

CHRISTMAS 1957

Christmas Day was a time of happiness, a day when smiling youth sat at large tables loaded with rich foods, and together thanked God for the blessings He had given them. A day when small children sat until evening upon warm hearthstones, their parents relating to them stories from the Bible. Christmas Day was a day of love and happiness, of friends and good food. Today, Christmas Day is still a time of happiness, a day when smiling youth walk together down brightly decorated streets and shop for presents for friends. A day when small children sit upon wool rugs and read comic books while their parents watch television. A day of laughter and exchanging presents, of friends and good food. No longer does Christmas have the same Christian air about it; and no one but ourself is to blame. We are the ones who have commercialized the Holy Season; we place a simple X to stand for Christ, we decorate with costly ornaments, we cast aside the real meaning of Christmas, the Day of the Birth of God's

only Son. It seems so long ago that the Baby was born, so long ago that the Wise Men came, so long ago that the Star of Bethlehem shone down on the guardian angels; so long ago that we need not remember it all.

But Christmas is a holy time, now, as it always was. A joy comes with it that war cannot kill, for it is a simple joy of the soul, and the soul cannot die. Christmas does not heed poverty, for it brings a joy which no earthly wealth can give; nor will time ever interfere with Christmas, for it belongs to eternity.

Yes, men have made much progress upon this earth in their short stay; but they have one more important thing to learn, perhaps the most important thing. They must learn to disregard their present wealth, and not until they begin their travels with the Wise Men, on the long road that leads to Bethlehem, will they ever find real freedom and peace, for it is only the following of Christ that makes men free.

DRIVE CAREFULLY

In the next few days there will be a mass exodus of college students from their educational institutions to their homes. The nation's highways will also be flooded with winter vacationers. With this conglomeration of vehicular traffic there is bound to be some mishaps on the parkways. All the safe precautions should be adhered to when driving a long distance: have the brakes in good working order, pull over to the side of the road if you feel sleepy, do not take foolish chances and try to pass on hills and curves. It has been determined

that most of the highway accidents are caused by the loose nut behind the wheel.

The members of the Guilfordian would like to wish all the students, faculty, and friends of the campus best wishes for a joyous Christmas holiday.

REMEMBER:

- Drive carefully and not quick.*
- Don't drive with the speed of a sputnik.*
- Take heed and drive slow;*
- On green only go*
- If you want to live to see ol' St. Nick.*

Kerr's Comments

REVOLTING DEVELOPMENT

Unofficial word around campus is that the first quarter grades were the lowest in a period of about 10 years.

Many factors might be involved in this "revolting development."—anything from Asian flu epidemic to water fights in the dorm. It might be that students find themselves so involved in extra-curricular ac-

tivities that they have not found time to work studying into their schedules.

Keeping this last factor in mind, The Guilfordian has decided not to publish an issue in January so that staff members may devote full time to studying for exams.

Judging from several student opinions which were expressed to us, our action rated whole-hearted approval.

Other students have stated in effect that it would be appreciated if other campus organizations would limit or curtail their activities (if any are planned) during the pre-exam period. This period of study will decide the academic standing of many students who have low grades at the quarter. Since Thanksgiving there have been many activities which tend to interfere with studying, and it is unlikely that many students will study during the vacation period.

Also during January, Dorm students should make a special effort to observe "quiet hours" during this period.

A man went out one day to seek his enemies and he found no friends. A man went out one day to seek his friends and he found no enemies.—*Sunshine Magazine.*

Peace On Earth



Good Will Toward Men

From The President's Desk . . .

Dear Guilfordians:

At Christmas time, in our busy preparations and our joyous festivities, may we not forget the true and deeper meaning of this celebration, which commemorates the birth of Christ. Through Him men had their clearest interpretation of what life ought to be and a deeper understanding of life's high purpose and destiny.

We wish for each of you, as you again experience the real significance of Christmas, the banishment of doubts and the strengthening of faith.

During this Christmas season when the spirit of giving is dominant we are all truly thankful for many lasting gifts which we have been sharing—hours of good fellowship, words of encouragement, acts of enthusiastic cooperation. As each of us recalls these happy and varied experiences, especial gratitude is felt for everyone who has extended the spirit of Christmas throughout the year.

For the faculty and staff may we wish for each of you a happy reunion with your family and a joyous holiday.

CLYDE A. MILNER
President

Clara Montgomery

The World Dilemma And You And I

While attending the United Nations Seminar in New York last week, I began to realize the complexity of the world situation and that we are now living in a new world with a new dilemma.

The subject of the Seminar was mostly on disarmament. We learned that both of the superpowers of U.S.S.R. and the U.S.A. have been

forced to realize that neither can overcome the other by military means. The weapons now used are economic, and mostly psychological.

I think part of the realization at this seminar of college students, is the fact that the ultimate weapon will be a moral and intellectual one.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

OUR RIGHTS?

Editor of the Guilfordian:

We students here at Guilford are exercising one of our basic freedoms to its fullest extent. This freedom is our right to assemble. While many people place a great deal of emphasis on this right, no one seems to recognize our right NOT to assemble. By being compelled to attend chapel programs at Guilford, we are being deprived of our right not to assemble.

In defense of chapel, some people will say that the material presented in these meetings is just as important for a liberal education as any of one's regular subjects. This concept would be very fine if the majority of the chapel programs appealed to and were of interest to the majority of students attending them. Unfortunately, this is not the case. Most of our chapel programs are exemplified by restlessness, reading, slumber, and a general lack of interest in the proceedings. This being the case, I am of the opinion that the bulk of the programs are of no interest to the majority of our students.

I am not in favor of completely abolishing chapel programs, but I am sincerely in favor of limiting their number or making their attendance voluntary. I believe our chapel programs would benefit by being of more interest to more people or by being attended by a more interested group if the above suggestions were followed.

If anyone has a different opinion on this matter, I would like to see it expressed in this column.

Mike Stallings

EDITOR'S REPLY:

It is a good argument, But . . .

Editor of The Guilfordian:

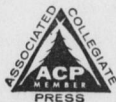
I would like to take the opportunity to express my feelings about the dance sponsored by the social committee the other weekend. I think the dance was the best I have ever attended at Guilford and I'm sure most of those who attended will agree with me.

I've never been to a dance before when everyone seemed to enjoy himself as much. I think this should prove that students enjoy this type of entertainment. I only hope we can have more of this type of dance.

I congratulate Joyce Hannaum for the splendid job she did in making the dance a success. She has really made the social committee the greatest success possible.

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"I guess we should have gotten our term papers in on time."

Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year
from
The Guilfordian
Staff