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December 3 - 10 Class Days Until Vacation

Holiday Assembly Gives Promise of Surprises

Program To Include Comic Skit With Christmas Music, Forum

Almost anything may happen at the Christmas assembly, Dec. 16. Details are shrouded in secrecy, but Sister M. Genoaga, who is in charge of the program, has disclosed a few items which promise that silen
cence may expect.

Following the pattern set last year, the first part will be serious. There will be a skit of Christmas, modeled on radio round-table discussions. Girls dressed as dolls will present a ball dance.

Traditional Christmas carols in Latin, French, Polish, German, and others sung by various language groups. Sister M. Debalen, O.S.F., and Louise Impert will sing a duet, and Regina Nov will give a vocal solo. The Aquinas glee club will perform.

The comic section of the pro
gram cannot be forecast because it is part of the preparation of the assembly's advance. Along the same spontaneous lines as last year's "rehearsal" this presentation will be a "try-out." Finally, there will be the actual reading of the program.

Exchange of gifts will conclude the presentation. After the last class that day and day will resume Jan. 3, 1944.

C. L. C. Gathers Food For 10 Needy Families

Contributions of food from the student body enabled 10 needy families to enjoy Christmas this year. This traditional project is the brainchild of the student organization of the professional life committee, was headed by Joseph McCormick.

Assisting with the collecting and distribution of the grains will be the following freshmen: Joseph Knape, Edward Sauer, Gerald Erhardt, Eugene Wojtaszek, and Rosemary Fowle.

Union Open House Celebrates Move To New Quarters

Open house tonight will mark the move of the College to its new per
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New Schedule

Representative Man and Woman

Gerald F. Witter is the man behind a pair of fluctuating eyes. When he is happy, they are hale; when he's tired, they turn green; when he is thoughtful, they become a floppy brown; and frequently they turn to women. Sometimes their color depends on the disposition of the lady he's talking to. When he makes uncomplimentary remarks, it's just to watch the effects in people's faces.

Nothing can shake Gerry's faith in himself. This self-confidence is sometimes mistaken for conceit, but he handles his humility pleasantly, unnoticed by his determination to conceal it. Gerry is really modest, patient, and conservative in taste. If you ever wondered why he wears bowties, it's to shorten his face.

Gerry has an exceptionally keen sense of humor with natural aptitude in punning and twisting, in most of his gags moments in writing humorous sketches—to the enjoyment of his friends, although he says he's just playing. Some of the things from which he should be successful if he concentrates his efforts.

Besides writing sports news, Gerry likes to entertain in sports. He has never played on a regular team, but to quote him, "likes a good game of anything." He deeply appreciates the finer things of life: great music, great books, women, and the perpetual sandwich.

Accidents happen and things get a little confused, but the spirit of merriment stays intact.

When you hear a swishing sound, look quickly and you may catch a glimpse of the alumnus who is always on the run. Phyl studies conscientiously, commutes between Aquinas and her home miles out, clerks in a dress store two days a week, and the kitchen is the last place she is always willing to run an errand or lead a committee. To fill out her day she knits sweaters and writes letters—at the last count she could number over 3000.

How does she do it? Well, Phyl is brisk about everything. If you doubt it, just watch her whisk through the pages when she reads, or try to talk to her when she's running late for a class.

Phyl is lively and full of fun, but by no means frivolous. Her aim in life is to teach, and the younger her pupils are the better she will be satisfied. She confines fonderies for dolls, ice cream, and humorous books, "but not silly ones." She enjoys dancing and parties or just talking and laughs, but doesn't let her social life interfere with her work. She is a member of the board, and for it he spends himself. She is a member of the board, and for it he spends himself.

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Commissioned Officers, One Students Here, Make News in Several Branches of Service

For Your Convenience

For your copy of the Herald, ex-'42, is in the library.

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Oxford Labor Head Reveals Need for Social Apostle

Revailing the need for bringing the spirit of the apostolate into politics and economics, the Rev. Leo O'Keeffe, S. J., president of the Catholic Workers' College, Oxford, addressed students and faculty of Aquinas College on Nov. 3. Father O'Keeffe cited the workers' college as an example of the Catholic Church's commitment to social justice.

He explained that the workers' college was founded in 1921 as a response to the industrial crisis of the time. Its purpose was to train workers in economics and prepare them for life outside of the factory. The college has been a model for other Catholic workers' colleges and has contributed to the development of the social teaching of the Church.

Gary Sowa Prangley, editor of the Aquinas Herald, welcomed Father O'Keeffe and introduced the speaker. He stressed the importance of the social apostolate in today's world.

Father O'Keeffe's speech was well-received by the students, who expressed their appreciation for his insights on the role of the Church in society.

Students Take Over College At Informal Gatherings

During the Thanksgiving holidays, the students of Aquinas College took over the college's operations. The college was closed to the public, and the students held their own informal gatherings.

The students prepared and served Thanksgiving dinner, decorated the campus with festive decorations, and enjoyed a variety of activities, including a movie and a game of cards.

The students were well-prepared for the task, having been trained in the skills necessary to run the college. They demonstrated their ability to work together and to manage the college's operations.

Remodeled Studio Looks Like New

After extensive alterations inside and out, the music studio now looks like a new building. The
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