

Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

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Dramatic Interpretation Class Presents "Dickens' Christmas Carol"

The play "Dickens' Christmas Carol" under the direction of Mrs. James McGraw will be presented by the college Dramatic Interpretation class on Friday, December 12 at 8:15 o'clock in the college auditorium.

The play is an adaptation of the life of Ebenezer Scrooge and the cast includes the following in major roles: Howard Zimmerman as Ebenezer Scrooge; Jack Hawthorne, Fred; Pauline Hilty, the housemaid; Abe Bennett, pawnbroker; Merle Bozarth and Gordon Grosvenor as the two gentlemen; Loren Bozarth as Bob Cratchit; Tim Kauffman as Tiny Tim; Molly Kembal as Fred's wife; Jerry Johnson, Merle Bozarth, and Woody Smith as ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future; Don Bozarth, Young Scrooge; Christie Pyrtle as Scrooge's sweetheart; Sylvia Edinger, Mrs. Cratchit; Al Loeber, Mr. Fezziwig; and Alma Herr as Mrs. Fezziwig.

Other members of the cast are: Mary Ellen Peterson, Donna Gross, Marilyn Perkins, Clint Gallaway, Marjorie Garner, Richard Dixon, Lynn and Noel Riley, Eddie Davis, Quincy Angier, Marilyn McClain, Jarlen Grosvenor, Jimmy McGraw, Sharon Finkbeiner, Willis Beers, Naomi Taylor, Ross Staples, Ercil Bowman, Paul Kunkel, Janice Wheeler, Gary Finkbeiner.

The "flats," or background scenery were made by the class as a project for this semester.

Built on the dream sequence style, the play offers rich emotional possibilities and is especially adapted to the spirit of the Christmas season.

No charge will be made for admission, and an afternoon matinee will be given at 3:00 p.m. to which all children and those unable to attend the evening performance are invited.

This is the first presentation of the dramatics class this year.



Abe



Says..

Believing in seeking "first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness," the Student Council has been finding that large problems are solved sometimes before they arrive.

The Council usually has its weekly session immediately following the Wednesday night prayer meeting. Thanksgiving eve the members knelt and all praised God, endeavoring to leave the "gimmies" out of their prayers. God warmed our hearts in return for the thanks offered to Him. (Perhaps it would profit you, dear reader, to omit a few "gimmies" and put more praises in your prayers.)

The meetings are characterized by good spirit, even a touch of jocularly. A FINE system has been set up for flagrant breaches of order, and to date the chair has been the most generous contributor to the fund.

The average student cannot realize the magnitude of the tasks confronting the Council; this august body urges John Q. Public to make full use of his representatives.

Students and faculty of NNC: "I was almost overcome with astonishment when I walked into my office Monday morning and saw the transformation. The room was brightened by the new wall paper and the woodwork and the new office furniture was gorgeous; I cannot express my appreciation in words, but I want everyone to know that I appreciate deeply this generosity and interest in improving the looks of the president's office.

My heart is overflowing with gratitude for the privilege of working with such a group of people and I thank you from the bottom of my heart."

Dr. Lewis T. Corlett.

Chorus Offers Messiah



Eunice Lintz



Roger Taylor



J. Raymond Knighton



Richard Lindbloom

Philharmonic Society Annual Appearance

The Philharmonic Chorus under the direction of Roger Taylor will present Handel's "Messiah" at the Central Auditorium Sunday evening, December 14.

The Soloists this year will be J. Raymond Knighton, baritone; Hope Holliday, soprano; Eunice Lintz, contralto; and Richard Lindbloom, tenor.

Prof. Knighton, who joined the fine arts faculty this year as a voice teacher, has studied under several well-known teachers including Ernest Victor Wolfe, noted pianist, harpsichordist, and accompanist. While studying at Olivet college he was soloist with the Arpheus chorus.

Miss Holliday, a senior at the College of Idaho, is majoring in voice and is a pupil of J. Henry Phillips of Boise. She has sung in presentations of "The Messiah" many times and while in high school sang the soprano (Arioso). Last spring she was selected by the Tuesday Musical chorus of Boise to attend the National Music Federation meeting at Detroit.

Both Miss Lintz and Mr. Lindbloom are students at NNC and are pupils of Roger Taylor. They have been prominent in music, singing in the a cappella choir, quartets, and as soloists. Miss Lintz was the contralto soloist at the performance two years ago.

The orchestral accompaniment will be played by Miss Elaine Carlson, organist, and Miss Ivalee Bolerjack, pianist. The string ensemble, composed of Alice Kauffman, concert mistress; Norma Lee Squires, Warren Franklin, De Nice Elder, Jerald Johnson, Robert Ludlow, Ruby Feltar, and Louis Roberts, will also accompany the chorus.

Kastella Nabs Debate Tournament

Norma Kastella, speaking for the SLA'S came through four undefeated rounds to win the debate section of the Spencerian Speech tournaments.

The tournament was held Nov. 28, with the final round Monday, December 1, when Kastella defeated Pat Morris, ADP, who came in second with three wins and one loss.

Debating in two-man teams, were Bob Manley and Jack Hawthorne, who defeated Virgil Dorsett and Paul Harris.

The tournament was carried on with one man teams except for the one two-man team debate in the finals.

The question for debate this year is; Resolved: That a Federal World Government should be established.

Speakers Return From Walla Walla

Recently returned from competition in the northern division of the Western Speech Association's tournament in Walla Walla, Washington are Pauline Hilty, Norma Kostella, Jack Hawthorne, Virgil Dorsett, Howard Zimmerman and Professor M. A. Wilson.

Divisions entered by the contestants included interpretative reading. The two debate teams won five out of twelve debates. All participated in a United Nations Congress, a new type of speech activity.

Represented in the Walla Walla tournament were nineteen schools and approximately two hundred students.

Future activities of the Spencerian Speech Club will include a tournament at Salt Lake City during Christmas vacation and the Linfield trip in February.

Delegate Reports On Inter-Rel. Club Conference in BC

By Phil Salisbury

The Northwest International Relations clubs held their annual meeting at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, B.C., on November 21 and 22.

This regional conference, which is sponsored by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, was attended by delegates from many of the colleges and universities of the northwest area, including several from the Canadian universities. The International Relations club which has recently been organized at NNC sent four delegates to represent it at the convention. They were Kenneth Potter, Bill Butler, Louis Harris, and Phil Salisbury.

Other schools represented were the College of Idaho, the University of Idaho, Washington State College, University of Washington, University of Oregon, the University of Alberta, the University of Manitoba, and many others. The most distant school represented was the University of Hawaii.

The purpose of the conference was to discuss the major world problems which are confronting us today and to attempt to arrive at a solution of these problems. The delegates in turn carried this information back to their own

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Coming

- Dec. 11—Y.W.F.M.S. Morrison Hall Parlor Christmas Carol (Dress Rehearsal)
- Dec. 12—Play: Dickens' "Christmas Carol"
- Dec. 14—Handel's "Messiah"
- Dec. 15—7:30, Academy Choir program 9:00 Faculty Christmas Party
- Dec. 16—Grammar School Program
- Dec. 17—Candle light service Christmas Vacation begins
- Jan. 6—Classes resume
- Jan. 8—Lyceum number

ATTENTION

The Oasis photographer will take all group pictures for the Oasis on Monday, December 15. It is especially important that all officers be present for individual pictures. Please note the following schedule:

Philosophy Club	9:00
Band	9:15
General Missionary Officers	10:30
Foreign Missionary Officers	10:30
Ladies Glee Club	10:45
H. S. Chorus	11:00
Men's Glee Club	11:20
A Cappella Choir	11:40
Aeolian Choir	12:30
H. S. Sophomore Class	1:00
H. S. Freshman Class	1:20
Mu Upsilon Sigma	1:30
Art Department	1:50
Home Economics	2:15
Spencerian Speech	2:30
Timothy Club	2:50
Librarians	3:10
Senior Class Officers	4:00
Junior Class Officers	4:10
Sophomore Class Officers	4:20
Freshmen Class Officers	4:30
ADP 1st Sem. Officers	4:40
LSP 1st Sem. Officers	4:50
SLA 1st Sem. Officers	5:00
OLY 1st Sem. Officers	5:10

Editorials

Merry Christmas--1947

By Helen Grace Wilson

The soft light from a stable door
Lies on the midnight lands;
The wise men's star burns evermore,
Over all desert sands.

crowded inns . . . camel caravans crawling across dry plains
impatient tax collectors . . . shepherds watching over their
flocks by night . . . a blazing star . . . song by the hosts of heaven
a tiny babe in a manger . . . such was Christmas in Bethlehem
on that wondrous night of long ago.

gaily decorated streets . . . Salvation Army kettles . . .
Bing Crosby renditions of Christmas carols booming out over
loud-speakers . . . hurrying, jostling throngs of shoppers . . . children
entranced with "talking" reindeer . . . merchants ringing up
Christmas profits . . . such is Christmas in modern-day U. S. A.

At first thought one might wonder if there is any relationship
between the two celebrations of the birth of the Christ-
Child. Every succeeding yule season introduces the question:
"Is Christmas really Christian? Can Christ be honored in a
festival which is so blatantly commercial?"

The answer is yes. In a world where men's hearts are moti-
vated by greed and where even the sacred is seized upon as
a means for profit there is room yet for the Spirit of Bethlehem.
It is still possible to look beyond the price tag and see the
loving Spirit of a God who gave the greatest and most won-
derful gift of all. When little children gather about their toys
on Christmas morn we can share in their joys and realize
that we, too, must become as little children in order to receive
the best gifts of the Kingdom. When carollers go about their
gladsome quest of cheering the sick and shut-in we can join
them in repetition of that angelic song which announced the
birth of God's Son.

Yes, Christmas is still Christmas. It all depends upon the
attitude of each celebrant's heart. You and I make the holiday
whatever it is. We can join with the inn-keeper in closing our
hearts except to profit or we can link lives across the centuries
with the Shepherds and Wise Men and join them in their rev-
(Continued in Last Column)



Vets Views In The News

as seen by
Willis Walker

I suppose that the matter which is receiving the most em-
phasis from the Veterans Administration right now is the
reinstating of lapsed National Service life Insurance policies.
Until January 1, 1948, veterans need only to fill out a three
question application form and pay two monthly premiums
in order to reinstate their policies. Indeed they have done
much to improve the type of policy and have added many
features that make the policy more attractive since some of
us were discharged. If you are contemplating taking out some
insurance in the near future it might pay to investigate and
see what they have to offer.

Another word from the Veterans' Administration that
could well be emphasized here at NNC, especially so in regard
to past events that have cast reflections on our institution, has
to do with abiding by the rules and regulations of the institution
where a veteran is enrolled. Willful misconduct or unsatis-
factory academic marks are grounds for withdrawal of sub-
sistence and tuition payments. However, in the past, the
Veterans' Administration reports that cases of willful mis-
conduct or unsatisfactory progress have been negligible and
for the most part student veterans have attained academic
marks equal to or above the non-veteran students. A state-
ment from Dr. Corlett concerning the veterans in our student
body is encouraging: "The GI's in NNC have given a very
helpful, constructive morale in the school. They truly have
been an encouragement to all and the majority have been a
great blessing to the Kingdom of God."

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By the Editors

We have passed through an-
other revival in which the power
of God has been felt around our
campus. Many of our fellow-
students have been saved and
sanctified. We all praise God for
what has been accomplished.

Now we are in one of the most
critical periods in the new Chris-
tian's life. After the revival
things must get back to normal
and people are tempted to dis-
couragement because of the lack
of the high tide. Things do not
go in normal life as they do dur-
ing a revival. It is hard for us to
come down to earth in everyday
living again. This is the time that
we are tempted to give up.

The Christian life is not easy,
but it is very much possible. The
most important thing in main-
taining a Christian experience is
regular daily devotion. The Chris-
tian cannot live without spiritual
food any more than a person can
live without food for the body.
Daily regular habits should be
formed when the person takes
time out for Bible reading and
prayer. This must be kept up in
order for the Christian to live and
grow in grace.

Also it is important that Chris-
tians be uncompromising. No mat-
ter what happens, live up to what
you know is right. By doing this
the Christian can keep in a place
where God can bless his life.

Let us all determine to keep
in the center of God's will for
each of us. If we do this we
shall not need be defeated.

My, haven't the weeks rolled
by? We expect that many feel
the same way we do, that the
time has literally flown, to use a
hackneyed expression. It hardly
seems possible that the first se-
mester is practically over, that
Christmas is here again and that
in a few short days the campus
will be practically deserted in
comparison with the population
today.

It has been a good semester,
even though it is not quite over
yet. Spiritually, NNC as a whole
has reached new heights; due in
no small measure to the just-
finished revival.

We would like to take this op-
portunity to thank those of the
rest of the staff who have co-
operated in every way to cover
the news and have uncomplain-
ingly done extra work when it
was necessary; all of them, the
typists, the reporters, the business
staff, the copyreaders, and last
but not least, our sponsors, have
helped immensely in every way
possible. Our thanks go to them
and you, and to all, MERRY
CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY
NEW YEAR!

Inter-Rel. Club

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school and community in order to
inform others. A well-informed
nation is a strong nation.

The three main problems dis-
cussed were: (1) The Clash in
Europe. (2) The Clash in Asia.
(3) The Clash in the United
Nations.

The main speaker of the meet-
ing was Dr. Peter H. Odegard,
president of Reed College, who
spoke on "Fact and Fiction in Di-
plomacy."

The conference was a great suc-
cess as reported by the NNC dele-
gates on their return last week.
Plans are already under way for
even a bigger and better conven-
tion next year, which is to be held
at Farragut College in northern
Idaho.



Our World

by Howard Zimmerman

FRANCE IN UNREST

The French Cabinet membership and Premier are chang-
ing so fast in France these days that it is hard to keep up.
It seems that the Socialist Party under Leon Blum was not
long lived, today another Premier, Robert Schuman is forming
a coalition cabinet against the Communist strike bloc which
threatens French national security.

Along with the election of the new Premier came the call of
80,000 troops to the colors to ward off any possible attempt
by the Commies to lead in open revolt.

BIG FOUR MEET

Tuesday was the day for the meeting of the Big Four powers
in London. Right away Molotov asked the Council to give
Germany a "Central Reich Rule" instead of regional govern-
ments. France also proposed that Russia receive a total of
some \$100,000,000 reparations from current German production.
The amounts of other countries was not stated.

VETO IN JAP PEACE

The Soviet Union asserted recently that the Japanese Peace
Treaty must be formed by the Council of Foreign Ministers
where the veto can be exercised. Such a situation would be
favorable to any nation desiring to make extensive use of such.
PALESTINE ISSUE TOUCHY

The decision of the U.N.O. on the division of Palestine
has not been met with favoritism among the Arabian and
lesser Jewish elements. It seems that the Jews in general are
rejoicing and the Arabs are ready to fight. Eight Jews have
already been killed.

ITALIAN STRIKES BECOMING WORSE

Increasing Italy's economic strife, a nationwide strike of
municipal employees threatens the Christian Democratic gov-
ernment of Premier Alcide de Gasperi which has been under
fire for the last three weeks. The strike is agitated by the
Communist element.

HERE AT HOME

The U.S. Senate may pare \$60,000,000 off the \$597,000,000
emergency aid program to Europe despite the passage of the
full amount by the House.

It seems that the Senate is a bit more skeptical of the exact
amount of the need.

In the near future the U.S. Government will transform a
new Atoll into a testing station for further Atomic data. The
new island is Eniwetok, 1500 miles off the mainland in the Pacific.

IT'LL DO YOU GOOD

Think about the possibility of a Federal World Govern-
ment being established today. It is the current debate propo-
sition for inter-collegiate forensics, and if possible might be
the answer to many world problems today.

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erence of the Babe.

May God grant to every member of the NNC family a
glad and glorious Christmas! Wherever Christmas Day finds
us let us rejoice in the thought that

Unto all peoples of the earth
A little Child brought light;
And never in the darkest place,
Can it be utter night.

Other Editorial Opinion

IT TAKES TIME

A straight line is the shortest distance between two points.
This is not only geometrically true, but it is also true in thinking.
For the sake of expediency then, the straight line is usually
the one preferred.

There are times, however, when the straight line has its
disadvantages. In travelling, for example, the longest way
home often contributes beauty and loveliness that cannot be
seen along the old direct route. The man who habitually takes
short cuts often misses items of interest that could be seen and
appreciated if he allowed himself time and leisure.

The same thing applies to thinking. The usual method of
most people is to arrive at a conclusion as quickly as possible
and be through with the matter. No time is given for thought-
ful pursuit of contributing issues. Habitual thought of this
nature becomes brusque and insensitive to small things which
warrant considerable attention.

Haste is noticeable particularly in the relationship of man
to man. A prominent psychologist says that observation, defi-
nition of the problem, examination of a possible solution, and
arrival at a conclusion are four steps necessary in our thinking.
He maintains that many of our current social problems could
be solved if everyone persistently thought in this orderly fashion.

It would take but a few moments of reflection to admit that
the psychologist is right. We observe people, their manners,
their dress, their peculiarities, and immediately we form a
conclusion. We do not trouble ourselves with interpretation and
understanding. The matter is simply concluded.

The ability to understand is one of the greatest assets an
individual can have. To be effective, particularly as a Chris-
tian worker, one must make every effort to interpret cause and
effect, and to sympathize with people, whatever may be their
situation. It would be well, therefore, to hold our conclusions
until we have investigated all factors contributing to any per-
son's deviation from the accepted pattern. Rather than ob-
serving and concluding, it would be to our advantage to find
out the why and wherefores of our observations.

(HOUSTON STAR)



A Touch Of Christmas



Christmas In India

By Paul Beals

Ghoparl and Sadashev awoke at four o'clock Christmas morning, and immediately began to make preparations for the day. Although dawn had not yet crept over the horizon, the spirit of Christmas was already in the air.

As they trudged in silence along the dusty road, they could hear in the distance sounds of happy carollers; behind them the villagers were rousing their cattle to begin another day's work. Their hearts lifted in gratitude to God, for the spirit of peace which pervaded the whole countryside that morning. Behind them they heard shouting now, accompanied by the grunts of sleepy oxen and the tinkle of their bells. But, that was a world of everyday; they would have to hurry if they were to sing before the sun was up.

At five they, together with others in their group, went from house to house singing, and receiving such donations in food or coin as the people had to offer. At ten was the Christmas service, which they both attended.

That night the students of Nazarene Co-educational Christian School, or NCC, gave a great Christmas program. It was given from the porch of the school building, while the audience spread their mats and blankets on the ground in front. The scene was lighted by two smoking pressure lanterns. At the left of the "platform" was a small thorn tree with a few ornaments and candles. It was truly a happy time. It was indeed a pleasure to see the eagerness of the children gathering to receive their small gift and package of candy (that candy would send shivers up your spine!).

On the way back to the village they walked over the same old dusty road which they had traversed only a few short hours before. It had been a worthwhile day.

A Christmas Thought

By Connie Jo Nelson

Christmas would not be Christmas without good will,—and good gifts. Because it is a custom to give presents at Christmas, we must give, whether or not we desire. Because others will give to us, we must not overlook giving to them. Because we think we cannot afford to lower our standard of former years, we give beyond our present means.

If only we knew how to give good gifts. Such giving would be in harmony with the giver's means. It would be done from the pure motive of love. Such giving would revolutionize our Christmas experiences and give new thoughts to the Holy Season. Many children would be better off without many of the things they get for Christmas and millions of other children's drab days would glow with new joy, if we knew how to give.

If we know how to give good gifts, we will not forget Christ. As a child may forget the one who gave him birth, so may we forget the Christ who gave us rebirth.

And we can afford to remember Him and give our best to Him this and every Christmas.

"I hear the bells on Christmas day.

Their old, familiar carols play, And wild and sweet the words repeat

Of peace on earth, good-will to men"—Longfellow.

Were You Ever A Santa Claus?

By Gordon Belzer

Until you have been a Santa Claus at a Christmas party or program where there are small children from one to ten years of age, you will never know that light which shines in those little eyes when those children crowd around the Christmas tree, staring at old Santa and wondering what he is going to give them. To these little people, Santa Claus is the very essence of Christmas, and rightly so, for there is no greater lesson taught than the spirit of giving.

A little girl once wrote to the editor of the "New York Sun," asking if there really was a Santa Claus. Some of her friends had told her that there wasn't any, but her daddy had said that if she read something in the "Sun," she could believe it. The answer that appeared in the newspaper plainly stated that there was a Santa Claus as surely as there were love and generosity, which give to life its highest beauty and joy. Without a Santa Claus, this world would be as dreary as if the world lacked little girls and boys, who always enjoy the visit of Santa Claus once a year.

How dare we try to discourage the idea of Santa Claus, but rather encourage it, and by it, teach the spirit of love, generosity, and devotion to those little folks, who some day will realize more fully the true significance of Christmas.

Miracle For Johnny

By Elizabeth Hammond

It was Christmas Eve. Carollers could be heard sweetly singing the old story ever new. The streets were gayly decorated and late shoppers were rushing, pushing and jostling their way from one crowded store to another. In the midst of a noisy throng in a large department store, I saw a young boy, perhaps eleven or twelve, standing before a display of picture frames. He was poorly dressed for a winter evening and he gave the appearance of being a ruffian.

I walked over and casually picked up a frame and pretended to examine it. I noticed that in one hand he held a photo which was evidently of himself and his mother. In the other hand were several coins which were not enough for the frame he wanted to buy. Realizing the boy's predicament, my heart went out to him and after much persuasion of the clerk, I managed to get the frame reduced to his means. The look of gratitude on the boy's face was more than enough payment for what I had done.

Pals forever, we walked out of the store into the chill evening air. Later through several leading questions I learned his story.

The picture of Johnny and his mother was going to be a Christmas gift for his father who was in prison. His mother was ill and they were too poor to get him a REAL Christmas present, so with the money he had earned delivering papers he had scraped enough together to buy a frame for the picture. With a sad note in his voice he told me that his mother often cried because his father was going to have to spend Christmas in jail for a crime he didn't do. "But, shucks," said he, "It wasn't his fault, honest, 'Mister.' He was swell. We used to go hiking and fishing and well he was just a regular fellow."

I guess all kids think their father is about the greatest of all men who ever lived.

As soon as Johnny had eaten

Editor's note: The Christmas themes printed on this page were submitted by the students in Miss Washburn's freshman composition classes and were selected with an eye to general excellency, length, and variety. Several others were submitted but it was impossible to include them due to restrictions of space.

The Night Before Christmas . . .

By Dorothy Davis

'Twas the night before Christmas And all thro' the cottage The words echoed out, "Kids home from college!" They hustled and bustled And Christmas drew near For they, like the children 'Waited Santa's reindeer.

The snow scurried down, The stars peeped out, And all was clear From the north to the south. Such wonderful weather For Santa—you see— So they all danced around And shouted for glee.

The tree in the corner Was as bright as a light, While the tinsel and balls Glittered out in the night. All stockings, all sizes, all hung In a row, All tied to the mantle With a big, bright, red bow.

The whole town was joyful That Christmas was here. Ev'n the chimes in the steeple Rang out true and clear, And the horses—they pranced To the tune of their bells, While the children gave forth With big, hearty yells.

The time was approaching When Santa would come, So the noise of the town Died away like a hum. The children were tucked Into bed, warm and snug, And they gave their dear parents A last minute hug.

It was very soon after That Santa appeared. All decked in his red suit, White fur, and beard. A jolly ol' soul—and there On his back— Why! he didn't forget it, His big bulging sack!

He sprang to his duties As quick as a flash, And then when 'twas finished Was gone in a dash. He jumped in his sleigh And was soon out of sight As he cried, "Merry Christmas to all, And to all a good-night!" With apologies to Moore.

the sandwich I bought for him he thought we'd better hurry over to the prison which was on the outskirts of the town, to give the gift to his father. I was of course dubious as to the possibility of him attaining entrance to the prison but I couldn't tell him. For him there were no doubts.

It must have been one of those modern miracles. My mind is still not clear as to what happened that night. But it must have been the workings of the Christmas Spirit. You see, Johnny gained entrance to the prison and somehow was allowed to talk with his dad, and . . .

The rest? Would you be surprised if in the morning papers carried the news of a miraculous reprieve?

The Present For Me

By Zola Alyea

So, this is Christmas beauty! Wrinkled wrapping paper is scattered carelessly over the room. Sad little ribbons are intertwined hopelessly with pieces of white string. Greeting cards and name tags, too, have lost their former importance. Since the attractive packages are missing and the colored lights have been turned off, even the little Christmas tree has lost some of its warmth and beauty. The time which was spent in preparing for this evening hour is hardly comparable to the time it will take to make the home presentable again. Well, this only occurs once in twelve months.

But the gifts are nice. Some of them are really needed; others, I'm afraid, merely satisfy the American luxury-craving appetite. Since Daddy received six new pairs of socks I can put my darn-ing off a little longer without two white heels peaking at me through the holes every time my husband takes a step. My sheer black nylons will look so smart when I wear them with my grey suit. Gifts everywhere, and now I can hardly remember what all of them are.

Baby was so tired after opening her presents before her very appreciative audience. Bless her little heart, she doesn't understand this celebrating. While I was tucking her into her bed, I was thrilled when she sleepily murmured, "Hi, Mommy."

Thank you, Lord, for the most precious gift of all—my baby girl.

Fairyland Fantasy

By Violet Leighton

Snowflakes filtered slowly through the frost laden air as I stood quietly, almost breathlessly, in the center of the winter wonderland of snow covered trees and beautiful crystal drifts of whiteness. I listened intently, and strained to catch the sounds that had attracted my attention. It seemed that each crystal-like flake carried the faint tinkling of tiny bells.

Suddenly I started inwardly, for I distinctly heard the sound of a shary little voice above that of the musical notes of the bells. I inched my way forward a few steps and cautiously peered over the clump of evergreen foliage in front of me. Stunned with shock and amazement, I stared into the little clearing. I frantically rubbed my eyes to clear my vision for surely I must be having a day-dream of some kind. Again and again I rubbed, but each time I looked I would see the same miniature apparition in the small clearing in front of me.

Eight tiny reindeer were standing there, each one about the size of an ordinary mouse. Occasionally one of the little fellows would shake his tiny, antlered head and strike at the hard packed snow with his front hoofs in expression of the anxiety within to dash away on their evident mission. Out of the big drift behind the eight beautiful little creatures and the tiny silver sleigh that they were to draw, came, in single file, a score of miniature elf-like men, approximately two inches in height. Each little man was laden with a pack sack full of various kinds of toys and a candy cane protruded from each sack. Walking beside the group of workers was one of the most striking little characters I have ever seen. The most outstanding quality about him was the bright,

beady little eyes that gleamed from beneath bushy, white eyebrows. His small round face was ruddy from the frosty air and he seemed possessed with a keen sense of humor, for his high pitched little voice could be heard clearly and jovially calling orders here and there. He wore a bright red tunic, and trousers that were tucked in at the top of his shiny, black boots. A little silver bell on the tassel of his cap tinkled continuously. Before I realized it, the tiny little sleigh had been loaded and one of the elf men was loosening the little team from the candy cane hitching post. The little man in the red suit gave a sharp whistle and eight tiny reindeer, sleigh and driver rose and disappeared, evidently back into the drift from whence they had come.

As I stood in utter bewilderment, the little snowflakes gently carressed my cheeks as if to assure me with their gentle touch that I was quite conscious, and had not been dreaming—yet—could it have been a reality?

Christmas Literature

By Paul E. Kunkel

And I thought today of all that I had read about Christmas. There were hard years when I was small—years when a tin whistle, a pair of socks, a few gum drops, a good-night kiss, and a beautiful story made Christmas all that it was besides standing by the little tree in the church to give my recitation. Thankful am I now, though, that Christmas has always been more than eats and exchange of gifts. Each successive Christmas season sees a new and expanding appreciation of the stories we seek to fit into the occasion.

Many a youngster like me has heard the tinkle of imaginary sleigh bells as he has read "The Night Before Christmas." Or perhaps he has felt those tears that come when reading little French Christmas stories like the one of the exiled princess who placed a candle in her window, or like one about the poor lad who, by his kindnesses, made the angels play the chimes high up in the old church tower. And even though we were outgrowing the stage, there was that old strange joy when reading Francis Church's answer to eight-year-old Virginia in his "What, No Santa Claus?"

We children began to grow up, and we heard of the bitter winter at Valley Forge and of Christmas in starving Europe. But the old favorites still found a way into our reading—favorites like Dickens' CHRISTMAS CAROL or O. Henry's "Gift of the Magi." Not to be disregarded as well were the masterful works of VanDyke and Edwin Markham in pieces like THE OTHER WISE MAN or "Mary's Cradle Song."

But strange as it seems, amid all this reflection there stood one story far above the rest. It began something like this:

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

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Culver, Laughlin, To Attend Conflab

Dr. Thelma B. Culver, head of the education department, and Professor D. G. Laughlin, principal of the high school will attend a meeting of the Northwest Accrediting Association of secondary and higher schools in Spokane, December 11 through December 13, it was learned this week. Dean F. F. Powers, of the University of Washington will be in charge of the general sessions of the meeting which will include discussions of many of the problems occurring in secondary schools and colleges. Accreditation requirements and standards will be one of the major items on the agenda.

Dear Editor:

Dear Editor,

To me, being a Christian should permeate every fibre of one's being, thus affecting every word and action. But, somehow the conduct of some of the students during evening worship in the dining hall shatters this belief. If a visitor would walk into our dining hall during worship he would wonder at the type of institution he was visiting.

"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God" is the motto of our college and being a college culture is also stressed. I'm sure that no one throws napkins and toothpicks in their home. Whispering and criticizing the person singing or playing shows neither Christianity nor culture. To hear the splinter of glass from a sugar bowl that had been pushed over the edge of the table is very distracting to the one reading the scripture and to the ones who are trying to listen. People may laugh at little "frolics" like these but, they are not laughing with that person they are laughing at him!

I think, instead of seeing how distracting one can be that each could help to make the evening devotions a source of spiritual blessing to all by lending oneself to the spirit of worship, don't you?

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Candle Service

The Church choir under the direction of Professor Knighton will present the annual Candle-light service at 7:30 December 17 in the chapel.

The program is to consist of Christmas numbers by the choir and musical groups, consisting of a male quartet and a girls' sextette.

There will also be group readings given during the program which will be culminated by a brief Christmas presentation by Rev. Riley.

The chapel will be decorated with Christmas decorations and candles, and the service will be opened with a procession.

Grammar School Offers Operetta

December 16 the Grammar school will present their Christmas program in the chapel. The seventh and eighth grades will offer an operetta "The Magi's Gift," by Clare M. Grubb. The story, which takes place in England on Christmas Eve has the set-

Art Students Take Appreciation Tour

Establishing a new precedent for the Art Department, Professor A. J. Finkbeiner sponsored an art appreciation trip late last week to Buhl, Filer, Kimberly, Glenns Ferry, and Boise, Idaho.

Taking the trip, and assisting in the services held were some nine students and Prof. Finkbeiner. The emphasis of the trip was placed upon art work in the Christian church today.

Transportation was facilitated by use of the school's bus and Marvin Kissee acted as chauffeur for the group.

ting and atmosphere of medieval times.

Mrs. Edgar is the director of the operetta and Mrs. Laughlin is the director of the rhythm band composed of first and second graders who will present some musical numbers.

Between the first and second acts, the children in grades three through six will present the song "Carol of the Shepherds."

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Lee Announces Revised Schedule

Coach LaMont Lee announced the revised 1947-48 basketball schedule for his Northwest Nazarene College Crusaders. He has thirty games listed and thirteen regular home games and two exhibitions on the slate. The highlight of the schedule is the three-game series with Pasadena Nazarene College of Pasadena, California, in the second of an annual home-and-home series. The games will be played on January 30, 31 and February 2 with the presentation of the N Club queen slated for January 31. The awarding of the plaque representing symbolic athletic supremacy between the two schools will occur for the first time at the close of the last game.

The Crusaders have a tough season of college competition ahead, including trips to Portland, Yakima, Seattle and Albion.

The complete schedule for the season follows:

Dec. 8—Gooding Independents	Here
10-11—EOCE	There
16—C of I	There
18—Yakima JC	There
20—Zillah Independents	There
Jan. 5-6—Seattle Pac. Col.	There
8-9—Seattle College	There
12—Boise Junior College	Here
16-17—Albion Normal	Here
19-20—EOCE	Here
24—C of I	Here
30, 31, Feb. 2—Pasadena C.	Here
Feb. 3—House of David	Here
5—Pacific College	There
13—BJC	There
16-17—Albion Normal	There
21—BJC	Here
23—BJC	There
24—HGT	Here
25-26—SPC	Here

Crusaders Drop Opener, 63 to 42

Getting off to a slow start, NNC's Crusaders dropped their opening game of the season to the Gooding Independents by a lopsided score of 63 to 42 Monday evening at Central auditorium. The CHS Trojans fared better, beating the Kuna High school by a score of 32 to 9.

In the main game of the evening, the Crusaders proved very erratic in their basket pitches during the first half, allowing the Independents to run up a margin that was too great an obstacle for the orange and black to overcome.

SPORTS



Athlete's Foot

by Peter Burkhardt

"WHY NNC DOES NOT NEED INTERCOLLEGIATE FOOTBALL? IS THE FIRST OF A SERIES. IT DOES NOT NECESSARILY EXPRESS THE VIEW OF THE AUTHOR OR OF THIS NEWSPAPER."

NNC does not need intercollegiate football because we have an efficient intramural program that satisfies the needs of all who wish to participate in sports. We already have a diversified intracollegiate program that includes basketball, baseball, track, tennis, and golf. Why should we add the self evident evils of intercollegiate football to a now unified student body?

College football can be analyzed into three aspects: paid players, large expenditures, and vice. Those who would deny that the large teams of the nation are little better than professionals are ignorant of the facts. It is evident that the players do not have enough time to study so are crammed full of information by tutors, and passed by professors who revise their grading standards.

St. John's College, Annapolis, Maryland, disbanded intercollegiate sports because they were absorbing a large part of the budget, and were returning no funds, glory or fame to the college. Many other colleges have also disbanded football with MIT topping the list. Their reasons have been varied, but all because they found they could operate a college without the expenses or benefits derived from a football team.

Football coaches and players are surrounded by the same elements of vice that accompany a race horse. Many coaches receive more than college presidents. Players are bought and sold by schools who will pay the most. They attend college only to play football, and make the grade by sliding through under the football veil.

We don't need football for several reasons. Would the advertising the school receives in the sports page compensate for the price of football? Do we want our college to be known by the calibre of football team that represents us?

A football team would cause a division in the student body; the football clan, and the students. High school student bodies are almost completely dominated by the football team, who are granted extra privileges that cause a social division.

The founders of our college did not do so with the purpose in mind that it would grow into an organization dominated by a football team, and a student body whose prime interest was in a football game. NNC was founded to produce graduates who would live by example the Christian ethics.

There are still those who hold that football helps finance a college. Did you ever stop to think that a coach, graduate assistants, manager, press agent, field scout, and the bonuses to the players devour most of the gate receipts, and what is left over pays for the football banquet at the end of a season. Football management is progressive, the higher the dividends the more the expenses the coming year.

But football builds school spirit. Coach Lee verified the fact recently that we have a better school spirit than our neighbor colleges. A recent extra-curricular activity poll was conducted in American colleges with the finding that less than 10% of the students took a part. The same pole conducted here revealed that far more than 10% take an active part in extra-curricular activity due to our intramural program.

Some hold we are losing valuable students because we do not offer football as an extra-curricular activity. First is a valuable student one who determines his choice of a college by his football prospects? Second is football an extra-curricular activity?

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ADP's Capture Jamboree Title

The ADP's copped all honors in the annual basketball jamboree held Nov. 28 at the college gym. They were selected as the outstanding cheering section based on originality, enthusiasm and sportsmanship and were the only team to emerge victorious in both girls and boys games.

With Doris Patrick rocking the hoop for 24 points the ADP's submerged the Oly five 34 to 14 in the girls' opener. Joanne Burkhardt led the losers with ten tallies. In the second girls' tilt the SLA's nipped the LSP's 24-21 in a thrilling see-saw struggle. Mildred Becker and Betty Kitzmiller with 12 and 10 markers led the victors. Edith Hoidal topped the vanquished with 11.

In the boys' tilts, the ADP's fought off a last half rally to edge the Oly's 15-13. Bellamy paced the ADP cagers with seven points and Galloway notched six for the Oly's. The LSP's came from behind to nip the SLA's in the night cap 19-15. Glenn Hopkins of the winners and Woody Beukelman of the SLA's tied for point honors with eight each.

One loses all the time which he might employ to better purpose—Rousseau.

Varsity Swamps Jayvees 88 to 28

In a practice game last Friday afternoon the NNC Crusaders rode rough shod over the Jr. Varsity to the tune of 88-28. Both teams looked ragged on defense and fairly good on offense. The varsity still has room for improvement. It was reserve power that ran up the score in the last half.

The varsity's foul shooting was excellent. They made 13 of 15 gift tosses, for the afternoon. Johnny Cramer led all scorers with 15 points followed closely by Kiel with 14.

The score at half time was 37-6. This game was warm up game to the season's opener against Gooding Monday night at Central Auditorium.

Varsity 88	Jr. Varsity 28
Vail, E. 9	F 3 Olson
Kiel 14	F 2 Galloway
Cramer 15	C 6 Knighton
Fowler 2	G Likens
Loeber 6	G 2 Thomps'n
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Winter Joys

By Ercil Bowman

As winter comes again with its brief snow flurries, freezing weather, and fun common only to winter, let us glance about Nampa and surrounding countryside.

At the first sign of snow, the youngsters and some of the oldsters are out making snowmen, playing fox and geese, or throwing snowballs. You look at them and perhaps say, "Silly kids." You used to do the same, that is, if you were a normal child. After hours in the snow the children trod wearily home.

Then as Christmas comes nearer, almost all age groups go out caroling. The carolers tramp for miles to the homes of various people who are ill. After the caroling is over every caroler goes to the parsonage for food and more frolic. No one but a cynic would say, "Silly people."

Grandfather and grandmother aren't going to be left out of all the fun, even if he has the gout and she has rheumatism. They sit by the fireside, dreaming of their younger days at the turn of the century; she knitting, he patting his dog.

If You're Interested

TIMOTHY CLUB NEWS

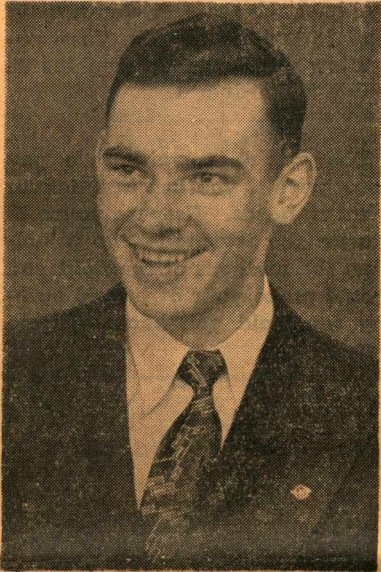
Professor McGraw gave a very interesting lecture November 25, on the correct procedure for a funeral service. He also gave valuable pointers to use before and after the service.

Dr. Aycock spoke December 3, on the subject "If I were a Student at NNC." He stressed the need for greater and better Bible preachers, preachers that really know their Bible and use it in the pulpit. "The Church is really hungry for Bible preaching," he stated. He concluded the lecture with a question period.

MEN'S GLEE CLUB

The Men's Glee club, under the direction of Miss Christensen will combine with the Girls' Glee club to give a patriotic program in February. It will be based on Abraham Lincoln's life.

Who's Who



Merril (Abe) Bennett

Merril (Abe) Bennett, president of NNC student body, was born July 18, 1923, at Tillamook, Oregon in the "Land of cheese, trees, and ocean breeze."

His first undertaking was art and drawing and when he was two years old he drew a duck upside down on a dresser scarf and had to tell his mother, "That isn't a chicken, that's a duck."

Abe attended many schools on the west coast before coming to NNC. He went to seven schools before he graduated from high school at Tillamook, Oregon.

When in high school Abe was a member of the National Honor society and was the Junior class representative.

Abe is an Olympian and says he started his career in politics by drawing political cartoons for the Oly's. He now gives cartoon talks at churches, outpoints, revival meetings, and Youth for Christ rallies, and is looking forward to a future in commercial cartooning in Christian work.

Abe says that, "Four score and seven years after our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, Abe Lincoln was inaugurated the 16th president of the United States. About four score and seven years later, (1861-1948), Abe Bennett is president of the Northwest Nazarene col-

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CHRISTIAN WORKERS BAND

Dean-of-men Hart led the devotional service for the Christian Workers' Band on November 20. Special prayer was made for the Fall Revival. There was no devotional service on December 6 due to the Revival. The Christian Workers' Band will meet again for a devotional service on December 13.

Chapel Talks

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DR. AYCOCK

These talks have brought forth a "stirring in the mulberry trees" and we can feel and know that God is working. We have learned that "God has no double standard" and that "Rejection of light is dangerous" and that we should be ready always to "give an answer for the hope within us."

lege student body.

"In either case Abe's vice-president is Johnson, and though I am single, my girl's name is Mary after Mrs. Lincoln.

"I do hope history doesn't repeat itself altogether because the first Abe was assassinated and Johnson was impeached."

To quote Abe again, "We aim to see that government of the students, by the students, and for the students, shall not perish from the campus."

English Teachers Attend Conference In San Francisco

Professor Marion Washburn and Professor Bertha R. Dooley attended a meeting of the National Council of English Teachers in San Francisco November 27-29, which was the first such meeting held in the west.

The theme of the meeting was "Realism in Teaching English" and consisted of panel discussions, lectures and small group meetings. Miss Washburn reported that they enjoyed the trip immensely and expressed an appreciation of the new ideas and trends expressed.

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CHEERLEADER CHOSEN

The opening of the College High "Trojan" basketball season was marked recently by a game played in the college gym. The victorious seniors and freshmen were opposed by the juniors and sophomores.

During intermissions of the game, tryouts were held for cheer queen or cheer king and song queen. Donna Jean Maxwell was elected as cheer queen and she chose Ivan Weatherby and Ina Stiverson to be her team. Verna Everest was elected song queen.

SEMPER FIDELIS MEETS

A meeting of Semper Fidelis was held Tuesday, November 24. Applications for membership were made. An opportunity was given for members to order pins which the club is offering this year. Those interested in singing, signed up for the Semper Fidelis choir. Miss Geneva Mumau told the group to be making plans for the organization of Gospel Teams to be sent to outpoints. Plans for future activities were discussed including outpoint work, a chapel service, and a Foreign Mission Band program.

ASSEMBLY

Last Monday, the student body of College High school met in an assembly presided over by Ray James. The newly elected song-leader, Verna Everest, led in the school song which was followed by a cheer, led by the new cheerleaders, Donna Jean Maxwell, Ivan Weatherby, and Ina Stiver-

son. Two piano solos were played by Ivan Weatherby, and Janice Murphy. Ina Stiverson and Donna Jean Maxwell presented a humorous trio number. A group of humorous skits on "Ethics" starring Del Cherrington, Murray Rothenburger, Howard Johnson, and Donna Calhoun was presented, followed by serious talks on the same subject by Al Shetler, Whitey Johnson, Prof. Sharp, Miss Wanda Davis, and Ray James.

YELL TEAM VOTED

Tuesday, November 28, the CHS student body gathered in the gym to see a practice game. At the end of the game several different yell teams were voted on. Donna Jean Maxwell was elected Yell Queen. She chose Ina Stiverson and Ivan Weatherby to assist her. From those who tried out, Verna Everest was elected Song Queen. Incidentally, at the practice game the Seniors and Frosh team beat the Junior and Sophomore team!

LITERARY EXHIBIT

The junior and senior English classes of CHS presented a literary exhibit Friday, December 5, between three and five o'clock in the afternoon, in room one of the high school building.

The exhibit was composed of projects of the English classes under the direction of cadet teachers Virginia Kirley, (senior class); Mrs. Dorothy House (junior class). On display were themes and essays written by each of the students. There were also individual projects such as poem scrap books, a Shakesperian stage, and Soldier's Rest.



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