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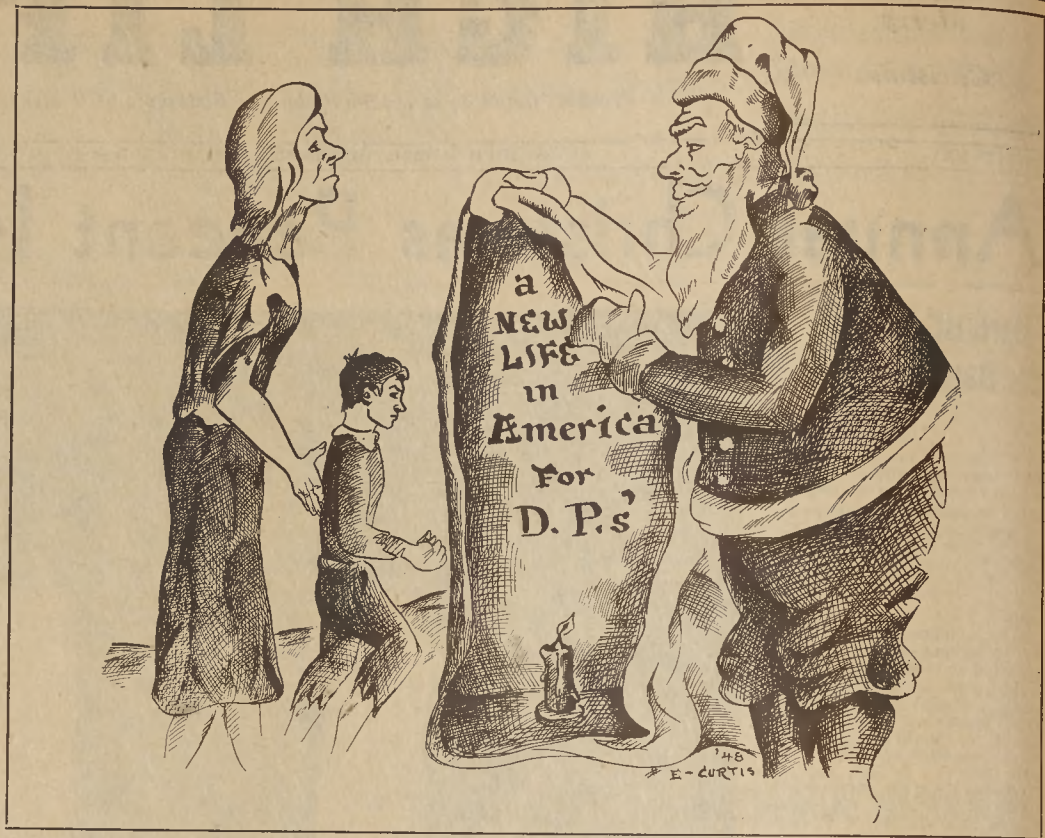
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The Value of Christmas

Almost two thousand years have passed since the bright star of Bethlehem welcomed the baby Jesus into the world. Many generations have passed, and we still give gifts to our loved ones, as gifts were given to Him years ago.

The world has grown richer and healthier, but we still get the greatest of all thrills out of Christmas.

We sing the same old beloved Christmas carols now, that men, women, and children sang many years ago. We still want snow and sleigh bells, as they did. The Christmas trees are still just as popular as they ever were. Who doesn't get a thrill out of putting the beautiful decorations on the Christmas tree?

The things we think of about Christmas are snow, mistletoe, Christmas trees, mince pie, candy, sleigh bells, and the Christmas Eve trip from traditional "Santa Claus."

The value of Christmas is to bring those who are close even closer, to ring glad tidings in the hearts of all people, to remind them of what we have to be thankful for.

JACKIE McDANIEL

Christmas

Christmas this year, more than ever before, should be a conservative and thoughtful one. Although we have very good cause for thankfulness and celebration, presents and holiday trips, we should never push to the farthest corner of our minds the facts about life in Europe and China this winter.

Most Americans, we believe, will start their Christmas shopping with a long list of expensively priced items. They'll complain of a cold nose and frozen toes, as average people do; but their hearts will be as warm as the hearts of average people should be.

Many will leave home for Christmas or just stay in their cozy home with a full table and visiting friends, but don't forget in your happiness the sad-eyed, wistful expression on the faces of less fortunate children who have no chance of a merry Christmas, except through your thoughtfulness. Remember, too, the Displaced Persons who have so much to face. America is helping them to regain their normal lives.

Buy Christmas seals, give generously to worthy organizations, and above all, go to church—the church of your choice—Christmas morning. You'll find, we are sure, a very merry Christmas and a happy year to come.

BARBARA HUTTON

Bev's Brevities

By Beverly Baylor

If you happen to have a bookworm on your Christmas list, the following best-sellers are highly recommended:

The Fallen Arch of Triumph

The main character is Zulu Vitus, a Florsheim shoe saleslady. For sassing a customer, Zulu is booted out of the store. In retaliation, Zulu waits outside to give the boss a lacing. Meanwhile, Tiny Half-sole, a flatfoot, pinches Zulu.

The Unequal Triangle:

A Story in Three Parts

Sadie Hawkins, the lovely heroine, constructs a real triangle when she catches one too many boyfriends and her fiancé, Roscoe O'Hoolihan, catches up with her. Sadie really loves Roscoe, but is unable to prove it, so the triangle goes unsolved. The most that can be said for this book is that it has a different angle, and provides easy reading for those whose intelligence is on the moronic plane.

WHAT IS YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION?

Charlie Thacker: "To patronize Lucy's more often."

Kacky Holt: "To go with Bobby Stewart."

Jim Finison: "Reduce."

Ashley Holland: "To pass algebra."

Deboe Elkins: "Why should I make a resolution?"

Clint LeGette: "To improve."

Chippy Johnson: "To never get mad at Bobby again."

Peggy Bowman: "To try to be more angelic than I am now."

Nancy Benson: "To play it straight."

Doug Kincaid: "To study harder in Miss McNairy's geometry 5 class."

Mary Lane Clement: "To help 'Way-Lun' with his resolutions, and turn over a new leaf in the history book before Mother revolutionizes me."

Watty McAllister: "To throw away these old black loafers."

Julia Ann Ogletree: "Not to break any more bones playing basketball."

Sally Boren: "To become a Junior."

Johnny Story: "To treat a certain someone like a queen."

Emily Ann Dees: "Not to lose my mind while accompanying all the choir's spring programs."

Monk Barbee: "To learn how to dance."

Nancy Beale: "To keep last year's ones."

Bob Murray: "To learn how to drive."

Well, folks, this is the last issue until after Christmas, so in signing off, I'd like to wish everybody a very merry Christmas; but don't forget to recover before December 28, 'cause that's our deadline for this year.

DISC and DAT

By ELIZABETH McCULLOCH

EDITOR'S NOTE: This week's "Disc and Dat" is devoted to Christmas music in keeping with the approaching holiday season. ELIZABETH McCULLOCH, first year journalism student, will continue to write this column since TED THOMPSON is not at Senior any more.

As Christmas approaches, slowly but surely, our thoughts turn again to the Christmas Carols so familiar in this land of ours. What is a carol? Webster defines "carol" as a song of joy and praise, especially celebrating Christmas. (That dear old man knows everything!)

The custom of singing carols began in the Middle Ages in Europe.

Two of the best known American Christmas songs are "O Little Town of Bethlehem" and "We Three Kings." Words of the first song were written by Phillips Brooks; the music by Lewis H. Redner, in 1868. Brooks was inspired by a fascinating shepherd scene in Bethlehem three years before. Rev. John Henry Hopkins, Jr., wrote the words and music of the other carol in 1857.

"Silent Night" is known all over the

world. John Mohr wrote the words in 1818; Franz Gruber composed the tune.

And now to get down to the platters... Irving Berlin's forever favorite "White Christmas," backed by "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen." And who else doing the vocal but Bing Crosby with John Scott Trotter and Orchestra?

Children's favorites crooned by Bing are "Santa Claus Is Coming To Town" and—yes, you're right—"Jingle Bells." The ever popular Andrews Sisters and Guy Lombardo have as one of their Christmas releases, "Winter Wonderland" coupled by "Christmas Island." Spike Jones' latest disc is "Two Front Teeth." And this platter is really "hot," too.

For the last month Santa has been coming, according to Gene Antry's latest release, "Here Comes Santa Claus." Let's hope he gets here real soon.

All these records provide gay Christmas music and just cheerful nonsense to make your holidays complete. I'd say "Merry Christmas" if I had my two front teeth, but MERRY CHRITHMATH anyway.

Gossip in High Life

Many students have expressed the criticism that High Life does not contain enough gossip; we wish to explain this.

All over the nation, leading high school newspapers are faced with this same problem; and as a result, many are omitting gossip entirely! They know that the Columbia Press Association—of which most leading high school papers are members—looks unfavorably on gossip, and those papers devoting much space to it consequently receive a lower rating.

From Hendersonville's *The Red and White* in an editorial entitled "Why We Omit Gossip," comes the following declaration: "The primary purpose of the paper is to keep the student body informed of past and coming events. We also try to provide a type of entertainment which will produce enjoyment but will not be harmful to anyone... Gossip is defined as groundless rumor, usually scandalous or malicious."

"Evidently we are in the same boat that they are," you say. Yes, we are. We are sure that fair-minded students will agree that High Life is doing all possible to meet the requests of both faculty and students as well as to meet necessary requirements for the Columbia Press Association.

T. N.

The Case of the Missing Stadium

It has been just about a year since the all-out drive to raise funds for a new High School stadium was conducted. As we understand it, enough money or pledges for money were raised to finance the stadium, but then the committee ran into some sort of difficulty over getting the school board's approval to use the land—or something like that.

The stadium was originally supposed to be built in time for the past football season. It wasn't. Then they said it would be ready for next year. Well, we certainly hope so, but it has been a long time since they said that, and we haven't seen any signs of work going on behind the school. We don't know how long it will take to build the stadium, but it *certainly won't rise up overnight*. We surely would like to read in the *Daily News* that everything is all straightened out and work will begin right away. It surely would be sad to let a fine project and a real necessity like this die a natural death—as it seems the coliseum drive has done.

The stadium, as originally planned, would fit the bill perfectly. It would give both the High School and the City of Greensboro something of which to be proud.

G. B.