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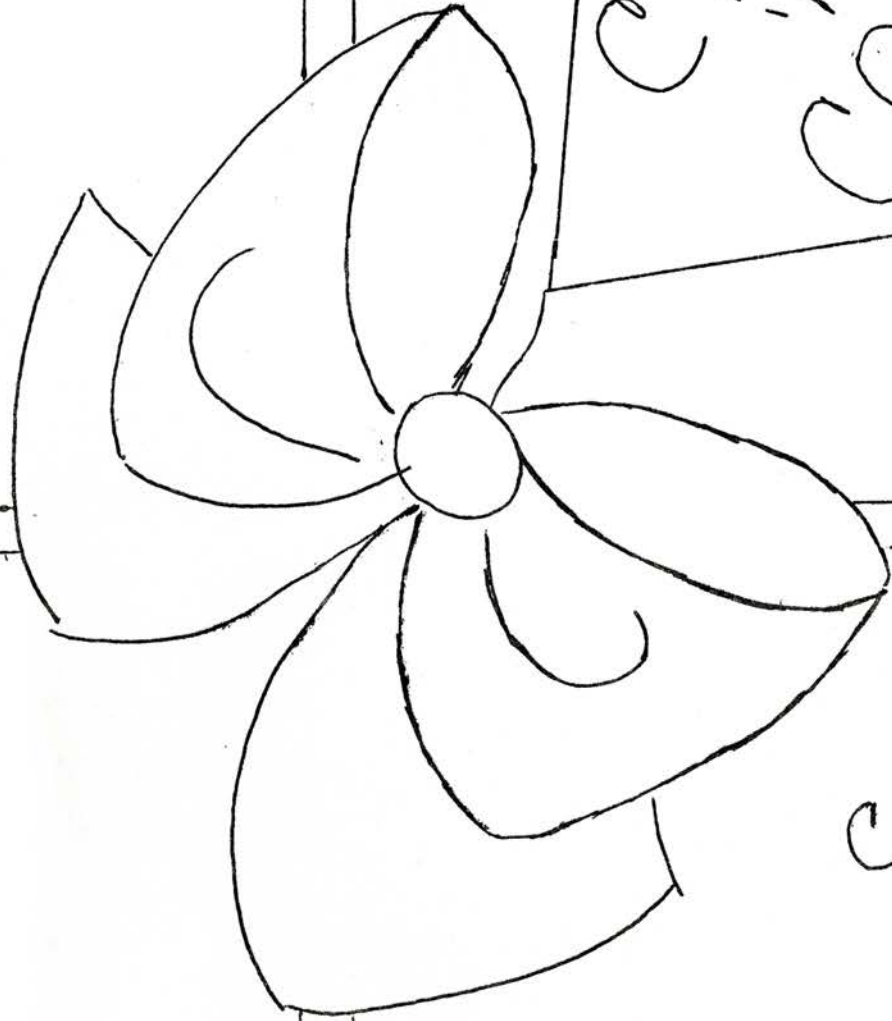
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THE LEGEND OF THE POINSETTIA

The poinsettia is the traditional Christmas flower. It is Mexico's contribution to Christmas in America, and there it is known as la Flor de la Noche Buena, "the flower of the Holy Night". There are several stories about its origin.

One is that a young girl, separated from her lover, died of a broken heart on Christmas Eve, and the drops of blood which fell to the earth became the flower.

Another version is that as the people hurried to midnight Mass in the village church, carrying great armfuls of beautiful flowers to decorate the altar, they passed a small girl who wanted to know where they were going. On being told they were on their way to pay their respects to the Infant Jesus and that it was necessary to bring a gift of flowers, the little girl was heartbroken that she could not join them. But as her tears dropped to the earth, they were transformed into flowers of flame, which she gathered and brought to the Baby Jesus.

THE HOLIDAY SEASON IN MOSCOW

Just about the time when Americans are saying good-bye to the old year and hello to the New Year, the Moscow holiday season is just beginning. The season begins on December 31st and lasts until January 14th.

During this time Grandfather Frost (the Russian Santa Clause) comes down from the North Pole, where he prepares his gifts for all good Russian children, and reminds the people of Moscow that peace is the greatest gift of all.

He and twenty of his "identical brothers" attend 500 parties. At some of these parties, there are huge pine trees decorated with many lights around which the children dance. The party just wouldn't be a party without a play. All the children sit around the tree and watch the show. The two hour party must also have a ballet (ballets are very popular during this season), singing, and games and obstacle races for the children with prizes for the winners. During an obstacle race, each contestant must disassemble a nest of dolls called a matreshka, and put them back together again. The children's parents pay 39 Kopecks (about 43 cents) for each child.

According to the old Russian calendar, Christmas is on January 7th. On Christmas Eve a few of the Orthodox churches are so crowded that many of the worshippers are standing.

Although most of the Christmas meaning has been eliminated, these festivities help to keep the Christmas spark alive in Moscow.

WOULD YOU BELIEVE?

Would you believe a seven-course Christmas dinner in the cafeteria with candlelight and wine?

Would you believe turkey and stuffing?

How about veal birds?

Would you believe a two week vacation in Bermuda at Christmastime?

Would you believe the day off?

How about night duty?

Would you believe a beautiful snow scene outside your window on Christmas Eve?

Would you believe a snowflake?

How about a brick wall?

Would you believe staying out until 4 A.M. on New Year's Eve?

Would you believe midnight?

How about 10:30?

CHRISTMAS COOKING

Russian Tea Cakes

1 cup butter
1/2 cup confectioners (10X) sugar
2 1/4 cups flour
1/4 tsp salt
1 tsp vanilla
3/4 cup finely chopped nuts

Mix everything together and form into 1 inch balls. Bake 13 minutes at 400 degrees Farenheit. While hot, roll into additional 10X sugar. Cool. Roll again in the 10X sugar.

Gingerbread Boys

Mix-1/3 cup soft shortening
1 cup brown sugar
1 1/2 cups black molasses
stir in- 1/2 cup cold water
sift together and stir in- 7 cups sifted flour
1 tsp salt
1 tsp allspice
1 tsp ginger
1 tsp cloves
1 tsp cinnamon

stir in - 2 tsp soda dissolved in 3 TBLS cold water. chill dough. Roll out to 1/2 inches. Cut out pattern. With a pancake turner carefully transfer gingerbread boys to lightly greased baking sheet. Decorate with raisins, candied cherries, gum drops, etc. Bake. Cool slightly, then carefully remove from the sheet. Outline and decorate with white icing. This recipe makes about twelve. The temperature of the oven should be 350 degrees Farenheit; the time for baking is 15-18 minutes.

Melt in the Mouth Cookies

This recipe makes about eight dozen. Ingredients are:

1/2 cup butter
1 cup light brown sugar-packed
1 tsp. vanilla
1 egg
3/4 cup sifted flour
1 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt
1 cup finely chopped nuts
Cream butter; add sugar, vanilla, and an egg;

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

A Missing Quality

Great concern has been expressed over a missing quality in the student body. Lack of this quality, school spirit, is a concern of not only the faculty but also of the students.

The immediate response upon the acknowledgement of this deficit is to condemn one party or another, or to rationalize and make excuses for ourselves. Can you find yourself among these examples?

Someone was heard to say, "I can't go to the basketball game tonight, because I have too much to do". She was seen an hour later, glued to the T.V. in the lounge.

Another was asked a dime for the newspaper---she was broke---but she managed 35¢ for a pack of cigarettes.

Someone else could not be bothered to bake a cake for a cake sale, but complained bitterly when told she would have to pay extra for the yearbook.

The nominations for the Miss Jefferson Contest were few and far between, the attendance left much to be desired, but "everyone and his brother" had suggestions afterward!

One student was heard to remark, "There's nothing to do here.", while the tickets which had been charitably supplied for out benefits remained on the front desk.

Another Miss complained about her social life, or lack of it, but she was "too busy" to attend the annual dinner dance.

One young lady had "no talent", she was overheard to say. She did not "know a thing about putting on a show." After seeing it, however, she knew she could have done much better than those who tried.

What is SNAP? What does it involve? What does it have to do with me? These questions could all be answered if one would attend just one meeting or take time to read the circular, "Snips From Snap."

This lack of unity exists not only between classes, but within each class. Remember Byberry when "out of sight was out of mind?"

We can readily see that a problem does exist, and we can continue to make excuses to try to justify our actions. On the other hand, we can more efficiently utilize our energies by trying to find solutions. If we see a solution, we should then take the responsibility to make it known to others and to act upon it. Therefore, we are asking you to submit to us any comments you may have concerning this problem of our lack of school spirit. Please write your comments and address them to Editor, Box 76, and give them to the housemother by January 5, 1966.

beat until light. Add sifted dry ingredients and nuts. Drop by scant teaspoonfuls onto cookie sheets. Bake in hot oven (400 degrees Fahrenheit) for about five minutes. Cool for 1/2 minute. Remove to wire racks.

BASKETBALL

Our team this year is really in shape, and we are out after that Championship. At the present time we are in the running for the finals. The team really appreciates the support the student body has been giving it, but we need a few more voices in the cheering section, the more tigers in our ranks, the better. So, girls, let's get out there and root for the team that will be the champs this year. Our next game is January fourth against Abington.

SPOTLIGHT - AN INSTRUCTOR

May we introduce you to Miss Jane Griglak, clinical instructor in Urology and Neurology?

Miss Griglak, a graduate of Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh, entered her nursing career rather by accident. Having grown up in a small town, career opportunities seemed to be limited to "doctor, lawyer, teacher, and nurse." A close friend who had always wanted to be a nurse convinced her to give nursing a try. She entered school with doubts as to whether she would stay, and soon decided that nursing was the profession for her. Miss Griglak, in comparing her nursing education with ours, states that she received more practice in bedside nursing, whereas, we have more emphasis placed on theory.

She worked for a year in Pediatrics in Washington, D.C. and for a year on a private unit in Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

She then entered Western Reserve University in Cleveland to work toward her B.S.N. It was at this time that another accident influenced her life. She was assigned to work on a Neurosurgery unit and was "petrified" and applied for a transfer as soon as possible. However, this attitude did not continue very long and she soon developed an avid interest in the field.

She then accepted her position here at Jefferson, and has remained for over three years.

She likes living on the East Coast and likes Philadelphia because it is in "the center of things."

Much of her spare time is devoted to her job; but she enjoys travelling and vacationed in Puerto Rico this summer. She loves to run up charge accounts; her biggest problem is "sticking to my budget; I'm always broke."

She finds teaching a challenging field mainly because "Students are so unpredictable- you never know what they're going to do next."

She plans to continue her education and in the future to obtain her Master's degree.

ANNUAL STUDENT FACULTY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Ingredients: Santa Claus, hot dogs, fortune cookies

Mixed well: with Christmas Carols

Served: on December 14, 1965

Enjoyed: By all students

To the faculty - Many thanks and sincere wishes for a
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

