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Haile Issues Call

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia—(UPI) — Emperor Haile Selassie has called for an extraordinary African Summit Conference on the Congo situation, it was announced Saturday.

His request has been sent to all African heads of state. Selassie was host at the African summit conference here last year which formed the Organization of African Unity (OAU).

Jamaica Belle On Tour of United States

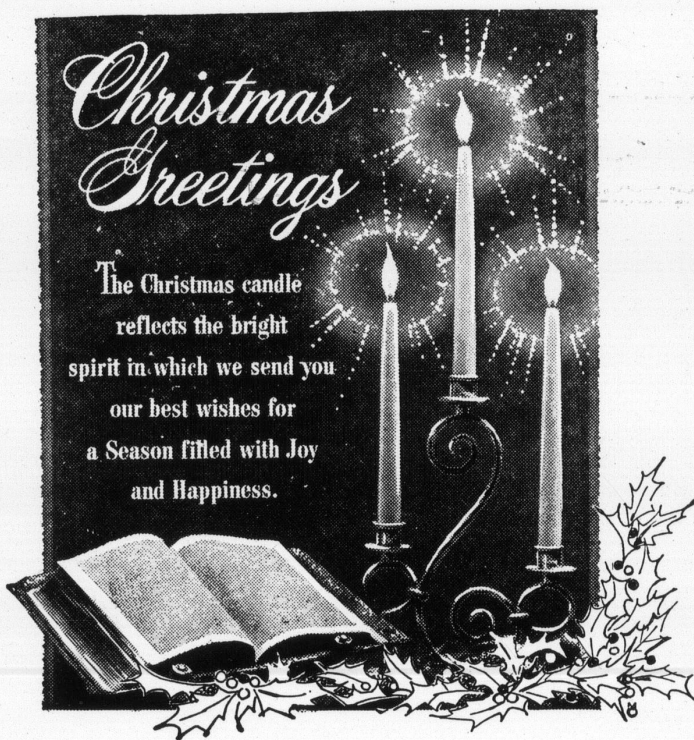
Miami (NPI) — A beautiful Kingston (Jamaica) lass, with a winning smile and bright eyes, sent temperatures soaring on a tour of six cities in the United States and Canada.

The winsome lass is 23 year old Enid White, who accompanied a 20 man "Jamaica Hello" information task force, led by John Pringle, director of the island's tourist bureau.

Miss White, a recent finalist in the Jamaica section of the Miss Universe contest, is a Kingston secretary. The tour, which began in Toronto, Canada, included world traveler John Larsen and Jamaica's top calypso band, "The Ticklers".

One of the high spots of the tour was a three day stay in Chicago, where Miss White charmed the citizens with her warmth and a "siren song of warm sun and the beauty of a Caribbean winter."

Other cities included in the tour were Boston and Hartford, Conn., Philadelphia and New York.



The Philosopher

I'm not much on philosophy, I don't know all the creeds; I don't know what's inside the books my next door neighbor reads. I haven't studied ancient tongues, my English isn't good; I know I've said a lot of things that a scholar never would. But this is my experience, and so I'll pass it on; the time to be a friend to man is when he's needing one.

I Don't discuss religion, much — I wouldn't if I could; I know I hate to draw a line between what's bad and good. I've had to plod along through life, and learn from other men, and so I've done a lot of things I'll never do again. But then, I found along the way, the time to be a friend is when a fellow's needin' all the help that you can lend.

I'm not much on philosophy, the books I never read; I've had to get the things I know from life that's hard indeed. I've never seen a winter through but I've had to stand alone, or seen some man without the means, and forced to make a loan. So if you have a cheer to give, or extra strength to lend — go out and help the man along who really needs a friend.

Hernia Idles Jump Champ Four Months

Boston (NPI) — U. S. high jump champion John Thomas of Boston last week was reported in "excellent condition" after undergoing a post-Olympic hernia operation at Massachusetts Memorial Hospital here.

He will be sidelined for from four to six months, according to his physician, Dr. Chester W. Howe, who performed the operation.

Thomas won a silver medal by placing second in the high jump event, won by a Russian, in the Olympic Games in Tokyo in October. He had postponed the surgery so he could compete in the Olympics.

Thomas was the second big name athlete to be victimized by hernia recently. The other was heavyweight champion Cassius Clay, who was forced to postpone indefinitely his scheduled championship rematch with Sonny Liston, because of the surgery.

Device To Alter Accent Development

San Francisco (NNPA) — An electronic speech-training device is said to be effective in helping non-whites to change their dialect quickly.

Discussing the device last weekend before the American Speech and Hearing Association here, Dr. Charles Hurst said it enabled many colored people to overcome strong ethnic dialect, which he contended is costing them employment opportunities and economic security.

Trainees using the device sit in front of a button-operated panel. By manipulation of the buttons, the trainees are able to monitor and correct their own speech errors, Dr. Hurst explained.

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"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will toward men." So the herald angels sang one night in an ancient land to humble men busy with humble tasks. The melody of that angelic music has permeated the whole earth. Sing on, herald angels! Your song of glory to God, peace on earth and good-will to men! Its melody was

heard amid the glory of the Roman Empire until its music permeated the fabled abode of Jupiter and Minerva. When the angels sing, the things approved of God go from triumph to triumph, and the things contrary to His will and purpose fade away. Their song is a song of gladness, the eternal harmony of the soul of man and the spirit of God. Are these herald angels still singing! The melody of the Bethlehem chorus is being drowned out, and sometimes one wonders if the angels have ceased to sing. This music seems to be drowned out by the noises being made in the councils of the mighty leaders of military might in this present day. Man's emphasis to-day is on conquest, not peace.

Are the angels still singing? Their song is obscured by the rearing of barriers over the earth which Jesus came to level. Among the nations leaders' of the multitudes are striving to perpetuate power groups determined to separate the races that inhabit the earth, bigotry and racism seem to be taking over in place of the angelic voices.

Are the herald angels still singing? Great is the spread of license, of vice, of greed, of injustice. It is hard to hear angelic voices amid the swing

rhythm, incorrectly dubbed music shrieking so blatantly into our suffering ears by day and by night. But the angels may be heard if you are tuned in upon their music. Their music of peace, glory to God in the highest and goodwill to men, which rose with the coming of Christ to the world, will not die away even when the world shall end. A star may be hidden from our untrained vision, but seldom if ever in the mystic mechanism of the spheres is one ever destroyed. The principles of Christ eternal in the angel's song may be hidden sometimes in dark clouds that hover about them, but behind all black banks still shines undimmed the star of Bethlehem, and the melody which the angels sang long ago, to men of humble tasks.

Youngsters Told Where Santa Is "Right At Home"

Along with "Why is the sky blue?" and "Why can't I see the wind?" the favorite question of children everywhere is very often, "Where does Santa Claus live when Christmas is all over?"

Parents faced with this puzzle needn't get involved in explanations of just what and where is the North Pole. They can answer, with a straight face and a map to back them up, "Why, Santa Claus, Indiana, of course!"

Or how about Bells, Tennessee; Evergreen, Alabama; Holly, Washington; or Noel, Missouri, as suitable quarters for Santa?

These are just a sample of the many towns and villages all over the country that are named in the spirit of Christmas, in the hope of preserving the good will and cheer of this happy season all year.

There's only one disadvantage to living in one of these towns. Local parents, faced with the question, "Where does Santa live?" certainly can't say, "Why, right here in Christmas, Arizona, son," or the next logical question would be, much to Dad's consternation, "Yippee! Why don't we go visit him?"

Tshombe in Paris to Talk with DeGaulle

Paris—(UPI) — Congolese premier Moise Tshombe arrived here with 10 of his ministers Monday, the Congolese embassy announced.

Tshombe travelled from Leopoldville in a special air Congo plane and landed at Le Bourget Airport near Paris. He is staying at a hotel on the Place De La Concorde in Paris.

He is expected to meet with President Charles De Gaulle during his stay, probably on Wednesday French officials said, however, the exact time and date of the meeting has not yet been fixed.

Tshombe is expected to go on to the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

Ghana Ambassador To Be First African UN Prexy

UNITED NATIONS, (UPI)

—The 33-member African group Friday, unanimously endorsed Ambassador Alex Quaison-Sackey of Ghana, a brilliant debater, as its candidate for the presidency of this year's General Assembly.

Other nations had agreed that the Africans themselves would choose this year's president and Quaison-Sackey's nomination by acclamation at Tuesday's opening session of the assembly was therefore assured.

Quaison-Sackey, 41, will thus become Africa's first as-

sembly president. He was nominated by acclamation after the other two candidates, Nathan Barnes of Liberia and Omar Adeel of the Sudan had withdrawn.

Adeel received instructions from his government earlier this week to withdraw. Informed sources said Barnes withdrew for lack of support.

IN HOLLAND

Dasher, Dancer, Prancer and Rudolph would cause no excitement in the Netherlands, where children believe that a horse pulls St. Nicholas' sleigh.

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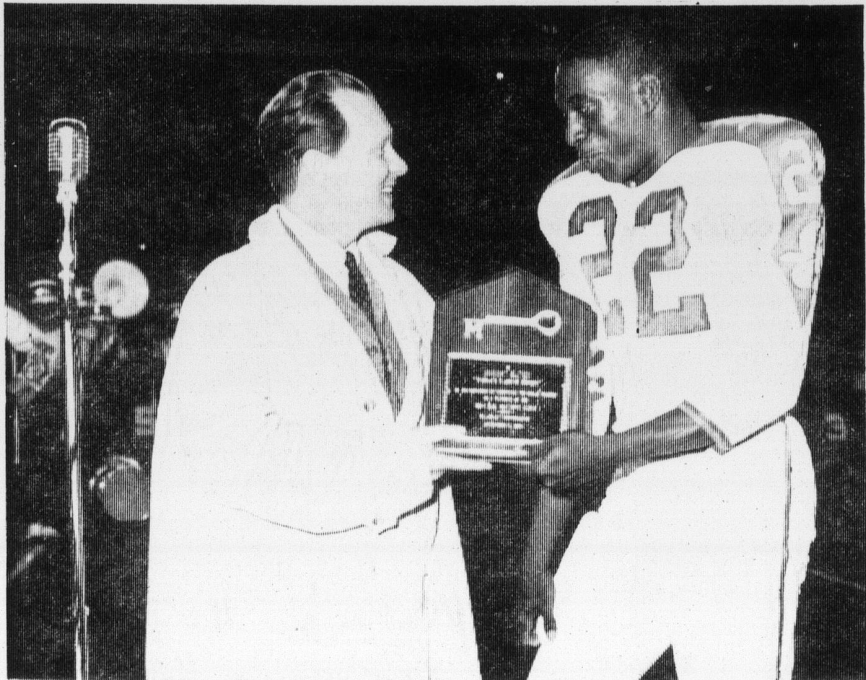
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MIAMI, Fla. — Robert King High, Mayor of the City of Miami, presented Olympic champion and Florida A. & M. football player Bob Hayes with a Key to the City plaque during a pre-game salute to the runner Dec. 5 in the Orange Bowl. The FAMU Rat-bling Tigers, 42-15, in the 32nd Annual Orange Blossom Classic football game before more than 28,000 fans.

“Hidden” Segregation Said Windsor Problem

Windsor, Ont. (CP — A Negro sociologist says there are serious segregation problems in Windsor that have remained hidden from the public for the last five years.

Dr. Wilson Head, social planning director for Windsor, said in an interview that the Negro churches have been advocating that their people remain quiet, accept the problem without retaliation, and hope for a brighter future.

He said a secret survey was taken several months ago “and a symbol of the truth was revealed.”

“Out of 27 apartments, 17 landlords immediately refused to accept a Negro as a tenant,” he said. “Six landlords were not sure, and the remainder would have accepted us.”

Another example, he said, was when a University of Windsor professor rented an apartment. Shortly after

moving in he brought his wife who was slightly colored.

“Immediately the landlord threatened eviction, but because several authorities were brought into the picture and threatened publicity, the landlord conceded.”

“We must try and get the Negro churches to push these people to make them get on their feet, out of hiding,” he said. “They appear to be hopeless and full of despair.”

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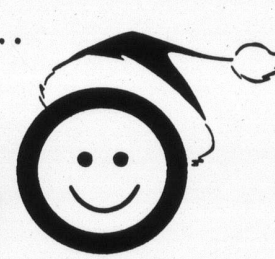
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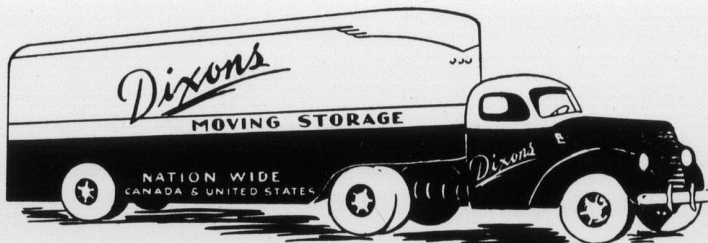
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The Congo Crisis

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. —Last week six hundred Belgian paratroopers, flown from Kamina air base in the Congo, flew into Stanleyville in American planes, piloted by American pilots and started what was called the "liberation of hostages."

The city was being marched on from two sides by Congolese soldiers spearheaded by "white mercenaries." At the same time, in Nairobi, in a neighboring state, representatives of both sides were in negotiations, along with representatives of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), in an effort to effect the release of the "hostages." Negotiations for the release had been going on for less than an hour and forty-five minutes.

As a result of this landing, hostages, estimated from 15 to 50, were killed by the defenders of the city. Nobody seems to have cared to count

the number of defenders of the city who were killed, but it is known that leading up to the fateful day, thousands of Congolese have been killed by mercenaries and Congolese soldiers.

The United States has long made loud noises about freedom and independence in Algeria and Hungary, etc., but that doesn't go for the Congo. Just for the record it should be noted that the Americans and the Belgians installed in the Congo, a few months before, their "puppet" Moise Tshombe as Prime Minister.

It is undisputed, that not one hostage was killed before the paratroopers landed. Certainly the loss of the life of even one hostage is heart-breaking, to say nothing of the loss of the life of 15 to 50. The well known Paris publication "Jeune Afrique" (Nov. 22, 1964) reports that "for every white who suc-

cumbs in the struggle, in the Congo, a hundred blacks have their throats cut."

This is as good a time as any to have an understanding about one matter. It is a good American claim that in the sight of God, all men are equal. This means that the loss of a black life in the Congo is equally as important as the loss of a white life in the Congo.

Likewise, Tshombe's murdering of Lumumba and the killing of thousands of innocent black men, women and children at his direction are just as wrong, as cruel and as vicious as was the killing of hostages by the Congolese patriots in Stanleyville.

Sugar's Bikinis !!

ROME, (UPI) — Boxer Sugar Ray Robinson and Mickey Hargitay staged a mock gladiator fight at the famed Colosseum, here last week, with three starlets to do something more substantial in the performance.

Some 200 Romans gathered in the ruins of the massive arena, enjoyed the "Contest" probably as much as their ancestors did the real thing.

Robinson, former world middleweight champion, in Rome for a fight with Italy's Sandro Bettini, wore white overalls and boxing gloves.

Muscleman Hargitay, the former husband of actress Jayne Mansfield, was dressed as a Roman gladiator and matched his wrestling abilities against Robinson's boxing skill.

Rome police ended the show by telling Robinson and Hargitay to stop it and ordering the Italian starlets to don something more substantial in the way of clothing.

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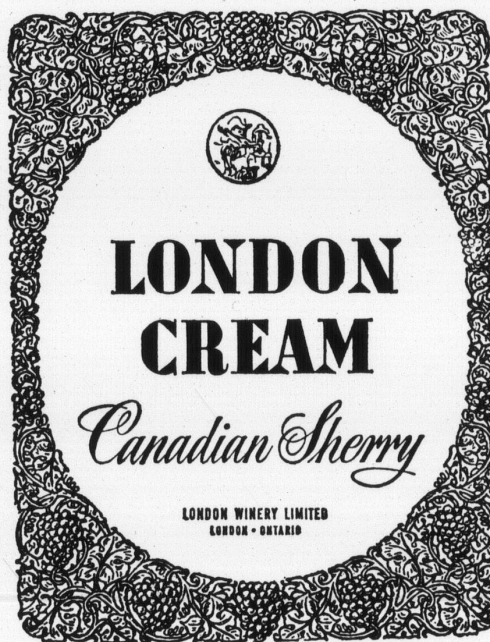
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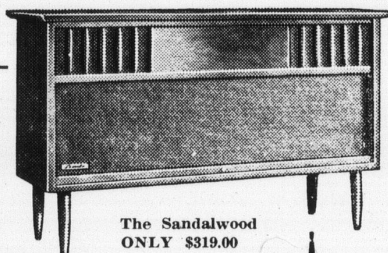
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On Congo Atrocities

The joint Belgian — American military invasion of the supposedly independent nation of The Congo is explained away as a humanitarian mission.

American plans flew Belgian paratroopers into that unhappy land with the sole purpose of rescuing some 2,000 white settlers who did not have sense enough to get out when warned to do so.

With their arrival back home comes a flood of atrocity tales.

Twenty whites were mowed down with machine guns at Stanleyville, we are told. Fifteen more lost their lives at Paulis. There were daily beatings, torture and humiliations.

The stories, designed to justify the violation of a free country's sovereignty, leave us unmoved.

The rebels must not have been as bad as American propaganda mills would have us believe, since fewer than 100 out of 2,000 so-called hostages lost their lives.

We are given a detailed head count on white casual-

ties and never an estimate of the thousands of Africans who were slaughtered. The impression is given that the life of a white man is of far greater value than that of a black man.

From our viewpoint the rebels certainly were more civilized and exercised greater restraint than did the ancestors of their Belgian captives.

Vivid in Congolese memories is the horrible fact that under Leopold the Belgians killed more than eight

IN SOUTH PACIFIC

For Fiji Islanders, Christmas starts at 2 a.m., when carolers wake the villagers with serenades. At dawn, when everyone is awake and assembled, some attend church while others take care of preparing the feast.

Tallest Christmas tree? In the U.S. the title probably goes to the Indianapolis, Ind., "tree"—the Soldiers and Sailors Monument. At Christmas, the 246-foot structure is decorated with electric candles and stars.

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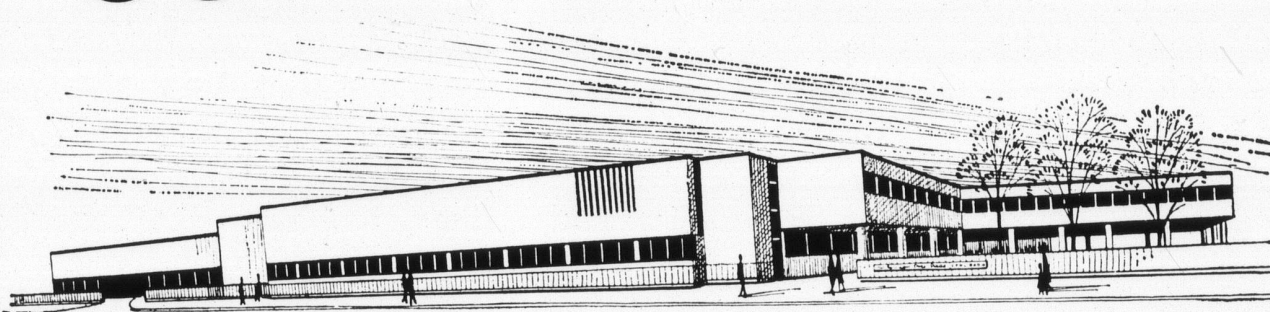
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LONDON — Dr. W. R. Matthews, Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral here, said in a sermon carried in a major English newspaper that "to despise or hate any category of human beings is both sinful and foolish."

In a message on race prejudice, the dean asserted that "if we seem to have an 'instinctive' feeling of dislike it is our duty to bring reason to counteract it."

The powerful churchman, commenting on British problems in assimilating large who have immigrated here, added that some Britons who take an anti-immigrant stand on the pretense they are interested in the public welfare are actually motivated by racial prejudice.

Traditions Dominate Christmas

HALIFAX — Ever been "bel-snickling?" If you haven't, come to Nova Scotia at Christmas time for this is only a fragment of the tradition and celebration that fills the Christmas season here.

Nova Scotia abounds with the Christmas festivities that are traditional the world over. Thousands upon thousands of multi-colored lights blink on and off in store windows, wind their colorful way along town streets and brighten Christmas trees in homes and many offices.

Worship Services

In keeping with the season, churches throughout Nova Scotia will hold worship

services on Christmas Eve, in the evening and at mid-night, and on Christmas Day. There will be radio and television coverage of these special Christmas services.

A long-standing tradition in Nova Scotia will be honored again at New Year's as various levees are held by the Navy, Army and Air Force. Each year the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia receives his guests on the first day of the year at Government House in Halifax, and similar events are held by religious leaders and organization heads.

Over the years many old traditions have been lost, but among those which have withstood the test of time is "bel-snickling." Christmas time in Lunenburg includes this old German custom — citizens of Lunenburg dress in costumes and go from house to house singing Christmas carols. In return they are rewarded with a treat at each house they visit. The tradition is similar to that of the English mummers.

Army Traditions

A note of good humor spills

into the Christmas scene with the Army's Christmas dinner. Here they practice the adage that "turn about is fair play." for on this day the Chiefs-of-staff and the officers serve the men their Christmas dinner.

In a province whose history is so closely related to the sea it is only fitting that the Navy play an essential part in the Christmas atmosphere.

In Halifax each Christmas all naval ships in port "dress ship." For the entire Christmas-New Year's period, Halifax Harbor is in a blaze of color as all naval ships in port turn on their lights each night.

Naval Traditions

The ingenuity of the ships' crew is called upon as all naval ships are allotted the same decoration fund.

An interesting feature of the naval celebration is that the youngest seaman aboard each ship takes on the rank of captain for Christmas Day.

Theatre too, will add to the Christmas merriment. In Halifax at Neptune Theatre, the newest professional repertory

theatre in Canada, a special series of performances of "Sleeping Beauty" will be held for the children of Nova Scotia. In addition a musical comedy, "The Fantasticks" will be presented for a three week period.

Whatever the form of celebration that Nova Scotians participate in each year they continue to wish not only each other but the entire world "peace on earth and good will to all men."

Convention Builds Funds

A pair of dreams that are already coming true" is what Dr. J. H. Jackson calls the establishment by the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., of a ministers retirement fund and an educational foundation. The retirement fund has grown within a few years to more than \$200,000, and Dr. Jackson says, hundreds of aged ministers are benefiting from investments. "We are supporting a number of our very old pastors, and we are paying death benefits to a number of widows," he says. "We hope that in the future no Baptist pastor will have to ask for public relief when he grows old. A man who gives his life to the ministry ought not to have to worry about old age."

The educational foundation is a Jackson-sponsored plan which seeks to build a \$10-million fund for college scholarships, missionary education and capital improvements at Convention-supported seminaries and colleges. The Convention has already endowed a \$10,000 scholarship fund at Roosevelt University in Chicago, but plans are to expand the student-help program into one of the largest church-related programs in existence.

"We don't intend to compete with anyone in either the retirement insurance business or the student-help business," Dr. Jackson says. "Our efforts are far too small for that. We simply feel that there is a need for further support of such programs, and as Baptists as well as concerned citizens, we are trying to make a contribution."

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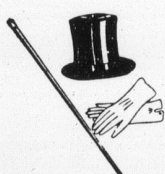
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School Producing Monsters Instead Of Men, Teachers Told

GREENSBORO, N.C. — An audience at A and T College was last week told that our schools are turning out monsters, not men.

The scathing attack was made by Dr. J. Saunders Redding, professor of English, Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va., now on study leave as a fellow in the Co-operative Humanities Program of Duke University of North Carolina, being conducted at Durham, N.C.

Dr. Redding said that instead of scholars, the schools today are producing academic generations of specialists,

"Men and women who know how to make a living, but do not know how to live."

He was delivering a main address before the fourth annual Language Arts Institute, a special clinic sponsored for teachers of English in area high schools and colleges. The event drew a few more than 10 teachers and the audience was swelled by students, principally majors in English, at the college.

He added, "Quick as a flash, your modern scientific scholar can turn detrose into dynamite, but he does not possess the magic to apply to

the solution of the ultimate problem: The relation of man to man."

Speaking on "Books and Men," he emphasized in his presentation the importance of reading books, "But what books?" he asked.

He explained that the greatest books have always been hard and true and tragic, but bemoaned the fact that the modern day student is afraid of the real and the tragic.

"We want a good face put on things," he added.

The visiting teachers were brought up to date on pro-

posed changes in the instruction of English in the public schools of the State.

The second speaker, Mrs. Joan Newman, State Department of Public Instruction, Raleigh, said that the parts of the language arts are not to be taught separately, such as units in grammar, literature and composition, but together, so as to provide facility and power in the use of the language.

She said the teaching of

grammar involves teaching the student the alternatives present in the very structure of the language. "We want to teach students," she said, "that some choices in usage are better and because they may be more skillful."

The Institute was conducted under the supervision of Dr. Darwin T. Turner, chairman of the Department of English, and Mrs. Carrye Hill Kelley, associate professor of English.

Greeting Cards Began in 1843

It all began in 1843 when John Calcott Horsley, a prominent London artist, drew the first Christmas card. Horsley's pioneering greeting was a triptych, a prime example of contemporary recording. The central panel showed a jolly family with young and old tipling toasts from brimming glasses, while the two side panels gave a sobering effect with scenes of the poor

being clothed and the hungry fed.

From that time on Christmas cards have faithfully chronicled the manners, customs and events of their times.

One Christmas card collection, that of Norcross, Inc., greeting card publishers, houses hundreds of cards that capture for posterity the fads and foibles, changes and evolution in sports, fashions, modes of transportation, current events, filial love, amusements, even children's pastimes and music making.

According to Miss Esther Mooney, who is a curator of the collection, many of the cards are gems of social comment.

"In an English card of 1892," said Miss Mooney, "the formality existing between children and parents in that Victorian era is quite clearly expressed by the artist. He depicts a little girl on bended knee at her mother's feet solemnly offering her a Christmas bouquet. Just 40 years later, a Christmas card of 1930 shows how relaxed filial relations had become with its breezy greeting that says, '3 cheer 4 a Merry Christmas and you, Dad!'"

Christmas card artists have always been quick to pick on innovations as subjects.

The advent of the horseless carriage was duly recognized in a card of 1910. Cut out in the shape of a car of that vintage, it cheerfully puns: "You 'Auto' be Happy As you, on Pleasure's Motor-Car Steer merrily thro' Christmastide . . ."

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And in 1950, the early days of television were noted in a Christmas greeting which

shows Santa tuning in TV.

An historic event is frequently the inspiration for a Christmas card. When Lindbergh flew the Atlantic the artist drew his "Spirit of St. Louis" flying over New York on a 1927 Christmas card.

During World Wars One and Two Christmas cards became unblushingly patriotic. Verses like "On Christmas Night . . . With Holly Berries Gleaming Bright. Our Thoughts fly true O'er Ocean Blue and take a Christmas Wish to you" on a 1917 card brought balm to homesick doughboys.

Personalities who were household words of their times often popped up in Christmas cards. A topical card of 1934 offered five famous faces for the price of one. It showed the Duke of Windsor (then the Prince of Wales), Mussolini, Garbo, Chevalier and Mae West all wishing the lucky recipient seasonal greetings in their own particular style.

In 1959 Christmas cards entered the space age when Soviet Ambassador Mikhail Menshikov decorated his seasonal greetings with pictures of three Lunik satellites. And after John Glenn's space flight, American card companies came out with a spate of cards that featured space ships, orbiting Santas and rockets.

In the prosperous 1960's Christmas cards have blossomed forth with a rash of current status symbols. Victorian cards showed the magic lantern or the piano every well-to-do Victorian home possessed.

On Christmas greetings of today, it's the transistor radio and the stereo hi-fi, the set of golf clubs or the scooter, elegant ladies in furs and golden Cadillacs that mingle with the holly and mistletoe.

An old woman at the customs office was asked if she had anything to declare. No, nothing at all. But what was in the bottle? Oh, only holy water from Lourdes. The customs officer pulled the cork. "Aha! It's whiskey!" said he. "Glory be!" she cried. "A miracle!"

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Yuletide Holly is Rooted in Tradition

ion of indulgence and revelry haps to make themselves less conspicuous among their hostile pagan neighbors. More likely, however, it was simply to mark the birth of Christ.

Now, 1,962 years later, as preparations are under way to celebrate the Nativity, holly growers on the Pacific Coast are helping their fellow Canadians carry on the tradition.

Within the short space of two weeks, the red-berried branches must be gathered, sorted, treated with a hormone and packaged in plas-

tic bags and moisture-proof boxes to preserve natural freshness, points out J. H. Crossley, of the federal experimental farm at Saanichton, British Columbia.

Numerous trials have taught growers the technique of preserving the natural beauty of holly.

At one time, holly shipped over long distances often arrived with berries, leaves and branches separated. The answer, growers found, was dipping the holly in the hormone, naphthalene acetic acid.

The problems of poorly col-

ored berries and dryness resulting from shipping and retail store display were solved by lowering the temperature, raising the humidity and keeping retail display time to a minimum.

The last step in assuring freshness over the Christmas period is one to be taken by the customer himself. The holly should be kept in a refrigerator until required and then placed in fresh water like any cut flower, Crossley points out. By doing this, he adds, holly can be enjoyed for many days.

in which masters served their slaves, and a king chosen by lot presided over the feast.

Later, early Roman Christians adopted the custom of decorating with holly, per-recorded times of Greece and Rome, pagans in western Europe brought sprays of holly into their huts so that tiny, friendly fairies believed populating the forest might find refuge from the winter weather.

And long before the Romans arrived in Britain, the Druids used holly branches in their ceremonies.

In ancient Rome, holly was used at the festival of Saturnalia, held each December about the time of the winter solstice to honor Saturn, Roman god of seedtime and harvest. Saturnalia was an occas-

Although it has become a traditional yuletide decoration, holly once occupied a unique place in the superstitions, myths and folklore of pagan Europe.

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Must Use Opportunities Says NAACP Youth Leader

Tallahassee, Fla. — Enactment of the Civil Rights Act, the overwhelming defeat of Senator Goldwater and apathy toward the race issue by southern white voters indicates that "this is the hour of decision as far as race relations go", Laplois Ashford, national youth director of the NAACP, said last week.

Speaking at a meeting of the Florida State Conference of NAACP Branches here, Mr. Ashford said this is the decisive hour, especially in the South, because:

"The Civil Rights Act

gives the colored Americans vast opportunities and we should take advantage of them.

"The overwhelming vote against Senator Goldwater was a vote against racism and bigotry."

Mr. Ashford said the mere fact that in South Carolina, Alabama and Mississippi less than 35 per cent of the white voters turned out for the election — where the race issue is mainly concerned — "shows we have reached the moral conscience of the people."

He said opportunities are overwhelming, if colored

people can overcome fear of repercussions.

"Hotels and motels are desegregated; and many jobs not before open are now available," he said, "but the colored citizen doesn't know this."

"We've got to integrate. We must overcome fear by education and experience."

The present administration running the government has gradually progressed, he said, "not as fast as we want but Goldwater would have taken the life out of the Civil Rights Act and promoted a wholesale challenge of integration."

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Ideas Vary on Customs of Yule

Some people enjoy a White Christmas, while some people go swimming or picnicking on December 25. Some people say it's traditional to serve turkey at the holiday feast, while some people favor a Christmas goose, and still others contend that card or fried eel is the very thing for a tasty Yuletide dish.

Around the world, Christmas customs vary, but on one point nearly all are agreed. It's a season to celebrate.

In the United States and Canada, the "melting pot" origins of the population result in a medley of Christmas traditions from all over. Americans and Canadians from Central Europe still prepare their traditional Yuletide foods with carp, while those from Italy might hanker for some Christmas capiton, made with fried eels.

Especially during a severe winter, residents of the Northern U.S. and Canada would

be glad to change places, or at least change weather, with those Australians, South Americans and others who enjoy summer activities at Christmas.

On the other hand, North Americans have made their own contributions to Christmas around the world. For instance, there's Santa, white-bearded and red-suited, who is now replacing St. Nicholas and other Yule gift givers in many countries.

In Germany

The celebration of a West German Christmas is filled with tradition, foremost of which is the Christmas tree, dating back 400 years. Until recently, trees were trimmed with candles, and although artificial lighting for tree ornaments has been introduced, the candles are still preferred by many.

In Greece

Young people of Greece foretell their romantic future at Christmas by tossing olive leaves on the burning Yule log. Tradition decrees that if the leaves, symbolizing the girl and man, curl toward each other, the lovers can expect their happiness to be long-lived.

December 25 is not a national holiday in Japan, but you'd never know it from the colorful store decorations and Department stores may have as many as 100 Santas.

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It's Christmas, time to greet a friend, wrap a gift, help the needy. It's Christmas, time to sing a carol, light a candle, trim a tree. It's Christmas, time to send a card, surprise a neighbor, delight a child. It's Christmas, time to welcome visitors, spread the festive board, gather the family together for everything good from food to fellowship.

Most of all, it's Christmas, time to say a prayer, count many blessings, rejoice. It's Christmas, time to celebrate anew the very first Christmas of all, the Birthday of Christ.

It's Christmas, and throughout this community the sights and sounds of a joyful, festive season appear. All through the town, twinkling lights, fragrant flowers and greens and a myriad other decorations show to every beholder the glad spirit of Christmas.

Bells ring out and voices sing out, proclaiming the wonderful news.

Christmas is here. And because Christmas is here, steps are lighter, smiles are brighter, hearts are merrier.

On the way to Christmas, there may have been hours when everything seemed just too hectic — too many plans to make, too much to do, too little time. But as the great day arrives, there is time to pause, to see and to treasure the glow and the glory of Christmas. Then it is clear that every moment of preparation, every personal effort to make Christmas more complete was indeed well worth it.

Most Memorable

No two Christmas are ever alike — but this one, surely, must be the most memorable of all. Each year it seems so, and each year it's true. Every

Christmas is more delightful than the last, if only because it is enriched by one more memory of Christmas past.

Memories and traditions mount up to make the Christmas customs of today. Most such customs began so long ago that their exact and accurate origin is hidden in the mists of time, and several theories may be put forward to explain why and how each custom developed.

Happily, the wealth of legend and lore woven about Christmas is pleasing rather than confusing. Especially at this season, a touch of the magical and mystical is more to be welcomed than a deluge of precise factual detail, and one of the special charms of Christmas customs is the hint of mystery surrounding them.

For Decoration

Candles, apples, colored papers — these were among the early tree ornaments.

Later, individual countries developed their own tree-decorating ideas. Straw windmills and birdcages appeared on Lithuanian trees, while the Poles devised ornaments from feathers and ribbons.

Tree decorations contributed by Scandinavian countries were as various as fish nets and miniature flags.

The modern array of tree ornaments is vast and imaginative, but even so many families like to add their own personal, "old-fashioned" touch to the tree, with decorations such as paper chains and strings of popcorn or cranberries.

Lighting Candles

Martin Luther, the Reformation leader, is credited by some legend collectors with decorating the first lighted Christmas tree. He lit candles and placed them on the boughs of an evergreen — a custom that would be frowned on to-day, when fire safety is the rule in Christmas decorating.

By lighting the candles and decking the tree, he hoped to show his family some small reflection of the glory and inspiration of the heavens on the first Holy Night.

Why a Tree?

Why a tree at Christmas? One early legend says that all the trees burst into bloom on the night Christ was born.

Folk tales of ancient times tell of a huge tree in a forest, lighted with many candles, some of which were straight and some bent. At the top was an Infant with a halo.

The tree was meant to represent humanity, the candles, people good and bad; and the Infant, the Baby Jesus.

Another explanation links today's Christmas tree to ancient feasts of the winter equinox, when trees were adorned with trinkets.

St. Boniface, an English missionary to Germany, is said to have told converts that the fir should be their holy tree, replacing the oak, sacred in Druid tree worship, and thus beginning the custom of a decorated fir.

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Moving across country, Bethlehems are found in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Kentucky, Mississippi, Georgia, Indiana and Iowa.

People from nearby communities and neighboring states flock to Bethlehem, Conn., every Christmas to have their greeting card envelopes imprinted with a special seasonal message, then mailed from the town post office.

Last year, due to the demand, there were ten different greeting designs available for Christmas card senders. **Creche Is Constructed**

Also contributing to the holiday atmosphere in Connecticut's semi-official Christmas town, is the creche constructed by nuns at a nearby Benedictine monastery.

In the creche, which emphasizes the primitive simplicity of the Nativity, are life-sized figures of the Virgin and Joseph, dressed in peasant garb, and a crib with the Christ Child, covered by a bright patchwork quilt.

At Christmas, the nuns also make, and offer for sale, liturgically-inspired tree ornaments.

Each Christmas, Bethlehem, Pa., is the scene of an impressive candlelight carol and communion service.

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Celebrated, complete with organ and orchestral music, in the Central Moravian Church, it has been a tradition since 1741, when Count Nicholas

von Zinzendorf, holding a lighted candle, led his people into a cabin and named their settlement Bethlehem in honor of the Christ Child.

Decorated trees also play an important part during Bethlehem's nationally famous Christmas festival on the Hill-to-Hill bridge connecting various parts of the city.

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The John F. Kennedy Library in Cairo, U.A.R. was

burned in a fire set by a screaming mob of students Friday. Police held 40 African ringleaders.

Late a group broke into the American Embassy, smashing and setting fire to the furniture.

In Moscow, a crowd of 2,000 African Students attacked the American, Belgian, British and Congo Embassies, attacking the U.S. Embassy first, then moving on to Belgium and the Congo offices.

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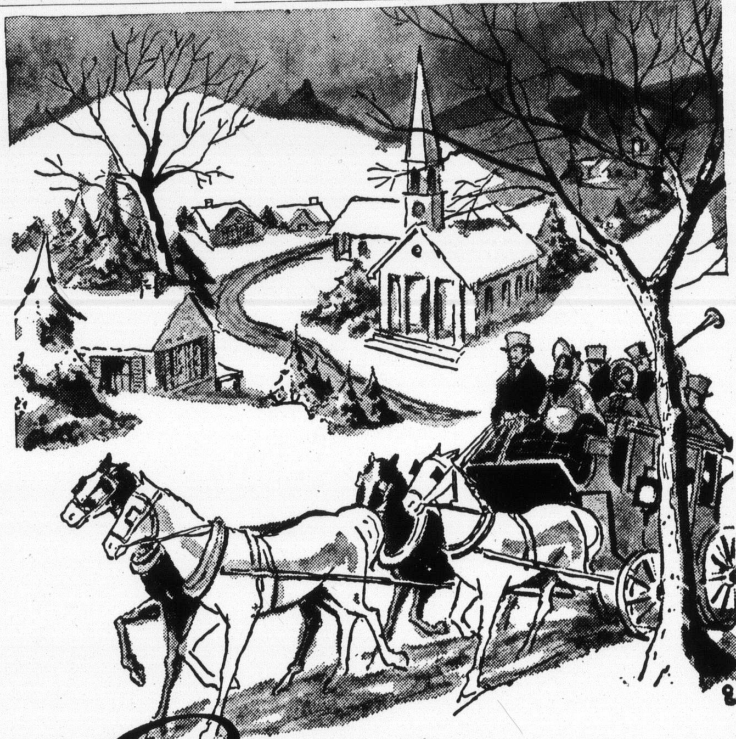
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Londoner Barry I. member of the Toronto Canadian entry in basketball competition

Barry Olym

Written by Olive

Mr. Barry Hows London's Basketball team and member of Olympic team, recently from Tokyo with many souvenirs and happy memories.

To acclaim this preservation and hard work and combined effort of teachers, family and

Many of the worst dreams, hopes are never realized in two weeks preliminary Yokohama, Japan Olympic Games 1964. Though Canada placed 14th in the Barry has had the feeling of being in his place with the finest.

Emperor Hirohito visited the Canadian team at his palace.

Barry spoke at the picture sat the J. Organization Sunday 1964.

Barry is a resident of Ontario, school there.

He is married with children.

Mrs. C. Hows mother resides at 100 Wood Ave., London.

London is proud of Barry for bringing our back to our

Face the future, faced the past, and determination lot in life will



Londoner Barry Howson, a member of the Toronto-based Canadian entry in Olympic basketball competition, displays some of the Japanese silks he brought home from the games for his daughter, Michelene, 2, son David, 10 months, and wife, Janet. The Canadian team placed 14th in the 16-team tournament.

Barry Howson Enjoyed Olympic Experiences

Written by Olive Cameron

Mr. Barry Howson, one of London's Basketball immortals and member of Canada's Olympic team, returned recently from Tokyo, Japan, with many souvenirs and happy memories.

To acclaim this position takes preservation and hours of hard work and practice, a combined effort of coaches, teachers, family and friends.

Many of the world's greatest dreams, hopes and prayers are never realized, but two weeks preliminary in Yokohama, Japan, proved Olympic Games 1964, a reality. Though Canada's Team placed 14th in competition, Barry has had that glorious feeling of being there taking his place with the World's finest.

Emperor Hirohito entertained the Canadian Olympic team at his palace.

Barry spoke and showed picture sat the Jewish Youth Organization Sunday, Dec. 13, 1964.

Barry is a resident of Sarnia, Ontario. He teaches school there.

He is married and has two children.

Mrs. C. Howson, Barry's mother resides at 95 Glenwood Ave., London, Ontario.

London is proud of you Barry for bringing this honour back to our fair city.

Face the future as you have faced the past, with greatness and determination. Your lot in life will carry you far.

Fly as the pigeons flew at the Olympics, high overhead. Mr. Harry Eisen who will be chairman of the Sports Celebrities Dinner on Tuesday, Feb. 2, 1965, whispers into our ear that this year's Sports Celebrities Dinner should be the best ever. If

HALF MILLION GRANT BY UNCF ANNOUNCED

NEW YORK — The United Negro College Fund will distribute \$500,000 to 32 member colleges and universities in 11 southern states during the coming week, James R. Smothers Jr., vice president for development, announced Saturday.

This will be the fourth distribution of proceeds from the annual campaign this year.

The goal for the 1964 campaign is \$3,000,000. Money from annual funds is used for scholarships, faculty salaries and operating expenses.

Member colleges and universities in the states of Georgia, North Carolina, Virginia, Alabama, and Tennessee will receive the largest amounts from the distribution.

Seven institutions in Georgia will receive a total of \$109,176.25; six in North Carolina, \$83,532.50; three in Virginia, \$64,046.25; three in Alabama, \$62,626.25.

In addition, three colleges in Texas will receive a total of \$37,273.75; two in Louisiana, \$37,102.50; and one in Mississippi, \$13,806.25.

Mormons Say 'No'

Pleas from its more enlightened membership to change the Mormon Church's antiquated policy regarding colored parishioners continue to be rejected by the church's hierarchy.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints makes no real effort to enroll colored Christians. The handful who have joined are kept in a second-class status as rigid as

South Africa's hateful apartheid system.

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Perspective of History Shows King's Stature, Group Says

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — Commenting on the award of the Nobel Peace Prize to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the Federal Union said recently his true stature can better be seen through the "perspective of history."

The American history organization supported this contention in the November issue of its monthly magazine "Freedom and Union" by quoting from the observations of Alexis de Tocqueville (1805-1859), a French official of the Second Republic.

Tocqueville made a penetrating study of American society and politics and published his findings in 1835 and 1840.

"One of the most farsighted of men," the magazine said, "Tocqueville traveled through the South in 1831, and devoted much of Chapter 3 of Volume II of his 'Democracy in America' to the race question." He could see no solution for it, peaceful or otherwise.

He wrote: "In the American imagination the danger of a struggle — more or less

distant but inevitable between the blacks and the whites who people the South of the Union, is an ever-present painful dream."

"I am obliged to confess," he continued, "that I do not consider the abolition of slavery a means of delaying the struggle between the races in the Southern States."

One reason, the magazine said, was that he found in the northern states, where the colored man was free, worse segregation and discrimination against him — even as regards voting — than the Supreme Court has tackled in the South in our time.

Jim Crow ruled the North (though not under that name) in the 1830's long before the term became identified with the South.

Tocqueville came to this gloomy conclusion: "If liberty is refused the Negroes in the South, they will end by violently seizing it; if it is given them, they will soon abuse it."

"The American Negro revolution has come 130 years late," the magazine observes,

"with injustice through all those generations to load it with greater danger of violence than even the prescient Frenchman foresaw."

"The fact that it has proceeded so far with relatively little bloodshed and violence, is to the honor of both races, but most of all to the long-suffering one and to the faith in non-violent methods which Dr. King led in development among it."

"All Americans are indebted to him for his faith, wisdom, courage and tenacity, and his gift for making those latent virtues groan in others. Indebted too, is all humanity, as the Norwegian awarders of the Nobel Peace Prize understood. For racism is not the monopoly of any race."

THE LITTLE BLACK BOX

The contemptible and often horrifying policies of the government of South Africa are shocking enough in themselves — but sometimes the bizarre stupidity of Dr. Verwoerd and his supporters takes the breath away.

The nation which claims to be "the most advanced on the African continent," is rapidly on the way to becoming the only country in the world without television. TV is banned.

Why? Because the apartheid government is afraid the "little black box" will expose South Africans to ideas from other countries and make them see exactly what kind of superstition, hatred and fear they live in.

Dr. Albert Hertzog, minister of posts and telegraphs, recently called television "a deadly weapon to undermine the morale of the white man and even to destroy great empires..." Such words would be incredible from anyone but a South African.

The government's major fear is not really of television itself. It is that other countries will produce the programs since they themselves don't have facilities yet.

When they have created the facilities, they will embrace television with open arms because they will be able to use it as they now use radio—to lull and debase the people with white supremacist propaganda.

Rudolph Adds to Fame

"Now Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen! On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Donner and Blitzen!"

Here, just as Santa said them, are the names of the "eight tiny reindeer" who drew his "miniature sleigh" according to Clement C. Moore in his poem, "A Visit from St. Nicholas."

But, since Moore wrote his poem in 1823, Santa must have added some new reindeer. It's certain that he has at least one famous sleigh-puller not mentioned in the poem — the red-nosed Rudolph.

Rudolph made his first public appearance in 1939, in the song, "Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer," with words and music by Johnny Marks.

The story of Rudolph, whose red nose made him first a joke and then a hero, seems to have the indefinable appeal that makes a Yuletide tradition. As the other reindeer in the song predicted, when Rudolph's red nose led cast Christmas Eve, it seems likely he'll go down in Yuletide history, a permanent part of the legend and lore of Santa Claus.

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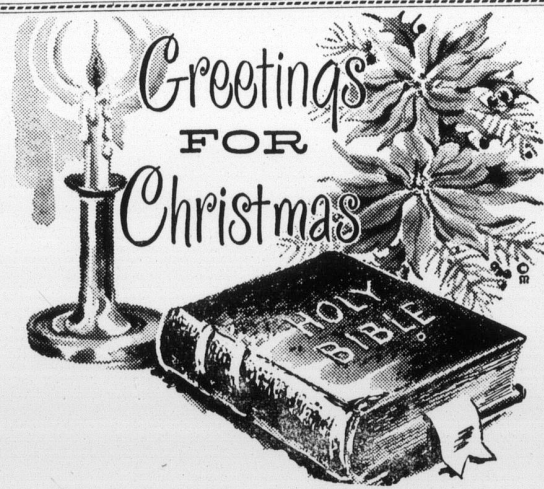


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Carolers Were Once Dancers

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Oldest of all carols, it has been said, was that sung by the heavenly host when the birth of the Saviour was announced to the shepherds on the plains of Bethlehem. Probably, the practice of singing carols at Christmas arose in imitation of this, as the majority of carols declared the good tidings of great joy, and the title of Noel, nowell or novelle, applied to carols, would seem to bear out this idea.

Birthday News . . .

"Nowell" or "Noel" means birthday news or a "shout of joy" for the birth of Christ.

The earliest carols were songs of the Nativity the Incarnation and the Annunciation. Later, ones on shepherd themes and the Epiphany were composed, and there were also many of folk origin on the festivities of the Christmas season.

These latter included such songs as "The Holly and The Ivy." Many of the surviving old carols were originally part of the medieval mysteries and miracle plays.

First in Latin . . .

Christmas carols first were written in scholar's Latin. The Blessed Jacopone of Todi of

the Franciscan order, led the way to a wider enjoyment and appreciation of joyous Christmas songs by writing musical poems in the language of the common people.

The saint, who lived from about 1230 to 1306 A.D., had a good precedent for his interest in carols in St. Francis himself. To St. Francis is traced the creation of the first creche or manger scene, in 1223 A.D. Villagers gathered around the scene and sang hymns to the Christ Child.

"The Boar's Head" . . .

"The boar's head in hand bear I,
Bedecked with bays and rosemary."

"The Boar's Head Carol,"

source of this quotation, appeared in the first collection of English carols, printed in 1521, and is still sung on Christmas Day at Queens College, Oxford.

Other colleges of Oxford had their own versions of the same song. "The boar is dead; lo, here is his head," remarked the carol sung at St. John's, while "The boar's head in hand I bring, With garlands gay and birds singing" was the version heard at Balliol.

Even in early times, the "boar" romantically referred to as traditional at the feast was probably a pig. The wild boar is believed to have been

extinct in Britain early in the 12th century.

Feast of Stephen . . .

"Good King Wenceslas looked out on the feast of Stephen."

This familiar carol commemorates two famous men. One is King Wenceslas, who ruled in Bohemia in the 10th century A.D. He was noted for his generosity to the poor, and practiced this generosity on Christmas and on St. Stephen's Day, December 26.

St. Stephen was the first Christian martyr, noted in legend as a follower of Christ who, at the time of the Nativity, had been in the service permitted to see the Star, he left Herod to serve the Child.

Today the "feast of Stephen" is remembered primarily because of the carol, "Good King Wenceslas." His day is now more commonly observed, especially in England and Canada, as Boxing Day, when presents are given to servants and others who have rendered services throughout the year.

Shepherd Maiden . . .

Shepherds are familiar figures in Christmas stories and carols, such as "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night."

More novel, but equally established in tradition, is the story of the shepherdess who visited the stable on the first Christmas night.

"D'ou viens-tu, bergere?" (or, "Whence Come You, Shepherd Maiden?") was brought to Canada in the 17th century, by early French settlers. In the carol, a questioner asks the shepherdess where she has been and what she has seen, and she in turn describes the manger scene.

Elect First State Officers To American War Mothers

Los Angeles — Two colored women were elected to state offices for the first time in the history of the American War Mothers here at the recent convention of the group's Los Angeles chapter.

They were Mrs. Christ-teale L. Owens, elected state recording secretary and Mrs. Rose Ho-King, who was chosen state chaplain.

Mrs. Owens's victory places her in line for the presidency of the group, a charter member of Friendship Chapter No. 57, she will travel around the state to various regional meetings in her new post.

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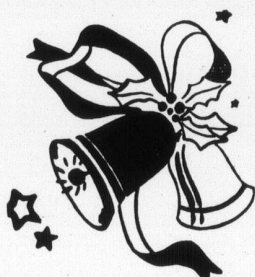
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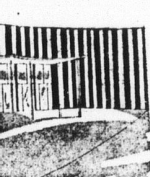
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