

THE GHOSTS OF CHRISTMAS PAST

Comes now, for the 92nd time, the wonderful Christmas season to a TCU campus. The celebration of Christ's birth has, of course, special significance for us. And strangely enough, the holiday period has seen an unusual number of crises and major turnings in the school's long story. Since it IS the time of Scrooge's Ghost-of-Christmas-Past, let's hitch a ride to some Yuletides of yesteryear:

During Christmas week of 1873, the Convention of Delegates from the Christian Churches of Texas prepared to meet in Plano. To be considered was a proposal that a new school, started in September by Brothers Addison and Randolph Clark, be "adopted and endorsed as a Christian College." There would be those who would claim that "Add-Ran Male and Female College", as private property, could not be so designated. But when the vote came, on Dec. 30, approval was unanimous.

Few students and no teachers planned to leave the Thorp Spring campus for Christmas in 1881. For as the Catalog clearly stated "parents are requested NOT to encourage their children to return home for Christmas as it is impossible for them to do good work when they lose time from their studies".

Christmas 1889 had a "new look". In September, the Clark family had deeded the 16-year-old-college to the Christian Churches during the convention in Fort Worth. On Oct. 5, a new charter had been approved and by Christmastime, "Add-Ran Christian University" was in full operation with with its first Board of Trustees and an ambitious plan to raise an endowment of \$100,000.

On Dec. 22, the 270 students of "Add-Ran" left the Thorp Spring campus for the 1885 holiday-NEVER TO RETURN. On Nov. 23, the Trustees passed a resolution that when the recess ended Jan. 1, 1896, those who had gone home for the holiday would re-assemble on the new campus in Waco. On Christmas Eve, a company of about 100 professors, families and students "marched in procession down the streets of Waco, to the welcome cheering of fair-sized crowds who looked up from their shopping to view with curiosity and interest the pilgrimage from country to town" of the 22-year-old institution.

At Christmastide 1902, the campus buzzed over the school's new name: Texas Christian University. As early as 1895 at Thorp Spring, the Trustees had voted the change but within a few hours had re-convened to reverse the decision. At that time, a proposal that it be called "Addison Clark University" had died for want of a second and a motion to make it "Clark University" had passed—but lack of a quorum made it unofficial. The 1902 action came without discussion or

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dissent but the very next motion passed by the Board named the College of Arts and Sciences "Add-Ran", after the Founding Fathers. And so it remains to this day.

At Christmas time, 1910, no students left "campus" since the University didn't have one. In the Spring, the main building at Waco had burned leaving the 37-year-old-school without a home and deeply in debt. After considering bids from several Texas cities (including Dallas where SMU would not be founded for four more years), the Board accepted Fort Worth's offer of a 50-acre campus, \$200,000 in money and assurances of city utilities and street carline connections. So no time would be lost, classes for the Fall semester were held in buildings downtown near the County Courthouse-some of which are still standing. So when Christmas came, the student body had only to walk downstairs to be "off campus". Meanwhile, rush work had been started on the Administration Building (now Reed Hall), Jarvis and Goode Halls.

Christmas 1932, in the depth of the depression, was one of the darkest of the 92. The faculty pay-roll for June was not paid until October. Salary cuts of 43 per cent had been announced; teachers devised a "pool plan" under which they all received the same salaries for the summer months. Leaders like Pres. E. M. Waits, Dean Colby D. Hall and Business Manager Pete Wright took no salaries at all for several months. As Christmas came, about the only ray of cheer was the fact that the Frog football team was swept to the SW Conference title, beating all other members for the first time in history.

As the Joyous Season approached in 1941, the gloom of Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7 hung over campus. The football team, with a fine 7-2-1 record, left for Miami to play Georgia U. in the Orange Bowl.

Many of the fine young men who took the field were already members of the Armed Forces. Some of them would never return. And holding the post of responsibility as new President of TCU was an energetic young man in his early 40's named M. E. Sadler. So crushing were his duties in the war years, he would never be officially inaugurated as the University's sixth chief executive.

And so, through good times and bad, in the early years and late, Christmas has come to campus. With awareness of its deeper meaning, with ever-growing faith, let us welcome it for the 92nd time. Ye Ole Bulletin joyfully joins the chorus to wish you every one a MERRY XMAS, HAPPY NEW YEAR:

MABEL MAJOR WINS OUR 2ND PIPER AWARD

That was wonderful news indeed this week that Dr. Mabel Major has been named a "Piper Professor of 1964". As you'll recall, 10 of Texas' most outstanding college teachers are so chosen each year and receive honoraria of \$1,000 each from the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation of San Antonio. We had a quick winner when the program was started in 1959 when Dr. A. T. DeGroot was among the first group chosen.

Surely no one deserves the honor more than "Miss Mabel". From 1919 until she became Emeritus Professor of English in 1963, she had a profound effect on every generation of TCU students. Her literary scholarship and enthusiasm for creative writing inspired everyone she met. As Visiting Professor at Baylor these last two years, she has started a strong program in Literature of the Southwest. We all rejoice with her over this new and most appropriate recognition. (And she'll always be "ours", no matter where she's teaching or working!)

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WINTER ISSUE OF "T,C,U." IS KNOCKOUT

In festive dress and just off the presses, the Winter issue of our official magazine "This Is TCU" is indeed a beauty. Editor Betty Knox and Art Director Jim Lehman have really outdone themselves. Hope you'll get a copy soon.

Starting with a striking poem by Becky Gardner (Class of '68), it moves into well-done articles on the Collegiate Educational Service Corps, the Mills Collection, the new Neeley Center for research on the Perceptually Handicapped, the growth of our campus since 1911 (with a fine new aerial photo of the new dorm complex on Worth Hills), features on Dr. Sadler's Newcomen Dinner, Dr. Hans Rosenhaupt's Fall Convocation speech and student campus elections. Mighty interesting reading indeed. A top professional job.

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OLE SANTA--WITH CHECKS--DUE MONDAY

Forget not that our December paychecks will be ready in the Business Office Monday--thanks to our people in charge of such things who know we need \$\$\$ for the holidays. But remember too the next "distribution" is not until Jan. 27 at mid-semester. A word to the wise.

BIG CAREER CONFERENCE ON JAN. 29

From the looks of things, our 12th annual Citizenship & Career Conference will be really BIG. So far, 1,247 seniors from 27 high schools of the North Texas area have "signed up" and there's every reason to believe the final figger will pass 1,500. Hope every one concerned in this annual event will be completing their plans soon.

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FACULTY CENTER PARTY TUESDAY

Next Tuesday, Dec. 22, all faculty and staff folks are cordially invited to come and bring their secretaries for coffee and cookies in Faculty Center (all day). 'Tis the Center's way of saying "Merry Christmas to All", according to Ina Rivers Jarman. See thee there.

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OFFICIAL ABSENCES

The following students were absent from campus <u>ALL DAY, WEDNESDAY</u>, <u>THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, DEC. 2,3,4</u> in order to attend national convention of Sigma Delta Chi in Kansas City; they were sent as TCU delegate and alternate from the undergraduate chapter here:

Kenneth G. Ulrich

Benny L. Hudson

The following students were absent from classes from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, in order to participate in an advertising field trip:

Shirley Cox James Garner Gerry Goodman Richard Greene Sandra Hawk John Lamond Randy Reece David Sturgiss

The following students were absent from 9:30 a.m. classes, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, in order to prepare for the presentation of the Christmas Convocation play, "A Child Is Born":

Susan Mix
Eugene Ogrod
Mildred Eppes
Marcy Baez

Sally Anthony Gail Kassing David Turner Larry Oliver Tom Whitaker Bill Sap Cathy Heiser

A total of 35 students were absent from classes after 10:00 a.m.FRIDAY DECEMBER 18 in order to travel to Austin to present two performances of "Murder in the Cathedral" for the Wesley Foundation at the Univ. Of Texas. Names of students are available in the office of VC for Student Life, Dr. L. C. Smith.

"PROJECTION '65" SET FOR JAN. 7

Foreign news correspondents for NBC will be presented Jan. 7 at 8 p.m. in Will Rogers Memorial Auditorium under the cosponsorship of TCU and WBAP AM-FM-TV. Each of the newsmen, returning to the U.S. for appearance including a one-hour color cast Dec. 29 on TV, will present a report of conditions in his area and a forecast for 1965.

Correspondents will include Joseph C. Harsch, London; Bernard Frizell, Paris; Welles Hangen, Germany; Irving R. Levine, Rome; Frank Bourgholtzer, Moscow; James Robinson, Hong Kong; Tom Streithorst, Rio de Janeiro; Dean Brelis, Beirut and Robert Goralski, Washington. Elie Abel will be the moderator.

Tickets, \$1 each for reserved seats in the lower floor, right center section, are on sale on campus at the Student Center Information Desk and from the departments of journalism, Radio-TV, government and public relations.

Make gift to ANN GOSSMAN \$\$\$ \$\$\$ \$\$\$

HOUSE FOR SALE:

Ralph Guenther is offering his home for sale at 4725 Staples in South Hills. It has 2000 sq. ft. space, including 3 bedrooms, 1½ baths; features a 40-foot long den with fire place and screened patio. Call him at WA7-0152.

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NOTES ON FOLKS AT YULETIDE

Old Friend <u>BURL CROUCH</u> called to check on the state of things and to pass on this good "sayin'" from Shannon Fife: "For every schoolboy with a spark of genius, there are a dozen with ignition trouble!"

DON WORCESTER, MARGUERITE POTTER and NEVIN NEAL attended the meeting of the Southern Historical Society in Little Rock recently. Marguerite chaired the committee that awarded the prize for the best seminar paper on European History and Nevin gave a paper, "Senator Joe T. Robinson and Arkansas Politics in the 1930's".

GEORGE REEVES was in N.Y. last weekend to attend a meeting of college and university folks concerned with programs similar to our Select Series. He planned to catch a few Broadway shows before the session opened.

MORE YULETIDE NOTES

Dean <u>LUCY HARRIS</u> has also been in N.Y. for a professional meeting. Hope she found time to chat with Ole Santa up in the frozen north country.

JIM JACOBSEN, kinetic director of bands, will serve as the only judge of high school bands in the Bluebonnet Bowl in Houston Saturday. In pre-game events, he'll conduct the massed bands. The show may be seen on the CBS TV network. Recently Jim judged band events in Wichita Falls and Lubbock, attended the College Band Directors National Assn. meeting in Phoenix. In May, he'll be the only Texan to help judge the Six Flags Over Texas Festival which will involve loo groups from several states. That boy is BUSY.

Congrats to <u>ELVIRA HARRIS</u>. On Dec. 9, a grandson was born to son Charles and his wife in Austin. The new arrival was named after his two grandfathers. It's a "second" for Elvira--a grandson having been born to her daughter here some time ago.

Xmas gift to ANN GOSSMAN! Her article, "The Tree of Life in Milton's Paradise Lost", has been accepted for publication in the Journal of English and Germanic Philology. Fine work.

Reprints of two articles by TCU chemists have come from the presses. "The Modified Kaluza Synthesis, III. The Synthesis of some Aromatic Isothiocyanates" is by JOE HODGKINS and W. Preston Reeves of ASC and is reprinted from the Journal of Organic Chemistry. "Stereochemistry of the Reaction of Benzal Chloride with Olefins" by DR. HODGKINS, JAMES D. WOODYARD and DANNY STEPHENSON is from the Journal of the American Chemical Society.

Our thanks to <u>JEROME MOORE</u> for a copy of the College of the Bible Bulletin (Lexington, Ky.) announcing that TCU Grad <u>W. A. WELSH</u> becomes president Jan. 1. Ex Jack Sherley and former Brite Professor Bill Reed are members of the 17-man faculty; Grads Ralph Alexander, Lucille and Marvin Silliman are members of the student body.

LEW FAY of Journalism will have a "working holiday". He and wife Betty plan to spend some time in Mexico on a combination vacation and free-lance writing assignment. Bet they have fun.

Didja see where <u>ROY CATES</u>, class of '50, has been named director of Men's Work and Annual Assembly of the Texas Assn. of Christian Churches? He's a top hand. <u>S. W. HUTTON</u>, TCU Registrar Emeritus Who has handled the TACC Assembly the past 10 years, will retire from active service June 30.

MORE YULETIDE NOTES

WAYNE ROWLAND has been re-appointed to the editorial board of the Journalism Educator, quarterly of the American Society of Journalism School Administrators. At the recent meeting of sigma Delta Chi in K.C., Wayne was named to the committee on undergrad affairs. Also attending the session was WARREN AGEE who was national executive officer for the journalistic society before returning here as Dean of E.C. Incidentally, he was succeeded by another TCU journalism Ex, Russell Hurst.

KARL RICHARDS of Art has been named associate editor of "Texas Trends".

RICHARD SMITH is serving on the Alumni Self-Study Committee for his alma mater, Austin College.

JIM BURTON of Music has really been busy of late. In addition to taking part in the Fort Worth Opera and Symphony Assn. programs, he performed on the bassoon at the Kennedy Ballet Program in Dallas Symphony programs on Dec. 7-14.

<u>JACK SUGGS</u>, Brite's brilliant young New Testament scholar, faces a busy holiday. He'll be in N.Y, from Dec.28-Jan. 1 to attend the overlapping meetings of the Society of Biblical Literature, the American Schools of Oriental Research, American Textual Criticism Seminar and the Academy of Religion. He is a member of the Council of SBL and of the executive committee of the International Greek New Testament Project for which he is chairman of the Section on Patristics.

ELMER HENSON visited Northwest Christian College and Chapman College on a recent "recruiting trip" and winds up his preholiday touring in St. Louis for a session of the Christian Board.

Congrats to <u>CHARLES KEMP</u>. Our Distinguished Prof of Pastoral Care has been named to teach a course at the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary during Spring semester. He'll be flown to and from Austin one day each week. Quite an honor to be so selected by another Seminary.

A. T. DeGROOT was in Chicago last week for a meeting of church unity leaders sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews.