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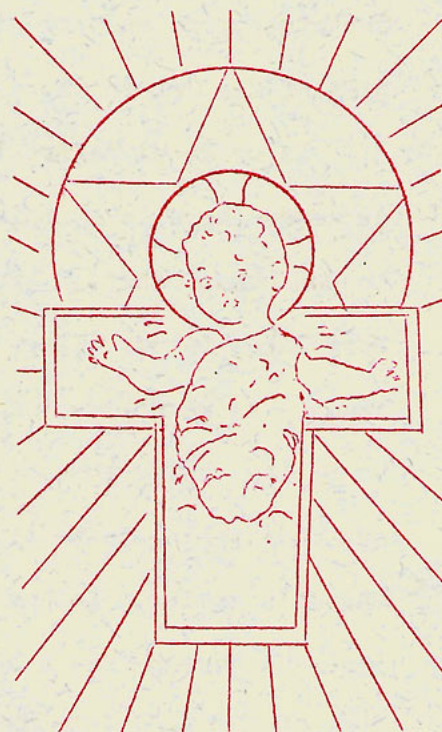
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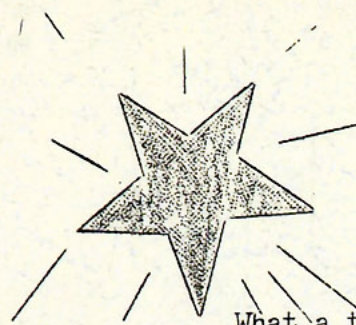
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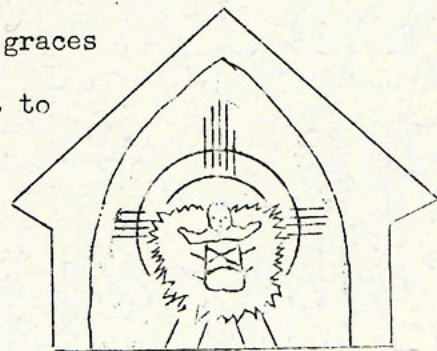


"PUT CHRIST BACK INTO CHRISTMAS"

What a tragedy that millions of men and women no longer recognize the real significance of Christmas, the birth of the Christ Child. The season is filled with lots of good cheer that radiates from everyone, with lighted Christmas trees, and Christmas carols. We can use all these externals and make them part of our Christmas but they must not be its essence. The Christmas Crib reminds us that there can be no real Christmas without Christ being born again. Every Christian home should have its own crib. Why not say, "a crib under every tree!" Then the greeting of "Merry Christmas" will remind us of the joy of the shepherds on that holy night. The Christmas tree and the gifts under it will also remind us of God's gift of His Son to us.

As we kneel before the Crib on Christmas eve, we are emotionally aroused - there is something in the arrival of a new baby that appeals to the human heart. But we must not stop there. That same newborn Babe is our King, the Saviour of the World, the Prince of Peace. As we follow the Christmas liturgy we see the Church urging us to lay aside some of our sentimentalizing about the baby Jesus and encouraging us to try to grasp the total reality of

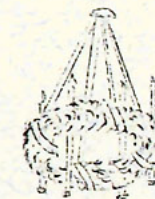
Christ's coming. Let us then make use of the graces given us during this season and so do our part to "PUT CHRIST BACK INTO CHRISTMAS."



PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS

The civil year is divided into seasons, and so too the Ecclesiastical or the Church year. Winter has well begun by January 1st, the opening of the civil year, but Advent opens the Church year. All of us know what winter is, but do you know Advent as well? It is a time of preparation during which the Church reviews in her prayers the prophecies and the expectations of the Jews before the coming of Jesus. More than that, it is a time during which we, as individuals, can prepare our hearts for the coming of the Infant Saviour.

We are given helps. The Advent wreath is hung. As each additional candle is lighted we are reminded that Christmas is closer at hand. The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted from the Mass so that its inclusion on Christmas will be all the more meaningful. The priest wears violet - to remind us that by mortification we can help purify our souls.

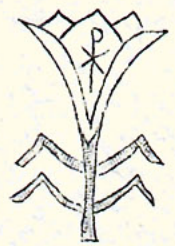


The O antiphons sung at Vespers of the days just preceding Christmas are filled with longing, hope, and anticipation; and if we enter into their spirit, we with Mary's help should joyfully welcome the Saviour on Christmas morn.

Let us make this Advent a real preparation for Christmas for ourselves and beg God to put back into the hearts of men the true meaning of Christmas.

IMMACULATE

CONCEPTION



Mary is the mother of Jesus who was born that first Christmas over 1900 years ago. God the Father knew that the mother of Jesus never could know sin, and so from the moment of her conception He willed that she be sinless. This singular grace - her Immaculate Conception - preserved her from original sin and its consequences, and sets her apart from all others. Truly she is "Mary, full of grace!" and we add "blessed art thou among women."

Devotion to Mary holds an important place in Advent - the preparation for a happy Christmas. During this time Mary is a living tabernacle because the Infant Jesus calmly rests within her. Did you ever think of the wonder that you also are a living tabernacle for the Eucharistic Jesus when you have received Him in Holy Communion? And that always while in the state of sanctifying grace you are a living tabernacle for the Holy Ghost who resides there? Beg of Mary each day to make you ever more ready and acceptable so that when Christmas comes your heart will be ready to receive the Infant King.

O MARY CONCEIVED WITHOUT SIN,
PRAY FOR US WHO HAVE
RECOURSE TO THEE.

CAPPING

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Capping exercises for 61 Freshmen students will be held on December 8. This occasion is a very important and happy one for our students. The origin and significance of the nurse's cap is obscure and lost in tradition. However, for the young woman who receives it, it has a very real meaning. It is the distinctive mark of her chosen profession. Her preliminary months of intensive study have been successfully completed. She now should have a firm foundation of learning on which to build the structure of her future knowledge. Capping marks a climax in her days in training.

During the ceremony each student is presented with a lighted candle. The candle symbolizes Christ Who walks with the nurse in her work of ministering to the sick, and Who enlightened her with His own wisdom. The candle also signifies the light of faith with which the nurse performs her duties; that light of faith which enkindles within her the virtues of hope and love. These virtues she extends to those in her care.

This is the first year that capping is being held on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. It is most appropriate that it should take place on this great Feast. Mary, the model for all women, is especially the model for the Christian nurse. From Mary she learns to understand suffering. Her heart pierced with a sword of sorrow, Mary walked with her Divine Son in His passion, and stood at the foot of the cross to see Him die for the sins of mankind. She closely participated in the drama of the redemption of fallen man by suffering. The nurse can understand and accept the suffering which

she encounters daily only after she learns from Mary the eternal value of pain and the wisdom of suffering. Thus, capping is a ceremony of deep meaning.

It is representative of the desire of these young women to serve Christ in their fellow men. It symbolizes God's pleasure with this noble desire and His promise of assistance by His grace through Mary, Mediatrix of all grace.

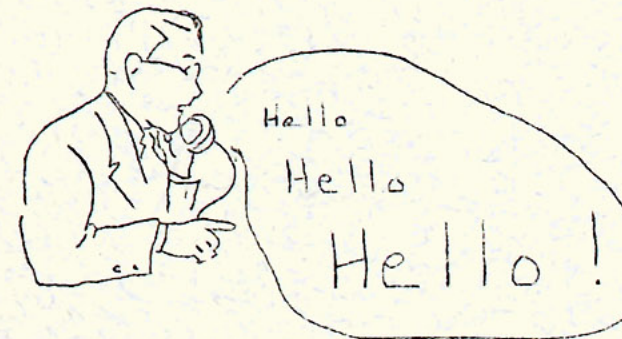


SCHOOL OF X-RAY TECHNOLOGY

On December 7, the Vigil of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the six freshmen students of the School of X-ray Technology will receive caps. They are anticipating this event with nine days of prayer in honor of the Immaculate Conception. Not all schools of X-ray Technology have a cap as part of the technician's uniform. Our school officially adopted its present cap in 1947.

Capping marks a definite step in the student's chosen vocation. It means that she has successfully achieved the requirements of the probationary period and is permitted to continue her two-year training course.

The student learns that not only is it necessary to master the techniques of the x-ray machines but that she must develop in herself those qualities which make her conscious of the dignity of the body and soul of the patient.



Just a few reminders.

1. Always be courteous on the telephone.
2. Answer the telephone as promptly as possible, giving the name of the department and your own name.
3. Stay on the line long enough to allow the party at the other end to answer the phone. Sometimes the person to answer cannot immediately leave what he is doing or is some distance from the telephone.
4. Do not use the telephones in the departments for your social calls. These phones are needed for business calls.
5. We can apply the Golden Rule—"Do unto others as you would wish them to do unto you!"



JANUARY

2, 3, 4

On January 2, 3, and 4, the Red Cross mobile blood donor unit comes to St. Cloud. All blood drawn at this time is for the armed forces. Do your part as a citizen to help our boys!



CHRISTMAS SEALS HELP

in the

FIGHT AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS

Tuberculosis

- kills one person every 13 minutes, taking more than 40,000 lives a year in the U.S.
- causes more deaths between the ages of 15 and 34 than any other disease.
- costs this nation over \$350,000,000 a year.

In 1904, Minnesota's tuberculosis death rate was 113.9 per 100,000 people. Today it is 11.1

(The above statistics are taken from a report of the Minnesota Department of Health)

Through Tuberculin testing and x-ray surveys, early cases of tuberculosis can be detected. This program is made possible through the sale of Christmas Seals. Do your part!---- If you have not been contacted, you can obtain seals at the Information Desk.... Students - December 5 is Christmas Seal Day in the Schools. We need your help too.

In our hospital all employees have a chest x-ray annually, this being free as part of the hospital's Personal Health Service. This x-ray protects you and your fellow-worker -- "early discovery means early recovery."

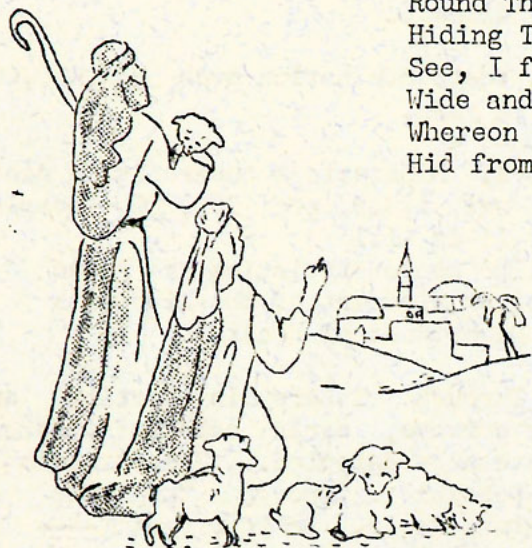
In Minnesota today there are 2,684 known cases of TB - how many more that are not known? None of us are safe until every case is known and is under treatment.

BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS
AND HELP ERADICATE TUBERCULOSIS!

Mary washed Thy Baby clothes
Soft and small and white,
Touching little linen bands,
Thrilling with delight.
See, I wash Thy linen, too,
Fragrant from Thy touch,
For a wondrous task like this,
Lord, I thank Thee much.



Tearful mourners at Thy tomb,
Folded linen white,
Round Thy Form so sweet and still,
Hiding Thee from sight.
See, I fold the linen cloths
Wide and fair and white
Whereon Thou shalt humbly rest,
Hid from faithless sight.



JESUS, make my heart to be
Like the linen white,
Washed and pure and free from stain
Giving Thee delight.
Make it soft and sweet with love,
Make it fair and bright
Where Thy Body sweet may rest
All the day and night.

---Author unknown

Some of you handle the altar linens that come in direct contact with the Eucharistic Lord, but more of you are handling other linens and are also giving service to Him.

All of us are members of the Mystical Body of Christ. Our patients, too, are living temples of the Holy Ghost and as such we must show them the same respect and love that we show to Our Lord Himself.

We sometimes forget that in doing some of the ordinary things of everyday, we can also be doing things for Christ. With these thoughts in mind such tasks as washing, mangling, pressing, folding and sorting of linens, and making beds may be turned into prayer.



(The following is quoted from an editorial taken from the ST. CLOUD REGISTER, November 16, 1951.)

"When people do more praying than shopping. When there are longer lines at confessional boxes than at state liquor stores. When more folks gather at Christmas cribs than at night clubs, then we shall have CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS and peace on earth among men of good will."

This paragraph from a tiny leaflet published by the Archconfraternity of Christian Mothers in Pittsburgh got our attention. The organization is carrying on a campaign to "Keep Christ in Christmas." Are you or any organization to which you belong planning anything this year to help "Keep Christ in Christmas"?

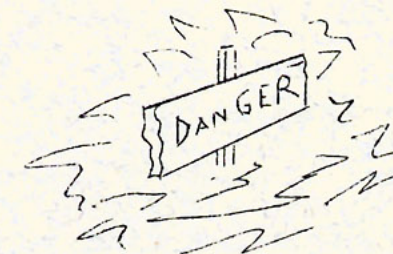
The Christian Mothers insist: "Whose job is it to give Christ His rightful place on His birthday? It is everybody's job. Hearts must be forming Christ in them even as was Mary's in the first Advent season. Then, if 'out of the heart the mouth speaks,' our expressions will reflect the true spirit of Christ that is growing within us.

- INCORRECT - Santa Claus is coming to town.
- CORRECT - Christ is coming to town.
- INCORRECT - Did you send your greeting cards yet?
- CORRECT - Did you send your Christmas cards yet?
- INCORRECT - Come in and see our tree.
- CORRECT - Come in and see our crib under the tree.

"The slogan reads: 'Put CHRIST back into CHRISTmas.' Could the shepherds of old ever have dreamed that such a slogan would HAVE to be used? Read it! Believe it! Last year in a rural community that is almost entirely

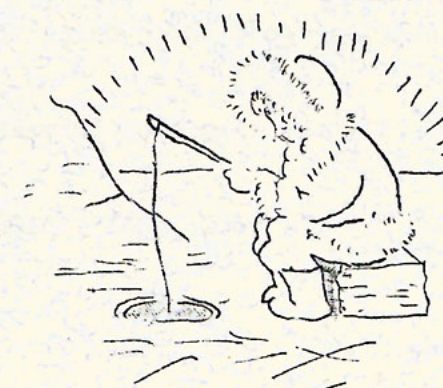
Catholic, the sisters requested the children after the holidays to bring their Christmas cards to school that they might cut out the religious pictures and send them to the missions. Startling to say, more than half of the cards had no religious tone at all. Thoughtless people were so far away from the true spirit of Christmas as to send pagan greeting cards.

"In place of the Baby Jesus, the cards pictured kittens and Scotty dogs, cocktails and cherries, old oaken buckets and icicles, Santa Clauses and snowmen. No wonder the cry is: 'Put CHRIST back into CHRISTmas.'"



Even though you don't see a sign like the above, remember that the river is treacherous. Because of the under-currents, thin spots of ice remain even after most of the river is covered with solid ice. It just isn't good sense to be too daring.

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December 3 - The Feast of St. Francis Xavier

St. Francis Xavier lived in the 16th century and was a member of the Society of Jesus. He followed the words of the gospel "Go ye into the whole world and preach the gospel to every creature." Through his preaching and miracles, he added to the Church the nations of the Indies. He is the patron of the Society of the Propagation of the Faith. Let us help the missions by contributions and our prayers.



December 6 - The Feast of St. Nicholas

December 5th is the eve of St. Nicholas when many families practice the custom of giving goodies. This custom originated in honor of St. Nicholas, a saintly archbishop who tossed alms through an open window to save the honor of three young girls. The idea of Santa Claus came from this Catholic custom.



Did you buy your Christmas cards already?

Do they reflect the true meaning of Christmas?

Do they have a religious setting?

Many Christmas cards that are sent out today have nothing in them that ties up with the real meaning of Christmas.

We have 285 employees here and 155 students.

If all of us here sent out Christmas cards that give Christ His Day of Days, maybe through this one act we can in time give Him back His world.

We can talk about it -----

Talking about a good thing helps to spread it.

Why not tell your circle of friends about this idea?

Won't you try to "PUT CHRIST BACK INTO CHRISTMAS"?

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EMPLOYEES ----- ST. CLOUD HOSPITAL

The personnel of the St. Cloud Hospital consists of 80 Sisters; 2 chaplains, Rev. Patrick Riley and Rev. Roger Vossberg; 2 radiologists, Dr. Curtis B. Nessa and Dr. Edward Anderson; a pathologist, Dr. Thomas Simon; a cardiologist, Dr. Harvey Sisk; and the following employees working in various capacities:

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| Boeckers, Margaret | Friedrich, Jeanette | Kleinschmidt, Darlene |
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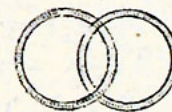


Congratulations!

MARY SCHIK, who has been employed here since October, 1946, is now a licensed practical nurse. When asked why so secretive about it, she said, "I didn't know if I'd make it and so I didn't tell a soul."

We are happy with Mary because she has attained a goal for which she has diligently worked.

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Congratulations to the following who were recently married:

DOROTHY SULLIVAN to Edward O'Brien, and
IRENE NEESER to Virgil Heinen.



This is still a secret - but on the 12th of December GEORGE SCHULER will be 80 years old. He is the oldest of our employees and in spite of his severe asthma still has certain work that only he can do. Up until the last year, he served Mass every day. "Happy birthday, George!"



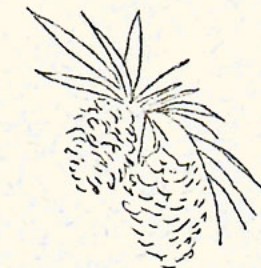
CONGRATULATIONS to:



DR. & MRS. N.F. MUSACHIO on the arrival of Rosalie Nel,

and to the following new mothers:

MRS. KENNETH BORBERT
MRS. MYRON HALL (Valeria Fridgen)
MRS. HARRY WAINRIGHT (Violet Perske)
MRS. ROMAN ZENNER (Evelyn Hill)
MRS. JOHN KALKMAN (Lucille Schwankl)
MRS. EDWARD WILSON (Margaret Abfalter)



Dear Employees:

Since we are not having an extra Christmas edition of the BEACON LIGHT we must here and now talk about some things that are yet several weeks away.

In keeping with the theme "Put Christ back into Christmas" and in the spirit of preparation for Christmas, we shall not have our parties before Christmas. Watch for announcements to come soon after the New Year.

Not all of you will be at home with your family on Christmas Day. Some must remain here to care for the patients. Radiate a glad and cheerful heart as you go about your work.

To all of you, then, as well as to all our readers, a Merry Christmas reflecting the peace and blessings of the Christ Child!

Sisters Francis Xavier