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DECEMBER, BUSY MONTH FOR P. T. A.

Mrs. Walter Rohr presided at the regular monthly meeting of the P.T.A. which was held on Thursday, December 7. Committees were appointed and plans were made for the Bake Sale held at the Fareway Store on Saturday, December 16; also the Bummage Sale held on the same date at the Holst Hotel. Mrs. J. Fitzgerald and Mrs. L. De Mouth were in charge of both. A bingo party, with Mrs. W. Carver as chairman, will take place in January.

Prior to the business meeting, the ladies were entertained with the following program:

Solo-- "Animal Crackers in My Soup"
Jacqueline Sullivan.

Rhythm Band Selections:

"Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star"
"Christmas Bells," "Puss in Boots"

By First and Second Grades

Solo-- "Early Bird" . . . Pollack

Jacqueline Sullivan

Glee Club . . "I Love to Whistle"

"Medley of Airs"

Freshman Quartet . "Just a Cottage
Small"

Sophomore Trio . "Candy Parade"

Senior Quartet . "Sweetheart"

The members of the Freshman Quartet are: Mary Ann Briley, Doris De Mouth, Barbara Dunn, Madonna Mestdagh; Sophomore Trio, Therese Fitzgerald, Rita Schell, Mary Pepper; Senior Quartet, Marilee Fitzgerald, Kathleen Mestdagh, Betty Pepper, Evelyn Wilson.

CAFETERIA SERVED BY SENIORS

The seniors served the cafeteria lunch on October 16. The menu was as follows: "hot dog" sandwiches, beans, potato salad, cake, doughnuts, ice cream.

On the "hot dog" production line, it was Margaret Riordan and Madonna Wirth who cooked the weiners; Bill Matt who placed the weiner in the bun; Paul Lonergan who administered the mustard or catsup, and Betty Pepper who sold the masterpieces. The winding single file of students waiting to be served seemed never ending to the hungry seniors. Finally, the last one was served and the servers could enjoy their lunches. They had so much fun that they are looking forward to the next cafeteria which will be sometime in the spring.

About \$50 was turned over to the P. T. A. from the proceeds of the cafeteria.



NOEL

I will ask our Lady Mary
The veil from His Face to lift
And give you her Babe-- her
beautiful Babe

As your heavenly Christmas Gift.

PARTICIPATE IN SPIRITUAL
BOUQUET FOR POPE

On the feast of the Immaculate Conception, the student body of Sacred Heart School, in union with all Catholic schools all over the nation, contributed to the spiritual bouquet for the Holy Father. This bouquet is offered by the sodalists to the Pope as a Christmas gift each year. One hundred and three Masses and ninety two Holy Communions were offered for his intention.

STUDENTS PRAY AT THANKSGIVING PARTY

The members of the student council supervised a Thanksgiving party on Wednesday, November 22, in the school hall.

Games full of pep and fun were entered into by all of the students. Song hits were led by Marilee Fitzgerald, president of the student council. Refreshments were served.

Before the party dispersed, the "Hi-Teen" Thanksgiving prayer was read by Betty Pepper. All students stood and faced the church during the reading.

SEASON'S GREETING

The members of the staff of "Listenin' In" wish to extend their cordial best wishes to its readers and subscribers for a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

STUDENTS PRESENT CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT

The members of Sacred Heart parish gathered in the school hall for the annual Christmas entertainment given by the students of the school on December 21 at seven thirty o'clock.

A playlet, "Hearts Full of Love for Jesus" brought out how serious and reverent First and Second Graders could be. Gay, happy-go-lucky Martha Clark was hardly recognized in the character of Sister Mary Jeanette, B.V.M. Blessed Mother, Karen Ericson, and St. Joseph, Harold Isbell, guarded the Christ Child, tiny Therese Koester, in the tableau at the end of the play.

A reading, "Little Grey Lamb" was given by the pupils of the Third and Fourth Grades. The Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grades combined talent for the sketch, "The Christmas Guest." The characters were:

Dame Margaret . . Julianne Doyle
Rosamond Corinne Phelan
Gilbert Thomas Fangman
Harold Peter Conway
Noel Larry Lyons
Frances . . . Mary Helen Rea
Elinor, a beggar

Barbara Briley

The Spirit of Yule, Madonna Miller

The girls of the high school quartets sang: "White Christmas," "Santa Is Comin' To Town," "I'll Be Home For Christmas," and "This Christmas."

The high school choir sang the last numbers on the program which were: "And There Were Shepherds" by Danks, "The Wondrous Story" by Palmer, "Under the Stars" by Brown, "Silent Night" by Gruber.

CLASS OF '46 SELECT CLASS RINGS

The Junior class selected their class rings, graduation invitations, and personal cards from a display presented by Mr. W. A. Smith of the Josten's Jewelry Company, Owatonna, Minnesota, on Tuesday, November 28.

The choice of the group fell upon a ring with a small gold plate on which will be engraved the letter "S" and from which pink rays extend outward. Personal initials are to be on either side of the plate. These will be delivered in September 1946.

BUY WAR BONDS!

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"Fear not; for behold I bring
you good tidings of great joy."

That many are unaware of the true significance of the word "Christmas" is obvious from the minor part our Blessed Lord plays in the celebration of that day. Just what is the meaning of the word? We find it is composed of two words - Christ and Mass. The name originally given to the day set aside as the anniversary of the birthday of our Saviour was "Christ's Mass." For a long period of time the two words have been run together and we have the word "Christmas," and far from the minds of many are Christ and the Mass.

In all too many homes the legendary Santa Claus has superseded the position in the minds and hearts of children which rightfully belongs to the Infant Saviour. Countless Christmas card illustrations are inappropriate and in many cases contain nothing relevant to the real meaning of this religious feast day except the word "Christmas." Some have forgot the true significance of our Lord's natal day and now regard it merely as an occasion for exchanging gifts and good wishes. Both have their respective places, but the only essential Christmas gift is the God given Gift, the Father's Gift of His Son to mankind. We celebrate Christmas to commemorate the coming of this perfect Gift which brought happiness and joy to all the world.

For this Christmas and for every Christmas, let us remember the true meaning of the day and keep in mind the message of the angel which rang forth so gloriously that first Christmas night:

"Fear not; for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, that shall be to all people; for this day is born to you a Saviour Who is Christ the Lord."

VISIT PROVES FATAL

On Wednesday, November 22, Oscar, senior, went on a journey. He did not go far from his home, but far enough to get homesick. He went to the Klute home for the Thanksgiving holidays. Late, the same evening the family noticed that he was acting a little peculiar but no special attention was given to him. Thanksgiving morning poor Oscar was found dead; yes, he had died in the quiet of the night.

The cause of Oscar's death is not known, but it might have been from several different reasons. Was it for love? No, for he and Evelyn had always seemed happy. Was there some unknown trouble? That does not seem possible. Was it because of lack of food? That could hardly be for he had grown very large. Then, what was the real cause of his death. The seniors say that poor Oscar, their lively gold fish, died from loneliness for he missed the playfulness, particularly of the senior boys.

The following poem was written by an American soldier in the South Pacific. He is M. T. Emberson.

"G. I. Wish That I Was Home"
Sitting on my G. I. bed,
My G. I. hat upon my head,
My G. I. pants, my G. I. shoes,
Everything free, nothing to lose.
G. I. razor, G. I. comb,
G. I. wish that I was home.
They issue everything we need,
Paper to write on, books to read.
They issue food to make you grow,
G. I. wish I had a furlough.
Your belt, your shoes, your G. I. tie
Everything free, nothing to buy.
You eat your food on G. I. plates,
Buy your needs at G. I. rates.
G. I. this and G. I. that,
G. I. haircut and G. I. hat.
Everything here is Government issue,
G. I. sure am not going to miss you.
Lyons Band News.

KEEP UP YOUR PEP WITH VITAMINS

DOERR DRUG COMPANY

Buy your popcorn, candy,
ice cream at
PIPPIN'S CANDY SHOP
812 1/2 Story Street

JUST AMONG MORONS

Have you heard about the moron who swallowed a few pennies so that there would be some change in his?

In the same family we find a moron who knew he'd never be a sailor because he was too shallow minded, and his brother who would not pay his telephone bill for he had just heard of freedom of speech. Did you hear of the moron who pulled his hat down over his eyes for a blind date?

Another wanted to be a vitamin because he saw a sign reading "Vitamin B-1."

A third moron who was dying asked to have a chair placed beside his bed for "Rigor Mortis" to "set" in.

HIT PARADE

"Get Out of Town" . . .
Kathleen Mestdagh
"Small Fry" . . . Peggy Riordan
"No Love" . . . Donna Klute
"Navy Blues" . . . Bill Matt
"It's So Peaceful in the
Country" . . . Dorothy Yegge
"Time Waits for No one" . . .
Between classes
"Here I Go Again" . . . Paul Lonergan
"No Letter Today" . . . Evelyn Wilson
"People Will Say I'm in Love" . . .
Marilee Fitzgerald
"In a Moment of Madness" . . .
Science Class
"Look for a Silver Lining" . . .
Latin Class
"Together" . . . Betty Pepper
"The Day After Forever" . . .
Graduation

HAVE YOU READ--

Mary Roberts Rinehart's latest book, "Alibi for Isabel?" It is chock full of thrills, laughs, mysteries and everything you would wish in a collection of short stories. Captain Ted Lawson's "Thirty Minutes Over Tokyo" holds special interest for boys. It is the experience of the author in actual combat.

BUSY BEES SHOW SEWING SKILL

Girls of the sewing class are progressing rapidly. Every Monday the instructors are kept busy and the more advanced students stand in line for a chance to use one of the two machines which has been so kindly lent to the group.



Pot holders, scarfs, tea aprons, skirts and even angel costumes are among the successful projects.

OUR GRADE SCHOOL

Since our last issue, the boys and girls of the Seventh and Eighth Grades have purchased a third pagan baby who has been named Gertrude. John Doyle lead in average for the Eighth Grade with 93% and Joan Walsh for the Seventh Grade with 95% for the first quarter. Their basketball team is at present trying to schedule games with St. Cecilia's at Ames.

Boys and girls of the Fifth and Sixth have been active in selling seals for the missions. One thousand and Pioneer Mission seals and two thousand Holy Childhood seals were sold. The following prizes were awarded to these hard-working pupils: First prize-Crucifix--500 seals

Thomas Garvey

Second prize--Holy Family plaques 100 seals-- Richard Burke, Peter Conway, Julianne Doyle, Larry Lyons, Corinne Phelan, Jean Whalen and Helen Jean Yegge.

Third prize--Mass booklets--50 seals James Ballantyne, Lois Mae Eppel, Loren Fisher, Susan Judge, Kathleen Mc Coy and John Wilson.

Fourth prize--Calendars-- 25 seals Doris Burke, Richard Burke, James Ballantyne, Loren Fisher, Yvonne Fitzgerald, Mary Kay Jacobson, Larry Lyons, Joyce Matt, Leroy Pestotnik, Sue Sovereign and Jean Whalen.

The pupils of the First and Second Grades have been busy learning their speaking parts and hymns for the little playlet, "Hearts Full of Love for Jesus" by Moynahan. The play brings out the children's love for the Divine Infant.

Every classroom has its special Christmas crib. In the Third and Fourth Grade room, paper toys with the names of the children written on them have been placed near the crib. As each child makes his sacrifice in preparation for the feast of Christmas, he moves his toy a little nearer the crib. They have also proved themselves to be real children of Mary for during Advent, pockets have been emptied and allowances turned in to purchase a beautiful new statue of Our Lady.

JUNIORS' SPEED INCREASING

The boys and girls of the Junior typing class are "going to town" in the use of the typewriter. Leading the group is Geneva Morgan who is writing 46 words a minute in one - minute tests, 40 in five-minute tests and 36 in ten-minute tests. All are without error. Second in the race is Mary Therese Friel, writing 48 on one-minute tests, 35 words in five - minute tests.

Other students who have succeeded in writing 38 words a minute without error on short tests are: Rosemary Burke, Grace Ericson, Firmin Koehler, James Sullivan and William Coffey.

CATCHING UP WITH GRADUATES

Call to arms was answered by Don Mestdagh '44 who is now a member of the air corps stationed at Keesler Field, Mississippi.

After seeing action in the same outfit in North Africa, Italy, and France, Pat and Bert Wheelock are once more together. This time they are home on furlough. "Bert" returned from overseas a few months ago and was sent to a camp in Texas. Pat just came to the States.

Congratulations to:

Ensign David Deering '42 who has just completed his training as naval air cadet. It is rumored that Robert Taylor, movie star, was one of Dave's instructors.

Alice Murphy '41 and Bob Mahoney '40 on the occasion of their engagement. Bob is on the last lap of his training as navigator for the USAAF.

Betty Anne Shaw Adreon '44 who was married to Robert Elwood Adreon of #1531 Thirteenth Street, Boone, on Thursday, November 30, by Rev. J. J. Ryan. Betty is now living at 403 Benton Street.

SHOWS YOU OUGHT TO SEE--

"Since You Went Away"
"Song of Bernadette"
"Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo"
"Till We Meet Again"
"Woman in the Window"
"And Now Tomorrow"

SLIDE, BOYS, SLIDE

What is all the shouting and yelling you hear just south of the school building? It couldn't be the lower grades-- yes, it is-- they are enjoying their slides. Sliding, tumbling, bumping--some awful bumps--but who minds? The whole-hearted laughing and shouting tells you it does not "plow" them down. They want to make good use of that glassy path before sunny days are here again.

Honor Roll--

(Continued from column 3)

Arlo Fisher
James McDonald
Frances McNertney
Dianne Shuster

Grade 2

First Honors

Harold Isbell
Martha Clark
Gretchen Buss
Rosemary Phelan

Second Honors

Joan Lyons
Julia Conway

The Faculty and students of Sacred Heart extend sympathy to Sister Mary Miriam Therese on the death of her mother; and Betty Pepper '45 on the death of her grandmother.

HONOR ROLL

Seniors

First Honors

91 Betty Pepper
90 Evelyn Wilson
Second Honors
87 Marilee Fitzgerald
87 Margaret Riordan
86 Kathleen Mestdagh
85 Donna Klute

Juniors

Second Honors

86 Geneva Morgan

Sophomores

First Honors

93 Jane Doyle

Freshmen

First Honors

94 Doris De Mouth
Second Honors
86 Barbara Dunn

Grade 8

First Honors

John Doyle
Second Honors
Clarice Coffey
Patricia Fitzgerald
Elizabeth Pepper

Grade 7

First Honors

Joan Walsh
Rose Marie Fisher
Gertrude Miller
Madonna Miller
Second Honors
Barbara Briley

Grade 6

First Honors

Corine Phelan
Mary Kay Hogan
Second Honors
Mary Helen Rea
Patricia Casserly
Susan Judge
Lois Mae Eppel
Barbara Morgan

Grade 5

First Honors

Julianne Doyle
Coleen Casserly
Mary Kay Jacobson
Sue Carol Sovereign
Kathleen McCoy
Second Honors
Larry Lyons
Helen Yegge
Yvonne Fitzgerald

Grade 4

First Honors

Patricia Conway
Ann McNertney
Second Honors
Joan Pepper
Patricia Phelan

Grade 3

First Honors

Lorraine Conway
Second Honors
Alice Casserly
Gary Clark

Somewhere in France
October 1944

Dear Sisters,

I hope this letter won't surprise you too much, but knowing you are all interested in this global war, I thought you might find something of interest in it.

My voyage across was uneventful. . . The most beautiful sight on the water was the sunset when entering the Straits of Gibraltar--Spain on the left, and North Africa on the right! The "Rock" is just as you imagine it, mammoth, fortified and drab looking, jutting out from shore. A monastery appearing to be a hundred years old juts out from the town. . . I am writing under combat conditions. I can just see the type writer before me. No lights are permitted. . . the "touch system" comes in mighty handy. . . From where I am I can see a hospital which had been used by the Germans, in fact, there are still some Germans there, including doctors and nurses. . . The rest of the Germans left only a few weeks prior to our landing. They took with them all the eligible men and women who can work, to be used in German factories. . .

All the houses and buildings here are made of brick or white rock with tile roofs, surrounded by the typical French high rock wall. The

towns and even cities have narrow streets, brick walks that are narrow and worn. Buildings are built all even with each other so you cannot distinguish a theatre from a hotel except by its sign. . . Sanitation is sickening. The odors in the cities are nauseating and are mostly from the dead which have not been evacuated from under the wrecked buildings.

They don't laugh in France, nor even smile any more. The war has wiped it from their faces and replaced it with a lost pathetic wondering look of despair. . . One instance of Divine Guidance, or precision artillery, was this. Four square blocks of buildings were flattened and in the center a church was left without a stone turned. . . I went into a Cathedral in the center of the city. It was built of white rock, with marble floors, high ceiling and three altars on each side. The main altar was about 30 or 40 feet high. The altars are masterpieces, hand carved white marble and dull with time. . .

It was a pathetic sight to stand on the street and watch the crowds go by, poor French, rich French, women with fur coats and gingham dresses, Africans, Morocco peasants, soldiers and sailors from all over the world, some Japs, Chinese, all in native dress. . . .

We live in little pup tents. The

weather is changeable, cold at night, and generally cloudy. It rains without the least provocation. Daily Mass is at 5:30 in the afternoon. A jeep hood or a packing box provides the area. As the priest vests for Mass, he will describe the vestments and the different essentials used, their association with the Church tradition and customs. During the Mass, interruptions are inevitable. On one side is a group attending Mass; on another, fellows are cleaning their weapons; in front of you, a "chow line" is waiting supper, banging their mess kits together. One fellow is hanging out his washing; another is digging a foxhole. Protestant services are going on at the same time within hearing distance, affording us a choir. We have a splendid attendance at Mass. Sometimes a football is kicked back and forth over the altar; you may hear a clerk screaming "Mail Call!" When you wish to go to confession, you merely walk up to the chaplain and tell him you wish to go and he hears you as you walk along. . . It is nearly pitch dark now and I can't see a thing, so will close, hoping you have found something interesting in my letter.

(Signed) An Alumnus

RIGHT --

David Lonergan, twenty-month old son of Donald Lonergan '38.

BELOW--

Violet Hoyt, eleven-month old daughter of Clara Elsie Walton Hoyt '41.



BELOW CENTER--

Lt. S.G John Martin '38, his wife,

Betty, and John, Jr.

BELOW RIGHT--

Judith Ann Loehrer, happy little daughter of Lawrence Loehrer '38.

