

# MERRY CHRISTMAS and Happy New Year

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### Christmas Vacation Begins Tomorrow, Classes Are To Resume January 4

Christmas vacation begins officially tomorrow afternoon at 1:00 p. m., and classes resume at 8:30 a. m. on Tuesday, January 4. For the next two and one-half weeks Guilford, along with the other colleges in the area and in the country as a whole will celebrate the Christmas holidays. We take such a vacation for granted, but has it always been so?

### Annual SCA Christmas Party Tonight

The Student Christian Association will hold its annual Christmas party tonight from 8:00 until 11:00. Each year the night before Christmas vacation, the S. C. A. holds a campus-wide party in Founders Hall for the entire faculty and student body.

If this year's party follows tradition, there will be a large fire in the Founders Hall fireplace, the parlors will be well decorated, and it will be over-run with people. Christmas carols are sung, special features and skits are presented, and refreshments are served. It is, indeed, quite a party.

A cordial invitation is being extended to all the members of the student body, both campus students and day students. Please plan to attend.

*This will be the last issue of the GUILFORDIAN until January 14. The copy deadline for that issue will be January 9.*

### Staff Notice

There will be a meeting of the GUILFORDIAN staff at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 4. This meeting was originally cancelled, but due to a change in plans has been re-scheduled. All staff members are requested to attend.

### Dot Pleasant Named Christmas Queen

Miss Dorothy Ann Pleasant of Thomasville, N. C., was crowned the 1954 Christmas Queen last Saturday night at the Christmas Dance. Miss Pleasant was elected by the members of the Monogram Club, who sponsored the dance, and crowned just before intermission by the 1953 Queen, Mrs. Curtis Hege. She was escorted by Lovelace Bell of Goldsboro, N. C.

The Monogram Club Christmas Dance was most successful and the dance and its decorations were up to the usual excellent standard of the Monogram Club.



Dot Pleasant

Looking back a hundred years to the Guilford of 1859 and before. Dorothy L. Gilbert relates in *Guilford: A Quaker College*, that the Christmas vacation was not observed. In her book appears the following: "There was no vacation at Christmas in early years; at a Friends' school one had vacation when Yearly Meeting convened in Eleventh month, rather than at the holiday time celebrated by people of the world."

This point of view stemmed from the idea held by the early Anabaptists, Puritans, Separatists, and Quakers. They held that the observance of Christmas was a pagan festival rather than a Christian one. They believed Christmas had become a time of drunkenness and revelry rather than a time of Christian worship. So strongly did they believe this that in 1644, when the Puritans held control of England, Parliament abolished Christmas and forbade its celebration throughout the realm as blasphemy and sacrilege.

Actually, according to the December, 1954 issue of the *Intercollegian*, the sources of the traditional ingredients of our contemporary Christmas are an accumulation of several centuries. Christmas probably began around four thousand years ago in Mesopotamia, and was celebrated in conjunction with the beginning of the new year. From this early beginning it added features of the Roman Saturnalia, and then became associated with the pagan gods of Germany. The German gods are the source of our use of mistletoe at Christmas.

The idea of the early Quakers contrasts greatly with the contemporary observance of Christmas on the Guilford College campus. It has now become one of our principle concerns—evidenced by the activity of the past two weeks.

### Hobbs Plans Dorm Party Tonight

At eleven o'clock tonight the girls in Mary Hobbs Hall will all gather in the parlor in their pajamas, nighties, or other such apparel for the annual dorm Christmas party. The girls have been playing the little games of Secret Santa for the past week. Each person draws a name, and the girl's name which she draws is the girl to whom she acts as a Santa, carrying little gifts or doing little chores for her secretly. All the Santas will be revealed at the party when each girl has a present for the friend to whom she has been playing Santa.

Similar parties will be held in Founders and Shore, for the members of those dorms. These intra-dorm parties are traditional on the night before vacation.

### Carols Tonight

Let's sing Christmas Carols in Mary Hobbs Hall parlor tonight from 6:30 to 7:30!

Social Committee

### Calendar of Events

December 17 — January 14

- FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17  
 (1) Chapel, 10:15 a. m., Choir  
 (2) Non-cut day
- SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18  
 (1) Christmas Vacation begins 1:00 p. m.  
 (2) Non-cut day
- TUESDAY, JANUARY 4  
 (1) Classes resume 8:30 a. m.  
 (2) Begin no-cut period.  
 (3) *Guilfordian Staff Meeting*, 5:00 p. m., Founders
- WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5  
 (1) Chapel, 10:15 a. m., Memorial Hall, Dean Harvey Ljung  
 (2) Non-cut day
- THURSDAY, JANUARY 6  
 (1) Guilford vs. Appalachian, Basketball, Home, 8:00 p. m.  
 (2) Non-cut day
- FRIDAY, JANUARY 7  
 (1) Chapel, 10:15 a. m., Memorial Hall, Honor Board
- SATURDAY, JANUARY 8  
 (1) Guilford vs. Atlantic Christian, Basketball, Wilson
- TUESDAY, JANUARY 11  
 (1) Guilford vs. West Carolina, Basketball, Home, 8:00 p. m.
- WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12  
 (1) Chapel, 10:15 a. m., Memorial Hall, Worship Service, S. C. A.
- THURSDAY, JANUARY 13  
 (1) Guilford vs. Elon, Basketball, Elon
- FRIDAY, JANUARY 14  
 (1) Reading Day