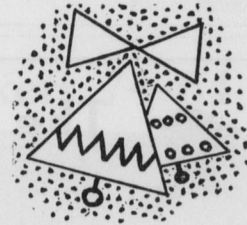


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F.T.A. SPONSORS DINNER PARTY

The F.T.A. wishes to extend an invitation to all education majors to attend a dinner party which will be given on Sunday evening, December 16th at six o'clock. The dinner party will take place at the home of Mrs. Harold Bailey, of the education department. All those who would like to attend should have their reservations in to Pinky Lapp by Thursday, December 13th. This party presents an excellent opportunity for education majors to become further acquainted with each other and with the program of the F.T.A.

IRC CHRISTMAS DINNER

The International Relations Club held their annual Christmas international dinner last night in the Founders dining room. It was well attended by both the faculty and students.

The main theme and interest of the dinner was to learn how other countries celebrate Christmas and to have a get-together to enjoy a dinner that is different and interesting.

The food was prepared by some students and faculty, of various dishes from several countries. The decorations included Merry Christmas banners in several languages. The entertainment consisted of singing and telling of Christmas stories and customs.

The affair was supervised and carried out by the I.R.C. officers: Barbara Stanford, Mary Ann Long, Heea Halder and Clara Montgomery.

Christmas Is Different

By ANDREA ROGIN

We suddenly realized the other day that there were less than three weeks left till Christmas. And this started us thinking about what Christmas always brings to mind: fancy lighting all over the cities and houses, sparkling trees, last moment shopping, Christmas carols, and suddenly remembering that we forgot to send Great Aunt Jane a Christmas card, which may cause a family crisis. Christmas means a whole conglomeration of things to use, and we began to wonder what it meant to people in other countries. So we asked around and discovered some interesting customs.

The report from England is that Christmas is not as commercialized there as it is here. Nor are the streets so lavishly decorated. And it is Father Christmas not Santa Claus that brings the gifts there. On Christmas day the family goes to church in the morning, presents are exchanged, they go for a drive

"Club 60" Theme of Freshman Dance Tonight

The first Freshman Class dance of the year will be held tonight from 7:30 to 10:30 in the Student Union. "The Spirit of '60" will be the theme title, and decorations will take the form of a night club—"Club 60." Entertainment will be furnished by talented members of the Freshman Class with master of ceremonies, Bill Smith, Treasurer of the Freshman Class.

Cover charge for the night will be a comic gift costing between 5¢ and 25¢. This should provide a chance for those people with a sense of humor. Tom O'Briant, vice-president of the class was appointed chairman of the dance committee. Refreshments will be served.

The dance is the first in a planned series of activities for the

year instigated by Doug Kerr, President of the Freshman Class. Others in support of this program especially for the class of '60 are Nancy Davis, secretary, and Jack Cagle, men's Student Government representative.

All freshmen are urged to cooperate and support their class activities, all of which are planned for their enjoyment and benefit.

Denny Walters Is Crowned Queen at Christmas Dance

The Monogram Club headed by President Bob Newton, held its annual Christmas Dance on Saturday night, December 8, in the gymnasium. Music was provided from 8:30 to 11:30 by the Rhythm Vets, the 10 piece A & T College dance band.

The gymnasium was decorated in the Christmas theme. A Craven Mackie Santa Claus dominated one end of the scene and a huge red & green Christmas stocking hung from the center. The backdrop for the bandstand was a silhouette of a city; cedar trees lined the edges of the dance floor. The entrance hall of the gym was also lined with evergreens and led to a wall covered with profiles of the Monogram Club members.

The main event of the evening was the crowning of Miss Denny Walters, of Wilmington, Delaware, as Christmas Queen. Elected by the members of the Monogram Club, the queen was crowned by the 1955 Christmas Queen, Mrs. Linda Cuthrell, who also gave the new queen a bouquet of red roses. Miss Walters was escorted by Bob Newton of Winston-Salem. Immediately preceding the crowning of the queen was the presentation of the senior Monogram members and their dates. They were: Bob Atlas and Emily Howell, Lovelace Bell and Dot Pleasants, Jim Shelton and Joanne Hundley, Jake McKeown and Darlene Harris, Marion Pringle and Virginia Honea, Van and Linda Cuthrell. Seniors who were not present for the evening were: Bill Abernathy, Lee Jacobson and G. F. Seymour.

Master of ceremonies for the intermission was Craven Mackie. Jim Shelton was in charge of the decorations and Jimmy Askins headed the refreshment committee. Officers of the Monogram Club are: president, Bob Newton, vice-president, Howard Haworth, secretary, Don Hemrick, and treasurer, Ira Nance.

Student Legislature Bill Presented In Chapel

The most popular bill of the State Student Legislature was brought to Guilford College Chapel program for discussion by the delegates from Guilford on Thursday, December 6, in order that the students might have the opportunity to hear and discuss the topic. The program was conducted by Warren Mitofsky, who moderated also. The bill was read by Carolyn Newlin and Joyce Hannaum defended it while Claudette Belton spoke against it. The subject in question was the resolution that all unwed mothers shall after the

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and then everyone sits and listens to the Messiah and other religious music on the B.B.C. Every Christmas at three the Queen speaks to the country. The day after Christmas is known as Boxing Day, originally because this was the day that boxes of food and clothing were given to the poor. Now however, it is a day devoted entirely to sports. Jan. 6, the day of the coming of kings, is also celebrated in England. During the day there is a break in school when the children go to church and on that day the Christmas decorations are burned.

In both India and Jordan, Christianity is not the major religion so there is less general festivity over Christmas. In both countries, however, it is a holiday for everyone

and in India it is also a big feast day. An interesting fact is that in Jordan, the Greek Orthodox Church celebrates Christmas according to the Oriental calendar so their Dec. 25 comes thirteen days after the Christmas of the Catholics and Protestants.

We also heard about the Christmas celebrations in the country parts of Finland which seemed to us the nicest of all. A couple of weeks before Christmas is a day known as Little Christmas when a small tree is brought in and helps set the holiday mood. The next weeks are spent cleaning the house and preparing the food. Then on the day of Christmas Eve, which is the day of celebration, the "saumer" (steambath) is made hot while the children go on their

skis into the woods to get a tree. Then everyone takes a steam bath and sits down to Christmas dinner. The tree is decorated with apples and candy wrapped in colored paper. Finnish flags or flags of many countries are set up around the tree. Until recently real candles were used but because of the fire hazard electric bulbs are now used. Father Christmas comes from Lapland to distribute the presents and then at midnight the animals are fed and everyone eats again. The next two days are spent at church, at home, and visiting relatives.

So we discovered that there are many differences in the celebration of Christmas all over the world, but there are many more similarities which make Christmas, Christmas everywhere.