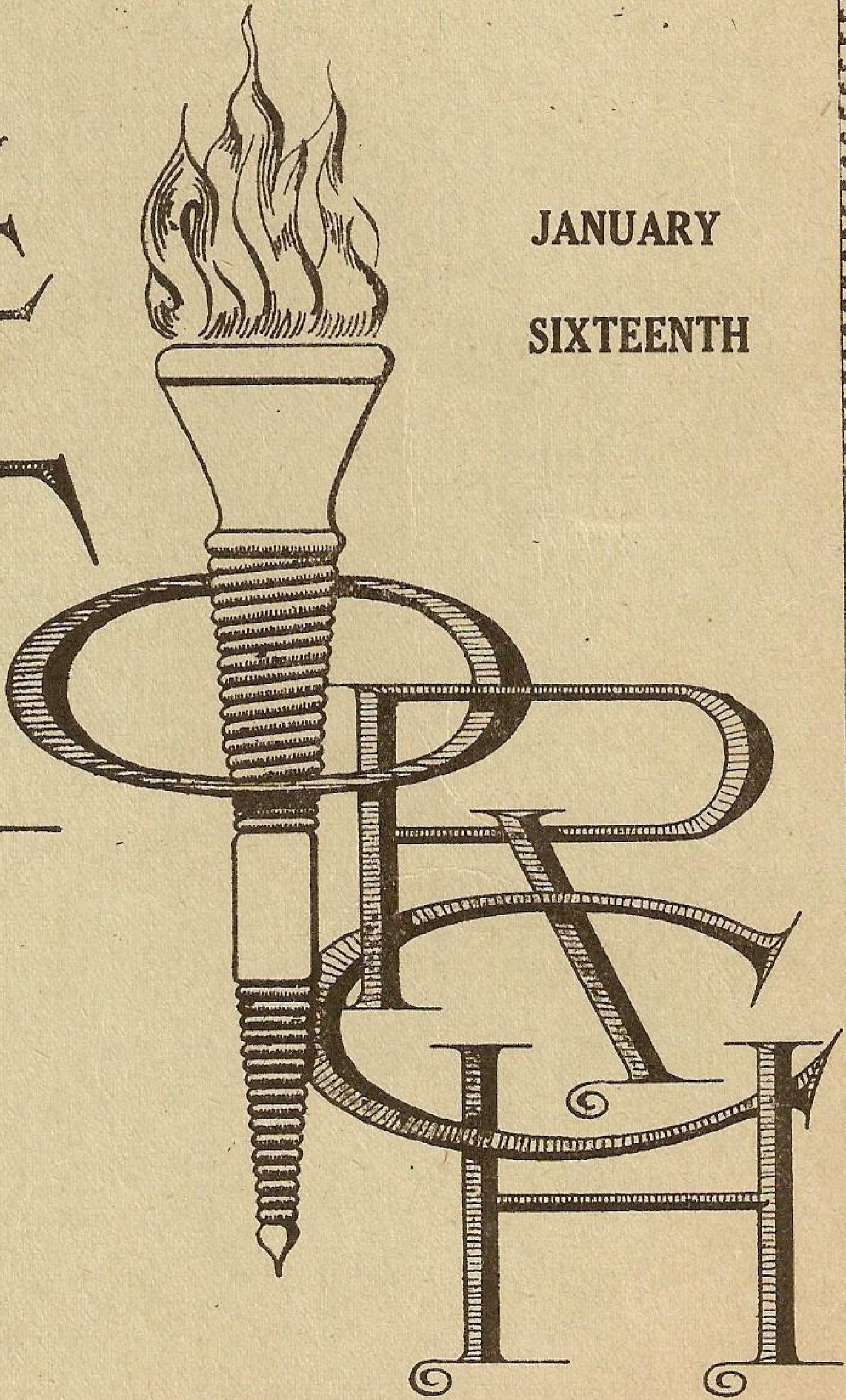


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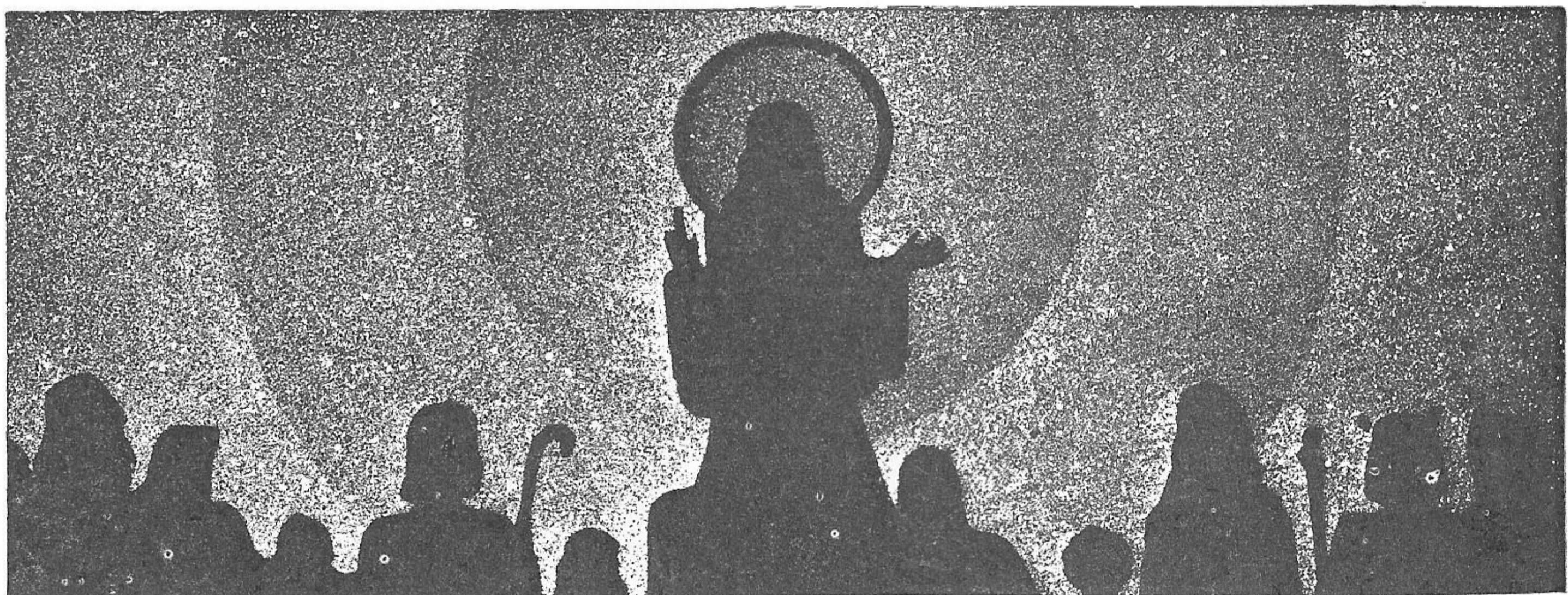
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PEACE WITH JUSTICE

The intention for the first month of the new year is "for the general and particular intentions of Our Holy Father". Our prayers are most precious to His Holiness at this time when the Vicar of Christ is praying for his whole human family, for the blotting out of the curse of war, for a lasting peace with justice; in short for the true interests of the Sacred Heart.

Parallel to peace with justice is the intention that all the world may return to God. We pupils of Catholic Central High School can cooperate with Catholics the world over in praying for the intention of Our Holy Father, Pope Pius XII.

— BETTY KAY WALSH '41

BECKONING FIELDS

MARY E. BRENNAN '41

The field of Chemistry appears to be the widest and most active field of modern science. It is wide in the sense that there are seven branches of Chemistry, namely: organic chemistry, inorganic chemistry, agricultural chemistry, electro-chemistry, industrial chemistry, physical chemistry, and thermo-chemistry. It is active because it is emphatically an experimental science; no exhaustive knowledge of it can be gained without the making of experiments. Continually, new experiments result in new discoveries and theories.

In very many of the scientific problems of the day, the way has been cleared by the work of scientists of a by-gone day; all that remains for the present day scientists to do is to use in further experimentation, these principles set down for them.

Consider, for example, the future which awaits a scientist who is working on the problem of that dreadful disease called cancer. Cancer is the common name of a disease characterized by the formation of a malignant tumor in some part of the body. A high death rate from cancerous growths is common in all parts of the world among civilized peoples, for cancer most often attacks those who enjoy the comforts and luxuries of life. It is decidedly a disease of middle age and old age, rarely afflicting persons below forty. It is believed by some authorities to be of bacterial origin, but on this point no definite proofs have as yet

been established. Certain it is that chemists and medical authorities have sought long, but in vain, for a cure for cancer; it is taxing the best brains and baffling the highest skill in the field of science. As far as has been discovered, removal of a cancer by the knife is the most reliable form of treatment, if the growth is in its first stages. Cancer of advanced stage cannot yet be cured. Of recent years much has been heard about the X-ray and radium forms of treatment. The beneficial effects of these methods are limited, however, to superficial skin cancers and certain forms of tumor that are not malignant, but internal cancers are rarely benefitted either by the X-ray or the radium treatments. As can readily be seen, there is still much work to be done in this field.

Another open field for present day scientists is television. We all realize that after more than a decade of research by engineers and scientists, television activities have passed beyond the preliminary steps of laboratory research, development, and experimental work, but a great deal remains to be done in order to perfect it.

I have mentioned only two of the fields of interest to the scientists of today, but there are countless others, such as ionization, transmutation of elements, atomic physics, physical optics and X-ray, which offer plenty of work for future scientists.

SENIORS

FRANCES BANIAK '41

Suddenly after seemingly long years of hope, prayers, and work we discover almost to our bewilderment that we have been set aside as a special group and labeled with a dignified red seal as seniors, seniors of Catholic Central High School. Yes, though almost unbelievable, it's true, however, that I find myself included in this group.

What does being classified as a Senior of C. C. H. S. mean to me?

Up to date I have always led myself to believe that my senior year at C. C. H. S. would hold untold joy and happiness. Do I find it so? Of course! And yet — ?

Having successfully passed over three years of the journey I discover that the heavy load with which I started my long four year tour of knowledge has so dwindled down that I am now able to breathe quite easily and freely.

Senior activities, whether it be senior participation in school drives, whether it be senior meetings, or senior social functions, are all matters in which I am able to take an active

part. The thought of being a senior is in itself a joy which knows no end. The receiving of class rings, the impressive class-day exercises, and the never-to-be-forgotten graduation exercises will speak for themselves.

And yet, as I started to say before, no matter how boundless this joy may be, there comes tagging along with it a certain amount of sorrow and sadness, for being a senior means, too, that there remains but one more year in which I may share in high school activities. After that I must leave my numerous friends and schoolmates, my good teachers, and beloved Principal. True, I may come back next year, but then I shall be regarded not as a high school student, but only as a P. G. student. Then, too, if I am not to continue my studies in college there stands before me the task of securing a desirable position, a problem facing thousands of others. If my path does lead to college, once again new adaptations to the surrounding environment and new acquaintances must be made, and once more there is placed upon me the difficulties which I, as high school student faced when I registered "in the school on the hill."

SHE MEANT WELL

MARY GRACE REUTEMANN '41

A job! To Marilyn Powers this meant everything. After seven months of hunting she finally secured work with the Ajax Company. Today was her first day.

On this morning she could not sleep because of sheer nervousness. Marilyn was dressed and ready to leave by seven, but she did not have to be at work until eight-thirty.

"Oh, well," she said to her mother, "I should be a little early the first."

"That's right," replied Mrs. Powers, "but do not seem too excited. Are you sure that you have all your working things?" With this reminder Marilyn searched her bag and found everything, pen, pencils, paper and eraser.

"Yes, mother," answered Marilyn as she looked again at the clock for the twentieth time. "I think I'll leave now. Good bye. Wish me luck."

"Good luck! Say a little prayer to the Holy Ghost," advised her mother.

Marilyn walked to the Fifth Avenue trolley and after a while switched to the subway. She arrived at the office about eight-fifteen. She took her appointed place after she cordially greeted those who were in the office. Now, she wondered, what would she do; but not for long for her employer, Mr. Hugh Reynolds, the most prosperous business man of the day, gave Mar-

ilyn instructions and off she started at her work. In the middle of the morning she overheard Mr. George Lyons, a member of the Ajax Company, say, "Well, H. R., it looks as if we closed the Giro deal. All will run smoothly from now on.

"Yes, that's right, Lyons, but I wish I had some carnations. They always pep me up."

That was all Marilyn needed; she decided to get the boss a dozen carnations when she went out for lunch. When she returned Marilyn Powers walked proudly into Mr. Reynold's office, carrying her bouquet. To state that the prosperous business man was somewhat puzzled when the new stenographer placed the flowers upon his desk, but faintly expresses the man's reaction.

"Well, Miss Powers", he said, "why the flowers?"

"Oh, Mr. Reynolds", explained Marilyn, "when I overheard you say you wanted carnations, I decided to get them for you."

"Miss Powers", he said laughingly, "your intentions were good but Carnations are my favorite brand of cigars. They are an English brand and that was why you did not recognize the name."

— Was her face red!

SENIOR SMILES

BETTY KAY WALSH '41



These are two girls in our eminent Senior class who are always seen side by side. I am speaking of none other than **Eileen O'Brien** and **Evelyn Mahoney**. These two "femmes" are constantly together which proves one thing, that is they are able to get along together which is a quality worthy to be emulated.

One extra-curricular activity in which these two girls actively participate is the Braille Group. Eileen and Evelyn were among the first

to join the group, yet each Thursday afternoon finds them eagerly in search for more knowledge on the subject of reading and writing Braille for the blind. It is secretly rumored that Eileen has almost completed transcribing a story in Braille.

Both girls take French III and are members of the French Club. They worked on the committee for the recent French III party. We have received information that both Eileen and Evelyn like French immensely. Maybe they will tell us the reason if we beg real hard.

This concludes our brief summary of two of our illustrious Seniors. We are proud of them, for they are a typical example of what our Senior girls should be — jolly, gay, and brimming over with good nature and enthusiasm.

AN UNEXPECTED SKI RIDE

FLORENCE DINARDO '41

It was Friday and dismissal time at Central High and a group of boys and girls were on their way to their respective homes. Everyone was merry and happy because of the new snow fall. Snow always seems to make young people feel glad and happy to be alive. Then one of the boys spoke.

"Hey kids, how about a skiing party tomorrow afternoon on Prospect hill? This new snow will make it great for skiing."

Before he had even finished speaking the others were voicing their approval of the suggestion. That is, all but one. And that was Jane Rogers.

"What's the matter, Jane, can't you go?" asked one of the girls.

Poor Jane. How could she tell them that she had never been on skis before; that she was mortally afraid of them and always would be?

"Sure, she can go," said Mary, her best friend, before she could reply. "I'll call you at a quarter to three, Jane."

The next day arrived and such a day it was for skiing. The sun shone brightly making the snow that fell during the night sparkle. But Jane was miserable. When the group reached its destination Jane, like the others, put on her skis. She then waited for the others to start.

"Come on, Jane, what are you waiting for?" asked someone.

"I'm right with you, Helen", replied Jane, her heart beating wildly for fear that the others might miss her. Now she could take off her skis and by taking a short cut down to the bottom of the hill and putting on her skis again, she could meet the others and they would never know the difference. But unfortunately for Jane she didn't get the opportunity. Before she knew what was happening she was flying down the hill at a breath-taking speed. Luck was surely with her because, somehow, she managed to keep her feet together. Jane didn't know that she had taken a different course from the other. She didn't know she was headed for the high cliff, which no one had ever dared to jump. Jane realized too late that she was going to jump off it. Down, down, until she landed with a sickening thud on the ground. Everything went black and the next thing she knew was that she was in her own comfortable bed with her mother kneeling beside her smiling with relief.

"What happened?" murmured Jane.

Her mother explained that the others, having reached the bottom, saw her jump off the cliff and when she landed, ran to her and found her unconscious.

"God must have been with you all the time, dear," said her mother, "because you're safe and not a bone is broken. And look at this paper."

Jane took the newspaper her mother handed her and read the long account of the record she had made in jumping the cliff and of her courage in doing what no one had ever dared to do before.

"If they only knew," she murmured to herself.

"What was that, dear?" her mother asked.

"Oh nothing, Mother. I was just thinking."

REMEMBER?

MARJORIE SEITZ '41

Juliana Marcell's singing . . . Rose Mary Degnan's tennis championship . . . Dot Matthews' typing speed . . . Mary Bond's blonde hair . . . Eugenia Benedict's winning smile . . . Anne Weber's driving ability . . . Mary McGlynn's quiet approach . . . Beverly Quinn's sodality leadership . . . Josephine Rice's flowing black hair . . . Mary Brennan's shorthand speed . . . Rita Murray's jolly laugh . . . Jeanette Penniss' witty answers . . . Mary Connell's stature . . . Corrine Mahoney's laughing eyes . . . Helene Slavin's leadership in the Paladin . . . Evelyn Mahoney's braille . . . Anne Lydon's pleasant disposition . . . Peg Pendergast's photography . . . Frances Doody's dancing ability . . . Toni Gendren's Hollywood correspondence . . . Helen O'Connell's approach to success . . . Eileen O'Brien's printing . . . Louise Provost's artistic ability . . . Helen Landry's drumming . . . Margaret Farmer's History C answers . . . Jane McGrath's resourcefulness . . . Mary Tierney's boyish bob . . . Emily Diviney's personality . . .

SCHOOL DAYS — 2000 A. D.

PATRICIA MORGAN '44

A white-haired old lady was sitting at the window looking out at the bleak December day. In the room beyond she could hear her grandson packing his books as he prepared for school.

"Be sure you dress warmly, John," she cautioned him. "You know it is very cold out."

"I will, Grandma," replied the boy. "but I don't have to put on my coat yet," he continued, "There's lots of time."

"Lots of time?" echoed the grandmother as she looked at the clock. "Why you have only five minutes!"

"That's plenty" John protested but grandma would not listen. Hustling him out of the door she stood watching until he was out of sight.

Then, returning to her place by the window, she became lost in thought. "I suppose John was right about the time, she mused, but I just can not get used to those miniature airplanes they have today. When I was in Catholic High way back in 1940 we had to save all our energy for climbing the hill and stairs but now the boys and girls just jump into their little airplanes, land on the roof and walk down instead of up the stairs. Things certainly are different today. They even have mechanical gadgets that actually write their book reports for them!"

But just at that point in Grandmother's reverie there was an interruption. Somewhere a voice seemed to say, "Mary stop day-dreaming. I thought you had to finish that book for your report Monday."

"Oh . . . only a dream!"

DAY DREAMS

JOHN T. FENNELLY '44

Do you day dream? Why? How many times during the day do you doze off into a dream, dream something that no one but God knows. In school some people look out the windows and seem to be counting the bricks on the houses across the way, others just stare into space. Who knows of what they are dreaming?

Out of the many hours of a school day, how many are you absent because of some fantastic dream? Some times you catch yourself dozing off while the Latin teacher is trying to force some Latin into your head or the English teacher tries to teach you the correct use of the mother-tongue.

Yes, in school, at the movies, and practically any place we go we can find people indulging in the time-wasting but definitely enjoyable practice of day dreaming. I doubt that there is a single person in the whole world who can say truthfully that he or she does not day dream. I have heard it said that day dreaming is caused by mental sickness but I do not consider this statement correct because if accepted it would lead us to doubt our sanity at the time of dreaming.

There is no limit to the subject of a day dream. The ordinary pupil is able to place himself at the head of the class in one of the common success type of dreams. A person who wants to play the part of a hero has only to sit quietly and place himself in whatever position he desires. This may be the football field in a dramatic last minute play resulting in the winning touchdown or it may be any kind of an adventure which is desired.

An ideal established during a dream may lead one on to success if faithfully followed. It is said that Christopher Columbus was a dreamer when he was a boy and that his great decision to find a new trade route was probably influenced by his dreams of the distant lands beyond the sea. Our great inventors may also have been aided in their work by the power of day dreams. In order to invent something new one must have not only a knowledge of his subject, but also an imagination. I think that imagination is best developed by day dreaming since it is commonly understood that day dreaming is really the exercising of our powers of imagination.

CHURCH ETIQUETTE

EILEEN CONROY '41

Sitting in my pew in the middle aisle I had just time enough to say a decade of my rosary before the Mass began. Just as the priest was coming onto the altar a girl about eighteen noisily came down the aisle, stood by our seat a moment, eyed several pews and then unceremoniously elbowed her way into the seat in front of me even though there were at least three other pews she could have entered without inconveniencing anyone or attracting so much attention.

Perhaps it was just because she had made such a bad first-impression that everything she did after that seemed to cause me annoyance.

The lady in the seat beside her was evidently someone she knew because when the priest began the announcements she took it as a sign for her to hold a conversation. From time to time there was nudging with elbows, comments on what the priest was saying or anything that happened to enter her mind.

I was nearly distracted when she began to rattle the rosary beads back and forth over her fingers and against the pew.

At the Consecration her extreme devotion was shown by leaning forward on the edge of the seat and burying her face in her hands on the top of the back of the seat in front of her. She looked very much as if she was asleep and for a few minutes I almost believed she was, from her very peaceful position. Finally she was back up on her knees, hanging on the back of the seat and rattling her rosary.

At the Communion, those who had gone to receive from the pew in front of me had to climb over my "friend", even though those inside had moved in.

At the end of Mass, the priest no sooner finished the prayers than she made a dash out of the seat and down the aisle.

I had learned a lesson — how NOT to act at Mass.

YES WE HAVE

JOSEPH CONROY '42

LARGE but no SMALL
SNOW but no RAIN
COFFEY but no TEA
KANE but no SUGAR
LETTKO but no HOLDON
WRIGHT but no WRONG
CARR but no TRAIN
DANISH but no SPANISH
COLEMAN but no BRAKEMEN
KING but no QUEEN

BURNS but no ALLEN
FARMER but no FARM
COLLINS but no TOM
GRAHAM but no McNAMEE
BAKER but no BUTCHER
LAMB but no SHEEP
PORTER but no WAITRESS
FOX but no TROT
SEALES but no GLUE



PAR ICI, PAR LA

EVELYN MAHONEY '41

Ce mois nous presentons quelques pensees ceuillies par ici, par la quand nos camarades sont revenus a l'ecole.

L'ABBE TESSIER:

On est heureux toujours de savoir que nous aurons un temps de vacances, apres des efforts consciencieusement diriges a s'instruire.

Savons-nous cependant que dans notre propre ville il n'y a pas cent ans. Noel n'etait pas celebre du tout. Les travaillants devraient s'engager dans leur ouvrage meme le jour de Noel. Il n'y avait pas mille et mille sortes de presents etales dans les vitrines des magasins. Ce fut avec l'agrandissement et l'expansion de l'Eglise Catholique parmi nous, que non-seulement la fete de Noel etait exterieusement celebree mais aussi son esprit, l'esprit de sacrifice de charite se repandit meme parmi ceux qui n'etaient pas des notres. Malheureusement beaucoup de marchands n'ont fait que reduire cette fete a une saison commerciale, ont tout a fait oublie l'esprit qui en est la base. Nous qui vivons et savons la valeur fondamentale de cette fete religieuse ne devons jamais laisser l'esprit profane surpasse l'esprit religieux. Autrement nous nous verrions reduit a vivre dans un etat barbare qui serait une grande perte nonseulement a nous mais aussi a tous nos compatriotes.

MARIE BOND:

J'espere que cette nouvelle annee dix-neuf cent quarante et un sera une annee pleine de bonheur et de paix.

EVELYN SMITH:

J'ai passe un tres joyeux Noel. J'ai recu beaucoup de cadeaux que j'aime beaucoup. Je pense que Noel est la plus belle saison de l'annee parce que c'est la fete de Jesus Christ qui est ne a Bethlehem il y a longtemps.

DOROTHEA SMITH:

Les jours des vacances ont vu bien des sourires sur nos visages. Nous esperons sincerement qu'apres les examens il y aura beaucoup de sourires de la victoire.

JOAN KAVANAGH:

Bien, les vacances de Noel sont finis et nous revenons encore a nos etudes. Maintenant c'est le temps quand nous regrettons que nous n'ayons plus etudie quand nous avons eu l'occasion. Pendant les semaines passees nous avons vu tous les eleves qui travaillent pour reparer pour l'annee derniere et preparer pour les examens.

Die Deutschen Kreise

ANNE WEBER '41

Die Ferien ist fertig und jetzt haben wir die Pruefungen. Sie beginnen an dem 20. Januar und dauern bis Freitag fort. Hoffentlich werden alle Studenten diese Pruefungen gut bestehen.

Ein paar der beruehmtesten Deutschen in der amerikanischen Geschichte sind:

Baron von Steuben, ein General von Friedrich dem Grossen, der einen beruehmten amerikanischen revolutionaeren General wurde und von 1777 bis zum Ende des Krieges war von Steuben mit Washington bei Valley Forge und nahm in der Yorktown Feldschlacht teil. Nach dem Krieg, liess er sich auf diesem Land nieder.

Karl Schurz, geboren in der Naehe Koeln, war einer der unterschiedensten Deutscher-Amerikaner. Er war ein General in unserem Buergerkrieg, spaeter ein Senator in Kongress, wo er sehr ruhig war. Ein Park den Ostfluss in der Stadt New York entlang, traegt seinen Namen.

Karl Steinmetz, geboren bei Breslau, war ein grosser Wissenschaftler und ein Ingenieur. Einer seiner ausstehenden Ausfuehrungen war, den kuentslichen Blitz zu fabrizieren.

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Die Brueder Grimm! Wer hat nicht schon von ihnen gehoert? Sie hatten "Hansel und Gretel" und "Schneewittchen und den sieben Zwergen" geschrieben. Die Brueder, Jakob und Wilhelm, sind beruehmt in allen Teilen der Welt.

Jakob wurde 1785, sein Bruder, Wilhelm' ein Jahr spaeter geboren. Zuerst, hatten die Brueder Grimm Jurizprudenz studiert, aber sie bestimmten die deutsche Sprache und Literatur zu studieren. Sie wurden Professoren an die Universitaet Goettingen berufen und spaeter an die Universitaet Berlin. Sie schrieben nicht nur Maerchen sondern auch gelehrte Buecher, naemlich "Deutsche Mythologie," "Deutsches Grammatik", usw. Das gewaltige Werk der Brueder sollte ein "Deutsches Woerterbuch" werden, aber sie haben es nie vollendet, weil es eine so grosse Arbeit war.

So lange man Freude an Maerchen haben wird, wird man die Brueder Grimm nicht vergessen.

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Koennen Sie beantworten?

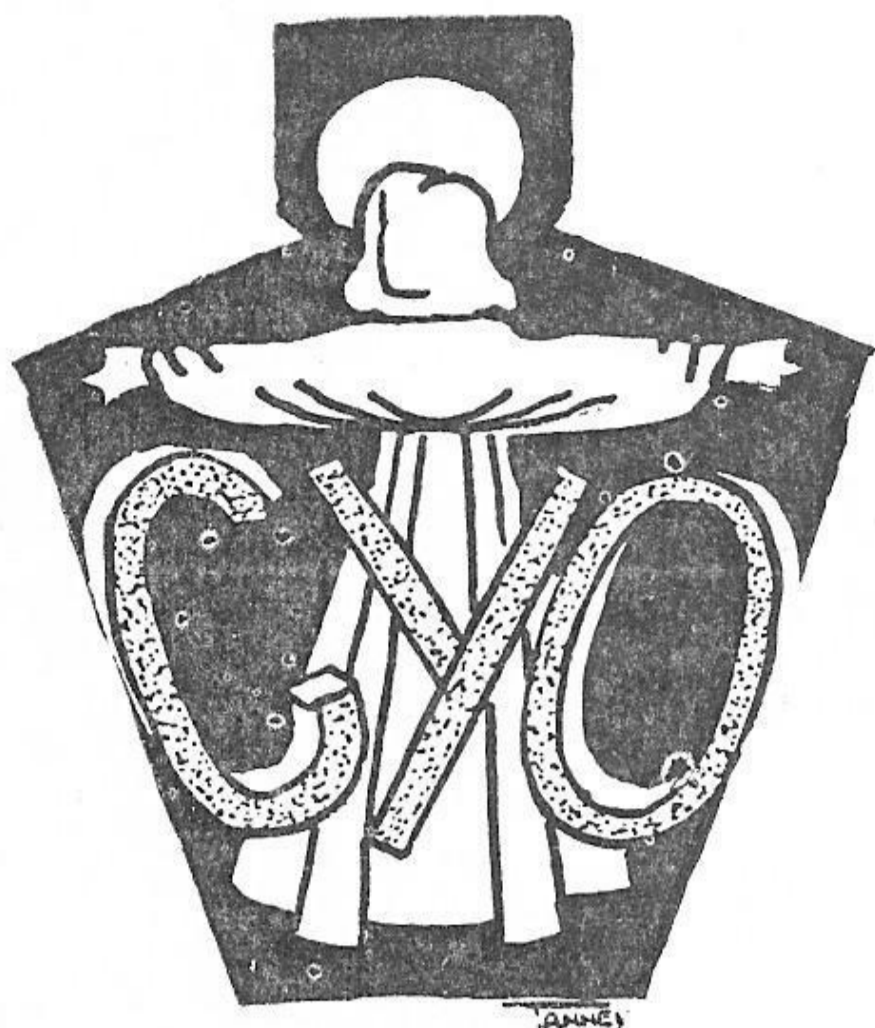
1. In welchen Waeldern waechst kein Laub?
2. In welche Faesser kann man keinen Wein fuellen?
3. Welcher Vogel ist dem Storch am aehnlichsten?
4. Welche Zeiten sind die besten?
5. Wie schreibt man trochenes Gras mit drei Buchstaben?

REGENTS AND CERTIFIED EXAMINATIONS

JANUARY 1941 — PROGRAM — JANUARY 1941

Monday, January 20	Tuesday, January 21	Wednesday, January 22	Thursday, January 23	Fri. Jan. 24.
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RAMBLINGS



Joy and happiness was brought into many a home as a result of the recent toy drive which was held under the auspices of all the committees of our C. Y. O.

Over 3000 toys were given to 447 children in 120 families. Almost every box of toys contained candy

which had been donated.

Besides helping to make Christmas really happy for the young, the committees in charge also remembered the aged by sending candy and tobacco to those at the home conducted by the Little Sisters of the Poor.

We wish to thank anyone who helped in any way toward the success of the drive. To the girls, boys, men and women who worked in any capacity should go a special thank you for their generous and unselfish donation of their time and labor.

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To Nicoll and Son we say thank you for so generously donating to us the use of the store on River Street for our headquarters.

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Because of the large number of toys donated, the drive has been made into a year-round project. During the winter months, the men from the House of Hospitality will repair toys. The repairing and dressing of dolls will be continued under the direction of Miss Bennett.

Come on, girls, let's get acquainted with Miss Bennett and let's show her how well the girls from Catholic Hi can work.

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Good news sodalists! The Discussion Club will finally get underway after the January exams. Many have anxiously been awaiting the formation of the Club so there should be a great attendance at the first meeting. Will you be there? I hope so.

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Did you know that members of the Literature Committee are going to dramatize the pamphlet **Books Control the Future**, by Father Walker? It is something to look forward to.

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The corridors will soon be decked with books, book covers, and other literary manifestations in observance of Catholic Press month which comes during the beginning of February.

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Oh boy! It's here at last. Haven't you heard? Why a new pamphlet entitled **St. Peggy's Growing Up** has just been added to our pamphlet library. It's ideal reading for a girl. Remember **St. Peggy of Chicago**? This is even better. For those of us who already know Peggy this book offers a wonderful opportunity to get acquainted. Read it soon.

FASHION MART

HELEN BENSON '41

Greetings and salutations! The new year has arrived, and with it has come snow, snow, and more snow. Although this is disagreeable for most pupils, it is grand for skiers (pronounced shee-ers). For skiing, one must have a slick gabardine outfit preferably in red, white and blue. One gorgeous suit is made of red gabardine, with black bands across the jacket. The pants are the new trouser type and the jacket is tight and perfectly fitted. Another stunning outfit has blue gabardine pants with a red jacket trimmed extensively in white. A white ski-hat is necessary to complete either outfit and white or red ski socks help make the picture smart, too. — Now that you have an outstanding outfit go out and ski to your heart's content.

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After skiing, pull a pair of the new house slippers on, and toast your toes by that large open fire. These slippers have leather soles and knitted tops which come just above the ankle. The more embroidery the tops possess the nicer the slippers.

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Although it is late — have you written all your "thank you" notes? This bit of etiquette is necessary after Christmas — and it is highly neglected. Don't let it go another day.

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Why not start the New Year off right by keeping our uniforms neater, our blouses clean, our shoes shined, and our stocking seams straight. If we wear little tiny bows in our hair we'll find that our uniform is not quite so dull. Instead of letting our imaginations grow stagnant during the week, try to get ingenious bows, and clever jewelry.

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Since most of us have one or two nice sport dresses, let that new dress be a "little dressy dress". For luncheons, teas, and the those-ever-popular informal hops, you will find a silk print indispensable. A vivid large floral design is always nice, but this year the dresses seem to have straighter lines and more detail. Shop until you find just the right dress for "occasions" and you'll never tire of wearing it.

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If you have some money for luxuries left from Christmas, why not buy a quilted bed jacket? You'll find one terribly cozy for reading or cramming in bed.

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Now that the A. S. C. A. P. and B. M. I. are at war, we must use the "vic" for all our favorite tunes. — Don't forget to buy some next time you're downtown — "Frenesi" "Sante Fe Trail" and "I Hear a Rhapsody" are all "swell".

HOW INTELLIGENT ARE YOU ???

ELEANOR HUGHES '41

FILL IN THE BLANKS.

- (1). The United States was established to select those best fitted for subordinate administrative, clerical and technical jobs.
- (2). gained most of his success in increasing the prosperity of all classes of people in Germany.
- (3). In the period from 1930 to 1939 the public debt increased greatly, slightly or decreased.
- (4). The United States possesses no currency redeemable in gold because
- (5). An important result of the World War was
- (6). is the father of the American factory system.
- (7). said "A house divided against itself cannot stand".
- (8). wrote "They also serve who only stand and wait".
- (9). When Alice Adams went to the dance her flowers were
- (10). Plato lived about B. C.
- (11). A choir is a choir of unaccompanied voices.
- (12). Luxembourg Palace is in
- (13). A narrative poem set to music is called a
- (14). Painting on freshly spread moist plaster is
- (15). The only substance that can be truly called living is
- (16). A paramecium is a
- (17). The spinal cord belongs to the system.
- (18). Hydraulic brakes in automobiles are supplanting other kinds because
- (19). A process which occurs in all plants and animals is
- (20). A storm may be expected if the barometric pressure is
- (21). Volume is always expressed in measure.
- (22). The result of dividing 842 by .1 is
- (23). The best basis for estimating the age of the earth is
- (24). The function of the lens of a camera
- (25). A sponge is an

ANSWERS

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| 1. Civil Service Commission. | 9. Violets she had picked her- self. | 18. They provide equal braking for the four wheels. |
| 2. Bismarck. | 10. 400. | 19. respiration. |
| 3. Increased greatly. | 11. cappella. | 20. falling rapidly. |
| 4. United States is off the gold circulation standard. | 12. Paris. | 21. cubic. |
| 5. economic readjustment caused serious difficulty in almost every country. | 13. ballad. | 22. 420. |
| 6. Slater. | 14. fresco. | 23. The chemical analysis of radioactive rocks. |
| 7. Lincoln. | 15. protoplasm. | 24. To form an image on the film. |
| 8. Milton. | 16. one celled animal. | 25. animal. |
| | 17. nervous. | |



Now that the vacation is over and that long dark period, known as examination time, is here, we hope you are staying close to home and your books. Come, children, resist that invitation to go ice skating or sleigh riding. How about those New Year's resolutions? Certainly, one of them must have been to do a little more studying. Be strong, not weak and you won't regret it.

Marjorie Houghton '44, who resides in 509, has a long and legal-looking document that solemnly proclaims her resolution to do better in Latin. She has kept it this long so that next report card should certainly mark a great improvement.

To do a little reviewing of the old year before the new year has too big a start, we couldn't be sure, but we noticed a few Freshmen at the Christmas dance. It's a seven day wonder how they ever persuaded their parents to let them out but they seemed to have a grand time. Phil O'Brien '44 and Joyce Donovan '44 were charming representatives of their class. By the way, have you noticed how much Phil looks like his older sister, Joan?

Homerom 509 can boast, we feel sure, of the pupil who has to come the greatest distance to school. Ann Kelly '44 gets up at 6:30 every morning to catch the train and I don't

mean bus. Ann comes from Mechanicville where there is no parochial high school. She used to come right into the station at the foot of the hill but now the train schedule is changed and she only goes as far as Cohoes. Of course, this means that Ann transfers to a bus to complete her journey. It's quite a trip for a little Freshman but she's only been late once and then by just two minutes.

A book so occupied the attention of Edward Houle '44 that he never noticed us standing right beside him. Was this interest caused by the excellence of the novel or by the fact that an English book report was due that day? Anyway, we didn't mean to distract him, so we passed on up the aisle.

A brown-eyed miss who couldn't stop laughing, we discovered to be Hope Jackson '44. As the remark that caused the general laugh at her expense was not confided to us, we can't pass it on to you. It must have been good, though.

Maurice Keefe '44 was reminiscing about the many Christmas presents he received, and had only one complaint to make. His trouble is too many clothes as he has so many that he can't make up his mind what to wear. A sad state of affairs, indeed, but we know the girls wouldn't mind having the same difficulty.

Dorothy Kennedy '44 was also a little regretful about the gifts she received, especially a certain one. That pair of skates is a constant distraction to Dorothy while she is trying to concentrate on her lessons. Well, "exams" won't last forever.

By the way, can anyone tell us if Walter Brennan '44 got what he most wanted for Christmas? Maybe he changed his mind but the last time we heard he desired a ——— more than anything else. His request so touched the hearts of his classmates that they started a fund to buy his doll for him. Did he get it? That's what we want to know, too. Only Walter can answer that question. If you find out, don't forget to tell us.

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THE BOOKS WE READ

MARGARET KUNZ '41

Several new, delightful books have been received at our library. Among the authors of the following will be recognized names famous for their biographical and fictional characterizations.

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Bess of Cobb's Hall, by Enid Dinnis.

It is probable that very few have read or heard a great deal about "The Maid of Kent," Elizabeth Barton, since the story of her heroically sacrificed life has not been recounted in accurate detail. Even Miss Dinnis' account is fictionalized in parts concerning which no record is available.

This story takes place in England during the reign of Henry VIII, a brutally clever monarch with whom none of us is unfamiliar. It introduces to the reader the shrine of Our Lady of Court-up Street which, in pathetic ruin after years of misuse and neglect, was made famous by the miraculous cure granted to her devoted servant Bess by Our Lady; it tells of the simple country folk of Cobb's Farm — Bess, Tom Cobb, and the little crippled son of the Cobb family to whom Bess revealed the happiness of heaven and who went so soon to find it for himself. The excruciating pains which the maid endured, referred to by one of her associates as Bess' expiation for the sins of the world, seemed to bare to her the truth about heaven as well as about the vice and corruption of England, of the world, and of the people about her. In later days, as Dame Elizabeth at the nunnery of St. Sepulchre, she attempted, assertedly at the bidding of God, to thwart the King's plan to marry Anne Boleyn after his civil divorce from Catherine of Aragon, an attempt in consequence of which she and the holy friars who believed in her moments of divine revelation were tried for treason and punished accordingly.

If you admire heroic, straightforward courage contending with diabolically clever forces, make use of our library copy of **Bess of Cobb's Hall**.

Tragedy in France, by Andre Maurois. 255 pp. New York: Harper and Brothers \$2.00.

Since the fall of the French Republic, many descriptions, opinions and reasons have been offered concerning the tragedy. Easily understood is the fact that a large number of such books, written by Frenchmen who had seen Hitler's army march into their beloved country, present a prejudiced, angry account. M. Maurois has succeeded in eliminating this element from his volume. During the war he held a firm position in the confidence of English and French leaders, and also had a box seat while watching the drama of France unfold; he tells, exactly as he saw it, the story of the appalling lack of preparedness, the delay of the conflicting French cabinet, and the faulty diplomatic and military advances. He realizes that the majority of the French people were totally ignorant of the threatening danger until it struck them, that because of their ignorance they refused to support the war. He remains the disinterested observer until he writes of his final broadcast to England, in which he did tell the truth about the irreparable conditions in his country. His plea was too late, however, because no fighting spirit existed among the French and because England would not risk helping a nation so obviously on the losing side. **Tragedy in France** places the blame for the collapse of France not on England but on the French ministry, corrupted by Nazi influence.

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My Name is Million — Anonymous.

This is the choice of the Pro Parulis Book Club for December. The author is an Englishwoman, whose name is familiar to Americans but must, for the present, be concealed. It is an eyewitness story of German invasion, written skillfully and poignantly, which tells what war does to human beings.

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No Other Man, by Alfred Noyes. It is a study of the folly which is leading our world to destruction, and suggests a possible remedy.

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GIFTS FOR THE NEW YEAR

Nineteen hundred and forty-one years ago, the three Wise Men came to Bethlehem bearing priceless gifts for the Infant Christ. They laid at the Saviour's Feet gold, frankincense and myrrh. earthly presents for a heavenly King.

We cannot give to the King costly gifts, perhaps, but there are other things we can give Him to show our love. We can give Him our prayers, our kindness and thoughtfulness, our good deeds, our Masses and communions, all these comprise our presents, our gifts of frankincense and myrrh.

There are many people in this hectic world today who are able to offer only the mystic myrrh, broken hearts and bodies. Too many

despairing people, too, forgot Him, forgot the King's birthday.

Let us make a New Year's resolution that we shall make an effort this year to bring to the Infant Christ extra gifts.

It is so easy to pray, to be attentive at Mass, to be a little kinder to others; yet these little things are immeasurably great in God's eyes; they have greater value before God than all the wealth of the world could have.

Another year, a holier, a more prosperous year! Try to make 1941 a 100% improvement over 1940. Let us become more generous with God and when we lay our gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh at Christ's feet, let us have the assurance that they are acceptable.

THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY

It would be vain and useless to reflect on the cruelty and greed of the dictators, on the hordes of hungry refugees wandering throughout Europe, on the vast lands once fertile and beautiful and now shell-holed and barren or criss-crossed with trenches, unless this reflection brings to mind the answers to: What caused all this? What can be done about it? The causes are long and varied but, perhaps, the downfall of the Christian Family as the nucleus of society, is one of the most important reasons. We can see that some form of social reconstruction is vitally needed. It seems only sensible that, to rebuild the social order, we should start at its nucleus or roots — the family.

The perfect example of the Christian family is found in the Holy Family. Joseph as the head of the family, guided and protected Mary and Jesus. Mary, in return, as the heart of the family kept the home bound together by bonds of love. Jesus, the Boy, hid His Divine Nature and was subject to His parents. Each tiny act of this Family was one of love and devotion, making it a perfect family unit. In the home at Nazareth there were no quarrels, no envy of others but peace, happiness and resignation to the Holy Will of God.

The imitation of this spirit of the Holy Family will bring about social reconstruction. Hatred, quarrels and petty jealousies must be overcome in the family first, before we may attempt to improve the government for the roots of society are deeply embedded in the family. If this life is cruel, if the atmosphere is one of hatred and distrust we cannot expect that society will be interested in establishing a lasting peace with justice. If these roots, however, are nurtured in an atmosphere of peace and love such as that which marked the Holy Family, society will be blessed with holiness, happiness, prosperity and that peace for which our weary, war-torn world is yearning.

NOYES — THE VOICE FROM THE PAST

S. OLEY CUTLER '41

Amid the reports of blackouts, the screeching of air-raid warnings, the crashing of bombs, and the rumbling of return fire in England comes a ray of hope in these dark times. The gentleman is a character that embodies all the spirit of dauntlessness that England is showing at the present time. It was Alfred Noyes, brilliant poet, author and essayist who spoke on "Literature and Life" at Chancellor's Hall on December eighth.

Literature and life is a broad field that is only too familiar to Alfred Noyes. He himself is one of the greatest poets of our age and to his volumes of poetry, he has added several famous novels and non-fiction books, as "The Unknown God" and "No Other Man". In his lecture Alfred Noyes spoke regretfully of the spirit that is dominating the world today. Taking Keats' statement as a model that "Beauty is truth, truth beauty", Dr. Noyes showed that the old spirit of faith in the arts has vanished and that in its place we have the revolt of the so-called modern artists — in surrealistic setting, the modern movement that attempts to present thoughts by using ideas without order or sequence, as in a dream. These modern movements and especially the ones that scoff at all sense of moral obligation, build up their entire system on denial — denial of faith, denial of old forms, denials of basic justice, denial of anything that is spiritual, and denial, finally, of all moral principles.

The poet sees in this present revolt a direct connection with the present chaotic condition of the world. Its origin is in the Reformation where the new freedom gave birth to the radicalism that is the forerunner of the radical "isms" in the world today. It was in those former days that the secular world rejected faith to their own destruction.

Formerly, artists took physical objects as symbols of a higher ideal in his "Bugle Song" Tennyson uses the bugle to express a spiritual theme. Now poets, authors, musicians, sculpturers, and painters, describe the world of ours as they would have it. Using their theory, one would sum up Beethoven's Ninth Symphony as the "scrapping of cat gut against cat gut, the blowing of air through a metal tube and the booming upon animal hide", but they would leave out entirely the composition and Beethoven, the composer. So it is with poetry. Today the moderns, neglecting the spiritual, use no symbol, propose no emotion, and present unrelated thoughts that have no benefit to the reader. Their plan is to distort the purposes of poetry, which should express one's ideas and inner emotions, and to leave the reader with a finer purpose or outlook than before he began to read the poem.

The latter portion of Alfred Noyes' lecture was given over to the recitation of several of his best-loved poems. He began with "The Barrel-Organ" and as he introduced the selection

his voice was sad, for then he saw a happier London than we see now. Then he could say:

"Go down to Kew in lilac time, in lilac time,
in lilac time;
Go down to Kew in lilac time (it isn't far
from London);
And you shall wander hand in hand with love
in summer's wonderland;
Go down to Kew in lilac time (it isn't far from
London)."

Now, of course, the lilacs do not bloom in Kew, nor does the barrel-organ go "carrolling across a golden street" in London.

Noyes loves England and her glorious past, and his spirit is reflected vividly in the "Admiral's Ghost" an old legend of the men of Devonshire which tells that when Drake died he left his drum on the old sea wall, and when England needed him all she had to do was to beat the drum and Drake would come back. Two hundred years passed and England was fighting for her life, when Nelson came.

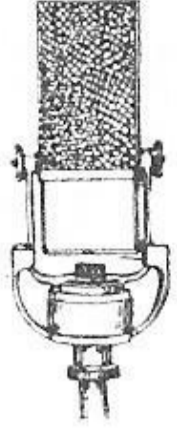
"Do' ee know who Nelson was?
That pore little shriveled form
With the patch on his eye and
the pinned up sleeve
And a soul like a North Sea storm? . . .
Nelson — was Francis Drake!"

Alfred Noyes' most popular poem is without a doubt "The Highwayman" and by special request he delivered it as his concluding selection. It tells of the love of Bess, the inn-keeper's daughter for the bold road-thief. She sacrifices her life to save his.

"The road was a ribbon of moonlight
Over the purple moor,
And the highwayman came riding —
Riding, — Riding —
The highwayman came riding,
Up to the old inn door."

We were very fortunate in obtaining an interview with Alfred Noyes after his lecture. We immediately asked him what effect the present war had on poetry. He answered that the destructive spirit of the world had "stifled creative poetry", and that "the hope is that after the war there will be a development of Catholic poetry — a Christian counter-offensive, as it were against the modern poets." We were most pleased that he said counter-offensive, as it is by an offensive war that we Catholic artists will win the fight. Too long has Catholic art been on the defensive, afraid to venture forth.

We asked Alfred Noyes if he had any advice for young Catholic writers. His advice reaffirmed his views that we must adhere to the advice given in the lecture, that is, write about Christian principles, and resist the unethical front of the moderns. Until we bring God back into our every day work, we can hope for no peace, no recovery, no justice. Using Christ as our leader, and His principles as the basis of our work, we can and will succeed.



LISTENING IN

A Happy and Holy New Year to All!

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Congratulations to all who made the toy drive such a great success.

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Have You Heard That:

Ed Doyle, Jack Drislane, Bill Drislane, Romineo Ferreto and Donald Flynn have organized a boys' Glee Club? If you wish to hear these boys any time after school just drop into Room 202. They will be very glad to serenade you.

Jack Hyland believes Karl Marx is the propagator of a "New Freedom" in the U. S.?

Mary Brennan '41 and Peggy Evers '41 are having an animated discussion on tokens? Ask the girls about it.

Leona Quigley '43 was the only Sophomore we could find who has made a New Year's resolution. What is it? "I will do my home work in my spare time." We wonder?

Anna Veronica Murray '43 has been having History A trouble? But all is well since she found out how wonderful Cleopatra was in her day?

Robert Lorant '43 has a favorite slogan: "Are you my friend?" Of course, Bob, you can count on us.

Singing in Cafeteria has become Dorothy Edwards' favorite pastime?

Alice Kier '43 has become an ardent skating fan? Any evening, any time, she can be seen at Karlson's. To quote Alice, "My time is your time." We wonder?

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Student Song Sheet

We Three — A headache, my books and me.
There I Go. — Just another mistake.
Only Forever. — These trying school days.
Maybe. — We'll pass the exams.

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T i n t y p e s

FRESHMAN BOY: Have you met the small live wire in 509? It seems his friends call him "Iggie".

SOPHOMORE GIRL: The sister of a Senior boy who specializes in football yarns. She is a quiet lassie with blond hair and blue eyes.

JUNIOR BOY: A newcomer to Catholic High — medium build with brown hair. His position is unique for he is the only boy in the Secretarial Classes.

SENIOR GIRL: 206 boasts of a vivacious little miss with brown hair and blue eyes. Ask her for one of her noisy, but amusing solos which exasperates a few of the boys.

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Answers to Tintypes Found in the Last Issue

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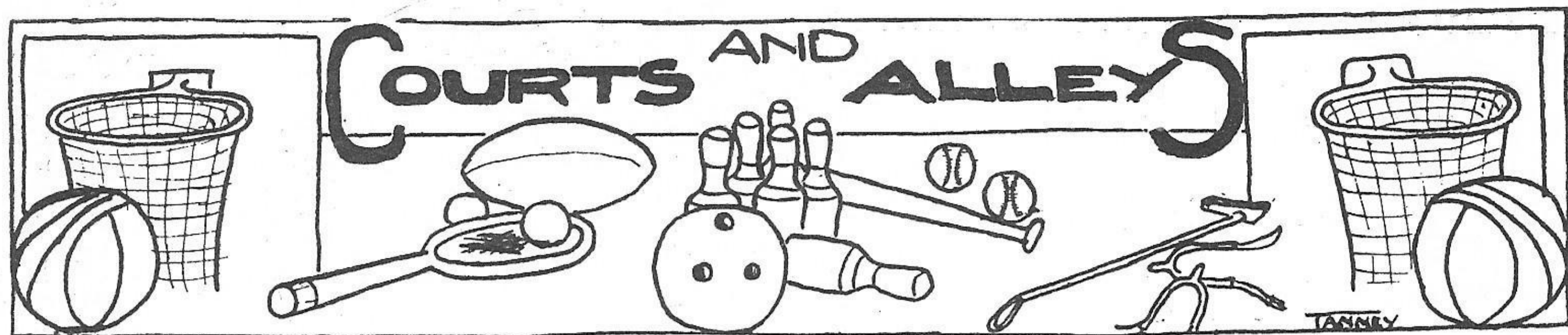
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Once again, Sport Fans, we have the very best in news for you. This time we can announce three more victories! Since the last issue we have met and defeated C. B. A. 28-16 and St. Mary's of Amsterdam 26-13, and St. Mary's of Hudson 35-10. In each of these encounters we have knocked a contender out of the first place tie until we have undisputed possession of the top bracket.

The C. B. A. victory meant much in that this was the team that took the league championship from us last year by winning that crucial play-off game. It also marked a return to a tradition of over nine year's standing. During this time the mere appearance of a Catholic High team was enough to defeat the Capitol City boys. The game was hard fought at all times and there was plenty of "feeling" on both sides. In this game the improvement from the V. I. game was very marked, plays seemed to work much smoother and the team had the look of a veteran aggregation.

In beating S. M. A., WE SHOULD HAVE PICKED UP PLENTY OF PRESTIGE in the minds of the sporting public, for if you recall this same S. M. A. team had little trouble in

defeating another local quintet, which in our estimation had been overrated. Perhaps it was because of this that the boys fought so hard. In this game the second team saw their first action and we hear did not do too bad.

In defeating St. Mary's of Hudson our standing was greatly strengthened. The entire second team saw action, and our regular five went up high in the Catholic League Individual Scoring List.

From the limited records at our disposal it looks as though four of our first team may be quite high in the scoring records of the Catholic League. We are of the opinion that when the final records are made known that all four will be in the first ten and that two of them will be in the first three.

"We see by the papers" that V. I. is the only serious threat to Catholic High supremacy. Well that is their opinion but we think that if our team is able to continue along its present course of steady improvement we will have no threat of any kind.

You all have heard the song "There's a great day coming maniana" but we would like to change it to "There a great night coming January 24." Make an effort to be there to cheer the Purple and White clad warriors as they go to battle with the Fourth Streeters.

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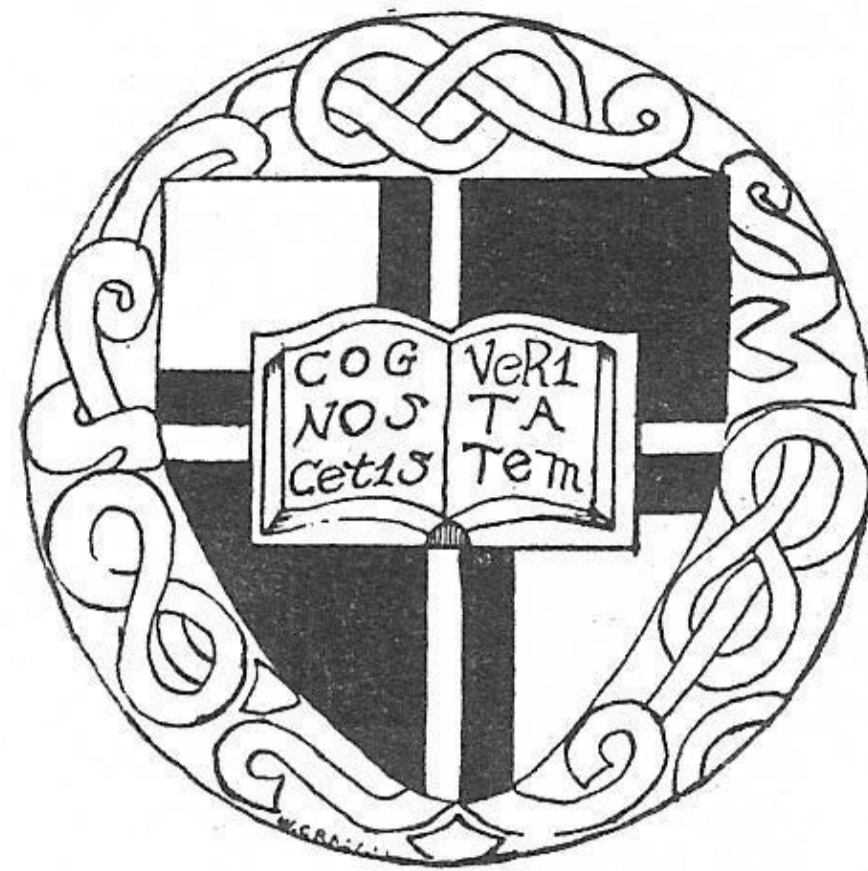
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It is possible for pagans to save their souls if they worship God as they know Him and do what is right as they understand it. Yet, knowing how evil reigns in pagan lands, we must conclude that the dangers to salvation are extraordinarily great for those who have not heard the Christian Gospel. Without missionary work, large numbers of human beings may lose their immortal souls. Whatever else may be said as a reason for missionary work, this is the principal one, — that souls may be saved. Wherefore, let us pray that Catholics everywhere may be vigorous in "mission action."

S T A M P S !

How many cards did you receive for Christmas? Did you remember to tear off that corner? Now is the time we want your cancelled stamps. We would like to see a flower bag or potato sack hanging in every clothes press. From now until March, just pour your stamps into the bags so that in March your bag will weigh more than any other. Then your home-room will win the prize — and your mission officer will win the honor.

Start now! Bring some stamps to school every day. Keep Mission-minded! Habits are formed by repetition of acts. Get into the habit of bringing stamps and you won't be able to come without them.

May your C. S. M. C. Unit be a "live" unit. You can't give money. You aren't called to give yourselves in most cases, but you are called to help in the growth of the Mystical Body of Christ by doing the little things which will bring more hearts and souls to Him.

Don't be a Shirker! Be a Worker!

EVOLUTION

Robert Honan '41

Sometime ago the popular missionary writings referred to the "heathens" bowing down and adoring sticks and stones as gods. Evolutionary "scientists" taught that all religion began with the worship of wood and stone, gradually evolved to the worship of spirits, many gods, and finally worked its way up to the present form of the acknowledgement and adoration of one Supreme Being.

The primitives need mission aid because their beliefs are not organized. Their conversion is the wish of the Pope in Rome. Let's help them out! Let's get behind the missionaries and help them "go forth and teach all nations."

STOP! READ! LEARN!

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THE CURRENT EVENTS CLUB

Father Paul Flynn, the first guest speaker of the Current Events Club, spoke on "Un-American Activities in America" on Wednesday, December 18. The source of his material was "The Trojan Horse of America" by Representative Dies.

On Thursday, January 9, Father Janis began a series of lectures on the current war. His topic was "The Causes of the Current War". At a future date the club plans to have Father Slavin and Father Halpin express their viewpoint on the war.

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THE AVIATION CLUB

On Friday, January 3, the Aviation Club held its third airplane meet in our school gymnasium. Prizes were awarded to the following boys who had the best model airplanes: Ernest Tetrault, Richard Collins and Leo Bouchard. The members of the Club wish to inform the student body that the Club is still open for membership.

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THE SECRETARIAL CLUB

The Secretarial Club, consisting of all those taking a business course has begun to publish a Secretarial Club paper. It makes interesting reading to those concerned as many of the articles are written by the students themselves. The Christmas issue which came out a few days before vacation began, was decorated with a beautiful red design on the cover while many of the articles were written on the idea of bringing Christ into Christmas.

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THE HISTORY A CLUB

The members of the History A Club have decided to take out the children from St. Coleman's Home in the near future and allow them to enjoy a good time. At their last meeting they also planned to have a dance during the month of February.

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THE REMAILING GROUP

The Remailing Group which is under the supervision of Sister Mary, is certainly doing most laudable work. Every month over 400 copies of Catholic newspapers and magazines are sent to persons living in rural districts. Our Remailing Group makes it possible for these people to read Catholic material on their religion. We hope that this group will continue to keep up their good work.

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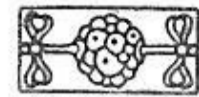
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THE RETREAT OF NATIONS

GEORGE S. LETTKO '41

"Ye were not born to live as lives
the brute but to seek good and
wisdom's high intent." — Dante.

While this quotation from the *Divine Comedy* is directly a severe reprimand to sinners it might be taken as an upbraiding reproof to nations whose chaotic state in this modern day may well be ascribed to the fearful judgment of the Almighty for wilful denial of dependence on Him. Since such a retreat mainly implies penance and past recollection affected by the circumstance of war, then certainly terrible scourges resulting therefrom will cause capricious statesmen to restrain their personal ambitions and sadly reconsider their predicament. In general, the present conflict may then be characterized as an "awakening", a realization by the guilty factions that they are responsible for degrading the spiritual aspect of the lives of the people within their respective territories.

Such is the status of fallen France, a nation which so defied her Creator and challenged His authority that Divine Vengeance wreaked upon rebel France dreadful afflictions which were effectively executed through the instrumentality of Hitler and his Nazis.

Such nations as England, Norway and Italy are also subjects of the "awakening". The inhabitants of these countries have sacrificed luxury and welfare and even necessities to build "bombers" instead of Churches and Schools. Dictators have elicited armed support from their deluded armies which, as is now only too apparent, have become the real instruments in enforcing the program of terror and hatred created by their idolized puppet leaders.

In this nefarious conflict which is raging, haughty nations are undergoing a period of thorough purgation, and it is to be hoped that those nations concerned take immediate cognizance of their visitation and reform accordingly.

Under the present scheme the only likely intermediary for the reconciliation of claims of the nations involved is His Holiness Pius XII whose untiring zeal, undying interest in all his children and his virtue are the only true qualifications capable of directing a peace, a just peace. In this consuming conflagration where grave acts against God, His Church and His people are relentlessly committed, it is only fitting and proper that His Vicar on Earth should be the infallible judge in passing down sentence on the guilty parties. Vengeance has been wrought. Let them take heed lest full satisfaction be demanded by the Eternal Law-Giver.

FLASH! Monsignor Fulton J. Sheen, noted priest and author and Professor of Philosophy at the Catholic University of America will speak in Albany on Friday night, January 17. His topic will be "War and Civilization", a subject which is appropriate and exceptionally valuable in this period of history. All who go are guaranteed the full satisfaction of listening to an accomplished orator and a worthy priest.

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S. OLEY CUTLER '41

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

International — Across the waters it was hot and heavy fighting. Germany began in the spring and by summer Denmark, Norway, Belgium, Netherlands, Luxemburg and France were no more. England alone stood and is still standing before the Nazi fury. Russia "protected" Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia and finished up Finland in good order. Japan marched into Indo-China. Italy was supposed to have conquered Greece by now, beaten the British in the Mediterranean and in Africa but something apparently went wrong with "Musso's" plans. Pope Pius alone stands as the outstanding man of the year who amid the ruins of war, fearlessly calls for — peace, with justice.

National — Franklin D. Roosevelt became the only President in U.S. history to win a third term for the Presidency. The veteran Idaho isolationist, William Borah died. The longest Congress in history met. In their session military peacetime conscription was for the first time established. America girded herself for defense and pledged herself to aid Britain in supplies in everything short-of-war.

Motion Pictures — This year saw an increase in the historic pictures and of those adapted from popular books. This year, also, saw a marked increase in slips from the Will Hays' office. Naturally the paramount issue is the season's best which in our opinion were not so good on the whole as 1939. At the top of the list we see **Our Town** which we rate highly, **Fantasia** which is Mr. Disney's latest addition to the animated field, **The Letter** which should be on the bottom of an *v* list, **The Great Dictator** which shows Chaplin in a role strikingly familiar to a certain European dictator and Jack Oakie imitating the neighbor to the south of Europe. We ask, "Where was Joe?" **The Grapes of Wrath** will be just lucky enough to take film honors, but why we could not tell you.

Books — We select our bests as, fiction—**Oliver Wiswell** by Kenneth Roberts and non-fiction—**Pilgrim's Way** by John Buchan. The other high points include those lengthy series of country—doctor, minister, school-teacher, etc. Phelps' **Autobiography** still sold well from '39. while Richard Halliburton and Osa Johnson's books were top-ringers for some time. Mrs. Minniver was also a delightful reading.

Music—The Metropolitan Opera opened after raising \$1,000,000 to pay off the debt, minus the famed 'diamond horseshoe'. Dorothy Maynor was one of the sensational new-comers to the concert stage. Toscani returned to the NBC Symphony.

Radio — America's tragedy — the fight between the major networks and ASCAP robbed music lovers and jitterbugs for 1941 of some of the great recent music.

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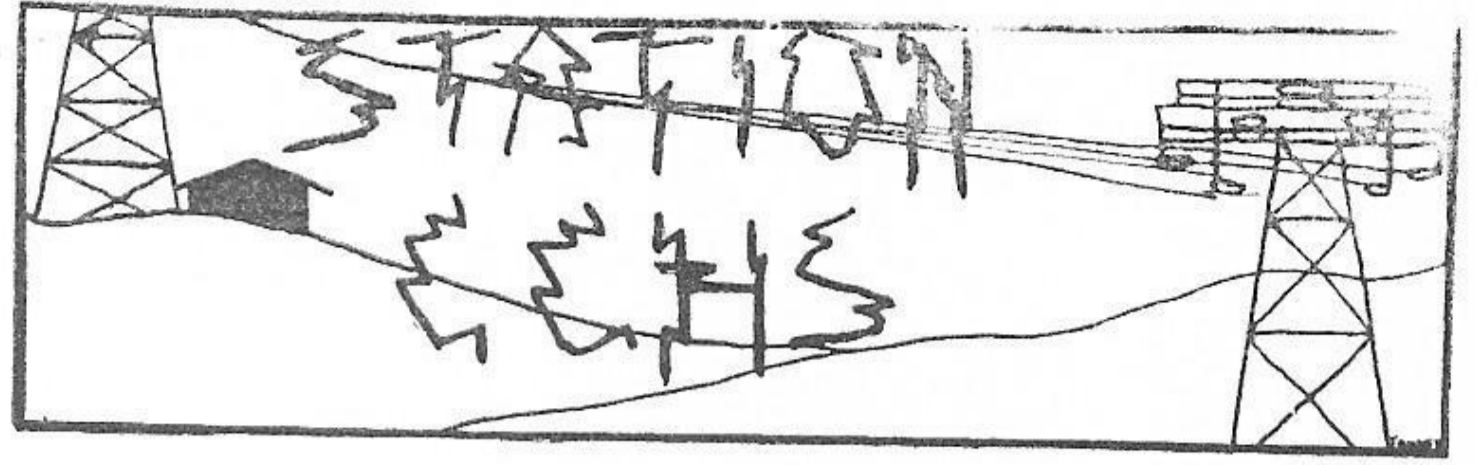
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