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IHM Glee Club Gives Christmas Concert

The annual Christmas Concert was given by the glee club on Dec. 19, in the L. V. Brown gym. The 106 members of the club sang under direction of Sister M. Alphonsa.

The program was divided into three parts: a caroling scene by the glee club special groups, a "Christmas around the world" scene, featuring songs from different countries, and a Christmas tableau.

The glee club sang: "Pat-a-pan," "Rejoice Then Christ Is Born" and "I Saw Three Ships." Accompanists were Anne Erickson and Susan O'Connell.

Annual Staff Faces Deadline

Le Coeur co-editors, Christine Koontz and Jan Smith, have announced that the seniors' pictures are being taken before Christmas so the actual formation of the Le Coeur may begin right after Christmas.

Miss Smith said the page make-up committee has completed the arrangement of the first twenty-two pages. The advertising committee has collected about two-thirds of the money needed for production. The photography committee is currently taking pictures of school activities.

The first deadline for the editors to meet is Jan. 13.



Students Spread Cheer

IHM students are collecting food this year for needy families in Coeur d'Alene this Christmas.

The program was initiated by Student Council to promote Christmas spirit among the students of IHM according to Jim Rarick, president.

Rarick added that each homeroom is buying a turkey to go with the food the students bring.

The homemaking class is collecting used clothing, games and food for a needy family.

The collection will be continued until Dec. 23 when the food will be given to the Lion's Club and the St. Vincent de Paul Society who will distribute it in baskets.

Editorial

Christmas—A Time For Giving

"God rest you merry gentlemen let nothing you dismay, remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day." How adeptly this line of song expresses the spirit and joy of Christmas.

"God rest you merry gentlemen let nothing you dismay." Christmas is truly a time of joy and happiness. It is to be found in a family attending Mass together on Christmas morning. Happiness may be found in a little girl's heart as she pats her stocking hanging by the fireplace in hopes Saint Nick will fill it with presents. There is peace in a father's heart as he reads Dicken's "Christmas Carol" while his children snuggle up to him. Joy is expressed in the face of a person coming home to his beloved ones at Christmas. Happiness exists in the heart of a pajama-clad little boy as he races from his room at six o'clock on Christmas morning to see what Santa left him.

Christmas is a time for giving and it is in this giving of one's self to another that real joy and happiness may be found.

"Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day." It was not quite 2,000 years ago that an Infant was born at a stable in Bethlehem and wrapped in swaddling clothes. Here is the cause of our joy and happiness. This Child, who is Himself the gift of His Heavenly Father to us, also gives Himself to us for our redemption--"To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray--Oh, tidings of comfort and Joy!"

A CHILD'S ODE

—Edward Mihelich

On Christmas Eve the skies explode; chimneys shake
From Santa's load.
This is such... For this is told to those of new
By those of old.

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Editorial

Congradulations

We would like to congratulate the 70's club on the fine work it is doing around the school.

It is refreshing to see the enthusiasm with which this club tackles menial jobs like setting up chairs in the gym, making sure the pop machines are in order, and any other odd jobs that come up.

The members seem to have turned the Christmas spirit of giving into an all-year arrangement.

The club's biggest asset is its school spirit. It has its own section in the bleachers where the members cheer at pep rallies and basketball games.

The freshmen boys who comprise this club are showing more leadership than many of the other students.

We hope the club continues its good work.

English Students View "Parable"

"A Parable", a movie produced by the Protestant Council of New York city, was viewed last week by English classes of IHM. The film presents a modern parable by the portrayal of a circus figure.

Sister Rosina, English teacher, said the movie depicted, by a progression of events, Christ's teaching years, His crucifixion and His resurrection.

Sister Rosina mentioned it was presented at the Protestant Pavellion at the World's Fair in New York.

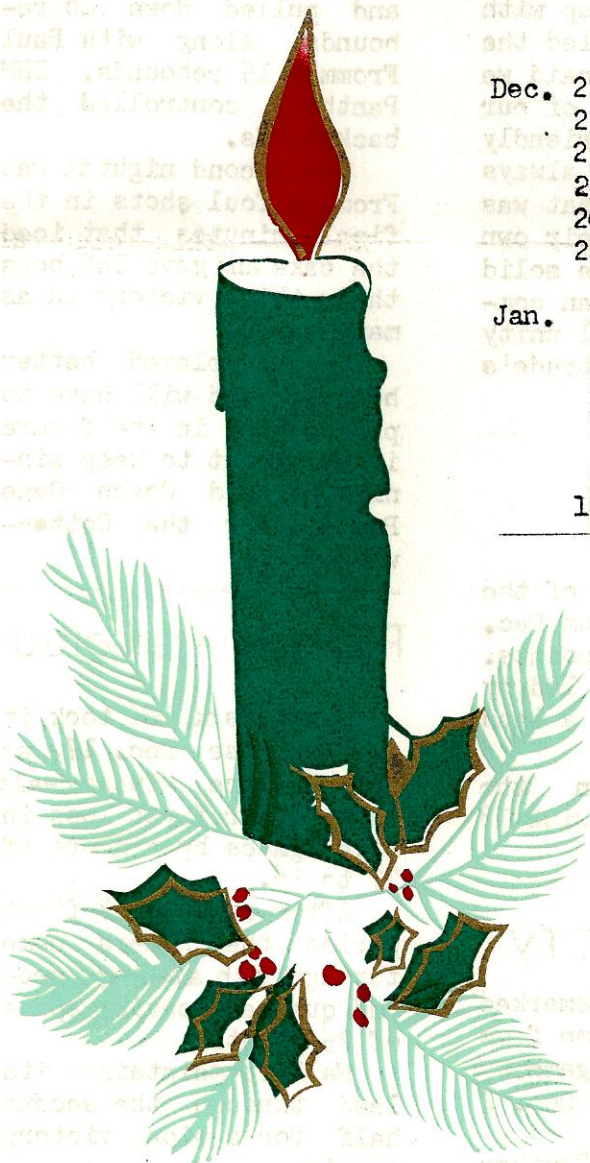
Christmas Tree Origin

by Ed Mihelich

Although the Christmas tree is a familiar part of holiday festivities, its existence has been relatively short. Its origins are placed in Germany where Martin Luther is said to have placed candles on an evergreen to represent the stars of Christmas Eve.

An even earlier story refers to St. Boniface combating a pagan rite of sacrificing people to an oak tree in the 8th century. He told his followers to take "fir trees into your homes...as a sign of your new worship."

It was not until the early 19th century that Germany as a whole had adopted the Christmas tree. Spreading quickly, the custom sprang up in most of the northern European countries and was first initiated into America at Cambridge, Mass. in 1932.



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CHRISTMAS SEASON

Snow falls,
 Wind blows,
 Man shovels,
 More comes,
 Trees shake,
 Cars creep,
 People complain,
 While bears sleep.

Frost outlines,
 Cold nips,
 People hurry,
 Tires spin,
 Snow sparkles,
 Lights glow,
 Christmas comes,
 To us below.

--Patricia Tipton

Bob McFarland Tops Contestants

Robert McFarland, senior, won first place in school competition in the Voice of Democracy contest, Dec. 13.

The contest consisted of a three-to-five minute speech on "Democracy: What It Means to Me."

Messrs. Sylvio Cyr, Len Butterfield, and the Rev. William Jennings, CSSR, were judges.

Semi-finalists in the school were Jerry Mason, Bernadette Brooten, Mark Ballantyne, and Joe Erickson.

According to Sister M. Rosina, senior English teacher, the state winner is awarded a five day, all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D. C. and is eligible to compete for national scholarships.

Litchfield Speaks To IHM Press Club

Edward T. Litchfield, journalism teacher at North Idaho Junior College, spoke to members of IHM Press Club, Dec. 13.

The talk given at NIJC covered a variety of problems encountered in writing objectively and in using precise and correct English. He said the purpose of putting out a school publication is to inform the readers and to improve the writing skills of those who publish the paper.

Litchfield congratulated the Press Club on the quality of the Laurel.

SPLINTERS FROM THE BENCH

by Bob McFarland

I recently took my first trip to Cottonwood with the team, and it was quite an experience. For those of you who haven't known it first-hand, a weekend as the guest of our nearest Idaho Catholic school neighbor is quite a thing. Imagine two days of hot poker playing, drinking gallons of pop, exhausting the recreational facilities of Grangeville, hoarse cheerleaders, screaming crowds, and exciting basketball, and you will get some idea of the action.

But there's another aspect of the experience that impressed me most. St. Gertrude's may have to bow to us when we're playing basketball, but we could sure learn a thing or two from them in the spirit department. I had been told beforehand that their fan support was tremendous, but when I actually saw it I found it overwhelming. The Pep Club sits as one body, each member in uniform and each one participating in every cheer. The rest of the school backs them up with complete enthusiasm; when a cheer is being yelled the building vibrates with their spirit. And I said we were their guests--this was evident every second of our stay. Even though we beat them, they were as friendly as can be and really made us feel welcome. They always had a courteous cheer for us as victors and, what was more impressive, a roof-raising cheer for their own team. Even when they lost, that school had more solid unity than I've ever before seen. No, no one can complain about IHM's pep, but even so, for school unity and spirit, I have to take my hat off to St. Gertrude's Academy. They're truly outstanding.

Panthers Crush Lakeland

IHM Panthers won their fourth straight game of the season 67-41 over the Lakeland Hawks at Rathdrum Dec. 16. Paul Fromm led the Panther attack with 18 points.

At the end of the first period the Panthers led by a single point but in the second they built up a lead that never diminished.

The Hawk JV's beat the Panther JV's 58-56 in the preliminary game. Bob Elgee led the Panthers with 18 points.

IHM Wins First Cage Victory

"My boys just don't know how to give up," remarked Coach Gene Boyle after his Panther cagers came from behind in the fourth period of the IHM-Wallace game.

The Panthers defeated Wallace Miners 62-55 Dec. 2 for their first victory.

In the preliminary game, Wallace JV's beat Panther JV's 48-44.

IHM Dumps Cottonwood

IHM Panthers travelled to Cottonwood Dec. 9, where they rolled to two consecutive victories over St. Gertrude's Panthers 69 to 53 and 55 to 51.

Both nights IHM had to come from behind. They trailed by as many as 8 to 10 points late in the third quarter of each game, but each time they came roaring back.

The first night Jim Russell hit for 20 points and pulled down 18 rebounds. Along with Paul Fromm's 15 rebounds, IHM Panthers controlled the backboards.

The second night it was Fromm's foul shots in the final minutes that iced the cake and gave IHM boys their third victory in as many games.

"We've played better before, and will have to play better in the future if we expect to keep winning," said Coach Gene Boyle after the Cottonwood trip.

Panthers Defeated

Panthers of IHM took it on the nose Dec. 17, as the Wallace Miners dealt them their first loss in five games by a score of 77 to 56.

After a 17 to 17 first period the Miners came through with a strong second quarter scoring spree of 25 points.

Wallace maintained its lead through the second half for a wide victory margin.

BETWEEN THE BOOK ENDS...

by Janice Smith

Graham Greene tells an intriguing, if rather unpleasant story in his book The Heart of the Matter. This philosophical novel describes the slow corruption of a seemingly incorruptible man, Major Henry Scobie.

The setting is a humid, little coastal town in west Africa, where poverty, ignorance and "low morals" are the prevalent characteristics among the people. The dirty, depressing picture which Greene portrays lends to the mood of hopeless indifference which dominates his book.

Greene ingeniously presents a view of life in an "out-of-focus" manner; love is blurred with pity, good runs into evil, worth fades into worthlessness.

As I read this book, I couldn't help searching for answers to the questions it poses.

Junior, Senior Girls Hear Speaker From Loretto Heights

Patrick Dunn, representing Loretto Heights Liberal Arts College in Denver, Colo. spoke to the senior and junior girls Dec. 7. The college is run by the Sisters of Loretto, in Denver.

He said that the campus consists of 160 acres in Denver, and the college has access to the city's nine museums, opera programs, libraries, parks, lakes and bus service.

Dunn showed slides featuring Loretto Heights activities, dorm life, classroom work, and campus.

Just recently, he stated, the college has started to accept men students; there are 1,000 women and 33 men, with a student-teacher ratio of eleven-to-one.

Dunn pointed out that 14 foreign countries are represented in the freshman class. He added that the school's extra-curricular activities include golf, tennis, swimming, horse-back riding and skiing.

Freshman Boys Form Pep Club

A 70's Club has been formed by the freshmen boys to "create more school spirit" according to George Jost, president. The club derives its name from the year in which the freshmen will graduate.

Jost made the following comments on the activities of the club: club members cheer in their special section of the bleachers at pep rallies and basketball games; they have taken on the tasks of setting up chairs in the gym and keeping the pop machines in order.

The 70's Club first made its name known by toppling all other classes in the turkey raffle, Nov. 23, Jost added. He said the club's latest project is to raise \$120 for the school by selling Christmas cards.

Seniors Take SAT Test

"It was the longest I have ever sat still," said one student who recently took the Scholastic Aptitude test. The test was administered to area high school seniors Dec. 3 in Coeur d'Alene high school library.

The test, including achievement sections, lasted from 8 A.M. until 5:45 P.M. The SAT costs \$5 and if achievement tests are taken total cost is \$12.50.

Testing officials said that juniors and sophomores may take the test for practice and experience. They said that the test is required for entrance in many of our nation's colleges and universities and will be used as a placement test for incoming freshmen.

Senior Girls Vie For Home Ec Award

The knowledge and attitude test in the Betty Crocker Search for the American Homemaker of Tomorrow contest was administered to 19 senior girls Dec. 6 by Sister Rosina, homemaking teacher.

According to Sister Rosina, the test consisted of a 35-minute objective section of multiple choice questions and 10-minute discussion question on disadvantages of combining marriage and career.

Results will probably be announced sometime in February, Sister Rosina said.

ALUMNI NEWS

Our Lady of Loretto Chapel, Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi, Tex. will be the setting for the Dec. 27 wedding of Suzann Baker and Blaise Koep '61.

The engagement of Marilyn Gross '65 and David Boller '66 has been announced by her parents. No date has been set for the wedding.

The engagement of Kathy McMurray '65 and Thomas Kurdy '64 was announced at the future bridegroom's fraternity, Phi Delta Theta, at the University of Idaho. An early June wedding is planned.

Diane Cunningham and Donald Boughton '61 will be married at a Nuptial Mass in St. Joseph Church, Spokane on Dec. 26.

GENERAL NEWS

Sister Octavia Freed, FSPA, daughter of Leila Smith '12 Freed, heads the Marycliff music department. Sister is superior of Marycliff convent. She is a violinist and composer, having published two English Masses and propers for daily Mass.

Cathy Andrews '65, William McFarland '65, Rickard Diemert '66, and Janice Purdy '66 were on the semester honor roll at NIJC.

Lucille Jessick '66, state clothing contest winner, won an expense-paid trip to the National 4-H Club Congress Nov. 27 to Dec. 1, in Chicago.

Pete Dunbar '62 is the editor of Epsilon Gabber, a fraternity newsletter of University of Idaho.

The freshman class sent Christmas boxes to the following men in service: Roger Brooks '63, Eric Moore '64, Harold Wetmur '64, Richard Smith brother of Janice Smith '67, Roy Koester brother of Bruce Koester '70, and James Goff husband of Frances Asplund.

"Burglary" Okayed By Principal

Out the ninth-street exit of IHM and around the corner he stealthily slnk. He proceeded to scale the side of the school, casting an occasional glance over his shoulders.

Carefully he chipped away the putty around the smaller window while his accomplices held the ladder steady. In a solemn and hushed manner like that used by a surgeon at an operating table he calmly asked for a "plumber's friend" to suck out the window.

He scrambled through the opening into the inner office of the school and grasped the object of his search. Hurriedly he walked into the almost deserted corridor.

There Jerry Neeser, senior, handed over the keys of the inner office to Sister Avellina, principal, who had accidentally locked herself out of her own office.

Double Quartet+ Places Second

IHM glee club boys' special group, "Double Quartet Plus One," placed second in a talent show sponsored by the VFW, at North Idaho Junior College, Dec. 7.

The program was presented by the VFW for the benefit of Kootenai Memorial hospital, according to Mrs. Pat Chose, mistress of ceremonies.

The boys' special group was among 60 contestants from the Coeur d'Alene area. Other contestants from IHM and St. Thomas grade school included: the girls' special group of the glee club, an accordion rendition by Darlene and Phyllis Brueggerman, and a piano selection by Sheryl Peterson.

Condolence

The faculty, alumni, and students extend sympathy to the Sisters of IHM on the death of Sister Valeria; to Mrs. Charles Parent (Ethel Kope '13) on the death of her husband; to Mary Irene '12, Ruth '16, and Hilda '22 Murphy on the death of their brother Raymond; to Lloyd '40 and John '40 Bro on the death of their brother Kenneth; to Joseph A. Walsh '48 on the death of his father; to Francis Gerdes '27, Mrs. Ann Marie Gerdes '28 Neuman, Mrs. Maxine Gerdes '31 Flanagan, Mrs. Dorothy Gerdes '38 Hill on the death of their father.

Living History...

by Sheila Johnston

...is serving your community in a hundred different ways--in offices which are either completely voluntary or at best poor-paying; in building up a successful business which is invaluable in recording the history of the community; in raising a family to carry on the record of service to the community, to the nation.

This description could fit any number of Coeur d'Alene's community-minded men, but most particularly it describes Mr. O. W. Edmonds.

Mr. Edmonds and his wife came to Coeur d'Alene from North Dakota in 1912, after graduation from the University of North Dakota Law School. He immediately purchased the Panhandle Abstract Co., and from that time built his reputation of being a shrewd, honest businessman, a man who knew the business and was willing to work to make it successful.

One might think that building up a business so involved as the abstract business would take up almost all of a man's time. Nevertheless, Mr. Edmonds always found time for service to his community. He served four terms as mayor--the first two terms from 1923-1927 and the last two terms from 1942-1946. It was during the war-terms that the beautiful Community Building in The Park was burned by a pyromaniac sailor. This building was built by the W.P.A. during the depression, and was being used by the USO. Later on the Round Table filled in the basement, and put a cement slab over it for dancing.

Coeur d'Alene has changed much since Mr. Edmonds first came here, but not so much as one might think, he states. One of the biggest improvements was made when the Milwaukee Railroad filled in the lake directly below Sherman. Before, the lake had extended all the way to Sherman, just below the Coeur d'Alene Hotel (now the Desert Hotel.) The Railroad Co. filled this in with dirt to make the depot, while the railroad was being built.

During all this time Mr. Edmonds has served almost continually in some community office. From 1913-1918 he was city clerk and police judge. Later on he was mayor; then he served on the school board, serving two terms as president. He has been a member of the Chamber of Commerce since the time of his arrival. He is also a charter member of the Rotary Club, and a past president of the Hayden Lake Country Club.

The Edmonds have three children, 11 grand-children, and seven great-grandchildren. They are at present residing at 101 Park Avenue in their beautiful home overlooking the lake.

Special Group Sings at NIJC

Glee club special group "Double Quartet Plus One," performed at a meeting of Alpha Delta Kappa teachers' association, Dec. 13 at NIJC student union building.

Numbers sung were "When Christ Was Born of Mary Free," "Jingle Bells," "Spanish Ladies," and "Let Me Call You Sweetheart."

Members of the group include basses Robert McFarland, Steve Dolan, Dan Peterson, Jim Russell, and tenors Larry Lenz, Dwayne Dunbar, Jim Hofmeister, Steve Bowser and Bob Blessing.

WOULD YOU BELIEVE?

...Tom McFarland dancing with a girl without getting a dollar per dance?

...Mr. Kirsch's car tires hardly being affected by the weight of the cheerleaders and their lightweight luggage?

...That ice cream bars do not remain frozen when suspended by strings out bathroom windows?

...Diane Chase waking everyone up with her snoring?

...Coach treating the referee like a brother?

...Nancy Novak begging Diane to put one more red hair dye capsule in her hair?

...Bob McFarland playing Fred Astaire?

...The freezing point is found by filling one water glass with salt from 2½ saltshakers?



Students Attend Senior Ball

"Somewhere My Love" was the theme of the senior ball, Nov. 25 in L. V. Brown Gym.

The theme was adapted from the movie "Dr. Zhivago" and was developed in the following ways:

The entrance was decorated with icicles. Beyond this a small bridge spanned a sparkling stream. Birch trees, portraying the four seasons of the year lined the outside of the floor. A Russian mosque complete with minarets highlighted the far end of the gym.

The band, NIJC Redbirds, was arranged on the stage. In front of the gym, "Somewhere My Love" was set off with green letters against a background of white.

Mary D. Rarick Speaks to Girls

Mary Dell Rarick, representing Northwest Orient Airlines, spoke to sophomore, junior, and senior girls Nov. 23 in the auditorium.

Miss Rarick explained the "joys and privileges" of being an airline stewardess. One of the most important privileges of flying with Northwest, according to Miss Rarick, is being able to fly to such countries as Japan and China. She told of her experiences in the Orient, and about some persons she met there.

According to Miss Rarick, requirements for becoming a stewardess include: high school graduation; at least two years of college; a height of 5'2" to 5'9"; and a pleasing personality. Miss Rarick added that the training period lasts five weeks. "It's hard work but the pay is good and you are able to encounter many new and exciting experiences."

Col. S. Grashio Informs Seniors

"No student should ever have to worry about financing college with the scholarships and loans that are available to him if he really wants them," said Colonel Sam Grashio, field representative from Gonzaga University. He spoke to the IHM seniors Nov. 30, in the activity room.

Colonel Grashio explained entrance requirements and finances that are needed for Gonzaga.

John Wakefield, a Gonzaga student who accompanied Colonel Grashio, told the class about Gonzaga from the student's viewpoint. John mentioned that it was "the school to attend if you're a big eater because third, fourth, and even fifth helpings are allowed at all meals."

Colonel Grashio closed his talk by showing slides of the campus and by inviting anyone interested to visit Gonzaga and see everything first-hand.

Girls Learn Of Marylhurst

Newsom B. Maples, director of admissions for Marylhurst Liberal Arts College for women, spoke to senior and junior girls Dec. 7.

The college is located a few miles outside of Portland, and is run by Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary.

The campus covers 85 acres of woodlands, rolling hills and parks.

Maples stressed the importance of the individual and how the faculty attempts to round-off and fill out a girl's personality. The school's goal is to prepare a woman to step out into society and assume a vital, responsible role in today's world, he said.

The student-teacher ratio is twelve to one, which, he said, creates a warm personal relationship catering to individual needs.

Mayor Visits Government Class

Larry Gardner, mayor of Coeur d'Alene, spoke to the American government class at IHM Dec. 12.

Mayor Gardner spoke on his role in city government as mayor, noting that it is a job of service to the community. He stated that if it weren't for this fact, neither the low pay nor the long and inconvenient hours would entice him to stay.

Mayor Gardner was asked his views on city-manager type of government, and his duties as mayor.