

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

COLD has settled down on the earth, at least it is today, there is no reckoning what it will be tomorrow—such is Texas climate—and while we have no snow to set off the lighted houses, with pretty little red bells and green holly wreaths peeping out of windows and doors, the crisp, tingling air makes the stars sparkle and the frosted streets give the impression of a snow coat. It is the Christmas season—even we studious seekers after the unattainable, such as chemistry and such, feel it, and it warms our hearts.

"GOD help the nation!" fervently exclaimed an Alabama senator when Fall and Dukeney were freed of conspiracy in the famous Teapot Dome Oil scandal case last week. And "Ma" Ferguson throws wide the gates of prison, sending out murderers, despoilers and thieves with a seeming abandon. We who study government and then review the daily papers reiterate the statement. "There ain't any justice!"

TIME was when heathenism was rampant, or folk lost their interest in the development of the mind, or the church became too oppressive, that some poor, very earnest man, or group of men, would write some theses, post them in conspicuous places, and start a renaissance of learning. But now the Phi Beta Kappas, 50,000 strong in the United States, launch a campaign to raise \$1,000,000 to put over a renaissance of learning. "Tex Rickardism" we call it.

But, then, perhaps we are so low mentally that it takes 50,000 distinguished college graduates, augmented by a million dollars to stir us to advancement, which is nothing of which to boast.

"CUDDLE, don't kiss," says the paper. Then we read on and find the article is about babies. It seems that at a foundling asylum in Chicago, the mortality rate of infants is lower by far than that of home-raised babies. The trouble is, they say, that people kiss babies to death. "We allow people to cuddle our babies," they say, "but not to kiss them." Which may be a good thing, too. Think of the great relief this would be to politicians. No babies to kiss.

IT'S safer to raise a girl in the city than in the country. Take this from the mother of Clara Olson, poor, gullible country lass, betrayed, then beaten to death by her lover in Wisconsin. Sociology teachers will greet this statement by the bereaved mother with open arms, for it is simple justification of their contact theory—the more contact with people, the more advancement. The city folks may be "slicker," but usually they are more prudent. Usually.

BUT these are not particularly pleasant thoughts. One more day until Christmas, then eleven more days until school again, then five months until vacation. There, now, isn't that much more pleasant, or does five months seem a long, long way off? But these next five months will be crammed with activity, and that is our wish for the New Year—an active, happy session, for many of us it is the last here—and we will enjoy it.

Two Plays Reproduced

Further evidence is at hand of the recognition the T. C. U. dramatic department is receiving. The sophomore play "Station YYY," which won the freshman-sophomore contest and the Pi Kappa Delta play, "A Night at an Inn" will be presented at Trinity university on January 7.

Santa Comes to Prof.

There is a Santa Claus after all; just ask Prof. Fallis. After the play contest the other night, which, by the way, was a great success, the Footlights club, of which he is the sponsor, presented him with a valuable Christmas gift.

FROGS TO GRIND DURING HOLIDAYS

DURANT, FAMED PHILOSOPHER, TO LECTURE IN T.C.U.

WILL DURANT, world famous author of "The Story of Philosophy" and noted lecturer, is coming to TCU. The date for the lecture has not been set definitely, but it will be some time in March. On account of the splendid co-operation, and support the students and friends of TCU have given the lecture committee, this extra attraction is to be given free to all holders of the season tickets.

Durant first became prominent when he taught in the department of philosophy at Columbia University. In 1917, he broke all records of the bureau of lectures of the board of education of New York, by giving a series of 20 lectures on psychology and drawing audiences of 1,300 to each lecture.

His book, "The Story of Philosophy," which was published in 1926, is accepted by a majority of critics as the most important non-fiction book of the year. His lecture subjects include "The Great Personalities of Philosophy," "The Problems of Philosophy," "The Psychological Differences of Men and Women," "Fact and Fad in Psycho-Analysis," and many others.

LIBRARY MAKES SYSTEM REFORM

"New Year's resolutions" are resulting in considerable change in the system of library operation. According to Arthur R. Curry, librarian, a new method of filing records of book loans has been inaugurated and a system for keeping better track of bound magazines will soon be in effect.

With the old system of filing loan records according to date due, it was practically impossible for a student to learn whether a book would be returned within a few days or whether it had just been checked out. Because of this and several other reasons the librarians decided that it would be more advantageous to file the records according to the name of the book drawn out. This new system has been in effect for several days it is said to be working satisfactorily.

According to a new ruling, bound magazines may not be taken from the library without a special request from a member of the faculty. Plans are also being considered to close the door which opens directly into the magazine room in order to perfect the checking system. The librarians feel that it will be a convenience to students to keep bound magazines in the magazine room where they will always be available.

MUSICIANS GIVE WBAP PROGRAM

Students of the School of Music under the direction of Dr. H. D. Guellick gave a radio concert Friday night from 7:30 to 8:30 over Station WBAP. Those who played were as follows:

- Piano Solo—Valse Leone
Inez Mafford
Vocal Solo—The Lass With a Delicate Air Arne
Edith Kelsey
Piano Solo—Prelude Rogers
Hazel Yarborough
Violin Solo—Liesbesfreund Kreisler
Dorothy Chancey
Piano Solo—Caprice Kreisler
Allah Reeves
Vocal Solo—When the Sun Goes Down Penn
Florence Bates
Piano Solo—Palichinelle—Racmanioff
Katherine Rebback
Violin Solo—Mazurka Hendricks
Tillman Durdea
Piano Solo—Caprice Han
Edna Gibbard

Dear Santa

If any of you are in doubt as to what to give your friends for Christmas, here are a few suggestions taken from letters to Santa Dear which the editor recently found in the mail box. Perhaps you will find here just the very thing your friend is wanting most.

Dear Santa Claus:

I have been an awful good boy lately and I haven't broken a single heart for almost a week, will you please bring me a Christmas present? What I need most, dear Santa, is a book telling how King Solomon managed his thousand wives so I can learn how to take care of all my girls and would be girls. Then too, I would like to have a new pair of corduroy pants for my friends to autograph, the space on my old ones is all taken. Now please, Santa, don't forget these little presents or I might cry.

Respectfully yours, Hebo Carson.

Dearest Santa,

Please, please, have mercy on a suffering soul and hear my prayer. Please send me as quickly as possible a box of Christmas seals that say "Don't open till Christmas." I want to seal up my roommate's mouth with these at night to keep him from snoring.

Sleepily yours, Charlie Rabbit.

Dear Santa,

I don't want very much 'cause that would be selfish and then there would not be anything left for the other little red-headed girls. I just want a pair of roller skates, 'cause I could have a lot of fun with them and then, besides, I might really need them sometime (?). And if you have plenty, you might bring a bottle of Hennafoam.

I love you, Santa, Rusty Veale

Dear Santa Claus,

Last year you brought me "The Philosophy of Love" by Elinor Glynn and now I need a kiss proof lipstick. I hope it will be as satisfactory as the book was.

Gratefully yours, Sara Beth.

My dear Santa,

I am writing a letter for my little sister because she is too little to write yet. Santa, Tiny has been a good little girl and I wish you would put an alarm clock in her stocking so I won't have so much trouble waking her up in the morning.

Your friend, Louise Scott.

Dear Santa,

Please, I want one of these new fangled etiquette books. I have seen the question in the advertisements, "Shall she ask him in?" and now I want to know whether to go in or not. Also I showed my photo to some of my friends recently and they laughed. So I think it's time to find out "What's wrong with this picture." I have been a good boy and am a handsome little chap as well.

Your little friend, Bear Wolf.

Dear old Santa,

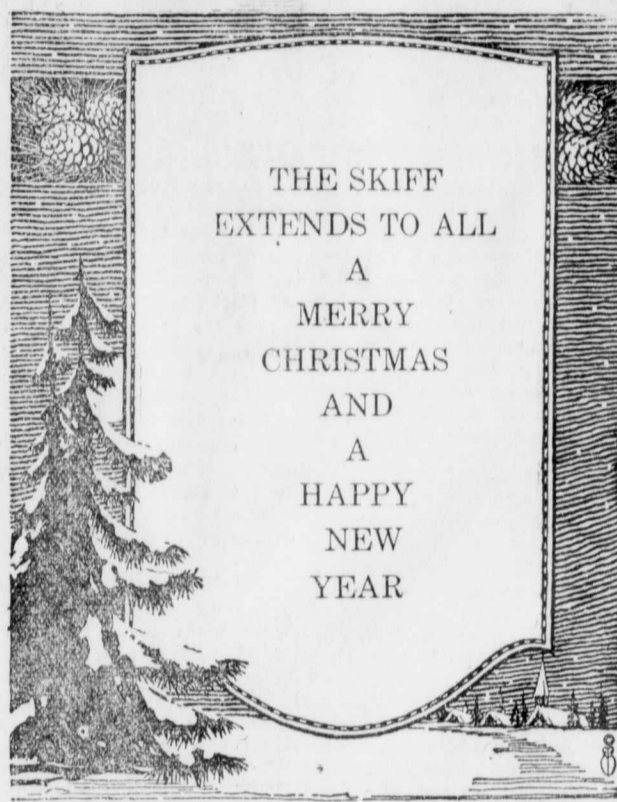
These are the things I want you to leave when you come down my chimney. I want a little rubber doll and a little red rocking horse, and be sure it's red, and I want some A. B. C. blocks. Please don't forget these 'cause Big old Jew Watkins tore up all my play things you brought me last year.

Yours truly, Little "Big Jim" Stuart.

Physics Has Current

Switchboard has been installed in the Physics laboratory lately. Electrical current is now available in every room of the department, and three currents of different voltage may be obtained at the same time.

Two motors were installed in connection with the switchboard. One of the motors supplies 30 volts of direct current, the other 110. The innovation is proving of value in class demonstration work.



THE SKIFF EXTENDS TO ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

YULETIDE.

BY ANNA LEE CHILDRESS

The Christmas time, the gladdest of the year, The time when Christ's, our Lord and Savior's birth, Brought life and peace to all this weary earth, Is close at hand rapidly draws near, Cold winter's icy chill and blasts severe Have naught of power to quell our kindly mirth Or quench the glowing coals upon our hearth, And driving snows do but augment our cheer.

Our hearts are warming with the growing cold And wreaths and Christmas songs our joys proclaim And all mankind, now made as one through love Sin, "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Man," that old, So very old, yet ever new refrain In joyful and sweet praise of Christ above.

MAGAZINE FOR TRIANGLE MEET TCU DISCUSSED FOR DEBATES

After years of apparent indifference, sentiment is once again being aroused in favor of a literary magazine for T. C. U. The idea has recently been seriously considered by a committee of the Sigma Tau Delta Fraternity and it is possible that the writers society may sponsor the periodical.

A good literary magazine would be very valuable to T. C. U. as it would give a means of expression for stories and essays. Deserving work would be recognized and real genius might be uncovered. The writer would be given a chance.

As neither the Skiff as a newspaper nor the Horned Frog as an annual, can use many essays or short stories it seems advisable that a new paper be produced as a true literary periodical. Such a paper would be very expensive, however, and unless some good scheme of financing can be adopted, production will be practically impossible.

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Another triangle debate has been scheduled for the first week in April between Southwestern, Trinity and TCU. Trinity will go to Southwestern. TCU will go to Trinity and Southwestern will come to TCU. Marriage and divorce will be the subject for debate.

Dramatic Figures Incarnated for Footlights Club Initiations

INITIATION of the new members of the Footlights club was held Thursday night, December 16. Each of the uninitiated was forced to don the habiliments of a Shakespearean character, which was previously assigned. All day long a strange array of quaint characters dressed in the unique costumes of the Middle Ages roamed the halls of our fair institution. Upon the back of each was a large placard proclaiming to the world that he was none other than the moody Hamlet, or vengeful Othello, or perchance even a fair Juliet.

Thursday night many weird and mysterious happenings occurred on the third floor. Along with these romantic figures of the past, in whose wake stalked the mysterious ghosts of tragedy, comedy and love, were the modern young people of T. C. U., who were very much in

evidence. And these same young moderns by ingenious devices put to rout the worst of the old order and mixed the best with their own superior dramatic talent. Thus making the dramatic club a well rounded organization, ready and willing to put forth their best efforts for the cause of art.

The new members who were formally admitted Thursday night are as follows: Jerome Moore, Robert Qualls, Charles Procter, Leonard Harding, Maurine Lovette, Leo Hubert, Fred Erisman, Betty Glenn, Joseph Mims, Louise Scott, Mary Strong, Juanita Wilkerson, Loyd Armstrong, Leslie Chambers, Ernest Miller, Henry Elkins, Pat Beadle, Ruth Cuptill and Doris Shaw.

Work will start immediately after the holidays on a three-act play. Also an Irish play, "In the Shadow of the Glen," will be cast and produced at an early date.

Don't Forget--

Santa Claus in his bright regalia of red and white stood in the busiest part of the toy department in one of Fort Worth's most popular stores. Eager little faces were turned up to his. Pleading tones and begging voices rang out in the throng. Through it all the patient old man listened attentively, patting this one, smiling at the other and depositing wee bits of candy into all the baby hands.

Throughout the country hopeful children are praying nightly that their little wishes might be realized. Touching in every phase is their belief in an arbiter who will decide all the disputes of whether they deserve switches or pretty gifts and finally reward them.

Christmas is the time of "good will to all men," young and old. It has been suggested that perhaps we never grow out of our childishness though we effect a pass of "don't care." Wordsworth's theory that "the child is father to the man" might be symbolic of the idea that though we don't hang up our stockings or wait dreary-eyed for Santa to come down the chimney still, a missive of love might effect us in the same way as it does the kiddies.

A toy animal might please Mr. Smiser who during that chilly weather last week hunted tirelessly for deer. A miniature Spark Plug for Prexy might allow him to forget his troubles when his car goes democratic and he might find joy playing with the character of the famous horse. One might favor Mrs. Beckham with a number of dolls so that when she tires of noise in the dormitory she could play matron to the quieter element of bisque. Mr. Pete Wright might have some "suppressed desire" for a football, a basket ball and a vaulting pole. No doubt but that his vacation is his avocation. Who knows what Mr. Ballard would like? Lots of candy and some apples, nuts and raisins might prove to be the "hoped-for" but I would rather give him a book of wit and humor so that his store of smiles might never run out. Maty Bell perhaps would write Santa to save up the pictures of all the movie actresses for him so that he could make his apartment more attractive with the pretty likenesses. A wee stove with cooking utensils maybe would go to Mrs. Harris. She, perhaps, would dabble in mud pies and bake them in the sun if it were not that she is a "grown up lady" now.

Let us all remember Christmas in its very being and if perchance we listen in on a conversation which discloses secrets meant only for Santa, let us think of Wordsworth's theory.

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Genius Book in T. C. U.

Studies in the early mental development of recognized geniuses can be found in Catherine M. Cox's new book "Genetic Studies in Genius." The second volume of which has just arrived in the library. This is a production of the Stanford University Press.

New Natural History

J. Arthur Thompson's "New Natural History," a 1926 publication of Putnam's Sons, has recently been obtained for the library on the recommendation of Professor Winton. It is "not a dry-as-dust collection of scientific data for a reference library but a work to be read with absorbing interest." All three volumes are filled with fascinating pictures of every form of life. Professor Winton plans to use these pictures for class work.

BELLMEN SHOW IMPROVEMENT IN PRACTICE SESSIONS

WITH their game against the strong Texas University team on January 11, beginning to loom before them, TCU's basket ball team is embarking upon the last lap of hard practice before the initial opening of the conference season.

The Frogs have improved the past few weeks but there is still plenty of room for more improvement. Coach Matty Bell has been putting the team through hard work and the greueling succession of daily workouts will continue from now until time comes to depart for Austin.

"Hurry Up" Yost has nothing on our Matty Bell. When he walks on the court he loses all aspects of his Christian mood. Every other word that comes from his mouth is "Hurry." "We may not have a world beater this year but we will have five men out there that will hustle," said Coach Bell.

To most students the Christmas holidays mean a long rest, home and a good time. To the Frog basketeers it simply means double work. During the holidays the Purple and White will work out twice daily. By the time studies are resumed in January the club will be in good condition and capable of holding its own with the best in the Southwest.

Several practice games will be played before the regular season opens. In these practice games Coach Bell will experiment on the lineup of his team. He has been using several combinations but who will be the regulars is a question that even Bell can not answer.

The main task that faces Bell is the problem of developing a center to replace "Long Tom" George. Since practice started Matty has been using several men at center, trying to find one that could fill "Goose's" shoes. Ab Acker, Slim Steadman, Red Eddleman and Babe McDonald are Matty's best bets for this position. Acker will either play center or guard. He may jump center and then fall back to guard. How this problem will be worked out remains to be seen.

At guards Bell has Harry Taylor, Rags Matthews, Lowell Parish, Odie Thompson, Hebo Carson and probably Acker. Harry Taylor and Acker have been running at guards on the first five but with such competition some of the other men may be shoved into their place at any time.

The forwards are well fortified with Captain Frank Cantelmi, Gene Taylor, Slim Steadman, "Blondy" Williams, Eason, Jimmie Grant and Homer Bond. Captain Cantelmi and Gene Taylor have been holding down the forward positions on the first five but neither is sure of his place from one day to the next. Steadman and Williams look especially good and either or both may take charge of the regular berths any time.

Matty wants men who can hit the basket from all angles and a great amount of time is spent each day in goal shooting. Some of them are looking real good and toss the inflated rubber through the ozone with great accuracy.

Office Improved

An improvement in the registrar's office, rows of newly built book shelves running along the left side of the wall from the entry door to the windows overlooking the campus, has been made. The shelves extend from the floor to the ceiling and are a foot in width.

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Repertorial staff from the Class in Journalism, instructed by Miss Jane Logan, and composed of the following members: Margaret Cameron, Pauline Barnes, Harold Carson, Anna Lee Childress, Mrs. Gail Gilmer, Mrs. T. J. Grady, Helen Hess, Irene Jones, Nina Kountz, David Nash, Odalie Rogan, Gene Taylor, Betsy Walton, Elizabeth Webb.

DECEMBER. BY OLIVE DAVID.

December's rough and wintry blasts,
December's flurried snow,
Are magic brushes to the cheek;
They paint a ruddy glow.
When cheeks are tinted like the rose,
And flushed with ruby hue,
Then glows the body and the mind;
Then smiles the spirit too.
Though chill the air, the soul is warm
For those that we remember,
And those we see thrill us anew,
In frosty, crisp December.

SUBSCRIPTIONS ADDED TO LIST ALCOVE PLATE MAY BE PLACED

"Christmas presents" for the faculty and student body, consisting of subscriptions for 13 new magazines and renewals for about 140 more, have been purchased by the library according to Arthur R. Curry, librarian.

In response to many "letters to Santa Claus" most of the new magazines either treat international subjects or are in foreign languages. The 13 new periodicals subscribed for are as follows:
Advocate of Peace.
American Food Journal.
Commerce and Finance.
Hispania.
Hispanic American Historical Review.
L'Illustration.
International Conciliation.
Journal of Educational Method.
La Prensa.
Modern Language Journal.
National Conference of Social Work Proceedings.
Pilgrim Elementary Teacher.
World Tomorrow.

CAFETERIA HAS YULE EFFECTS

Cafeteria food for the past week has been seasoned with a new spice and savored more palatably. Ropes of tinsel, red and green crepe paper, big bells, little bells, and medium-sized bells, Christmas trees and holly wreaths have a way of bringing cheer as well as color. The attractive decorations left in the cafeteria as a special courtesy by the Juniors after their buffet dinner had a magic effect rarely acquired. Which all goes to prove that "the world looks all different through rose colored glasses."

If your light tan shoes are soiled have them dyed black. Peter Bros. 913 Houston Street.



Bobbs Merrill Co., Indianapolis. (at The Fair for \$2.50).

With a characteristic bit of subtle irony, Mr. Erskine has subtitled this refreshing novel "Enough of his life to explain his reputation" and only succeeds in introducing the titular hero after some hundred odd pages and then in only the most casual manner. The main character of the book is Lancelot who is portrayed in general of his interesting affairs with Guinevere and both of the Elaines. It is only as the son of Lancelot, begotten in a most amazing fashion, that Galahad makes his appearance. Naturally in such a novel the story of Galahad and the quest makes it appearance but this is a minor detail; it is the characters of Guinevere and of the first Elaine, the daughter of King Pelleas, that hold one's attention and for which one will remember the book.

As in the case of Mr. Erskine's first novel, "The Private Life of Helen of Troy," the more or less legendary plot has been treated in a thoroughly modern and realistic manner, and has been culled of all super naturalism. The story that remains deals with fundamental values of life and with circumstances and human desires found in men and women of this modern age no less than in the Knight of the Round Table and the Court of Camelot.

There is humor in abundance and I promise you it is not Victorian humor—it is a keen, penetrating humor, bordering on satire, reminiscent of Cabell, of Sterne, and occasionally of Rabehals thought of a milder, less vulgar form.

If you are already one of Mr. Erskine's admirers, this book which is the best of his work so far, will only serve to strengthen your fondness for him. On the other hand if the hustle of college life, you have not had time to make his acquaintance, by all means read this book and you will experience one of the most delightful enjoyments of your life. It is extremely refreshing, devoid of the compelling depression of most modern novels and yet nevertheless deliciously modern—free and entertaining.

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STUDENTS HEAR LEWIS SPEAK

Gene Lewis of the Gene Lewis-Olga Worth Company, playing at the Pantages Theater, addressed the student body in chapel Monday, December 6.

Lewis, who has been connected with various theaters for the past 18 years, stressed the advantages of education. He briefly rehearsed the difficulties encountered in his own youth when after only four years in school he became a wage-earner; finally he entered medical school without a high school education. He commended the action of colleges and universities in making dramatics a part of the curriculum and in sanctioning student production of plays. The Little Theater movement had his hearty approval.

Production of salacious plays, according to Lewis, reflects not upon the theater but upon the theater-going public. Producers, he asserted, will supply clean plays as soon as the public manifests a desire for them.

"It seems to me," Lewis said in comparing the theater to life, "that consciously or unconsciously we are all playing parts." The public should attend the play as students attend classes, to acquaint themselves with life and to learn better how to live," he declared.

Lewis illustrated the vast amount of study necessary in his profession. "I have in my coat pocket, perhaps 8,000 words of Mexican dialect which must be memorized mechanically, with no change, for next week's performance," he said. "Think how far the concentration, the study necessary to memorize 8,000 words in a foreign dialect would take you in one of your courses here at school."

At the close of his lecture Lewis recited the poem "Life's a Funny Proposition, After All."



CARLOS "JEW" HOLCOMB has been selected toastmaster for the BBA banquet which will be held in January. By the way, the banquet promises to be interesting. A collection of love letters which have been written to various BBA students will be disclosed for the edification of those present.

B.B.A. department is proud of Blackie Williams who has been elected captain of the 1927 football team.

Herman Clark and Slim Steadman are already showing signs of rare business acumen. Last week Herman and Slim planned a trip to some mysterious destination, beginning with B, so they must have disclosed it to Hubb Diggs because they persuaded him to lend them a car for the journey, then refused to take it unless he filled it with oil and gas.

Latest love affairs: Esther Lord and Richard Waddell, Duke and Gladys Bush.

William Henry Joekel and Ed Hart have formed a partnership. Type of business unknown.

Ruth Williamson and Hazel Nelson lectured to the Elementary Accounting class last week on drafts.

Harold Belden of Sherman has returned to resume his work in BBA department.

Edna Hamilton and Gail Gilmer, the only two girls who will graduate from BBA department this year, have both been elected to the Scholarship Society.

FRENCH, SPANISH BOOKS ARRIVE

Many new books have recently been added to the French and Spanish collection in the library. Some of these are very attractive.

Nineteen new books for the French department have arrived. Among the authors represented are St. Pierre, Prevost, Vigny, Beaumarchais, and Hugo. Though these books were not very expensive, their covers are quite attractive.

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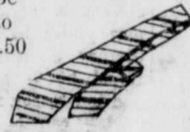
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WAA NOTES

MERLE Williams, president of the Woman's Athletic Association submitted her resignation to the club at a meeting held in gym last Tuesday. Martha Van Zandt, vice president, became president and Pauline Barnes was elected vice president.

Edith Hudson was made leader of the "Girls' Hiking Club," at the same meeting.

Hooray for Hobo, the new leader of the girls' golf team. The number of girls who have suddenly developed a "pill hitting" complex is surprising. Mr. Carson demands a chaperon to go with him since he can not take the responsibility of coaching fifty or sixty girls alone.

Jessie Belle McCall, veteran player in girls' basket ball in TCU, has been made captain of the varsity team. Ruth Williamson is manager for the team. Games have been matched with other teams such as TWC and Weatherford College. Arrangements for game with a team in Arkansas are being made.

The next meeting of the W. A. A. will be held Tuesday, January 4, in the office at the gym. This meeting will be in the form of a dinner.

Peggy Horton has been made manager of soccer and archery. Girls you wanted to play soccer, now is your chance! Definite dates for practice hours were mapped out at the manager's meeting yesterday noon. If you intend to try out for the soccer team, see Peggy.

Watch the bulletin board for schedules of practice hours and games.

Secretary Speaks To Brite College

Weyman Huckabee, traveling secretary of the Student Volunteer movement, addressed Brite College of the Bible association last Tuesday evening on the subject "The Christian Life." About 45 members and visitors of the association were present. Huckabee explained the significance of Christianity in daily life, emphasizing the naturalness of Christian conduct. Statistics were introduced to illustrate the pressing need for Christian workers.

"We cannot treat Christianity as a part-time hobby," he said. "It is not practical at times it is not practical at all."

Huckabee is distinctly of the younger generation, having received his A. B. degree from Duke university only last June.

After the meeting there was a conference of prospective Student Volunteers, at which several Brite College students were received as pledges.

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SPORTS

Dutch and Trickie have about twenty-five Freshman basketball players reporting for practice now. A pretty good looking bunch, too, some of the boys will make the varsity for certain next year.

Two weeks from now there will probably be about fifteen of the twenty-five reporting for practice. Just sort of a survival of the fittest. The good ones will keep coming out and the poor ones will quit.

A few of the good ones will probably quit. One or two will have good excuses but the greatest reason will be the lack of stickability. Some of the boys just can't stand the gaff of coming out every day for weeks and then not getting to star.

But this type of player is not varsity material anyhow. It takes a man with plenty of sand to make a good basketball player.

Of course the season is still too young to pick out any outstanding

players, but this boy Pompel sure does look classy passing that ball around. Built just right for a forward and handles himself just like Frankie Cantelmi. He's a Fort Worth product, too.

Frankie's little brother, Henry, seems to be a sweet prospect also. He has his eye on the basket and has good floor work. This basket-ball business must run in the Cantelmi family.

As I said before—the season is too young to pick any stars. Just wanted to tell you folks about the Freshmen and let you know that basket ball is here until it gets warm enough for a pitcher to pitch.

The Freshman class got liberal and decided to throw abanquet at King's Tea Room for it's grid heroes. The event is dated for Tuesday night of the 14. This year's fish class looks all right to Dutch because the Frosh mentor sure does like to eat.

They're Here "The Collegians"

In addition to the regular feature beginning Thursday, December 23rd, The Greater Palace will present one of the most brilliant short features ever produced. "The Collegians" is a series of college life pictures, each picture is a story complete in itself. Directed and produced by Carl Laemmle Jr., the heir apparent to the Laemmle wealth. This story as well as the direction of the picture was written by young Laemmle, the selection of the cast was also taken care of by him. In picking his leads young Laemmle went about the task like a veteran. George Lewis was chosen for the male lead and Dorothy Gulliver

the leading lady. The first of this series, "Benson at Calford" will open Thursday December 23rd for a three day run and the following pictures will be shown in addition to the regular Greater Palace program every other Thursday. The feature picture on the regular Palace program to be shown with "Benson at Calford" is "Love'em and Leave'em" a comedy drama of two sisters working in a department store and in love with the same man, who is also an employe of the same store, Louise Brooks and Evelyn Brent play the parts of Mame and Jamie the sisters and Laurence Gray plays the part of the boy.

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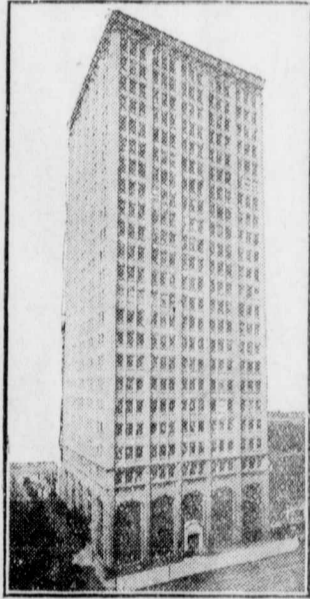
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Informality reigned and even the verdant freshmen felt herself unabashed in the midst of such great sport. Perhaps many newcomers had pictured like occasions of so-called college life in which the chafing dish and sumptuous fare always featured. The Frogette feast immortalized this. Sara Beth Bogress led the girls in pep songs and rounds of mirth. Speeches all "short and snappy" expressive of wit and college humor gave the event the color of a radio party in which the "program was coming in fine."

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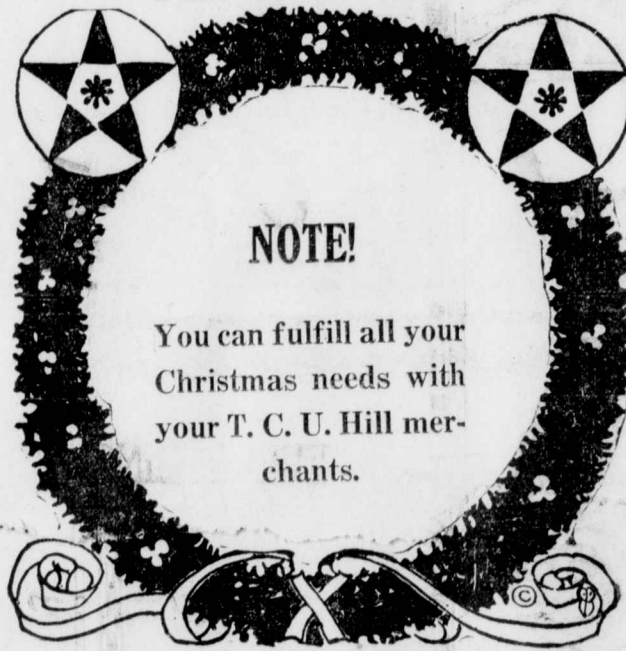
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In keeping with the Christmas spirit which has surely taken a firm grasp upon the life of our campus, a farewell party was given last Sunday afternoon in Jarvis Hall.

Christmas trees of fir and spruce, lighted with colored balls of electricity and heavily hung with tinfoil baubles; tall red candles tied with red bows of tulle; holly wreaths holding red bells, all bespeak of Christmas festivity.

Never did Jarvis Hall present a more pleasant spectacle than on Sunday afternoon, December 19, when among the Christmas environment and the Yuletide atmosphere she held open house for her campus friends.

As a unit the girls of the dormitory presided as hostesses. Evening gowns of silvers and golds, brocades and satins, plumes and laces added to the beauty which was so impressive under the ceiling lights shaded in crepe paper to give a mellow glow.

From 4 until 6 a line of guests filled the receiving rooms, chatted and partook of refreshment.

Tiny red tarleton stockings filled with mints were passed as favors. Real ice, topped with green cherries and small, white cookies, bearing a green holly leaf and red berries, composed the refreshment.

Parties and activities of the different classes have held sway in the past week. Not only the interclass football games and banquets for the famous heroes of the gridiron but also theater parties and buffet suppers have been given.

The Junior class gave a buffet supper in the cafeteria last Monday evening at 8 o'clock. The class professor, Mr. Elliott, and Mrs. Elliott and Mrs. Beckham were the guests of honor. About 60 members of the class were present.

Mr. Elliott was the first to speak and then a musical program was given by the Horned Frog quartet. William Balch sang a solo which was composed by Bill Ewell. "Coy's Collegians" played throughout the evening. Holly wreaths, Christmas bells, tinsel and red and green crepe paper artistically draped transformed the cafeteria into quite a new place and gave an atmosphere of Christmas time to the supper.

The class of '29 gave a theater party last Friday evening at the Palace. Thomas Meighan in "The Canadian" was showing. A large number of students turned out.

The Freshman class honored the Pollywogs, all victorious football squad, with a banquet at King's Tea Room last Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. This is the first time that the freshmen have so honored their football team. Coaches Dutch Meyer and Trickey Ward were presented with gifts from the team. Sixteen men were presented with letters by Coach Meyer, who expressed the regret that he could not so award all of the 30 men who went through the season.

Odessa Johnson was toastmistress and President Waits and Freshman "Prexy" Rainey Elliott spoke. Two musical numbers were included in the program. Nora Bryant whistled and sang and "Rusty" Veale sang and played the "uke." Coy's Collegians played throughout the evening.

Pop Boone, Ned C. Record and Flem R. Hall, sports writers, were guests at the banquet.

Scholarship society met in Jarvis Hall last Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Following the regular business meeting a social hour was held. A few extemporaneous speeches were made by the new members and every member present spoke of some embarrassing moment in his life.

Ice cream and cake were served to about 30 members of the society.

Sigma Tau Delta meets January 6, 1927.

Pi Gamma Mu met last Thursday afternoon in the Administration building for the last regular meeting before the holidays.

Freshman Froettes held a mid-night feast in the back parlor of Jarvis Hall last Saturday night. Appropriately clad in "robes-de-nuit" of every hue, the fresh girls might be said to rival even "Ziegfeld's Follies." Feasting on the best of eats and stories and stunts were

the chief events of the program. Mae Nelle Elliott presided at the mid-night reveling, which was carried on in true boarding house style.

Helen Moore of Dallas, a former student in T. C. U., visited Lois Brymer in Reed cottage and Nell Brown in Jarvis Hall last week-end.

Mrs. W. N. Bennett of Breckenridge visited her sister, Nora Bryant, in Jarvis recently. Nora will spend Christmas day in Breckenridge before going to her home in Tyler for the holidays.

Mary Louise Glass of T. W. C. visited Odessa Johnson in Jarvis recently.

Catherine Kidd visited Loyda Fuller in Sterling cottage last Wednesday evening.

Theresa Power spent last week-end in Breckenridge.

Mrs. Rhodes of Wills Point visited her daughter, Elizabeth, in Jarvis Sunday.

Thelma Brannon of Jarvis visited Doris Shaw in town last week end.

Virginia Seay spent the week end with friends in town.

Mrs. Alexander of Nocona, visited her daughter, Mary, in Jarvis last Tuesday.

Helen Osborne visited relatives in town last week end.

Louise and Janette Scott spent the week end in town.

Bernie Chesley spent the week end in town.

Etoile McFadden visited in Dallas last week end.

Olive David spent the week end in town with the Von Zubens.

Hazel Crosby visited her sister, Mrs. New in Cleburne last week end.

Velma Rit Cheson and her room mate, Lucille Oliver, spent the week end in Dallas.

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Arlena Fowler visited in Dallas last week end.

Mrs. Sturgeon of Terrell visited her daughter, Ruth.

Anna Lee Childress visited Margaret Moore in town last week end.

Nelle Brown spent last week end at her home in Garland.

Luehelle Bush visited friends in Arlington recently.

Dorothy Chauncey and her mother visited in town last week end.

Edna Mae Nana visited Maurine Lilly in town recently.

Florine Martin and Mildred Woodlea spent last week end with Marion Woody in town.

Frances Veale spent last week end in town.

Jake Talley has written a book entitled "Why Women Prefer Blondes" and it is rumored that if a motion picture is made, he will take the leading part.

Sanders: "Who was the smallest man mentioned in history?"

Marcus Moore: "The Roman soldier who slept on his watch."

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Y.W.C.A. HOLDS YULE MEETING

Pro-Christmas YWCA meeting was held Thursday evening in Jarvis Hall. This is the final regular meeting before the holidays. A sing-song will be held the coming Thursday, however.

Christmas spirit and giving, "not what we give but what we share," was discussed by Louise Scott. She painted a mental picture of the poet, Samuel Foss, and his inspiration for the poem, "The House By the Side of the Road," in showing that everyone has an opportunity for service.

Annie Lou Kenshalo presented an opportunity to the girls in the way of providing Christmas presents for the students in a institution at which she taught last year. She explained how no Santa Claus would visit these children unless someone volunteered to act as a benefactor.

The girls responded willingly to the call and received names of the individual for whom they would buy presents. The presents will all be brought to Hazel Crosby, who with a committee will pack them for shipping.

Christmas songs were sung after the program.

GREAT PARENTS AID TO SUCCESS

"Great guidance is everything—nothing like having great parents," stated Dr. Herbert L. Hughes, head of the English department of TCU in a lecture delivered before the Mothers Club Friday afternoon, December 10, on education.

He quoted from Dr. N. M. Butler, president of Columbia University, "Education is gradual adjustment to

spiritual possession of the race with a view to realizing one's own potentialities and to assisting the carrying forward of civilization." The physical inheritance, the spiritual inheritance with scientific, literary, aesthetic, institutional and religious inheritances make up the general

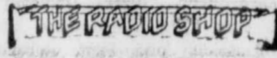
scope of education, from his viewpoint.

"How We Might Interest Students in Activities and Help Them Through the First Year" was discussed by Mrs. M. H. Moore. Helen Boren, a

student, gave a piano solo. Christmas cards will be sent by the club to the remaining out of town dormitory students. Plans for entertaining the football boys at a movie were made.

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15 COURSES IN HISTORY GIVEN

The History department of Texas Christian University offers at present 15 courses. Not all of the courses are conducted simultaneously, but all are included in the curriculum of the department.

Two new courses in history appeared this year: One, "The History of Civilization," an orientation course designed for freshmen and the other "The Renaissance and Reformation," an advanced course.

Four of the six sections of freshman history are conducted by Prof. G. W. Dunlavey; the remaining two by Prof. C. H. Roberts, head of the department. Prof. Dunlavey also teaches "The Renaissance and Reformation" and Prof. Roberts has charge of the junior-senior course, "How to Teach History," which is offered irregularly. Prof. W. J. Hammond conducts all the courses in English History, while Bailey Diffie, instructor in the department, has charge of the American History courses.

Members of the faculty are considering a plan whereby five courses instead of the usual three may be offered in the summer term. Of these, two would be of graduate character and three of undergraduate rank, no freshmen courses being offered. The plan will probably go into effect in the summer of 1927.

The history department has more than trebled its teaching staff in the past five years. Prof. Roberts, who succeeded Dr. Cockrell as head of the department in 1916, conducted all history courses until 1921, when Prof. Dunlavey entered the department and took over courses in European history. During the year 1922-23 Mrs. Virgie aGrrett occasionally acted as a substitute teacher for Prof. Dunlavey. In 1924 Prof. Hammond was added as a regular teacher and in 1926 Bailey Diffie became a part-time instructor, while completing graduate work.

All the courses offered in history aim to give to the student not only a knowledge and appreciation of history itself, but an ability to judge current events for their true value and to trace and evaluate library sources. A great deal of library work is done in all classes, and in some current magazines are used as supplementary texts. An inter-

THE LADY OF THE TOWER

By PETER BORDONARO
On tender hill, in humble bow,
There dwells a maiden young and frail
Known as The Lady of The Tower
By those who live within this vale;
And many hearts have sung her praise
In never-dying love and lays.

They say she has a charming grace
Which here below is seldom known;
A happy maid you are and sing
Which God has moulded for His own.
Her songs will set your soul on fire
Like songs that come from Eolian lyre.

Through all the lonely hours she sings
Sweet songs of love and of delight;
The joy air with pleasure rings
Repeating thro the silent night:
Because is music all your being—
Because is music all your being—

But many times her songs reveal
A bleeding heart, in sad refrain.
The tones grow low and seem to deal
With broken vows and bitter pain.
A name she calls, what name? what name?
The name that brought of love the flame.

They say the maiden gave her heart
To wand'ring knight in times of yore;
But God had willed them apart
And sent the knight to distant shore.
The mingled tones of joy and pain
Are always heard in her refrain.

They say she never will cease to sing
While far away her lover is;
And at her lyre the trembling string
Shall always touch and never cease.
She sings and plays, now soft, now low,
Then like the storms that thunder go.

They say her lover she never leaves,
And that a spell upon the tower
Was cast by God who so decrees.
But that some day, thro magic power,
The spell shall cease, the knight return,
And thro all time their love shall burn!

Getting away from the ridiculous and pondering on the truth of the affair as it exists we see room for comment on part of both Eds and Co-eds. One should feel that it is done in a spirit of personal interest and not in an attitude of "fault-finding" or "knocking." We might appreciate the remarks made by both elements and realize that interest is all that keeps spirit in the institution.

SKIRTS, SOCKS ARE DISCUSSED

Jarvis Hall is unique in this: She has received a lecture at the hands of the far-famed speaker, Carlos (Jew) Holcomb, who is quite at home in a parlor. The meeting was well attended by the girls of Jarvis Hall, and Mr. Holcomb presided over the assembly while Mrs. Beckham attended as his protector.

"Skirt Lengths of the TCU co-eds" was the topic of discussion and the speaker brought out some worthwhile argument in favor of the lengthening of some skirts, much to the chagrin of the modest damsels present. "Short enough is all right," he stated, "But some of the girls seem not to know what short implies." He said that personal interest among the Eds has prompted like discussions at "parlor meetings" in the boys' dorms.

With a fervor, a simplicity and a force which even Mr. Holcomb could not attain, some maid expounded on the "Dress of the Ed." "They could wear ties, socks, and shoes—rather than house shoes," she added. Herman Clark, Bill Palmer, Blubber Lovvorn, and Blackie Williams were present and added to the discussion with nods, smiles and applause if not with actual speech.

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within the precincts of Jarvis Hall. Grateful for this bit of diversion, once more we repair to our rooms, and to bed, to dream of Santa Claus.

Dear Mr. Editor:

One of our co-eds, greatly inspired by the Peeps, decided to write all her letter in the quaint diction used by Sammy. After spending the week end away from Jarvis, the maid returned and received the following as response to her missive:

"My dear daughter:
"Verily, verily I say unto thee, unless thou ceaseth this proverbial Quaker talk, thou wilt surely be sick and sore I wilt smite thee hip and thigh.

"Selah,
"DADDY."

Before going home for Christmas holidays, get your suit cleaned and pressed at Peter Bros. 913 Houston.



HAD awakened on ye proverbial wrong side of the bed as the result of learning on the previous night that thy humble authoress was "snooty." My already rising wrath was indeed augmented by the frustration of a fondly cherished hope. Mustered up courage to ask for a week end out, and sallied bravely down to present the idea to Mrs. Beckham. She, however, immediately proceedeth to assure me that the length of my drss beith not to her liking. Long and patiently did I hearken to said discourse on short dresses; returned upstairs submissively deciding that this was not the psychological moment of approach.

Classes pass without any excitement or news for the Peeps, until math. That class findeth much amusement in the clever repartee of sheik Jelly Hight. On observing a bothersome lack of attention on that young gallant's part, Prof. Hargett asketh sternly what he thinketh of. Undaunted Jelly basterth to thank him for the compliment.

After luncheon, on strolling over to ye knowledge house with Frances Caldwell, observed a sadly dilapidated creation of Henry Ford, which beareth the inscription "Shake well before starting." Methinks the epitaph suiteth well Mr. Ford. Verily we have in our midst several students of much brightness.

Arrived at ye booking place, was surprised to hear our own Eugenia Carlton state that she desireth the life of Julius Caesar. For reply Mrs. Mothershead answereth: "I'm sorry, dear, but Brutus took it long ago." Who would have thought that the gentle Eugenia could harbor such thoughts of violence? But forsooth we have frequently heard that this fair damsel is inevitably fatal to man unless he be invulnerable.

On ye return trip observed the black eyed maiden Charlotte Housel, bustling hither and yon with great flurry. My companion telleth me that the stately Juniors do plan a buffet supper for which occasion she busieth herself in decorating yon cafeteria.

Returned home once again, I received a call from the beautiful lady Nora Bryant who desireth help on her French. In payment she will "Just love me forever." But at that, methinks it is well worth great effort, and I doubt not that our hero Blackie Williams, hardly agreeth with me on this point.

Hearing great peals of laughter in the hall, we all rush out to discover the cause of such merriment. It is told usethere that Mrs. Ratliff, upon finding Nana Kilpatrick engaged in a game of "sol" innocently desireth to know with whom she is playing.

Study hour arriveth and silence reigneth supreme. At length the silence is broken by a terrific bang and once more we throng the halls. It is discovered by the presiding matron that some daring soul hath ventured to shoot a fire cracker