

Remembrances Come At Christmas Time

By Susan Crabtree

Christmas time carries with it many special remembrances of St. Mary's and of home.

Holiday spirit is generated on the halls with the sounds of Johnny Mathis' Christmas album. While one record player sings out "Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire," another a few doors down may be playing "Winter Wonderland". Girls gather together to talk about assignments or weekend dates, but their minds really center on this music playing or on going home soon.

Studying disappears completely from the picture the last few days before school lets out. Leslie Johnson says she remembers Christmas and trees, door decorations, and the Christmas spirit. Even at school, gold, red, and green tin foil cover the doors, and angels, ribbons, and Santa Claus plaques remind every passerby of the happy season.

The halls display Christmas trees which are filled with peppermint candy canes, popcorn strings, and home-made paper chains. One can't walk on St. Mary's campus without feeling a real happiness and joy about Christmas. On December 18th more than 350 screaming, red-nosed young ladies will load into car or limousines head for home. They still have stomach aches from the hall party the night before, and they see visions of sugar plums come alive after Mr. Tate's performance at the school Christmas party.

If she's anything like the average student here, a St. Mary's girl will usually beg her parents to wait until she gets home before they trim the tree. Home reminds everyone of all the much-missed parents, friends, and familiar sights of "my home town". Freezing cold tile on the bathroom floor doesn't bother the newly-arrived-home member of the family now. Alas . . . home is so wonderful. There are many parties to go to, relatives to visit, and football bowl games to watch on television with the family or the "gang".

Hot chocolate and marshmallows on a cold afternoon in front of the crackling fire in the living room makes one truly appreciate home. Many girls go to the Christmas Eve midnight service, which turns the mind to remembering that Christmas is Christ's birthday.

Dramatics Club To Be At Carolina

The Dramatics Club, under the direction of Mrs. Stamey, is planning to present to the students of Carolina one act plays in the Graham Memorial Auditorium during the month of January. The Club was asked to present these plays by the head of the Dramatics Entertainment Committee of Carolina who is a former St. Mary's student. The two plays are *The Sandbox*, which is an avant-garde production, and *The Shoemaker's Wife*, a medieval farce. The old girls will certainly remember the tremendous presentation of *The Sandbox* by the Dramatics Club in the assembly program last year. In addition, the Club is also pre-



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St. Mary's Has Christmas Traditions

By Cindy Bullard

During the Christmas season we will all share in some of the best loved traditions of St. Mary's. All of the Christmas parties and programs help to draw the students together and are guaranteed to put even the meanest counselor in the Christmas spirit.

One of our most meaningful Christmas traditions centers around the chapel. During the last chapel service before we go home several girls act out the Christmas story while the chaplain reads from St. Luke. This simple and very beautiful story of the true significance of Christmas has a deep personal meaning for each girl.

For a number of years the Y.W.C.A. has sponsored a Christmas party at the Methodist Orphanage. The Cold Cuts and the Dramatics Club provide entertainment and refreshments are furnished. Each girl who participates is responsible for two or three children during the party and the students always seem to enjoy the experience as much as the children do.

The members of Orchesis and the Glee Club spend many hours working diligently to prepare a Christmas program for the student body. The results are well worth their efforts because these two groups give almost

Christmas Spirit

By Sally Cruikshank

Tinkling sounds and twinkling lights,
Fancy and magic alive in the night,
Christmas dreams that never will die
Of a reindeer-drawn sleigh as it
glides through the sky.

A snow that crystal dusts the land,
Music from a charity band,
Love and secrets intertwined,
People smiling, people kind.

The bell for midnight chapel ringing,
Voices joined together singing,
Christmases come and Christmases
pass,
But the spirit and glow will always
last.

Presenting a one act play to the children of the Methodist Orphanage on December 13, 1965. The play is *How Come Christmas*, a comedy written in country dialogue.

professional performances which are thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

It is also customary for the Circle and Beacon to give a Christmas party in the large parlor for the entire student body. This is a time when we can all get together and sing Christmas carols. The evening is highlighted by a visit from our favorite Santa Claus.

St. Mary's students have another unique tradition which adds to the fun and excitement of the week before Christmas. The girls on each hall draw names for a peanut. No one reveals the identity of her peanut until

the day. Every day for a week each girl puts an appropriate gay gift in her peanut's stocking and on the last day the peanut receives a nice gift. Most halls usually have a Christmas tree and Hall Council sponsors a contest for the most original door decoration.

Another event which we all look forward to is the Christmas dinner. Mr. Rowe and his helpers prepare a really elegant feast for us the night before we go home. By taking part in these Christmas traditions the new girls will discover the real spirit of St. Mary's.

NEED BOOKS, STAMPS? CHECK WITH MRS BEAM

By Susie Soper

Matriculation is a busy time for everybody, but no one is busier or more patient than Mrs. Hoyle F. Beam. Sorting and selling books to hundreds of students during a rush is extremely tedious; but each year Mrs. Beam resumes her job with efficiency and, most important, a pleasant disposition. She seems to have a fantastic capacity for learning names quickly and accurately, which makes new girls feel welcome on early visits to the bookstore.

Not only does Mrs. Beam handle all books, but she is helpful about various supplies that are needed, and her advice is most valuable. She knows what students like and tries to accommodate everybody.

All mail and packages are distributed by Mrs. Beam at various times during the day. If she had her way every student would receive letters three times a day; it is not always possible for her to make every individual happy in this way, and she apologizes for empty mailboxes to downcast students.

Many girls keep their money in the Student Bank where it is safe under the care of Mrs. Beam. She watches closely for over drawn accounts and warns against the dwindling away of change which she releases by the handfuls. A girl's asking for twelve dollars in coins to call her boyfriend in San Francisco is apt to get a raised eyebrow and a request not to reveal the fact that Mrs. Beam aided her in acquiring so much change.

Many duties keep her busy throughout the day, but she is always

ready to comply with special requests and favors when she can. Helpful, friendly, and dependable—Mrs. Beam is a favorite of all St. Mary's students.



Mrs. Beam

News In Brief

Choir Officers

The following officers were elected by the choir for the coming year: president, Mary Melcher; vice-president, Margaret Stevens; secretary, Arabella Nash; and book chairman, Betsy McAlister.

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