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Dramatic Group Presents
"The Empty Room"

"The Empty Room", a Christmas play by Dorothy Clarke Wilson, will be presented by the Dramatic Club as its usual Yuletide offering during Chapel today, December 20, under the direction of Miss Ruth Irena Low, club advisor, and assisted by the Women's Glee Club.

Chapel will be moved to the third hour in order that the play may be given in its entirety.

The play recounts the age-old story of the Nativity of Christ, and the action takes place in an inn in the town of Bethlehem.

The cast, all members of the Dramatic Club which produced the highly-successful "Pride and Prejudice" a few weeks ago, includes the following:

Nobleman .............. John MacNeeland
Jester........... ....... Paul Biscoe
Prince of Peace........ H. H. Ray
Joseph............. ............... Mooney McNeil
Joseph, Nuances of Peace........ John Schuyler
Joseph, Senior........ Charles Bremer
Joseph, Junior............ Maguire O'Neill
Merrill............. ....... Charles Merrill
Bethlehem............ Charles Merritt
Maggie............. ....... Mary Connelly
Rebecca........... ....... Anna McNeil
Soph-Junior Committees
Frame Unique Prom Theme

"Daringly Different" will be the theme of the Sophomore-Junior Prom which will be held on the campus at the Boyden Gymnasium Friday evening, January 17, according to Madelyn Baker and Mary Kjellander, sophomores and junior class vice-presidents, who are in general charge of the affair.

Committees were appointed last week, and plans are already in process of formation. A start on the plans has been made before the Christmas recess in order that committee members may make reports to their class meetings early in January.

Comprises Stellar Cast

The cast, all members of the Dramatic Club which produced the highly-successful "Pride and Prejudice" a few weeks ago, includes the following:

Hammer...................... Richard Zepp
Joanna.................... Ruth Humphreys
Rebecca.............. Lucille Healy
Prophet.............. Charles Merrill
Mary..................... Mary Connelly
Nobleman................ John MacNeeland
Servant................ James Lynch

The production follows an intensive series of rehearsals during the past few weeks. It will climax the seasonal observances set in motion by club and dormitory parties and the formal dinner and party given last evening by the faculty to the students.

Joe Plouffe, Stage Manager

Joseph Plouffe is the stage manager. He is assisted by John Henry Fitzgerald and Joseph Cusmered. Madelyn Baker and Violet Ann Porta are in charge of furnishing the players.

During the play there will be background carols sung by the Women's Glee Club under Rand's direction. Louise Callahan will be the soloist.

Frosh President Holds Puppet Class For T. S.

Puppetry hits the Training School this season as Robert Clemente, matrionette enthusiast and freshman class president, conducts a puppet class for several of our simian pupils who hope to produce "Hansel and Gretel" sometime this year in the Mann Auditorium and in the North Room.

The work is being done by the children. They are making their own puppets, which will be of the hand type and not manipulated by strings. Puppet heads will be of papier-mache. Costumes, scenery and lighting effects will also be made by the class. Mr. Clemente plans to use the marionette stage which is at present in the storage room at Boyden: it is being overhauled by N. Y. A. students in anticipation of the production.

Soph-Junior Committees
Frame Unique Prom Theme

Practice Session at Tillinghast as Girls Hold Dance Rehearsal for Today's Big Event, Going Home.

"Merry Christmas! See You January 6!"

Women's Glee Club Sings For Boston Audience

The Women's Glee Club, under the direction of Miss Frieda Rand, presented a program which consisted of Christmas carols from many foreign countries.

Faculty Entertains Students With Gay Program of Christmas Festivities

President Kelly Expects To Return After Vacation

Speaking for President Kelly and the members of the Faculty, I extend to the student body of this college the following Christmas Message:

In this year of 1940 no responsible educator can voice to an intelligent body of college students a merely traditional or popular Christmas greeting.

The Christmas season with its traditional note of "Peace on earth, goodwill to men" sounds strangely out of place in this warring world of today. Untold millions of men, women, and children in the countries from which our ancestors came are passing through more heart-rending experiences than have ever before fallen to the lot of the human race. Christmas commemorates the birth of Prince of Peace. It marks the coming of One who during His life on this earth gave to all mankind the only infallible rules for peace and happiness.

But those who have risen to positions of power in past generations, in their conceit believing themselves to be wise, decreed that the words of the greatest spiritual leader of all time were the words of a visionary. They substituted for the Sermon on the Mount a philosophy based on greed, special privileges for the few, persecution of the weak, ruthlessness, and force. In Europe the results of their tragic error are seen today in the smoking ruins of once beautiful cities, in desolated country sides, and in (continued on page 4)
OUR CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Another year, another Christmas!

We here in America have another opportunity to experience the joy and happiness of this season as all the world was meant to. We can still face the coming holidays with high anticipation of rejoicing, feasting, gift-giving, merrymaking and thanksgiving. We can still feel the spirit and the ideal that is an essential part of this season. In our news columns we read that the dinner__

Help to Protect Your Home from Tuberculosis

"Experts believe that tuberculosis in this nation can not only be brought under control but that it can be finally wiped out" according to a pamphlet published by the Plymouth County Health Association, 106 Main Street, Brockton, in connection with its 1940 Christmas Seal Drive in which the members of the college are asked to join. CAMPUS COMMENT is happy to join in the plea for contributions and sales of Christmas Seals for this cause which has proved its worth by the rapid advance of knowledge of the disease made possible mostly through this annual drive.

We ask that each student member of our college buy enough Christmas Seals that he may put one on each and every card and letter he sends. The double-barreled cross should be an inseparable part of every piece of mail dropped into the mail box. A little skimping on our part, will provide inadequate care for tubercular sufferers. Perhaps more important than this consideration is the fact that each contribution furthers the work in prevention of this disease.

SABOTAGE

From where she stood
Upon the light, bright rear
The wren a gakloed down
Quite unconsciously

Upon a yellow kitten
In an open Christmas box,
Who chewed contentedly

A shiny silver fox
Ruth Catesie

Intramural Basketball Teams

Officially By Seniors

After Christmas vacation the intramural basketball teams, which started their preliminary bouts recently, will swing into action and continue to February 10, 1941.

Approximately 50 men are taking part in six teams of seven men each with famous college names for their teams.

Officials for the series who are working with Mr. Meier are all members of the senior physical education theory class. They are: Thomas Giordana, Anthony Ceddia, Nick Megas, Joseph Bruno and Victor Lewis.

Snoopsie and Scoopsie Cut Christmas Caper

"And the greatest joy is in the giving while we on earth are still living," murmured Snoops as she gazed at me as we were in a chair at Eddie's Branch. Over a tasty dinner served by smiling Tom Brady, Snoops had been reading her Christmas List finally concluding with the last name of all her aunts, uncles and cousins by the dozens.

"Come on, Snoops, I've a party in the dorm tonight, so over to the B. P. M. we must go," smiled Snoops as she hustled me out of the diner and up the street to the Brockton Public Market, Bridgewater Branch. "Did you know that it's here that all students buy the cookies, cakes, pies, pops, etc. they use for dorm spreads and club parties?" asked Snoops as she proved it by buying out half the merchandise.

"You learn something every day," was my reply. As I staggered out, laden with bundles.

Snoopsies Drops in on Eddie

Your secretary, Scoopsie, had to do an errand at Eddie's, so we rested there awhile. My tax had to be mended and pressed for the dinner party banquet. Only at Eddie's would Snoops leave my suit to be rejuvenated.

Snoops wanted to buy a few gifts and the knew Snoops was just the place to buy presents and bring joy to every recipient. As usual, she wasn't wrong. Fred Snow always has something bright and new to offer, so we entered his store. Here on the rack was the most resplendent tie Snoops ever had seen. BOTANY TIE. Fred called them, but I was dragged away to the glove counter where Snoops was cooing over the "sweet things." When we left, several more items were added to my bundles, I noticed Snoops peaking at the Botany Ties. Oh, I hope, I hope.

Snoopsie Discovers Unique Gifts

Then on to Condon's \Bride and Gift Shop where Snoops had ordered Christmas cards. While we were there we discovered something new—tiny fairy stones. For over half an hour we sat enthralled as we heard the legend of tiny fairies weeping and as their tears fell to the earth they crystallized into tiny pebbles on each of which was formed a minute cross. They have been used as charms for centuries but Miss Condon explained that today they are used in forms of jewelry. She was with this thought in mind that Snoops bought several of the lucky stones to give as gifts to her girl friends.

Next to Remall's where Snoops bought some new music and a pouch of tobacco for my pipe. Over a delicious creamy milk shake, the kind that only Doc, Syd, or Louis knows how to concoct, Snoops and I emphatically agreed that this Christmas promised to be the best ever.

A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all from Snoops and Scoopsie."

Staff Members To Relax

At Party After Recess

To relieve the well-worn strain endured in meeting deadlines, formal, this enlarged issue, and the Christmas recess—CAMPUS COMMENT staff is planning a party for the near future.

The party in the form of a costume affair, will be held in the Woodward Recreation Room. A feature of the evening will be a budget surprise. Violet Pera and Bernard Kissella are in charge of the affair.
Alpha Board Drafts Undergraduate To Fill Post As Photography Editor

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CAMPUS COMMENT

Alfredo Brown

Alpha Board Drafts Undergraduate To Fill Post As Photography Editor

Long established tradition was up-
set when Vernon West became photo-
graphy editor of Alpha this year. The of-
fice is always filled by a senior, but
owing to the departure of Lee Fleming to
points south, it was necessary to
draft a substitute, and Vernon seemed
to fill the bill. He has been planning
pictorial pictures of activities for the
near future. Dick Durinn, sophomore,
is his assistant.

To Campaigns for Library Facilities

Alpha's theme this year is Library.
The editors reline the need of bigger
and better library facilities at Bridge-
water and will make a plea in the 1941
year book, with hopes that something
will be accomplished in this line.

All of the editors are working hard:

Henry Barber is sending out bids
for engravers; Olive Hey, editor-in-chief,
and Velma Shorey, her assistant, are
busy on sections of the book.

Creative Writing Class Produces Chapel Poem

Junior Creative Writing class, under
John L. Davoren's direction, has been
working recently with an emphasis on
short one-act plays, one of which they
hope to produce later in the season.

After the writing and producing the
junior Chapel program for the sec-
ond semester; it will be in the form of
a musical comedy according to present
plans. Casting has already begun for
the play.

Katherine Tierman's poem, written
for this class, was read by Lysbeth
Lawrence as a part of last Tuesday's
assembly. It is printed here:

CREATIVE WRITING CLASS

CHRISTMAS EVE IN LONDON

By Katherine Tierman

Dear God

Saint Nick won't be afraid, will he?

To come to us tonight?

If you know you have a warm hear-

And London has no lights.

Please show Saint Nick where shel-

Else they won't let him stay; we had

To come to us tonight?

For I'm to be the

Alarms on Christmas Day,

For my poppy Tim.

Please God

Tell him to use a place. The bombs

Paint R. A. F. upon the wings;

And London has no air.

We'll know its air.

He can't bring any heavy toys,

But does

You feel all

inside?

But does

No, not there one. The other, back—

Alarms on Christmas Day,

No, not there one. The other, back—

You couldn't

He

So that he didn't dumb it. I knew it when

For I'm to be the

Our church Christmas play.

Paint R. A. F. upon the wings;

You feel all

inside?

For my poppy Tim.

TO REWARD

The reward of the faithful teacher:

There that instruct many unto jus-

tice shall shine as stars for all eternity.
Reputation As Bell Ringer

Hand bells were used in England by the ringers consisting of five bell ringers and a conductor. Originally these hand bells were used in England by the ringers of church bells on which to practice their tunes.

Bell ringing of this kind is not a popular art, but Bridgewater students have heard them played at their Christmas parties for many years by a similar organization in Bridgewater.

The Cape Ann Bell Ringers have performed at such places as the Wayside Inn in Sudbury, many churches, hospitals, clubs, and they have made recordings. They will again play this year at Beacon Hill on Christmas Eve for the Adult Education Centre. Jean says the likes Christmas eve on Beacon Hill where they play.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE
(continued from page 1)

To hear the Messiah was the object of the Student Fellowship on Sunday, December 15.

PRESS CLUB
Miss L. Spoke spoke to the members of the Press Club at their Christmas tea in the Social Room on Wednesday, December 11.

DRAMATIC CLUB
Last Wednesday, Dec. 17 was a busy day for Dramatic Club members. In the afternoon there was a rehearsal of the Christmas play, "The Empty Room." Following this a Christmas party was held in the Social Room.

SCIENCE CLUB
A party was held at Miss Graves' home on December 10. Games were played and Miss Graves gave readings in January the members plan to make herbariums.

KINDERGARTEN PRINCIPAL PRIMARY CLUB
Christmas carols were sung by candlelight at the Christmas meeting on December 12 in the Training School kindergarten room. Dr. V. A. Loescher a celebrated speaker who has traveled extensively in Europe, gave an inspiring Christmas message. The club members prepared a Christmas basket of food, clothing and gifts for a needy family some of whose members are in the Training School.

FRENCH CLUB
Members came to the Christmas party on December fifth as children, commemorating St. Nicholas' Day which is on December sixth.

GIRL S CLUB
A meeting was held at Miss Bradford and the French Club delegate, Mary Cripps, as well as Nellie Korkins and Katherine Graham, attended a meeting of the New England Modern Language Association. The meeting featured Andre Morize of Middlebury, assistant director of propaganda in France; and Andre Moureaux.

GERMAN CLUB
German games were played, German songs were sung, and German pastry was served at the Christmas party December 12. To carry on the tradition of Christmas celebration the members dramatized a story which brought vividly to mind the homely and hospitable atmosphere of a true German Christmas.

TOPICS OF THE DAY CLUB
Topics has a committee which will canvass Boston during the Christmas season to find the most interesting places to visit when the club holds its proposed tea. They are considering a lecture in the Lowell Institute's series at the Boston Public Library, a walk a broadcast of the New England Town Meeting of the Air, as well as other possibilities.

Women's Glee Club Presents Carol Program
Carols sung by the ousted Women's Glee Club featured the Carol program held last Tuesday as another item in their full December schedule. The program was the last to be presented at the University Club in Boston earlier this year.

Katherine A. Tierman's poem, "Christmas Eve in London," a nine-year-old English boy's prayer for this Christmas, was read by Lynne Bee Lawrence. A longfrost poem was read by Madeleine Dore's.

Miss Rand directed the procession and the singing. Phyllis Jennens was the soloist.

Sketch Group Experiments With Unusual Color Effect
Unusual effects can be obtained by mixing red and green, members of Sketch Club have discovered. They have been doing portraits in oils and have experimented with these two colors. For this Catalyn Malloy and Phyllis Shobins recently posed in brilliant costumes. Other work has been done with a crayon resembling charcoal.

When the weather is good enough, the club is sketching out-of-doors. In formality is stressed, there are no officers, and Miss Nye and Miss Nutter are members of the group. All parents and seniors interested are welcome to join. In the spring the group plans an exhibition of its work.

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CHRISTMAS PEACE

Mary G. Rockwood

Miss Caldwell To Vacation At Author's Former Home

Probably the most distant Christmas vacation this year from B. T. C. will be Miss Caldwell of the physical education department who plans to spend the holidays with her sister at Laguna Beach, California. The home at which Miss Caldwell will stay, was built by the famous author and traveler, Richard Halliburton, as his retreat. It is flanked by mountains with forest-covered slopes and faces upon the architecture is a very modern type, as one would expect a Halliburton-built home to be. If only the rocks could speak, what interesting stories might be forthcoming there!

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Miss Beal Directs Survey Aimed At Course Revision

General Chairman

ALICE B. BEAL
Former BridgeWater Instructor Now Supervisor of Elementary Education for Massachusetts.

Self realization, human relationship, economic efficiency and civic responsibility, N. E. A.'s four objectives of education in a democracy, are the central points around which the Massachusetts State Department of Education, aided by several committees, is planning a revision of certain courses of study in the elementary grades of the Commonwealth, under the general chairmanship of Alice B. Beal, state supervisor of elementary education and professor of Miss Davis as our supervisor of training.

In preceding the revision a long-term survey is being conducted which will require the present practices and aim at courses of study which will embody the following premises: unity, practicability and simplicity, well-defined purposes, and a sound basis in educational theory.

"We believe," says a Massachusetts State Department bulletin, "that all subject matter, all theories of organization, and all methods and procedures, should alike pass the test of fitness to child development . . . Nothing should be retained merely because it is traditional, unless it contributes to these purposes. On the other hand, nothing should be adopted, or discarded, merely because of the fashion of the hour favors such a course of action."

Faculty Members Aid Survey

Among BridgeWater instructors and former associates who are aiding the survey are: Steering Committee, Ellen C. Sweeney, elementary supervisor, New Bedford; Arithmetic Committee, Evelyn Lindquist, State Teachers College, Bridgewater, and L. Leb Henniger, principal, Wilfred School, Quincy; Lois L. Decker, State Teacher College, Bridgewater, is chairman of the Health and Physical Education Committee.

Also included, as members of the Language Arts and Reading Committee, Helen L. Thompson, principal in Newton, is on the Science Committee. Social Studies Committee includes: Mrs. Helen B. Cushing, Kingston supervisor; Tom Lutz, State Teachers College at BridgeWater; and Dr. Marion E. Wiles, supervisor, Brockton.
Ve, who are on the inside, only par-
most difficult opponent will be Becker.

Inside Information:

after introductions had been accomp-

Oddities Here and There:

Basketball players who can really play
was brought out which startled your

Children of Miss Warner's room have
been conducting a highly successful sale


Christmas at the T. S.

Members of Miss Lockwood's class are producing the Christmas pantomime this year on the Nativity of Christ. It will be given possibly three times. Miss Lutz is planning to take one of her classes over to the North Room to see it.

Children of Miss Warner's room have been conducting a highly successful sale of tuberculosis cases. The sale was made at a very successful booth in their own Rotunda.

Every class room has its own partic-

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