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By WELDON CASEY

The Christmas season is upon us again, but this year it has slipped in with more somberness. Of course the Christmas spirit is here, yet our nation is at war, and there is tenseness and uncertainty in the air. This Christmas, people all over the world will rejoice that the Messiah was born, and that He came into the world, just as they have done in years before. The small children of France, with very few clothes and little to eat, will praise His name; the homeless people of Belgium and Holland, and all Europe, will praise him even though their ruthless conquerer may forbid it. The people of the bomb scarred districts of once merry England will sing praises to Him. Yes, people all over the world will celebrate Christmas with their own peculiar customs, regardless of the sad plight that they may be in. Christmas has become a universal custom to all civilized nations of the world.

The American soldier on distant battlefields dreams of a "white Christmas" because the singing of ancient and lovely Christmas carols while he was at home has instilled in him the love for the Christmas season. The custom of singing Christmas carols harkens back to the days of old, when carols were sung in the streets by waits and minstrels, when the Yule log burned on the hearth, holly and mistletoe gleamed among the

Christmas candles, and the boar's head was paraded in grand procession, and wassail songs made glad the festive and joyous Christmas-tide. The love for the Christmas carol has lived through the ages.

We in America have our own particular custom at Christmas, such as the hanging of Christmas stockings, Santa Claus, mistletoe and holly, but in many other countries Christmas is celebrated quite differently.

We are accustomed to Christmases where the weather is cold and snow is frequent, but if we should spend a Christmas in Mexico it would be a novel experience to us, because of the intense heat. In Mexico, Christmas trees are rarely seen. The nativity is the substitute. The Indians paint gay figures to represent the scene in the stable at Bethlehem. The people attend the midnight mass. No gifts are exchanged on Christmas Day, but the older people receive gifts on New Year's Day, and children on January 6, or King's day. To the Mexican children, the three kings, or the wise men, represent Santa Claus.

No country has entered more heartily into Yule-tide observance than England. Many of the customs that we hold came directly to us from England. Christmas in England is a time of jollity and merriment. It was considered unlucky

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HARDING COLLEGE, SEARCY, ARKANSAS

DECEMBER 15, 1942

## Announce Cast First Lyceum

The dramatic department announces the cast of the first Lyceum course to be given about two weeks after the Christmas holidays. "Magnificent Obsession" is taken from the book, which differs somewhat from the picture.

The play centers around Helen Hudson, played by Fayette Coleman, whose husband, Everette Maxwell, dies. She has to take up the responsibility of carrying on as well as combating another man's love for her, portrayed by Coy Porter.

Other characters are Martha Welborn as Joyce, the flighty step-daughter of Helen; Mrs. Ashford, the old lady who has taken care of Dr. Hudson for years, played by Ruby Anderson; Paul Herndon portraying Dr. Pyle, colleague of Dr. Hudson; Paul Keller, playing the part of Monty Brent, who puts in his bid for the step-daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Dawson, friends of the Hudsons, Joyce Blackburn and Weldon Casey; Hoyle White as the hired man; Mrs. Wickes, a client of Dr. Hudson, Dorothy O'Neal; Margaret Grace Turnage, the maid.

Rehearsals will begin as soon as the books arrive.

## Father of Ruby Jean Wesson Dies Sunday

Miss Ruby Jean Wesson received word at 10:20 Sunday night that her father, Fred J. Wesson, died suddenly in his home in Nashville, Arkansas.

Miss Wesson returned to her home early Monday.

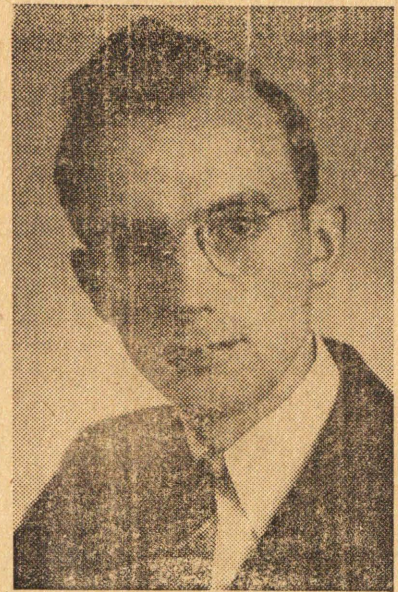
## Training School To Give Program Tonight At 7:30

The Training School will present a brief Christmas program in the auditorium tonight at 7:30. The program will include two groups of Christmas songs and a short play from Dickens' Christmas Carol.

The first group of songs will consist of those of a lighter nature, such as "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," "Upon the House-top," "Deck the Halls with Holly," and others. This part of the program is designed to give atmosphere to the succeeding production, in which Scrooge, the rich, but stingy old skinflint, and Tiny Tim are the leading roles.

The closing group of songs will be composed of the well known carols centering around the birth of Christ.

## College Church Sends Larsen To Syracuse



DALE LARSEN

The college congregation announced after a recent business meeting that they would support Dale Larsen, sophomore, in the next summer's missionary effort in Syracuse, New York.

Larsen, from Nebraska, took part in the Salt Lake City work during the past summer.

The New York effort is one of three or four similar campaigns being planned for next summer. Members of the Syracuse congregation are preparing a list of 1000 names, and each is to receive a series of 12 weekly tracts. The mailing of this literature will begin March 1. Immediately following the mailing of all the tracts, about 20 missionaries and personal workers will arrive on the field. After one month of personal work, the daily meeting and radio broadcasts will begin, and continue for one month. A capable evangelist and song leader will be selected, but they have not yet been announced. The personal workers will remain throughout the meeting and continue to distribute tracts and make personal calls.

Three former Harding students, George Gurganus, Kenneth Dart, and Bertha Smith are living in Syracuse and aiding in the plans for the summer program.

Larsen, along with the rest of the twenty workers who will come mostly from the Christian colleges, will leave for Syracuse as soon as the spring term closes.

## Harding Couple Practises Benson Economy in Texas

On his recent visit in Texas, Pres. Benson reported finding a couple in Wichita Falls, Texas, who were taking their Harding learning seriously.

They have purchased a large house, and are renting rooms, rather profitably, while both of them are working. The couple is "Nick" Camp and wife, formerly Sue McHam, both former Harding students.

The annual Christmas twilight program was presented Sunday afternoon at 4:30 in the college auditorium. The program was under the direction of Mr. Leonard Kirk and Miss Florence Jewell.

The program showed the various customs that are prevalent in dif-

## Navy Men Clarify President's Order

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 7 — Navy spokesmen in the Eighth Naval District today clarified the effect of the President's order, issued December 5th, as it affects Navy recruiting. Voluntary enlistment by men between the ages of 18 and 37 (inclusive) has been stopped; except that those who had made bona fide applications for enlistment on or before December 5th will be accepted up to and including December 15th, 1942. Commander A. R. Mack, U.S.N. (Ret.) Navy Recruiting Inspector of the Southern Division, further stated that enlistments of men aged 17 and of men from 38 to 50 are still being accepted.

Enlistments of officer candidates between the ages of 18 and 37 (inclusive) in Classes V-1, V-5, V-7, and V-11 have also been stopped, according to Commander E. D. Walbridge, U.S.N. (Ret.), in charge of the Office of Naval Officer Procurement for the Eighth Naval District. Those already enrolled in these classes, however, will not be affected. The V-1 class is for men enrolled in accredited colleges who are permitted to continue in college for a prescribed period at their own expense. Of these a certain percentage are transferred to V-5 for flight training or to V-7 for deck and engineering training. In Class V-11, men were enlisted in the Naval Reserve while action was being taken on their applications for officers' commissions.

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## Some Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,

I imagine it is cold up there. You are busy I guess making things for Christmas. I buy defense stamps. I go to the store and sometimes to town for mother. I hope I have been good enough to get a set of bicycle tires and a doctor set. I hope my record is good enough to get these things.

Your friend,  
JOE POLETT.

Dear Santa Claus,

I have dried dishes, made up beds, cleaned up the house and have been a good little girl. I would like to have an original dye-dee doll, with her wardrobe.

I know you have been so busy that you haven't thought about it being so near Christmas. I wish you would send all the boys in the camps something nice for Christmas.

We drew names yesterday and I got a boy's name. Will you tell me something to get him besides a gun? I bet he has a thousand of those things.

Your friend,  
BONNIE SUE.

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you and Mrs. Santa Claus? I am going to fix a surprise for you and I hope you like like it, for I want to please you. One morning I brought in the milk, wiped off the bottles and put them in the refrigerator. I get my lessons in the afternoons and then let my Daddy check them. My mother comes home tired at night so I try not to be a bother. There is a little girl that lives next door to me that is about two years old and I play and take care of her. I have

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## NEWS

### from WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON — (ACP) —

Right now the lid is down tight on information concerning the army's plan for sending drafted 'teen age men back to college. Officials and educators here say it soon will be spelled out in detail.

However, it is a virtual certainty that all 18 and 19 year olds who are drafted—whether or not they are college men—will be eligible to take tests to determine whether they shall be assigned to colleges and universities for technical and scientific training.

They probably will be selected on the basis of education, as well as for "qualities of leadership, military ability and aptitude for more education."

It is unlikely the 'teen age plan will resemble the current "contract" arrangement both the army and navy already have with some colleges. Under the contract plan, men already in the services are assigned to colleges for short periods of training, usually three months.

It appears that 'teen age men will get longer periods of training of a highly specialized and intensive character.

The back-to-college plan, or whatever it may be called, is likely to hit small arts colleges hard. The army and navy will probably take over the physical facilities of many of them to train men in technical subjects. The art of war leaves little room for other arts.

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## Students May Get Tickets In Advance

Through the courtesy of Dean Sears, all students who wish to get their bus or train tickets in advance for the holidays are able to do so.

Because of such crowded conditions, Dean Sears urges any student who plans to travel on public conveyances to get in touch with his office so that he can make reservation immediately.

## Short Short Story

By WYATT SAWYER

Time was very short, for tomorrow was Christmas day, and still six year old Billy had no present for his mother. He did so want to get her some kind of present. But he had no money, and could not make any it seemed, because everyone was too busy to notice a ragged boy on the streets who was asking to help them carry their bundles, or help in some way to make some Christmas money. No one paid any attention to him.

His mother at home was sick, had been in bed for over two weeks, and his daddy was always at the defense plant working. The neighbors had to prepare her food, and took care of her while she was in bed.

Billy had walked and walked, and begged everyone that hurried past him to let him help, but no one had a few pennies to give him. They were in too big of a hurry with their own Christmas. He sat down on the curb and began to cry, and went to sleep.

The next thing he knew he was in a warm automobile, and a very kind looking man was talking to him. The man asked Billy several questions and he answered all of them. Then the man took Billy to a big store and bought him everything imaginable. He bought lots of food and clothes, and a few toys.

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## Glee Clubs Will Go Caroling Wednesday

"Silent Night, Holy Night," and other Christmas melodies will be heard throughout town Wednesday night when the Harding glee clubs blend their voices in the singing of praises.

The caroling party will be given immediately after Wednesday night meeting and the carolers will visit the residential section of Searcy.

## Nadeau to Head Mission Study

Jack Nadeau, senior, has been selected to serve as leader of the group studying missionary work. Harry Robert Fox, Junior, led the group during the fall term.

## Transportation---Bad If by Bus And Bad If by Rail---But Preacher Students Go To Appointments

By LAMAR PLUNKET

In four years of school at Harding a student preacher accumulates a storehouse of new experiences. It must bring a smile to the face of an ex-preacher student when in moments of meditation he comes back to his first sermon in a little Arkansas chapel.

He must recall vividly those Sunday mornings when the alarm shook him out at five o'clock. Then, after a hastily eaten breakfast (if he were lucky enough to get it) he piled in one of the two little Model A's, or loaded into the V-8. He must recall the skepticism with which the fellows got into the Model A's. Too many times they have left at five in the morning only to return after midnight because of the "crankiness" of the little Ford.

Maybe he'd remember the times when preachers lined the highways, hitch-hiking to appointments.

"Much water has run under the bridge" since then. No longer are the boys lined up on the roads in twos and threes. Although there are still a few persistent hitch-hikers, the fellows are rapidly learning the uncertainty of this mode of travel. Now that gas has been rationed, in addition to tires, there will be even fewer cars on the road, and consequently less opportunity to "pick up a ride."

While the preacher alumnus re-

calls the time when there were four or five "preacher cars," there is only one among the students at present.

The boys now rely mostly on trains and buses. It isn't considered a luxury any longer to board a train with its unpredictable schedule. One gets on the train and tries to forget the number of times it "sidetracks" for another with a more important mission.

If trains are bad, buses are worse. Several of the boys have been left to get a later bus because it was impossible to take another passenger. Besides, traffic on the highways is slow at the very best.

In every town where there's a "layover" hotels are filled to capacity.

However, the boys are not letting these things stop them. They know that these conditions are the result of the present emergency, and they remain cheerful about it.

These young preachers are still going to the same places many those of the past have gone. They are going to Damascus, Hayti, Mo., Eglantine, Oak School, Friendship, Griffithville, Gourdneck, McCrory, Beedeville, Manila, Hardy, Sweet Springs, McRae, Evening Shade, Shirley, Oxford, Salem, Wheeling, Agnes, and Leachville.

## Reindeer, Sleigh, And Santa, Not Returned

By BONNIE BERGNER

The jolliest fellow "goin' or comin'"—Santa Claus. The Santa Claus of past years was a more saintly affair than now, but nevertheless, he is as kindly and as lovable as ever.

To describe Santa would call for most complimentary adjectives. Perhaps he can best be portrayed, — "Eyes, how they twinkle, dimples, how merry, with rosy cheeks, and a nose like a cherry." Not mentioning of course the snowy beard (or the certain something which resembles a bowl full of

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## Benson and Brewer Prepare Programs On Religion For Radio

President George S. Benson and G. C. Brewer, minister of Broadway church of Christ, Lubbock, Texas, met in Fort Worth, Texas last week and prepared material for four radio programs on religion.

The subjects were "Religion and Civilization," "Religion and Character Building," "Religion and Society," "Religion and Science."

These subjects will be heard over Dr. Benson's regular weekly broadcast over KARK, Little Rock, Friday at 6:30 p. m.

# Time To Bear Down

Why can't we postpone our friendly get-togethers until week-ends, and even limit them then? They're a waste of time. The bull session fad can soon turn into a bad habit.

A very capable person can lose himself in many activities, and in the end realize that he has not made any real worthwhile accomplishments in any of them. The wise thing to do is to concentrate on one thing and do it right.

The brief suggestion to us that the faculty is going to "clamp down" in classes this term ought to be sufficient warning to get ready for a rigid term's work. We believe some changes must be made before we can noticeably improve the quality of our school work. Though we don't claim the following suggestions to be a fancy set of rules which will prove to be a "cure all" in alleviating our problems, we hope they will at least heal some of the sore spots.

## Curtail "Bull Sessions"

Much time could be saved by curtailing the so-called bull sessions. If they are as popular with the girls as with the boys it means that countless hours are wasted in idle prattle. More time is what everyone is crying for, and yet, there are valuable hours lost in lingering at the breakfast table, loafing in the Inn, or in friendly get-togethers in rooms.

Every person enjoys a good bull session occasionally, and no doubt they have their advantages in developing one as a conversationalist, but having a bull session every night, as some do, is carrying it to an absurd extreme.

## Strive For Excellence

Let there be an unwritten law that everyone is striving to go above the average by breaking through the mediocre partition into the realm of excellence. Let each student try to be especially outstanding in whatever he likes best. Let us create such a dislike for the slothful, sloven way of doing things that the persons with pride will want to do better.

It is true, all of us cannot be the best in the school, but the majority of the student body is capable of doing better. Some who are average students are doing work below the average, and some who should be above the average are satisfied by just getting by.

## Limit Activities

Though there has been a strong sentiment against limiting activities at Harding, there is hardly any other alternative if students can't determine for themselves how much work they can successfully carry. If necessary, activities could be limited to those whose grades indicate that they are taking part in too much.

## Get The Job Done

Finally, all will agree that there are only two real alternatives for college students—either work, or get out. It seems that there is too much playing and frolicking in the dormitories at night and not enough work. Running up and down halls, yelling and jumping, seems almost too juvenile for a group of college students. At least, such childish playing isn't very conducive to conscientious study and work. We're one hundred per cent for athletics on the athletic field. Nothing is better than a vigorous workout for a high standard of work. The thing we need to do is learn to draw a line between our different activities, and at the proper time take a vigorous part in each one.

Neither is college a place to try to live a "play boy" life. If you don't have a definite determination to accomplish something this term it is quite certain that you won't, and very likely you will hinder someone else.

With a new term before us we can make it just what we want it to be. Let's all get down to some honest toil, bear down, and get the job done.

# Book Reviews

By EDYTHE TIPTON

### WE TOOK TO THE WOODS

J. P. LIPPINCOTT CO, \$2.75

Louise Dickenson Rich has offered in this book an explanation of why she and her family live in the woods, miles away from any town.

Each chapter is a very good answer to such questions as:

"But don't you get frightfully out of touch?"

"But do you live here all through the year?"

She concludes with the last question, "Is it worthwhile?" and gives an excellent answer. It is to her. To any of us it might not be.

Mrs. Rich's style is very individual. It is that particularly that holds your interest. Even if you don't care for Maine woods, you don't want to miss a word. There's no telling what it might be.

## In My Opinion

What is the true essence, the true value of the atmosphere and the ideals found at Harding? In the first place, what are the ideals and what is the atmosphere? Have you seriously stopped to consider this question from a sensible point of view?

Why have ideals? Why sacrifice to train and learn and encourage and upbuild?—if we, you and I, do not live up to our own individual ideals. Can we truly say we have ideals—in the richest and fullest sense of the word — if we do not make an effort—yes, if we make only a half-hearted effort to build up and strengthen our ideals, not to mention the fruit yielded in the gain and practice of better ones?

The true point brought out in the past Thanksgiving lectureship is the fact that far too many Christians, yes, members of the church of Christ, are lacking in faith because of a lack of the knowledge of God, and the lack of exercising the knowledge we have. To paraphrase the words of one speaker, "What will be gained by my coming to deliver encouragement if no one does anything about the conditions in which we find ourselves?"

The Master teaches that it was better not to have known, than to have swept and garnished the house and then to have deserted it. Do we not often present ourselves as "wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest?"

APPLICATION: More than once

we have heard the statement, "These are serious and trying times in which we live." This statement is all too true. But we do not apply it to our lives. We continue to bicker and quibble over things that are really of less importance than our true school work. We continue to be selfish in doing things that are directly contrary to the Christian attitude of living. The step in changing our chapel period from one of noise and hubbub to one that is quiet and more nearly reverent is a step that can well be appreciated by all. Chapel comes every day. So does eating. For that reason, they become two of the big things in this present life. Yet we place insignificance on them.

The little things go to make up the big things in life. Eating comes every day, and with each meal a prayer is offered. Often the prayer is lost amid the rattling of cutlery; by snickers; at times, lost in conflict with the words of persons not designated to offer the prayer.

It is a serious thing to be able to call upon God to give thanks for our food. Do you rattle your dishes? Do you laugh? Do you thoughtlessly talk when the prayer is offered? Or, do you with reverence for God, quietly remove your hands from the table and enter into the true spirit of the prayer?

Let us aspire to higher ideals in this seemingly small part of our daily lives.

—By FORREST MAGNESS.

The Christmas spirit may not stop the war, but neither can the war stop the Christmas spirit.

The gift without the giver is bare.—Lowell.

Giving and receiving in the right

spirit can be the two greatest sources of happiness.

God loveth a cheerful giver. 2 Cor. 9:7.

The only gift is a portion of thyself.—Emerson.

## WITH OTHER COLLEGES

By WELDON CASEY

With Christmas almost here, the different colleges are planning various Christmas programs. The University of Arkansas has already presented its annual Christmas concert by the University mixed chorus. It was given last Tuesday night, December 8. The classics, semiclassicals, patriotic, and popular numbers were given with the traditional Christmas carols. The Hallelujah Chorus, from "The Messiah," by Handel, was again featured by the chorus as it was last year. There was singing of Christmas carols by the chorus and the audience at the close of the concert.

Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas, has also celebrated the approach of Christmas with the annual presentation of Handel's "Messiah" by the Hendrix Choristers. The program was given in the Methodist church. A string orchestra, organ, and piano accompanied the choristers. Forty voices of the Central college ladies' chorus will augment the choristers in the finale, "The Hallelujah Chorus," it was announced.

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## ALUMNI ECHOES

By MAC TIMMERMAN

Now I am visiting in the home of Elton English in Sweet Springs, Arkansas. He attended Harding academy in the session of 1929 and '30. In meditating upon the ones who have been here in years past, it makes your columnist feel like a graduate of Harding who likes to visit the school again.

But let's see who have been to school here that are now teaching in the faculty. First is Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Armstrong who attended the Nashville Bible School. They are Dean of Bible and Speech instructors, respectively.

Neither B. F. Rhodes and S. A. Fell should be left out. Nearly all are graduates of the same school, teaching history and Bible respectively.

The man who is working so zealously and laboriously for the school attended Harper Bible College in Harper, Kansas. This column takes the liberty to suggest to all alumnus that they should be glad to back a man who has the love of the college at heart. So your support in backing him to get the endowment for the school will be much appreciated.

A man who doesn't get much publicity, yet works for the school's interest is Dean L. C. Sears, who has been with the college since the days at Harper. Neither should Mrs. Sears, be left out, as she is

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# Backstage

By FAYETTA COLEMAN

ing that it should be; that is the spirit of cooperation which is frequently manifested among the students. Of course, some of our first and second year students don't understand the cooperation because they have never taken part and enjoyed the spirit of it.

That Harding spirit was displayed week before last at the senior play at the high school in town. Although it was show night and bad weather many students went to the play, not because they were assured of any better entertainment at the play than at the show.

This sudden burst of admiration for Harding brings us to the play itself which was "Mr. and Mrs. North." Most of us remembered that it ran on Broadway and has recently been made into a picture starring Gracie Allen. We realized why it had a long run in the big theaters after we saw the Searcy class of '43 present it. Indeed, it is a delightful play. It is first of all a comedy with a mystery plot used as a vehicle for the comedy.

The entire cast showed something which is all too rare in amateur productions: the ease and grace with which the characters used themselves on the stage. It certainly showed excellent training. We would like to see more of Miss Margurite Pearce's productions.

The dramatic department is promising to come forth with a three-act play shortly after Christmas. It has been cast and had a few rehearsals. After the holidays the cast will return for polishing up practices and then the play! The play selected is a dramatization of Lloyd C. Douglas' novel, "The Magnificent Obsession." I have read the play and it is remarkable in its possibilities for the roles to be portrayed. True, all the roles are not long nor prominent, but each offers the player a chance to use his initiative. Aside from the drama, the play offers an interesting plot.

Our Christmas twilight concert was very interesting, even if the chorus never presented those songs in public, the members would still get immeasurable value from the joy of singing them in rehearsals. At Christmas time words are too inadequate and song proves to be such a meaningful and inspiring medium of expression.

## The Ghost Writer

"Always do right; in so doing you will gratify some people and surprise the rest."

Dr. Summitt was late to class the other day, and while the students were waiting for him, Dickie Dean wandered in and talked. When Dr. Summitt came in Dickie explained to him: "I was showing them what to do till the doctor arrives."

Two people were going through the woods and got lost. One said, "I wish Emily Post were here." The other wanderer asked, "Why?" "Oh," said the first, "I think we took the wrong fork."

To the Christian: Faith, hope and charity

The greatest of these is charity.

To the farmer: Faith, hope and parity

The greatest of these is parity.

In answer to a question concerning the Sadie Hawkins party, Gene Nicholas said, "No, I'm not going to ask a date, I've already chased my man," proudly showing the diamond on the third finger of her left hand. A Timely Tip: Do your Christmas shoplifting early; avoid the rush. In a successful military operation the patient does not recover.

### RARE LUCK DEPARTMENT

The fellow was operated on for the removal of a fine pearl, which he had accidentally swallowed while he was eating some oysters.

When the pearl was examined by experts they declared that it was worth enough to pay for the cost of the operation and also the funeral.

Bursar Brown, our sage keeper of the money, says that we used to hear about four gallon cows, now it is four gallon cars.

This is supposedly a land of equal opportunity, but Deems Taylor says that it is not true, because a man has never yet been selected as "Miss America."

A man applied to his ration board for 20 gallons of gas per month above his "A" ration card. When asked for his reason, he said his gas tank leaked.

The dean was giving the football player his examination in the presence of the coach.

Dean: How much is seven and seven?

Football Star: (after much thought) twelve.

Coach: Aw, let him have it, dean, he only missed it one.

# Spirit of Christ

By DALE LARSEN

### "THOUGHTS OF FAITH"

Dr. Storrs has said, referring to Hebrews XI, "Such a faith as this had no name for it in the Greek or Roman world till the Gospel touched their very language and charged it with meanings which they who formed it had never conceived."

Someone has said, "Faith is believing something that someone has said because they said it."

This great chapter in Hebrews, known as the Faith chapter, tells us "faith is the substance of things hoped for; the evidence of things not seen."

One of our outstanding preachers has been called the "Young Abraham" because he walks by faith.

What is faith?—do we have it?—how can we get it?

Faith reveals God—the Creator and Judge of all mankind. It reveals God, our only hope when man's feeble strength is gone. It reveals God, who does and will over-rule all the powers of man in righteousness. We cannot pray for a more needed or more helpful thing in the days that are ahead than Faith.

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# SOCIETY and CLUBS

By GUERLAYNE FULLER

## Girls' Social Clubs Take New Members

Fifty-one Harding girls became members of one of the six girls' social clubs last week. The clubs and their new members are:

**GATA**—Joyce Blackburn, Norma Blankenship, Mildred Chapman, Mary Dobbins, Guerlayne Fuller, Virginia Garner, Elynore Gibson, Lucile Hull, Maxine O'Banion, Dorothy Ray, Coye Tillman, Louise Tillman, Maxine Tillman, Martha Welburn.

**M.E.A.**—Juanita Autrey, Jeanne Chouteau, Carrie Dandy, Nelda Justiss, Mary Bess Love, Violet Mullins, Betty Sue Traylor, Christine Walker.

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**L.C.**—Claudia Pruett, Christine Edwards, Marilyn Thornton, Lois Porter, Lois Campbell, Joyce Barker, Fayette Coleman.

**ALPHA THETA**—Florence Kinsner, Mary Carroll, Emma Jean Barber, Irwauna Welch.

## Pledge Promises Self Initiation

Among the bids sent out last Monday was one wired by the GATA club to Miss Elnora Gibson of St. Louis, Missouri.

Her letter of acceptance in part is as follows: "For one week I promise to do all the crazy things a Gibson can think of—sort of a self imposed initiation. So perchance you hear of a crazy girl running wild in St. Louis, fear not, 'twill only be your pledge."

Miss Gibson attended the first eight weeks here and then accepted a position as assistant instructor of mechanical drawing in a defense plant\* in St. Louis, Missouri.

## OTHER COLLEGES

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Harding, too, celebrated Christmas by presenting its annual Christmas twilight program last Sunday evening and having Christmas dinner in the dining hall. We hope you come to love these programs because they are an annual event at Harding.

"The Evolution of Dixie," by M. L. Lake, a fantasia depicting the gradual evolution of that Southern melody, was the feature number of the University of Arkansas concert band at the concert which was presented at the field house on December 7. This was the last concert to be given by the University band for the duration, as the armed forces are taking handsmen almost daily.

"The Ghosts of Rhodes Manor," a mystery play with an all-girl cast, was recently presented at Hendrix. It was the first mystery play to be presented on the Hendrix stage since 1937.

## SHORT STORY—

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When they were finished, they got back in the car and took Billy home. The chauffeur carried the bundles in the house and started away, but Billy stopped him and asked him, "Is that Santa Claus without his red suit?" The chauffeur looked confused for a moment and then said, "yes, little boy, that is Santa Claus."

## Tea Given For Ju Go Ju Pledges

Monday, December 7, an informal tea was given for the Ju Go Ju pledges. Atmosphere was prevalent in the room which was brightened only with the dusky light of candles.

Tea was poured by Miss Doris Healy, president of the Ju Go Ju's. Among other delightful refreshments, Christmas candies added to the festive spirit of the affair.

Presentation of charm bracelets, with one link, on which "Ju Go Ju" was printed, proved to be the crowning event of the evening.

Those present were: Emalene Alexander, Kearby Sue Bentley, Betty Bergner, Bonnie Bergner, Wanda Jo Bland, Annette Burford, Bonnie Sue Chandler, Elma Cluck, Vester Densmore, Era Madge Ellis, Olive Fogg, Jewel Dean Hardie, Doris Healy, Mildred House, Elizabeth King, Letitia Longley, Carmen Price, Margaret Ridley, Margaret Jane Sherrill, Ida Mae Smetthers, Eugenia Stover, Bertha Mae Tidwell, Gladys Walden, Ruby Jean Wesson, and Mrs. L. C. Sears, sponsor of the club.

## Lambda Sigma's Have Party At Legion Hut

Members of the Lambda Sigma social club and their dates played games and participated in quizzes at their fall term functions Friday night at 9 o'clock in the Legion Hut.

Hot chocolate, cookies, ice cream, candy, and roasted peanuts were served.

Members and their dates were:

George Tipps, Bonnie Bergner; Lamar Plunket, Margaret Ridley; Robert Gordon, Elma Cluck; Weldon Casey, Ruby Jean Wesson; Thednal Garner, Jewel Dean Hardie, Bennie Shaw, Reba Faye Nadeau, Leonard McReynolds, Lois Campbell; Jack Nadeau, Elizabeth King; Raymond Lawyer, Letitia Longley; Lloyd Collier, Kearby Sue Bentley; Edward Shewmaker, Sue Dean; Douglas Gunselman, Sarah Wallace; Joe Wooten, Margaret Wallace; D. C. Lawrence, Mrs. Lawrence, Keith Coleman, Era Madge Ellis, Dale Larsen, Raylene Thornton.

Chaperones were Dr. and Mrs. Summitt and their sons, Billy, Paul, and Knox, and Prof. Miles and his son Jimmy.

## Brown-Mcreynolds Wed Friday Evening

Leonard McReynolds and Virdean Brown were married Friday evening at 7 o'clock. The ceremony was pronounced by Dewitt Garrett in his home.

Ruth Moore, Hubert Lawrence, Elizabeth King, and Jack Nadeau, were guests at the wedding.

McReynolds, from DeRidder, La., is a senior in Harding, and has attended here a 1 four years. Miss Brown, of Searcy, graduated from Harding Academy in the spring of 1941.

## ALUMNI ECHOES

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the daughter of the Armstrongs and has been with the school since childhood.

Time has given us many teachers here who have been Harding graduates. Elsie Mae Harper, who is the head of the home economics department, finished about six years ago. F. W. Mattox, the physical education director, finished Harding at its last year in Morrilton, and so did his wife.

## Merritt-Elder Marriage Here Sunday Evening

The marriage ceremony of Iris Merritt of Little Rock, Arkansas, and Lieutenant Kenneth Elder, Lansing, Michigan, was beautifully solemnized Sunday night at 7:30 in the college auditorium, with Coy Porter officiating.

The bride wore a white marquise gown. Her veil was gathered on a heart shaped halo, and she carried a large bouquet of red roses.

The bride was given away by Professor Leonard Kirk.

Mrs. Florence Fletcher Jewell was the Matron of honor. She wore a blue satin gown, and carried a bouquet of yellow chrysanthemums.

The four bridesmaids, Mary Alberta Ellis, Little Rock, Olive Fogg, Doris Healy, and Betty Bergner, wore pale pink dresses, and carried bouquets of orchid chrysanthemums.

George Tipps was the best man. Ambrose Rea, Ralph Starling, Adrian Formby, and Therman Healy served as ushers.

Before the ceremony began Christine Neal, Irl Stalcup, and Edwin Stover played a string ensemble. The processional was played by Miss Christine Neal, Lohengrin's Bridal Chorus.

The bride graduated from Harding last year, and was a member of the Ju Go Ju girls' club.

## The Christmas Star

By GEORGE KNEPPER, JR.

Resplendently, it shone,  
From heaven's highest throne,  
On Thee,  
And from the Orient far,  
The friendly Christmas star,  
Brought wise men to Thy side,  
That Thou might be their guide;  
And then it set.  
Now, from Thy throne afar,  
On some great yellow star,  
You cannot help but see,  
"What fools these mortals be!"  
But earth still has its pride,  
And Thou art glorified  
In some hearts, even yet,  
Who cannot quite forget  
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## SOME LETTERS—

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already told you what I want in another letter, but I will repeat if my record is good I would like to have an electric stove, a kite, some doll clothes and a new iron. I will have a surprise for Mrs. Santa Claus for I know she works hard with your helpers and must be tired working.

Yours truly,  
MMARYELLA NEAL.

Dear Santa Claus,  
I think I deserve an erector set. I gave a lot of presents this year and I sent the soldiers some things too. One of them I sent a shoe box of pecans. He was in Australia and I am sure he liked them. I mailed some post cards to the soldiers to cheer them up. So that is why I think that I deserve an erector set.

Your friend,  
JOE TAYLOR.

## ALPHA THETAS

Officers for the winter term were elected at a meeting of the Alpha Thetas last Friday evening.

The following girls were chosen: Gretchen Hill, president; Normanda Webb, vice president; Bernice Curtis, secretary; Mildred Royal, treasurer; and Ruth Bradley, reporter.

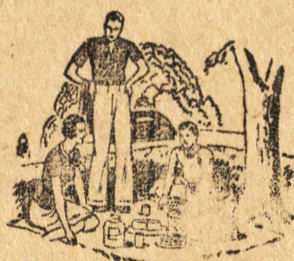
Sunday afternoon members of the club were entertained with a Christmas party. After gifts were exchanged, refreshments were served by Mildred Royal and Mary Carroll. The club presented a cake plate to its sponsor, Mrs. E. R. Stapleton. Presentation of a large scrap book was made to the club by its pledges.

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## WHO'S WHO IN HARDING

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By BONNIE BERGNER

"Tall, blonde, and handsome" would most aptly describe this man of physique and character. A man who will say that preaching has given him more personal satisfaction than any other thing he has ever done is to be commended, and even more so, he is to be commended when he has scored high in many other achievements. Of course the "little" guy to whom we refer is Clifton Ganus, who truly scores high in the hearts of all of us.

Clifton is a graduate of the Warren Easton high school in New Orleans, Louisiana, and even though he hails from a "big town" his

friendly attitude is just as common as anyone's.

As editor of the 1943 Petit Jean Cliff is out to one grand start.

Among other distinctions he is president of the Sub-T 16 club, which has proved to be one of the most outstanding clubs on the campus.

His extra-curricular has been heavy, his achievements many. Sports prove to be a natural thing for him, and he is a sport both physically and in attitude.

Yes, girls, he's "tall, blonde, and handsome," but — he's also engaged. Nevertheless, here's a hearty 15 'rahs for Cliff.

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# Lookin 'Em Over

By CLAUDE RICHARDSON

The Lawyer brothers seem to be monopolizing the sports honors this week. Virgil and Raymond Lawyer took first place in the Horseshoe tournament, and Dean and Raymond took first and second places, respectively, in the basketball free-throw contest.

The horseshoe tournament proved to be quite a thriller. The winners couldn't be predicted with any surety, because there were lots of upsets, but not too many one-sided games. Keller and Smith seemed likely to win; they swept over all their opponents until they reached Virgil and Raymond in the finals, where they met defeat for the first time.

Sinking 40 free-throws out of 50 times, Dean Lawyer put a little more pep into the free throw contest than was manifested last year.

Intramural points in the free-throw contest are given according to the standing with the rest of the records. The group is divided into four 25 per cent classes, and each individual's grouping is according to the number of shots he made.

Now under way is the table tennis tournament. Winning with ease last year was Clifton Ganus. He is expected to walk away with first place again this year. Ganus has such a wide variety of shots and is such a consistent player that no one can match him.

Also counted high is Edwin Stover. Stover has a "wicked" serve and a powerful backhand. Stover went to the finals with Ganus last year, and although he was defeated he put up a good fight. Duran Hagler and Lucien Bagnetto show promise of going high in the bracket with their hard and fast drives.

## Lawyer Boys Are Horseshoe Champs

Wading right through their opponents, Raymond and Virgil Lawyer swept through the horseshoe tournament, winning every game and taking first place honors. In gaining first place the Lawyer boys had to play Harley Hull and Ferrel Mason in the first round. Victorious in their first tussle, they went on to whip Dean Lawyer and Dale Johnson in the second round; then Clovis Crawford and Durwood Chesshier in the semi-finals.

Coming to the finals against Raymond and Virgil were Paul Keller and Bill Smith, who were victorious in the other bracket. Keller and Smith defeated Neal and Wendell Watson in the semi-finals to meet the Lawyer boys in the championship match.

All in all, most of the games were pretty evenly matched; not too many of them being one-sided or "run away" games. Some of the new fellows showed up the old hands at pitching horseshoes. A few who had never pitched any at all proved to be very adept at the game.

## NEWS FROM WASH.— FOOTNOTE ON WAR

There is a manpower problem in Germany with tragic overtones. Preparations are reported under way for professional military training of boys 14 and 15 years old.

### JOBS

The U. S. Office of Education is represented on a government committee studying job possibilities for the physically handicapped.

A recent survey showed that thousands of jobs in arsenals, navy yards and other government industrial plants could be filled by the handicapped. Altogether, the survey revealed 1,300 different kinds of work that might be done by such persons.

Objectives of the continuing study are two-fold: to help solve our war manpower problem, and to gain experience for use in placement of disabled veterans and industrial workers after the war.

Hard of hearing and deaf persons make up the major pool of handicapped manpower.

Many persons with defective vision also could do effective work in important jobs. In one large plant, approximately 90 per cent of the positions might be filled by persons who are blind in one eye but have good vision in the other.

The survey of handicapped persons also included provision for study of the use of women in industry. It was found that — with proper training — they could perform the duties of a majority of industrial jobs.

One ordinance plant already has

in fantastic costumes to represent animals in remembrance of Christ's birth in the stable. One of the unique customs in Russia is that the first one that sneezes at the Christmas dinner will be given a calf or a sheep. Some of the naughty children put pepper in their noses, but if they are caught doing this they receive only the family cat.

All of the nations mentioned are now at war. They will not be able to celebrate Christmas as they have heretofore. Yet, the spirit of Christmas cannot be blotted out by a conqueror despite his power. Christmas this year will mean more to the peoples of this war-torn world than it has ever meant before.

## Dean Lawyer Wins Free-Throw Contest

Dean Lawyer sunk 40 free throws out of 50 tries to take first place in the free-throw contest. Dean's accurate eyes, and mechanical arms just kept dropping the ball through the basket. This broke last year's high of 36 out of 50.

Taking second place with 38 goals was Ray Lawyer, who was right on his brother's heels up to the last pitch. Raymond's mark was three above the second place last year, and was two above the first place last year.

In the first 25 per cent group, besides the Lawyer brothers were: A. Shewmaker 34; D. Johnson 31; K. Ary 30; N. Watson 30; Chapman 29; Virgil Lawyer 29.

The second 25 per cent group was composed of Ralph Blagg, who scored 28; George Reagan 28; Claude Richardson 28; D. Chesshir 28; L. Williamson 27; Mabrey Miller 27; W. Casey 27.

In the third 25 per cent group were: C. Ganus 25; Joe Clark 25; C. Blansett 25; Ray Miller 24; R. Blackburn 24; and L. Bagnetto 24.

The fourth group scored as follows: C. Crawford 23; B. Stover 22; Vernon Lawyer 21; Bob Collins 20; Monroe Hawley 20; Billy Lynn 19; and F. Mason 18.

## NAVY MEN—

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Men 17 years of age may still enlist in Class V-1. Furthermore, Commander Walbridge said that any civilian college student who had made a bona fide application to enlist in any of the above classes on or before December 5th will be accepted through December 15th, 1942. He added that any civilian college students who have elected the Navy and made application to the Armed Service Representative in their college will be considered as having made bona fide applications for enlistment in one of these classes.

Although it is no longer possible for men 18 to 37 (inclusive) to enroll in the classes specifically named above, the enrollment of naval officers is not otherwise affected by the President's executive order, and officers of Naval Officer Procurement will continue to receive all applications for commissions. Class V-9 for officer WAVES and V-10 for enlisted WAVES are likewise unaffected by the executive order. The same is true for enlistments of women in the SPARS.

ferent lands at Christmas time.

Accompanist was Christine Neal; the continuity was written by Waldon Casey. The narrators were Harry Robert Fox and Virgil Bentley.

After the program Christmas dinner was served in the dining hall. Christmas carols were continually sung by groups in the dining hall.

## SANTA CLAUS— (Continued from Page One) jelly.)

Besides personal descriptions, perhaps reindeer a sackful of toys, the traditional "chimney-trick," and the spirit of giving, are the most exemplary of Santa. His red and white suit seems to be that certain something which adds the final touch.

Yes, Santa has long been a character of high popularity, and since reindeer and sleigh (and certainly not Santas) are not rationed, his work will continue as usual.

It is likely Santas' sack won't be so overflowing.

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