

Christmas 1962

How the meaning of Christmas has changed over the years! Nothing today is as simple, as lovely, as spiritual as it was in the days of our grandparents. In our time—December, 1962—we are living in a world that is complex and filled with commerciality. What we do is determined by habits instilled in us by national advertisers, whose propaganda dominates our way of life. We are like machines reacting to certain keys on a wide control panel, and our response is automatic.

The world of today's Christmas is characterized by mere 'product-giving'. We no longer give of ourselves, genuinely, from the heart; or, if we do, it is simply to fulfill a social obligation.

But materialism has not only changed our social habits; worse, it has begun to affect our thought. Can it be that we are no longer free-thinking men and women, free to choose and free to carry our choice into practice? More and more we are cowed by social pressures to the extent that we have all but surrendered our individual responsibilities. As a result, we simply follow the dictates of a mechanized culture, slavishly.

It seems we are no longer guided by the principles that were so meaningful thirty or forty years ago. The spirit of Christmas that Hémon expressed in "Maria Chapdelaine", for example, the respect for traditional values of peace on earth and goodwill to men (which he evoked in his wonderfully warm and tender novel), appear to have lost all sense of meaning today.

Perhaps I am being too sentimental, but it seems to me that we should have the right attitude towards Christmas — what it stands for in our daily lives, and in the life of the world.

The symbol of Christ's birth must be made to stand out clearly in the minds of men everywhere, if we are to endure. If we simply continue to remember

THE COMMERCIAL CHRISTMAS

by SCUTTLE

What is Christmas? Ask this question of a group of children, and I'd be willing to bet that 95% of them would say, "Oh, that's when Santa Claus comes and brings me lots of toys." Toys and Santa Claus—this is what Christmas has come to symbolize in the minds and hearts of our junior citizens, just as the key words of the senior citizen might well be parties and presents. Very few people put the correct emphasis on what Christmas means (myself included, to avoid being called a hypocrite). Even those people of Christian background who are not themselves believers in God, owe it to their children to delineate the real meaning of Christmas. A child who hasn't been exposed to the Christian doctrine has very little chance of developing into an adult who believes in God (and this can be a real asset in this day and age).

"Only ten more shopping days left until Christmas"—Sound familiar? It should, as that is what we hear so frequently via TV and radio. If the present trend of commercializing Christmas is not curbed, next year's advertising slogans may read something like this: "Buy your gifts at the big new 'x' department store and receive FREE a ringside seat to the second coming of Christ!" Incredible now, yes, but what about the future? Think about it!

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an hour ago . . . people . . . voices shouting, cursing, laughing . . . sitting, looking abstractly out of windows . . . or, at each other . . . arms, legs, ears, noses, eyes (glasses), feet, fingers—mouths chewing-gum, smoke (great wreaths), coffee, pepsi . . . general—all-purpose-layout-tool stuck in the paste bottle . . . type, type, type . . . meet the deadile . . . last issue . . . get it out!

now . . . legs akimbo on the table . . . hands stretched up and around . . . yawn (!) . . . scraps . . . butts . . . ashes, spread over copy . . . pencils, once round and virginal, now tooth-marked, senile . . . ink . . . \*\*\* . . . hum of the flourescent tubes . . . whistle, downstairs . . . janitor . . . and me.

left alone . . . space to be filled . . . dum, de dum . . . dum . . . so quiet . . . so late . . . so tired . . . so hell with it . . . O (almost forgot . . . merry xmas . . . —30— . . .

HO, HO --- HO! HUNGRY?

by PETE DUNPHY

A snow-covered tree, coloured lights, and streamers set the scene for L.B.R.'s Christmas party, and along with dancing and carolling, and an all around good time, it was pronounced one of the best yet.

The highlight of the evening was the visit of Old St. Nick (who came down the chimney-

even!) with a bag of goodies for the guests. Many apt and exotic gifts were distributed; an "Oh Johnny", a pair of "snuggies". (No, not from the panty raid) and a little "Oh Be Joyful" for a prominent member of the A.A.A. Mr. Claus seemed to be enjoying the party more than anyone

else, and judging from the hankie-panki the girls really go for elderly bearded gentlemen.

As is the custom in L.B.R., the party was organized by the first year residents. Special thanks go to John Sherrich, Pete Dunphy, Brian (Ho, Ho!) Copeland, and all those who lent a hand in any way.

Most students have been hungry during those mornings they missed their breakfast in order to get to the first lecture on time. However, I wonder how many of the student body have really been hungry . . .

The Student Christian Movement in association with Canterbury Club, I.V.C.F., Newman Club, N.F.C.U.S., and W.U.S.C. is sponsoring a "Refugee Banquet." It is hoped that the title of the event in itself will make us think of those people of the world who are less fortunate than ourselves. Furthermore, when one attends the banquet he will be reminded even more so, for the menu will consist of a bowl of soup, a piece of bread, and a glass of water.

Please read on for there will be more offered in the line of food; that is, food for thought. Prof. Theodore Weiner of the physics department will speak about the refugees of the world. He will be able to speak with some authority on the subject, for he was a refugee during the war. This should prove to be a most interesting and informative talk.

Since we are entering the season of cheerfulness and joy, it is hoped that the student body will help with this most worthy cause of refugee relief. We must remember that it is through our help that these forsaken people of the world are able to share a little of our cheerfulness and joy.

You might ask, "How can I help?" The answer is that you could purchase a ticket for the "Refugee Banquet" at a giveaway price of \$1.00. Let us think seriously if it is worth giving one dollar of our many dollars to aid those who have no dollars. This could be the most rewarding Christmas gift that you will give this year, for you will truly know that it will be going to someone who needs it.

The funds obtained through this effort will go to the "Freedom from Hunger Campaign" which is administered by the United Nations.

The banquet will be held in the Oak Room of the Students Center at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 16, 1962. Please consider the cause, buy a ticket, and come along.

Presented by—D. I. BRAY

Pas de Deux

I lay beside her in that dawn

and we knew not the intricate steps

that led us in our pas de deux.

ERIC THOMPSON

MONTREALERS

The Montreal Sky Divers have invited our Para-Jump Club to jump with them at St. Jovite every weekend during the holidays. We will have the use of a Cessna 180 and a Norseman aircraft.

All jumpers and spectators are welcome.

CAMPUS CO-OP STUDIED BY U.N.B. DELEGATION

Reprinted from St. F.X. student paper, The Xavierian

University of New Brunswick last weekend sent a five-member delegation headed by Barry Savage to study the cooperation system now operating on our campus. The delegation studied the basic function of our Student's Co-op Society with the intention of beginning a similar enterprise on the U.N.B. Campus. The plan proposed for their own needs will be spread over a ten year period, starting with a barber shop and supply shop and gradually working up to a complete student's co-op society.

EXTENSIVE TOUR

The delegates were given an extensive tour of the Co-op book store, supply shop, canteen, barber shop and board room by board members of the St. Francis Xavier University Co-op Board. The two female delegates were hosted by Miss Terry Power and Miss Elayne Alexander, the three men by board members Bob Kowalski and Brian Wady.

Due to the absence of Co-op president Ralph Hayes, only one short informal meeting was held in which several of the outstanding problems in initiating such a system were discussed. The delegates showed particular interest in the setup of our society and its constitution.

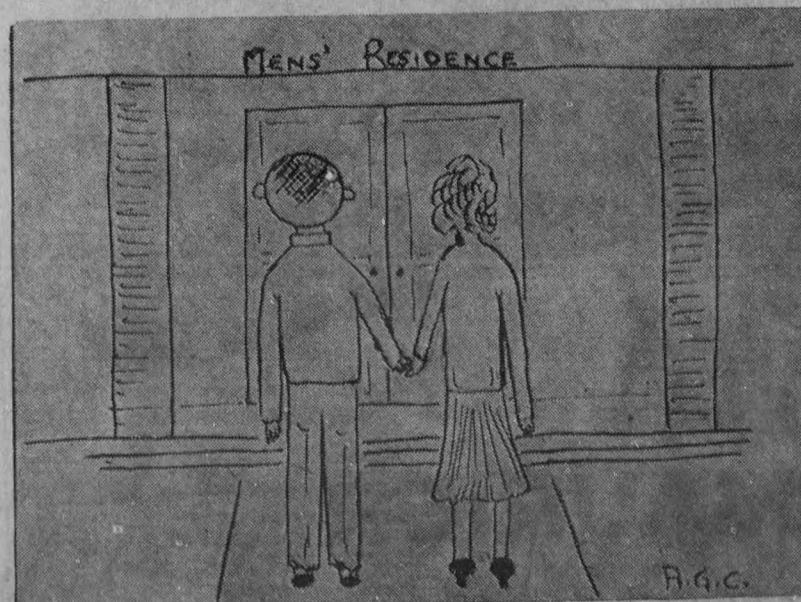
The delegates were introduced to the St. Francis Xavier Co-op Manager Max MacEwan who highlighted several of the administrative phases of the operation. Each delegate had ample oppor-

tunity to question Mr. MacEwan and the members of the board, as well as to pick up many important ideas from their tour. It is hoped that the visit to our campus will give food for thought to the energetic U.N.B. group in their planning and execution of their plan.

President Woody Hayes told a Weekly reporter that the delegation considered its mission quite successful and expressed appreciation for the interest shown them by their hosts.

REMINDER

After Christmas, don't forget to bring back your skates, skis, toboggans, and play clothes, so that you won't miss out on all kinds of Fun, Fun, Fun!



I don't think we should hold hands so close to the residence.