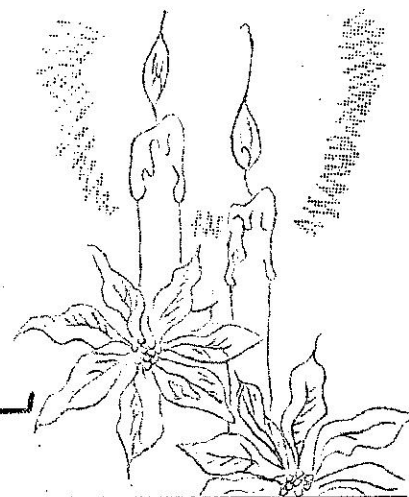
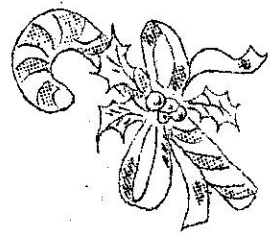


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ROCKIN' CHRISTMAS DANCE SPONSORED BY JUNIORS

"Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" was the theme of the Christmas dance sponsored by the junior class on December 17, 1962 in the L. V. Brown gymnasium.

A decorated tree in the center of the gym was surrounded by packages which were evidence of Santa's presence. The jolly old fellow waved to all as he slipped down the chimney. His sleigh was parked at the end of the gym to provide a get-away. The Blessed Virgin statue was enveloped in foliage with three red poinsettias as accents. Candles and blinking lights completed the scene.

John Schan, the disc jockey for the night, worked busily in Santa's workshop.

The theme was written in red and white holly leaves on the stage curtain and snow flakes added the finishing touch.

CHRISTMAS OBSERVED BY PAGEANT

Joining with the spirit of Christmas, the students of the Academy and St. Thomas presented their annual pageant on December 19.

A welcome address was presented by the first grade. Continuing with the program, "Junar and the Christmas Story", a play written and directed by Mrs. Donald Boughton, was enacted by the second, third, and fourth grades.

The high school concluded the program with several numbers rendered by the Glee Club, and various tableaux depicting the story of the first Christmas. The Glee Club numbers included: "Welcome Yule", "The Wassail Song", "Jingle Bells", "Sleigh Ride", "O Christmas Tree", "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel", "Ave Maria", "O Christmas Joy", "Angels We Have Heard On High", and "O Holy Night."

SISTERS TAKE UP NEW ABODE

A big change took place in the lives of the Coeur d'Alene Sisters of I.H.M. when they moved from their fort-home of 57 years to their new convent.

The real change came when the Life and Light of the new convent was transferred from the fort chapel. The Blessed Sacrament had not been moved for almost 60 years until December 10.

Later that day, Father

N. Meissen blessed the entire convent room by room.

A tour was made by both the grade school and high school students on December 13. Open house for adult members of St. Thomas and St. Pius X parishes was held on December 16.

The whole convent was open for inspection and many took advantage. Those who saw it commented on the fine new home our Sisters have.

HAIKU FOR A STABLE

--Kathy McMahon
The straw to be seen
Both the ox and ass were
there
And in the crib, He.

RESOLUTIONS BECKONS ONCE AGAIN

In less than two weeks the first day of the New Year will be looking us in the face, opening again, for better or worse, a new period of twelve months. Stopping just long enough to catch his breath from the hard pace of 1962, the average American will plunge into 1963 full of new hopes and, of course, new resolutions. New Year's Day just wouldn't be complete without resolutions.

But what kind of resolutions should be made? Everyone wants to improve, but how? Undoubtedly, the best decision at this time is to get a positive viewpoint. Instead of giving up something, resolve to cultivate some good habit. Get up before your mother calls, try to think of three good points of character in someone you dislike, try to attend Mass a couple of extra times a week even during vacation. The list is endless. And when the resolution is made, stick to it. If this one act can be sustained for one year, chances are it will stay for life, thereby improving your whole personality. And don't forget, every effort one makes to improve himself will go to his credit at the last judgement. Small as the effort may be it can never bring anything but good for the doer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

--Margaret McCormick

I've often wondered how Mary must have felt on that long journey to Bethlehem. It must have been difficult for her, with child, to travel each weary day astride an unsteady beast. Perhaps, as she was to be the Mother of Christ, her pain was little but I think not. I rather think that she underwent all of the pain, and maybe more, that any woman must endure. Yet she bore it bravely and felt the reassuring warmth and love of her chaste spouse, Joseph.

In the stable, cold and lonely, when she gave birth to her Son, she had no one to help her and comfort her but Joseph and the stable animals. Her thoughts were probably not of herself but of her Son who was to redeem all the world.

In our day and age little suffering is given to bearing a child. There is a certain amount of hardship, but I think it must be a pleasant pain because it has a great reward. It is hard to visualize Mary's hardships because today everything is taken care of in comfort. In place of the stubborn donkey the modern woman is driven to the hospital in a clean, safe, speedy car. In place of the cold, bare stable we have crisp, clean rooms and a safe, sanitary delivery. Today's woman is also given care by a trained hospital staff.

For me Christmas means even more when I think of the joy Mary must have felt when she brought forth the most important person ever to live on earth.

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CHRISTMAS WONDER

Behold the angels rock the heavens with the music of the long awaited Savior. People stop, wait, listen, and gaze at the angels in the clouds. For the angels tell us of this glorious night of all nights.

Such a wonderful sight to behold, the brightly shining star leading the wise men on toward the Lord.

These great kings are speechless for they know they are in the presence of the King of Kings.

Now you and I kneel to praise and give Christ our humble but meaningful gift of love and adoration on this Christmas Day.

CONDOLENCES

The faculty, alumni, and students extend sincere sympathy to Sister M. Cornelian on the death of her uncle; to Margaret Young on the death of her cousin.

ALUMNI NEWS

The engagement between Paula McComb '61 and Carl E. Simpson was announced, and the wedding will take place in St. John's Cathedral, Boise, on Dec. 29.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. L. Mills (Karen Marchand '60) a boy, Patrick Culley; to Mr. and Mrs. James Morin (Susan Boughton '59) a girl, Christine Marie; to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Engen (Diana Rassier '61) a son, Donald Raymond; to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Wilson (Sharon Russell '56) a boy, Emery Marshall; to Capt. and Mrs. C. Dorell (Elizabeth Antonson '53) a girl, Cynthia; to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Kom '58, a boy, Kevin Matthew.

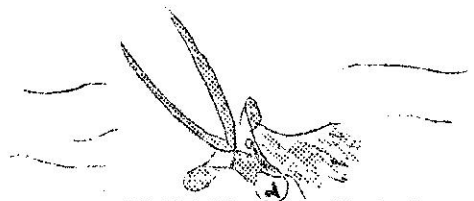
Patrick Roche '62 won first place in an intercollegiate oratorical contest at St. Martin's College in Olympia. His award was a \$250 scholarship toward his second semester. He also made the dean's list for the second time this year.

STAMPS SOLICITED FOR MISSIONS

As the season of Christmas cards and increased mailing arrives, the Immaculate Heart of Mary Praesidium of the Junior Legion of Mary announces a drive to collect stamps for the missions. The boxes placed throughout the school are for this purpose and all students are urged to participate. If enough stamps are collected, they will be sent to the mission organizations which benefit from their use.

The drive will continue after Christmas vacation.

ANYONE WANT A GEMSBOK??



What would you do if you got a GEMSBOK for Christmas? In a survey recently conducted at I.H.M. some of the students responded with these answers:

Kathy McMahon: "I'd eat it."

Linda Jacobs: "I'd stick it in the attic."

Kathy Giesa: "I'd give it to the Sisters for their new convent."

Jim Bombino: "I'd frame it."

Fred McMurray: "I'd probably trip over it."

Bob Rarick: "I'd sell it and get my money back."

Rick Hofmeister: "Wear it."

Duane Primozych: "I'd hang it in a tree and let it soak all winter."

Judy Romans: "I'd put it out to pasture--what else?"
(She knew what it was.)

Sister Spiritus: "I'd decorate the library with it."

John Mihelich: "I'd take it down to the river and drown it."

Eric Moore: "I'd trade it in on a 1963 Thunderbird."

Gerald Garvey: "I'd put a stamp on it and send it to the Boshop's War Relief."

Mike Cronquist: "I'd sic it on my little sisters. All four of them."

Phil Rassier: "I'd put it in a pan and fry it."

Brent Curtis: "I'd feed it to my horse."

John O'Neill: "Out of the goodness of my heart I'd give it to Sister Avellina."

Paul Williams: "I'd give it to my dog."

Debbie Koep: "I'd put it on my bed."

Jan Karst: "I'd throw it away."

Alvin Bauernfiend: "I'd give it to my little brother."

Jay Snyder: "I'd use it for a rug."

Ron Henry: "I'd stand under it and see what happens."

Dave Boller: "I'd step on it."

Larry Jacobs: "I'd drink it."

Mike Peters: "I'd put it in a cage and pet it."

By the way, a GEMSBOK is an antelope that lives in Southwestern Africa. The Gemsbok has long, nearly straight horns which are very sharp at the ends. The horns are ribbed at their lower ends and extend backwards. The head of the GEMSBOK is beautifully marked with black, and the body is a reddish gray on top and white underneath. The sides, legs, and back of the body are also marked with black.

FROM HISTORY

--Tim Rarick

Gallant junior boys went forth on a snowy day To gather Christmas trees and sell them at the market place (Lakeview Court).

Many trees they did bring and very nice at that.

Some they kept to decorate a very swell affair (Christmas dance).

Others, sold, brought riches to their class.

ACADEMY OVERPOWERS TIGERS

The Panthers, pulling a come-from-behind victory out of the bag, scored heavily in the second half to down the Tekoa Tigers 67-59.

After trailing 30-22 at half time the Panthers put forth a great effort with four players hitting the double figures, Jim Fromm with 18 and Tim Rarick with 16 led the attack.

JACKS SNEAK BY PANTHERS 50-43

In a see-saw cage battle that took place in St. Maries December 8, the Lumberjacks arose victorious over the small, but spirited Academy Panthers.

The major break down for the hustling Panthers came as four players, Jim Bombino, Bob Rarick, John O'Neill, and Mike Boughton went out on fouls.

Jim Martin, the 6'8" center for St. Maries, led all scores with 20, followed by I.H.M.'s Jim Fromm and Tim Rarick with 15 and 10 points respectively.

JOY IS...

- Maureen McDonell
- ...what Mary felt that first Christmas morn.
 - ...Joseph when he saw his Son, new-born.
 - ...a child looking under the tree at the crib.
 - ...the voices of angels; the Seraphim and the Cherubim.
 - ...the bells ringing loud and clear at Midnight Mass.
 - ...the tableau at the foot of the altar.

This is Joy!

I.H.M. EDGES SPARTANS

The Panthers, continuing their uphill fight for success, capped this last weekend with a shakey victory over the spunky Priest River Spartans.

Playing at the larger and unfamiliar N.I.J.C. gymnasium, their seasonal debut in front of the home fans made them, at first glance, appear a little unstable. In the first half I.H.M. missed five lay-ins off their fast break which, had they been successful, could have turned the game into a considerable rout.

With renewed vigor the Panthers came out determined to improve on their 24 to 21 halftime lead. The second half produced smoother, cooler ballplaying by them and midway in the third Quarter the lead had been built up to nine points. This can be attributed to the fine outside shooting of Boughton, Fromm and Tim Rarick and the strong defensive rebounding by John O'Neill.

I.H.M. still had to put off a late scoring spree by the Spartans and it wasn't until Kenny Koss drove for a "cripple" lay-in with 10 seconds to go that they clinched it, 51 to 48.

SPOKANE COLLEGES VISITED

An infraction of an honorable rule at the Academy, namely a skip, was committed on December 7, only this skip was complete with permission and two chaperons! On this day fifteen senior girls of the Horizon Club and their leaders took a grand tour of Gonzaga University, Holy Names College, and Sacred Heart Hospital and School of Nursing. The tour was a first hand look into the future as they saw the inside of campus life.

At Gonzaga University the seniors were met by Father Francis Gubbins, Director of Admissions, and were shown around the campus by Mrs. Eileen Hume, Dean of Women. The most interesting sites were the women's halls. The girls met many alumni of the Academy on the Gonzaga campus.

Holy Names College was a real treat. The girls saw Fort George Wright being turned into a modern college campus. Sister Eileen Rose, Director of Admissions, guided the girls through the various buildings and they were her guests for lunch in the Greystone buildings.

The last place visited was Sacred Heart. Misses Olga Guterres, Karen Turk, and Jean Nordlund led the girls through the hospital and the nursing school. Perhaps the most interesting places to the girls were the nursery, the tunnel from the nurses' quarters to the hospital which goes past the morgue and the boiler rooms, and the nurses' private swimming pool.

The girls attending were: Marcia Antonson, Diane Bauernfeind, Elaine Ecker, Kathy Giesa, Jo Ellen Holzer, Linda Jacobs, Garletta Jagars, Joanne Lancaster, Kathy McMahon, Mary Ann Mertens, Christine Mihelich, Marilyn Roche, Lorinda Wachter, and Margie Young. The girls were accompanied by Mrs. Ed McMahon and Mrs. William Giesa.