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Serious Thoughts

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior,
which is Christ the Lord.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will
toward men.—St. Luke 2:11, 14.

God rest ye, merry gentlemen; let nothing you dismay.
For Jesus Christ, our Savior, was born on Christmas day.
The dawn rose red o'er Bethlehem, the stars shone through the
gray,

When Jesus Christ, our Savior, was born on Christmas day.
—Dinah Craik.

It is Christmas in the mansion,
Yule-log fires and silken frocks;
It is Christmas in the cottage,
Mother's filling little socks.

It is Christmas on the highway,
In the thronging, busy mart;
But the dearest, truest Christmas
Is the Christmas in the heart.

—Anonymous

THE SPIRIT OF SHARING

—Janet Brown

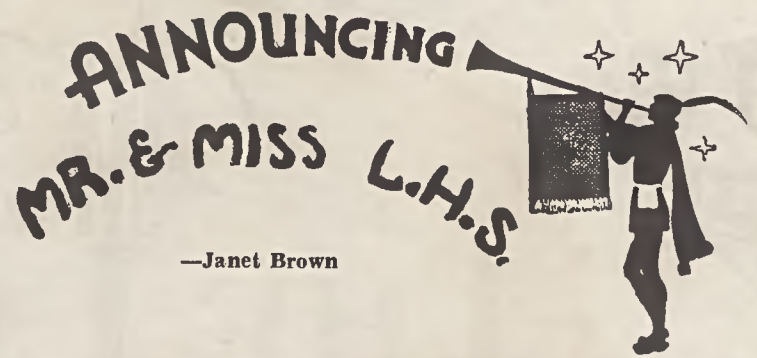
"Not what we give, but what we share—
For the gift without the giver is bare!"

—James Russell Lowell

In this fast-moving world of today, too many people consider Christmas a time to exhibit their personal wealth by trying to give expensive gifts. There is not much thought given to the practical side, and often the giver only gives a present because it is expected. Very seldom is personal sentiment expressed, or the feeling that the giver really wants the present to please.

In the writer's opinion, this is not the true "Christmas feeling." It is not to be understood that the writer feels that gifts should not be given, but some feeling should be behind the gift. We need not overtax our budget or rack our brains as to how we can afford lavish gifts. Just let the person know that you wish to express your appreciation for his friendship, and let your thoughtful deeds throughout the year mean as much to the person as a gift. After all, what kind of a friend is the person who always outdoes himself at Christmas, but never remembers that you are friends during the year, or knows when you are sick and comes to see you? In the past few years more and more has the idea been expressed of carrying the Christmas spirit throughout the whole year and not just limiting it to a few days of merry-making.

It seems as if Christmas is becoming only a time of a boom in sales, a businessman's payday. It is being commercialized to a great extent, and often people seem to forget the real purpose of Christmas and think only of the exchange of gifts. This season of the year is one in which we should share what we have with the needy, following as nearly as we can the example put before us by the One for whom Christmas is celebrated. Let us make it a time of rejoicing, to be true, but also a time when we can best express our care for others. We need not only share material but also spiritual things. How nice it would be if this feeling of love and willingness to share could be extended throughout the entire year! Perhaps it would relieve some of the tension and turmoil in our modern world of confusion.



—Janet Brown



Since Christmas is just around the corner, we find Carolyn Koonts and Ross Ritchie, our Mr. and Miss L. H. S. for this month, catching up on all their Christmas shopping as they stand in front of a store window selecting gifts. Both of them were full of Christmas cheer and anxiously awaiting the arrival of the "old man."

Carolyn is that blonde bombshell whom we see running around the halls with a big smile all the time. She was recently voted best all-round in the Senior Cass, so you see how she rates with her fellow classmates.

Carolyn doesn't have a hobby, but her favorite pastime is playing bridge (we hear she's a mighty good player). Her favorite sport is football (and football players!).

LEXHIPEP is Carolyn's favorite subject, and she likes the teaching ability of Miss Manning and Mrs. Hedrick.

When asked what type of date she preferred, Carolyn (commonly known as "Iceberg" to a few close friends) replied that she wasn't particular just so the date didn't argue all the time.

Since it seemed appropriate for the season, we asked Carolyn what her favorite Christmas carol was. It took her a little while, but she finally came up with "O Come, All Ye Faithful." She said the perfect Christmas present for her would be a light blue convertible and a good-looking boy to teach her how to drive it (what more could anyone want?).

Carolyn's ambition is the same as any other girl's, to get married and live happily ever after. Her college preference is Woman's College.

Carolyn's activities include: Beta Club, Secretary; Tri-Hi-Y, Treasurer; Quill and Scroll; Cheerleader, co-chief; and last but not least, she holds a position on the greatest paper of them all, the LEXHIPEP.

Mr. Ritchie, the choice of the Senior Class for this month, is the very handsome young gentleman with personality plus. He's a really swell person and is well-liked by everyone. After chasing him around for two weeks, we finally got him cornered for an interview.

Ross says that buttermilk is his greatest weakness and that his favorite pastime is eating and sleeping.

His favorite type of date is a nice girl; (this was greeted by loud laughter from onlookers present).

Ross doesn't have a hobby, but his favorite sport is football (as a spectator, that is!).

LEXICON (the unsurpassable) is the favorite class period of Ross, and his favorite teachers are Miss Manning, Miss Poyner, Mrs. Hedrick, Miss Sugg, and Miss Reid. (Take notice, teachers, Ross says he doesn't want to fail!)

Ross is president of the Beta Club, treasurer of the Hi-Y, a member of the Key Club, Quill and Scroll, LEXICON staff, and he is a valuable man on the football squad.

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," is his choice of Christmas carols, and he'd like a big car for Christmas, too.

Ross has a high ambition, to be a preacher. He will follow suit in his family by attending Lenoir-Rhyne College.

So we conclude our interviews with two of the jolliest people we know. We hope they both have a swell Christmas and get just loads of nice things. We also hope that all of you have a nice vacation from your studies. Merry Christmas to Everyone, especially from Mr. and Miss L.H.S.!