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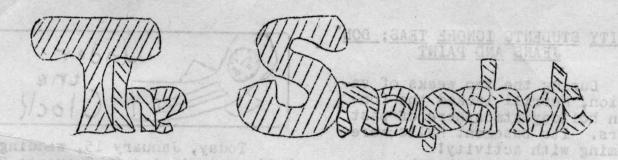
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ECHOES OF CHRISTMAS VACATION by Margie Wiles

Excessive civilian travel may be tabu, but when it's for a "morale-builder-upper," that's different! So says Mary Cutler who no sooner got home to Ft. Lauder-dale, Florida, than she struck out for Harlingen, Texas, to do her bit for the armed services. Now she wears a pair of silver wings!

McLaren's Carol Stewart, from Hawaii, spent her vacation visiting Vivian Buchsieb at Tigerton, Wisconsin, and friends in Lansing,

Michigan.

Santa comes to all good lil boys and girls, but to Cornie Oakey he brought something special. In her stocking she had a nice case of mumps, complete with the

sign and everything!

Speaking of Christmas gifts,
Mary McKillip received a powder
box from the armed forces. Also
a music box, it plays the Wedding
March from Lohengrin. Mac McCrory
came back last Monday with some
bright shiny new braces on her
teeth!

HOW ABOUT IT?

Now that we're getting used to writing 1945 instead of 1944, we unmistakably know that a new year has come our way. For us at Milwaukee-Downer it's more than just a new beginning; it also foretells an ending.

In the next few days we see term papers and notebooks due, review in class sessions, last min-

ute cramming, and then exams.

For our freshmen, the end of the semester signifies the passing of the first goal in their college careers. For us upperclassmen, it means just another step toward graduation.

For all of us it means a new start. Our bi-annual resolutions to avoid cutting, keep notebooks and projects up to date, and really to study can be worthwhile if we stick to them.

CRIMSON PREVIEWS NIGHT OF SPLENDOR

On Saturday night, January 20, Crimson Splendor will begin M-D.C'S social events of the new year. We of the junior class are confident that if other events of the year live up to our expectations for this, our Prom-1945 will be one big year.

Our queen, Jeanne, all smooth in her frothy white, and her king, Bob, in navy blue, will lead the grand march in the Crystal Ball-room which the sweet music of Raye Block will make an out-of-this-world spot for study weary coeds

and their trim dates.

Then too, there will be the honored guests, President Briggs, Dean Cameron, Dr. and Mrs. Weil, and Miss Tingley, our class advisor, to lend their dignity and welcome.

We of the class of '46 want all of you to understand that while the queen and her court manage and plan this event with the junior class, this is no class affair. This is all-college, and for each and every one of you. We hope that long after the dance programs in your memory books have lost their shiny newness, Crimson Splendor will linger in your memories.



CITY STUDENTS IGNORE TEAS; DON JEANS AND PAINT

During the two weeks of vacation, Merrill lacked the forlorn holiday atmosphere of past years. Its basement halls were humming with activity!

"Hey, aim that brush some other way," pleads Barb Loring as Annie Lacher swings into another chorus of "I've Been Workin' on the Railroad", using her paint brush as a baton.

"Come on Annie, there's enough varnish on that corniceboard," interrupts Peg Dunn. "Save a little for the ones that haven't been done yet."

In the red room Dee Froemming, Jan Bee, Barb Cook, and Mart Rankin slap paint on the floor.

"Remember how you used to see so many cartoons of people painting themselves into corners?" asks Dee.

"I don't see how anyone with any intelligence would do a thing

like that!" exclaims Jan.

The brushes continue swishing and little by little the floor is covered until there is scarely room for the four girls to stand. Backing their way out of the door, they stand admiring their work.
"Well," sighs Mart, "that's

finished. Let's turn out the

light and go home."
"Where's the switch?" asks

Cooky. "There," says Mart, "across the room."

So that night the lights in the red room were left bunning!
The painting went on every

day of vacation, with Peg Dunn and Marna Becker carrying all the responsibility. On the first Monday of school, the helpers showed up bright and early to hear the "Ohs" and "Ahs" from students as they viewed their redecorated lounge and red room.

"Golly, it looks so clean and fresh!" exclaims Corky Wilcox. "Thanks," says Peg Dunn.

hope it stays that way."

Those who contributed their Those who contributed their time and energy were: Harriet • Adashek, Carolyn Spero, Jean Ebling, Shirley Williams, Catherine Carlisle, Jane Dixon, Barbara Georg, Lotte Moritz, Betty Jay, June Dolge, Edythe Klug, Ruth Mehring, Mary Lou Port, Jeanne Albrecht, Betty Fass, Marjorie Machine Barbara Michael, Martha Rankin, Barbara Cook, Annabelle Lacher, Janet Bee, Delores Froemming, Betsy Trebilcox, Katherine Nunn, Lois Brenner, Sue Jean Mears received her Luehring, Joan Loeb, Phyllis Young, ring from Sgt. Clifford Diver, who Marney Swehedland, Elaine Schoessow, is with the Army Air Force in Eng-Audrey Wacker, Phyllis Brock, and Doris Meissner.



Today, January 15, wedding bells are ringing in Traverse City, Michigan for Barb Beals, the Green's Second Hat Girl. Wallace VanCleve is the lucky man. ****

It seems as if Ann Reiss' red coat is a carry-over from Christmas. At the McLaren party before vacation, she was Santa Claus. Did a good job too, according to fellow McLarenites. *****

"I wanted to come to college," explained eight year old Arta Lee Stevenson when asked the reason for her last weeks visit with her sister, Roena Stevenson, Holton frosh.

"She went to all my classes," says Stevie. "Art was her favor-ite because Miss Logan let her make some crayon designs."

Bright-eyed Arta Lee knew her way from Stevie's third floor room in Holton to the class rooms in Merrill and proudly showed any-one who wanted to learn the way too.

"According to Arta Lee," concludes Stevie, "Ann Waters, and Lee Brown are the cutest girls at M.D.C."

Tomorrow afternoon orchestra members will lay aside their instruments in favor of a party. In charge of refreshments are Adeline Kano and Edythe Klug. The fun will begin at 5:00. *****

Tuesday will also be a busy day for the O.T.'s. At a 7:30 meeting they will hear Miss Rozmarynowski, a graduate of M-D.C., tell her experiences while practicing O. T. at the Vaughan General hospital in Illinois.

Remember the Watch Bird Watching You last year? He'll be here again tomorrow, at 12:35, in the C.G.A. etiquette skit.

Vacation engagements:

Esther McGurer became engaged to Chuck Hill, a Milwaukeean.

Barb (Perp) Kreimer now has a sparkler on her third finger left hand, a Christmas present from Don (also Perp) Amsbaugh.

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