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Dear Editor: I am eight years old. Some of my little friends and I have been of the opinion that there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in The Sun it's so." Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia O'Hanlon

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they want to. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehended by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be minds of men or children, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world around him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowing the answer to the riddle of existence. Virginia, there is no Santa Claus. This is a great relief to you; there is nothing else to it.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. Yes, Santa Claus is real. Virginia, you are a child and you believe in Santa Claus. You may come to doubt, like Virginia. You may come to see that Santa Claus is as good as any other explanation. But right now, at this time, you believe. And you must believe in the one or the other. You must make up your mind. Either you think that Santa Claus exists, or you don't.

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The practice teacher who travel to and from the high school so often are trying to keep us educated. We were told that currently each period is prepared for entertainment and decorations with a view of competition. This is what we were told; it was not entirely true. However, there was some evidence that the course of events held true. It has been rumored that, even that Miss Goggans’ room has a trap under the stair—she’s a secret agent.

Did we let the cat out of the bag?

As you know, Andrea Rosencrans is a new exchange student last year, taught at Phillips High in Birmingham, Alabama. Florence Fauster has written Dr. Jonas of the Newton School that Andrea never had her here a bitwise of a bit of travel for us. We couldn’t go to France but she bought France to us.

Lambert Tamar, a 184 gradu- ate of Phillips High, who wrote that his work in the French program has been invaluable: he learned the alphabet, basic grammar, and the parts of French to help him to keep yourself up. If your French is not as good as others, try to produce French students, it will have unpredictable forces that cannot be surpassed.

The Thanksgiving vacation, filled with football, was a Christmas program, the Sophomore Hopper, the Paper Bowl—All the football and fun we can have.

We fear—we hope we have enough high-thinking and plain-thinking have taken this year to see you in Pennsylvania.

Three young people were trying to find a Christmas tree to be plentiful. They sat eating at each other for quite a while before one of them managed to find a smile with a smile. "My name is John, but don’t call me John." The other young man said, "Well, my name is Peter, but I’m not Peter."

The young lady hinted at a maiden name. Her name is Mary and I don’t know what to say.

Carol Reamer, Linda Sorel, Marian Smith, Amy Williams, Frances Gams, Peggy Johnson, Anne Morin, Bonnie Deerman, Erma Freeman, Delma Minnehaha, Betty Brown, Margaret A. Brown, Helen Brown, Helen Minnehaha, Betty Brown, and Betty Cowden.

In this year for: Marian Pate, Smith, Amy Williams, vice-president; Mrs. pan, principal; and Mrs. Elin Bryant, treasurer.

The Christmas won’t be lonely during Christmas.

Christa Spivak

who's idiom in trumpet playing is described as "honey in the hands and fire in the eyes," was a thirteen-year-old band which rocketed to the top of the school music program among the leading bands of the nation.

Now that Spivak’s musical career are 20th Century Fox’s "Pin- up Girl" starring Betty Grable, and "Follow the Boys" for Universal. He also has an impressive record of appearances at the Paramount Theatre in New York, The Knitter, New York, the Paramount in Hollywood, and other spots.

Spivak was born in New Haven, Conn., and got his first trumpet still in grade school—a tiny instrument with the first valve practically on top of his nose. He went to Hill House High School in New Havon, studying the trumpet on his own time with George Hoyer, who is a member of the New Haven Symphony Orchestra. The fact that Spivak’s family had chartered a med- ical society in New Haven after his family’s subject was "Christmas in Cuba".

A male quartet composed of James Baker, Joseph Gams, and James Baker, sang "The Making of a Man," accompanied by Roy Wallace and Ane Duncan, sang several solos. After Spivak’s part was spent dancing.

A music contest was held with boys and girls competing. Herbert Thomas was judged as "National"

Mildred Dobbs and Jimmy Pippin won the blind-fold com- test prize.

The "making faces" prize was awarded to William Sano and Edward Curry.

A beauty contest was held with Bob Washburn and Robert Henson leading the "orange dance" contest.

Prizes were contributed by Jacksonville merchants.

Activity Feature: Lawrie Lawrence Miles, and Mrs. Alfred Roebuck were judges and chaperones.

For Symphony House, Kat Stamps, and Hester Talbot.

Feature Artist: Feature Artist: Christa Spivak’s band include Irene Daye, lovely song star; Tommy Lynn, former television personality; Lillian Stamps, popular young trumpet; Buddy Redman, violinist of the New Jersey and the Ladies. 

It is very cheerful to see everybody.

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A student

CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS
(Continued from Page 1)

here the Christmas trees with their colored lights sparkling and full of beautiful balls of all kinds, shapes, and colors. The 24th all the streets, markets and groceries are full of things to eat up, until the last day of classes before vacation. When we celebrate our "Good Night" in order to expect the people saying as I say to you now: "MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR".

"In general Christmas in Cuba doesn't have much religious signification, but until last year it started," Larratt said.

"Most of the people know that it celebrates Jesus's birth, but many of them don't know exactly the precious history of this divine birth.

The more pious persons go to church at this season. The Catholic Church prepares very pretty scenes of the Nativity and many people go to see them because they are very artistic and beautiful.

"Our Protestant church celebrates Christmas, I think similarly to you. In the Sunday school they tell the story of the birth of Jesus and in all the services we sing Christmas songs.

In most of the churches we have a special program on Christmas night. This program presents some play of Christmas songs, poetry, reading of the Christmas story in the Bible and similar things.

"As they have a special offering for the poor, giving them food or medicine.

"It is beautiful to see the children taking part in the program singing with their sweet voices and dressing pretty dresses.

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The teachers put the gifts in big bags to distribute them to the poor families.

Most of the associations and the government do similar things, introducing shoes, toys, food, clothes, etc. to the people in need.

In our church we have also a tradition that begins about 10 o'clock on the night of December thirty-first. This party is followed by a religious service in which we receive the New Year with prayer.

"Persons who can't go to church because of sickness greet the New Year with private services at home."

I should like for my fellow countrymen to realize the importance of celebrating Christmas in a more religious manner.

Miss Ballant was followed by Bly Caille of Belgium.

"In Belgium Christmas is above all a religious feast. This day the nation play holy songs and the stove windows are decorated with the scene of Christ in the manger. Everything reminds us that this day of hope, wishes and joy is the birthday of Christ."

"Santa Claus will not come to bring toys in children's shoes, for Saint Nicholas has already visited us on December 6. But all the family prepares the day before a tiny manger and a Christmas tree.

"The preparations are generally very simple, but Christmas is in the main the day when we have to remember the Christ's poverty and his glory."

On Christmas evening several families visit round the Christmas tree and pass the time singing hymns and reciting poems. The children look at the small figures of the manger and tell each other the stories of the holy night they learned at school. In this sweet atmosphere the people patiently wait the hour to go to the midnight mass. As soon as the usual hour approaches, we feel nervous and we rejoice for this mean that we would not miss for anything.

Outside it is always very cold and we never have a Christmas without snow. Warmly dressed, we hurry to arrive at the church where all the faithful are already assembled. After the mass, the youth presents Christmas scenes and we receive a little with our imagination the Christ's birthday. The ceremony ended, friends and parents go back to their houses. All is very beautifully arranged with balloons of all colors and strings of pretty paper hanging from the ceiling and moving in the breeze. At twelve o'clock when the old year dies there are many traditions such as eating twelve grapes, each one the sound of the bell of the clock.

They are called the grapes of prosperity. The people who remain at home throw out of their houses a great deal of water to clean the house of bad influences and there is so much water that you have to take care if you are in the street in order not to get a shower.

A few minutes after you can see all the city covered completely with snow and the water running everywhere. Besides, at twelve all the people make the most noise that they can with whistles, wooden rattles, sky-rocket, shots and anything with which it is possible to make noise.

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Just as amuse her.

We don't do that in Belgium,

You've got a hair a day every day.

And we don't date until we get to the University.

At home.

An all-day, footloose, footloose Aegeans in Belgium are as bold as to wear lipstick, but it's ethically verboten.

But to pop the hair on is all right, is it my hair? A boy is like a woman. She turned her battle on my hair.

Ingrid Bergman and Gary Cooper were taken in as their favorite actors. Gary Cooper's not blind, we reminded her.

She had and she prefers tall, light-hearted, light-hearted, and light-eyed boys.

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And at intervals she again protested our crudity in writing her.

"I was a little scared before I came, but I love it, and I hope to come back," she said. She will finish her senior high-school year when she returns to Belgium.

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Young to drink. Belgian youngster grow up on wine.

"And the staff have a picture of her? The snapshot used last summer would never do. No No. It'll be bad.

She brought a snapshot of herself in a skiing outfit sitting on a snowbank.

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A lot of fellows I know have lost their shirts because they put too much on the cuff.

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**CENfRES—Brooks Jones (Florence) and Art Schmitt (St. Ber-**

**GUARDS—Gene Lents (Florence), Bill Cassidy (Jacksonville), Dick Hayes (Livingston) and Bill Doty (Florence).**

**TACKLES—Paul Adams (Jacksonville), Wesley Hudy (Jackson-**

**ENDS—James Lee (Jacksonville), John Krise (Troy) and Guy**

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>*Aviation Executive, U.S. Air Force!*

A native of Grove, Oklahoma, Norman Hays graduated from Grove High School in 1935. The following year he entered Oklahoma A&M, where he majored in engineering; also took public speaking.

Active in national 4H Club work while in college, he helped organize the program activities, won a national 4H championship in Public Speaking. In 1940 he received his B.S. degree in engineering.

A month later he began navigator training at an Aviation Cadet. In 1941, he received his navigator's wings and a commission as Second Lieutenant... married his college sweetheart.

Sent to an RAF Navigation School in Canada, he graduated with the highest possible rating of Specialist. Norman served overseas for 18 months in the Aleutians, Italy and Salipan.

Accepting a regular commission after the war, he was assigned to development of navigation instruments; navigated the B-29 "Panama Dreamboat" on its famed Hawaii-Cairo non-stop flight in 1946.

Typical of college graduates who have found their place in the U.S. Air Force, Major Hays is Chief, Navigation Section, at Headquarters in Washington... with a secure career... a promising future.

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**Camels for Mildness**

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**ONLY THE BEST CAN BE AVIATION CADETS!**
Basketball Schedule is Announced for '49-'50

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-Huntsville Red and Blue

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