

# Merry Christmas

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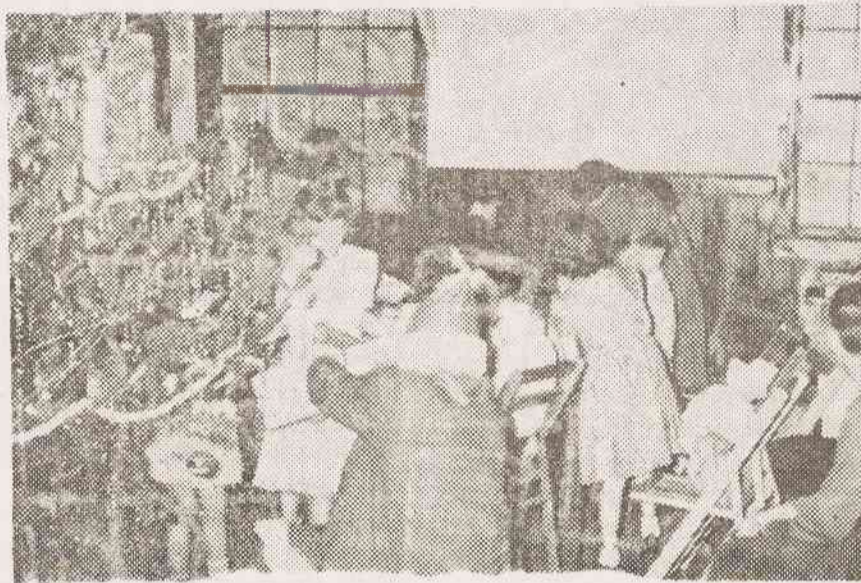
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### PRESIDENT'S CHRISTMAS GREETING

To all of the Asheville-Biltmore College family and to all friends of the college, I extend greetings on the occasion of another Yuletide season.

This is a time for joy and gladness, for song and prayer, for feasting and fellowship, for giving and receiving. Let us not, however, fail to remember the true significance of Christmas. With humility, let us return thanks to Him whose teachings and sacrifices have bestowed upon us manifold blessings. Let us carry those teachings into everyday practice and find self-satisfaction in rendering service to others by striving to better the welfare of our family, neighbors, school, community, nation, and all mankind. He who would be happy will render service unto others. In this age of materialism and of striving for material wealth, it is sometimes difficult for individuals to recognize that the ultimate in happiness is attained by embracing this unselfish conception of service.

As we look forward to the beginning of a new year, I am sure all of us do so with the fervent hope that the year 1949 will witness the dream of "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men." May God in his Infinite Wisdom guide the leaders of all mankind throughout the world toward the attainment of this goal. For the college and for most of us as individuals, 1948 has been a good year. May the year 1949 bring even greater rewards. As we return from our vacations, refreshed in body, mind, and spirit, can we not dedicate ourselves to the task of bringing a tinge of realism to the motto, "We're Climbing Higher?"



SANTA VISITS A-B COLLEGE

### College Holds Xmas Dance

The Christmas Dance promises to be one of the most elaborate social affairs of the year. It will be held at the Elk Club on Monday, Dec. 20, from 9 a.m. to 1 a.m.

The music will be provided by the Skyliners. Plans were made by the social committee of the college.

Invitations have been sent to two members of the student bodies of each high school in Asheville and Buncombe county.

It is my hope that each and every one of you will have a very Merry Christmas and a most Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,  
GLEN L. BUSHY.

A-BC students entertained the children from City-County Children's Home with a Christmas party in the college assembly hall December 14.

Short talks on Christmas were given by Johnny Tipton, student body head and Don Dillingham. The entire student body joined in singing Christmas Carols. To the tune of Jingle Bells, a rotund, jolly Santa entered, laughing merrily. Amid shouts of the delighted tots, Santa Claus dispensed gifts of nuts, fruits, clothing and toys. There was much laughing around the tree as each child received his gift. After all the gifts had been distributed, the children sang "We thank you," and "Merry Christmas."

The party was sponsored by the Student Council, and funds were contributed by the student body.

### FIRST DEBATE MEET

The A-BC Debators made an excellent showing at the Appalachian Mountain Forensic Tournament last week-end, according to Mr. Wooton. The tournament consisted of four rounds of debating for each college team, in addition to contests in Oratory, Radio Announcing, extemporaneous speaking, impromptu speaking, after-dinner and extemporaneous reading.

The Asheville-Biltmore participants were: Martha Jane Wix, Eugene Waldrop, Don Dillingham, Gus Coutlakis, Harriet Hunter, and Jack Conner. A total of sixteen speeches were made by most of the speakers.

Contestants were graded individually and Don Dillingham placed second in after dinner speaking. "Our students," Mr. Wooton said, "were certainly on a par with those students from other colleges who were rated in first and second places."

Eugene Waldrop and Martha Jane Wix, were the A-BC negative speakers; Gus Coutlakis and Don Dillingham the affirmative. Don and Eugene entered oratory very successfully; Martha Jane and Eugene participated in poetry reading; Gus, Eugene and Don were contestants in radio announcing; and Don spoke in the after-dinner and extemporaneous contests.

The tournament was held at Appalachian State Teachers College, with colleges from all over North Carolina and Tennessee participating. Many four year colleges entered.

The Asheville-Biltmore team will continue to enter forensic contests throughout the year, to be climaxed by the national tournament in the latter part of the second semester.

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### From The Campus Crier Staff