

has played a leading role in making Christmas what it is in almost every nation in the world.

WELL, WHAT ABOUT HOLLY, MISTLETOE, AND CEDAR? Holly and mistletoe was first used in religious festivals and the Christians, being somewhat pagan in their ways, used the customs for celebrating Christmas. These plants, being evergreens, were easily available at Christmas time.

A little legend concerning mistletoe has been handed down and seemingly still lives with us today.

Long, long ago, people thought mistletoe to be a magic plant because of its parasitic nature and that miracles would be performed by dissolving it during religious feasts. (You know, just between us ugly men, I sometimes wonder if there isn't a little bit of magic in a piece of mistletoe hanging over the door. At least the results sometimes are as good as if it were magic, Eh, Boys??)

Well, I hope this little collection of Christmas legendry has set you thinking of what a wonderful season Christmas really is, if you get to tracing its symbols to their origins, and what it should mean to share our material and spiritual blessings with others. This is the season that gives us the opportunity to express our love toward others - just as our Lord taught us to. Let us carry in our hearts, this Christmas when the world is threatened with further strife, the words "Peace on earth! Good will toward men." Just as the angels did at the birth of Christ over 1,900 years ago!

My best wishes to you all for a merry, merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

SIGMA PI ALPHA COMPLETES PAPER DRIVE Steve Mahaley

Their city-wide scrap paper drive, sponsored by Sigma Pi Alpha, ended with a \$180.00 bang - the noise occurring when 21,056 pounds of paper were exchanged for \$180.00 in cash!

This drive was begun by Sigma Pi Alpha at the beginning of last summer and was continued throughout the entire summer period. The purpose of the drive was to raise enough funds to sponsor an English-speaking class at CC for the benefit of immigrants residing in Charlotte. The cash obtained from the drive, plus contributions by individuals should support one of the three English-speaking classes now in progress at CC. Over 240 Charlotte citizens donated papers and magazines to this drive.

The three classes for immigrants consist of some 74 students. A total of 57 of these are attending the classes free of charge, the others are financially able to pay some part of their tuition. These classes meet two nights a week. Miss Irene Hardee, Miss Elizabeth Raney, and Miss Kathleen Hardee teach these classes.

SIGMA PI ALPHA INITIATES FIVE

The Gamma Gamma Chapter of Sigma Pi Alpha, located here at CC, initiated five students into this national honorary language fraternity last Wednesday night.

The five initiates were Grover Tector, Fred Prince, Harriet McShochan, Fleet Kirkpatrick, and Ariel Stephens. Another candidate, Jack Proctor, was unable to attend the initiation and will be taken into the fraternity at the next initiation.

Guests at the initiation were D. Macy, and Mrs. Hoyle, language instructors at CC and fraternity advisors.

Following the initiation ceremony the new members entertained the language students at CC at a party.

A LITTLE BIT OF EVERYTHING

Ever hear of "Idiomatic expressions"? A certain student, Steve Mahaley by name, referred to them as "idiotic expressions," and in the classroom too!

Among the "snowstorms" here at CC are two cute "snowflakes"! They are Wellene Hodge and Joe Griffin.

We would like to extend our congratulations to the new editor of the Annual, Nita Crabbe, and to the new vice-president of the Student Council, Bill Rimmer.

We wonder how J.B. Ashe is making out hanging around in front of the Myers Park High School and what the idea is???

Nick Chamis has been seen riding around on Sunday afternoons with a cute little gal...dollars to doughnuts her name is Peggy.

Jo Mihalic has her eyes set on a certain young man here at CC. She wouldn't give us his name, but we bet that we found out! Bet a cookie that is is Frank.

There has been some question as to who the three characters who inhabit "Skid Row" in Commerce 1 are, Now we know! They are Bill Gray, Kenneth Bridges, and Joe Prichard.

Most of us know that Nita Crabbe was in a wreck a few weeks ago. But who knows why she was found with a bottle of catsup in one hand and a salt shaker in the other - with no food around.

It seems that Henry Beatty has his eye on a certain girl at Central. It couldn't be Beth N., or could it??

By the way, Jack Proctor, how are you and Ann F. making out?

Johnny Long still has that "far away" look in his eyes. We just bet Barbara M. is the cause of it.

Our well-known poet (?), Richard Chase has taken to writing poetry to a certain red-head at Central Hi. Who could it be??

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