



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR



Honor Clubs Hold Christmas Programs

Interesting programs were presented by the honor clubs in their December meetings. The Christmas spirit prevailed in many of them since this was the last meeting before the holidays.

The Spanish Club celebrated a typical Spanish Christmas by singing carols in Spanish at the dormitories and then returned to the Science Building to carry out other Spanish Christmas customs.

"Peace on Earth, Good Will toward Men" was the theme of the French Club program. In a candle-light service, members of the club read stories and poems and gave speeches which related France's struggle for peace and independence.

After a program on "World Neighbors as We See Them" and "Veterans Report," the International Relations Club had a formal Christmas party with invited guests, at which refreshments were served and a general Christmas theme carried out.

The Music club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Roberts. The theme of the program was Christmas music and instrumental and vocal solos. Group selections were then given by the members of the club.

A brief and unusual nativity scene from the York Cycle of Mystery Plays was presented by the Scriblerus club with a background of Christmas music rendered by Clarice Collier and Allen Brown.

The Science club met at the home of Mr. Wood. The program was devoted to a science quiz in which all new members took part as their initiation.



MHC Observes Christmas

On Wednesday night, December 17, Christmas parties will be held in the four girls' dormitories, under the general direction of Hazel Boyd, third vice-president of B.S.U.

The parlors, in which the parties are to be held, will be traditionally decorated with Christmas trees, mistletoe, holly, and snow scenes. The girls will be assisted in the decorating by the boys. Santa Claus is expected to visit each dormitory during the parties. Huffman is to be somewhat different as they are having two parts to their party. Both the parlor and playroom are to be used.

The programs are to be of a humorous nature and will be followed by the singing of Christmas carols. Each dormitory will have a separate party with refreshments served at the dorms. The boys are cordially invited to attend the party given at the dormitory of their choice.

Glee Club Orchestra Presents Program

On Sunday, December 14, at four o'clock in the afternoon the Glee club and Orchestra will give its annual program of Christmas music. The Glee Club, accompanied by the orchestra will present the cantata "Sleepers Wake," and will also sing Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus." The orchestra will play "Christmas Music" by Grieg and "Christmas Carols Fantasy" by Sopkin.

The Glee Club is under the direction of Miss Edith Bugg. Mr. James Hall directs the orchestra. This is the first joint appearance of the two organizations this year.

**PEACE ON EARTH.
GOOD-WILL TOWARDS MEN!**

The choir of Mars Hill Baptist Church presented on Sunday evening, December 7, the cantata entitled "The Christmas Story." Holding aloft lighted candles in the darkened church, the members of the choir filed down the aisles singing as a processional "Angels from the Realms of Glory."

The cantata was divided into seven parts: The Prophecy, The Annunciation, The Vision of the Shepherds, the Journey of the Shepherds, Voices of the Sky, the Quest of the Magi, and the Fulfillment of the Prophecy.

The college orchestra and Miss Lucille Sawyer at the organ accompanied the singers. Soloists were: Miss Edith Bugg, soprano;

Lottie Moon Christmas Program Celebrated

On Monday night, December 8, between suppers, the Young Woman's Auxiliary presented a Christmas Program in the church, at which time approximately \$300.00 was collected for the Annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Carolyn Clarke gave a reading which compared Christmas in America and Christmas across the seas. Doris Barnette and little Jane Link represented a needy mother and daughter in a foreign land, and Margaret Granger and Lorretta Ashworth depicted the same scene as it appears in America, complete with decorated tree, toys, and wrapped gifts. Betty Priest, Belinda Honeycutt and Frances Godwin presented appeals for help from Japan, China, and Africa, respectively. Special music was provided by: Betty Mayhugh, soloist; Virginia Snyder, violinist; Carol Jean Bizzel, organist; and Clarice Collier, pianist.

The program was under the direction of LaVerne Austin, program chairman of the Y.W.A., and was presided over by Jean Daughtridge, president.

Martha Peatross Hall, contralto; Allan Brown, tenor; and William Stapleton, baritone.

The altar and front of the choir loft were banked with evergreens. The presentation was under the direction of Mr. Elwood Roberts, choir director of the Church.

Dramateers Present Play

"MIRACLE FOR MARY" TO BE GIVEN

On Monday evening, December 15, at 7:30, the one-act play, "Miracle For Mary," will be presented by the Dramateers, under the direction of Miss Jean Starnes.

The basis of the play is a legend centering around the image of Mary which is standing in a niche in the exterior wall of the Cathedral. On the way to a midnight service in the Cathedral on Christmas Eve, we learn that the old legend has persisted down through the ages only to be scoffed at in this enlightened era when modern miracles spring from the laboratories of science and are not made of such things; metaphysical stuff as enthralled the hearts of a simple civilization.

The cast includes: Virgin, Jane Emerick; Mary, Lois Keller; Joe, Don Jackson; Doris, Sara Turner; Tom, Ned Dobson; Lady, Iris Porter; Gentlemen, Clyde Moody; and Woman, Katherine Phillips. Extras include: Betty Price, Netta Sue Caudill, Nalene Thompson. Gib Austin is stage manager, and Herbert Grey will have charge of the music. Phil Weeks, Frank Goslen and Clyde Moody will be in charge of lighting, costumes, and publicity, respectively.

Jingle Bells

There's going to be quite a crowd on that "Night Train To Memphis." Netta Sue, Lois, Martha, Ben, and probably Iris, with Chuck and Carey going later.

The buses for Charlotte won't be empty either with P. J. Yandell, Don and Jean Young, Bill Fuller, Spencer Thornton, Bob McClure, Jeanne Alexander, and many others. Jeanne Alexander also says she's going to make a trip to Atlanta, Ga., during the holidays but to see???

The bus that has Pug Holbrook, Coach Hart and Ann Williams on it won't suffer from a lack of laughs, I bet.

I wonder how many diamonds will come back from the Christmas holidays. Mickey Hemphill, returning from the Navy, might have ideas about Dot Elmore!

Bella Bouhuys says she's going home to see Mama. (Just Mama, Bella?)

Maybe "Available" Phil Phillips will have the courage to ask a girl for a date when he comes back from the holidays. I think everyone is going to have a wonderful time at home, but when the time rolls around to come back, underneath all the sad partings there will be an anticipation of seeing old friends again. (I don't know, though, when you have to leave fiancées behind, old friends aren't too much help). But let's not bother now about the partings to come about January 5. We're going home, boys and girls! Just think how scrumptious Mother's cooking will taste and how wonderful it will be to just stay in bed mornings. Only six more days!!!

What means this sudden appearance of suitcases in the halls? And the newly-painted scenes on the doors of the dormitory rooms? And the constant trilling of Christmas carols down the corridors? Could it be the holidays are approaching? Yes, that's it! Even now girls and boys are beginning to pack in anticipation of the approaching "Friday."

There is an air of excitement as students rush into Asheville to buy presents for roommates and friends who are departing to separate homes. Piggy banks are shaken and pennies are counted with such remarks as: "If I get this for Mom then I can only spend this much for Dad" or "I wonder if she wears 'Follow Me'" or "I guess a box of candy would be the simplest thing to get." The Christmas trees in all the dormitories add a great deal to the joy and excitement.

Girls on second floor, Stroup, are even "cheering" the days away. They have strung a calendar of days across Room 215 and every night since December made her debut they have had an appropriate ceremony at 10:20. The day is pulled down from its place on the string, then fifteen rags are given for the dead day. Next there's the slow, even tread of Mother Wells' footsteps on the hall and the girls rush madly for their own rooms.

The big question of the day is: "Do you think we'll have a White Christmas?" Do you suppose it'll snow before we go home? Maybe by the time this edition of *The Hilltop* comes out this question will be answered.

- CALENDAR OF EVENTS**
- Sun. Dec. 14, 4:00: Glee Club Christmas Cantata in Church.
 - Dec. 15, 7:30: Drama teer's Play, "Miracle For Mary."
 - Dec. 16, 6:30: Basketball, U.N.C. Extension.
 - Dec. 17, 5:30 - 6:15: Movies, "Child Of Bethlehem," "Night Before Christmas," and "Christmas Carols."
 - 8:00: Christmas Parties in Girls' Dormitories.
 - Dec. 18, 7:30: Basketball Game, Anderson Junior College.
 - Dec. 19, 12:00: Christmas Holidays Begin.
 - Mon. Jan. 5, 12:00 M.: Christmas holidays end.
 - Jan. 7, 5:30 - 6:15: "Life With Paul," First Part.
 - Jan. 10, 2:30: Movie, "Green Years." 8:00: Ben Greet Players in Hamlet.
 - Jan. 14, 5:30 - 6:15: Movie, "Life With Paul." Second Part.
 - Jan. 19-24: Semester Exams.
 - Jan. 24, 6:30: Basketball Game, National Business College.

