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## Juni-gatsu Des!

In Japanese December is called Juni-gatsu, meaning 'twelfth month'; people are determined to turn over a new

## Terry Travels

Close your eyes and imagine yourself sailing breezily along the on MSTs GENERAL J.C. BRECKINRIDGE, headed for Okinawa and Taiwan.

Imagine a shipload of the nicest people, and beautiful weather en route to Okinawa. Forget the one miserable night of awful rocking with seasickness wide-spread over the ship.

Okinawa: warm, bustling, and sunny! You stand in a unique glass factory surrounded by glass of all colors, shapes, and sizes. A street lined with nearly 30 jewelry shops. You see three heavy boxes and five average-sized adults hauled in a medium-sized taxi to the ship.

Imagine sailing into a beautiful subtropical Chinese port, Taiwan, in a light rain. Seeing the pedicabs, bicycles drawn rickshaws, and quaint Chinese art shops filled with Chinese treasures.

You are heading back to Japan, early in the morning, seeing a huge, brilliant red-golden ball of sun on the ocean's edge. The ocean is ablaze in light: on the other side of the ship majestic Mount Fuji: dazzling in snow reflecting the fiery brilliance.

Now, how did you enjoy Okinawa and Taiwan?

leaf! In feudal days salaries, fees, tuitions and wages were paid semi-annually; debts had to be paid before the new year.

Fairs are held in villages for the sale of furniture, table ware, household utensils, Shinto requisites—all of which must be renewed yearly.

Presents, called "oseibo" are exchanged with relatives and friends to celebrate "honorable year end." This expresses thanks for friendship.

A thorough cleaning, termed "Susuharai," is conducted with spirit; family members remove every piece of furniture and household goods from the house. When the place has been thoroughly cleaned the occupants count themselves truly ready to welcome the new year.—Carolyn Sugiyama

## Lights His Life

A sliver of light at the coffin's end revealed hard, stiff bodies lying next to him. Where was he? His mind swam; all he could fathom was that someone, destroying his home and substance in the forest, had brought him here with his companions. Was he destined to remain like this until death? Wait!—the light broadened! A large clammy hand tightened upon his body! He lay stiff with utter terror. Dragged from the con, he watched, with a paralyzed detachment, as his head was struck again and again, on its side—until the fire came up to light a man's pipe.

At least, he mused, his life burned with a clear blue flame!

## Status Symbols, Junior Grade

"I think I deserve a 'B', considering all the work I did."

"Couldn't you at least give me a 'C'?"

"I think I shoulda had an 'A'."

Report card time! Teachers are swamped with pleas and complaints. Such students constitute a spectacle. The student feels he has been cheated; he calls on guidance counselor, parents and National Guard for rescue. He wrangles to have that "C" raised to a "B-". Teachers avoid constant "grade quibblers".

However, as to our motives in school, we feel the majority would have to declare grades, rather than knowledge, their chief goal. But before adults begin castigating youth they should consider: Society dictates that students strive for higher grades, even if this is far beyond the capability. Parents compare their child with a neighbor's, who gets straight "A's". If Junior does not measure up, "restriction" is imposed.

"How do you expect to get into college with these marks?" parents rant. They have a point; foremost on the list of criteria of most colleges is "Grades".

No wonder students sometimes glance over a neighbor's shoulder during tests or complain to the teacher for grades received.

This is not a rationalization of such behavior; students should strive for knowledge and understanding. But before adults, with their split-level houses, color television and dollar-security, criticize youth, they should reflect on personal tables of values for these are imprinted on the young.

## They Went That Way!

The editor of a small mid-western newspaper recently wrote that he put little faith in the Christmas Star tale; with tongue in cheek he said it lacked astronomical credence.

A stormy letters-to-the-editor session followed the article's appearance in the Ord, Nebraska, Quiz. Mothers suggested hanging the journalist to the nearest Christmas tree; greeting card manufacturers howled that popularizing disbelief in the Star of Christmas would put people out of work. Christmas Star Christmas cards poured in from enraged readers.

One fancy number bore the whole map of Judea, including Christ's birthplace. Over the spot a Bright Star shone. A message read, "We hope the Christmas Star's warm rays find their way into your heart."

The flustered newsman took a

## Sensu Wins

The Columbia Scholastic Press Association has awarded the 1961-'62 SENSU first place in its yearly competition.

The NHS annual achieved an outstanding rating on the basis of plan, lay-out, contents coverage, photography, and printing.

Meriting separate commendation were the "end sheets" or inside covers, designed by Sato-mi Arrington. Also sharing the commendation list was the year-book's excellent photo coverage.

long look, spying Galilee on the north, Egypt on the south; Judea, a narrow country was bounded on the west by the Mediterranean and by Persia to the east.

Now, the Wise Men supposedly came from Persia. This means they came from the east and traveled west toward Jericho, then later a bit south toward Jerusalem. But if, the editor wonders, Judea runs north

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"Dear Sir, Berta was absent yesterday because..."



"...And how about that time at Johnson when..."



"Why can't Mr. Smith go to lunch in his car like everyone else?"



"Whaddya mean you'll tell the bus monitor? I'M the bus monitor!"