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Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year

# Ebb Tide

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Salve Regina College, Newport, R. I.

December, 1957

## Foreign Language Majors To Observe Traditions Of Ethnic Christmases

Mrs. Georgette Ramos will entertain members of the Circle Francais previous to the Christmas holidays. Besides playing French Christmas Carols, Mrs. Ramos will also display the Creche and Santos imported from France.

After returning from the holiday vacation, the girls will observe the traditional Fete des Rois. A guest speaker will address the club in French as the observance of Epiphany in France. For entertainment there will be the crowning of the king and queen, an observance peculiar to the festivities of the day. French records and songs will lend atmosphere to the event. Following the entertainment, the girls will serve their guest galettes, French candy and other refreshments.

## Redemptorist To Give Retreat

As a fitting close to the first semester, a Redemptorist will conduct the annual retreat, January 26-31.

The Senior and Junior classes will return on Sunday evening to open the exercises which will close Wednesday morning after Mass and a short conference.

Retreat for the Sophomores and Freshmen will open late Wednesday afternoon and will conclude Friday morning.

At both retreats, Father will stress pertinent facts about college students; he will also be available for personal conferences.

## Social and Academic Calendar

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| Dec. 5 | Rev. John L. Bonn, S.J.  |
| 6      | Meeting of New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools |
| 7      | Meeting of New England Unit of N. C. E. A.                           |
| 15     | Christmas Play, Mercy Hall   |
| 16     | Children's Christmas Party   |
| 17     | Holly Dinner and Candlelight Ceremony                                |
| 18     | Christmas Recess begins  |
| Jan. 6 | Christmas Recess ends  |
| 18     | Graduates' Record Examinations                                       |
| 20-24  | Semester Examinations  |
| 27-31  | Retreat  |



## Players And Choristers Entertain Students, Public

Under the direction of Mrs. Catherine Beagan, members of the Dramatics Club will present "Why the Chimes Rang", a one act miracle play on December 15 at Mercy Hall. The leading role of Holger is portrayed by Ann Connors. Other participants are Claire DiPaolo as Steen; Vivian Gorini as the Old Woman; Barbara O'Gara as the angel and Jean Coughlin as Uncle Bertle.

"Why the Chimes Rang" has a moving yet simple theme. One sees a Christmas scene 600 years ago; its theme is universal—should a young boy stay with the dame or should he go to the ceremony at the Cathedral?

## Fr. J. L. Bonn, S.J. Addresses Girls On Criminology

On December 5, the Student Body will be privileged to have as its principle speaker the Reverend John L. Bonn, S.J. Father Bonn will speak on criminology, the field in which he is presently doing research.

Father Bonn, educator and author, was born in Waterbury, Connecticut. He received his A.B. and his M.A. from Boston College; his S.T.L. from the Gregorian University in Rome. In 1935 he was ordained a Jesuit priest. As an educator he has been professor of German, English, and poetry, an instructor in the humanities, and director of dramatics. His poetic works include "So Falls the Elm Tree", "House on the Sands", and "Joyful Mystery".

At present Father Bonn is a professor at Fairfield University in Connecticut.

His address to the Student Body should be of particular interest to the sociology students since the field of criminology is within their scope of study.

No Christmas production would be complete without the Choristers. Not only will they provide the musical background for the play, but they will also render many selections under the direction of Mrs. Robert W. Heywood.

## Freshmen Elect Representatives

On Tuesday, December 3, 1957, the Freshman class elected a Chairman pro-tem and two representatives.

As chairman pro-tem they elected Ann Connors, a graduate of Mount Saint Mary's Seminary, Nashua, N. H. At the Mount, Ann was secretary of a Sodality group and at graduation she received an award for being the most outstanding girl of the class of '57. Ann is interested in English and Dramatics. She has chosen English as her major and Education for a minor. In her leisure time Ann's thoughts turn to dramatics. She is secretary of the College Dramatic Club and in the past she has had many leading parts in plays and has won an award for being outstanding in dramatics.

The two representatives elected were Ann Corcoran from Ochre Court and Carolyn Downs from Mercy Hall.

Ann Corcoran, a graduate of Brockton High is a Home Economics major here at Salve Regina. In her senior year Ann was secretary of the Student Government and vice-president of the Catholic Youth Organization in Brockton.

Carolyn Downs the Mercy Hall representative is a graduate of St. Mary's Academy Bay-View. Carolyn was vice-president of her class for two years and she is a member of the R. I. Honor Society.

Ann Connors in summarizing the impressions of the two representatives and herself said, "We were greatly impressed with the interest showed toward the freshmen and their adjustments."

## Garden Room Hosts Winter's Holly Ball

The Holly Ball will spark the Christmas vacation this year at the Garden Room of the Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel in Providence, December 27.

Co-Chairmen of the affair, the Misses Marilyn Soucy and Margaret Harrold, will head the general dance committee. Sponsored by the Senior Class, the Holly Ball will provide additional funds for the 1958 *Regina Maris*.

Invitations for the Ball may be obtained from either of the chairmen or their representatives from the Senior Class before December 18. The bids will be five dollars for all students attending. All are urged to procure bids before leaving the campus for the Christmas holidays since the number must be limited for comfortable accommodation.

Music for the affair will be under the direction of Tony Abbott.

## Congratulations!

Once again Salve Regina graduates—Anne McGowan Boucher, Cathleen Earley, Joan Murphy, Virginia Saccoccia Palombo, Carol Radcliffe, Joan Vargas Waring, Patricia Wood, Sister Mary Janesine, R.S.M. and Sister Mary Ellenice, R.S.M.—have maintained a perfect record in passing the Nursing State Board Examinations.

# Christmas



## Make Your New Year Happy

Right after a merry Christmas comes a happy New Year. New Years are commonly known to include much fun, lots of good wishes, and of course, resolutions.

Resolutions are funny things, you make a few and usually break them just as easily. This year, why not make just one resolution? It doesn't sound difficult and it is a familiar one: simply love your neighbor. Sounds very easy, doesn't it?

Let's think though, loving your neighbor means to wish him good. That includes leaving unsaid some catty remark that—well—maybe it wouldn't hurt this person's reputation, but it's not doing him any good either. See what I mean? Why not try a little Christian love? You'll have a happier New Year.



From Him came supreme love . . . He brought it to us one wintery night . . . a cold stable suddenly radiated warmth . . . in a Child's hands was love . . . a love for us—all embracing . . . from that love comes our love . . . our smile of comfort for the aged . . . our loving smile as a small child exclaims and is filled with joy . . . His cause—a toy from us.



## Christmas Message of our Chaplain

This is Christmas, the season when eyes and hearts are drawn in memory and in love to a Babe who was born in a cave at Bethlehem, and who by that act, shook the world to its very foundations. Divinity is always where we least expect to find it. But it is always found when we wish each other sincerely a Merry Christmas.

IRVING A. GEORGES, O.P.

## With Love, We Plan For Their Party



Mercy Hall—colorfully decorated in the fashion that holds the Christmas spirit . . . the hosts and hostesses—the faculty and collegians of Salve Regina . . . the guests, adorably dressed—some of Newport's underprivileged children . . . the event—why our annual Christmas Party, naturally.

December 16 is cold—even cold enough for Santa Claus, Jane Skeffington and her reindeer. Eagerly the children wait in line . . . Santa is most patient listening to their list of hoped for Christmas gifts.

Colorfully wrapped gifts are under the tree . . . and on it—Christmas stockings for all . . . it is truly an old-fashioned tree—besides the stockings well, there are candy canes, popcorn balls, even walnuts.

In each pile Santa Claus placed some of those long hoped for gifts . . . the girls' Christmas love prompted them.

To make our party complete there was ice cream, cake and chocolate milk.

Happily, the children left . . . the faculty and girls?—not only happily but somewhat joyously . . . their Christmas would now be more complete.

## My Gift Of Love . . .

Amidst all the festivities and excitement of Christmas Eve, I pause wonderingly. Advent has passed. My gift for the Child is wrapped and sealed within my heart. Is the gift the best that I can offer Him? Wise men brought Him gold, frankincense, and myrrh . . . Shepherds—part of their life-staff.

To His crib, I bring only my heart—bewildered and lonely, but very loving. During Advent I have tried to make my heart purer—more like His. But have I succeeded? Often during the past weeks, I've forgotten that Christmas is primarily His Birthday. I've bought special gifts for others. I've wondered what I would receive—from my parents, my boyfriend, my roommate. I've spent much time musing over these things. Somehow tonight, I feel I've neglected the most important gift I can give—my heart to the Child.

Strangely enough with everyone milling around, I feel alone. Many startling events have happened this year both to me personally and the world generally. Yet I've been reluctant to do more than drift with the crowd—my friends who tonight cannot fill my loneliness.

Tonight I must be alone with the Child. I must feel His peace, His love, His warmth. I must give my heart to Him freely and lovingly.

Divine Child, as I come to your crib tonight at Mass, help me. I want so much to be Yours—to give my present to You with joy and happiness. To find in You, the wish I receive from so many—Happy Christmas!

# s is Love

Love Is Self Giving . . .



One of the greatest joys of Christmas is the joy of giving. We can give gifts of many values but the most rewarding gift is the giving of one's self.

Gift giving, however, is not only among dear friends. It is being charitable to those who are less fortunate than we.

With this in mind, the Queen's Choristers happily sang at the Newport Naval Hospital on December 16, to help cheer those who would spend Christmas Day in a ward.

The Glee Club cheerfully rendered such traditional carols as "Silent Night", "O Little Town of Bethlehem", "O Come All Ye Faithful", "Angels We Have Heard On High", and "The First Noel".

Singing for forty minutes in two wards of the hospital, the girls were well received by the men who showed their appreciation by their smiling eyes and enthusiastic applause.

As the Choristers left the hospital, their memories were filled with images of the happy faces which they left behind them. Their hearts were filled with a joy that comes only from giving unselfishly of one's self. What they did was little indeed—a few songs, a few smiles. Yet to the recipients of these smiles, to the listeners of the songs, their contributions were great.

## Festivities At Salve Regina

### Symbolizes Christmas Spirit

Traditions are held dear by everyone. The events which of all under this heading are looked forward to with feelings of anticipation and joy. Three such events at Salve Regina are the lighting of the Advent wreath, the Holly Dinner and the Candlelight Ceremony which take place in December.

The Advent wreath is not a single day event. During the four weeks of Advent each class lights one of the candles symbolizing the 4,000 years that the people of the earth awaited the coming of Christmas.

The days of Advent slip quickly by and soon comes the night before vacation. The spirit at the Holly Dinner is festive as delicious turkey dinners are enjoyed by all.

At last it is time for the Candlelight Ceremony. There is a hushed silence as the candles light up. Then the procession begins down the staircase to the strains of the beautiful Christmas Carols. Gathered together in the Great Hall, all the students offer up their voices in homage to the Christ Child.



## The Most Perfect Gift

Christmas—a word that means so much to so many people. To the individual it conveys a personal note of hope. To the world it brings a message of international peace and brotherhood.

But what does Christmas mean to me? Automatically, I think of giving and receiving gifts. They are not necessarily material gifts, but tokens of love, of encouragement and of good will. The Christmas season abounds in well wishes for health and good cheer. It is a happy season. Nothing is so heartwarming as to see a little child opening gaily wrapped packages midst exclamations of glee.

But why this gift giving? Why the excitement? Whom can we thank for this season of joy? Only one—a Baby Boy born nearly two thousand years ago. But He was not just a child. He was God. Yet, He came upon this cold, unwelcoming earth of ours to be one of us, to give Himself to us. What could be more precious than a tiny Baby, His little arms outstretched, wanting us to hold Him and love Him! Who could resist Him? The most perfect gift a person can receive is Christ, Himself. Our gift to Him cannot compare with His to us, but it is the best we can offer—ourselves.

The Christ Child is a symbol of peace and universal love. The sublimity of His Birthday marks a new era of hope. That is what Christmas means to me.

## In Each Animal - Love



Santa Claus' Helpers? Every year the Home Ec-ers become the elves in Santa's workshop. Fashioning stuffed animals—calico cats and gingham dogs for the Children's Party is their chief task. From afar one can see these gay little toys made of stripes, plaids, and colorful polka dots.

Not only do the elves make these animals, but also like good little elves they go out and make sure these children are good. Santa Claus comes only to good little boys and girls.

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## A. A. Schedules Basketball Games; Art Students Sponsor Exhibition

Plans for winter sports activities are being made by the members of the Athletic Association. They have invited Emmanuel, University of Rhode Island, and the Navy Team just to name a few, to participate with them. The members of the Athletic Association are hoping that the student body will give a hundred percent cooperation in spirit and appearance at the games.

They are also planning to have skating again this year at St. George's rink and intramural volleyball games.

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The annual Spanish dinner sponsored by El Circulo Salamanca was held in Moore Hall on November 20. The menu was: Arroz Con Pollo, Cortillas and for dessert Bollo.

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The week of December 8-14 is open house and exhibition week for the Art students. There will be exhibits of copper enamelling, mosaic

work, oil painting, ceramics, and costume design. All the art students will be represented in the exhibition. During that week there will be a showing of moving pictures, an illustrated lecture on the *Christmas Theme In Art* by Mrs. Woodward head of the Educational Department of the R. I. School of Design. There will be a special Christmas program by the Children of the observation class at Rosary Hall on the ninth at 3:30 p. m.

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Thirteen members of the Alliance Francaise chaperoned by Mrs. Ramos spent November 16 visiting art exhibitions in Boston. After dining at Beauchamp, a French restaurant on Mount Vernon Street, some of the girls and Mrs. Ramos went to an exhibition of famous international paintings sponsored by *Holiday Magazine* in co-operation with Filenes.

### 69 Freshmen Receive Symbols Of Scholarship

On November 14, the Class of 1961 received their caps and gowns—the symbols of academic life. Mother Mary Hilda, R.S.M. president of the college delivered the welcome address. Following this Father Georges spoke on "The Position of Women in Modern Education".

In behalf of the student body Loretta Verde congratulated the Freshmen. In her congratulations on behalf of the Junior Class, Barbara Balzano stated that investiture brought both honor and responsibility.

The Class of 1959 sang Junior-Sister songs and the Freshmen recited the Academic Code.

Following the ceremony, tea was served in the Dining Room.

### Sodalists Integrate Thanksgiving And Feast Of Mary

The theme of the sodality meeting on November 26, 1957 was the integration of Thanksgiving and the recognition of Our Lady under the title of the Immaculate Conception, the patroness of our country.

In keeping with this theme the chairman, Miss Shirley Perry, read the Thanksgiving Proclamation of Governor Roberts and the Thanksgiving Prayer of Cardinal Spellman. Miss Jane Integlia and Miss Barbara Balzano gave an analysis of the Papal Encyclical "Centenary of Lourdes Apparitions". An inspiring talk on "The Woman and the Atom" was given by Miss Elizabeth Lawton.

### Father Georges' Address Highlights Education Week

Highlighting National American Education Week was Father Georges' address to the students of the college on November 12.

Our chaplain discussed Russia's position in the field of education deliberating on the four basic fears prevalent in all Russians, and on the ignorance of the majority of the population. Illiteracy has produced a society that provides for no free enterprise, and a community where wealth is "in the hands of a few." Father discussed the effects of Bolshevik Revolt upon Russian education, and Joseph Stalin's patent words "we are here to form a socialistic state". Education has since undergone a transition which has accounted for education being the highest paid officials of the state. Intellectual pursuits are now centered about scientific matter, producing a nation of technology. They accomplish in ten years what we do in twelve, eliminating all vacations and holidays and compelling ardent, forceful study. The philosophy of the Russian communists under Karl Marx of wealth in "The hands of all" has not been accomplished, and their economical standard is unequal to ours. Stalin and Marx would be astounded if they could observe the purely technological state a product of their efforts to reform.

## Alumnae Sponsors Fete

Salve Regina Alumnae Association held a luncheon and fashion show at the Viking Hotel in Newport on November 23 for the benefit of the Alumnae's Scholarship Fund. Mrs. Eleanor Baker displayed her fashionable hat collection.

Assisting Maureen Oates Sweeney '53, general chairman, were co-chairmen Catherine Graziano '53 and Myrna Clancy '55.

Maureen O'Rourke '57 assisted by Barbara Johnson, Mary McGivinn, Loretta Ross, and Theresa Scullian, headed the special feature committee. Elise Scullian won the \$50 money doll.

Recently Miss Lysbeth McAlice '57 published a short story, "Trinkets" in the *Rosary Magazine*.

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## Student Nurses To Conduct Drive To Raise Funds For Convention

In order to raise funds to send a delegate from Salve Regina to the Convention of National Student Nurses Association, the members are selling Parker's Charm Soap. The soap is nicely arranged with four bars in each \$1.00 box. For the past few weeks the girls have been selling the soap to their parents and friends. Beginning January 6, the nurses will conduct their drive on campus.

Recently S. N. O. elected the following girls as officers: Diane Silveira, President; Maria Pezza, Vice-President; Loretta Macquire, Secretary; and Judy Sullivan, Treasurer. Moderating the club this year is Mrs. Catherine Graziano, R.N.

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