

Try One Of These Suggestions To Show Your TCC A Blast

Robert Edwin Harper, my economics instructor, candidly said this of the typical Carolina coed: "They seem five feet, eight, when actually they are five, six." This seems to hint that some you-know-whos have their noses stuck up in the ole Carolina blue sky. Sorry 'bout that.

In line with this, I offer the real, true to life, everyday thing one Carolina coed does that makes her way and above the mass of typical CC's. This is the warm smile accompanied by a soft "thank you" that follows the door being opened for her by a CCHHR. Just as the little things mean a lot, the little thank yous also add meaning. The CCHHR is of course, a Cool, Crazy, Carolina Hell Raiser. What else?

The Embers Club is really providing the coolest entertainment around these days. Tonight, the Embers-Bobby, Jackie, Frank, and Durwood—are on hand. Friday, the Satans of Winston-Salem are appearing. The Catalinas of Charlotte are on tab Saturday.

The weeks to come, especially the holiday season, are filled with big acts. Wilson Pickett and his entire show band will star there Dec. 21. The Tams will be on hand for a big Christmas Eve Spectacular. New Year's Eve will fea-

ture the Embers. How about that?

The Showmen-Monzas Extravaganza, originally set for this Saturday, has been postponed to Dec. 15. Beginning at 8 p.m., this will be one of the swingiest ways with which to begin the yuletide season.

Goings On

By Ann Perrette

"You Can't Take It With You," the Playmakers' newest performance, opens tonight at the Playmakers Theater. "Irma La Douce" is running at the Barn Dinner-Theater in Raleigh.

What "bar" in Chapel Hill has a big batch of goodies brewing? Would you believe the Longbranch? Well how 'bout Katie Mae's Grill? Okay, so it's the Record Bar with a potpourri of discs, both new and old. A great oldie, a year and a half that is, is "Maurice and the Zodiacs at the Beach." Motown's "A package of 16 golden Hits, Vol. V" really brings back so many memories. At the top of the current scene is "Mitch Ryder and his Detroit Wheels." "ST R(Stand-

ing Room Only) a la the Brass of Herbie Pental is just another. What, a Carolina Christmas and not a 50 per cent sale at Kemp's? Come on, chez baby, has the cold weather got ya in a tight grip?

Saturday, Sigma Tau Upsilon Delta (Ehringhaus) presents The Luv'd Ones in a Christmas-A-Go-Go combo party. Showtime is at eight o'clock.

"Madragola," currently at Raleigh's Varsity Theater is a fun-filled flick on the masterful art of the bedroom. "What's Up Tiger Lily?" stars Woody Allen and is playing at the Center in Durham. Another highly recommended flick is the Rialto's "10:30 P.M. Summer." The Carolina Theater has group of one day stints, some new, some old, beginning today with "Sex Kittens Go to College." "Lord of the Flies" is set for Thursday, "Baby the Rain Must Fall" on Friday, and "Marco the Magnificent" on Saturday. "Ambush Bay," a cool war story, begins Sunday.

The Yardbirds, who are setting many of the popular sounds, are featured on the Milton Berle Show, Friday. Next week there will be a super dooper, pooper scooper contest, so get ready.

Mexican Kids Have Two Yules

MEXICO CITY (UPI) Mexican children get a double whack at gifts during the yuletide season.

They have two gift days—December 25 and January 6, the "Day of the Three Kings." Two celebrations are rolled into one during the yuletide, a combination of the centuries-old Mexican festivities and the Christmas tree and trimmings from the North.

Mexico gets a head start on most of the world with Christmas festivities, which begin December 16, date of the first "posada." The unique and typically Mexican "posada" is reenacted nightly until Christmas Eve, commemorating the pilgrimage of the Holy Family in quest of lodging.



While the United States is still dreaming of a white Christmas, the totally different and fascinating Mexican observance goes on in the mild spring-like weather that prevails most of the year in large parts of the country. For instance, in Mexico City, December is a month of gentle breezes and sunshine during the day and cool evenings that call for an egg-nog, known as "rompope."

I early December hundreds of thousands of families are preparing the traditional "nacimientos" or "creches"—the nativity tableaux depicting Biblical scenes related to the birth of Christ.

Homes, offices and business houses are enriched with in which the country's artistic talent finds full play. To provide the clay figures for the scenes, many thousands

Christmas In Other Lands

of native craftsmen have been busy for months.

Festive Air

The magnificent public markets in Mexico City take on a festive air with these beautiful figures and other accessories on display, alongside the newer and equally fascinating Christmas tree ornaments, imported or made by Mexico's own artisans.

Streets are gay with strings of lights and neon-lighted Christmas figures.

Part of Christmas are the famous "pinatas," the incredible papier-mache figures, ranging up to four or five feet in length, built around a clay jar filled with candies, nuts, toys, and other goodies. Only the maker's imagination limits the shape of the figures, which may be a simple multiple-pointed star, a human figure, a bird, animal, fish, airplane, or automobile.

Breaking of the "pinata" is part of the festivities accompanying the nightly "posada." Participants are blindfolded, whirled around a few times after being handed a long stick. Each separately tries to smash the jar. When it breaks there is a general scramble to harvest its contents, scattered over the floor.

Prior to the "pinata" and the eating of typically Mexican foods, the "posada" begins with a procession preceding to a previously designated house. The marchers carry lighted candles, sing carols and litanies, led by children holding a litter with figures of Joseph and Mary.

They chant their request for lodging. The response comes also in song from inside. After denials, the door finally is opened and the marchers troop in for the beginning of a joyous party with a procession of all participants inside the house.

In many cities special church services are held, including a midnight mass known as "misa de gallo" (the rooster's mass), and many celebrations continue until dawn.

Santa Claus, Or 'Joulupukki' Lives In Finnish Mountains

HELSINKI (UP) — Starry-eyed children the world over know that Santa Claus lives in the Finnish Lapland in Korvatunturi, which is 1,610 feet high in the middle of nowhere.

It's only a geographical oddity that Santa's home 100 miles north of the Arctic Circle, is divided into two by the Finno-Soviet border.

On the Finnish side of the frontier the old gent is known as "Joulupukki." On the Soviet side he doesn't exist. Russians have "Father Frost," bearer of gifts on New Year's Day.

Come Christmas time, the story goes, the jolly old man hops into his reindeer-pulled sled, and off he goes bearing parcels and gifts for the children of the world.

In reality, of course, he just grabs a cab and takes off on a busy evening which may see him at half a dozen homes around the city.

The more modern Santas trust in airplanes and one of the most beloved is American. U.S. servicemen stationed in

the Ramstein Air Force Base in West Germany have arranged "Operation Jingle Bells," a gift bearing tradition to made the orphans of the Finnish far north happy.

"Jingle Bells" has now been carried out nine times, and a Convair from Ramstein is expected here again in December.

Christmas in Finland is a family occasion, a moment to honor the dead and a time to purify both body and soul.

On Christmas Eve, after the humdrum of the day has turned into silence, smoke can be seen rising from a multitude of bath houses, or saunas, in the rural areas. Having washed, the family visits the neighborhood cemetery to light candles on the graves of their loved ones.

Later in the evening father mother and the tots sit down to a dinner table for the big meal which consists of a 20-pound ham, rice porridge, heady beverages and other delicacies of an astonishing variety.

After dinner, it's time for Santa to distribute the gifts.

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