



A Merry Xmas

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A Happy New Year

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Santa Claus Visits Jarvis Hall Girls

"Anna Mac" is Santa Claus Beautiful Xmas Tree in Parlar

The annual Christmas tree given by the Y. W. C. A. was an important event for last Saturday eve. All the girls looked forward to the coming of Santa Claus, who made his arrival about 7:30 p. m. Wherever Santa goes, he is always welcomed and especially so among the inmates of Jarvis Hall.

The Christmas tree was loaded with toys; each girl received a gift, which in some way, was characteristic of her. Santa gave the gifts and some of the most interesting were as follows: To Miss Varine Varnell, a mirror, with the following inscription: "My dear Miss Varine, this mirror I wear

Will help fix your rouge so the spots cant be seen;
For though rouge in spots isn't a disgrace,
It's not quite so sweet as a pretty smooth face."

To Miss Della Leverage, a pocket book, in which she might keep her "Bill."

To Miss Bernice Holmes, a little gray dove, with this poem:

"Bernice is like this gray little bird,
Happy and singing with smiles at
at each turn,
But not too gay and glad, I give you
my word,
For the quiet little home that will
some day—B. Hearn.

To Mrs. Johnson, a telephone, also a pleasing conversation, which reads as follows: "Hello—Jarvis Hall."

"Wait, I'll see. No, she isn't in. Would you leave your number?" And the girl was sitting in her room.

To Miss Inez Hudgins A "Billy Goat," with a poem, characteristic of the goat.

To Miss Abigail Wilingham, a telephone, so that in future years she might recall pleasant conversations with Gish Martin over long distance.

To Miss Una Stark, a "Big Headed" Doll.

To Miss Ava Maud Wester, a Freshman (Baby) bib.

To Miss Vestal Tompkins, a "Rule" which she might keep always.

But the following wonderful poem and gift was the climax of the evening

"Genevieve, oh Genevieve, I love thee
best of all,
Nothing can separate us, not even a
WALL,

Please accept this bounteous gift, with
a tender and contrite heart,
I love thee, oh, I love thee, and we will
never part.

Fondly yours, WILLIS."

And thus she was presented with a sweet, red, stick of candy.

There were several guests of honor present for the event, among whom were James Veain, Jr., Mae Ford, and little Master Wortham (colored) who were very happy to meet Santa so early.

After all the fun, the toys were given to the Social Service committee for distribution among the poor little children of the Spanish mission in order that they, too, might have a happy Christmas.

As Christmas draws near most of the boys loudly proclaim that the girl that once was so true has proven to be untrue to them. When we count our few pennies, we are not at all surprised that Sally has gone back on us. We wonder now why we ever cared for her.

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T. C. U. Girls Win Prizes at Dallas Fair

Art Department's Success

The efficient work being done in our Art Department is shown by the large number of prizes awarded T. C. U. paintings and drawings at the Dallas Fair last month. Mrs. Dura B. Cockrell, head of the T. C. U. School of Painting, is especially proud of classes this year and reports that rapid progress has been made throughout the term by practically every student in the department.

In all, twenty-one prizes were won. Below is a list of the young ladies whose work merited prizes and also the nature of this work:

- Grace Buckley.
- 1. Collection of six water colors.
- 2. Original drawing. Lottie Martin.
- 3. Tapestry painting. Lola Edwards.
- 4. Still life in oil. Dura-Louise Cockrell.
- 5. Pencil drawing.
- 6. Specimen of pottery.
- 7. Six cups and saucers.
- 8. Design.
- 9. Book cover. Mary Sue Darter.
- 10. Figure in charcoal.
- 11. Painting from life.
- 12. Original oil painting. Cecil Craiger.
- 13. Designing.
- 14. Pen drawing. Willie Sellers.
- 15. Animal in water colors.

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Glee Club Will Make Tour During Holidays

Important Cities of Panhandle and West Will Be Visited

Hawaiian Quintette Features Varied Program. Orchestra Will Go. Carl Doering Is Accompanist.

The Glee Club will make a ten-days tour through West Texas and the Panhandle during the Christmas holidays. Arrangements have been made for the concerts to be given in all the larger towns between this city and Amarillo and between Amarillo and Sweetwater. The trip, which covers 750 miles, will be the longest ever made by an organization representing the University.

Several rehearsals were held this week by the club in spite of examinations and each one went well, pleasing the members and Mr. Cahoon. The club will assemble at the University and give a final rehearsal Tuesday night, before starting on the tour on early Wednesday morning.

The Glee Club under the capable direction of Mr. Cahoon has been practicing all year and has a splendid repertoire of good live songs, which are certain to go well wherever a concert is given. The program arranged for the long trip is well selected, varied and beautiful beyond comparison with any other offered by the club.

Orchestra to Make Trip.
Last year the T. C. U. Glee Club was recognized all over the State as the best college glee club in Texas. Practically every member of last year's club is back and several new singers with good voices are members this year.

The orchestra will accompany the glee club and render selections during each concert. Twelve of the best musicians in the University compose the orchestra.

New Quartette Organized.
Besides the glee club and the orchestral numbers, many new features will be added to the concerts this year. The T. C. U. quartette, second to none in the State, which was the big hit wherever a concert was given last year, will appear on the programs again this year. Besides this four, a new quartette has been formed which will sing on the programs.

It goes without saying that last year's quartette is composed of Shirley and Tom Paul Sweeney, Willis McGregor and Jesse Martin. The new quartette is made up of W. E. Stallings, Harry Bradford, Clyde Amspiger and John Sturgeon.

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Interesting Play By Dramatic Club

All Girl Cast Makes Hit

Yes, the crowd that saw "The Three Chauffeurs" went away with a feeling that amounted to MORE than satisfaction. It was satisfaction plus surprise, for it was a little surprising to see what successful heroes some of our fair co-eds make; then, too, the plot of the play consists of one surprise after another. It almost rivaled Shakespeare's "Comedy of Errors," in its entanglements.

The audience was kept wondering what would happen next, not knowing just what to expect at a house party, where there was an assortment of such differing types of girlhood.

Miss Gladys Richards by her ingenious acting as Melindy Pike kept the crowd in a tumultuous fit of laughter. The role of Melindy gave to Miss Richards ample opportunity for displaying her originality which she did in a clever manner.

Miss Thelma Smith as Lieutenant Beverly Churchill, U. S. A. was an admirable hero. Only the feminine quality of the voice revealed to the onlookers that the wearer of the soldier's uniform was a member of the fairer sex. Miss Smith's interpretations of the masculine role showed her talent as an impersonator.

The other male parts were acted by Cleo Self as host and Lena Gilbert as Marvin Hunter, a young suitor. The ability of these young women to interpret masculine emotions deserve special mention.

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High Cost of Living Hits T. C. U. At Last

Management Is Forced To Raise Board; Eggs, Butter and Meat Sky High

Among our many problems that confront us each day and which often tax us to our utmost is that of our boarding department, which has been very much of a burden to us this fall. We have practiced the most rigid economy and have been as tactful in our management as we knew how, and still we are not equal to the occasion in making ends meet. All our patrons are familiar with the very heavy advance of all commodities used in the household, and can readily understand some of the problems that confront us. Everything used in the above department has advanced from 50 to 100 per cent, and the greater portion of said articles may be included in the latter figures.

At a meeting of the trustees a few days ago, this matter was thoroughly gone into and after much deliberation and careful figuring they found it would be necessary for T. C. U. to make an advance in price of our board of \$2.00 per month, beginning the first of next month, which is also the beginning of our winter term. We regret very much indeed that conditions have caused such an action, but there is no other course to pursue whereby we may hope to get any relief from the high cost of all articles used in our board department. Though we have had to pay this advanced price during this term, we have not reduced the quality of our service in the boarding department in any way.

We do hope the students will recognize the burden under which we are laboring and can see the necessity of the action we are forced to take. But as stated above, after much deliberation, we had no other alternative but to make an advance in keeping with the advance of all food supplies. Therefore, beginning January 1st, which will be the beginning of our winter term, our charges for board will be \$18 per month instead of \$16 as heretofore.

Permit us to thank you for your past patronage and it will be our earnest endeavor to favor our patrons at all times with the best service we can possibly render.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and happy New Year, we are,
Yours very cordially,
Texas Christian University,
H. M. DURRETT.

OLD T. C. U. STUDENT
WILL REPRESENT OKLA.,
IN CROSS COUNTRY RUN.

In the morning of New Year's day the fifth annual cross-country run will be held in Fort Worth under the auspices of the city Y. M. C. A. Bruce Knight of Southeastern Normal, Oklahoma, has been entered as one of the contestants in this run. While in T. C. U., Knight won the long-distance hike from Polytechnic. He was a letter man in track for two years.

Alfred Prickett of Waco, who won the race last year, will be back to defend his honors. R. E. L. Costan of Fort Worth, who gives the gold, silver and bronze medals in this race, has invited men from the border to take part in it. Fort Worth representatives are Harry Hoag, L. Patterson, and Ed. Kane.

T. C. U. hopes to see Fort Worth win the race, but is also pulling for Bruce Knight to take one of the medals.

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Staff this week: Alden A. Evans, Ruby Walker, Vestal Tompkins, Anne McClendon, Monette Whaley, Mary Strange, W. L. Thornton, Lorraine Dutton.

CLARK HALL NOTES.

Tom Paul Frizzell, '16, spent two days on the campus last week. "Fritz" as he is known in Clark Hall, majored in Biology last year under Professor Winton and did such satisfactory work that he was awarded a fellowship at Rice Institute of Houston.

Lymun Davis, old T. C. U. student, was on the Hill last week.

Alexander Kornegay, tackle on our football team, has been very sick for the last ten days. It was at first thought that "Ox" was only suffering from a severe cold; however, he has grown worse and may probably have pneumonia. The many friends of "Ox" wish for him a speedy recovery and all feel confident that his strong constitution will prove as useful to him in this case as it did during the football season.

Boost T. C. U. while at home Christmas.

Ruth, to Shirley: "Do you really love me, dear?"

Shirley: "Dearly, Sweetheart."
Ruth: "Would you die for me?"
Shirley: "No, my pet. Mine is an undying love."

MERRY CHRISTMAS.

The Skiff wishes every student, every member of the faculty, every alumni and every friend of the University, a Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year. The editor will put the stopper in the ink bottle, the members of the staff will throw away their pencils and cease to hunt copy, the manager will suspend pesterings of the business men for advertising, and for the next two weeks the four pages of the "T. C. U. Weekly" will remain as pure and white as the snow through which Santa Claus will travel to reach the United States next Sunday night.

May you forget lessons and demerits and dull chapel talks and spend the happiest ten days of your life with your home-folks around the old familiar fireside. May you forget your mistakes and failures of the past term, throw off the "examination depression," and come back in 1917 with a determination to drop your bad habits, surprise yourself, your teachers, and your friends by doing your dead level best to creditably perform your college duties. If you are an Ad-Ran, Shirley, Walton or Clark, resolve that your society will be the better for having you as a member. Resolve that you will at least TRY studying, and find out for yourself whether it is harmful or not. Resolve that you will do your part during these next two terms as a booster for T. C. U. by conducting yourself in a manner that will stamp you as a credit to the University.

With this, The Skiff again wishes you a splendid holiday, and bids you and the year of 1916 farewell.

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT.

By Franc E. Watkins.
(Old T. C. U. Student).

When snowflakes scurry from the sky
And all the trees are brown
And on the grate a bright fire burns
And night comes early down,
We know that Christmas soon will come,
The best day of the year,
To bring our hearts sweet happiness
And all the world good cheer.

At early morn they hurry out
The Christmas gifts to buy,
They plan and shop, the shop and plan,
Till night is drawing nigh,
And then they hasten home again,
Their hearts filled full of cheer;
For each one knows it's Christmas time,
And Santa'll soon be here.

The most suspicious bundles peep,
From every corner, too,
Perhaps they're tops, or drums, or sleds,
Or dollies, bright and new,
And then the cakes that mother makes,
The candies and the pie,
So all must know that Christmas time
Is surely drawing nigh.

And when we hang the stockings up
And wait for morning light,
To find the things old Santa brought,
We know that all is right;
For hearts made warm with loving thoughts,
Are filled with Yuletide cheer,
And joys abound the whole world 'round
For Christmas Day is here.



HAWAIIAN QUINTETTE

GLEE CLUB MAKES TOUR.

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Hawaiian Quintette Featured.

One of the big features of the concerts will be the music offered by the Hawaiian quintette, composed of Mr. Cahoon, Jesse Martin, Willis McGregor Tom Paul Sweeney and Shirley Sweeney, who play three ukuleles and two Hawaiian guitars. The quintette will offer several of the beautiful and popular Hawaiian songs which have become famous the world over for their fascinating melody.

It is to be regretted by every lover of good music in the University that the glee club will not give a concert at home before they make the road trip. On account of so many engagements posted ahead during the fall term, it was impossible to obtain a date for a home concert after Mr. Cahoon had the organization tuned to just the point he wanted them before appearing in public. Now the club is at its best and will give the initial concert the first night they leave here when in tip top condition, anxious

for their first appearance of the season.

Seventeen Men Selected.

On account of the trip covering so much ground and so many days, it was necessary to limit the number to make the trip to seventeen. At a rehearsal given Sunday afternoon in Coach Cahoon's home the names were read of the men who would make the trip.

"Now all of us are members of the club, one as much as the other, but we can't all make this long trip. On account of the heavy expenses of such a long tour it will be necessary for some of us to stay at home. Both quintettes are necessary. The orchestra men have to go, and so does the quintette," said Mr. Cahoon. "Some few cannot go this time but they will get in on the next tour and we have several more planned before school is out."

Carl Doering Accompanist.

Mr. Cahoon will take the following men on the holiday trip: Jesse Martin, Harvey Latson, Clyde Arnsperger, first tenors; Shirley Sweeney, Sam Jagoda, Alden Evans, W. E. Stallings, second tenors; Tom Paul Sweeney, Lorraine Dutton, Charles Butts, John Sturgeon, bass first bass; Willis McGregor, Monroe Rochester, Harry Bradford, second bass. Carl Doering, head of the piano department, will be accompanist for the club and make all the trips.

Club Leaves December 27.

Leaving here at 9:30 o'clock Wednesday morning over the Fort Worth and Denver, the club will go to Vernon where they will give their first concert that night in the Vernon opera house.

The next stop will be in Quanah

then Childress, Memphis and Amarillo.

The club will reach Amarillo Sunday morning and spend the last day of the good old year 1916 in this thriving little Panhandle city and start the New Year off right, giving a concert there on the evening of January 1.

From Amarillo the club will journey southwest to Plainview, where they will sing on Tuesday night, January 2, and on down the Santa Fe they will give concerts in Lubbock, Snyder and Sweetwater.

Everywhere the club asked for a date a favorable reply was given. Citizens in every town the club will stop in seemed anxious for the club to have an engagement there. The reputation of last year's organization made all those who had heard of the club anxious for them to give concerts in their home town during the holidays. In many places the T. C. U. Glee Club and orchestra concert is considered the biggest attraction

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PLAY BY DRAMATIC CLUB
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The role of Kitty Kennedy, the mimicing girl who masqueraded as a chauffeur and thereby upset the smooth flow of events, was creditably filled by Miss Nina Phillips.

Dura Dawson as the hostess, Lucille Routh as the sentimental girl, Lola Edwards the girl with a fad, Grace Fancher, the hungry girl, Ireta Robinson, the college girl, Della Leveridge, the primping girl, Marion Allen the giggling girl, Annah Jo Pendleton, the practical girl, Mamie Watson, the studious girl, Nannie Carter the mother-in-law, Gertrude Davies, the cook

and Ruby Jones the maid, all interpreted their parts in a manner becoming to their separate personalities.

The play was coached by Miss Lelia Powell and Miss Tesse Mosey, and its success was due for the most part to their thorough training and careful attention of details which characterizes all their work.

This is the second play staged by the T. C. U. Dramatic Club, or "Footlights." The personnel of the club consists of those students of the oratory department.

right to chew and cuss and drink booze that a boy or man has—and that's no right at all.

Mrs. S. E. McKinney, lady principal of Jarvis Hall several years ago, sent two books from Chicago for the Wade Memorial.

The Anti-Saloon League of Mississippi has sent in a book, and "Winning Orations," a pamphlet.

Mr. T. J. Dean, Jr., of Jacksonville, Texas, has sent a check for the Wade Memorial.

T. C. U. GIRLS WIN PRIZES.
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- Sallie Black.
- 16. Texas landscape.
- Mary Strange.
- 17. Cast drawing.
- 18. Stenciling.
- Mary Coates.
- 19. Charcoal drawing.
- Ruby Parks.
- 20. Stenciling.
- Dauida Algood.
- 21. Oil.

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Jarvis Hall Notes

Mr. Fletcher, Dot's uncle from Nebraska, visited her last week.

Lucile Galloway left Friday night for her home in Snyder to spend the holidays.

Miss Moore left Monday night for her home in Fulton, Missouri, to spend Christmas.

Icey Stringer from Wichita Falls was the guest of Dot Fletcher over Saturday and Sunday.

Ann McLendon spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in the city.

Ruby Douglass has been on the sick list this week.

Dura Dawson left Friday night for Christmas vacation.

Pennie Ruth Clements has been ill this week.

Christine Naylor from Cooper was the guest of Nina Phillips this week. Lola Edwards spent Monday night with Skeete Richards.

Grace Buckley from the city spent Monday night with Lena Stafford.

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GIFTS FOR MOTHER

Nothing tangible can fully express the love that will go with your gift to mother, but there are many things here worthy.

Silverware Sewing Sets Flower Vases Gold Thimbles Silver Thimbles Leather Bags Chime Clocks Tea Tray

Lamps China Candlesticks Lorgnettes Pottery Picture Frames Cut Glass

FOR DEAR OLD DADDY

So kind, so generous, who always gives more than he receives.

Watches Bill Books Link and Collar Button Sets Dressing Cases Cigar Cases Cigar Holders

Hat Brushes Clothes Brushes Fountain Pens Desk Sets Match Safes Shaving Sets

To Students of T. C. U.

There are some little gifts that you want for X-mas as well as those more expensive. We want it known that "Mitchell-Greer's" is a store for every pocketbook in Ft. Worth. We have Jewelry as high in price as the wealthiest care to pay, but we cater to the people of modest means as well, and carry Jewelry for the small pocketbook, too. We'll always tell you just what the article is we are offering you for sale. We want you T. C. U. people to come in and look around; no matter what you have in mind, nor the price you want to pay—we're always glad to show you.

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Baby Spoons Fork and Spoon
Bracelets Sets
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When we get home, father will have a right to be proud of the record we have made in school. But what if father really knew what we know? Would he send us back after Christmas? This is the question that Dean Parks may help some of us settle. If he decides that it will be best for us not to return, of course father will understand that we have almost ruined our health, and that a rest is absolutely necessary. Father is always generous with son, especially in this case, when he only hears one side of the question.

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