

# Merry Christmas....

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### Under The Maples

With the Editor

With a minus three hours to deadline, ye editor set out on a search for exchange students. Purpose of mission: insight into other Christmas customs.

"Our Christmas candles are warm and friendly—more personal than your lights," noted Doris Neff, of Germany, as she was cornered in the Snack Shop entrance. "Your decorations look so artificial."

Doris countered the editor's objections by stating, "I have heard that there are more accidents with lights than candles."

"I was very curious to see all the American Christmas trees so soon," she continued. In Germany children

### EXAM FLASH

See page three of this issue for the complete official schedule of semester exams as released by the dean's office.

are not allowed to see the tree before Christmas eve. "Our gifts come from the Christ Child instead of Santa Claus," she added. "We visualize the Christ Child as an angel with wings and long curls."

Christmas trees are not the tradition in his home in India, said Paul Verghese when stopped in the library. "The Thomas Church has no particular customs," he noted, although he did mention a three-dimensional star with a candle burning inside.

Even gifts are missing in Paul's region. "But we do have good food," he pointed out. "In Ethiopia there were ten kinds of well-spiced meat."

In Ethiopia, where Paul taught school, one peculiar custom is the playing of "Genna," an ancient type of hockey. In this sport branches of trees and a wooden ball are used. Genna is played only during the Christmas season.

Strange as these customs may seem, they are refreshing after the commercialism of American Yuletide seasons.

## Christmas Festivities Share Spotlight As Yuletide Holiday Season Nears

### Annual Christmas Party Planned for Union Tonight

The 1950 Christmas Party, last all-school social affair before the holidays, will begin this evening at 8:00 in College Union, Miss Edith Herr has announced.

Christmas games and carol-singing will provide much of the entertainment. The singing will be led by Dwight Weldy.

Party-goers will have a choice of activities during the early part of the evening. There will be table games in the women's gym, larger group games in the men's gym and, if the weather permits, snow activities on the campus grounds.

Refreshments will be served continuously in the Union lounge, where Christmas music will be played.

At 9:30 the group will assemble in the women's gym to sing Christmas carols and to hear S. C. Yoder read the Christmas story.

The party is being planned by the athletic department under the direction of Miss Herr and Roman Gingerich with the assistance of the YPCA Social Committee. The planning committee has extended an invitation to all students and faculty members to attend this event.

Miss Herr states that "everyone is invited to come and to join into the Christmas spirit of the party."

### MRF Plans Book On Relief History

With the addition of G. F. Hershberger to the Mennonite Research Foundation as research staff associate, this organization is launching an enlarged program of activity. Dr. Hershberger is beginning a book on the history of the relief work of the Mennonite Church.

"This study," declares Melvin Gingerich, director of the research foundation, "will have a wide reader appeal to the many hundreds of persons who have participated directly in relief work as well as the tens of thousands who have contributed to relief treasuries."

Dr. Gingerich is conducting an analysis of the Mennonite family census directed towards comparing the size of present-day Mennonite families to those of the two previous generations.

### YPCA Sponsors Christmas Chimes

As "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" floated out over the air Wednesday evening a new Christmas season feature started on the GC campus. Each evening until Christmas old familiar carols will be played from 6:00 to 6:15 over the chime-tower amplifier.

Special equipment has been installed to improve the tone quality of the system.

This observance of the Christmas spirit is sponsored by the YPCA Service Committee in cooperation with the Audio-Visual Department, which is paying for the records and has charge of playing them.

### 150-Voice Choir to Sing Messiah Sunday Afternoon

Professor Walter Yoder, head of the GC music department, will direct the 15th annual rendition of Handel's Messiah to be given Sunday, December 17, at 3:00 p. m. in College Union auditorium by a 150-voice chorus.

This year's program will constitute a revival of the custom of presenting the Messiah during the Christmas season. Last year it was given as a part of the commencement activities.

For several years during the war men from the surrounding community were used to balance the choir. This year, however, the 150-voice choir is composed entirely of Goshen College students.

The soloists for the occasion, all students in the music curriculum, are soprano Esther Musselman, alto Carol Hosteter, tenor Lowell Byler, and bass Paul Marvin Yoder.

Esther and Paul are well known to the Goshen audience as they have sung solo parts in previous years. Carol, a junior, is a newcomer as Messiah soloist. Byler, a return soloist, studied at Northwestern last year.

Piano accompaniment will be provided by Miriam Byler, Kathryn Sommers and John Weber.

The program is to be made up of the entire first section of the oratorio, sometimes referred to as the Christmas section, and excerpts from parts two and three.

The Messiah was presented to overflow crowds in the old gymnasium prior to last year.

When Handel conducted the first performance, the king was so moved by the Hallelujah Chorus that he rose to his feet, a tradition which has been repeated in successive performances.

### Goshen Rounds Held In Interstate Oratory

Goshen's entrants in the 1951 Interstate Oratorical Contest were selected in a preliminary round of competition this afternoon, Roy Umble has announced.

Pat Lerch, Margaret Meyer and Vernelle Yoder were entered in the women's division of the preliminaries, while LeRoy Kennel, Fred Speckeen, and Bob Hershberger spoke in the men's section.

The Indiana finals of this contest will be held on the GC campus next February 9.

The Interstate Oratorical Association, sponsor of the contest, is composed of colleges in 13 central states. This event is commonly called the "Old Line" oratorical contest.

### Calendar

Friday, Dec. 15 — All-School Christmas Party.  
Saturday, Dec. 16 — Adelpian-Vesperian Social.  
Monday, Dec. 18 — 7:00, Music Club, Science Club.  
Wednesday, Dec. 20 — 11:40 a. m., Christmas Vacation begins.  
Wednesday, Jan. 3 — 12:35 p. m., Classes resume.  
Monday, Jan. 8 — 7:00, Peace Society, Christopher Dock Club.  
Thursday, Jan. 11 — 8:00, Norman Thomas.  
Friday, Jan. 12 — Next issue of the Record.

### Weekend Unit To Work in Chi

A YPCA sponsored voluntary service unit of twelve GC students is working in Chicago this weekend.

The group, which will have its headquarters at the Mennonite Home Mission, includes: J. B. Shenk as leader, Don Snapp, Jesse Yoder, Edward Herr, Adele Haddad, Mary Ann Hostetter, Lois Meyer, Ruth Eigsti, George Mark, Willard Albrecht, Donna Gerber and Ellen Jennings.

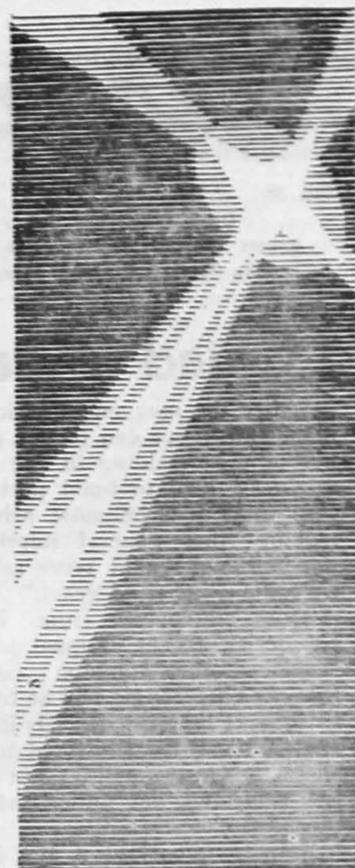
Leaving the campus this afternoon, the unit will arrive in Chicago in time to become settled in their living quarters. Saturday is to be spent in cleaning and painting at one or more of the three Mennonite missions in Chicago. Sunday, following services at the mission, the unit will return to the campus.

This pioneer venture is termed "the first concrete evidence of discussion and planning by a group of interested students with previous voluntary service experience." John Oyer, chairman of the Extension Committee has been instrumental in promoting it.

It is hoped that on the basis of this pilot unit an expanding program of week-end voluntary service for GC students can be built. Plans for undertaking local projects are also being considered. Expansion of the program will depend on working out administrative details.

### Late News Breaks

- The student body extends its sympathy to Janice Roth, whose mother, Mrs. Joe Roth, died of burns day before yesterday at her home in Stryker, Ohio. Janice was home at the time of death.
- Dwight Weldy will be tenor soloist in a rendition of Handel's Messiah on December 17 at Bluffton College, Ohio. The Bluffton chamber orchestra will participate in the presentation.
- The department of public relations has announced that an itinerary is being arranged for a tour of the A Cappella chorus through Michigan, Ontario, New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio from March 28 to April 2.



### Lecture Series Gets Thomas

Norman Thomas, six-time socialist candidate for the Presidency, will speak in the Union Auditorium on January 11 at 8 p. m. as the fifth number on this year's Lecture-Music series.

Mr. Thomas, long active in movements for peace and human rights, is a graduate of Princeton University and Union Theological Seminary. While serving as a pastor in New York during World War I, he took a definite anti-war stand.

In World War II, Thomas actively fought for a peace based on the cooperation of free peoples and rejection both of vengeance and imperialism. Since then he has campaigned for world disarmament, with international control and inspection, against both get-tough imperialism and appeasement of Russia.

### Itineraries Planned For Gospel Teams

During Christmas vacation three Gospel teams will tour under sponsorship of the Extension Committee of the YPCA.

The community near Manitoba, Canada, is the destination of a team leaving today. Speakers in this group are Harvey Toews, Bill Klassen, and Chet Raber. The Excelsior quartet, composed of Leonard Hurst, Bob Smith, Jim Brownsberger, and Jim Greiner completes this team.

Another group will visit congregations in the Middle West. Richard Burkholder is the speaker for this team, which includes LeRoy Kennel, Wayne North, Don Driver, and Clyde Landes as quartet members. This tour will take place after Christmas. For their complete itinerary, see page three.

In addition to these two teams, a religious survey group consisting of Naomi Kauffman, Mary Jo Bontrager, Dave Mann, and Ray Troyer will work in the mission at Lima.

### Gradual Recovery Shown by Smoker

"I'm feeling stronger daily, being able to breathe 13 minutes outside the lung at a time," said Bill Smoker, in an exclusive Record interview. "My doctor feels that within my body a miracle is brewing and due to surface suddenly."

Bill, a former student who was stricken with polio last August, is now placed in a portable lung for several hours a day. This apparatus covers only the chest and permits him to be on a bed.

# See You in January!

## What Motive?

Christmas 1950. Our thoughts immediately turn to vacation days, our families, old friends and all the other festive wrappings that make the Christmas holidays.

The world will also be celebrating. It is a pessimistic world. Fear that stalks everyone is temporarily shoved to the background in a round of feverish celebrations. Celebrations of what?

Magazines pour out ideas showing us how to decorate our houses. Pages bristle with suggestions for gifts. Greeting cards are sent but not one word is said about the origin. . . .

Two thousand years ago two weary people trudged long miles toward an oriental city to be taxed. There a baby was born. A birth that shot a ray of hope and love down through twenty centuries. A birth that redeemed us. Are we as Christian optimists reflecting this love and hope in today's chaos? S

## Quad Again

"After the men move back to Coffman Hall, if we can reduce the number of men residing in the Quad, it might be well to build partitions so that there will be more privacy. By making other general improvements the building should serve satisfactorily for a number of years."

This statement from President Kreider's recent annual report squelches the common assumption that the Quadrangle will be torn down as soon as the new dorm is in service. GC men may be subjected to the inadequate Quad facilities not for just two semesters but for an indefinitely extended time.

Equally important is the fact that the space in Coffman will go first toward reducing the number of men in private homes rather than toward making the Quad less crowded.

The Record feels that its responsibility to the student body requires opposition to this plan. This was the concern of our previous editorial, although many Quad men have not realized that it was written largely on their behalf.

We aren't attacking the character of Quad men. We do say, however, that their character could develop better among better surroundings.

We still contend firmly that the Quad's inferior housing should not be continued longer than is absolutely necessary. RH

## Quad Controversy, Spending, in Editor's Mail

Dear Editor:

. . . A few weeks ago about 132 of our students, including many of my best friends, went to the Purdue-Northwestern football game at Lafayette. I was urged also to go, and probably would have if I had had more money and could have spared the time.

I understand that the tickets for this game cost \$3.60, transportation per person about \$2.00, which together would bring the total cost per person to at least \$5.60. Now by non-advanced mathematics it can be shown that the total amount spent by Goshen College students to see this game amounted to nearly \$750.

Perhaps these statistics do not prove anything, but at least they ought to make each of us stop and think. It seems to be an awful amount to spend for commercialized entertainment. . . . Perhaps we both here in school and in our home ought to ask ourselves what Christ meant when He talked about self-denial. . . . We like to talk about the concept of Christian stewardship of time, money and talents, but all of us, all too often, fail to see the many far-reaching ramifications of such a concept carried to its logical conclusions.

Ben Kenagy

P. S. Perhaps this is straining at a gnat when in many areas of the church we are swallowing camels—such as buying farm after farm or new cars while the Mission Board goes begging.

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## There is a Hope

It was a cold crisp night in Palestine almost two thousand years ago. The sky was clear, and the stars shone brightly above the calmness of Bethlehem. It was a beautiful evening, so full of peace and serenity. The villagers slept silently through the night. Yet during that night a great event was taking place.

It was a humble scene—that family in the stable with their new-born babe in the manger. Yet permeating the scene was a radiant glow. Jesus Christ had come into

the world to reign as Prince of Peace.

The angels sang to the shepherds, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth good will to men." The wise men followed the star to bring gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. But the world slept silently on.

Almost two thousand years have passed since this great event occurred, and the world has been rudely awakened by wars and cries of war. Atomic explosions echo fearfully across the world. Man shudders at his own inventions, man, blinded by the bright self-made problems.

Yet amid this chaos the mellow church chimes ring clearly through the cold crisp air, as the angels had sung so long ago, announcing the birth of the Prince of Peace.

Often that humble scene is again portrayed quietly in commemoration of the great event. Choruses sing praises unto God, offering still the hope of ages past. "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Yes, there is a hope; there is a peace that God alone can give to our chaotic world, if we will only believe.

—Julia King



Recently a committee of faculty members discussed the advisability of making a summer in voluntary service work a requirement for graduation. Would you be in favor of such a requirement?

Naomi Kauffman '54: I think the idea behind it is very commendable, but I don't believe some people could afford it. It would take away the voluntary aspect of service units.

Ernest Hostettler, '53: No. I don't think it should be a requirement. It would be good for everyone to do it, but it shouldn't be required.

Annabelle Conrad '54: I think it would be a good idea. It would be a good experience for anyone.

Bernard Thiessen '52: I would say definitely no because I feel voluntary service puts too much stress on the physical and very little on the spiritual.

Gerry Landis '53: No. It is an excellent suggestion for most of us, but there are practical exceptions for some of us—therefore, to continue it on a voluntary basis would be a better approach.

Harry Gerber '54: I think that since our motto is "Culture for Service," it would be a good thing.

Gladys Zimmerman, '51: It may be a good idea to have actual experience in some field as a requirement for graduation; but then it couldn't be called voluntary service any more.

Ben Nase '54: My main objection to the question is the time which it would take during the summer, because some people have jobs waiting for them. But I think it would be a good experience if you can afford it.

Gerrit Veendorp '51: Well, as soon as you get the idea that it's a requirement, then the fun goes out of it.

Glenn Musselman '51: I think it would be a good idea, but maybe they could cut down the tuition a little bit too.

Justine Miller '50: Can voluntary service ever be made a requirement? I'd say no, although I do think more students should have the opportunity of serving in this way.

John Smoker '52: No. Compulsory service would destroy the voluntary spirit which to me is of far greater value than service itself. I certainly urge all to consider a summer of service, having found it a gratifying medium of Christian expression.

## White and Green

Perhaps you dream of the white Christmas everyone sings about, with snow in deep, high-piled drifts, ice-skating, sleighing; eaves hung with long lines of glittering stalactites; children stamping into the house for hot chocolate after romping and tumbling in the fluffy drifts; Christmas dinner of goose and baked potatoes, mince pie and steamed pudding; listening to The Messiah on the radio while outside it storms and freezes and the snow swirls and deepens.

Or perhaps your dreams of Christmas anticipate cedar and long-needle pine, holly and mistletoe, blue sky and bright sunshine;

ham and oyster dressing and candied sweet potatoes, apples and pecans by the bushel basket; coffee and fruitcake after hours of Christmas caroling; hordes of uncles and cousins and aunts filling the house with reminiscences and music and laughter; a lazy after-dinner nap in a deep easy-chair amidst scattered gift-wrappings; a colored choir singing Go Tell It On the Mountain.

But whether yours is a Christmas green or white; whether you sing carols from a sleigh or a farm wagon; whether your Christmas dinner is goose and brown gravy or ham and hot biscuits . . . . Wherever you may be—Merry Christmas!

—Lois V. Shenk

## The Innkeeper

Yon host we charge with cold indifference,  
 And heap on him the whole of our disdain;  
 We count it sin of highest magnitude  
 To spurn the tender Mother of our Lord.

And still, with pagan tree and tinsel gift  
 We yearly laud the advent of the Child;  
 We shun the strong, soft light of love,  
 Which comes  
 To pierce into and warm our own cold steel.

—John S. Oyer

Dear Editor:

In a recent letter to the editor, Inmate No. 37 questioned the intelligence of those who protested the recent Quad editorial. I would like to return the compliment and question his intelligence in listening to the discussion here.

I helped take the so-called document of abuse through the Quad, and I failed to see anyone sign it who didn't know what it said. That is a protest of many objectors, not mob psychology.

We are not "opponents to a drive for better living conditions" as he claims. We do not defend the Quad as a structure. But we do defend the Quad as the home of more than 80 fellows. Fellows are going to have to live here under these conditions for at least two more semesters, and we're just hardheaded enough to keep busy trying to improve the spirit of the Quad and leave the replacement of the Quad to the administration, who realizes the problem.

Inmate No. 37 asked that his name be withheld. I hereby offer to defend my views in a public or private discussion at any convenient time.

Richard Miller

Dear Editor:

I sincerely believe that there was no intent of malice against Quad residents in the editorial. I give you credit for meaning to write in the interests of better housing for GC men. However, the approach was a distinct error in judgment. You cannot term our dorm a failure and a "factory of mob psychology" without seeming to besmirch the character of those who live there. The Quad is not "walls—an inch of rotting wall board—medieval armor plate cold as the ice against it." It is more than 80 men, your fellow students, sensitive individuals asking to be treated as normal humans.

The hard-headed fact is that more than 80 of us will need to live here for at least two semesters after today. It is a poor time to admit defeat.

My main purpose is to score the prevalent type of campus mentality so perfectly illustrated in your editorial. Quick to claim the right to analyze, criticize, and point the accusing finger, it never asks the humble practical question—"what is my responsibility."

In this as in any other campus problem we are not fit critics until we are committed to becoming identified with the need . . . at the cost of self-sacrifice. Our tiny campus is too small for impersonal armchair strategy.

J. B. Shenk

## Crisp and Sharp

Crisp and sharp  
 The December chill cut as a knife.  
 The deep quiet of the dark  
 Was disturbed only by  
 The gathering blanket of pale snow.

Candles shone in wreathed windows;  
 Trees blinked with festive gaiety.  
 I walked slowly through the night  
 Sensing the peace of the season.  
 I was glad for Christmas.

—Rebecca Sprunger



by Jane Swartzentruber

Last week, while I was on my way to the Adelphian-Vesperian Public Program, a disturbing question came into my mind. How much time and effort should we spend on this sort of thing? Is it going to be just one more entertaining activity, leaving us later with the old another-evening-shot feeling? Or will it be a dose of soothing syrup to pacify our 20th-century ulcers? If so, we had better leave our radios off or the effect will be painfully short-lived. Perhaps this attitude was the bad result of your columnist's having heard too many news broadcasts, or maybe it was really justifiable.

At any rate my mental mechanism was having a hard time trying to juggle the A-bomb, Truman-Atlee conference and the 38th parallel to fit in the A-V program. I'm afraid the attempt would have ended in dismal failure if the program had not been such a remarkable surprise. Its primary concern was nothing less than the very problem central in this whole tragic world of bleating radios and thin, hopeless voices: ". . . man's gradual but continual wandering from the source of power and righteousness." Or, as we might be more likely to put it, the conflict between man's path and the will of God. And its solution was not aspirin, but major surgery. "Out of the chaos and confusion of wandering, however, comes the finale as an affirmation of praise to God, the only true power"; a redemptive turning to the Light.

The method of presentation was the program's most unique aspect. Modern problems require a modern solution. This does not involve a change in the Truth, but a fresh and challenging statement of it. By using the modern medium as much as possible, the expression was more nearly conformed to the student's actual experience, and thus with greater possibility for becoming a reality to him.

Another, closely connected virtue was the opportunity for varied types of expression, through the use of many media. The beautiful and refreshing symbolism of the pantomime, and the experiment in choral reading both offered new areas for us to explore. The chorus, in the more familiar territory of song, did a masterful job of complementing the action, with near perfection of coordination.

Of course it wasn't perfect, but the little incidents of roughness were overshadowed by many virtues, both of intent and of execution. One left the performance with the feeling that something had been said and said sincerely. I feel that this was a type of program for which the college should be grateful and which it should encourage in the future.

## Prof Converts Barn Into Residence; Students Fellowship Among Antiques

By Mildred Graber

'Twas a great day in history when the C. J. Gunden barn gave up its name, place, and function for the sake of a higher calling.

Four years ago, after Paul Bender had purchased the final load of hay from its mow, this barn was moved from its foundation, where now stands the Leland Bachman home, to a new location several blocks west. Here the old landmark accepted a very unobtrusive place among the trees of the woods and the title of Fliederhof, better understood by us as Lillac Yard.

With an optimistic imagination for creating a palace out of a barn, biology professor Alta Schrock, as the new owner, supervised the remodeling operations. The first inhabitants—Miss Schrock, her sister Elnora, and Ruth E. Yoder—set to work on the cleaning with mop and broom.

When the carpentry work was completed, the cow stable had become the front door region of the house. The horse stable had been converted into a kitchen, the granary was now a bathroom, the large, high space for truck and tractor had been made into the library and living room, and the sliding front doors had become bay windows at the rear of the house.

The large sunken fireplace, built in the living room of the house became the center of "Fliederhofian" activity. Dr. Schrock considers a sunken fireplace the very best type because "it heats better, sparks do not fly out, and dirt can be swept in." Also "you can sit down in it to meditate, roast marshmallows, and warm your toes."

A mixture in style of the pioneer period, Pennsylvania Dutch, and just plain nature is used in Fliederhof, and the only new things found between its walls are the bathroom fixtures, the furnace, and a radio-phonograph.

An old organ donated by H. S. Bender, several antique clocks, an iron teakettle marked 1862, a spinning wheel made by the great-great-grandfather of Miss Schrock—these are only a few of the quaint fur-



The task of representing key points in the history of mankind from creation to the atomic bomb reduced itself to a problem of ohms, watts and amps for the electricians of the Adelpian-Vesperian public program.

The public, who received the lighting primarily as marginal impressions, missed that backstage control center which might be compared to a mad scientist's laboratory. Here, just to the left of the stage, the 35 lighting cues were picked up.

The principal stage lighting was furnished by red and blue footlights, and seven white spots. Most of the spotlights were arranged in circuits with variable resistances to dim the stage completely, or in various areas. Each group of lights was supplied with a heavy rheostat for dimming, and a protective resistance to prevent overheating.

From the control center an eight-wire cable led to the pairs of spotlights on the basketball goals. Each of the spots was a Colonel Stoenagle arrangement of rods, clamps and wire appropriated from the physics laboratory. The focusing tubes, long strips of steel rolled up spirally made lenses unnecessary.

Although each circuit was carefully calculated to prevent overloading, a special assistant stood by "just in case." Fortunately, however, the only casualty was a projector spot which had already served its purpose in lighting the cosmic symbols.

Although the permanent lighting facilities of College Union auditorium made the wiring in this system much more difficult than the average layman would imagine, the setup was much easier to take down than to construct.

nishings to be seen.

This year living in the unique barn-shaped building are three Schrock sisters—Alta, Ada, and Evelyn. But in addition to its function as a Schrock abode, Fliederhof is a "home away from home" for Goshen College students. It is the frequent scene of group gatherings for discussions, hymn sings, poetry reading, music, or informal fellowship. And here is found the simple life—and hospitality in abundance.

### Debaters Prepare For Purdue Meet

The novice debate tournament at Purdue University on February 3 is the current center of attention for freshman debaters. For them, this tournament will be the climax of their first year of participation in intercollegiate debate.

At two informal practice debates, Richard Miller, Leon Schlatter, Nancy McCloughen, and Mary Ellen Yoder tried for positions on the negative team. Those trying out for the affirmative team were James Christophel and Mary Ann Risser. Other members of the freshman squad include David E. Yoder, Max Weaver, and Omar Lantz.

### Gospel Team Itineraries

December 27, evening, West Liberty Church, near Conway, Kansas.

December 28, (tentative), Salem Church, near Shickley, Nebraska.

December 29, evening, East Fairview Church, near Milford, Nebraska.

December 30, evening, Iowa City Mission.

December 31, morning, Peoria Mission, Peoria, Illinois.

December 31, evening, Morrison Church, Morrison, Illinois.

January 1, evening, Bethel Mennonite Church, Chicago, Illinois.

January 2, evening, Mexican Mission, Chicago, Illinois.

### Darkroom Supplied For Camera Fans

The Camera Clique, long hampered by lack of darkroom facilities, has come a step nearer the solution. Arrangements have been made with the Physics Department and the Registrar's office to use the darkroom in the basement of Science Hall.

## Former MCC Worker Wilbert Lind Relates Life Under Communist Regime

"I waited through 24 hours of heavy artillery bombardment when the Red Army captured Shanghai in May, 1949," stated Wilbert Lind in a recent interview. "However, no foreigners lost their lives in this battle."

Wilbert, now a Goshen College student, was one of a group of MCC relief workers in Shanghai, China, when the Chinese communists took over that teeming city of four million people. "The city was taken without looting by the communists," he commented.

"One of the immediate results of the capture was the disappearance of motor vehicles," he stated. "The gasoline shortage became serious soon after the fall of the city."

The blockade established by the Nationalist forces after the capture prevented the shipment of any goods to Shanghai. "We received no mail or supplies during the six months. We stayed after the fall."

Wilbert and his group were allowed to leave the city six months after the surrender. "The communists demanded that all work be done through the Red Army, making it difficult to continue relief work,"

he related.

Wilbert asserted that "The peasant classes hoped the communist regime would be fairer than the corrupt nationalist government. When I left, however, about 80% of the people are opposed to the communist government," he estimated. "In some localities armed rebellions have occurred," he added.

"Under the new government the foreigner is always wrong," he observed. In one case two Russians paid heavy fines for snuffing two beggar boys. In my dealings with communist officials I was required to employ an interpreter, even though many of these officials understood English," Lind stated.



Who says "blood is thicker than water"? At Dad Yoder's recital, Professor Weldy's little girl whispered, "He sings better than you, doesn't he, Daddy?"

How disconcerting it would be, When trimly clad by chemistry, In fabrics made from coal and air, To find they were no longer there, But changed again, returned from whence They came—back to their elements.

So you think chivalry is dead. Well, you're right. As proof, we offer the following incident. In a futile effort to keep from falling on the treacherous walk, a freshman damsel landed directly in front of an oncoming sophomore boy. As he gingerly stepped around her, he smiled and said, "Oops, down we go." Then he went merrily on his way, leaving the stunned girl meditating on the icy sidewalk.

While reminiscing about the good old days in Barber School, Jim Snyder began chanting his favorite yell.

"Slash his cheek,  
Cut his jaw,  
But leave his face  
Raw, raw, raw!"

Dear Editor:

I see that you are now publishing high-class poetry in your publication. So I thought you might be interested in this gem clipped from *The Elizabethian*, a paper published by and for the patients of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington, D. C.

Faithfully yours,  
Mervin Miller

#### Three Kitten Cat

I know three kitten cat—  
I know just where they at.  
They were looking at me,  
Trying to explain who they be,  
For I know at that.  
Sometime they play around  
In the basement on low ground.  
I bring them food,  
Meat that is good.  
Just three little cat.  
Yo-yo, Dawes.

We note with interest the recent six-point resolution passed by a joint student-faculty committee at Goshen High, of which we reprint the text:

1. Teachers should use judgment in permitting gum-chewing.
  2. Gum is all right if chewed right.
  3. It is only good manners to know when and how to chew gum.
  4. It is up to the individual to chew gum right.
  5. The student should be given warning if he is chewing gum wrong.
  6. Students should use consideration in the disposal of their gum.
- In the light of Melvin Gingerich's recent open letter, perhaps GC should consider a similar six-point statement.

The other day Dr. Schrock entered her science classroom carrying a bat, followed by Marion Beer with a prize orchid. "You now behold one of God's most beautiful works of creation," commented the biology professor, "and one of the most hideous, homely creatures." Ah, the tyranny of words!

## Official Examination Schedule

Classes with more than one section have been differentiated by including the professor's name or time of meeting in parenthesis following the class name.

### Saturday, January 20

7:30—Design and crafts; Teaching of social studies (secondary); Teaching of physical education.

### Monday, January 22

9:30—Chapel  
9:50—American history; Intellectual and cultural history of the Western World; Heredity; Systematic theology.

1:00—English I (Smith); Elementary French; Elementary German (8:25); Sight singing and dictation; American government; Teaching of home economics; Elementary algebra; General physics; Modern physics; Biblical history; Mennonite seminar.

3:00—Elementary German (10:45); Intermediate Spanish; Typewriting; Church history; Calculus; Introduction to Christianity (Burkholder); Principles of teaching; Physical geography.

### Tuesday, January 23

7:30—English literature 311; Advanced harmony; Marketing; Human anatomy and physiology; Qualitative analysis; Child welfare; Mathematics of finance; Soils; Apostolic history; Introduction to philosophy (Burkholder); Teaching of language and composition; Educational psychology.

9:30—Chapel  
9:50—Shakespeare; Analysis of musical form; Public finance; Biological science; Foods and cookery; College mathematics; Individual and group recreation; Elementary N.T. Greek; Biblical introduction; Teaching of arithmetic.

1:00—General psychology (Aurora Hall; all sections).

3:00—Symphonic instruments (woodwinds); Secretarial accounting; Gospel of John; Homiletics; Introduction to education.

7:00—Still life drawing; Interpretation; O.T. history; Teaching of social studies (elementary); Applied psychology.

### Wednesday, January 24

7:30—Creative writing; Intermediate German (9:20); Spanish conversation; History and appreciation of music; Introduction to civilization (Smith); Principles of accounting; Organic chemistry; Elementary nutrition; College geometry; Introduction to Christianity (Wenger); N.T. book study; O.T. poetry.

### Exchange Farmers To Convene at GC

Twenty-one European Mennonite farmers in an MCC exchange program will gather at the GC campus December 29-31 for a conference.

The MCC has called this meeting as a spiritual retreat and in order that these men may share the contributions which they have gained during their stay on U.S. farms. Several Bible lectures are scheduled as well as two talks by Atlee Beechy on the theme of the conference "Christ in the Lives of Young People."

These young men came to this country in May 1950 in a State Department approved agriculture exchange program, and were assigned to Mennonite farms in various parts of the United States. After the conference, each man will be assigned to another part of the country to round out his year's stay.

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# Psych Class Tours to Kalamazoo

A slap on the chest and a cry of "Who do you calculate to be, you silly young fool," greeted a surprised John Mast as he sat in a lecture-room at Kalamazoo State Hospital watching a clinic session during last Wednesday's psychology field trip.

Belle, a playful manic-depressive who is at present in the manic state, had decided that instead of going out the way she was supposed to when the doctor in charge had finished asking her questions, she would go out and visit the audience a while.

Belle, who claimed to be 779 years old, was only one of eight inmates interviewed for Dr. Massanari's two General Psychology classes, some of whose members describe the field trip as "the only reason for taking psych in the first place" (no offense intended).

Another manic-depressive, Belle's opposite number in the sense that he was in the depressive stage, presented to the group a picture of almost hopeless discouragement. The now-playful Belle is expected to reach this stage within several months.

This years group was privileged to hear John, a senile patient, give the name of the U. S. president (up to now he's said Coolidge) and the month correctly. Of course it must

## Voluntary Service Urged for Students In Summer 1951

By Marjorie Schertz

How are you going to spend your vacation next summer? With the school year nearly half over, its not too early to begin thinking about what you'll be doing next summer.

During last summer hundreds of Christian young people gave their time in voluntary service. The values received from such an experience are innumerable and could never be measured in dollars and cents. The satisfaction received through helping others and the enrichment of your own spiritual life is more than enough pay.

Perhaps if you're undecided in choosing your vocation, a summer in such a service would be the deciding factor; or if you're a future teacher, minister, nurse, doctor, housewife, or farmer you'll find the experience invaluable.

Units under MCC, MRC and the many conference organizations cover a large territory of land as well as a large area of interests.

Last summer units worked with the mentally deficient in Kansas, Delaware and Canada, the underprivileged in Washington, D. C. and Mississippi, the migrant in New York, and handicapped children in California. These are only a few of the fields of interest and each year new ones are added.

Have you ever spent any time in Christian service such as this? Christmas vacation will soon be here and while you're home talk it over with your parents and decide to spend summer 1951 in voluntary service.

be added that John always thinks it is December and that this was his first December clinic.

Among the other inmates who were interviewed were a paranoid who claims to follow the religion of the sun, a catatonic who hasn't spoken for months, a hebephenic who coins many of the words he uses in conversation, and a psychopathic, whose chief characteristic is irresponsibility.

In spite of the humorous aspects of the tour, it seemed to stimulate much serious thought. Several students are now interested in mental-hospital work.

## Fem Cagers Battle For Three-Way Tie

With the official winter basketball season will underway, the girls have gone all-out to claim titles for their teams.

Since the start of women's basketball last Tuesday, 12 teams have gathered in the Union gym to match their abilities with the other intramural teams. As each team appears on the floor, if you watch carefully you will notice them indicate their intended plays carefully to their forwards, 'fox' the guards, and carry the ball down the line to the basket.

This is proving to be an exciting season with so many enterprising teams. Soph I, Frosh I and Junior B are the undefeated title contenders so far, but competition is keen. With each team playing so earnestly, final outcomes are uncertain.

## Church Discussed At Local Meeting

Construction of a new church building was the principal subject of last Monday's meeting of the college congregation.

Discussion centered on whether the building should be located on or off the campus and on its possible connection with a new seminary building.

Recommended as an on-campus site was the area south of Science Hall.



By Larry Hurst

During or following many basketball games, players have been criticizing the officiating. The problem is one of inconsistency.

In most cases ref and player are both right because their opinions are based on standards which vary in severity.

Players object to refs who call them extremely close because it tends to make the game childish. But in a loosely called game a ref who calls obvious but minor fouls looks ridiculous because there are dozens of similar infractions which are ignored. A player can object to the inconsistency but he can't deny the foul.

Officiating can have a decisive effect on the outcome of a close game. In fairness to the players it would then seem that the many good refs in the college intramural program should be given a definite standard as to how close to call 'em.

Or perhaps merely conferring with the captains before a game would solve the problem.

Irrespective of the method used, consistency will remove a major gripe against referees.

Spectators who were impressed by the height of the Hopedale Stags may be interested in knowing that Long John Swartzentruber, 6 ft. 5 in, and Willis Sutter, 6 ft. 6 in., a former GC student now at Northwestern, are both from the Hopedale church.

Besides choosing the right grandparents the person who wishes to be tall could try living in Hopedale.

Frosh I, unbeaten in intramural basketball, has been rolling up some record-breaking scores, the latest being a 98-29 vanishing of Frosh III. Their meeting with Sr I on January 12 will feature height versus speed in a game which everyone should attend.

# Frosh, Seniors Keep Lead Positions In Race for Basketball Championship

Senior I and Frosh I are still on top of the A League with four wins and no defeats.

The seniors downed Junior II 41-27. The scoring for the seniors was fairly well divided among Gingerich, Shenk, Holaway and Yoder as they netted 11, 8, 7, and 6 points respectively.

Frosh I ran wild against Frosh III to the tune of 98-29. Three of the Frosh I players totaled 90 points. Rheinheimer poured through 38 points, Landes 32, and Kauffman 20.

Senior II won the other three games by defeating Soph I 30-26, Junior II 52, 39, and Junior I 32-27.

Team	W	L	Pct.
Soph III	5	0	1.000
Junior III	2	1	.667
Frosh V	2	1	.667
Frosh VI	2	1	.667
Soph IV	2	3	.400
Frosh IV	0	3	.000
Senior III	0	4	.000

## Nurses Give Party With Refreshments See Modern Skits

"We went to Charlotte Hertzler's house for refreshments, to Lois Shank's house for refreshments, and then to the Nursing Arts Lab for refreshments," stated a spokesman for the student nurses and pre-nursing students concerning the party then held last Saturday.

After consuming the refreshments the group presented several skits, according to the spokesman, a Snack Shop waitress, who was interviewed between orders during a 10:00 p. m. rush.

The skits "explained in modern methods how we did things wrong when we first went out on the wards," she added.

The spokesman did not comment as to whether she was hungry at the conclusion of the party.

## GC Debaters Win 5 out of 8 in Chi

Four Goshen sophomore debaters won five out of their eight debates at an invitational novice debate tournament held in Chicago last Saturday.

Debating on the formation of a new international non-communist organization, the Goshen negative, composed of Joe Stoltzfus and Jess Yoder, beat Lake Forest, Wabash and Monmouth Colleges and lost to Mundelein.

GC's affirmative team, J. P. Oyer and Harold Schultz, defeated Manchester College and the University of Illinois at Chicago. They lost to Carroll College and the University of Illinois at Urbana.

Purdue placed first at the tournament with Wisconsin, Bowling Green, Wayne, and Bradley tied for second.

Bob Bickel, a freshman, participated in parliamentary debating on Friday.

Team	W	L	Pct.
Senior I	4	0	1.000
Frosh I	4	0	1.000
Senior II	3	2	.600
Junior I	2	2	.500
Soph II	2	2	.500
Frosh II	2	2	.500
Soph I	2	3	.400
Junior II	1	4	.200
Frosh III	0	5	.000

## Hopedale Tramples GC Court Quintet

The Hopedale Stags ran wild over the college varsity to win 77-47 before a crowd of over 300 spectators in College Union.

Previously billed as a close thriller, the game never developed into one. That it didn't was no fault of the Stags, whose drive and aggressive style of play kept the varsity off balance all evening.

The Stags led all the way. The first quarter score was 12-10 with both teams playing ragged ball.

At the half with Hopedale leading 30-17 the varsity was expected to come back with renewed determination and make a game of it but instead the Stags opened up, scoring 47 points in the second half to prove their decisive superiority.

The Stags, whose shooting was sloppy in the early stages, finished with four men hitting for double figures, led by player-coach Ralph Springer, who netted 22 points. Jim Yoder was high man for the varsity with 15.

In the second team game the Goshen squad, led by Weldy and Rheinheimer, scored a 49-29 decision.

Varsity (47):	Strycker 215, J. B. Shenk 215, Jay Holaway 328, D. Kauffman 011, C. Gingerich 113, J. Yoder 711, L. Weldy 000, Mast 408, Landes 022, Rheinheimer 000.
Hopedale (77):	D. Sutter 000, L. Nafziger 408, "Cider" Kauffman 8117, Warren Kauffman 6214, "Bomber" Springer 6416, O. Springer 00, Ralph Springer 8622.

## Taffy or Caroling?

A taffy pull is on the calendar Saturday evening for Vesperians and Adelphians. Their festivities will be held in the college cabin.

Meanwhile the rival Avon-Aurora societies have scheduled a caroling party for this time.

## Around The Campus

Dr. S. C. Yoder spoke on a Christmas theme to the Audubon society last Sunday afternoon. A quartet, composed of Jean Carper, Pat Lerch, Bob Miller and Curtis Byer sang several numbers.

"Out of Darkness into Light" was the name of the film shown to the Foreign Mission Fellowship last Sunday afternoon by Ralph Smucker, returned missionary from India and pastor of the Yellow Creek Church.

Members of the Home Economics Club had a taffy pull at their meeting last Monday. Doris Snyder spoke on Argentine Christmas customs. The members of the club addressed Christmas cards to former members.

Evelyn Plank and Kenneth Holerman announced their engagement last Friday evening to a group of friends. Kenneth is a senior in the Bible curriculum and Evelyn is employed by the college post office. Thelma Troyer and Larry Hurst

announced their engagement on November 26, at Walter E. Yoder's home. Thelma is teaching high school English and home economics at Howe, Indiana. Larry is a senior here at Goshen.

Dean Kreider attended a three-day conference in Chicago last week on "Improving Effectiveness of College Faculties."

A peace team composed of Mervin Swartzentruber, Evan Oswald, Mary Ann Hostetler, and Atlee Beechy gave a program at the Central Mennonite Church in Archbold, Ohio, last Sunday evening.

Adelphians and Vesperians sponsored a panel discussion on the alcohol problem for the student body last Tuesday. Several of the participants attended the Intercollegiate School for the study of the alcohol problem which was held at Otterbein College last summer.

Elvin the Magician appeared at the conjoint Avon-Aurora meeting on Wednesday.

## Dean Bender Visits Other Seminaries

As part of a recent visit to several theological seminaries Dean Bender conferred with Dr. Eugene Nida of the translation section of the American Bible Society in New York regarding the possible offering of courses in missionary linguistics and missionary anthropology at Goshen.

The institutions visited included Northern Baptist and Bethany Biblical Seminaries in Chicago; Southwestern Baptist in Fort Worth, Texas; Princeton, Eastern Baptist in Philadelphia; and Faith Seminary in Wilmington, Delaware.

Dean Bender was interested in the evaluation of various seminaries as possible schools for post-graduate study by Goshen students.

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