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Merry Christmas

YE MERRIE MASQUERS
STAGE PAGEANT

May Ruggles Nelson
Was the Madonna

The Christmas pageant, sponsored by Ye Merrie Masquers, honorary dramatic organization at Hollins, was given in the Little Theatre on Sunday evening, December 13th, at 8:30.

Divided into three scenes, the pageant first pictured the Annunciation; then the Gloria, the angels proclaiming to the world the coming of the Christ Child; and third, the Madonna and Child. Before each of these, explanatory passages from the Bible were read back stage, followed by interpretation chants by a few members of the choir.

Participation in the pageant, except for the Madonna, is limited to the members of Ye Merrie Masquers who are: Victoria FitzGerald, Jane Carey Polk, Nancy Ray, Sylvia Busselles, Dorothy Sorg and Margaret Hufford. The Madonna was May Ruggles Nelson.

The entire production was the work of this organization, capably assisted by Miss Susie Blair.

Hollins Y. W. C. A.
Holds White Gift Service

The White Gift Service, under the auspices of the Young Women’s Christian Association, was held in the Chapel on Sunday, December 13th, at 7:30 P. M. At that time the Choir, directed by Mr. Erich Rath, offered a special program in keeping with the Christmas season.

The Chapel, decorated with pine, spruce, and other Christmas greens, was lighted by long white tapers, while over the platform hung an illuminated star. According to custom, Betty Rice, president of the Young Women’s Christian Association read a few selections from the Bible, which were appropriate to this occasion. These were interspersed with hymns and anthems sung by the choir and congregation.

Most impressive of all, however, was the final portion of the program, the presentation of gifts by the various classes. Led by the Seniors, each class clad in white, arose in turn and, repeating after its president the words of the prayer, pledged a symbolic gift. Every Christmas during the four years that the Class is at Hollins this pledge is renewed.

The Young Women’s Christian Association is to be commended for sponsoring this annual service, the first event which truly signifies to Hollins girls, the true meaning of the Christmas season.

SINNERS HAVE
CHRISTMAS PARTY

To-night at nine-thirty the Seniors will stage their annual Christmas party in Keller. Lesh Jones is chairman of the committee on arrangements and the rumors leaking out promise a delightful evening for all concerned.

An informal program is planned that will precede an ice course to be served with candy, fruit and nuts later in the evening.

In the decorated Christmas tree has been placed around which will be heaped, clever and attractive gifts for each member of the class. Several other features of the party that are in process of evolution may not be disclosed as yet in order that they may produce the desired effect. It is sufficient to say that even in times of depression there is an old Santa in every family.

Hollins School Children
Have a Christmas Tree
Given by Y. W. C. A.

For two weeks there was mysterious bustling and excitement. By some magic, packages began to pour into the Y. W. C. A. packages which squeaked or groaned or rattled in transit; knobby packages, smooth packages; flat, square, round, thick, long and short packages; packages of all types and descriptions. This was followed by whispered conferences in the corner of the dining room between Peachy Dodan and Mrs. Boozer. Then one night a large part of East building was enlisted and the business of wrapping began. Soon huge piles of knobby brown bundles disappeared and in their places stood row upon row of white packages glittering with Christmas seals.

So finally the great day came. The tree set up in Keller began with colored lights and silver tinsel. Beneath it piles of white parcels peeped temptingly forth. Enter the children—for every year on the Saturday before the Xmas holidays the Y. W. C. A. gives a party to the pupils in Hollins Grammar School. Dressed in their best and scrubbed until they shone from tip to toe, the children presented themselves promptly at three, for most of them had been looking forward to this party ever since the last Christmas, while others had heard enough tales of it to keep them in breathless anticipation for weeks in advance. Smilingly mute or loudly expectant, they quickly assembled gazing eagerly at the tree.

There were cries of delight over the presents. In no time at all dolls “ma-ma’s” is friendly fashion. Horns tooted loudly; mechanical bugs hopped about on the floor; games were spread out on all sides, little boys boasted of marble; little girls poured over paper doll books. Each child, as he received his present, turned into a showman and seemed bent on displaying his gift to every other person present. There were shrieks of joy and excitement as eager fingers bustled with refractory string. The strained atmosphere disappeared in a jiffy. The once boisterous Xmas tree was deposited of all its treasures save the blinking lights and shining tinsel. Tissue paper covered the floor. Bedlam broke loose in the discussion of the presents.

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Singers Will Rise
Early To-Morrow

While most students dream to-night of vacation trains, the Young Women’s Christian Association will assemble on front campus to sing carols. How glorious it is to listen for a while, then turn over and dream again of home.
MISS MOTTRAM TALKS ON EUROPE AND AMERICA

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ALUMNAE NOTES

Nancy McIntosh, '31, is studying for an M.A. in History at the University of South Carolina.

Anne P. Jones, ex-'31, is now working for the Associated Charities in Cleveland and is also taking a course in "Race Relations" at the Cleveland College Night School.

Frances Schmidt, '31, is taking a business course at Ohio State University in Toledo, Ohio.

Mary Tom Davis, '31, is doing technician work at a hospital in Philadelphia.

Elizabeth Simmons, '31, is a substitute teacher for the public schools in Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

Ruth Groves, '31, is taking a business course at her home in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Gay Caskie, '31, is working for the Virginia State Board of Health at Lynchburg.

Jean Du Flon, ex-'31, and Helen Yoder, '31, were visitors on campus last week.

Pamela Gordon, ex-'32, was married during the summer.

Mary Price, '31, is studying for an M.A. in Psychology at the Columbia University.

Evelyn Sales, '31, is teaching school in Welch, West Virginia.

Betty Lowry, ex-'32, is doing social service work in New York City.

The Petersburg Alumna Chapter is sponsoring a dance for the benefit of the endowment fund.

Lila Gilmer, ex-'32, is working for the Vocational Division of the Virginia State Board of Education and the Society for the Crippled of southwestern Virginia.

Betty Lowe, ex-'30, was married November 18th to Mr. Philip E. Jones of Knoxville, Tenn.

Betty Lowery, ex-'31, is teaching school in Mobile, Alabama.

Sara Lynch, '31, is doing substitute teaching in Ocean City, Maryland.

Mary Stokley, '31, and Frances Stokley, '30, are among the debutantes in Norfolk, Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Strange (Florence Foy, '28) are announcing the birth of a daughter named Florence Foy.

Peggy Selman, ex-'34, has recently announced her engagement to Dr. Ed. Cathell and will be married during the Christmas holidays. They expect to make their home in Lexington, North Carolina.

HOLLINS SCHOOL CHILDREN HAVE CHRISTMAS TREE

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The only thing that could bring any degree of order again was food. So after a hilarious time over games, each child was given an orange and a bag of sugar candy before leaving. Their presents under arm, candy tightly clutched in somewhat sticky fingers, and oranges prominently in the foreground, they finally departed completely happy.

Then again the magic wand was waved, for the tree was once more loaded with presents. The tinsel paper streamers disappeared and the Kellar was orderly again. The second party got under way, and if the first party was happy, this party was exultant. The colored children came late in the afternoon and had, if anything, an even better time. They "oh'd" and "ah'd" with delight; they were ecstatic over their presents and radiant and happy over the candy and fruit. They played the games with great enthusiasm, and generally departed, tired but blissfully happy with their new possessions. All the spectators as well as the participants said there never was a nicer party. So after various wishes for a very merry Christmas to each, everyone went away rejoicing with memories to treasure up until next year when the time comes for another party.

Society

Lyb Heningway recently spent several days in New York.

Betty Frye, ex-'34, has been visiting Lois Vancey.

Jane Grey spent last week-end in Lexington as the guest of Mrs. Deemer.

Leila Horner and Claire Backs spent last week-end in Roanoke as guests of Mrs. Gilbert C. Butler.

Barbara Delle Simmons and Helene King were in New York City last week.

Mary Hutchinson of Sweet Briar has been on campus visiting Betty Brade.

Bright Bickerstaff, a student at Sweet Briar, visited Sarah Simms last week-end.

Eloise Goodman and Mary Sheffey Peters visited Dr. and Mrs. Peters in Lynchburg recently.

Martha High is attending a wedding in Greensboro, N. C. this week.

Mary Creech attended a party given by her mother for her sister-in-law, Mrs. Charles Creech, in Winston-Salem, N. C.

The N. F. A. Committee entertained on December 7th at tea, in Miss Matty's sitting-room, in honor of Miss Mottram, the guest of Miss Maloney. Other than a few members of the faculty and students gathered in the candle-lighted room, which was decorated with Christmas green and enjoyed the delicious refreshments in keeping with the Christmas time.

ATHLETICS

With the close of the hockey season, elementary basketball ball began on Thursday, December 4th. The purpose of this two weeks season, as the name implies, is to instruct beginners and to review some of the fundamentals with those freshmen who have played a little before. Twenty-two girls reported for the practice and several more signed up later. The same new method of putting the ball in play in center will be used again this year, as it seemed to have been accepted with general approval during last year's season.

Everyone is enthusiastic about basket ball already, and it is hoped many others will lend their support by participating in it during the class season which will open after vacation, on January 5th.

INTRAMURAL SPORTS

Only golf has been completed as yet, with Claire Backs representing Main and defeating Jane Plumb, runner-up for West. The "On" orients of East" and the "Rest of West" are in the finals of volleyball ball, while all three dormitories are still contesting for the championships in deck tennis and horseshoes.

The Freshman Class Elects First Officers

At a recent meeting of the Freshman Class the following officers and representatives were chosen: Anne Taylor, president; Emily Plummer, vice president; Henrietta Worsley, secretary; Anne Hemphill, treasurer; Susanna Turner, representative to Student Council; Frances Dawson, representative to Legislative Board; Louise King, representative to the Athletic Board; Anne Waring, representative to the Music Board; Marian Walker, song leader. Miss Margaret Glasgow was elected to sponsor the class during their four years at Hollins.

Campus Clums

Our Christmas cheer makes us propose To change our words to verse from prose. It's bad enough, one would suppose, To say our nothing in bad prose. But it is infinitely worse To say them in what we call verse. There was a young student named Dot For her bus seat did not care a jot, When she got up to change She misjudged her range. And broke the bus window. Oh, Dot!

All of you who have checker boards at home bring them back with you, please! We gulp our coffee down every night now in a vain effort to get in a game before chapel, but someone always has the board.

We know it is impolite to discuss food but we are frightfully glad that deviled crab has again appeared on the menu.

We have heard a lot about the divine excess, poetically speaking, but it is hard to believe that there exist monetary matters? Some of the second floor Main inhabitants are so hard up, they've taken to passing the hat!

Hollins definition of a true student: one who can study, during the fly breeding season, in the library.

Overheard in chapel: "You would save me a seat with a box." "Well, I thought you liked box seats."

Last week it came to the point where "even her best friend wouldn't tell her"—who the Madonna was.

The Pied Piper of Hamlin must be working overtime in the library, to judge from the way the mice have been eating books.

We don't need to say, "Merry Christmas everybody," because there's a great big Merry Christmas in the atmosphere. So instead we're going to say "thank you, Mrs. Booser, for such a nice banquet," and "thank you, dear Santa Claus, for being such a love and letting us out early."

Time—Span

At first the days crawled by like year
I thought eight weeks would never pass!
But now that Christmas time is near
The minutes turn to hours, alas!
Christmas time is coming
And I'm glad as I can be
For I cannot get to work
Just, why, I do not see
My grades are always
And I'm glad as I can be!