



WEATHER

Windy and turning very cold to day. Sunny and continued cold Thursday.

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CLASSES ON JANUARY 2 CALLED OFF IN SURPRISE MOVE BY CHANCELLOR

Action Will Cancel Exam Reading Day

Chancellor William B. Aycock in an unexpected move yesterday called off classes for January 2 and set the date for resumption of classes at 8 a.m. Friday, January 3.

The surprise decision came after a recommendation by the Calendar Committee of the University that students not be required to return to Chapel Hill on New Year's Day.

Dr. James L. Godfrey, dean of the faculty, said yesterday the committee made its recommendation to the Chancellor primarily on the basis of the safety factor involved.

Dean Godfrey said the committee took into consideration the bill passed unanimously by Student Legislature last Thursday night. This bill stressed that classes be resumed on January 3 because New Year's is a dangerous holiday on the highways.

Chancellor Aycock also approved a second recommendation from the committee: that classes will be held Saturday, January 18, in lieu of reading day.

Student Body President Sonny Evans yesterday expressed his appreciation to Chancellor Aycock for postponing the beginning of classes until January 3.

"I feel that the decision was indeed wise and indicates the Chancellor's sincere concern for the safety and welfare of the students and faculty of the University," he said.

At the Chancellor's Cabinet meeting Monday morning, student leaders were told that deans of the University would meet shortly thereafter to act on the student proposal to abolish January 2 classes.

At the time of the Chancellor's Cabinet meeting, there was no indication as to whether students would be granted the extra day over the Christmas holidays.

At yesterday's meeting of the Faculty Calendar Committee, deans or other representatives of all the schools and colleges were present to discuss the class schedule change.

After the Chancellor approved the recommendations of the committee, the deans were notified of the changes and instructed to notify the faculty members under them.

Other Soviet satellites, Patterson stated, are being designed to carry bombs.

This information, which Patterson said was being revealed for the first time, was contained in a speech prepared for delivery tonight before the American Legion post in Middletown, Conn.

Students in the infirmary yesterday included:

Misses Virginia Gratz and Janie Proctor and John McIntosh, John Bielefeld, Bobby Blackwell, Paul Nifong, Bill Allen, Dean Culbreth, James Gaylord, Arthur Fountain, Roger Foushee, Charles Reyner, Joseph Smanton, Joel Dimittie, Chester Davis, Darwin McCaffity, Thomas Saunders and Paul Erhardt.

TRY FOR RECORD
EDWARD AIR BASE, Calif., Dec. 10.—An Air Force fighter bomber skimmed at nearly 1,200 m.p.h. over the desert today in a try to wrest the world speed record from the British. It was unofficially reported.

Dr. Hardre To Give Humanities Lecture

Professor Jacques Hardre will deliver the first quarterly Faculty Lecture in the Division of Humanities tonight in Carroll Hall at 8 p.m. on the subject of "Surrealism: The Twentieth Century Renaissance."

Dr. Hardre is a graduate of Guilford College and received his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of North Carolina where he has been associated with the Department of Romance Languages since 1945.

He was born in Dijon, France and served in the French Army in 1939-40 and with the Free French Army from 1942-45. His formal education was received in schools both in the U.S. and on the Continent. Presently he is at work on a full-length biography of 'Cavalier de la Salle.'

Surrealism is a literary and art movement influenced by Freudianism and dedicated to the expression of imagination, as revealed in dreams free of conscious control. It was founded in Paris in 1924 by Andre Breton, but its ancestry can be traced to Baudelaire and Rimbaud.

Many of its adherents were Dadaists, a doctrine of utter formlessness. One school, including Salvador Dali and Yves Tanguy, used symbolic and dreamlike objects meticulously painted and arranged in a recognizable composition.

Others, such as Marc Chagall and Giorgio de Chirico, employed fantasy and free imagination in their art. Joan Miro and Marcel Duchamp tried to utilize automatic or abstract form and composition to represent spontaneous thought. Max Ernst endeavored to combine many of the above theories.

Most of the literary productions have come from France, where Surrealism began to flourish in the 1920's and 1930's. Jean Cocteau is representative of this school, devotees of "automatic writing."

The Humanities Division began these lectures in 1944, and they are presented quarterly by faculty members teaching arts and literature.

During tonight's lecture, Dr. Hardre plans to utilize a slide projector to present representative pictures of surrealist art.

The lectures are held particularly for the undergraduates of the university, but they are also open to the public as well.

Bridge Club Grows Larger

Ten more students joined the Carolina Bridge Club Monday night. They were: Vassant Bhappkar, Gerry Boudreau, James R. Butler, Robert McDonald Gray, Richard Hicks, J. Gray McAllister, III, Robert F. Neal, Jim Vance, Gene Whitehead and Stephen Wolper.

The Carolina Bridge Club is attempting to push its membership to 50 in order to help the Bright Leaf Bridge League get enough members to allow the unit to sponsor a second sectional tournament in the Durham-Duke University-UNC area.

Memberships run until April, when 1958 membership fees are due. The fee is \$1.00 per year.



CHRISTMAS DOLL—She's a real live person, but nevertheless charming Nan Schaeffer would make a pretty package under anybody's Christmas tree. The UNC coed beauty is our gift to you and Santa, with hopes that all have a very merry Christmas and prosperous and happy New Year. And it would pay you in preparation for the holidays to closely check today's bargain-packed edition of the Daily Tar Heel. (Norman Kantor Photo)

Students From Lands Abroad Tell Of Christmas Elsewhere

By CAROLYN PEACOCK and MARY MOORE MASON

If someone told you that Santa Claus arrived on Christmas Eve by water skis you'd be a bit skeptical.

Strange as it may seem, though, this is just one of the customs that some of our world neighbors hold in regard to Christmas.

If you were to visit many different places during the Yule tide season, basic beliefs would be very similar to ours but there are many different ways in which the actual celebration is carried out.

"Hot weather accompanies Christmas in Nassau," explained Susie Droudo, a resident of the famous island. "All the children there believe that Santa Claus arrives on water skis just as American children are positive about his eight reindeer."

Christmas in Nassau is a time of much merry-making and festivals. Presents are given on Christmas Day, but the day after known as "Boxing Day" is the highlight, and from 4 p. m. until 7 a. m. there is a period of wild celebration when the men run up and down the streets beating booms, drums and ringing cow bells.

They are dressed in very elaborate costumes with fancy headress such as miniature houses and ships. After this most of the people go on picnics.

"Thousands of miles away in Latvia, Santa doesn't come on skis, but he does arrive on Christmas Eve and all gifts are opened then. "Decorations in the homes are similar to ours", said Zigrida Smith, who left Latvia when she was six years old. "but candles are used on the trees instead of lights."

Actually Latvian Christmas resembles ours, but more of the old tradition is preserved. Instead of many elaborate decorations there is a Christmas Market opens about a week before the big event. Candies, cookies, and other goodies are sold by the merchants in these markets.

Going south again Bill Russell explained that in Peru, "religious scenes are more prevalent than Santa Claus or Carols." Bill, who

lived in Lima, Peru, said "instead of ornaments and trees, each home has a manger scene. On Christmas Day itself everybody attends Mass and then there are many processions and parades to celebrate the event."

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Master Points To Be Awarded In Bridge Play

The special all-student bridge tournament to be held Thursday night at 7 o'clock in Roland Parker Lounges 1 and 2 has been sanctioned by the American Contract Bridge League in New York to give master points to winners, according to the GMAB Tournaments and Contests Committee late yesterday.

This means that students, in addition to receiving winning and trophy prizes, will receive master points for first place North-South or East-West victories. Second, third and fourth place awards will be 50, 25 and 15 of a master point, respectively.

The committee has invited any undergraduate student to participate in this students-only bridge tournament. For those students unable to get the partner of their own choosing, last minute partnerships will be provided.

According to Betty Reece, chairman of the Tournaments and Contests committee, 19 couples had signed up for the tournament late Tuesday, however, she said that there would be room for any number of additional couples who wished to participate. She also stressed the fact that if students were not able to sign up in advance, they would be welcomed even at the last minute.

like parades, elaborate decorations, and Christmas dinners.

As in Latvia, all the trees are lighted by candles instead of lights which would be considered very strange. No one worries about the trees burning up as the candles are only lighted at certain times and guarded carefully by the children.

On Christmas day all the boys are given bullheads which they beat loudly as they run up and down the streets making noise. Presents are not given in Spain until January 6th, although the actual Yule-tide season begins when ours does. Naturally the whole season of Advent has a very religious significance to the Spanish people and everyone attends Mass as a family.

Nelson LaVerne of Puerto Rico said that although Puerto Rico does not have a pinata several countries of Spanish origin such as Mexico do have it.

The pinata is a Spanish festivity featuring a large and gayly decorated earthen container filled with fruit, candies, and small presents. This container is often painted with the face of the devil on it and hangs from the ceiling of the building where the Christmas is being held.

One of the guests at the party is blind-folded and given a large, heavy stick with which he is to hit and break the pinata. However, this is not as easy as it seems, for the jolly guests have already started moving the dangling pinata so that it is swaying wildly back and forth. Finally it is broken, and the eager guests scramble for the avalanche of goodies.

"French children don't hang up Christmas stockings; they shine their shoes and put them out in hopes that Father Christmas will think that they have been good and fill them up with presents," said Jean Pierce Boissaviv, French student. They also put out carrots for the donkey which they believe Father Christmas rides.