

Three Gospel Teams Will Present Programs During Mid-year Vacation

As in previous years, several gospel teams are making tours during Christmas vacation. This year three teams will be leaving. The program centers around the two themes: "Follow Me" and "I will make you to become fishers of men." The personnel and itinerary are as follows:

Male Quartet

Personnel: Russell Krabill, Paul Lederach, Wilbur Miller, Ray Bair.

Itinerary

Wed., Dec. 27 — Belleville, Pa.
Thurs., Dec. 28 — Martinsburg, Pa.
Fri., Dec. 29 — Springs, Pa.
Sat., Dec. 30 — Johnstown (Kauffman Church)
Sun., A.M., Dec. 31 — Johnstown (Blough Church)
Sun. Eve, Dec. 31 — Scottdale, Pa.
Mon., Jan. 1 — Masontown, Pa.
Tues., Jan. 2 — North Lima, O.
Wed., Jan. 3 — Aurora, O.

Junior Girls' Quartet

Personnel: Leader, Mary Royer, Ruth Kreider; Wilma Holloper; Carolyn Weaver; Carol Schertz.

Itinerary

In Orrville, Ohio, Community
Fri., Dec. 29 — Bethel Church
Sun., Dec. 31 — Orrville Church
Sun., Dec. 31 — Oak Grove Church
Mon., Jan. 1 — Beech Church

Sophomore Girls' Quartet

Personnel: Leader, Paul Erb; Romaine Stahl; Maxine Troyer; Mary Ruth Mishler; Flora Jean Hostetler.

Itinerary

Sat., Dec. 30 — Metamora, Ill.
Sun., Dec. 31 — Metamora, Ill.
Mon., Jan. 1 — Fisher, Ill.
Tues., Jan. 2 — Kouts, Ind.

VOICE STUDENTS APPEAR IN RECITAL

Further signs that the semester was near its end were the voice recitals given last week.

Professor B. F. Hartzler's students appeared in a recital on Wednesday evening, December 13, in Assembly Hall. The following program was given:

Jesu BambinoPietro A. Yon
Wanda Yoder
Wagon WheelsPeter De Rose
Delbert Erb
Aus Meinin Grossen Schmergen.....Franz
Da Bist Die RuhSchubert
Mary Oyer
Heavenly MannaCesar Franck
The Falling Dew
.....Czechoslovakian Folk Song
Miriam Weldy
Gypsy Love SongVictor Herbert
Cradle SongBrahms
Hermine Blosser
BabylonMichael Watson
Smilin' ThroughArthur A. Penn
Virginia Holloway
The Rose ChainSchubert
Pale MoonLogan
Lucille Graber
The Hills of HomeFox
Cletus Hostetler
The SkipperWilliam H. Jude
(S. J. Hostetler)

Other of Professor Hartzler's students sang solos last Friday evening when the Collegiate Chorus gave its annual program.

Professor Walter E. Yoder's students presented the following recital Friday evening, December 15, in Assembly Hall.

O Holy NightAdam
Kathryn Miller
Last Night the Nightingale
Woke MeKjerulf
Ruth Roth
Thou Art So Like a Flower
.....Rubenstein
For MusicFranz
Wilma Holloper
The Rose ComplainedFranz
The SwanGrieg
Mary Ruth Mishler
Love SongBrahms
Out of My Soul's Great Sad-
nessFranz
Paul Yoder
The Lord is My LightSpeaks
Julia Latta
To FloridaSearlatti
The VioletMendelssohn
Esther Shank

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FACULTY VACATION PLANS

"And if at first you don't succeed, try, try again." I did! — and finally decided that even if profs don't ever go to their offices, they must surely go home for meals, so I tried phoning there. Sure enough, I caught them either coming, going, or eating, and discovered that their vacation plans are as varied as their personalities.

Some of the faculty members are remaining in Goshen to enjoy a much deserved and much needed rest. What luxury! No classes, no students interrupting the lecture minutely by belated entries accompanied by banging doors, shuffling feet, and rustling papers. In this category go Dr. Hertzler, Dr. S. C. Yoder, Professor Sudermann, and Miss Gunden. Levi C. Hartzler is anticipating "recollecting in tranquility" the experiences of the past semester. Dr. Witmer has prospects of a change in scenery for a part of the time. Miss Good and Mr. Cressman will do their vacationing at their Canadian homes, and Miss Wyse at hers in Iowa.

I've concluded that faculty wives are as happy about vacations as we students are, for it is then that their husbands can descend from their intellectual heights where they expound on man and his sociological problems, the simplicity of mathematical braintwisters, the overpowering needs of Goshen College, and the satisfying non-material returns of liberal giving. Dr. Hershberger's family has his common every-day living mapped out: taking down screens, cleaning out the basement, firing the furnaces, shoveling snow, and carrying out ashes. It seems that Dr. Harold Hartzler and Mr. Burkhardt have already been informed of similar plans for their two weeks.

But work here must go on so that everything will be in tip-top readiness for our post-holiday return. C. L. Graber, Miss Winey, Dorothy (Snapp) Sprinkle, Dr. Kreider, and Dr. Paul Bender have answered this call. Dr. Kreider expects to spend a day in Chicago with the Program Committee for the Mennonite Conference on Cultural Problems, and Dr. Paul Bender plans to meet with the committee on C.P.S. educational plans.

A combination of work and relaxation will comprise the vacation for seven of our professors. President Miller will continue his active routine. Accompanied by his family, he will spend the Christmas week-end with Mrs. Miller's mother in Ohio. On Sunday, December 24, he will preach at the Oak Grove Church in Wayne County. He will attend the Annual Meeting of the M.C.C. on December 27 and 28, and on January 4, will go to Toronto, Ontario, to

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Winter Bible School Opens January 3



Reading from left to right — Top row: D. A. Yoder, I. E. Burkhardt; Center: Lester Hershey; Bottom row: Ira S. Johns, Harold Zehr.

When we return Jan. 4, we will meet a new group of friends who have come to join us, the Short-Term Bible students. They come from a variety of states to avail themselves of the good opportunity given here to study Bible and prepare for Christian service. They will remain with us for six weeks.

This is the forty-fifth year of the Winter Bible School. It was started in 1901 at the Elkhart Institute in Elkhart and has been carried on by the College since that time.

A capable group of teachers will again instruct the classes. Four of the teachers are from the College: I. E. Burkhardt, Mary Royer, John Umble, and Paul Erb. Four others are ministers: D. A. Yoder, president of the Board of Education, Lester Hershey of Spanish Mission in Chicago, Harold Zehr from the East Bend Church, Fisher, Illinois, and Ira S. Johns of the Clinton Frame Church east of Goshen. Three College students will also help this year: Roy Koch, Frank Byler and Eldon Risser.

The courses offered are in six groups: Bible Introduction, Book Studies, Bible Doctrine, Practical Work, Church History and Music. Ten of the 23 regular course offerings are prescribed by the Commission for Christian Education and Young People's Work. Beside these regular offerings a group of special advance courses will be given for those who have graduated but would like further study.

It is difficult to estimate the number of students this year, but a good enrollment is expected.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HOLDS MEETING

Last Saturday, December 16, the board of directors of the G. C. Alumni Association met with President Miller, Deans Kreider and Bender, Assistant Business Manager Winey and her assistant, Dorothy Snapp, and field secretary, Mr. Burkhardt, for an afternoon session and a dinner arranged by Miss Winey. Among other things, the board discussed plans for the Golden Anniversary alumni program to be held on Saturday, April 29, 1945.

The publishing of a 1945 Alumni Directory was also taken up during the meeting. There have been two previous directories: the first in 1930 and the second in 1935. It is interesting to note that the 1945 Directory will contain approximately 2331 surnames and 8900 Christian names, as compared to the 840 surnames and 2807 Christian names of the 1935 Directory.

Auditorium-gymnasium plans in connection with alumni solicitation and the alumni goal for this year were discussed. In 1942-43 G. C. alumni contributed \$22,500 for debt reduction. Last year contributions went toward the heating plant, and this year they will help to build the new auditorium.

The officers of the Alumni Association are as follows: president, John Umble; first vice-pres., C. P. Martin; second vice-pres., J. F. Kanagy; secretary, Silas Hertzler; treasurer, Levi C. Hartzler, and fifth member of the executive committee, Viola Good.

S. Jay Hostetler preached for the Clinton Brick congregation, Sunday, Dec. 17.

A daughter, Nelda Ferne, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald King, Tuesday, December 12.

President Miller Makes Trips

On Thursday, December 7, President Ernest E. Miller interviewed Dr. Dale Russel, who is professor of education at the University of Chicago and secretary of the North Central Association. President Miller spoke to Dr. Russel in regard to the satisfactory progress which the Goshen College Library has made in building up to the North Central Association standards. The percentile ratings on books have been improved quite considerably over those of last year. Plans were discussed about giving credit to the CPS men when they return to college after they have had experience and training in the various courses which are offered to them while in camp. Dr. Russel felt that the plans were commendable and gave certain suggestions for further measuring CPS men by using certain tests.

President Miller traveled to Akron after his interview with Dr. Russel. He called a meeting of all the educational directors of the relief training units for a conference to review the work of the first semester and to make plans for the remainder of this year. Directors who were present at this conference were Bert

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FIVE SENIORS COMPLETE DEGREES AT MID-YEAR

Five seniors complete all requirements for their degrees at the end of this semester: Lois Johns, Robert Martin, David Byler, Anna Shirey and Mary Oyer. Lois Johns, Louisville, Ohio, will receive her B. A. degree in Bible and a B. S. in Education. Lois is planning to continue in school during the coming semester, working toward her Th. B. degree.

Bob Martin, Lancaster, Pa., has completed work for his B. S. in Chemistry. He plans to take up graduate work at Notre Dame. Bob will also assist Rev. Everest, pastor of the River Park Gospel Center, South Bend, Indiana, and leader of "Your Worship Hour," a radio program broadcast over seven stations.

David Byler, Martinsburg, W. Va., is receiving a B. A. in Bible. As yet his plans are indefinite, but he anticipates work as an assistant pastor until next fall, when he plans to enter a seminary.

Anna Shirey, Canton, O., will receive a B. A. in Bible. She plans to continue in school for the next semester, also continuing her work in the registrar's office.

Mary Oyer, Goshen, Indiana, will be receiving a B. A. in Music. Mary will continue her studies in the University of Michigan Graduate School of Music, starting the first of next March.

NEW EQUIPMENT PURCHASED

Funds accumulated from the lecture course series have made possible the purchase of a new sound-motion-picture projector for Goshen College.

Government regulations were relaxed last spring on the number of machines available to civilians, and after obtaining a priority rating, Goshen College placed an order last May for the machine received last month.

The new motion-picture projector will be used for educational purposes by teachers in their class work and by student organizations. The College has a contract for film from the Indiana University Extension Division and also from other sources.

Al Miller entertained the following guests at a waffle supper, Sunday evening, Dec. 10: Martha and Sara Miller, Wanda and Mary Jeanette Yoder, James Greiner, Virgil Blosser, and Myrl Nafziger.

WATCH THE FUNDS GROW



AUDITORIUM-GYMNASIUM ARCHITECTS VISIT CAMPUS

Mr. Bauer and Mr. Esch of the architectural firm, Bauer and Esch of Traverse City, Michigan, were on the campus Tuesday, December 12. They were here to gather further information in anticipation of the final architectural drawings and plans for the auditorium-gymnasium, concerning which they conferred with certain members of the administration and faculty. They will meet with the Executive Committee of the Mennonite Board of Education in Chicago on December 18 for same purpose.

Mr. Umble, president of the Alumni Association, has mailed a letter to 2000 alumni soliciting their contribution. Also included is a bulletin containing the architects' sketch of the new building, a list of the facilities which the building will have, and other interesting material concerning the auditorium-gymnasium. An interesting slogan has been made to appeal to the people who want to contribute: "match the years with your dollars."

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The closing days of this semester find the editors in the same predicament as most other students — pretty well snowed under with examinations and last minute Christmas preparations.

We do want to find time, however, to express our appreciation to the staff members for their contributions and cheerful cooperation during the past semester; also for the suggestions and comments from interested readers. The Record represents the thought and hard work of many persons, some of whom are not listed on the staff.

To all of you — staff members, student contributors, faculty and all of those who read this column, we wish the joy and happiness of this Christmas season.

—P and G

THOUGHTS

The last several weeks have been busy ones for all of us. There have been the term papers and the outside reading that somehow piled up until the end of the semester. There have been Christmas cards to address and Christmas shopping to do. Then came final examinations. Now that all of the necessary college evils are almost out of the way, we can sit down in our easy chairs to dream of a white Christmas and really enjoy the Christmas season.

Isn't it strange that we sing the same familiar songs and read the same familiar stories every holiday season, and yet they retain their freshness and beauty from year to year and become even more meaningful and beloved as the years go by? No other part of the year has inspired so many hundreds of writers and composers as has the Christmas season. The old Christmas carols, the "Messiah," the story of "The Other Wise Man," "Why the Chimes Rang," and Dicken's "Christmas Carol" make the spirit of Christmas live again in the hearts of men and women year after year.

But this December things are different from what they have been in the past. Many families will not be together on Christmas Eve as they would live to be. Instead, members of the family will be scattered to all parts of the globe. In many hearts this Christmas Eve there will be only sorrow and loneliness. Many people will be hungry and homeless and disillusioned with life. Indeed, it seems ironical to speak of "peace on earth, good will toward men" when so many people will hear only the splurge of bombs and the firing of guns on Christmas Eve.

Yet it was for these that the Christ Child came to the world. And it is our prayer that in the coming year the bloody old world may be mopped up, and that somehow peace and good will may reign in the hearts of men and women.

—Elaine Sommers

Y Reflections

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone.
Snow was falling snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Enough for Him whom Cherubim worship night
and day,
A breast full of milk, and a manger full of hay.
Enough for Him whom angels fall down before.
The ox and ass and camel which adore.

Angels and arch-angels may have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air.
But only His mother in her maiden bliss
Worshipped the beloved with a kiss.

What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb.
If I were a wise-man I would do my part.
What can I give Him, give my heart!

—Christina Rossetti

For centuries the Jews were watching for a King, a King of Kings. Surely His birth would be a royal one, perhaps in some luxurious dwelling to which throngs of worshippers would come. But He came quietly, unpretentiously, recognized only by the few devout souls who could forget self long enough to hear God speak.

Christ's whole life was clothed in humility. His very coming to this earth as Man was the epitome of humility. He chose a lowly manger for a crib; He, whom angels worshipped was born to humble parents. Unlearned shepherds offered Him their simple adorations. He refused to rule as King on this earth although the temptation to fulfill the desires of His people was tremendously strong. He, in whose power lay the destinies of nations—the universe in fact, submitted that power and offered Himself to the most humiliating of deaths. Christ, who knew no sin, showed us that humility is one of the greatest of virtues; yet we, with all our weaknesses and incapacities, take pride in our successes and allow our ambitions to rule our lives. Certainly humility will be in direct proportion to our understanding of Christ's sacrifice for us.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, the King of Kings,
and yet the servant of all, forgive us for our
pride and teach us to live humble, simple lives.
Amen.

—Mary Oyer

MY CRISTMAS PRAYER

I kneel to praise Thy Holy name
For Christmas day when Thy son came.
As a wee Baby He was born that night
To fill this dark world with His eternal light.

Thy only begotten Son left heaven and Thee
To give unworthy sinners the light to see
The life of faith, goodness, and love;
And to save us for Thee and our home above.

So this Christmas day I kneel and pray
For a heart more like Thy Son's in every way.
Help me to be humble, patient, and kind;
Show me the way of the needy to find.

Grant that my heart be so filled with love this day
That my gift to others might be true love, I pray;
And let my gift of love be so full of Thy light
That some blind soul might find Christmas sight.

—Jean R. Lerner

RAINY DAYS ARE FOR DREAMING

Rainy days are days for dreaming;
When grey mist shrouds the weeping trees
In silent mystery;
When clouds gloom o'er the naked earth
In sympathy;
When dripping rain in solitude
Closes in the weary mind;

Then noiseless calm like mist creeping,
Steeps the soul in quietude.
Slow thoughts and dripping eaves
In measured rhythm sure,
Softly weaves patterns of hopes and dreams
Against the sodden leaves.

—Florence Nafziger

MY FEARS

The things I fear are like the waves
When I was down beside the sea,
I saw the great white breakers roll
As they came creeping to the shore.
They looked so very big and wild,
But as I watched they seemed to laugh
As they came tumbling at my feet.

—Beulah Schrock

Over The Dam . . .

Fish Philosophy

Girls, watch your youthful appearance; peanuts, candy, fruit cake, pudding, chicken, and fried mush are fattening.

Fellows, please do not forget to read page 90 of the college handbook before you leave for home. (We mean 90.)

Married students, do not forget the lonely fishes in Coffman Hall over Christmas; they sometimes get hungry.

Faculty, when grading the semester papers, please remember the golden rule.

On Time

Professor Wenger for classes.
Meals in the dining hall.
Christmas.

Always Late

Weyburn Groff for classes.
(Song leader at breakfast.
Dean Bender dismissing classes.

Have You Noticed?

Dan Miller's car stuck in front of Oyer's residence. (It snows a lot in a few hours, doesn't it, Dan?)

Accelerated rate of consumption of chapters in Sociology, especially toward the end of the semester.

That art illustrations are very useful to put the point across in correspondence with Wilma at La Junta.

Wish you could have — Dick Huebner when he falls off of a chair in physics. Does K. Crager (his assistance) fully understand all physical laws involved, push, pull, etc.?

"Brevity is the soul of wit." —Shakespeare

Speech — Elsie White.
Dates — Harold Bauman.
Term Papers — Hershberger's classes.
Philosophy — Wilfred Ulrich.
"His purse is empty already." Is that true A. Henderson?

Believe it or not

Dave Derstine is ready for the fountain.
Only six days until Christmas.
Mary Lou Farmwald hasn't had a date for two weeks.
Bob Byler had to report to the police station.
The health center is empty.
Dave Miller is acquainted with the art of knitting. Might he be looking forward to making some skating socks for those January skating parties?

News Parade . .

By Don Berry

(The opinions expressed in this and other columns, are those of the authors, and should not be construed as opinions of the college.)

As this is written, there seems to be little hope for an early settlement of the Greek civil war. The friction between the British occupation troops, the "authorized" Greek government of Premier Papandreou, and the ELAS has been transformed from loud talk and sniping to actual pitched battles and siege warfare. The British policy of continental intervention and apparent intent of gaining Balkan influence — a policy recently confirmed by Parliament at Churchill's instigation — has forced the Green Government to take its present uncompromising stand.

The ELAS, Greek leftists, are the troops who played such a vital role in early guerilla warfare and who, since liberation, have grown into a sizeable popular movement. The great port of Salonika is reportedly under control of the ELAS, as are other important areas of Greece. Approximately 25,000 of these leftists have besieged the British garrison in Athens and have been shelling their positions from advantageous locations on the hills surrounding the city.

The demand that the ELAS, who themselves were an instrumental factor in the swift expulsion of the Nazis from the peninsula, lay down their arms before any negotiations are begun is the

main hinderance to the peaceable solution. It is possible, however, for the ELAS to withdraw their demand for a leftist premier since their position is generally regarded as eventually hopeless militarily. In historic Athens today, British Tommies are not fighting the Germans, nor the Italians — only the Greeks. The Papandreou regime backed by the British foreign office is not fighting the Germans, nor the Italians — but other Greeks. An internecine warfare supported by one of the "Big Four" upon whom rests the responsibility for post-war peace! The tragedy of this situation cannot be minimized.

The U. S. State Department has declared a "hands off" policy in regard to the affairs of foreign governments attempting to reorganize and revamp their economy and political arrangements after Allied liberation. This view is categorically opposed to the British stand. The recent announcement that the U. S. and British governments had reached an "understanding" in this difficult matter would be rather surprising if we failed to note that the "understanding" is not an "agreement." This diplomatic tangle is likely to prove unfortunate and embarrassing in the Allies' concerted action with future liberated countries.

The one slim chance of an early and successful end of hostilities, unless one or the other is forced to give in, is seen in the efforts of Archbishop Damaskinos, Orthodox Primate of Greece, to sound out both parties.

Evelyn Whipstock and Lois Myer visited the DeVon Risser family in Wakarusa the week-end of Dec. 9 and 10.

GERMAN CHRISTMAS INTERPRETATIONS

"This program is an annual event sponsored by the German class 201. It is designed to perfect pronunciation and to be a spur to speaking fluency. At the same time it is to give both the participants and audience an experience in the beauties of the German Christmas traditions. That learning experience which touches the heart alone has permanent value!" So read the initial part of the German Club programs which were distributed to spectators as they gathered in Chapel Hall Thursday evening to witness a unique interpretation of the events leading up to the first Christmas.

The pageant included scenes from both Old and New Testaments beginning with the creation and culminating with the birth of the Christ child. A German chorus provided an appropriate background as the covers of "Die Heilige Schrift" were turned back to disclose German students in the roles of Biblical characters.

Expert lighting facilities were evidenced as the beautifully arranged story faded from one scene into another. A great amount of work was involved in rendering this program and the German Club is to be commended for its excellent work.

Y CHRISTMAS DEVOTIONAL

With palm plants and two candleabra on the platform and the junior quartet singing carols from the balcony, students and faculty were prepared for the Christmas program.

The junior quartet sang four carols while the students were assembling. The program was as follows:

The Christmas Story from Matthew 3 — Choral group.

Prayer — Daniel Miller

Group Singing — Leader, Dave Byler

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

"While Shepherds Watched"

"A Christmas Challenge"—Mary Oyer

Byler Quartet:

"Thou Dids't Leave Thy Throne"

"Oh Holy Night"

Choral Reading of Luke 2: 8-20

Group Singing—Dave Byler

"O Come All Ye Faithful"

"From the Eastern Mountains"

"Silent Night"

Closing Prayer—Ruby Hostetler

for the coming terms were chosen as follows:

President, Haword Good; vice-President, Robert Byler; Secretary, David Derstine, Treasurer, Denton Croyle.

Refreshments were served after the program and consisted of cherry pie a la mode.

The program at the Avon-Aurora meeting was as follows:

Carols were played informally on the piano by Mary Oyer while carolers entered the room singing Old English Carols. Then a Christmas story, "The Star of Bethlehem," was read by Robert Keller. Ann Wiebe sang "Cantique de Noel." Refreshments consisted of popcorn and apples.

At this meeting officers for the Avons and Auroras were chosen for the coming term. The officers are as follows:

Avons — President, Carol Schertz; V-President, Sarah Miller; Secretary, Mary K. Plank; Treasurer, Doris Yoder.

Auroras — President, Ralph Gerber; V-President, Paul Friesen; Secretary, Donald Berry; and Treasurer, Ed Wiebe.

KULP HALL HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

There is something about a Christmas carol sung on a cold winter evening just before Christmas that stirs you up inside, makes you glad, and makes you want to make everyone else glad.

From the doors of Kulp Hall's social room dozens of faces were visible. The girls were singing "Silent Night" with just a tinge of wistfulness and nostalgia in their voices. Then came the lively "Deck the Halls" and everyone who didn't have a hoarse throat sang "Up on the Housetop" and "Jolly Old Saint Nicholas" at the top of their voices. By this time everyone had arrived — Kulp Hall girls and their elders; and girls from the apartments and other housing appendages of Kulp Hall. It took some shuffling before everyone was comfortably arranged either on the window seats, the floor, chairs, or arms of chairs.

Through Maxine Kauffman's excellent interpretation of "Kitty's Christmas Offering" we all got a glimpse of what a sincere Christmas spirit is. It is as unselfish as Kitty who placed her beautiful new "handkerstuff" on the offering plate after a hard struggle with herself.

While the freshman girls' quartet sang "Under the Stars," we watched the light of candles send stealthy shadows quivering up the walls above the evergreen branches. The tinsel on the tree by the windows caught their light and made a multitude of dancing colors of them.

But quite suddenly a little girl in pigtails and robe appeared in the doorway with her faithful black dog under her arm, "just awakened on Christmas morning." When she saw the huge stocking of "somethings" by the fireplace, how her eyes gleamed! But all those people? . . . they probably wanted something, too, so Elaine began passing out package after package, all wrapped in shiny ribbon and colored paper. I don't know what was in each package, but everyone seemed very happy and pleased after the excitement of breaking the seals and untying

the ribbons. To the guests of honor—Mrs. Weldy, Miss Good, Mrs. Sieber, Mrs. Sudermann, Mrs. Weaver, Alice Litwiller and Florence Nafziger—gifts of appreciation were presented.

While the girls serving the delicious cold fruit juice and crackers wove cautiously in and out among the crowded girls, carols were sung—old carols that made us think of some grade school Christmas program, caroling expedition, or sleighing party.

After everyone had dressed warmly this happy feminine assembly moved outdoors in the direction of Coffman Hall to return the Christmas music that the fellows gave Friday night. Besides the full chorus singing carols, the Senior girls' quartet sang "O Holy Night;" and as Ruth Kreider sang "Away in a Manger" we caught the beauty of the night—the dark sky, starless but quiet, and above in the small branches of the trees, the noise of the dry, cold wind.

SANTA CLAUS Vs. REALITY

"Aw, there ain't no Santa Claus!" was eight-year-old Tommy's scornful rebuff to the eulogy of his little sister, Janie, aged four, on the life and works of Santa Claus, and her expression of her anticipation for his regular annual visit.

"But, Tommy, of course there is a Santa Claus. I guess Mother should know if there is or not," was Janie's almost tearful rejoinder. "Besides, my teacher told me, too, and Aunt Betts, and even Uncle Joe, and what's more, if you want anything nice for Christmas, you'd better quit saying that there isn't any Santa Claus, or how do you expect him to bring you anything, except maybe a switch?"

It seems to be a universal thing for parents to teach their children to believe in that dear old saint, whose name varies in different countries, but who is as real in Denmark as he is in America. There are sufficient differences of opinion in our own country as to the degree of belief in Santa Claus, to make it interesting for grown-ups, but highly confusing to youngsters. For instance, the little four-year-old Janie mentioned previously, is at the stage where she is an earnest follower of Santa Claus, and it is without a doubt a good thing for Janie, but only temporarily. It does wonders to stimulate her imagination, and helps to make her world of unreality a bit more precious. Her brother, Tommy, however, has just reached the place in his life, perhaps a bit prematurely, where he is scornful of anything in the world of fairies — including Santa Claus. He has heard from one of his friends at school that Santa doesn't exist at all. He probably found out only a week ago, but now is quite indignant about having been taken in by all that "Santa Claus stuff" as he might term it, and in turn he makes Janie feel bad by trying to tell her that her favorite character of the year,

Santa Claus, just isn't real.

Should Janie and Tommy be taught to believe in Santa Claus at the very beginning of their conscious experience? There is very much enjoyment to be had as a tiny child in believing that on Christmas Eve an old man with a white beard and a twinkle in his eye, dressed in a red suit, will come bouncing over the house tops in a sleigh, drawn by any number of reindeer, to bring wonderful gifts to all good little boys and girls. But the disillusioning which is inevitable later on is a factor which must be considered. When the child does find out that she has been deceived, what will her attitude be toward her parents or teacher? Will she question the veracity of their future statements?

The problem can readily be solved by teaching the child the difference between reality and the land of fancy. Janie should be told the true story of Christmas; the story can be simplified to her degree of comprehension, and then it should be explained to her how people like to imagine that there is a Santa Claus, a benevolent old saint. Just as she is able to accept the difference between her fairies and reality, she will be able to put Santa Claus into his proper classification.

This will do away with the use of this idea as a disciplinary measure, an idea which should bring only increased happiness to the child. In some cases, a mother's "Tom, if you do that again, Santa Claus will never come to this house!" may be highly effective, but it is not conducive to the real Christmas spirit.

If Janie knows the truth about Santa Claus, she won't be confused when she and her mother go shopping and see not only one, but three, four, yes, even seven or eight Santas of a great variety of sizes, all on the same afternoon. Even though she thoroughly enjoys whispering her Christmas wishes into various Santa Claus' ears, she will have increased faith and happiness in her mother and father, who are in actuality her Santa Claus.

—Carolyn Byler

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MARRIAGE ANNOUNCED

At a very lovely Christmas dinner, given by Mrs. Weldy for her five girls Thursday evening, December 14, the well-known "Lois Yoder" announced her marriage to Melvin Rensberger. The ceremony took place Saturday, October 21, 1944, at the Silver Street parsonage, Rev. Robert Hartzler officiating.

The candle-light dinner table was gay with Christmas tokens, including Santa and his reindeer and mysterious gift packages. After the chicken and all that belongs with it had been fully enjoyed, the gifts were distributed. Santa was especially kind to Marcella, for among her gifts she found this wedding announcement. The surprise and excitement that followed made almost impossible the serving of dessert.

Mrs. Rensberger will not continue at Goshen next semester. The couple will be at home east of Goshen where Bud is working for his father on the farm.

Alice Litwiller spent Sunday, Dec. 10, in Elkhart.

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SPORTS



Women's Sports

From the list of girls who indicated their desire to help represent their classes in basketball, six class teams have been organized and one other will probably be formed soon. Tuesday and Thursday at 4:10 is the time for playing inter-class games; the season's champions are determined by the standing made in these games.

Enough interest was shown by the freshmen to make three teams possible: Zips—Lois Garber, F. (captain), Marg Harnish F, Sara Miller F, Marilyn Schertz G, Edna Derstine G, and Dorothy Mann G; Dashers—Lois Meyer F, Ruth Roth F, Pauline Hartzler F, Leona Brenneman G, Ruth Yordy G, and Marty Miller G; and the Huskies—Geraldine Gross F, Pauline Clemens F, Virginia Dayton F, Esther Detwiller G, Jane Birkey B, and Vera Headrick G.

The sophomores are represented by two teams; five on the first team played together on last year's Termite team. Maxine Troyer F, is the captain; others on the team are Lois Blosser F, Marg Nafziger F, Mary Short F, Florence Greiser G, Colleen Barton G, Rosemary Beachey G, and Mabel Brunk G. Esther Seivits captains the Hornets, composed of Mary K. Nafziger F, Willodean High F, Maxine Kauffman F, Ruth Bauman G, Ethel Miller G, Mary Wenger G, and Lucille Graber G.

The juniors have one team, remnants of last year's champions: Mary K. Plank F (captain), Rosalie Hooley F, Wilma Hollopeter F, Carol Schertz F, Helen Rohrer F, Dorothy Powell F, Winifred Erb G, Ruth Byler G, Carolyn Weaver G, and Doris Miller G.

The senior team has not yet been organized.

Three games have been played since the formation of these teams. On Thursday, December 7, the Zips and the Hornets clashed, and speed proved superior to a sting. The score was 35 to 22 with the Zips, the first freshman team, on top; 24 points were credited to Garber. Watch this girl and this team.

The same night a game between the other two frosh teams—the Dashers and Huskies—showed that the Huskies were the stronger, since they were on the high end of a low scoring game, 16-4.

The Termites downed the Juniors on Tuesday, December 12, with a score of 28 to 18. Powell led the junior scoring with 12 points, 10 of which were made in the last quarter, while Blosser contributed 11 of the sophomore points.

The Zips, freshman "A" team, captured their second victory by defeating the Huskies 29-15 on Thursday, December 14. High scorer was Edith Swartzendruber, a Huskie, whose height helped her roll in baskets totalling 16 points. Lois Garber's 15 points were high for the Zips.

In the second game on the 14th,

PG'S DEFEAT JUNIORS 46-35

In the opening game of the first semester tourney, the Post Grads were matched against the Juniors, a team determined to avenge a crushing defeat previously administered by the PGs.

The Post Grads started fast, as they quickly gained an eleven point lead. It was this first quarter spurt that clinched the victory for them, because the Juniors rallied to play the remainder of the game on even terms.

The game was close during the last three quarters and it appeared to be anybody's ball game. With four minutes to play the Juniors drew within four points of the PGs, but in the remaining time the Post Grads regained their 11 point lead.

Wenger with 8 field goals kept the Juniors in the running. He was tied for scoring honors with Byler and Krabill of the PGs who each netted 16 points.

PG'S—46

	FG	FT	PF
Byler	7	2	1
Krabill	6	4	1
Yoder	2	1	2
Alderfer	4	1	0
Ulrich	0	0	0
Totals	19	8	3

Juniors—35

	FG	FT	PF
Reilly	2	0	0
Freisen	0	0	0
Miller	3	0	1
Bauman	2	1	3
Wenger	8	0	4
Habegger	2	0	1
Totals	17	1	9

FROSH WIN OVER SOPH-SRS 45-23

The second game of the tourney matched the undefeated freshmen against the Soph-Sr. In the opening minutes of play, Dick Huebner sank two buckets to give the Soph-Srs. a temporary lead of four points. The Frosh soon began to connect, however, and at the end of the first quarter the Frosh team held a 19-8 lead.

During the next two quarters the Soph-Srs. were able to score only three field goals, while the Frosh met little opposition in tallying 13 buckets. The Soph-Srs. outscored the Frosh in the last quarter only, as they gained nine points to three for the winners.

Huebner with 10 and Miller with 7 were tops for the losers. Ray Bair's 18 points for the Frosh were high for the evening. Henderson's 11 and Lantz's 10 also aided in the victory.

Frosh—49

	FG	FT	PF
Lantz	4	2	1
Brubaker	1	0	1
D. Miller	0	0	0
Bair	9	0	1
Nafziger	1	0	1
Greiner	2	2	1
Henderson	5	1	0
Totals	22	5	5

Soph-Sr.—23

	FG	FT	PF
A Miller	3	1	2
Blosser	1	0	0
Gerber	0	0	1
Huebner	5	0	0
R. Byler	1	0	0
D. Byler	1	0	1
Smith	0	0	0
Totals	11	1	4

Score by quarters:

Frosh	19	13	14	3
Soph	8	4	2	9

Frosh

	FG	FT	PF
Lantz F	11	1	2
Brubaker, F	1	0	5
Miller, F	2	0	3
Bair, C	9	4	3
Nafziger, G	0	0	4
Henderson, G	1	0	5
Total	24	5	22

P. G.'s

	FG	FT	PF
Krabill, F	3	0	0
Byler, F	5	4	2
Yoder, C	2	4	2
Ulrich, G	0	1	3
Alderfer, G	8	3	1
Total	18	12	8

FROSH WIN CHAMPIONSHIP

The play off game for the championship of the 1st semester saw a hard fought game between the PG's and the Frosh. Both teams were out to win, and every man was in there fighting until the final whistle. The first half was very close the whole way with Alderfer leading the attack for the PG's and Lantz for the Frosh. Both of the boys poured 12 points apiece through the nets and at half time the score read 25-25. Soon after the start of the second half, the Frosh team, with Lantz and Bair showing the way, pulled into the lead, but with Alderfer dropping one long shot after another the PG's finally overhauled the Frosh and rushed with a 46-40 lead midway through the 4th quarter. Then the tempo said Crescendo and the Frosh team really went to work. They gave all they had and even though they lost two men via the personal foul route, came through with an amazing last quarter rally, and pulled what looked like a lost ball game out of the fire to the tune of 53-48.

For the Frosh it was Harry Lantz who showed the way with 23 points to take high scoring honors for the evening. His teammate, R. Bair, followed closely with 22 and played a bang-up floor game. For the PG's it was Alderfer, who with amazing accuracy hit his long set shots and finished with a total of 19 points. Next semester should produce some even better ball than this semester. Let's support our team!

Naomi Martin spent Sunday, Dec. 10, with Lois Oyer, '39, in Elkhart.

the Hornets (sophomores) and the Dashers (freshmen) scored 16 and 4 points, respectively. Alice Brenneman was the only scorer for the Dashers; Sylvia Schrock contributed 7 points for the Hornets.

The Seniors forfeited their first game, scheduled for the 12th, to the Huskies, since they weren't able to collect enough players.

PRESIDENT MILLER MAKES TRIPS

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Smucker, Denison, Iowa; Tartt Bell, Alexian Brothers Hospital, Chicago; Lotus Troyer, Ypsilanti, Michigan; George Mahlenhoff, Duke University Hospital, Durham, N. C.; Warren Leathemman, Howard, Rhode Island; Dorsa Mishler, Beltsville, Maryland; and Dallas Varan, Mulberry, Florida. Also present were the staff members from the Mennonite Central Committee office at Akron, Pa.: Albert Gaeddert, O. O. Miller, Elmer Ediger, Roy Umble, Harry Martens, and Robert Kreider.

President Miller preached at the Landis Valley Church on Sunday morning, December 10. On Sunday evening he preached at Scottsdale, Pennsylvania, church. Monday, December 11, President Miller met in a conference with A. J. Metzler, John Horst, and C. F. Yake, returning to Goshen on Monday evening.

Yesterday President Miller left for Chicago where he attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Education. From there he will leave for Howard, Rhode Island, where he will spend two days individually interviewing the men and women who are enrolled in the relief training unit at that station. He will return to Goshen on December 22. On December 24, he will preach to the Oak Grove congregation at Orrville, Ohio.

VOICE STUDENTS

APPEAR IN RECITAL

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Hark, Hark, the LarkLoomis
The Star of PeaceParker
Ruth Alderfer
The Two GrenadiersSchumann
James Greiner
When I was Seventeen
.....Swedish Folk Song
The Infant JesusPietro A. Yon
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FACULTY VACATION PLANS

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attend the Foreign Missions Conference of North America.

Miss Royer will be at her home in Orrville, Ohio, except for the December 29-January 1 week-end when she and the Junior Girls' Quartet will present programs in Mennonite churches near Orrville. Walter Yoder also expects to spend some time in Ohio. For a week he will conduct classes in hymn interpretation and chorister training at the Central Church in Fulton County, Ohio.

Professor Mininger will be at the Denison, Iowa, CPS Camp from January 1-5 conducting a 1 Corinthian class in the Relief Workers Training course. Dr. J. C. Wenger and his family plan to be in Kokomo, Indiana, from December 28-31 where Dr. Wenger will take part in a Bible Conference at the Howard-Miami congregation. From January 2-5, he will attend Ministers' Week at E.M.S. returning to Goshen for classes on January 8.

Professor Erb will be conducting a week of meetings at the Metamora, Illinois church from December 24-31, where the Sophomore Girls' Quartet will sing. He will preach at Fisher, Illinois, and Kouts, Indiana, enroute home. Dean Bender will conduct a series of meetings at the Kouts, Indiana, Mennonite Church, and December 30 and 31 will attend the dedication services for farm units operated by the Peace Problems Committee, which will take place at the CPS Unit at Lincoln, Nebraska.

Since the true Christmas spirit is in the heart, and not in places, we know that our professors will have what we heartily wish them, a very merry Christmas!

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