

ORPHANS INVITED TO ED CLUB PARTY

On Thursday night, December 12, at eight o'clock the Education Club entertained the First and Second Grades of the Methodist Orphanage at a Christmas party in the Hut. The party was planned by Miriam Hill, president of the Club, assisted by Dorothy Clarke, chairman of the Decorations Committee, Jean Maddry, chairman of the Refreshments Committee, Dorothy Cooper, Chairman of the Program Committee, and Angeline Shields, Chairman of the Clean-up Committee.

The children and Miss Mary Ferree, who was in charge of them, were brought from the Orphanage to the Hut by Mr. B. Y. Tyner, Mr. Harry K. Dorsett, and Miss Lila Bell, who are the Club sponsors. The lighted Christmas tree and other decorations in the Hut gave an atmosphere of Christmas. Hot chocolate was served to the guests and club members. Group singing under the direction of Nancy Dickens was a part of the evening's program. The movie, *The Night Before Christmas*, was shown, and during the evening pictures were taken. Especially for the children a highlight of the program was the visit of Santa Claus (Mr. Walter Cole in everyday life), who gave each child a gift consisting of candy, oranges, nuts and a jump rope.

Third Shelf Down

A thoroughly delightful and entertaining book is Oscar Levant's *A Smattering of Ignorance*. The book consists of his very frank but humorous opinions concerning musicians of the day as well as incidents of his own life and his friends.

His treatment of the conductors is harsh—even insulting, but with a semblance of truth as seen in his remark of Stokowski: "I would like to have been present, if I could have my choice of all moments in musical history, when Stokowski suddenly became conscious of his beautiful hands. That must have been a moment. Like stout Cortez on a plate in Darien (I know it was Balboa) he saw before him a limitless expanse, a whole uncharted sea that might be subject to his influence, free from the encumbrance of a baton."

One of the larger sections of the book is given over to his friendship with George Gershwin in which he pays a lovely tribute to this friend and composer. He spent many hours in the Gershwin household working and composing and came to know George intimately.

The last pages of the book are devoted to the up and coming American composers with particular emphasis on the work of Aaron Copland. **EMILY HINE**

Home Churches Plan Student Programs

The Christmas season brings the occasion of observing Student Night at Christmas, a service which is becoming more and more a vital part of the students' Christmas activities.

The programs are sent out ahead of time to the schools and colleges in order that students may prepare the program in advance of the holidays, and become acquainted with the objectives of observing Student Night. The emphasis and the message of the program reaches out to include high school students, parents, and other leaders of the home church; thus bringing the college and other school students back into the welcome atmosphere of the home church.

Each student has something to offer for the success of the Student Night program of his church. The program needs participants of all kinds. Meredith students want to share such an opportunity to bring their college B.S.U. to their home churches.

Information concerning programs and other suggestions for a successful Student Night may be obtained through the B.S.U.

Education Association Meets At Meredith

Meredith College played host last Saturday to the regional meeting of the Association for Childhood Education. Speakers were Dr. Carlyle Campbell; Miss Willa Way Benbow, state president of A.C.E.; Mr. Barnett Spratt, principal of Wiley School in Raleigh; and Mr. Alec McDonald, first grade teacher at Wiley.

Exhibits were displayed in science, art, recent children's books, oral hygiene work, and A.C.E. publications. About 300 teachers from grade schools of Raleigh, Wake County, and surrounding counties attended.



In Tuneful Carol



By ELLA MAE SHIRLEY

What does Christmas mean to you? Going home, last-minute shopping, odd-shaped packages, and guests? Doesn't Christmas mean more than these? Does it not recall anew the beautiful story of our Christ, of his birth? Do you not thrill to the songs we often sing about the Christ to the Christmas carols?

Do you know what a carol is? It is a song or hymn of deep joy. Let's look at a few of our well-known and loved Christmas carols.

"Joy to the World, the Lord is Come" was written in 1719 by Isaac Watts. Although he lived in an age when religion was formal and expression reserved, Watts wrote with enthusiasm and real joy. This beautiful carol is a paraphrase of the last six verses of the ninety-eighth Psalm.

Joy to the World, the Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the World, the Saviour reigns;
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground:
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love.

Adeste Fideles, or as we better know it, "O Come, All Ye Faithful," is an old hymn first used in the Roman Catholic Church. Its exact author and date are unknown; however, there have been many translations of it from the Latin. The one we most often use is that of Frederic Oakley.

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

O come, let us adore him
O come, let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God, all glory in the highest:

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:

Perhaps the best loved of all carols is "Silent Night." The words and music were written by two Germans in 1818. Joseph Mohr, an assistant pastor at Oberdorf, wrote the poem "Stille Nacht." Later the same night he recognized the words of his poem being sung to a beautiful melody, which his friend, Franz Gruber, had been inspired to write. At a simple Christmas service the real spirit of love and service was the impetus for these beautiful words:

Silent night, holy night.
All is calm, all is bright.
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child,
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,
Darkness flies, all is light;
Shepherds hear the angels sing,
"Alleluia! hail the King!
Christ the Saviour is born.

Silent night, holy night,
Guiding star, lend thy light;
See the Eastern wise men bring
Gifts and homage to our King!
Christ the Saviour is born.

Silent night, holy night,
Wondrous stars, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King!
Christ the Saviour is born.

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which is an Arctic treat. Mrs. Santa does the cooking and makes beautiful fur rugs out of many of the hides from the wild game.

Santa spends all the year getting ready to make other people happy at Christmas. I could hardly imagine someone working in a shop every day and many nights making things to give away, but that is exactly what Santa Claus does, and he is just about the happiest person I have ever met. I asked him to give me a special message for all the Meredith girls. He laughed and said he loved them all and wished them every one a *Merry Christmas*.

ANSWER TO GUESSING CONTEST

The baby whose picture was run in the last issue of "The Twig" was that of Helen Wallis, Student Government president. Watch for another picture in a future issue.

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