IF MARIAN COLLEGE WERE THERE
(A new inspirational poem by Donna Tatroe)

'Twas the night before Christmas, and over Palestine,
A star hung suspended, to warm the earth with its shine.
Father Smith stood below, viewing the star so near,
And, checking his notes, said, "It shouldn't be here."
To the side stood Sister Marina and as she saw how it glared
Said, "Surely this is a manifestation of me."
Near the stable stood Mrs. Hill, observing the shine,
She took out her pencil and wrote a light line.
Father Docley, checking the census, to Herod went
And proposed a bill for reapportionment.
Miss Haugh viewed the stable from her spot on the hill,
And decided to investigate the public housing bill.
Sister Vivian Rose heard the choirs of angels chime,
And said, "You can do much better, let's try it a second time."
The student board was there, but had not much leisure,
As they prayed for inspiration on parliamentary procedure.
Mr. Robert Moran had tried to be there,
But no one would believe he was a Jew with red hair.
The shepherds stood musing on that night so clear,
And said "What a pity the CARBON editors aren't here."

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE CARBON EDITORS...

One difficulty often encountered by those who are associated with humor and satire is that when they attempt to write anything in a serious vein, they are often not taken as seriously as they might wish. We sincerely hope that this is not the case in this instance.

We of the CARBON, in this season of "Peace on earth and good will to men" wish to add our humble two-cents worth at this time by extending our Christmas wish to the administration, faculty, and students of Marian College. It is simply this: We wish all of our beloved readers the holiest, happiest, and safest Christmas holiday ever, with our sincere wishes also for a holy and prosperous New Year.

With this thought in mind, we now take our leave, hoping that our holidays can be put side by side with what we have wished for you.

Sincerely,

Donna Tatroe
Mike Hughes
Denis Merciles
"SHORT-BITS FOR NIT-WITS"

These are actual items that could be given as novelty gifts (or even pranks).

There's a sequel to the FIRST FAMILY record by Vaughn Meader by the father of our country - Joseph Kennedy, Sr., entitled MY SONS, THE GOVERNMENT.

For your tense friends, try a MARK II Variable Magnetic Executive Tranquilizer - instant relaxation - a truly gratifying gift.

The Executive Yo Yo - for "the man with plenty of pull," and the Executive Coloring book - for the young at heart.

Speaking of putting color into one's life, there's a John Birch Society coloring book - not approved by the society - the insignia on the front is a golden eagle... minus its left wing.

President Kennedy is expected to publish a book about Kruschev - "A funny thing happened on my way to Cuba."

"Charlie Weaver Sings for His People" (and you too) Capitol CL 1345 Including It's X-mas in Lt., Idy and h/Py-py New Year.

Phil Bayt has some censored Weather Reports - "TROPIC OF CANCER."

Songs My Mother Never Sang (And I feel better without them.) - Homer & Jethro RCA 2286

Thomas Merton's book - The ORIGINAL CHILD BOMB - has points for meditation to be scratched on the walls of an air raid shelter.

"I should have kissed her more" - Alexander King. (But the cop was writing a speeding parking ticket.)

And Sociology Majors and just plain people will be interested in E.B. White's - "The Second Tree from the Corner" - a sociological study of a canine family.

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For the last few days the faculty has been bombarded with Christmas gifts from the students. Sourcing that there is more than one side to the spirit of giving, this is our interpretation of what the faculty might like to give the students.

Miss Haugh to John Day - a book on "How to Introduce Statistics into a Political Science Class."

Mr. Gobel to Joan Sites an album of Christmas songs "southern style."

Mr. Moran to the school - a statue of himself with appropriate inscription "We love you, Mr. Moran."

Mr. McElroy to Dave Allison - his gas bill for his trip to Texas.

Father Dooley to Robert Campbell - the crutito scholar-award.