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## What Does Christmas Mean To You?

When you think of December twenty-fifth do you think of Christmas or Xmas? Are we thinking of the birth of Christ or are we thinking of a holiday in which we will display nothing but a festival spirit?

Christmas day was originally instituted to commemorate the birth of Christ. This day was set aside that the Christian world would pay homage to the Lord their Leader. But today, do we celebrate Christmas in this manner? More and more it seems that we are getting away from the true meaning of Christmas. We think now not of Jesus in a manger but of exchanging of gifts, the sending of cards, and decoration of fir trees. We think of a day of celebration and forget that on this day there was a babe borned in Bethlehem.

There is no doubt that the Christmas season does provide joy for all of us. Despite what anyone can say to the contrary, we do enjoy the festivities associated with the season. It is surely a grand tribute to Our Lord, if that is our aim. But is all this celebration and festivity designed in observance of the birth of Christ, or is it simply a result of our flare for showmanship and display.

—O. B. C.

## Social Regulations

From a standpoint of observation the Hilltop feels that social regulations at Mars Hill have very little effect on the majority of students. Perhaps we are making too broad a statement but at the same time we feel that in 99 out of 100 cases we are correct in taking such a stand.

Our student body is composed of some 800 students. But how many of this large number date? We have found that out of this group only 100 date on an average of once a week. What about the other 700? We are making friendships here at Mars Hill between the opposite sex that we will always treasure. The Hilltop does not advocate dating everyday nor is it in favor of serious love affairs on the campus, but we do believe that if students would date more it would help them in their work.

We students take too much for granted concerning dates. We feel that if a boy and girl go together three or four times they are in love and we would not think of asking either of them for a date. Most girls will jump at the chance to date someone else. And as for the boys—well, they always like a change.

We have also noticed that some fellows will not date a girl themselves. But still they will bother other boys when they are dating. Don't you think that it is only fair to leave them alone during the short time they have to date.

Last, why do we stand in front of Spillman after every meal and watch those who do date. We would give visitors, to the campus, a much better impression of our school if we would not do this. What is your opinion?

—O. B. C.

## Congratulations!

On Sunday evening students, faculty and friends of Mars Hill college had the pleasure of hearing one of the most entertaining and impressive programs ever presented in the college church. The Glee club, composed of 51 trained voices, gave their annual Christmas candle light service and all who saw it acclaim it the best ever. Each member should be congratulated and throughout the program one could feel that it took a great deal of practice for them to present it in such a beautiful way.

To you, Miss Ellison and Miss Biggers, the Hilltop congratulates you for your work. We realize that had it not been for your untiring efforts such a program would not have been possible. Your patience was just what the students needed to spur them on and we want to thank you for it.

Again let us say the program was very pleasing and we feel that it will always linger in our memories of Mars Hill.

## What Next?

During the past year nothing has aroused so much indignation throughout the Christian world as the outrageous treatment of the Jews by the Nazi government of Germany. Up until the present time Germany has given as her reason for the treatment of the Jews the fact that they are enemies of the church. But now Hitler does not even put this forward. It seems now that his attitude toward Christians, both Catholic and Protestant, is almost as outrageous as his attitude toward the Jews.

We all know that no dictatorship can survive so long as religious ideals are preached to its people. The essential teaching of all religion is that of reverence for and allegiance to God first. If a government that rules by force ever loses its command, the people sooner or later will rise in revolt and overthrow the dictator by force.

This is the basic reason that our adversary, Hitler, is trying to outlaw all religion whose ministers are not willing to teach their people force and conquest. He wants all of his subjects to believe that this is the real religion.

Let us turn for a minute now to Germany and the present treatment of the Jews. We owe our religion itself to the Jews. The Christian Bible, except for the New Testament, is the ancient Jewish scripture. All of the Christian concepts of morality, the teachings embodied in the Ten Commandments, are held by the Jews as well as by the Christians.

Today the civilized world is trying to find a permanent refuge for the oppressed Jews of Europe. We know that there is not enough room or support for them in Palestine; so what are we going to do? According to an Associated Press dispatch an international commission, in which the United States is represented, is considering locations in South America, South Africa and elsewhere—spots where there is sufficient undeveloped territory to provide a pioneering livelihood for a half-million or more Jews in Germany.

Perhaps this will be the solution that will solve the problem. If it is, the Hilltop predicts that if given a halfway chance these same Jews, who are now losing everything they have ever possessed, will some day have a Jewish nation that will take its place among the great powers of the world.

—O. B. C.

## Quotable Quotes

(By Associated Collegiate Press)

"If we really believe in the democratic way, we face the problem not only of achieving it but of maintaining it. It may be that before long this will be peculiarly an American obligation." University of Wisconsin's Press. C. A. Dykstra gloomily views the future of democracy, advocates that education promote knowledge of it.

"Modern youth has many good qualities that the youth of other periods possessed and, in addition, good qualities that were not conspicuous in the youth of the past. But it is clear to me that the youth of today, both men and women, are not the equals of earlier generations in elegance, in manner, or in ease in behaviour." Dean J. T. Madden, New York University, believes you, and you, and you should brush up on your manners a bit.

"Student organizations should be purely educational and should not attempt to take specific action." University of Chicago's Prof. W. H. Laves holds the belief that students come to college to learn, and therefore should not attempt to form definite opinions.

## CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS

Strands of silver tinsel,  
 Candles, tall and bright;  
 Hosts of little Christmas stars  
 Twinkling in the night.  
 A holly bedecked mantle,  
 With stockings in a row,  
 And the cheery warmth of a  
 Yuletide fire  
 Burning brightly below.

Bits of golden brightness  
 Scattered here and there,  
 The silver tone of a Christmas  
 song,  
 Wafted soft on the air.  
 And clearly down through the  
 ages,  
 Comes the story, true and  
 sweet,  
 Of the wise men and the shepherds  
 Leaving gifts at the Christ-  
 child's feet;  
 And the angel's song rings sweet-  
 ly  
 Through all of the fading  
 years—  
 As it drifted gently, long ago  
 To the eager shepherds ears.

'Mid the strands of silver tinsel,  
 And the candles, tall and bright;  
 And the hosts of little Christmas  
 stars  
 Twinkling in the night,  
 May we feel an inner stillness,  
 May our souls be calm and  
 know  
 That Christmas comes to us anew,  
 For Christ came long ago.  
 —Helen Crutchfield.

A University of Michigan scientist has unearthed evidence which indicates the first barbecue was held 1,100 years ago.

## WHAT DOES CHRISTMAS MEAN TO YOU?

Is it a season of worry and fret,  
 Over the gifts to buy—what to  
 get?  
 Is it just a painful duty to per-  
 form,  
 Has the season lost its sacredness  
 and song?  
 Too busy to remember the mean-  
 ing of Christmas day,  
 Are you sending greetings you  
 know your heart doesn't say,

Just think, He sent His Son—Be-  
 loved,  
 That we might have life—Oh,  
 what love!  
 Repay? "Give me thine heart",  
 that's all we can do,  
 Worship Him; love our fellowman  
 sincere and true.  
 'Till we do this will Christmas  
 mean  
 "Peace on earth, good-will to  
 men."

—Doris Thompson.

## THE COLLEGIATE REVIEW

(By Associated Collegiate Press)  
 There are more than 2,600 items in the Wadsworth collection of Cornell University.

Of the 1,899 parolees of the New York State Parole Board, only .4 percent graduated from college or a professional school. Mississippi State College has just opened a new petroleum products testing laboratory constructed at a cost of \$20,000.

Dartmouth College is now laying plans for an annual Summer Drama Festival which will be "a yearly exhibition of the best in the theatre."

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## The Jewish Question

By Bill Angell

We have relinquished regular International Summits this issue to a student discussion of the problem of the Jews in Germany, a very important problem, and one that might assume great weight in the future. It would be interesting and informative to see just what the internationally-minded students think about the matter. Several students have been interviewed and their varying opinions have been expressed.

Practically everyone agrees that something should or must be done, but a substantial solution is not to be found. Perhaps the pessimistic and pessimistic view expressed by Horace Lee. He says, "It appears that, unfortunately for the part, they will just have to endure it for a while." Thus pessimistic and fatal opinion it is also perhaps the true Nazi program is now to starve Jews to theft and then to them for it. The fiend-like policy of Geobbbels has contributed as the most effective and of course it has been astically supported by all colleagues.

John Ball is of the opinion that something must be done to relieve them, and he supports a plan of moving them to other countries, the United States taking her share. He argues they would be self-supporting profitable to us, and "we get some Einsteins and other sons in the lot". Dorothy however, is opposed to the migration of large numbers to the United States, because she believes that we have to solve problems of our own borrowing trouble. Chamber reports that point by statistics although the Jews would be supporting and profitable to the world force those of little to an even lower stratum of poverty. That is entirely unable.

My colleague in this column, E. Tate, is prone to take sides of the affair, and that there is one angle overlooked. "A nation that starve and mutilate the Jews without cause," he reasons. I think the Germans are in the expulsion, if not the of the Jews from Germany do not add anything economic to the nation as they are manual labor, but are middle class who live entirely off of the of others. Jews, many un-ized, own 60% of the wealth investments in Berlin. Can blame a nation for wanting own its capital?"

There are, then, different opinions about the matter. Of the students interviewed, however, that something should be done, but no plan is presented. It sums up that the Jewish problem especially in Germany, is of a baffling to the whole world and it also is having a serious effect on the diplomatic relations of the nations. As to what should be done, particularly on the part of the United States, is yet to be seen. Nevertheless, let's face the New Year with hope for national peace and goodwill.

