For this service St. Joseph's is sincerely grateful.

VALEDICTORY

Tonight another class bids farewell to happy, carefree school days, days that will linger long in the memory, days that will serve as an inspiration, until the shades of evening fall and our life flame flickers out. These memories will bring a smile to our lips, a smile of joy, and, too, a pain of sorrow to our heart at the remembrance of our school, of old friends long since separated, and of former teachers, our guides and masters.

As we look into the future, our eyes wide in anticipation, we can not but feel apprehension at its many dangers, its trials and disappointments, its joys and its sorrows. Confident, however, in the knowledge that we have been given weapons with which to conquer, we set forth with courage on this our long voyage.

It is with a profound sense of reverence and appreciation that we think of our beloved teachers, those splendid men of God who have devoted their lives to form the minds, wills, and characters of youth. For four long years they have labored to impart a portion of their knowledge of God and His world to our immature minds. Their example has been our inspiration. For the trouble they have taken to form us, we offer our heartfelt thanks and our fervent prayers.

And to you, our beloved parents, what are we to say? Realizing the privations and sacrifices you have so cheerfully endured to give us life and make that life a happy one, "thanks" seems but an empty word. Yet, in such a word we should bind up all our love, our gratitude, our prayers. Thank you for giving us our life, thank you for the care you have taken of us through the years of our childhood, and thank you above all for the Catholic education you have given us.

We are together tonight perhaps for the last time on earth. In a few short months some of us will have left our homes for the battle front. Some perhaps to shed their blood in defense of their Country. But whether on the battle front or on the home front, those Christian principles of Faith, Hope, and Charity, so laboriously engraved in our hearts, will guide every step. And from the heart of every one of us will ever rise that prayer so beautifully expressed by Tennyson:

"I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the Bar."

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"Nilito" de la Torre



"Bebe" Sandoval



"Julito" Martinez



"Chiki" Resendez

SAFETY



"Yayo" Guerra

PIN



"Hecky" Saldaña

UPS



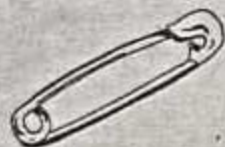
"Goyito" Marcos



"Gadi" Gonzalez



"Layo" Longoria



"Moncilo" Garcia

HALL OF FAME



CIPRIANO F. GUERRA, Jr.
Most Loyal



EMILIO de la TORRE, Jr.
Most Intellectual



JULIO F. MARTINEZ
Most Popular



HECTOR A. SALDAÑA
Most Athletic

SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS



JULIO F. MARTINEZ
President



LAURO L. LONGORIA
Vice-President



CIPRIANO F. GUERRA, Jr.
Secretary



HECTOR A. SALDAÑA
Treasurer

SENIOR CLASS NOTES

Scarcely four years ago, we, the graduates of '44, timidly entered St. Joseph's Academy and cautiously looked up and down the halls. True, we were now in high school and were quite boastful about it, but we were still puzzled as to what high school was like. From the ominous glances cast in our direction by the upper classmen we formed a dread premonition of what was to come, but as the weeks passed and we settled down to high school life the premonition vanished.

Now, as this happy carefree life is drawing to a close, we find our hearts filled with a mingled feeling of joy and sorrow. Yes, we are uncertain as to whether we are happy or sorry to be finishing high school. We are happy and elated at the thought that we are about to graduate, but we are also reluctant to give up the intimate friendship that has flowered during our brief years with our teachers and classmates. Everything we have taken part in while in high school such as First Friday Communion and Mass, dances, games, and St. Joseph's Day Celebrations have bound us to our fellow pupils and classmates with such strong bonds of friendship that we will never forget the day we will no longer be able to share their pleasant and cheerful company.

Before we go to take our place in this never ending contest called life, we wish to thank the Marists Brothers of St. Joseph's Academy, from the bottom of our hearts, for the sacrifices they have made to endow us with their knowledge, teaching and good example. As grateful alumni of St. Joseph's Academy, we solemnly promise to carry the Christian teachings and ideals of the school with us wherever we shall go and as inspiration for whatever we shall do.

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 CLASS FLOWER GARDENIA
 CLASS COLORS MAROON & WHITE

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 VICE-PRESIDENT LAURO L. LONGORIA
 SECRETARY CIPRIANO F. GUERRA, JR.
 TREASURER HECTOR A. SALDAÑA

MOST LOYAL CIPRIANO F. GUERRA, JR.
 MOST INTELLIGENT EMILIO DE LA TORRE, JR.
 MOST POPULAR JULIO F. MARTINEZ
 MOST ATHLETIC HECTOR A. SALDAÑA
 MOST FRIENDLY LAURO L. LONGORIA
 MOST STUDIOUS RAMON GARCIA, JR.
 MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED EPITACIO R. RESENDEZ, JR.
 CLASS BUSINESS MAN CIPRIANO F. GUERRA, JR.
 CLASS DANCER GADIER H. GONZALEZ
 MOST HANDSOME JULIO F. MARTINEZ
 MOST ECCENTRIC GREGORIO MARCOS
 CLASS ROMEO NOE SANDOVAL, JR.

GRADUATES



Emilio de la Torre, Jr.

"Robin"

Studios and intellectual. Is an ardent book reader. A good basketball player. Always serious and firm of mind. Plans to attend the University of Dayton and become a mechanical engineer. We know he will achieve success in life.

Gregorio Marcos

"Goyo"

Studios. Has a low-kindling point and a high heat value (temper). Extremely active and full of pep. His allowance is seriously diminished by his love for candy. Handles a smooth line when with the fair sex. Hopes to lead a happy married life. Aspiration is to attend the University of Dayton and become a successful chemical engineer



GRADUATES



Lauro L. Longoria
"Lallo"

A jolly, merry, good-natured, business-like lad. Abhors history but is active in solid geometry. Pastime is collecting bull-fight snapshots. The alcohol industry will probably be the field for his business career. His future attainment, God granting him life, will be to retire a rich business man.

Ramón García, Jr.

An intellectual, quiet fellow. Is a bit eccentric grammarian. Actively engaged in extra-curricular activities. Leans toward chemistry but is agitated by mathematics. Desires to attend A and M and become a veterinarian. His firmness of purpose will reap him success in later life.



GRADUATES

Cipriano F. Guerra, Jr.
"Cyclo"

A strong, handsome lad with a weakness for aeronautics. Abominates history but is fond of chemistry. Very active in extra curricular-activities, especially dramatics. Hobby is building airplanes. Ambition is to attend Curtiss Wright Institute and become an aeronautical engineer. Flees the fairer sex and jitterbugs.



Epitacio R. Reséndez, Jr.
"Tacho"

Serious, intelligent and studious. Is fond of mathematics but hates grammar. Collecting stamps is his hobby. To become a prominent rancher is his aspiration. Dancing arouses his curiosity, but he is unmoved by girls.



GRADUATES



Gadier Hector González
"Gady"

A jovial, handsome lad overflowing with good-will. He is an excellent basketball player. Fond of dancing. Is fascinated by the weaker sex. Favorite subject is science. Plans to lead a successful business life.

Hector A. Saldaña
"Saldy"

A hearty, cool-tempered, good-looking lad. Outstanding in athletics, especially basketball. Despises studies and exams. Stupified by girls. Study hall allures him. His time-table is consistently hours—sometimes days—late. His aspiration is to attend A and M and then become a flying cadet. Hector's cheerful and friendly character will reap him many friends in the future.



GRADUATES



Julio F. Martínez
"Smiley"

A good-looking, quiet boy. Hates all subjects except study hall. Fond of dancing and movies. Hobby is sleeping. Is fascinated by the tobacco industry. Ambition is to become a marine.

Noé Sandoval
"Bebe"

Claims to be studious. Has an agreeable personality. Mathematics entices him. A regular "wolf". Has a tendency to flirt with the weaker sex. Smoke or drink do not appeal to him. Plans to become a flying cadet. Post-war ambition is to be a successful business man.



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CLASS PROPHECY

"Nothing is impossible," said the great Napoleon decades ago. Banish away all doubts as to the probable authenticity of what is to follow and let us gaze with assurance at the book of time and ascertain the future in store for St. Joseph's "Class of '44".

The year is 1864. The golden sun of May gradually leaves the coppered sky midst a sprinkling of purple-tinted clouds as it slowly sinks behind the distant horizon. Lady Night descends from the east and quickly, silently, spreads her star-sprinkled mantle of darkness over a peaceful Laredo.

The newly rebuilt St. Joseph's Auditorium bustles with excitement as Laredoans surge in to witness the crowning of St. Joe's queen of '64. Eventually, we manage to squirm our way into this magnificent edifice and stumble into some of the few remaining vacant seats.

As we look about us, we notice that many of the people present are old pupils of the Academy. Sitting proudly in the very front row is the great Mexican chemist, Gregorio Marcos. Practically bursting his vest buttons with pride, he is telling his old classmates, seated behind him, that the queen is one of his beautiful daughters. His classmates are seated behind him because the whole front row on the right side of the auditorium is taken up by his wife and children. Seated right behind him, dressed in colorful cowboy attire, is an unusually quiet person. With a sly smile on his rugged face, Epitacio Resendez, the wealthiest rancher south of the Rio Grande, watches contentedly the match he has stuck into Gregorio's shoe slowly burn closer and closer to his friend's foot.

The auditorium shudders, the windows rattle, and the floor creaks; but the people, unalarmed, expectantly turn around and greet one of Nuevo Laredo's most popular citizens. Strolling nonchalantly into the hall is Lauro Longoria, a prominent figure in commercial circles. He is especially well greeted by his dearest friend, Julio Martinez, who has saved him a couple of chairs. Julio Martinez is one of America's top tobacco magnates who has flown all the way from his Virginia plantations just to see the coronation and have a friendly chat with Lauro. Although Julio sells the best tobacco on the market, we see he still prefers to roll his own from the familiar five-cent blue package.

Suddenly, the roof is jarred slightly and a loud clatter is heard overhead. We look up just in time to see a vague figure, clad in flying togs, crash through the skylight. He manages to grab a girder and hang on for dear life. During the excitement a galloping of hoofs is heard outside and an impressive figure comes into the auditorium. It is none other than "Helium" Garcia, a prosperous veterinarian who owns a large ranch—fully one acre in area!—just outside Laredo. With the help of cowboy Resendez, he manages to lasso a fixture near the dangling figure. As the person climbs down sheepishly, we see that it is none other than aircraft-designer "Cyclo" Guerra. Just before passing out he manages to explain that as he was landing on the roof, his helicopter's engine failed. When he got out of the wreck, he tripped and fell through the skylight.

As we resume our seats, we are slapped on the back. Hearing a hearty, manly laugh we turn around and behold "Molasses" Saldana, on time for once in his life. Saldana, the master of masters in basketball, is the coach of Notre Dame's quintet. Under his leadership the University has remained undefeated in basketball for three years. Strolling in leisurely is Noe Sandoval, president of a large drug store syndicate. As he stops to pester the prettiest of the usherettes, we see that Noe hasn't changed a bit. He is still a bachelor, still well dressed and still the "Wolf."

The auditorium becomes quiet, the orchestra begins to play a delightfully majestic march and the queen is escorted to her throne. We see a well-dressed, masculine person stroll onto the stage and take over the microphone. A buzz of excitement surges through the crowd as he is recognized. It is none other than handsome Gadier Gonzalez, joyful, good-natured. Gadier has come all the way from New York to be master-of-ceremonies at the request of his old teammate, Gregorio Marcos.

Silence envelops the audience as the ceremonies begin. Just as the queen is crowned the silence is broken by the patter of rapidly walking feet. We turn around and behold the tall, strapping figure of Emilio de la Torre. Emilio is the renowned designer of the revolutionary aircraft Torre Diesel. After greeting us warmly, he confides that he was held up because the air liner he was arriving on was delayed. His Torre Diesels had failed to start.

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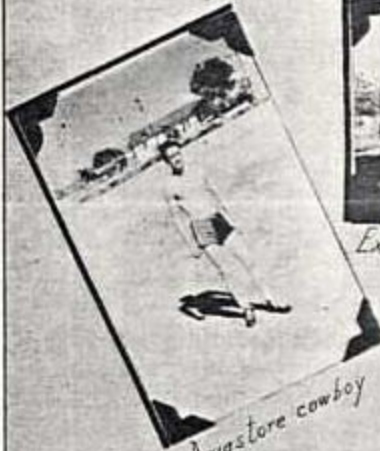
- Gadier Gonzalez wills his outstanding dancing technique to Beto Sanchez.
- Hector Saldana wills his ardent love of mathematics to Larry Huggins.
- Julio Martinez wills his Clark Gable physique to Homero Acevedo.
- Lauro Longoria leaves his slender figure to Robert Brinkman.
- Ramón Garcia leaves his treasured and spacious suit-case to Jack Judson Jr.
- Emilio de la Torre leaves his tall, lithe build to Felipe de la Garza.
- Epitacio Resendez wills his quiet and serious nature to Eddie Leyendecker.
- Noe Sandoval leaves his slick "wolf-on-the-prowl" technique to Walter Stein.
- Gregorio Marcos wills his cool, calm disposition to Charlie Zúñiga.
- Cipriano Guerra leaves his million-dollar smile to Roberto Volpe.



La peluza



Yoo-hoo!!... Julio



Drugstore cowboy



Extra Curricular Activities



Drinckenstein



Guerra there?



Estrella



Chewin' the rag



He dood it!



Siesta time



Trig victims



Saldana h... as usual



Chemistry distraction



Lowest I.Q.



"Touch" champs



Showin' off



Close pals



Superman



Cute, ain't he



Did you say girls?



Sinatra fans... oh yeah???



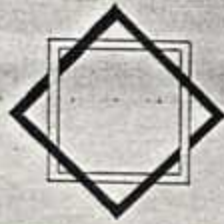
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Walter W. Stein Jr.



Robert Brinkman



Larry Huggins



Edward Leyendecker Jr.



Roberto Volpe

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J. Felipe de la Garza



Roberto Sanchez



Charles Zuñiga



Homero Acevedo



Jack Judson Jr.

JUNIOR CLASS NOTES



With three years of studies under our belt, we are ready to "tighten up" for next year's lap. Though few, we equal in number the Senior class, and pride ourselves of having proved their superior in sports, especially basketball. We gained this superiority when we beat them, or should we say "smothered them under", in two consecutive basketball games. In doing this we had a slight advantage over the Seniors due to the fact that half the Junior class composes the greater part of the "A" Varsity team.

In taking an active interest in sports, we have not become lax in our studies, and, especially, in our religious duties. This latter statement is proven by our perfect attendance at Mass on First Friday, and the amount we have given to the Propagation of the Faith, the class having the highest average in the school.

We wish to thank all our teachers for their patience in teaching us English, history, chemistry, and mathematics. We wish to thank especially our home-room teacher, Bro. Stephen, who has taught us the two hardest subjects, chemistry and mathematics, and also for the excellent way in which he taught us religion. We wish to thank him also for his pamphlet library.

We feel sure that next year we will be capable of replacing the Senior class of 1944.

CLASS OFFICERS

PRESIDENT Edward Leyendecker, Jr.
 VICE-PRESIDENT Walter W. Stein, Jr.
 SECRETARY Charles Zuñiga
 TREASURER Roberto Sanchez

SOPHOMORES



Charles Fansler Jr.



Nicolas Gonzalez



Carlos Benavides



Paul Seitz



Luis Vidaurri



Justo Leyendecker



Rafael Longoria



Florencio Gonzalez



Eduardo M. Garza



Albert Baur



Antiocho O. Gonzalez



William Robards



Owen Sheeran



Mame Gardner



Frederick Zimmerman



Ernesto Martinez

SOPHOMORE CLASS NOTES

As the first days of school rolled by, we found ourselves in a very humorous frame of mind which kept us from concentrating on our studies. We could not realize that we were sophomores. Because of our light-headedness, we were dubbed by our teachers the laziest class in high school. This stung our pride, and to prove the contrary we placed five members on the honor-roll the first six weeks, the only class with such a record.

We did our best in sports, too. In touch-football we started off with three victories and were only defeated by the league-winning Seniors. We were not discouraged. When basketball season came, we set out with a small team of five to do battle with the mightiest. However, the so-called lower-class Freshmen defeated us in the first game, and we ended in a humble third place. Ernesto Martinez joined the Varsity while Luis Vidaurri and Paul Seitz made the "B" team; all of them starring for the glory of the Sophomore class.

Our class elections resulted in the naming of the following officers who piloted the class through much planning but little action:

Charles Fansler, Jr.	President
Luis Vidaurri	Vice-President
Carlos Benavides	Treasurer
Paul Seitz	Secretary

Now that the school year is drawing to an end, we wish to thank all the brothers and especially Bro. James, our home-room teacher, for their patient tutoring through the year. We also offer the graduates of '44 our wishes for the best of luck in whatever field they enter.



Apolinar Cavazos



Edward Talamas



Alfredo Renteria



Arturo Galan



Agustin Gutierrez



Miquel Larach



Fernando Orlegon



Bill Eckhausen



Fred Boubel



Fernando Luna



Raymond Lozano



Constantino Larach

FRESHMEN

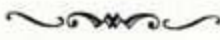
FRESHMEN CLASS NOTES

Vacations are over, alas; school days have come again. We are all a little more nervous than usual for this is our first year in high school. What fearful adventures are in store for us? All this timidity soon vanishes as classes succeed each other in monotonous routine and we get used to being called Freshmen. But we also lose our determination for hard work. It does not take us long to find we are back in the same old rut—and staying after school to pay homeworks. Most terrible of all, sorrow descends on the class and friendships are severed as a cruel separation takes place in our Algebra class where "pupils" and "engineers" must part.


Time flits by and basketball season opens. The Freshmen are determined they shall not be "licked". We breeze through our intramural schedule without a defeat and emerge the champions of '44. This is largely due to the leadership of our captain, Arturo Galán.

Our contributions to the Missions and the Red Cross are as generous as we can make them, for we know that in this time of need it is our duty to give till it hurts.

Now we have arrived at the end of the year and we look back with a smile at the nervousness of that first day of class. It's goodbye to the Freshman year and up the road to Sophomoreville.



Grammar Department



EIGHT GRADE CLASS NOTES



It seems only a short time ago that we started the last lap of our elementary education. Seven years ago when St. Joseph's opened its doors to Laredo youth we accepted the invitation and began our rather long journey. Looking back upon these past years, we daresay that they mean much to us, because it is here that we learned how to serve our neighbor, our state, and our God. Nature-like we had our bright and dark days, but remembering our school motto "Ad astra per aspera," to the stars through difficulties, we took all in good stride.

Touch-football, basketball and softball, with their ups and downs have been for us a sort of "bitter-sweet;" bitter, because Victory did not smile upon us all the time and sweet, because we cherish the memories of those games. During the basketball season we were ably represented in the Varsity and Junior Varsity by P. Gonzalez, F. Acosta, J. Cantú, and F. Enriquez. On St. Joseph's day, our annual track meet, P. Gonzalez, our all-around athlete, won several firsts and thus swelled the number of points for his team. The Grammar school basketball league offered an opportunity to some other eighth graders to prove themselves.

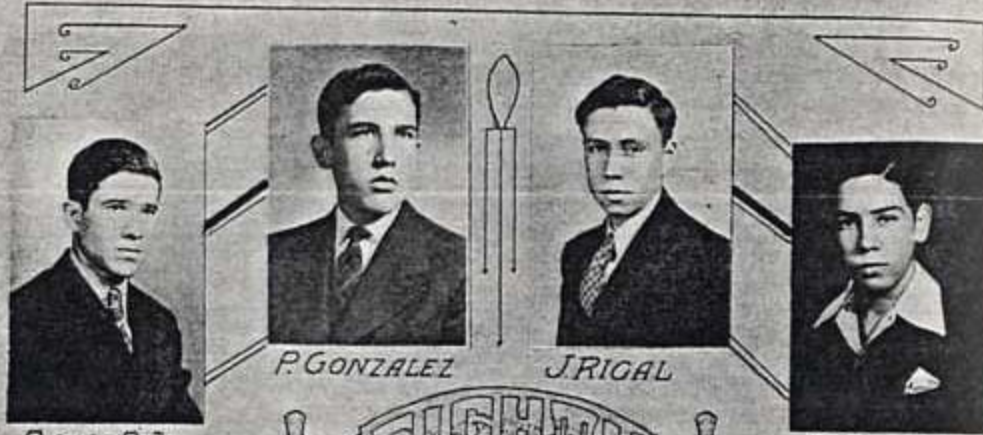
This is a time for generosity and sacrifice. To do our bit in propagating our faith and alleviating human sufferings, we gave gladly to the missions and the Red Cross. These daily contributions taught us the noble lesson of Christ-like charity. "With what measure ye mete, it shall be meted to you again." In return, God showered us with many graces and blessings.

Now, as we are about to start as Freshmen, we want to take this opportunity to express our gratitude. First of all, we want to thank our dear parents, who have not only cared for us since our cradle days, but have, through their unstinted sacrifices, made it possible for us to attend this Academy. We want to thank the devoted Brothers who through their wise counsels and patient efforts have helped and encouraged us along the rugged path of knowledge. Our sincere thanks also go to the Seniors and the other high school members who gave us good example not only in sports and class activities, but also in the fine art of giving generously to charitable organizations. God willing, we hope September will find us back again as Freshmen of St. Joseph's Academy.

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John J. Sandoeal



Geo. A. Resendez



Hector Garcia



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Antonio Moreno



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Ramiro Niz, Jr.



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Julio Cisneros G.

GRADE



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Ricardo Lapaeh



Roberto de Hoyos



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Miguel A. Correa



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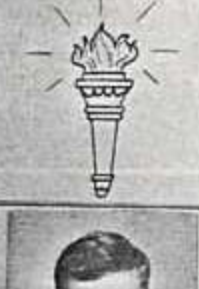
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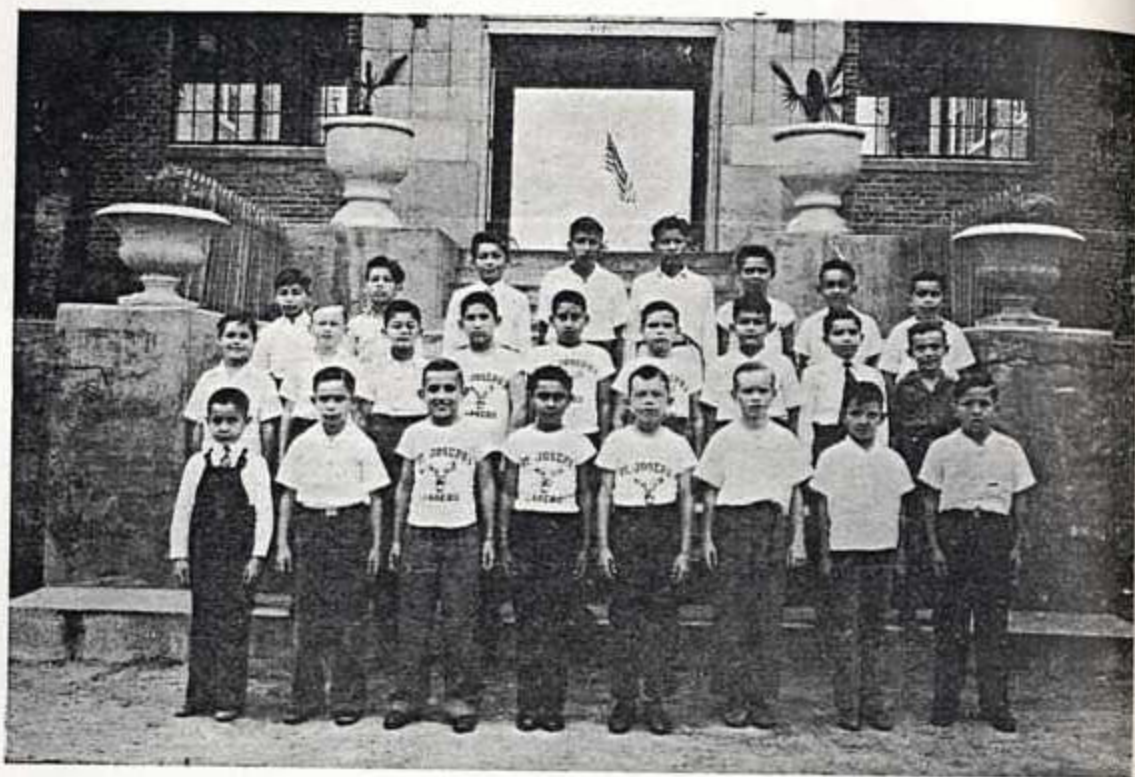


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AUGUSTIN CANTU

FOURTH GRADE



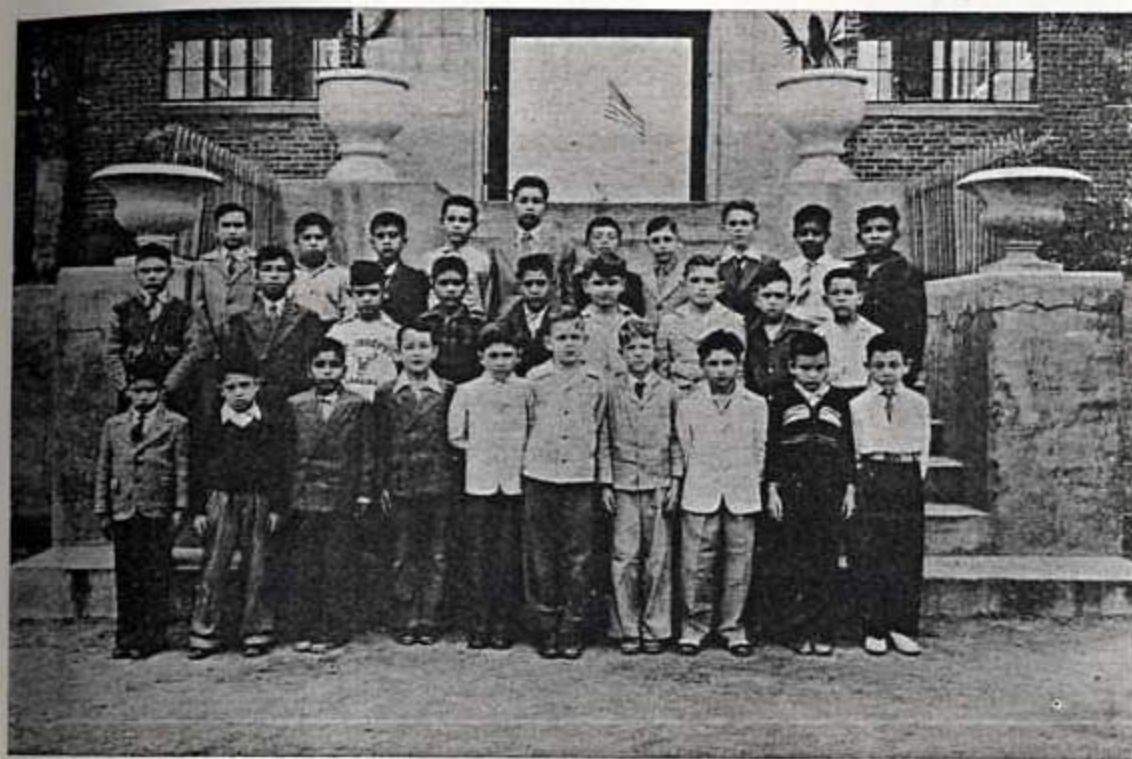
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SECOND ROW.—Marcel Notzon, Frank Durda, Leopoldo López, Alfredo Gutiérrez, Ramiro Martínez, Ezequiel Laurel, Gilberto Peña, José M. Salinas, Vincent Aubrey.

THIRD ROW.—Raul Zúñiga, Antonio González, Juan Campos, Vicente Valle, Benito Moreno, Claude Ellis, José García, Carlos Correa.

ABSENT.—Roberto Milo.

THIRD GRADE

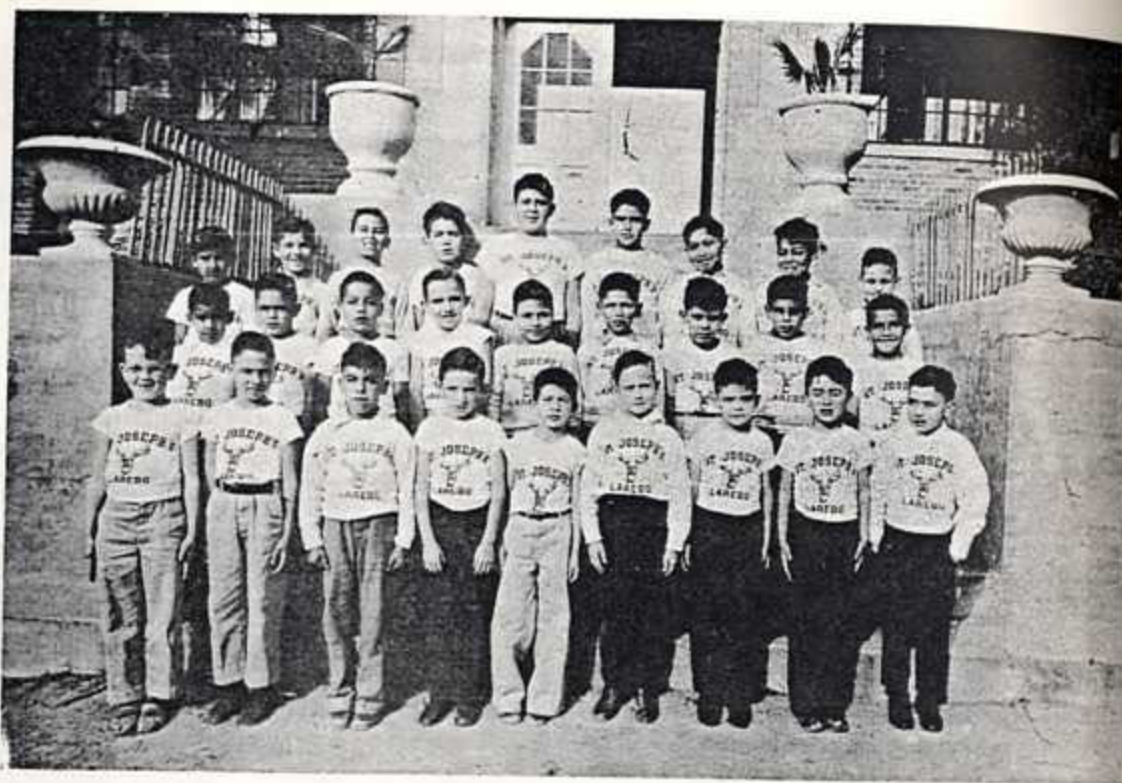


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SECOND ROW.—Robert Salinas, Rosendo Menchaca, George Jiménez, Arthur Campos, Herminio Martínez, Jesse Jeffries, Alfonso Herrera, Keith Gary, Ruben Peña.

THIRD ROW.—Héctor Prunedá, Javier Venegas, Braulio Martínez, Gilbert Gutiérrez, José Pilar Galán, Robert Pearson, Philip Block, Charles Cole, Raúl Ornelas, Cándido Hernández.

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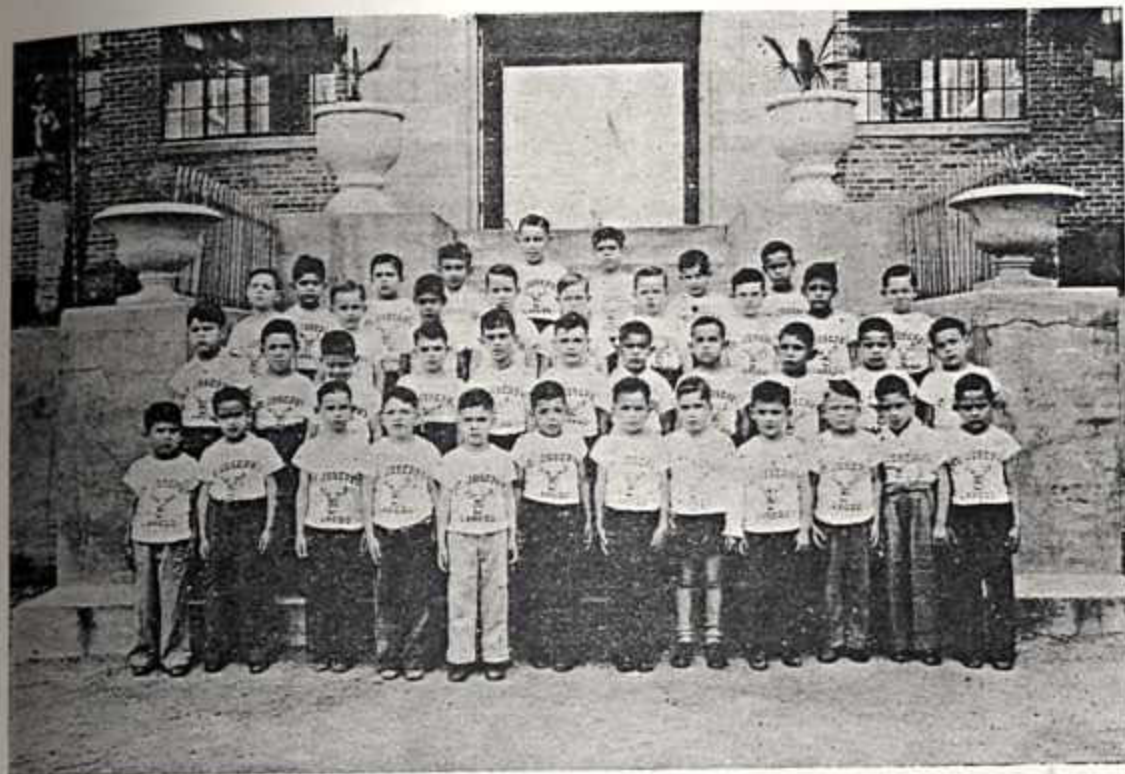


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THIRD ROW.—Jesús Medina, Blas Martínez, Roland Moffitt, Roberto García, Joseph Jacaman, José Treviño, Genaro Campos, Rene García, Juan Longoria.

FIRST GRADE



FIRST ROW.—(Left to Right)—Sergio González, Bartolomé García, C. A. Shuttlesworth, René M. García, Carlos Gutiérrez, Efraín Treviño, Charles Dickinson, Guillermo Herrera, Francisco Rodríguez, Terry A. Robinson, José A. González, Jesús Chapa.

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THIRD ROW.—Armando Milo, Maurice Fow, Manuel Silva, Charles Crane, Kenneth Yates, Douglas Crane, Roy Koenig, Leopoldo Carrillo, George Decker.

FOURTH ROW.—Luis A. Ramos, Carlos González, Oscar Rodríguez, Roel Villarreal, Armando Laurel, Gabriel Perales, Carlos Rodríguez.

ABSENTEES.—Buster Smith, Xavier Sendejo, Beto Esparza, Herman Hack.

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THE RESIDENT STUDENTS

The year began with the return of many familiar faces to the rocky hilltop plus a number of new ones that filled the vacancies left in last year's roll:

While most of the boarders were from Texas, many came from Mexico, and three even from far away Honduras. Many of the boarders participated in the inter-scholastic sports of St. Joseph's and played stellar roles. All of them supported the teams loyally.

Although wartime prohibited the use of the school buses for the number of outings we should like to have had, Brother William's planning and understanding through the year made it very pleasant.

RESIDENT STUDENTS



FRONT ROW.—Richard Larach, Roberto Marcos, Alberto Salinas, Adalberto Vela, Gregorio Marcos, Fred Zimmerer, David Giraud, Adolfo Cuéllar.

SECOND ROW.—Larry Hill, Antonio Guerra, Michael Larach, Felipe de la Garza, Robert Brinkman, Albert Baur, José Pilar Galán.

THIRD ROW.—Constantine Larach, Arturo Galan, Paul Seitz, Roberto Salinas.

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Ouch, my Back!



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The Wolf Pack



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The Small Fry



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First it...!



Blood in his Eye



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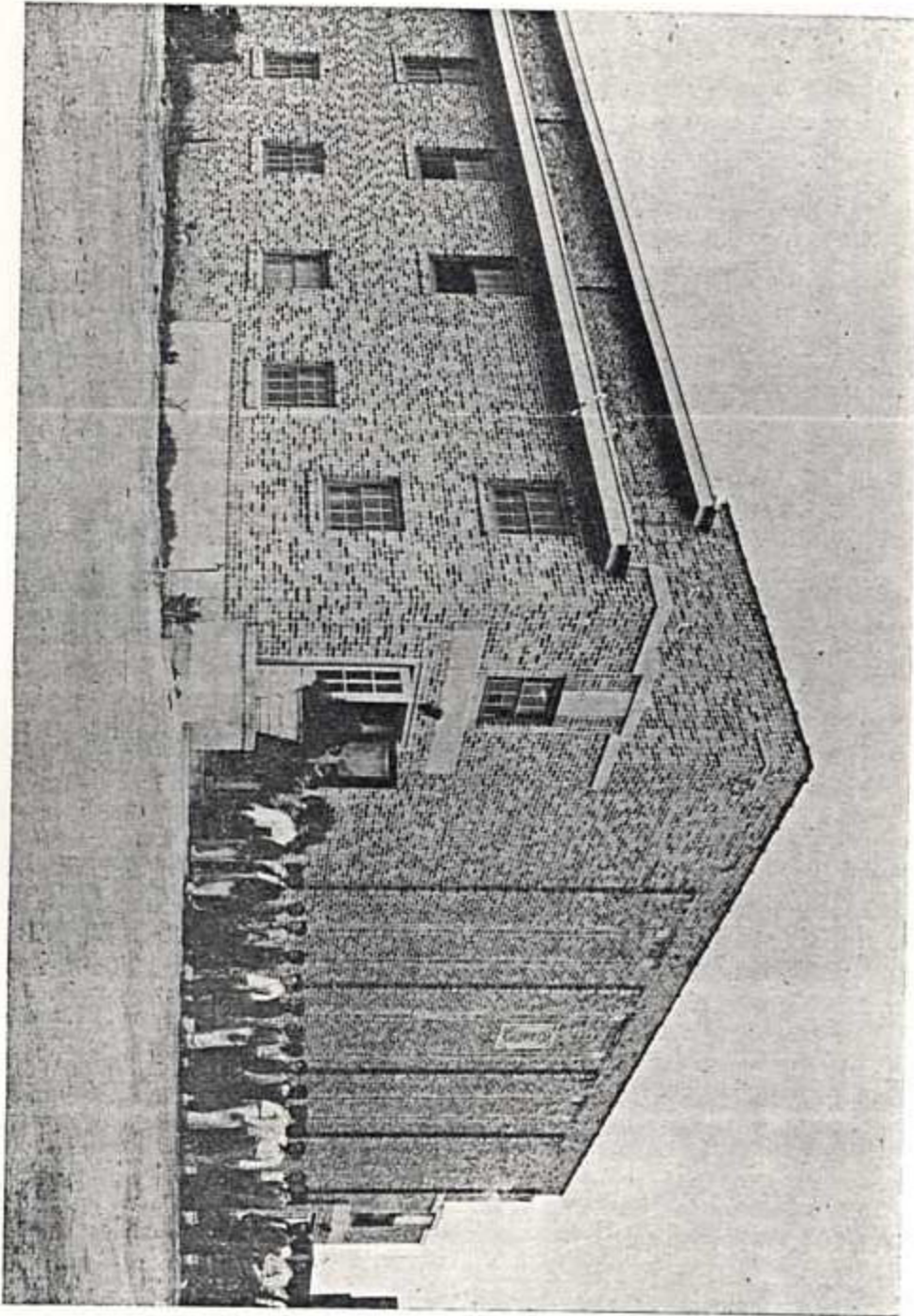
Windy Hill



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SCIENCE DEPARTMENT



It would be difficult to over-estimate the importance of the role of science in the modern world. Land, sea, and air have submitted to it as to a new sovereign worthy of their fiercest homage. Yet, one of the most characteristic aspects of this new master is its chameleon-like changefulness. It is forever changing. Almost over night old theories are discarded for new, methods vary from year to year, a new discovery will bring with it a broad vista never dreamed of before.

The modern school must keep pace with these changes if it is to equip its students to take their rightful place in society. For this reason, St. Joseph's has always laid particular stress on the importance of its science department. A new laboratory was opened this year, new equipment was acquired, apparatus to explain the latest developments in chemistry and aeronautics replaced outmoded instruments, all at a considerable cost.

That the results have warranted this emphasis may be seen in the gratifying work done by former students of St. Joseph's in the different colleges or branches of the services they have entered. With one acclaim they thank the Brothers for having prepared them so well to carry on their studies in the different fields of science.



GENERAL SCIENCE



PHYSICS



CHEMISTRY



AERONAUTICS

LIBRARY

Under the skillful and expert guidance of the Librarian, Brother James, the Academy's Library has been considerably expanded during recent years. Since September 1942, over six hundred books have been added to the collection. Recently a considerable number of books in aeronautics, chemistry, and sports has been added to the Library. A Britannica Jr. set were donated to the Academy by Mr. M. Acosta Jr.

All fiction and non-fiction books have been classified and catalogued according to the Dewey Classification system. Library of Congress cards have been used in the cataloging.

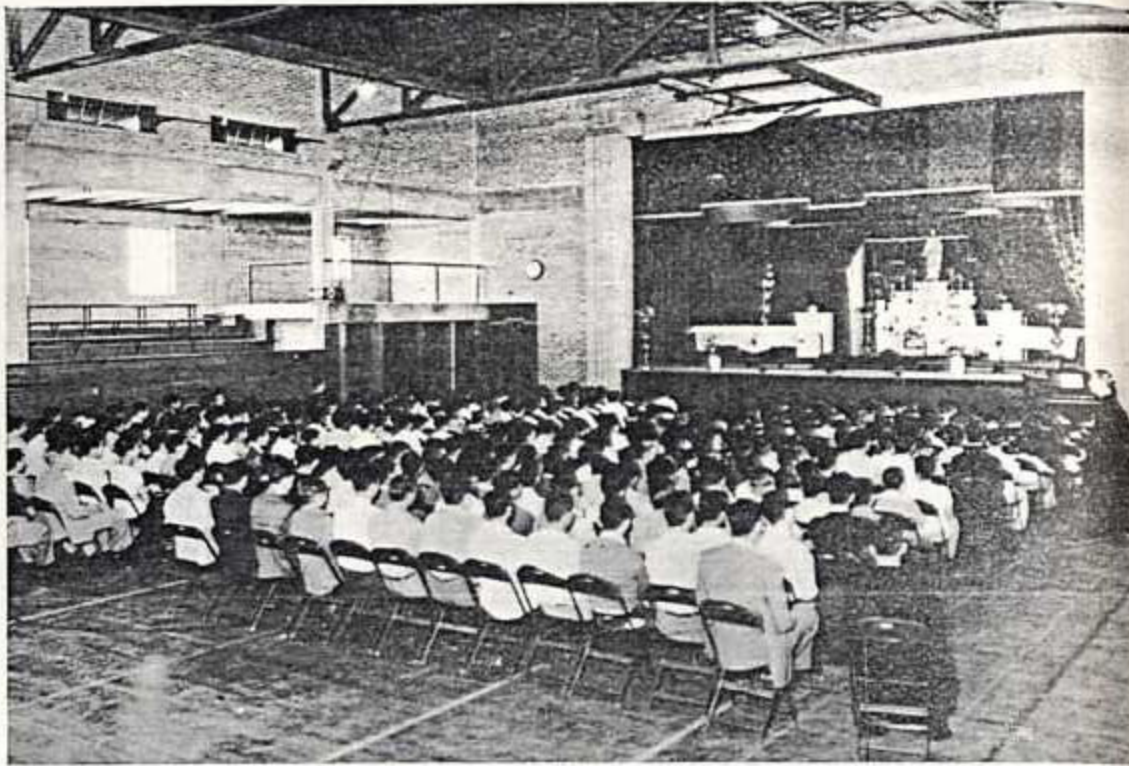
Assisting Brother James in his work are four jolly and efficient helpers. Roberto Sanchez is now an expert in writing the call numbers on the back of the books. Billy Robards swiftly, yet accurately, files the L.C. cards in the catalog. Roberto Volpe and Luis Vidaurri see to it that order and cleanliness reign in the Library.

READING MAKETH A FULL MAN... was the opinion of Francis Bacon. The following students have understood the great value of reading worthwhile books; they are first in their respective classes for outside reading:

Seniors	Emilio de la Torre, Jr.
Juniors	Walter Stein and Larry Huggins
Sophomores	Albert Baur and F. Zimmerer
Freshman	Alfredo Renteria
Eighth Grade	Jack Scribner
Seventh Grade	José Homero Gutiérrez
Sixth Grade	David Gillan
Fifth Grade	Francisco Avila
Second Grade	Blas Martínez and Marvell Valentine



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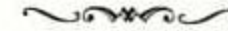


AUDITORIUM - CHAPEL



GYMNASIUM

INTRAMURAL SPORTS



With the opening of school football is in the air, and an itch gets in the fingers that can't be satisfied without the feel of the old "pig-skin." Intramural competition got off to a flying start with a league of "tackle" for the younger set and one of "touch" football for inter-class competition. In the "tackle" league Justo Leyendecker led his crew to victory as captain of the Maroons. The Seniors won all their games in the "touch" league with credit due to the heady playing of the Saldaña-Gadier combination.

Basketball held its privileged place in St. Joseph's timetable with six do-or-die class teams fighting for top honors. The humble Freshmen emerged victorious after handing in an aggregate of 123 points to their opponents 62. Arturo Galán starred as captain of the team and its principal scorer.

The St. Joseph's Day field and track meet came off with the usual thrills and color in spite of the rain that forced it into a second day's running. The practice period that preceded the meet showed the Whites had a slight edge over their opponents. The final results bore out the augury as the Maroons bowed to a 81-101 defeat. Individual honors went to Pascual Gonzalez, a White of the junior division, who placed first in five events and bested the seniors in high-jump and broad-jump.

ATHLETICS



Future champs



"Tackle" champs



Over the top



Strike two-o-o-o



Batter up!



"Touch" champs



Bull's eye



Thrown for a loss



Basketball champs

BASKET BALL

1943 - 1944

Our basketball team was very successful this year; its 20 game schedule was marred by only five defeats. The teamwork and spirit of the squad was excellent, and to this as well as to the shrewd coaching of Victor (Vique) Juarez was due success on the hardwoods. To the experience of the four returning lettermen; Felipe de la Garza, Roberto Sanchez, Roberto Volpe, and Hector Saldaña, was added the superb playing of the new recruit Gadier Gonzalez.

The squad began its season with four victories and upon entering the city League, they gave a good account of themselves against the more experienced teams from the Gunnery School. The Antlers were occupying fifth place when the league was discontinued, much against their hope of bettering their standing. To bring the season to a close, the squad travelled to San Antonio as guests of Central Catholic High School. There they played two hard-fought games but yielded to Central and St. Anthony by a small margin. The statistics show how well the team played.

OUR SCORE	SCHEDULE	OPPONENTS SCORE
24	NUEVO LAREDO	22
46	HOLDING	28
25	TIGERS	24
25	PROFS.	36
25	TIGERS	24
26	RADIO	20
25	P. T. DIVISION	37
25	ORDINANCE	23
55	HOLDING	40
59	NUEVO LAREDO	20
25	TIGERS	24
22	HDQRS. & HDQRS.	35
29	TIGERS	25
25	MAGNOLIA	14
51	CORPUS CHRISTI	25
30	FACULTY	27
27	CENTRAL CATHOLIC	33
25	ST. ANTHONY	36

"B" TEAM



KNEELING.—Francisco Enriquez, Paul Seitz, Francisco Acosta (co-captain), Jesús Cantú, Agustín Gutiérrez.

STANDING.—Freddie Zimmerer (manager), Roberto Marcos, Luis Vidaurri (co-captain) Bro. Xavier (coach), Emilio de la Torre, Jr., Alberto Salinas.

VARSITY TEAM



L. Forward - Gonzalez



R. Forward - Solana



L. Forward - Zuniga



R. Guard - Sanchez



Center - P. Gonzalez



Moderator
Bro. William



Captain - Center
J.F. de la Garza



Coach
Victor Juarez



R. Guard - Marcos



L. Guard - Volpe

Manager - Acevedo



L. Guard - Martinez



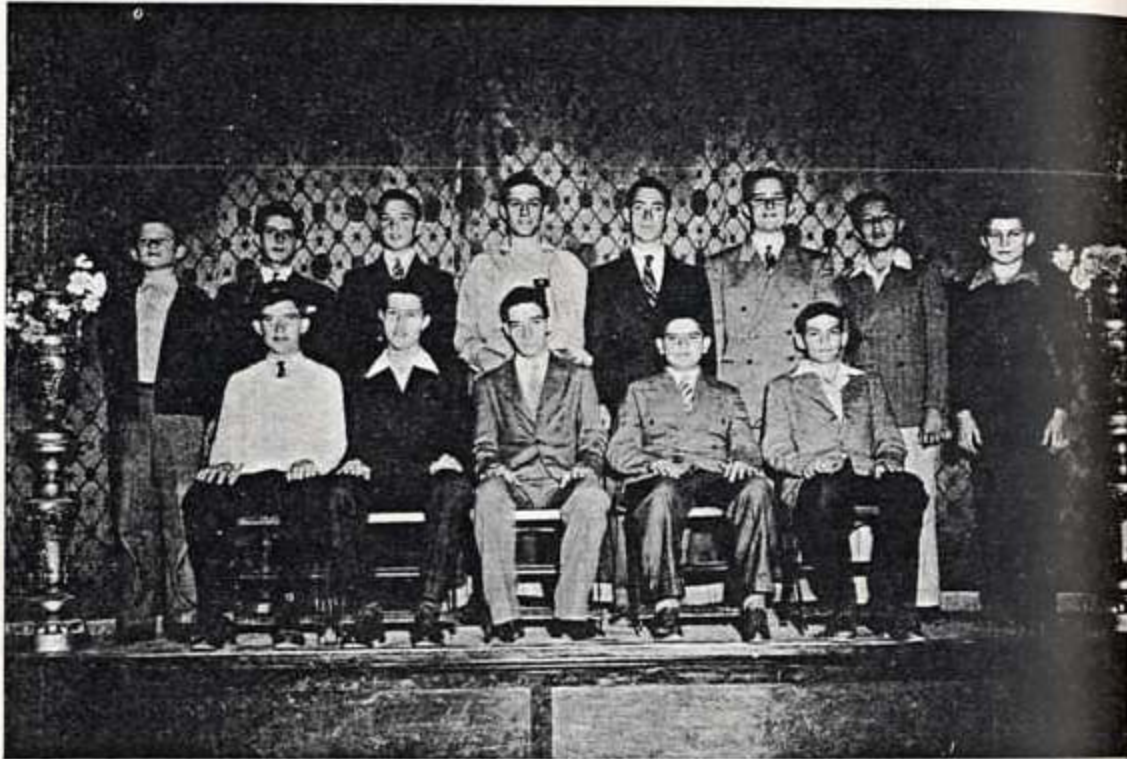
R. Forward
Leyendecker



ATHLETICS



DRAMATICS



SITTING.—Charles Fansler, Jr., Paul Seitz, Cipriano Guerra, Jr., Edward Talamas, Walter Stein, Jr.

STANDING.—Fred Zimmerer, Robert Brinkman, Albert Baur, Jr., Edward Leyendecker, Jr., Jack Judson, Jr., Mame Gardner, Raymond Lozano, Bill Robards.

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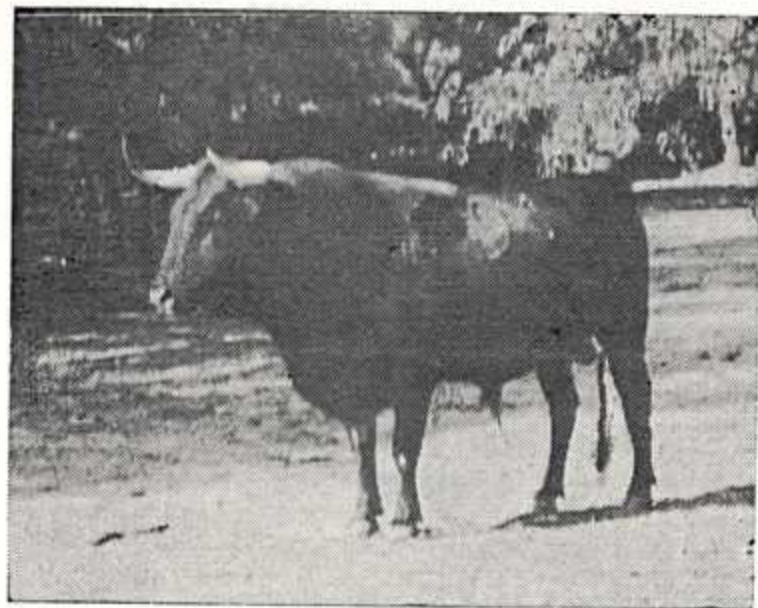
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