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"Peace on Earth--"

Christmas stands for peace. Yet every year we use this season in our most selfish ways--the hustle and the bustle which stand for the shopping, the party-going, and all the other good times in which we indulge. We're always thinking more of what we're going to get rather than what we'll give. The day means good times rather than good will.

Our parents are looking forward to our home-coming perhaps more than we ourselves. They want us to spend a little time with them. This is the least thing we can do, and yet it means more than the greatest gift we can give them. Let's try to make this Christmas an unselfish one. Let it stand for peace and good will.

What Has Happened?

At the first of the year we heard many good resolutions, and the reports from both Freshman and Sophomore classes were very enthusiastic. However, at present, things seem to be at a stand-still. Obviously the classes have not done anything outstanding, and the prospects of doing anything seem very slim. Let's get busy. Almost before we know it the year will be over, and we'll be saying "We intended to do thus and so." Now is the time. Let's have action.

Never call a man a little shrimp. Speak of his Napoleonic compactness, and he'll increase that order to a gross.

The Library

To have as fine a library as ours is indeed a privilege, and one for which we should show our appreciation by our general attitude.

The first step is the care of the library property. The books and magazines are those which, when once destroyed, can rarely be duplicated. We must remember that we are not the only ones who will use the books.

The second step is the unselfish use of the library property. Reference work should be done quickly in order that other people can use the books. All other books should be checked out and returned on the given date.

Quietness in the library is the third step and the one in which we have failed the most. Too often the library becomes a place for social gatherings.

Let's all work together in order to have a better library.

"We're Not Dressing"

It seems to me that this phrase is much too common on our campus. Certainly this is not a rich man's school. We didn't come up here for the sole purpose of dressing up. Indeed not! But truly don't you think we could all be a little more neat and take just a little more care and pains with our dress? I am quite sure that the majority of us would not think of going around in our home towns the way we do around here. Sometimes I am afraid that a visitor on the campus would think us a rather careless looking lot. One does not need a closet of expensive-looking clothes to appear neat and well-groomed. Just a little soap and water and some daily care would make an enormous change. Perhaps the girls might spend a little more time pressing their clothes and mending them. And they should by all means remove their curlers before going forth to meet the critical gaze of the world.

Just a little bit more effort on the part of all of us, and we can improve our general appearance considerably and, at the same time, raise our self-respect.

Her Mother—Why don't you yawn when he stays too long? Then he'll take the hint and go.

Daughter—I did yawn—and all he did was to tell me what beautiful teeth I had.

Kaleidoscope
Human Interest-Comment-Events

By Odell Salmon

JUSTICE IN BALANCE

Court is a big thing in a small town. Merchants hail the days on which the judge is coming to town; it means additional business. The barber can name many men who get a hair cut only when there is a court in session. The front and back seats are occupied at the theatre. The small town lawyer puts on the clean collar, fills the brief case, and goes down to the court house to be the "big shot" -- and rake in a few shekels.

But in the courtroom the scene is amusing, pathetic, dramatic, and intense. It is the best place in the world to study real local color, to see humanity as it is. As the court is opened, practically all seats are taken by spectators; the lawyers are at the tables; the court officials are in their section; the town editor usually has a reserved seat; and there are extra seats for defendants and witnesses.

After the swearing in of a jury the trials soon begin (in the criminal court). First a young man twenty years old is called by the solicitor on a charge of larceny. He is sworn in and takes the stand. Questions are fired to him:

"What is your name?"

"John Hammer."

"You know of course that you are charged with larceny."

"Yes."

"Have you appeared in court as a defendant before?"

"Yes, on charges of intoxication, larceny, and assault."

"Will you tell His Honor briefly your life since you were fifteen?"

"At fifteen I was in the ninth grade, but I lost interest in school, so I quit and went to work in a factory here. Before long I got to runnin' with the wrong crowd and got to drinkin'. Then I had to leave home because of drinkin', and I moved in with the same group. We got to doin' worse things, and soon I was stealin' and fightin'. Before long I was arrested and brought to jail. I was brought again after I had built some time. Here I am again."

So goes the pathetic story of a lad who is representative of the boys who now appear in our courts--boys who withdraw from

school so they can make some quick money, so they can have a fling, own an automobile, see the girls and do things for them, go with the crowd for the week-end on a spree. But many of them get fed up with this grind, and something must break the dullness, so they begin drinking--which always leads to ruin.

FOOT--NOTE

Mrs. Simpson will divorce her next husband David Windsor, the former king of England, within ten years.

AN IDEAL COLLEGE MAN

Some of you are familiar with the book *Larry*. Every college man should read it at least once, for it is the inside story--feelings, ambitions, philosophy--of a boy who attended Lafayette College for two years before he was killed.

This boy kept a diary which he never intended to have published, but which was printed after his sudden death. His death was probably caused by his horse shortly after he rode into the woods saying, "Call it the last stand of the cowboy."

His writings present a frank and open expression, as can be judged by the following quotations from the book:

"If more of the men here at college had Girls rather than girls there would be a great lessening of most college problems."

"Men don't go to college to learn how to make a living; they go to learn how to live."

"A kiss is an anatomical juxtaposition of two orbicular muscles in a state of contraction."

This book was a best seller for several months. A copy of it is at the U. D. C. Library in town--and our library should own two or more copies.

HEAR CHRISTMAS

The best radio program that you can hear during the Christmas holidays is Lionel Barrymore in the dramatization of the famous Christmas story "Scruggs."

CHRISTMAS LETTER

Dear Santa,

Arrange for me to have plenty of sleep, luxurious relaxation, and peace from a newspaper.

After all, the most popular picture of Lincoln we know is on \$5 bills.