Prayers: Charles (Badin) Pease, appendectomy; eye operation, father-in-law... University of Notre Dame Religious Bulletin April 3, 1951...of Prof. Vincent Smith; operation, father of Dave Rogers Ill, Father Art Hope, C.S.C.

Still Keep Praying.

Joseph (Kansas City) Stewart, Jr., who would have been graduated in June had he returned to the university in September, was killed in an auto accident recently. No further details are available. There will be a high Mass, 6:30, tomorrow in Dillon for the repose of his soul. The latest report on Jim Aoki is that his condition is still considered critical. He is almost completely paralyzed. Just how long or how permanent this condition will be depends upon God's will and your prayers. He is conscious and may be reached at St. Francis Hospital, Hartford, Connecticut. The devoted mother of David Van Wallace (ND student who has been completely paralyzed since a 1924 swimming accident) is to undergo major surgery. Your prayers are requested. Then there is our own Father Butler.

From The April Catholic Digest.

Monsignor Maurice Sheehy of Catholic University in "Are Catholics Good Neighbors?" recommends a more "catholic" attitude toward non-Catholics. He observes, "I do not approve the tendency of some Catholics in this country to withdraw from social, business and political relations with those not of their own faith. A real Catholic cannot isolate himself: Catholic means universal." The Bulletin ponders a few pertinent questions: What are you doing to share the Faith? Are you a hindrance or a help in influencing non-Catholics becoming interested in the Church? Or are you guilty of this indictment: The greatest obstacle to the conversion of non-Catholics is the apathy and bad example of so-called Catholics?

If you are a good reader and keeping yourself well posted on current problems, you will want to read "Thought Control in the U.S.A." by Irene Corbally Kuhn before pondering too seriously reviews in many of our leading newspapers. She comments: "The communists were first to realize what the effective techniques (in the publishing business) are. They got trusted party members into publishing houses. They made sure they had plenty of authors to log-roll for other party authors, or to apply the hatchet to anti-communist writers. Whenever a book comes along that is damaging to the communist effort, the entire strength of their forces is marshaled against it. They bear down on naive people in book reviews, syndicated columns, and editorials."

If you are planning to buy a car read "If You Buy a Car on Time" by Blake Clark, who warns, "If you are buying a car, particularly a used car, on the time-payment plan, you stand a good chance of being grossly overcharged." Then he explains why.

From The Fifteen Mysteries by Fulton J. Sheen.

(Thoughts for meditation on the First Sorrowful Mystery.)

THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN.

As a kind person in the face of pain seeks to relieve the sufferings of his friend, so does moral kindness in the face of evil take on the punishment which evil deserves. Every mother would willingly, if she could, bear the aches of her child. A father will pay the debts of his wayward son as if they were his own. Our Lord, though guilty of no sin, nevertheless in His agony in the garden permitted Himself to feel the inner effects of sin, as on the cross He experienced also the external effects of sin...

He permits His hand to feel blasphemies as if His lips had pronounced them; His hands to feel the sins of theft, as if He had stolen; His body to sense the guilt of desecration, as if it were the cause... Sin is in the blood. The drunkard, the libertine, the tyrants have registered sin not only in their souls, but in their brain, the cells of their body, and the very expression of their faces. If therefore sin is in the blood, to atone for it, blood must be poured out... The agony in the garden is not a triumph of the plans and the schemes of betrayers and enemies, but it is permitted by divine decree. "This is your hour," our Lord said to his enemies. Evil has its hour, but God has His day!