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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Christmas . . . Merry Christmas! Happy wishes of "Merry Christmas" fall thickly on all sides as the holiday approaches—everyone is desirous that his friends and relatives have, above all, a Merry Christmas. But what does one imply when he wishes someone this special merriness? Forbid that we let so happy a greeting fall prey to misinterpretation or the grasp of a cliché!

Tragically, it has been found by some to mean to have a "gay time"—a time that all responsibility can be forgotten and one can do anything he or she pleases. But truly this is not the meaning of this word, "merry". Webster states its meaning as: pleasant, delightful, and joyous.

A pleasant Christmas, I believe, would be one in which you will enjoy doing things for others — for those whom you love, and for those you may never know. The old adage that happiness comes from trying to make others happy is very true.

A delightful Christmas! — what a wonderful expression — used to mean the kind of Christmas that one may find in his or her home. Long-loved traditions which are repeated year after year bring back memories of other Christmases. The bedecked Tree, a warm fire, Christmas carols and stories, the family together again, Santa for the little ones and many other important things all go to make Christmas delightful.

A joyous Christmas is a merry Christmas — a happy Christmas. It should be joyous because it is Christmas; for many years ago in the little town of Bethlehem, Jesus Christ, our Saviour was born! It is His Birthday we are celebrating and it is only as we come to know and love Him that we can experience a Joyous Christmas — a MERRY Christmas.

Around The World And Back

By FAYE JENKINS

After weeks, or should I say months, of deliberation, the Senate finally censured Senator Joe McCarthy on three counts.

The action on the first accusation amounted to a 67-20 vote of guilty on the charge McCarthy obstructed the Senate and acted contrary to its traditions in failing to help a subcommittee which investigated him in 1951 and 1952, and is "abusing" the group's members.

The Wisconsin Senator also got a wholly new investigation started by his charging that forgery and suppression of evidence had been used against him. As a result of this charge, Sen. Knowland of California named a special committee to look into the alleged checking of the senators' incoming mail by unauthorized persons.

All the Democrats present and twenty-three Republicans voted to condemn McCarthy's behavior toward the Hennings-Hayden-Hendrickson subcommittee which investigated his financial and other affairs in 1951-52.

Knowland and nineteen other Republicans backed McCarthy, but their efforts were defeated by a vote of 67 to 20. The vote came after a series of attempts to spare the Wisconsin senator from censure.

The Senate refused to censure McCarthy for his "denunci-

ation" of Brig. Gen. Ralph W. Zwicker which was the second charge against him.

The second count, abuse of Brig. Gen. Zwicker, never came to a vote. The Senate refused to rebuke McCarthy for his action when the general appeared before McCarthy's subcommittee last February.

The third and final charge was voted 64-23 for censure. On this count McCarthy was censured for abusing the Watkins committee which recommended he be censured on the other two counts. McCarthy called the committee a "Communist handmaiden" and made other attacks on the committee.

Finally, after rebuking one of its own members for the fourth time in American history, the Senate adjourned "sine die" at 7:15 p. m. EST. That means, in this case, until January 5.

How did McCarthy react to his censure? Apparently he was not too surprised, and he, with his injured arm in a sling, came into the chamber when the final vote was in progress. Among his remarks concerning the censure issue are:

"I don't think the American people are at all fooled. They know I have been censured because I dared to do the dishonorable thing of exposing communists in government."

McCarthy also said that he

Santa Claus Coming To Halls

Deck the hall with boughs of holly" — This will soon be the cry heard throughout the hall of old Flossie Mac. As Santa Claus comes near, all the halls begin to burst with the holiday colors. Christmas trees, Santa Clauses, over-size stockings, carols, and good eats will be common everywhere. The girls will

be asked to decorate the doors of their rooms with the sky as the limit for their ingenious ideas. The walls and ceilings will hold their share of the decorations, too.

Letters will be written home asking for special food for hall parties. On a night, chosen by the hall, there will be a big party with singing, playing, and eating. Several halls will draw names to exchange small gifts around the Christmas trees in a family spirit.

So put on your thinking caps

and plan an extra special decoration for your door and hall. Each will try to make its hall the prettiest in the buildings.

For your hall parties, look around you, for there are several teachers living here in the building who would love to share with you in the holiday activities.

May you have the Merriest of Christmases, but don't eat too many goodies at the coming parties.

Traditions . . . Christmas A Time Of Many Traditions

By BETSY FLESHMAN

There are many Christmas traditions here at Flora Macdonald; the White Gift Service, the Dome Service, the banquet, going Christmas caroling, filling stockings for children through the Prayer Bands.

Toy Workshop

The Toy Workshop might be called a tradition, but it is not held every year. The girls repair old broken toys that they have brought from home. After these toys are painted or mended or fixed to look as nearly as possible like new, they are wrapped and given to the children of poor Negro families here in Red Springs, children who would otherwise have no Christmas. The Toy Workshop is usually held in Watkins on a Satur-

day afternoon just before Christmas, and anyone who wants to, and has time, helps.

Christmas Tree

Another tradition is the Senior Christmas tree. Each year about a week before Christmas, usually in time for the Christmas dance, the Seniors get a huge tree for the Rotunda. They decorate it at night, after the 11:00 bell. No one is allowed to help except Seniors. There is singing while the tree is being decorated. After this is finished, hot chocolate or some other refreshment is served and the whole class joins in singing Christmas carols. This tradition is not very old, probably started about ten years ago.

The Christmas banquet is one of the older traditions. The

banquet is usually the Wednesday or Thursday night before we go home for the holidays. It is a formal dinner. We have an "extra-special" meal that night, with fancy trimmings, and we eat by candlelight. We sing carols during the banquet, first in English, then in three different foreign languages. The Spanish Club sings carols in Spanish, and the French and Latin Clubs sing.

Mr. Sinclair usually plays "White Christmas" for us at the banquet. It is a gay and happy occasion. Mrs. Perry says that she remembers the Christmas banquet as a "beautiful time with soft lights, music, and a festive air." She said that when she was a student here they did not have the Dome Service and many of our Christmas activities and that the banquet was the big thing to which they all looked forward.

Heard Around The Corner

By "PEEPS"

Hello,

Here we are, back again! Not so very much worst after our holidays! Just think, only two and a half more weeks and we'll be home again for Christmas holidays with its many parties, the Dixie Classics, Santa Claus, and most important, the celebration of Christ's birth on earth.

Eva Grey Davis is going to the Citadel for the Christmas hop. What a lovely way to start the holidays!

I feel sure that all of us will want a new dress for the parties and dances, and I received a fashion clue from one who

was "greatly relieved" that the censure issue was finally being dissolved and that he hoped to have a chance to get back to work soon. McCarthy said that his being censured "will make the investigation of Communists in Government much more difficult." But he added, "It won't stop us. Indeed, I intend to continue this fight to expose a communists roughly in the same way."

All of the Carolina Senators voted censure on the first and last counts. Senator Sam Ervin, N. C. Democrat from Morganton stated "The senators who know Senator McCarthy best, and what he is doing to this country have voted three to one that they condemn his conduct as unbecoming to a senator of the United States."

In giving the reason for failure to condemn McCarthy on the second count Ervin said that some felt censure might imply the limitation of power of cross-examination by a congressional committee.

Dirksen, the Illinois Senator and anti-censure leader, said that he didn't want to white-wash McCarthy, but that we all had to admit he was a determined foe of Communism, first and last.

What do you think?

"If it's white, it's right." That being the case we'll have a white Christmas in more ways than one.

Girls, look, your feet are glittering. Some of the hose designed for evening wear have shining gilt designs on them.

Did anyone notice the plaid, corduroy treader pants worn by a visitor here last week? Cute, don't you think?

Here's some advice to those giving Christmas gifts from O. Henry's book, The Gift of the Magi. In this story Mrs. James Dillingham Young, finding herself with only a dollar and eighty-seven cents at Christmas, sold her beautiful long hair to buy a watch chain for her husband. In the meantime he had sold his gold watch to buy her a splendid pair of combs. Moral — "Of all who live and receive gifts, such as they are wisest."

For the friend that had everything, give the latest in hand bag news — a folded envelope of doeskin, in a deep, vivid, blueprint blue. It can be used for daytime or evening wear.

Teresa Brewer has come out with a hit tune titled "Let Me Go, Lover." Heard it?

Did you know that people used to believe that blondes were dynamic, aggressive, quick, alert, daring, changeable and lovers of vanity; that brunettes were just the opposite? No wonder they say that gentlemen prefer blondes, but that they marry brunettes — interesting theory, anyway.

P. S. Merry Christmas! I almost forgot that this was the last issue until the New Year.

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Campus Clubs and Capers

By PAT CLARK

Though Christmas is still a few weeks away, several clubs have already had their Christmas parties. The Spanish Club met on December 2 at 6:40 in Zetesian Hall. Everyone brought a ten cent gift and put it in a grabbag. Then everyone drew out a gift. Jean Blalock was in charge of the refreshments. Afterwards the club enjoyed singing Christmas carols.

The Writers Club is considering three Christmas plays written by the members. If possible the one which they consider the best will be presented by Highland players.

The Classical Club met December 1 in the front parlor for their Christmas party. After taking care of the business part of the meeting, Christmas carols were sung.

The French Club met on November 29. Mr. Regan told the story of the opera "Carmen". Afterwards he played the records of it.

The Virginia Club has been selling hot dogs not to enrich their treasury but to raise money for the Prayer Chapel. On December 9 they are planning to have their Christmas party at the home of their sponsor, Mrs. McPhaul. Virginia members of the faculty have been invited.

The Highland Players are hoping to present a short one-act play to the student body just before the Christmas holidays. It is "A Room for the Prince" by Rilla Carlisle. Work on casting it will begin as soon as the playbooks arrive. The serious note to the play will awake a new and deeper meaning to Christmas.

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