

Merry Christmas

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Nyaradi Reminds Students To Appreciate Privileges

"Do you recognize your privileges? Do you appreciate them?" asked Dr. Nicholas Nyaradi, former finance minister of Hungary, in the special chapel held Monday at the college church, as he spoke on the subject, "Shall We Survive?"

Dr. Nyaradi's speech evoked varied and mixed reaction around the campus.

Dr. Nyaradi who has experienced the effects that war can bring, concluded his speech by inviting all to join him in his crusade, "not to hate more those who try and destroy you but to love more."

Also in concluding, Dr. Nyaradi said, "Recognize and appreciate your privileges, even the smallest such as going to bed at night and no fear of being awakened and carried away by secret police."

The special chapel was sponsored by the McPherson Chamber of Commerce and Macollege. Attending along with Macollege students were students from Central College and seniors from McPherson High School.

Trustees To Arrive In Mac, February

The McPherson College trustees will be on Macollege campus, Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 25-27.

The Macollege faculty will join the trustees on the evening of Feb. 25 for a dinner.

Brethren Youth Seminar To Be Held At Nation's Capital

The Brethren Youth Seminar for high school juniors and older will be held Jan. 31 - Feb. 5. Plans are being made to sponsor a chartered bus from McPherson as has been done in previous years.

Pre-registration must be in by Jan. 17 so contact Ken Holders read soon and make plans to attend the Seminar for a close-up world view of international relations and a study of the United States Government.

The Seminar begins on Sunday evening, Jan. 31, in Washington, D. C. In the following three days visits are made to the Senate, the House of Representatives, the Supreme Court, the White House, the State Department, Foreign embassies, and the Library of Congress.

On Thursday morning, Feb. 4, the Seminar moves to the Shelton Hotel in New York where it closes on Friday evening, Feb. 5. In New York the group will



Dr. Nyaradi

International Students Have Special Vacation

A four day Christmas vacation is planned in Hutchinson for international students. The vacation is for all international students who wish to participate and will be held Dec. 24-27.

There will be planned activities in which the students may take part.

The students will stay with families in Hutchinson for five dollars for the four days. Students may request a scholarship to cover this amount.

Some of the students are already making plans to attend. Those who wish to go may contact Dr. DeCoursey.

Brethren Youth Seminar To Be Held At Nation's Capital

visit the United Nations building, its council and committee meetings, and various foreign delegation headquarters.

Throughout the Seminar, interviews are held with legislators, government and private agency executives, UN officials, and foreign delegation officials. A featured speaker will be Dr. Andrew Cordier, Executive Assistant to the UN Secretary General and Church of the Brethren minister.

The Seminar schedule provides time for recreation, sight-seeing, worship and daily evaluation as well as the intensive educational program of lectures, panels, discussions, and interviews.

The 1960 Youth Seminar is the eleventh in a series of seminars held annually since 1950, sponsored jointly by the Social Education Department of the Brethren Service Commission and the Youth Department of the Christian Education Commission.

Student Teaching Ends For Forty-Five Seniors

Student teaching for first semester ends today. Forty-five Macollege students have been practicing teaching for nine weeks in ten schools in the McPherson area.

These ten schools include Washington, Wickersham, and the Intermediate school in McPherson for the elementary block.

In the secondary block the schools are McPherson, Canton, Moundridge, Windom, Galva, Inman, and Durham.

Faculty Men Making Studies

McPherson College faculty members, Dr. Wesley DeCoursey and C. H. Dresher, are members of the McPherson Citizens Committee for Public Schools that are studying changes and additions to be made in the McPherson school system.

The Stanford Survey team has been making a study of the McPherson system and has offered its suggestions and received suggestions from the McPherson committee. At a later date, the Stanford team will make a complete report of its findings and recommendations.

Some of the ideas the committee are interested in are should McPherson have 6 years of schooling in the grade school; 3 years in jr. high and 3 years in high school; should a new high school be built and the old one be used as a jr. high; and should the city plan to build a new elementary school?

Other facts being studied are what use can be made of present jr. high if the present high school becomes a jr. high; should the oldest building, an elementary school, be replaced; how and where should needed playground areas be acquired; and how should the entire program be financed?

The Stanford team will return to McPherson in February. The McPherson Committee will meet several times before they return. The McPherson Committee is made up of 26 McPherson people.

Coming . . .

Tomorrow, Dec. 19 - All college dormitories will close at 9 a.m.

Dec. 28, 29, & 30 - The McPherson College Holiday Tourney with eight basketball teams participating.

Monday, Jan. 4 - Dormitories will reopen at noon.

Tuesday, Jan. 5 - Classes will resume at 7:45.

Tuesday, Jan. 5 - Bethany vs. McPherson, Basketball, here, B game at 6:15, A game at 8 p.m.

About 200 Attend Christmas Formal

"Frost/Fantasy," the Christmas Formal, was well represented by Macollege students and faculty.

Rita Smallwood, refreshment chairman, reported that approximately 180-200 people were served during the evening.

Macollege students presented the program of a little boy, played by Don Hollenbeck, trying to find the real meaning of Christmas, and three animals, Loren Reyher, Glen Faus, and Janelle Miller assisting him.

Three engagements were announced during the evening: Carol Hogle to Phil Lowe, Shirley Simpson to Tom Ruhser, and Karen Stoner to Galen Huifman.

After the program the McPherson College Stage Band played for the dance which followed.

Bittering To Spend Christmas In Mexico

Dr. and Mrs. D. W. Bittering plan to spend their Christmas vacation in Mexico where they will join their two sons and their families to visit historical ruins in and around Mexico City.

Christmas Day will be spent with Jamie Redin from Ecuador who will be the new pastor at Falfurrias, Texas.

Stanley Bittering and his wife are living in Austin, Tex., where he is working on his doctor's degree at the University of Texas.

While working on his master's degree at the University of Kansas, Richard Bittering and his wife live in Lawrence. A freshman at McPherson College, Marianne, will also accompany her parents on the trip.

Historical Sharp To Come Down

Sharp Hall, named after S. Z. Sharp, the college's first president, was built over a period of 13 years.

The first floor was begun in 1888, but the second floor was not begun for some time because funds were low at that time.

There was a tar paper floor for five years until building could resume. Contributors bought bricks for 1c a piece to give toward the building.

In 1897 the third story was built, and in 1901 Sharp Hall was completed.

The completed Hall measured 94' x 117'. It was comprised of a chapel, made larger in 1928, recital rooms, commercial hall, laboratories, Irving Hall (book room), and the administration offices.

Throughout the years Sharp Hall has schooled many, but it is now nearing its end, as the new building is being completed.

Semester Exams To Begin After Christmas Vacation

Dorms To Close During Holidays; Vacation For All

Students and faculty will be saying goodbye and leaving for their homes this afternoon as the Christmas Vacation begins. School closes officially at 5 p.m. today, and will open again at 7:45 Tuesday morning, Jan. 5, 1960.

Dotzour Hall, Fahnestock Hall, and Arnold Hall will all close at 9 a.m. Saturday morning, Dec. 19. These dormitories will all reopen at noon, Jan. 4.

Miss Edna Neher, Dotzour Hall housemother, is planning to go to McCune. Her sister and brother-in-law are at McCune.

Mr. and Mrs. George Arnold, Fahnestock Hall houseparents, plan to visit Mrs. Arnold's parents in Covington, Ohio, during the Christmas vacation. They plan to leave Tuesday, Dec. 22.

Prof. Arnold's parents plan to visit Mr. and Mrs. George Arnold before they leave for Ohio. His parents will arrive Sunday, Dec. 20, and will stay for a day or two.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ruser, houseparents of Arnold Hall, plan to visit friends in Barnum, Minn. Their son, Larry, will go with them. They plan to drive.

McPherson College Library will close Friday, Dec. 18, 5 p.m., and reopen Tuesday, Jan. 5, 7:45 a.m. Miss Virginia Harris, college librarian, will spend Christmas with her mother and relatives in Jennings, La.

The Dean's office will be open during the vacation. It will not keep full hours, but it will be open several hours each day except Christmas, New Years, and Sundays.

The Registrar's office will not be open during the vacation.

The Business office will be open each day in the mornings, from 9-12 a.m. The Business office will take care of the mail during the vacation.

The first 12 basketball boys will return to Macollege on Dec. 28, in preparation for the Holiday Tournament. This tournament will be Dec. 28-29-30. Places to stay have been provided for the players.

Mac Girls Have Party; Carol, Dormitories

All Macollege girls met in the basement of the Church of the Brethren on Dec. 14 at 9 p.m. and exchanged gifts with their roommates.

The girls from McPherson brought grab bag gifts to exchange with one another.

The Dotzour girls gave Miss Neher a white sweater and she gave each girl a scripture booklet with Bible messages for every day of the new year.

Cocoa and donuts were served after the gifts were opened, and then the group caroled to the dormitories on campus.

Final examinations for first semester will be given the third week after Christmas vacation on Jan. 18-21.

All classes are re-scheduled with a two-hour period allowed for each exam. Periods set for exams are 7:45-9:30, 9:35-11:20, 1:15-3:00, and 3:05-4:50.

Friday, Jan. 22, is reserved for the enrollment of new students.

Monday, Jan. 18

3:05-4:50 p.m., all 3:05 classes as well as unscheduled examinations and appointment classes.

Tuesday, Jan. 19

7:45-9:30 a.m., all 11:25 W. F. classes; all freshman English classes.

9:35-11:20 a.m., all 2:10 M. W. F. classes.

1:15-3:00 p.m., all 10:30 T. Th. F. classes.

3:05-4:50 p.m., all 9:35 M. W. Th. classes.

Wednesday, Jan. 20

7:45-9:30 a.m., all 7:45 T. W. F. classes.

9:35-11:20 a.m., all 7:45 M. and 8:40 T. Th. classes.

1:15-3:00 p.m., all 1:15 M. W. F. classes.

3:05-4:50 p.m., all 8:40 M. W. F. classes.

Thursday, Jan. 21

7:45-9:30 a.m., all 10:30 M. W. classes.

9:35-11:20 a.m., all 11:25 M. T. Th. classes.

1:15-3:00 p.m., all 1:15 T. Th. classes.

3:05-4:50 p.m., all 2:10 T. Th. classes.

School Of Mission To Begin Jan. 10

The Church of the Brethren School of Missions will begin on Sunday, Jan. 10 and conclude Feb. 7 with the annual dinner.

Each Sunday evening the school will start at 5:30 with a lunch prepared by different groups of the church. Classes for all ages from kindergarten to adults will follow at 6:30 and at 7:30 there will be a worship and varied program in the sanctuary.

Since the Brethren mission is in Nigeria, this year's study will be about Africa. The special issue of the Gospel Messenger for Dec. 12 should be read in preparation for the School of Missions.

Prof. Harley Stump is Dean of the School and the chairman of the committee in charge of the School is Mrs. Gorman Zook.

More information about the School of Missions will appear in the next issue of the Spectator.

Coming Chapels

Dean Wayne F. Geisert will speak in chapel on Tuesday, Jan. 5.

The final debate between the winners of the two previous debates will be held in Friday's assembly on Jan. 8. The freshmen will face the juniors in the debate on a topic chosen by Prof. Raymond Flory.

Pondering With The President

At The Center Of Christmas

Dr. D. W. Bittinger

At the center of Christmas we usually place brightly colored Christmas trees, heaps of glitter and tinsel, flashing lights, many gifts, multitudinous card exchanges.

All of these things are appropriate and good; the Christmas music which fills the air and resounds through our commercial areas does brighten our days.

We should not forget, however, that a Baby was at the center of the first Christmas.

Two things particularly characterize a baby. One is love. Without someone to love it and care for its every need, it could not survive. It is a product of love; it is dependent upon love. The second characteristic is potential. Whereas a baby cannot do anything now on its own, it has the potential of being a great teacher, a great artist, a great musician, a noble person. Love can nurture it toward that potential.

Christmas is like this also. Christmas, more than any other season of the year, depicts love. A Father gave his own Child on Christmas day to those whom He loved.

Christmas represents also potential. If the warm, good spirit of Christmas could exist between all countries replacing iron curtains, bamboo curtains, fear, suspicion, questioning, differences, what a wonderful, mutually-helpful world this could be.

Let us not forget the Baby, the Baby of Christmas.

The Good Spirit Tells About Space Age Christmas Story

Today the Spirit of all Things Good is here to tell you the Christmas Story as it might have been told, had Christ been born in the Space Age of today.

The first year of the Space Age had come as the Arab Troops shelled Nazareth, home of Joseph and his fiancée Mary. It was evening when the shells set the village afire and caused panic as the people fled.

All Mary and Joseph had was one old rattling Model T Ford to carry them along the crowded highway. Because of its need for repairs the car broke down as the couple came into Bethlehem, seventy miles south.

Upon arriving they found that they had not enough money to fix the car, because some pick pocketers stole Joseph's last few pieces of money. They junked the car and searched for shelter, but found none.

As they walked the street Mary became tired and ill. Then finally a kind Arab and his wife spotted the young couple in need of help. The Arab offered Joseph

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



"NO MATTER HOW LOUSY HER SPEECHES - YOU'LL HAVE TO ADMIT SHE ALWAYS HOLDS THEIR ATTENTION."

Shepherds watching their flocks and listening to their radio. As the shepherds sit on the ground near their campfire, the light of day floods around them and they wonder what new kind of invention this is?

Then the Angel of God appears and says to them: "This light is of God from whom I bring to you good news. Tonight in Bethlehem your King is born of Mary and you will find him in a manger and wrapped in a warm blanket.

And the shepherd went to Bethlehem, lead by the big star.

In another land there were scientists tracing space satellites by radar and telescope, who saw this new bright star which could not be Haley's Comet, because it was not due to arrive yet.

This star moved unlike other stars in the sky, so the scientists climbed aboard their new jet powered plane and followed the star to Bethlehem. These are three wisemen from afar come to worship the King.

They found the babe as had been told to them and knelt before him presenting him with gifts of honor. Then there were a multitude of angels singing. "Glory to God in the Highest and May Peace Be on Earth Among All Men."

Thus the Son of God and man

came into a world of darkness, nuclear weapons, and strife. The world in which he would be known as the Prince of Peace.

What would his life be like in the Space Age world? Think of that as you go home today to celebrate Christmas, and the birth of the Prince of Peace and have a blessed holiday for Him.

A Timely Message

I am not satisfied to say, "Thank you God, three times a day;

For all around me everywhere, There is so much to show His care;

So many good gifts I can see That whisper of his love to me, I want to run and laugh and shout

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So thank you, God, for everything, Especially now as Yuletide bells ring."

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Entertainment, Celebration: Which Are Your Cards?

By Faye Brunner

Fuzzy white poodles and prancing sequined deer fail to impress me as being representative of our CHRISTmas celebration.

Yet Christmas cards come with horseshoes and "Good Luck" scrawled across their fronts. Inside the message says "May your year be filled with luck and happiness." This is a strange wish for the celebration of CHRISTmas.

Mugs of eggnog under wreaths of holly fail to convey the spirit of the birth of one who is very special to us all.

Beautiful hand-dipped candles centered in branches of spruce leave me cold, even with their bright orange flames catching my eye as they fall from the envelope.

As you go through your Christmas cards, either those received or those to be mailed, decide which ones are birthday cards for our Christ and which ones are money-makers for businessmen.

Do you send religious cards to some and to others comical cards? Are you afraid that religion will offend your friends?

Are you ashamed of the child who made Christmas possible? Are you ashamed of the one in whose name and on whose birthday you have celebrated selfishly?

(Editors Note: If any of our readers wish to disagree or agree with editorials written in the Specator, please feel free to answer. If the letters are signed they may be given space in this column.)

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Bulldogs To Host Annual Holiday Tourney Dec. 28-30

The McPherson Invitational Christmas Tournament will be held on Dec. 28, 29, and 30. The McPherson Shrine Club will again sponsor the holiday basketball tournament as they have in years past.

Eight teams will compete in the three day tournament. Four of these teams will be Kansas Conference teams, while the other four will come from Nebraska, Iowa, and Oklahoma.

Bethel College, Bethany College, Kansas Wesleyan University, and McPherson College are the four Kansas Conference teams that will be competing. The out-of-state teams that are entered include Hastings College, Hastings, Neb.; Westmar College, LeMars, Iowa; Midland College, Fremont, Neb.; and Phillips University, Enid, Okla.

Play will start each night at 5:00 and continue until about 10:30. Four games will be played, with each team playing each day. The second night, the winners of the first night will play in the two later games, while the losers will play the two early games.

Each team will be limited to 10 players. The officials for the tournament will be Evert Morgan, Concordia; Galen Morford, Newton; and San Doss and Cliff Long, both of Coffeyville.

There will be a lot of tall players here for the tournament. The tallest will be Ron Siadek of Hastings. He is 6-9. Hastings has two other boys that are 6-6. Midland College has a 6-8 cager and one 6-3. Eleven of the 15 of their team are over 6 feet.

Phillips U. will bring with them two 6-7 boys and a 6-5 boy to have a very tall team. Jim Aderman 6-5 and Doug Ade and Merlin Larson each 6-4 will be the

Mac College Gym Open For Student Use

The McPherson College Gym is open each Saturday from 1:00 to 4:00 and on Sunday from 2:00 to 5:00 for the students of the college to use.

Senior Signs Contract

A mid-term graduate, Gerald Sampson, Wauseon, Ohio, has signed a contract to teach Industrial Arts in the Morrill high school.

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tall boys on Bethany's team. Westmar will have the shortest team with their tallest man being 6-3. KW has two big men in Max Francis 6-4 and Ron Harwerth 6-3. Bethel will bring Don Wedel, 6-3½, as their tallest player.

The Bulldogs, who will be the host team have Ivan "Pro" Prochaska, 6-4, and Cliff Baile, 6-3. The Bulldogs won this tournament last year against a field of all conference teams. This year it has been changed from a conference to an invitational tournament.

Debate Squad Attends Tourney

In the debate tournament held at Winfield last week, Lester Zook won first place in the preliminaries and won second place in the finals of the extemporaneous speaking contest. This provided him a certificate.

Barbara Jackson won first place in the preliminaries of the Oratory Contest, being eliminated in the finals.

Other individual events participants were poetry reading — Sharon Keith and Ken Watson; extemporaneous speaking — Ken Watson; salesmanship — Orville Neufeld and Lester Zook; and discussion — Billy Mitchell, Barbara Jackson, Gary Ross, and Sharon Keith.

In the debate contest each of the three teams won one or more debate rounds. The teams were Billy Mitchell and Charlotte Erft, Gary Ross and Lester Zook, and Ken Watson and Orville Neufeld.

Maccollege ranks fourteenth in accumulative total sweepstakes points, which have been accumulated since the tournaments began 25 years ago. Maccollege is the highest ranking in the Kansas Conference Schools.

Prof. Hayes and Dr. Bechtel accompanied the debate group.

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Last Weeks KCAC Games Are Listed

In the basketball game played last Saturday night, C of E. downed KW 72-54 in conference play. C. of E. started the scoring with an 8-0 lead and KW never caught up.

Last Thursday night, Friends took an early lead and defeated Tabor, 62-54 in a game played at Wichita.

In a game played last Saturday night, Southwestern defeated Friends 76-55 in a game played at Wichita.

Bethany downed Baker 72-68 in a close game played last Friday night at Lindsborg.

Ottawa defeated Bethel 81-67 in a game played at Ottawa last Friday night.

The Bulldogs of McPherson were defeated 58-53 in a game played last Saturday night at Sterling.

The games that were played this week include:

Monday:
C of E at Bethel
Bethany at KW

Tuesday:
Friends at Baker
Ottawa at McPherson
Sterling at Southwestern

Wednesday:
Bethel at Bethany

Thursday:
Southwestern at Baker
McPherson at C of E

Friday:
KW at Friends

Saturday:
Sterling at Ottawa
Wm. Penn at Friends

Coming Games Include:
December 28-29-30:
McPherson Christmas Tournament

Tuesday, Jan. 5:
Bethany at McPherson
Friday, Jan. 8:
McPherson at Friends

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Intramural Basketball Begins This Week

The intramural basketball program started this week with games on Monday and Wednesday evenings. There are nine teams this year and whenever possible, each team will play at least once each week.

The program is being directed by Larry McPherson with the help of George Keim, Garth Werner and Larry Schlehner will be helping Larry McPherson officiate. The officiating class, along with members of work program will also be officiating the games.

After Christmas, a tournament is planned by the teams. The teams are chosen by captains who have been picked by the intramural committee.

Ottawa Trips Mac 71-67

The Bulldogs suffered their second straight conference cage loss Tuesday night when being defeated by Ottawa 71-67. This gives the Canines a 1-2 conference record.

After an Ottawa lead of 37-36 at halftime, the teams came back for a near replica the second half. Mac got a minor rally underway as the end neared and led 67-63 with but three minutes remaining. With 1½ minutes left, however, the score was again knotted at 67-67.

A quick bucket gave Ottawa the lead at 69-67 with one minute remaining. Two Ottawa free throws with seconds left, resulted in the final 71-67 score.

Clifton Baile from Warrensburg, Mo., led the Mac attack with 16 points. Dave Owen was the big gun for Ottawa with 27.

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Bulldogs Lose League Game

The Maccollege Bulldogs took their second cage defeat of the season Saturday night at the hands of the Sterling Warriors. The final score was 58-53.

The game was a nip-and-tuck affair all the way. The lead changed hands 14 times and the score was tied 6 times.

A see-saw first half finally ended in a 29-29 halftime tie. The Bulldogs made a stubborn bid in the first part of the last half and had netted a 39-34 lead with 10 minutes left to play. The bid fell short at this point, however, and with 3 minutes remaining, the lead had been reversed and Sterling held a 50-45 lead. Sterling held this five-point margin during the rest of the game.

Dennis Brunner garnered 14 points for the Bulldogs. He shared top honors with Sam Wilkey of Sterling who also netted 14.

The box score for the Sterling game was as follows:

Player	Fg	Ft	TP
Baile	4	2	10
Brunner	5	4	14
Heinz	1	0	2
Prochaska	3	3	9
Werner	3	3	9
Heidebrecht, R.	0	0	0
Elmore	4	1	9

Bantz Tours Mission

Rev. Floyd Bantz, Executive Secretary of the Western Region, spent Dec. 3-4 at the Church of the Brethren Navajo Indian Mission at Lybroke, New Mexico.

Rev. Bantz toured home mission churches in Colorado on Dec. 6-7.

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Bronze 'Honest Abe' Stands Eight Feet Up

The statue of Abraham Lincoln, which stands at the college museum, fourth floor Harny, was a memorial of the class of 1924.

The statue, in bronze finish, has the full life-size proportions of Lincoln, and is placed on a six-inch pedestal, the complete height measuring more than eight feet.

It is believed that the Lincoln statue once stood in the library, but most of the years it has been in the college museum.

Tangible Liabilities

There are intangibles; unknown to all senses, never itching, tickling, or lacerating, yet recorded on man's conscience.

The cause and effect of men missing trains; loving, hating, and cheating for gain.

Which, having caused the action, do not judge the reaction. But leave that for the victims, who rationalize with social dictum, their own insensibilities physical and intellects egotistical.

Gerry Wolff

(Note: The above poem has been printed exactly as it had been submitted to the American College Poetry Society Contest.)

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Foreign Students Reveal Home Christmas Customs

As Christmas Day draws near it is interesting to know how people in other lands celebrate Christmas. Last week Christmas in Germany was written about and today customs of Nigeria, Puerto Rico, Burma, India, Greece, Holland, and Mexico are told.

Christmas is not very widely celebrated in Nigeria, because only five per cent of the population are Christians with the other 95 per cent being Muslims and Pagans. However, the government does observe Christmas by public holidays.

In Nigeria there are no Christmas trees as we know them, but tropical plants and flowers are used to decorate homes and churches which are very neat then. Also there is no Santa Claus or equivalent to him.

In the villages there are many people who celebrate Christmas only because they have had good crops and it is a joyous time of the year or because soon a new year will begin.

On the other hand the Christians go to church on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. During the period from Christmas, gifts are given and feasts are cooked, which many times are used to feed hungry friends or strangers.

In Puerto Rico the Christmas season is from the twentieth of Dec. to Jan. 6, with caroling, parties, dances, and merriment taking place in the town square or private homes.

The customs of Puerto Rico are a mixture of American and Spanish, because its people are mostly of Spanish descent. Everywhere, in each village, one finds decorated city squares.

One of the favorite customs of Puerto Rico is caroling. Groups of youth go out caroling to a house and sing until the owner opens the door, which invites them into a party for the evening.

At this time of year one sees Nativity Scenes everywhere and all broadcasting facilities are used for Christmas program themes or carols, which the typical carols are a type of country music known as Seis Chorroado.

On Christmas Eve Catholics, who are in a majority, go to Midnight Mass, while the protestant present dramas on this night

in the church. Christmas Day is a day when the middle and upper classes exchange gifts, by placing them under the Christmas Tree which is like the United States' custom.

Another activity of the day is the annual Christmas dinner which is delicious roast pig, pasteles (meat, tomatoes, green olives, potatoes, and green bananas), chicken with rice, and sweet rice with raisins (arroz con dulce).

On the sixth of January all people exchange gifts for this is Three Kings Day. Children place food for the wisemen's camels under their beds on Jan. 5 and wake up the next morning to find their gifts under their beds.

In Burma, as in Nigeria, Christmas is not as important a celebration because only about one to five per cent of the population are Christian with the other 95 per cent being Buddhist.

In Rangoon people put sign boats of WELCOME to all Christmas caroling groups, which sing on Dec. 23 and 24 and are usually made up of students both non-Christian, who are in majority, and Christians.

The groups sing to collect money for Christian supported organizations, such as the home for the aged poor and the home for the lepers.

Many of the homes where carolers go are non-Christian, but welcome the youth because they are doing good. The Christian families stay up all night and on Christmas Eve go to church.

The next day, Christmas, is one of feasting, visiting, and picnicking in which not only Christians participate, but Buddhist as well. The latter celebrate it because it is joyous and they too, many times, know the meaning of Christmas.

In India Christmas is celebrated by all, but mainly by Christians. Roman Catholics hold Mass in a large open outside place where as many as 10,000 people gather at midnight. After Mass the people go out for merrymaking, dancing, and festivities.

Also there is gift giving and Christmas cakes.

In Greece there is the legend of the Karkantari — mysterious half-human and half-horse monsters — who wander about twelve days before Christmas trying to

make mischief through out the countryside.

A priest is called in to make them disappear by dipping a cross, entwined with sprigs of basil, in a copper vessel of Holy Water and sprinkling each farmhouse. Further insurance is the burning of old leather shoes to chase them away.

In Mexico Christmas celebrations are begun Dec. 16 with Posadas (parties every night from Dec. 16-24). At each party a pinata (a clay bowl made with Christmas goodies inside) is broken by blindfolded players who have sticks.

After the pinata is broken there is a time of prayer and singing with a dance following. These celebrations are connected with the Roman Catholic Church, since Mexico is mostly Catholic.

In Mexico as in the United States there are Christmas trees, gift giving, and nativity scenes. Dec. 24 is a day of feasting, which is similar to that of the United States, and gifts are opened around the tree in the evening.

On Christmas Day after a family reunion the day before and setting off firecrackers, (by high school boys), the children play with their toys.

Then comes Wisemen Day on Jan. 6, on which day the lower classes give gifts to the children. These gifts are either placed near the bed or in the living room.

All during the Christmas season festivities are connected with the church, which has many special-Masses for people to pray and thank God for the birth of the Saviour.

In Holland children fill their shoes on Dec. 6 with hay and carrots to feed St. Nick's white horse. The shoes are placed under the chimney in the evening and the next morning are filled with candy and gifts.

The giving of gifts by St. Nick on Dec. 5 and 6 has nothing to do with Christmas, on which day gifts are exchanged.

Christmas decorations in Holland are simple and usually indoor decorations of evergreens, because the main emphasis of Christmas is on worship, music, and church bells.

On Christmas Eve in Holland the family gathers around the tree, which has burning candles,

Cupid Scores At Christmas

White, Mohler
Mr. and Mrs. Virgil White, Scott City, announce the engagement of their daughter, Sheryl, to Mr. Larry Mohler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Mohler of Scott City.

Sheryl is a senior at Scott City High School, and Larry is a sophomore at Macollege, majoring in engineering.
No wedding date has been set.

Simpson, Ruhser
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Simpson, Perryton, Texas, announce the engagement of their daughter, Shirley, to Mr. Tom Ruhser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ruhser, McPherson.

Shirley is a sophomore at Macollege and Tom is a junior majoring in business.
No wedding date has been set.

Beaver, Henderson
Mr. and Mrs. Ward Beaver, St. John, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jane, to Mr. T. J. Henderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Henderson, Sharpville, Ind.

Jane is a 1958 graduate of St. John High School and Tom is a 1958 graduate of Sharpville High.
An October wedding is planned.

to sing Christmas carols. The next day, Dec. 25, is a day of worship; while the second day of Christmas, Dec. 26, is one of visiting.

In Holland as well as other countries, the non-church minded use the holidays for merrymaking.

Also in Holland there is a legend about St. Nick. Once upon a time a Saint lived in Spain. This Saint did much good to people then and now. Today he is still living and people celebrate his birthday on Dec. 5 or 6.

Every year he comes to Holland by boat and then to the villages and rides by train or bus. Then he circles around town on his white horse and sends his black Peters to spy on the boys and girls to find out the good ones.

Stoner Huffman
Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Stoner, King Ferry, New York, announce the engagement of their daughter, Karen, to Mr. Galen Huffman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Galen R. Huffman, St. Joseph, Mo.

Karen is a sophomore majoring in elementary education, and Galen is also a sophomore majoring in rural life.
An August wedding is planned.

Strom, Faus
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Strom, Worthington, Minn., announce the engagement of their daughter, Sheryl, to Mr. Glen Faus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Faus, Manheim, Penn.

Sheryl is a junior majoring in elementary education, and Glen is also a junior majoring in philosophy and religion.
No wedding date has been set.

German Club Members Celebrate Christmas

The Spirit of Christmas reigned as Deutscher Klub held its Christmas meeting Wednesday, Dec. 9, with carols in German and with the German students telling about their customs. Lighting was by two candles in an Advent wreath.

Also, seven members of Deutscher Klub participated in Frost Fantasy last Friday night, singing "Stille Nacht," and "Herbei O ihr Gloybigen" in the skit.

Band Appears On TV

The Macollege Stage Band appeared on KTVH Channel 12, Hutchinson on the Joe Hardy program, "Community Window." This is a public service program for which the appearance of the band was arranged by the Public Relations' Office.

This is the third time Macollege has been represented on the program.

Hogle, Lowe
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hogle, Conrad, Iowa, announce the engagement of their daughter, Carol, to Mr. Phillip Lowe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard M. Lowe, McPherson.

Carol is a sophomore at Macollege, and Phil is a junior majoring in business.
No wedding date has been set.

Ibsen, Birkes
Mr. and Mrs. Clifford W. Ibsen, Carrington, North Dakota, announce the engagement of their daughter, Connie Jay, to Mr. Gary Birkes, son of Mrs. Bertha Birkes, McPherson.

Connie is a sophomore at Macollege, and Mr. Birkes is employed at Modern Products.
A summer wedding is planned.

Progress?

In 1907, a traffic study conducted in New York City showed that horsedrawn vehicles moved at an average of 11.5 miles per hour through city streets. Today, in congested downtown areas of many cities, including New York, the average motor traffic speed has been clocked as low as 6 miles per hour.

Ronald Eugene Born To Macollege Family

A son, Donald Eugene, Jr. was born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Willits on Dec. 2 at 3:17 a.m. The young man weighed 7 lbs. and 13 1/2 oz.

Mr. Willits is a senior at Macollege majoring in history.

Mr. and Mrs. Willits and Donald are home at 803 N. Walnut, McPherson.

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