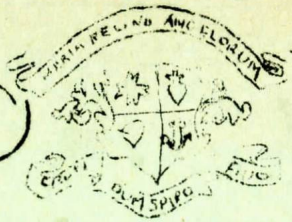


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GIFT-GIVING

Radiant in its decorations of red and silver the gymnasium reflects the joy in the hearts of all. Two mighty Christmas trees, brilliantly decorated, will grace our temple of recreation. Bethlehem will come to us in the realistic tableau presented by members of the Senior class.

The Babe must surely smile His thanks in return for the myriads mounds of food for His poor.

The gift-giving will be followed by dancing and delicacies. With the Seniors as hostesses, the party can be nothing less than a success.

Mary Agnes Cmarik.

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ABOUT TOWN

Between Christmas and New Year's day there is much to be done--much to be seen.....Leslie Howard arrives the 25th with his melancholy "Hamlet" at the Grand while Jane Cowl pitches her tent at the Harris the 26th with "The First Lady"....If you enjoy Ibsen, Nazimova will thrill you with her tragic "Hedda Garbler".

For lighter fun, Mt. Carmel and Tilden are

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PEACE
ON
EARTH

STUDENT CAROLERS

The somber halls of Loretto ring once again with the gay notes of the Christmas Carols.

Carrying her red book in the left hand, her equally red candle in the right and her pound of food in the "other", is quite a feat for any girl. But that's what is being done! This caroling is a Loretto tradition.

HARK! THE HERALD HOST IS SINGING as ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH chant joyously through the SILENT NIGHT that Christ was born WHEN FLOWERS BLOSSOMED 'MID THE SNOWS.

The candle-light casts grotesque figures on the shadowy walls; the ringing notes of Christmas cheer rise to the hallowed rafters, tremble there for a brief, lovely moment and then go sailing away--Christmas messages in the night.

Mary McElvain

MOTHER ROBERTA,
CHRISTMAS VISITOR

Mother Roberta, principal of Loretto Abbey Toronto, and past-principal of Loretto Woodlawn, is visiting here over the holidays. The students who know and love her welcome her back to her old home and wish her a "Merrie Christmas" and a Joyous New Year.

"For Christ and His
Kingdom, The Pen!"

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"GOD REST YE MERRIE
GENTLEMEN"

Silver tinsel and red bells are here again and with them comes Christmas, that most beloved of holidays. Usually we think of Christmas as a holiday and not a holyday. Why not change our policy this year and make this Christmas a happy holyday, a holy holiday.

Let not our Christmas spirit end with gifts and holly, rather let us give wholesome hearts and gaily wrapped shiny souls to the Little One on this perfect day. Let us place under the tree of our hearts our various gifts each tagged "To Jesus with Love, Merrie Christmas". If we are sincere in our gifts He will fill our stockings with queerly shaped little packages. They are known as "virtues" and come in all sizes.

Let "God Rest Ye Merrie Gentlemen" be the spirit of the times. We, the editors, would like to add the next line of that old carol "Let nothing you dismay" and top the whole thing off with "Merrie Christmas"--Happy Holiday.

'TIS THE BIRTHDAY OF
THE LORD.

Through the murky dusk
at twilight
About this time every
year
Can be seen each light-
ed window
With its holly wreath
of cheer

Then our souls become
uplifted
And all mankind made
akin

By that love-inspiring
message:

"Peace on earth, good
will to men".

Bette Gleason

SCRATCHES FROM

THE EDITORIAL PEN

If you are very tall, you are likely to walk out of a classroom with a piece of tinsel clinging to your hair. If you are very literary, you have probably, by this time, fallen over the Christmas tree in the library. If you are at all responsive to the spell cast by the gaily decorated rooms you are aware of the excitement afoot. Even if you are none of these things, you undoubtedly have heard that Christmas is the Friday of this week--Merrie Christmas.

Have you not noticed the sudden abundance of "lunches from home" in the cafeteria. Answer--saving for Christmas gifts. There are a few freshmen who have begun to doubt this idea of Santa Claus while the Seniors have long Christmas lists ready to place in conspicuous spots at home. The meek air of the Sopho-

CAROLING CAUTIONS

For the benefit of Loretto newcomers, we propose to set forth some few warnings.

1. When carrying your lighted candle, refrain from setting on fire the girl in front. She might resent it.

2. Should you bring sugar and should the bag break, thereby allowing the contents to dribble to the floor, be nonchalant. Pretend it isn't yours and shuffle on.

3. When you seem to be singing an altogether different carol from your friends in a lower hall, don't worry. At least you're enthusiastic enough to sing at all.

4. If your beautifully formed line seems to melt into eight other lines, keep cool.

It's Christmas, child!

Joyce McArdle

mores can be attributed to that spirit of good behavior that always proceeds the 25th, and the Juniors are going mad, one and all, with the thought of what to but--

But do not be worried--no cause for alarm. The entire atmosphere will change soon--too soon. We will become prosaic once again. So for the time--abide with us, join our fun and have a grand vacation.

What's all the excitement down the street?

A Boy Scout did so many good turns he got dizzy.

Scholastic.



By the Bookworm

'Twas the week before
Christmas
And all through my head,
Not a thought was stir-
ring
That could even be read.

Such was my plight,
so, gentle reader, bear
with me. Here are a few
tidbits for holiday per-
usal. We find the BOY
WHO DIDN'T BELIEVE IN
SANTA CLAUS naughtily
peeking from the pages
of the LADIES HOME
JOURNAL. In the same
magazine there are some
intriguing suggestions
for a "homemade Christ-
mas". Striking a more
religious aspect is the
collection of Madonnas
to be found in the
AMERICAN HOME. THE
READERS DIGEST offers
a means of brightening
another's Christmas in
the article A MERRY
SECOND HAND CHRISTMAS.
And now with Santa Claus
I'll exclaim, ere I
drive out of sight,
"Merry Christmas to all
and to all, a goodnight."

Joyce McArdle

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TOASTS of the week.....

To the Seniors on the
completion of their the-
sis-essays. To the Soph-
omores for their splen-
did charity when they
sent huge Christmas
packages to Sedley and
South Dakota.

PORTRAIT OF ANOTHER LADY

Trying to find Miss
Katherine Kiedaisch to
interview her was like
trying to find the pro-
verbial needle in the
proverbial haystack.
Finally however, we met

"The school is in-
terested in everything
you do because you are
a celebrity," I told
her, "Suppose you tell
me all ABOUT YOURSELF".

"There is really
nothing to tell. I've
done nothing spectacu-
lar or even anything
unusual. Unless" she
added after a pause,
"You would consider
commuting from Garv
every day for school,
out of the ordinary."

I assured her that
very few people did it.

"Of course being
elected class presi-
dent thrilled me. It
has happened to others
before--I imagine Dor-
othy Evans is used to
it by now--but it was
my first time and it
made me extremely
happy."

With a little per-
suasion she went on.
"I like football and
what goes with it,
chrysanthemums, ice
cream and tobogganing,
half-holidays and Eng-
lish, and reading--by
the way, by favorite
book is "White Wampum"

Besides being the
President of her class
Katherine is the Vice-
President of the G.A.A.
and the niece of
Freddy Lindstrom the
baseball player.

After Katherine
had left I felt that
the Sophomores were
to be congratulated

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The Goblin has seen
several girls wearing
bandages on their fore-
heads. Is it a new fad?
Congratulations to Betty
Jean Hochenadel on the
recovery of her three
nurses.....We are now
expecting a gigantic
rise in the sale of this
newspaper. June Ber-
schens has promised to
buy a copy if her name
is in it, also to pay
fifteen cents for said
copy. Take a good look
at it, June....Local
mystery--Why didn't Mary
Rita Glynn want to tell
her Mother about her
sprained ankle?....The
Goblin has noticed the
unusual manner in which
Rosemary Payne wears her
hairbow...A shoe was
seen resting on an out-
side window sill. Who
put it there? The Gob-
lin knows byt do you?..
..Every one is on Pat
Allen's trail, due to
the power of the press.

CISCA PLAYERS REAL ACTORS

Two entertaining one-
act plays were presented
to the students of Loretto
Tuesday, Dec. 15th, name-
d "Grandmother's Mistletoe"
and "Christmas Party".
The acting in both was
very realistic. Loretto
was proud of Betty Norri-
and Anne Coyle for their
appearance in one of the
presentations. C. Cross

WE DISCOVERED THAT...

Juanita Harkenreider has already started her hope-chest.

Eve Schmidt is the "girl without a country". She was born in Roumania before it was Roumania -- or anything else.

Mary Harmon has met Emilia Earhart.

there is an interesting story of THE OTHER WISE MAN by Van Dyke. Many thanks, Mother Agatha.

Vivien Mack may be heard over Station W.W.A.E. in THE TENDER-FOOT.

Mary C. Cruickshank flew last Saturday to New York to spend Christmas with her Dad.

last Friday, Elaine Majeski and Dolores Bocian played at the Christmas party of St. Mary Magdalen parish.

Betty Jane Boyter did a ballet dance at the Alumnae Party. Mary Ann Schuman was her accompanist.

Elisabeth Hiskey is going to Florida for the holidays.

When you speak to Laura Mahoney, you'd better have affidavits to prove your statements. She's from Missouri.

there is a treat in store for us. The orchestra is going to play for the school.

Father Carrabine, S.J. was most grateful for the gift of the "book shower" given him by Ciscan schools. We would like to be able to give him the world with a ring around it!

Marie White.

LORETTO LYRIC

Aquinas, we're loyal to you,
But we're loyal to Mercy, too.
With Mt. Carmel we fight
For the old brown and white
And to Leo men we're true(?)

Without De La Salle we're blue
St. Ignatius, we're missing you,
But the school we love best

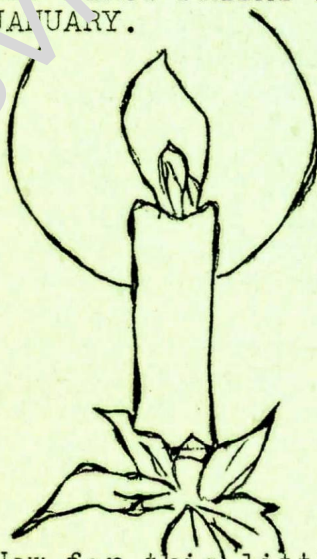
Above all the rest
Is LORETTO - the white and blue.

A. Dodson

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merry xxx christmas
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Put a pin in your cuff, a string on your finger or 'most anything that will help you to remember the FIRST FRIDAY IN JANUARY.



How far this little candle throws its beams,
So shines a good deed in a naughty world.

As You Like It.

LEST WE FORGET... (as if we would)

At the Alumnae Christmas Party held December 18, we saw many '36 graduates, among them

Deborah Arment, very efficient in her role as secretary,

Veronica Ducey quite alive after her accident.

Betty Trainor sponsoring Jerre Hoss who impersonated "A Southern Girl at a Dance" to the enjoyment of the guests.

Julia Gleason, a late arrival.

Norma Kelly, Mary K. McGogy, Lorraine Thalen and Grace Zang.

LaVerne Moore paid her Alma Mater a brief visit Friday afternoon. She is working at Field's

Betty Ryan and M. Phillips will, in all probability, be able to tell you all about St. Xavier's week-end dance.

Peggy Gannon

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happy xxx new year
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issuing tempting bids for their holiday dances. De Paul and Notre Dame University are holding Yuletide proms.

But don't forget to get some sleep. School opens January 4.

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for their astuteness in their electing for President such a charming and efficient person as Kathryn Kiedaisch.

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merry xxx christmas
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