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# Campus Comment

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STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE AT BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS

DECEMBER 20, 1940

## 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 Irma Low, club adviser, 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.

### 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:

Hamar.....	Leonard Zatuchny
Joanna.....	Ruth Humphreys
Rebecca.....	Lucille Healey
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.

### Joc Plouffe, Stage Manager

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

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

## Frosh President Holds Puppet Class For T. S.

Puppetry hits the Training School this season as Robert Clemence, marionette enthusiast and freshman class president, conducts a puppet class for several of our sixth-grade pupils who hope to produce "Hansel and Gretel" some time this year in the Mann Auditorium and in the North Room.

All 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. Clemence plans to use the marionette stage which is at present in the art storage room at Boyden; it is being over-hauled by N. Y. A. students in anticipation of the production.

## 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, sophomore 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 chairmen may make reports to their class meetings early in January.

### Co-Chairmen Named

Co-chairmen of the promenade's committees are: decorations, Anne O'Brien, Norma Hurley; tickets, Phyllis Simon, Andrea Pierce; refreshments, Velma Shorey, Ruth Sinclair; orchestra, Joseph O'Donnell, Doug MacDonald; hospitality, Gloria Marshall, Robert Bergeron; publicity, Arline Adams, Amy Wentworth; and clean-up, Frank Hilferty.

Tickets will probably go on sale January 13. In the meantime plans are being made by the committees for an unusually large attendance as this will be the last dance before examination week.

## Dorm Students Go Home



Practice Session at Tillinghast as Girls Hold Dress 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

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## Faculty Entertains Students With Gay Program of Christmas Festivities

### President Kelly Expects To Return After Vacation

Speedily recovering from his recent illness, President Kelly expects to return to his office shortly after the New Year, according to a recent interview.

The president has been making short visits to the Administration Building during the past two weeks. During his convalescence he has been keenly awaiting his complete return to his post. Although Mr. Kelly has been kept informed of official business, there are a number of important matters which are being held until his return.

## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

*From Mr. Hunt to Student Body*

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, good will to men" sounds strangely out of place in this war-torn 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 the 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, declared 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

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### Banquet, Christmas Party, Carolling Climax Week

### Faculty Leader



PRISCILLA M. NYE

Bridgewater was the scene of gay festivities last night as faculty members led by Miss Nye entertained the students in a sparkling holiday atmosphere following a Christmas tradition of many years.

Approximately 350 students attended the gala dinner where Grace was sung in traditional manner by the Women's Glee Club.

The Men's Glee Club was also presented at the party and several solos were sung by students.

Evergreen, berries and candles set the scene for the formal dinner at Tillinghast. The entire assembly joined in singing a number of songs, and old and new carols were sung by Women's Glee Club directed by Miss Rand.

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## Popular Graduate Secures Teaching Appointment

Among recent appointees to teaching positions in last year's class is John Tobin who will begin work near the first of January in Mashpee, Mass.

John, whose picture appeared in CAMPUS COMMENT's honor roll for 1940, published last May, was considered one of the most popular men on the campus. While at Bridgewater he participated in baseball, basketball and tennis. In his senior year he was president of Men's Athletic Association.

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### 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 are still able to enter our churches to pay tribute to the Almighty, Who in His Wisdom sent His Son down upon the earth for our immortal redemption. Yes, and we can attend those services with a prayer in our hearts for less fortunate peoples that they might speedily rejoice in that peace which they and we have always desired.

At Bridgewater we fully experience the fruits of peace as we hold one Christmas celebration after another, each binding us the more strongly to the spirit and the ideal that is an essential part of this season. In our news columns we read that the dinner and party and serenading of last night are traditional. They are part of the Bridgewater heritage. Nor are these customs peculiar to us alone. Rather they are part of the national scene, if they are not truly becoming peculiar to our country *alone*.

Why all this? Because America is the refuge of the world, not its battleground.

For a terrifying contrast to our tranquility we have merely to read our newspapers where today's headlines will be tomorrow's history. And a sorry history it will be: shot through and through with the story of gallant nations meeting ruthless defeat and subsequent oppression, with the plight of the hopelessly outnumbered, with the cries for help from the downtrodden and weary.

Let us enjoy our Christmas. And let us also pray that madness in the hearts of the dictators will be replaced by good will towards all mankind.



### LET'S GET BEHIND THEM!

With two games already behind us, Bridgewater faces ten or more basketball games to be played this season. The fellows out there on the floor are giving everything they have. They and we want to win all the rest of the games on the schedule.

The team has its work cut out. A group of spirit-minded students has outlined our work. The theory is simply that if the team knows it has a gallery rooting for a Bridgewater victory, success is a great deal easier to achieve. You know how willing you are to work when someone has just praised whatever you are doing. And it is the same way with the team.

Learn the cheers, attend the cheer rally before the game, go to all the games you possibly can, especially the home ones, root your team through basket after basket.

What do the spectators get out of it? The fun of going, the thrill of victory, the frenzy of cheering, a sore throat, a glorious feeling of helping the boys win.

## CHRISTMAS SEALS



### 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-barred cross should be an inseparable part of every piece of mail dropped into the mail boxes. A little skimping on our part will provide adequate 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  
On the light, bright tree,  
The waxen angel looked down  
Quite unconcernedly  
Upon a yellow kitten  
In an open Christmas box,  
Who chewed contentedly  
On a shining silver fox.

Ruth Carlisle



### Intramural Basketball Teams Officialled 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 classes. They are: Thomas Sparkes, Anthony Ceddia, Nick Megas, Joseph Bragis and Victor Lewis.

## Snoopsie and Scoopsie Cut Christmas Capers

"And the greatest joy is in the giving while we on earth are still living," murmured Snoop as she gazed at me across a table at BRADY'S DINER. Over a tasty dinner served by smiling Tom Brady, Snoop had been reading her long Christmas list finally reaching the end of all her aunts, uncles and cousins by the dozens.

"Come on, Scoop, I've a party in the dorm tonight, so over to the B. P. M. we must go," smiled Snoop 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, pickles, pop, etc. they use for dorm spreads and club parties?" asked Snoop as she proved it by buying out half the merchandise.

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

### Scoopsie Drops in on Eddie

Your wheezy Scooper had to do an errand at EDDIE'S, so we rested there awhile. My tux had to be mended and pressed for the Christmas banquet. Only at Eddie's would Snoop leave my suit to be rejuvenated.

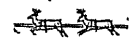
Snoop wanted to buy a few gifts and she knew SNOW'S was just the place to buy presents which would bring joy to every recipient. As usual, she wasn't wrong. Fred Snow always has something bright and new when we enter his store. Here on the rack hung the most resplendent ties my eyes had ever seen. BOTANY ties, Fred called them, but I was dragged away to the glove counter where Snoop was cooing over the "sweet things." When we left with several more packages added to my bundles, I noticed Snoop peeking at the BOTANY ties. Oh, I hope, I hope.

### Snoopsie Discovers Unique Gifts

Then on to CONDON'S BRIDGE AND GIFT SHOP where Snoop 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. It was with this thought in mind that Snoop bought several of the lucky stones to give as gifts to her girl friends.

Next to REXALL'S where Snoop bought some new music and a pouch of tobacco for my new pipe. Over a delicious creamy milk shake, the kind that only Doc, Syd, or Louis know how to concoct, Snoop 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 Snoop and Scoop."



### Staff Members To Relax At Party After Recess

To relieve the well worth-while strain endured in meeting deadlines—the semi-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 buffet supper. Violet Porta and Bernard Kinsella are in charge of the affair.



### The Darndest Things Happen To Us:

Victor Lewis says, "I got my black eye when I bumped into a tree—running away from a snowstorm." That's his story. . . . A. Adams, L. Hearn on a date—no gas—a dark lonely road—deadline at 10:15—your answer is as good as ours. . . . Mr. Huffington way-laid by five desperate damsels for a free ride to the Hyannis basketball game. OooH, Mr. Huffington! . . . Mr. Durgin refused quite early to take any women to the game because the last time they left him to come home all alone. . . . Mr. Davoren likewise be-seiged. . . . Stelle and Marie chained to the dorm for 15 days for five minutes. . . . N. Hatch and a charley-horse—just when she was dancing with that thriller, Sparky. . . . Poor Joe Murphy—he learned about being chairman of a refreshment committee.

### Campus Candid Shots:

Movie goers to "Knute Rockne" seen coming out of the theatre wringing handkerchiefs. . . . Will Bradley's "Beat Me Daddy Eight to the Bar" is given bahs and snickers by students who are afraid to step it fast. . . . T. T. I. should be said to more than one girl tripping to "swing" in the gym. . . . June-bug Whittier enjoyed Mil. Art. weekend at N. H. U. (Copyreader's query, what's Mil. Art?) (Editor's answer, only Tower knows.)

### Things Winter Brings:

Deserted lower campus. . . . no more walks to Carver's (?). . . . Snappy ski outfits and boots displayed in classes. . . . comfort before style. . . . hot tea and coffee instead of cokes. . . . full reception rooms. . . . hopes for "no-school" at the Training School. . . . snowballing by the pupils across the street.

### It Takes Courage To:

Wear knee-warmers, doesn't it, Amy? . . . Change your hairdo and run the gamut of adverse criticisms. . . . Stay awake in classes. . . . Venture downtown on sub-zero days. . . . Start a new fad, but you're colossal if you do. . . . Skip Chapel since the Ultimatum. . . . Have a Training School child tell you you're lazy.

### Peoples and Things:

A well-known lover of horses and his chicken are hitting it off o. k. . . . Dave Barnum will not discuss Esther Boyden with anyone—we guess he wants to keep her for himself. . . . We miss Mal Clouter—he's going steady with a geog. book these days. . . . George Arthur Pothier and Marcia Buck "stompin'" at the gym on Wednesday nights. . . . Bob Van Annan giving Mr. Meier a test on referee signals in football. . . . Garlands to Bub-riski and her committee for their swell cheers—wish more of us had their spirit. . . . The six adorables from Fitchburg who didn't show up for the Deadline Semi-Formal. . . . Dave Levenson who simply can't leave the place. . . . And don't forget to replace worn-out wacky with dippy.

## Campus Fixture Reveals Chattering Through The Years

The Rotunda . . . crossroad of campus life, meeting place of the six hundred, scene of a thousand thousand deliberations, trysting place of college loves. . . . the Rotunda.

What stories the Rotunda could tell! let's ask, we thought. We asked the Sea, but it waved us on. We asked the Mountains, but they purpled. We asked the walls, but they echoed. We asked the dome light, and it told all:

"Me? What have I seen? much, too much. You're a reporter, aren't you?" said he glaring me full in the eyes. "Go away; don't bother me with all your chatter."

"But, dear dome light," I pleaded. "You've been here so long, you know everything. Please give a struggling reporter a break. Please?"

"Oh, very well, I'll do anything to stop your chatter. What have I seen? I'll tell you a few things, my lad."

"I've seen the entering freshmen as they crowd in, clattering up our marble floor, sending their gawky looks everywhere and nowhere. I've seen the hope and ambition and timidity and nervousness they always write on their silly faces. But I always know they'll grow up; so I smile down unblinking on their wonder as our echo flings back their chatter, chatter, chatter."

"I've seen them pushed aside by worried S. C. A. treasurers, food sale committees, get-acquainted dance committees—all worried, so worried as they beg for money to make up for last year's deficit. And later on I've seen those same silly freshmen pausing beneath me to exclaim, 'So this is the Rotunda! Why?' All chatter, chatter, chatter."

"What? Who? That tall fellow? Yes, I know him too. I knew the first time I saw him that he'd bother us. I've seen many a sight here, but never any such as the time he broke our seven p. m. rest by having himself dragged through here on his back by his blond senior while he yelled, 'What would Chelsea say now?' Chatter, chatter, chatter."

"And look, there comes that eternally be-frowned fellow again. No, not that one. The other one—look—over there—yes, that's the guy. What is he here for? to collect CAMPUS COMMENT assignments which aren't even written yet. Poor fool, he ought to know better. There he goes again, always saying that his gray hair hasn't a chance in this college. Chatter, chatter, chatter."

"And there's Bill. What's he got in his hand, I wonder. Oh, yes, that history exam. Well, I could have told him that he'd flunk it. I knew it when I saw him spend his study hours on our bench trying to pitch it with that frosh girl. Chatter, chatter, chatter."

"That's all there ever is here: chatter, chatter, and more chatter. Even the seniors march out in their caps and gowns, chattering, chattering. What do they come here for? Why can't they go someplace else with their chatter, their senseless chatter, their clattering chatter?"

"No, nore more questions, reporter," said he furiously.

"Be off and keep your chatter, chatter, chatter to yourself."

## Alpha Board Drafts Undergraduate To Fill Post As Photography Editor

### Reporter Visits Powerhouse; Learns How We Keep Warm

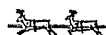
Did you know that all the electricity, all the heat, and all the refrigerating power comes from that solitary building just behind the Woodward Dormitory? Did you know that every time you walk along the lower corridor beside the lockers you were walking on top of a giant ventilating system controlled from the powerhouse? Did you know that the power furnished costs less than a cent per kilowatt hour while your average electricity bill at home will be based upon a cost of from six to eight cents per kilowatt hour?

The original power plant was for heating and not for generating electricity. It was located between the present Tillinghast and Boyden Hall. It had two small boilers which were under the management of Mr. Miller who was the engineer at that time. In 1910, high pressure boilers were installed, incidentally they are still in use, and an electric generator furnishing 35 amperes was set up. The present amperage varies between 600 and 700 amperes. In the fire of 1924, the whole powerhouse was destroyed when part of the main school building fell on it and set it afire. One boiler was salvaged and steam was furnished until the spring. The remnants of the power plant was moved into the old laundry where it is today.

During the summer vacation, the power is kept on for a couple of weeks so that the men can inspect all the plumbing and electrical appliances in the buildings. Then the motors are shut down and the whole power system is given a thorough examination for everything must be in perfect condition by the fall term.

On the average cold day the powerhouse uses about 11 tons of coal per day. Just think of how much coal that is, especially if you had to shovel it. The average amount of coal used in a home is from two to three tons in the whole winter. The coal used at B. T. C. has to come up to a standard and a sample of each shipment is sent to the statehouse for approval. The coal should be capable of producing 14,000 BTU per pound and is not accepted unless it can.

Some of the men in the powerhouse are George I. Chassey who has been working from 1927, Charles N. Moore who has been working here since 1919, and George Stephens who has been at B. T. C. since 1908. Mr. Annis, the chief engineer, came here in 1912 from a job as an installing engineer for an engine manufacturing company. All the men in the powerhouse are compelled to be licensed engineers. It is our hope that many of the students will take advantage of Mr. Annis's kind invitation to come over and "take a look at our power plant."



### REWARD

The reward of the faithful teacher: "They that instruct many unto justice shall shine as stars for all eternity".

Long established tradition was upset when Vernon West became photography editor of Alpha this year. The office 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 group pictures of activities for the near future. Dick Durnin, sophomore, is his assistant.

### To Campaign for Library Facilities

Alpha's theme this year is Library. The editors realize the need of bigger and better library facilities at Bridgewater 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 all 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 on in the season. They are also writing and producing the junior Chapel program for the second semester; it will be in the form of a musical comedy according to present plans. Casting has already begun for the play.

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

### CHRISTMAS EVE IN LONDON

By Katherine Tiernan

Dear God

Saint Nick won't be afraid, will he?  
To come to us tonight?  
You know we have a war here,  
And London has no lights.

Please show Saint Nick where shelters are,

And get a mask for him.  
Else they won't let him stay; we had  
To drown my puppy Tim.

Please God

Tell him to use a plane. The bombs  
Might make reindeer afraid.  
Paint R. A. F. upon the wings;  
We'll know its no air raid.

He can't bring any heavy toys,  
For they would weight the plane so.  
My Daddy was an Air Force man;  
That's how I chance to know.

Kind God

I wish You could arrange for no  
Alarms on Christmas Day,  
For I'm to be the Christ-Child in  
Our church Christmas play.

Just think how dreadful it would look  
For Him to run and hide!  
But does He know how sirens make  
You feel all cold inside?

## Freshman Girl Gains Reputation As Bell Ringer

A musician of an uncommon variety is Jean Francis, a freshman from Gloucester. Since she was a sophomore in high school, Jean has been a member of the Cape Ann Bell Ringers. This group, consisting of five bell ringers and a reader who reads selections during the programs, is lead by Mrs. Lloyd Runkle, a music teacher.

The ten bells used are imported from England and vary in size according to the pitch, the largest being about five inches long. They are held by leather straps and are swung rather than shaken by the players. Originally these hand bells were used in England by the ringers of church bells on which to practise 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.

### To Play on Beacon Hill

The Cape Ann Bell Ringers have performed at many places, including 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 she likes Christmas eve on Beacon Hill where she plays.

### CHRISTMAS MESSAGE (continued from page 1)

the pitiful lines of refugees fleeing the horrors of invasion.

The world of today now looks hopefully to you of the new generation for a sounder and more constructive philosophy. The colleges of America should be training your generation for a task which you cannot possibly escape. The future peace and happiness of our country will depend upon your ability to think more clearly and to act more intelligently than those of preceding generations, who have led humanity to its present disaster. The doors of most of the old world colleges are closed. Their light is flickering or already extinguished. But, so far, the colleges of America are dynamic. They are still trying to hold aloft the torch of human equality, individual freedom, and brotherly love.

You, as a part of the relatively care-free and unworried student-body of America today, are entitled to a joyous celebration of Christmas; and we sincerely hope that the Christmas of 1940 may be a merry one for each of you.

You as maturing, intelligent, and thinking students of life, capable of grasping the deeper significance of the Christmas season, —you, the citizens and potential leaders of the America of tomorrow, we urge to cling so firmly to the philosophy of life which Christ gave to the world nineteen centuries ago that your influence combined with that of other college-bred men and women, shall so shape the future development of the world in which you live that your children and your children's children shall be able to enjoy down through the years an endless succession of Merry Christmases.

BRENELLE HUNT,  
Acting President

## CLUB NEWS

### LIBRARY CLUB

Christmas customs of different countries was the theme of the Christmas party held by the Library Club on December 11. The accent was on Sweden, since the party was held on the day before St. Lucius' Day, the beginning of the Swedish Christmas celebration. Elna Filipson, Ethel Melin, and Thelma Parsons were in charge; Louise Forsyth directed the games. Coffee and cookies were served and gifts exchanged. Flowers were presented to Miss Carter, Miss Hill and Miss Triggs.

### STUDENT FELLOWSHIP

To hear the "Messiah" was the object of the visit to Brockton of the Student Fellowship on Sunday, December 15.

### PRESS CLUB

Miss Low 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 PRIMARY CLUB

Christmas carols were sung by candlelight at the Christmas meeting on December 12 in the Training School kindergarten room. Dr. Vernon 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.

On Saturday, December 7, Miss Bradford and the French Club delegate, Mary Cingolani, as well as Nellie Kucinskis 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 Maurois.

### 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 recess to uncover possible places to visit when the club holds its proposed visit when the club holds its proposed field trip. They are considering a lecture in the Lowell Institute's series at the Boston Public Library, a visit to a broadcast of the New England Town Meeting of the Air, as well as other possibilities.

## Cheerleaders Inject Pep Into B. T. C. Hoop Fans

"They told me we couldn't get 100 per cent attendance at home games. I'm out to prove we can," said Alice Bubriski recently as she told of her plans to hold a rally every day Bridgewater plays an on-campus basketball game.

Amusing and fiery cheers have been passed out to student rooters who will be led by Amy Wentworth, Marie Sheehan and John Scahill, as they yell and sing the team on to victory.

### Caught In Action



### CHEERLEADERS

Sheehan, Skahill, Wentworth

## Deadline Semi-Formal Proves Scintillating Affair

Deadline Semi-Formal, sponsored by CAMPUS COMMENT last Friday, brought the season's dances to a close as a large number of couples danced to the music of the Esquires.

Decorations featured two outstanding panels. One was a play on the make-up department of the newspaper and displayed a silhouetted profile of a girl applying cosmetics. The other had two much discussed young gentlemen in various stages of running to represent the circulation department.

"Snoop" Porta was at the microphone during the earlier part of the evening to give an account of "who arrived with whom" and "how dressed".

Committee chairmen assisting Bernard Kinsella were: Norma Hurley, hospitality; Violet Porta, decorations; Joseph Plouffe, tickets; Dick Roche, refreshments; Ruth Stone, publicity; Dick Durnin, clean-up; and Robert Bruni, orchestra.

### FACULTY PARTY

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Another highlight of the party was a program of bell-ringing by a town group under the direction of Mr. James F. Laker. The bells were brought over from England by Mr. Laker who has been interested in this activity for a number of years.

### Festivities Around Huge Tree

Singing, dancing and playing games around a huge Christmas tree in the center of Boyden Gymnasium provided fun for all under Miss Decker's direction. Huge holly wreaths and evergreen decorated the windows while gold star lanterns shed a mellow glow over the merry-makers.

And, of course, the evening was closed in the usual manner by the men of the college who serenaded faculty homes and dormitories.

## Women's Glee Club Presents Carol Program

Carols sung by the vested Women's Glee Club featured the Chapel program held last Tuesday as another item in their full December schedule. The program was the same as was presented at the University Club in Boston earlier this month.

Katherine A. Tiernan's poem, "Christmas Eve in London", a nine-year-old English boy's prayer for this Christmas, was read by Lysbeth Lawrence. A Longfellow poem was read by Madeleine DeSorcie.

Miss Rand directed the processional and the singing. Phyllis Jenness 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 Carolyn Malloy and Phyllis Slobins 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. Informality is stressed; there are no officers, and Miss Nye and Miss Nutter are members of the group. All juniors and seniors interested are welcome to join. In the spring the group plans an exhibition of its work.

### GLEE CLUB

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at a meeting of the In and About Boston Music Educator's Club which was held at the University Club in Boston on December 7. Phyllis Jenness was the soloist and Marie Sheehan was the accompanist.

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## Chelsea Superintendent Praises Bridgewater Grads

Bridgewater graduates have qualifications superior to liberal arts graduates, according to a recent interview with Mr. Leo P. Casey, superintendent of schools of Chelsea, Massachusetts.

"They have superior qualifications," he said, "to graduates of liberal arts colleges. The practical training which they have received, combined with the liberal arts courses necessary for the degree, gives them an understanding of the technicalities of teaching which makes them particularly valuable."

Mr. Casey, who once attended Bridgewater himself, declared that the courses which helped him most at Bridgewater were the methods courses with Miss Newton, history of education with Dr. Arthur Clarke Boyden and his practice teaching.

### Educators Have Pet Subjects

Everyone in the field of education cherishes a hope that he may make a special study of a particular branch of education. Mr. Casey finds himself absorbed at the present time in studying the problems involved in the education of exceptional children.

Since his position necessitates a knowledge of many coming trends in education, it is of value to the men of Bridgewater to learn that Mr. Casey believes there is a definite trend toward employing more men teachers in the junior high schools. He thinks this trend will continue until at least half of the teachers are men.

In conclusion Mr. Casey stated, "I shall be glad to cooperate with students at Bridgewater at any time. It is an excellent college, and many of our teachers in Chelsea are among its graduates."

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Where I, unwilling, happ'd to be;  
I saw her kneeling there,  
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In a joy I could not see.

The candles flickering on the altar  
Gave her face a radiant glow;

And as she knelt in fervent prayer,  
I saw a peace I could not know.

I saw her soul so pure and  
sinless,

Her heart filled with a love for  
God;

I saw happiness I ne'er had  
dreamed of,

As I my sinful ways had trod.

Then suddenly the choir above,

As angel voices from the clouds,

Began to sing a Christmas hymn,

She looked, she smiled, her head  
was bowed.

Then I, moved by some inward  
light,

Bowed my head, began to sing:

My voice soared high above the  
others,

Telling the glory of Christ, Our  
King.

That blessed night, this little nun  
Who gave me God, to know, to  
love,

Was called to join him in his  
Heaven,

And now she watches from above.

I know she's there in all her  
splendor,

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And in spiritual peace with her  
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## Miss Caldwell To Vacation At Author's Former Home

Probably the most distant Christmas vacationer 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 ocean. The architecture is a very modern type, as one would expect a Halliburton-built home to be. If only the walls could speak, what interesting stories might be forthcoming there!

### Treks to West



MARY I. CALDWELL

### Students Also Travel

Among the student travellers Lillian Russell is the most envied. Part of her vacation will be spent at a house party at West Point. Ruth Carlisle will vacation in Hartford, Connecticut, and Katharine Tiernan, another junior, will leave December 26 for South Orange, New Jersey. Frances Botan is planning a vacation in Florida.

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## Miss Beal Directs Survey Aimed At Course Revision

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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 predecessor of Miss Davis as our supervisor of training.

Preceding the revision a long-term survey is being conducted which will inquire into present practices and aim at courses of studies which will embody the following principles: unity, practicality 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 tests of usefulness in 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 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. Leah Hennigar, principal, Willard School, Quincy. Lois L. Decker, State Teachers College, Bridgewater, is chairman of the Health and Physical Education Committee.

Also included, as members of the History Committee, are: Elizabeth Foster, State Teachers College at Worcester; Katherine Packard, State Teachers College at Bridgewater; and Donald T. Welch, principal, school department, Middleboro. Miss Ruth E. Davis, supervisor of training, State Teachers College, Bridgewater, is chairman 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; Iva Lutz, State Teachers College at Bridgewater; and Dr. Marion E. Wiles, supervisor, Brockton.

## SPORTS SEANCE

BY DAPPER

## Inside Information:

The general opinion among gallery-ites seems to be that Bridgewater's most difficult opponent will be Becker. We, who are on the inside, only partially agree. Looking back at last year's hectic tilts, our advisors confirm the fact that the Rhode Island affair was no picnic. That 1939 tea party at Providence turned into a battle-royal soon after introductions had been accomplished. This year there are two distinct occasions at which every follower of the Reds should be a spectator. Both are games with the potent boys from down Rhody way.

## Familiar Cries:

Martin, looming up under the defenders' hoop, shouting explicit directions. Fearless Fred manages to enliven every practice scrimmage in the home gym, alternately dropping in long shots and adding in humorous quips. Basketball players who can really play the game, yet retain a healthy sense of humor and enjoyment, are few and far between. If there were more Freds out there enjoying the game, the game itself would receive a much-needed touch. And likewise with every other form of athletic endeavor under the sun.

## Oddities Here and There:

Bounding Bob claims that his faithful right arm has been putting on strength during these past few weeks. If he can't toss a baseball, he substitutes a football, even relapsing to basketball when wintry weather sets in. Greatest of all possible surprises is the absolute refusal of baseball enthusiasts to forget their malady. One snowy day, not long ago, two apparently normal students devoted an entire hour to the discussion of the far-off diamond doings just now so obscured by basketball. During this linguistic spree a fact was brought out which startled your faithful tenth-columnist. Quoting Mr. X, "the 1941 B. T. C. baseball team will be composed entirely of veteran players". Yes, it's a fact. Just one little

## 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 crosses during the past few weeks. Their sales were made at a gayly-decorated booth in their own Rotunda.

Every class room has its own particular plan for celebrating Christmas, and the children have been working for the big event for the past several weeks. They will leave school today for their vacation.

A sale of novelties made by our children under the direction of their regular and student teachers was held in the Training School last Wednesday from one to four in the afternoon. Such items as decorated boxes, handkerchief folders, memo pads, and shuffleboard equipment were advertised on Boyden Hall bulletin boards by very good-looking cut-paper posters.

## Something To Shoot At



Well . . . of course there was Hyannis . . . but we've still got Fitchburg, Salem and all the rest, including another crack at Hyannis!

dark cloud on the misty horizon, though, the need for a second good hurler. Anybody know of one available by April?

## Question Number One:

Why doesn't some public-spirited citizen of our college start a real movement to have the lower campus flooded for ice skating? Dapper has been firmly convinced that such a deed would be advantageous to the girls of the dorm, and men needing exercise.

What is one of the first questions asked by freshmen? We asked, "Where do you go skating around here during the winter?" The answer was vague, some reference to Carver's was made. After one attempt to indulge in a bit of ice-cutting during a spare hour, we gave up in despair. Usually the student having a free fifty minutes, wanders aimlessly through corridors, or buries himself in a text. If a good ice surface were easily reached, without excessive rushing and worrying about the next class, isn't it possible that he would enjoy the wonderful fresh air and glassy ice? Dapper is firmly convinced that the relaxation and fun connected with the idea fully warrants a trial. If you, as a lover of skating, would appreciate ice on the campus, get it.

## Garlands of Roses To:

Al and Cherry for their pep and energy; Terrific Tom for dependability; Falloni for ability; Costigan for level-headed leadership, stability and brilliance when it's needed. An especially large bunch of gratitude to the loyal rooters, out in full force for all home games.

## Locker-room Doings:

An everyday affair, the harmonizing, but unusual in that several soprano voices of dubious origin participate. Who?

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## SIGNPOSTS from W. A. A.

## Have you seen it?

Of course we mean that neat little ping pong paddle tacked up on the gym bulletin with the names of the tournament entrants on it. We understand each contestant may challenge the player one or two places above herself on the ladder. If she wins she then moves up to the place of her defeated opponent who in turn moves down to the place of the winner. Although the enthusiasts seem numerous enough we notice that only one of them has played the seven games necessary to receive W. A. A. credit and most of them have not played at all yet. Don't forget the term isn't over until the last week in January so there's still time to get your credits.

## Easy does it. Maybe—

The first rule of modern dancing is relax—then the bumps won't hurt so much. However that may be there are about fifty ambitious beginners out for it, all working hard to attain the final goal, the little dance group and incidentally developing a lot of grace and having a good deal of fun while they are about it.

Judging from the number of co-eds heading for the bowling alleys every Thursday afternoon at three-thirty bowling is a pretty popular sport around Bridgewater. Maybe that's because it is reputed to develop only the right muscles.

## Clever publicity:

Now that swimming is really under way we think a great deal of credit for its success is due to the very clever publicity produced by its promoters. A sample of it here quoted with apologies to its author tells all there is to know about swimming—

Sure the weather's cold—But so what? I must say!

There still is real pep in the women's A. A.

Winter is here—it stimulates vim  
It's just the right time for a vigorous swim!

Every week now on Fridays at just 4:15—

We have the pool at the Y—(best I've ever seen)

Some take instructions—some swim for fun

Do both if you want to—it's being done!

Look—this is the point—now I'll make it clear

Opportunity is knocking at your door, my dear,

The Y let's us have the pool for our A. A.

For a whole hour on Fridays—snatch the chance—don't delay!

Sure—some do go south—but why should we do it

Water and warmth—that's all there is to it.

We have a grand pool—and it's warm—(also cheap)

Twenty cents—that is all—now is that too steep?

So sign your name on the sheet in the gym

Before it's all full—and come on and swim!

Just read the rules then—and write down your name

Come on! Let's swim! It's a grand game!

## Last word—

Don't forget co-rec sports. And a very merry Christmas to all of you.

Hoopsters Open Season  
With Close Victory, 37-36

The Maroon and White opened its 1940-41 basketball season in thrilling fashion Wednesday evening of last week when it held off a late rally and won the ball game 37-36 over a plucky New Bedford Textile five.

Bud Farrell's two foul counters in the waning seconds of the tussle put the game on ice, and then our lads "froze" the ball to pull victory out of the fire.

Sharing honors with Farrell were Tom Sparkes and Fred Martin. Sparkes tallied twelve points to lead the team's attack while Fred played a brilliant floor game.

Maroon and White Lose  
Thriller To Hyannis

Bridgewater's hoop forces met their first defeat of the young season when they fell before a fast Hyannis team last Thursday, the score being 35-28.

Although the Meier-men played a good all-round game, their play was hampered by the strange court which probably was not built for the hoop sport. The ruffle was a spirited one and was marked with numerous fouls, most of which were not called.

Tom Sparkes and Fred Martin led the attack for B. T. C. while Captain Jim also played well. This marked the first defeat for our boys but revenge will be sought later this season when the Hyannis club visits the local gym.

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