



International Students Tell Of Christmas In Other Lands

By MOHAMMED BOUTALEB

At this period of the year there are probably some people who wonder how Christmas is celebrated in other lands. The purpose of these columns is to use the members of the International House in answering the question, "What do you do in your country?"

It seems that the general way of celebrating is the same in other Christian places as it is in the United States. Yet, besides singing carols, decorating a tree and making gifts, there are few typical customs which characterize a country or another.

In some European countries, Christmas starts very early. On the sixth of December, Saint-Nicholas brings candies, cookies and toys to children. Being discreet in France, Belgium, Spain and Italy, he goes to the slides that are set for him. But in Germany, he comes through the door of the house, because he has to do more than giving out presents. He accepts lists of wishes from children, and also whips those who misbehaved before his arrival. In France, a creche is built on this day. And each day, the Three Wise Men are moved closer until they reach the creche on December 25. Also, in South France it is customary to plant Saint Barbara's grain by this time. Wheat is put in a dish with water and placed by the fireplace or a sunny window. The crop will be good if the plant grows well by Christmas. Germany and Spain take two legal holidays, the 25th and 26th of December. The first being a day of meditation—which the Germans enjoy with a goose dinner—and the second, a day of joyful celebration.

Christmas Eve is characterized by a midnight mass in the home affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church. Spain and Guatemala called this mass the "Misa de Gallo"—literally "of the cock"—reminding of the rise of the poultry. In Guatemala, a special meal is prepared, called the "Tamal."

The midnight mass in Peru is refreshed by twelve grapes for each person. The fruit is referred to as "of Bourgogne," because of its resemblance to that of Bourgogne. A turkey meal is also a part of the festival. Do the Peruvians have more sense than the Americans who eat theirs at Thanksgiving? Or vice-versa? In the country side, people wear masks and saint-like costumes in order to have big fiestas.

In addition to these celebrations of December, The Epiphany (Continued on page Six)



One thing that always gives
the Christmas Season
a warm and happy glow
is the opportunity
of saying



From The Collegian Staff

A Christmas Story

Rachel was sweeping the cobbled inn yard for the second time that day. Again it was littered with the skins of fruit and bits of hay and grain dropped from the feed baskets of the camels and donkeys that had crowded the place during the afternoon. Now that all of the beasts of burden were stabled the inn yard was being made neat and tidy again.

As she worked the girl glanced occasionally at the strangers passing the inn. Most of them had come to Bethlehem from distant cities to pay the taxes. Caesar Augustus had decreed. There were merchants wearing richly embroidered robes and

ornamented headdresses. Proud women in royal purple. Boys and girls chattering as they stroked the doves they were holding. All were going to the Temple to attend the sacrificial worship.

In her mind Rachel pictured the evening service. The vaulted temple with walls shining like alabaster in the soft glow of many lamps; the chanted praises to Jehovah and the readings from the sacred scriptures; the blast of the ram's horn as the Holy Ark was carried in; all of the people in their best robes standing with bowed heads as the high priest (Continued on page Six)



AWARDS DISPLAYED—Awards from the Refrigerator Bowl are displayed by Bill Hicks, "most valuable player"; Dr. Don Salls, coach, displays the key to Evansville, and Roy "Bull" Bailey, co-captain, shows the team's trophy.

Second Chapel Drive Started On Campus

During April of this year a Chapel Committee was organized to begin raising the funds necessary to erect a small building on the campus to be used for private prayer and meditation, small group services, weddings, and other religious purposes. The work has been inspired by an offer of \$5,000 from William H. Danforth, head of the Purina Company and the Danforth Foundation.

The committee launched another drive last week and a quota was given to each dormitory. This quota was based on the number of students living in the dormitory. The quotas are as follows:

Abercrombie	\$ 70.00
Daugette	\$225.00
Forney	\$125.00
Pannell	\$230.00

At this time only one dormitory has made a report. This was Forney Hall, and the report was that Forney pledges have passed the \$100.00 mark.

Organizations that have pledged are: the Science Club, Sophomore Class, and Westminster Fellowship. It is the hope of the committee that every organization, every student, and every faculty member on the campus will take part in this drive and make it a success.

Merry Christmas
And
A Happy New Year!
To The Students
And Faculty
From The Administrative
Staff

Group Presents Christmas Music

By THANN PENNINGTON

On Thursday, December 15, a special Christmas music assembly program will be held in Leone Cole Auditorium. The College Chorus, Brass Choir, and various religious organizations on the campus have combined efforts to make this program the best ever presented here. Be sure to attend!

The program consists of:
Carols The Brass Choir
"The Shepherds' Story"

By Dickenson
(Solos by Jerry Harrison, tenor; Bill Veasey, baritone; Erin Woodruff, soprano.)
"While the Bells Ring"

By Mrs. Aileen Dortch
(Baritone soloist, Bill Veasey)
Traditional Christmas Pageant in tableaux of the story of the Nativity.

(Chorus will sing the traditional carols while the religious organizations portray the Christmas story.)

EDITORIAL

Jax Chapel Drive Opened; New Goal Is Set At \$2,500

This week marks the second week of the Fall semester's campus-wide campaign to raise funds for a college chapel. Jacksonville students should give serious thought to the project during the remainder of the year. We need the chapel, and there is no greater gift for us to leave here at Jacksonville when we depart.

Remarkable progress already has been made in raising funds for the beautifully-designed little chapel that is becoming more of a reality every day. The students who were in attendance during the last know of the tremendous response that the student body offered during the few short weeks of the Spring fund-raising campaign.

Almost \$1,800 was raised from the student body alone which represents a definite endorsement and a recognition of need among Jacksonville students.

The chapel committee needs only about \$2,500 more before it can make definite plans to begin construction on the building. Paul Hofferbert, Gadsden architect, already has provided the preliminary plans for the chapel, and students can see them on the bulletin board outside the Grab any time this week.

Now is the time for all of Jacksonville's students to get solidly behind our chapel-building program and make a dream a reality.

Tom Freeman Tells Story Of Gamecocks Bowl Win

By Tom Freeman

Fate has been generous to Jacksonville this semester. The college has become known in the South, the mid-west, and to be sure in Providence, R. I.

Underdogs though our football team has been in their two major games—that with Chattanooga and the bowl game—they have shown that they are a first-rate aggregation and have won the hearts of the fans wherever they have appeared. Their clean playing and fine sportsmanship has built them a great and outstanding reputation.

The boys on this team are settled human people. They want no unearned glory. Their attitude toward their success was

exemplified in the comment of one of the players when that South Georgia team had just crossed our goal line for the first points to be scored against us this year. He said, in effect, "Whew. I am glad that is over with. Maybe we can stop being freaks and start playing football now."

It is impossible to give credit to any one, or two, or three people on the team for its success. It has been a team effort and a team success. Every man on the team has been an outstanding player. Who can forget the events like Sam Black's catching that pass the first play that he played for Jacksonville; Joe Roberts' being everywhere just at the right time to make that important tackle when it was needed; Alex Mandli's recovering Rhode Island's fumble just in time to save the game; Al Woodham's 70-yard kick-off return; Philip Smith's turning on the speed to pick up those needed yards; Ray Burgess's crashing through from the end to clear the secondary of interference; Joby Johnson's consistency in the middle of practically all of every game; Roy "Bull" Bailey's and Bill Clark's leading the team to their victories, and Billy Hicks's moving the ball 32 times in one game against Rhode Island? This could go on and on until something could be said in praise of every player on the team, but space will not permit.

A good thing about these boys is that most of them will be back next year and some of them will be here for two or three more years. A few more years like this and we will have received the recognition that is justly ours—that of equality with the University and Auburn.



RELICS OF THE PAST—A relic of the past is this chestnut tree (*castanea dentata*) found in the Talladega National Forest. Chestnut trees are almost extinct in the U. S. The trees have been killed by a fungus disease. John Mullins, a night student at JSC found this one and is shown above with Dr. Wilkes. Dr. Wilkes is deeply interested in knowing of any trees in the state which are bearing fruit.

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Report To The Voting Students

By MARTHA TERRY

Two main issues were discussed at the last council meeting, and both aroused some lively comments.

Joe Methvin, chairman of the Candy Machine Committee, reported on the committee's research on the possibility of the purchase and installation of about 10 candy machines. His group received letters from several manufacturers and he estimated that it would cost \$2600 to buy and begin operation of 10 machines. Figuring on the basis of the candy sold from the machines now in the dormitories, Joe said each ma-

chine would yield \$1.00 profit per week.

Joe Conyers suggested that a copy of the committee's report be given to each council member, and that no definite action be taken until the next meeting.

Some of the council members feel that the existing SGA does not have the right or authority to borrow the \$2600 and thus place a debt on the future councils. How do you as a student and a member of this organization feel about this matter? Your comments and opinions will help your representatives decide what to do about

buying the machines. If you'd like more detailed information on the machines, Joe Methvin is the man to see.

Buddy Davidson announced that unless the SGA paid the cheerleader's expenses to the bowl game in Indiana they would be unable to go. The Athletic Committee is not allowed to pay cheerleaders' expenses to games.

"Weepy" Wooten said that if the cheerleaders went to the game, they "would have to have some money from somewhere." However, she did not feel that it was the SGA's place to ap-

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Judy's Jottings

Golly! Can't find a starting point for this cotton-pickin column. So much has taken place within the last few weeks that to keep up with all the varied activities and every participator would be an utter impossibility.

Naturally the trip made by our Gamecocks and their rooters to the Hoosier state heads all topics of campus conversation these days. AND a good time was had by all! Words simply aren't adequate tribute for our team's superb display of teamwork. But, doggone men, you've made your school terribly proud of you. Billy Hicks—you can wear a grin and rest on your laurels for years to come. That "Most Valuable Player" award you received couldn't possibly have made you one iota happier than it did your fellow students and squad team mates. Congratulations! You deserved it in every sense.

Seems that the Indiana natives were fascinated and amused over our students drawn-out "you-alls". Oh, well! What good Alabamian doesn't mix hominy, grits, collards, and black-eyed peas with a few "you-alls"? Sure—we're from Dixie!

Poor Clark Gable! When will he learn that those attempting the channel swim need more practice than can be put forth in a bathtub? Crazy mixed-up kid!

Evelyn Rice, tow-headed cheerleader, sums up the trip for all who made it when she says, "Did we ever have a ball!"

Well, let's reach back into not-quite-so-recent affairs. The Sophomore Class can be con-

gratulated on their annual Hop. That "Winter Wonderland" theme seemed to usher in these December days most appropriately.

Basketball season is taking up where the pigskin left off. We can only wish our team the success of the football team. So far the season looks promising especially for players like that No. 13! Say, but that Mayes can go!

Don't believe anyone is finding time to work up any noteworthy romances this month except the Editor of this paper, and when he found the time, no one can quite figure!

Men, take notice of your appearance! Are you using your clothing to your best possible advantage? Do you take pride in being neat? Follow "Baby Joe's" example. He can be seen almost anywhere brushing those yards of suede jacket stretched over his broad shoulders.

Only a few more days until the wonderful Christmas holidays! Everyone has that "certain" tingle—everyone's going home. We're supposed to be adults chronologically speaking, but who isn't a child again when a Christmas carol is heard, a parade is passing by, or chimes float through the wintry twilight. Yes, Christmas is almost here, and we're all looking forward to the merriest ever followed by a wonderful New Year. Bye for now! See you in '56!

FIREWORKS

The use of fireworks on Christmas is common in Italy, France and Spain. The French settlers in Louisiana introduced this custom in America and it spread to any other Southern states so that while fireworks are associated with the Fourth of July in the North they are regarded in the South as an indispensable accompaniment of Christmas. The day was observed in the South much earlier than in the North.

—Douglas. American Book of Days.



J. S. C. SEARCH PARTY—Late in the night of November 29th word came from Gadsden that a small boy was lost in the woods. The child had been gone for several hours, and the weather was below freezing. The male students of Jacksonville quickly turned out to aid the search. However, just as the Jacksonville group arrived, the child was found and was in good condition.



Few libraries directly supply the answers to the \$64,000 questions. The atmosphere is not supercharged with the excitement of knowing the answers, or not knowing the answers. Nobody expects to win a fortune if the answer is given, nor to lose a fortune if the answer is not forthcoming; but each query constitutes a challenge and each answer becomes a reward within itself.

Because of the nature of libraries, questing minds provide the very reason for a library's being, and questions are the salt that adds flavor and zest to library service. Librarians eagerly anticipate the next question and the next, and finding the answer to a very difficult question gives an invigorating sense of accomplishment, while failing to find one is a goal to seek.

Though our college library is not a research library in the strictest sense of the word, unusual and exciting questions do come our way. No one will deny the unusualness of the inquiry of the boy who wanted to know the process for shrinking heads (we wondered at first if someone's had grown too large).

Family trees come in for a share of interest in the search for tracing a family line.

History takes a real bow in such specialized questions as the following: Who was the first president of the United States to have an official body guard? Who administered the oath of office to George Washington when he became president? What man was responsible for the formal proposal of the Bill of Rights to our constitution?

Closely related to these questions is one concerned with the significance for folding the American flag in the shape of a triangle with three stars showing, and the symbols for each of these three stars.

Another brain-teaser was the query about which two states of the United States have the shortest daylight hours on July 4th.

To name the famous lovers of history on first thought seemed an easy question, but

the answer proved very elusive, as did the explanation for the legendary "Devil's Hoofprints."

Rewarding indeed is the opportunity to supply information to be put into immediate, practical use—such information as examples of charters and by-laws for non-profit organizations, and a basic list of books for establishing a library in music and art appreciation.

Obscure biographical information is sometimes requested. Such information concerned the locating of seven love lyrics written to Richard Wagner, by the German poetess Mathilde Wesendonck. Such answers prove interesting and enlightening.

All the above examples are highlights in opportunities for supplying information to those who seek it. The greatest opportunities for our reference service, however, come in answering questions like these—how to locate an item in the card catalog, where to find the life of an author, how to use the Readers' Guide, where to locate the best source for writing a term paper, how to find a particular quotation, where to find material in the stacks, and how to obtain material from the Vertical File.

Through all these various questions the reference department of the library has a share in answering questions of individual interests, and in supplementing learning supplied by class lectures and texts. It is our personal opinion that ours is an interesting share.

SOCIAL SCIENCE CLUB ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

During an earlier meeting this semester the Social Science Club elected new officers for the year as follows: Louis Peltz, president; Joe Methvin, vice-president; Shirley Underwood, secretary; Tom Maze, treasurer; William Jackson, parliamentarian; Betty Cyar, reporter.

A regular meeting was held November 2 at the International House. After initiating three new members—Richard Whitaker, Lou O'Donnell, and Tommy Boyd—Dr. Fields and a panel of experts presented an interesting and informative discussion on "World Problems". The group was then served refreshments.

We welcome all persons interested in joining this club to contact any of the above-named officers.

Freshman Notes

"There go those silly little freshmen!" That is a phrase which has probably been heard by about half the Jacksonville freshman population. Do we deserve this infamous title? Perhaps some of the adult and aged upper-classmen agree that we do, but our own opinions about the matter are quite different.

After all, we've been told all our lives that our college days will be the happiest we shall ever have, and that to enjoy them to the fullest is a must. We do not mean to neglect the serious part of campus life, studying, for instance. I believe you will not find many of us who are neglecting our books excessively. But, there are also very few freshmen who are not almost always happy and ready to laugh at a drop of humor. The trademark of a freshman is his jocularity.

To the Gamecocks . . . I know you have been congratulated and cheered thrice and again. Yet it would seem remiss to neglect a special thank you from our freshman class. Our first semester at Jax State has been made more perfect and thrilling because of a bunch of wonderful football players. You can imagine the prestige we feel as we write home to our folks from a college which has a football team and a group of coaches who are tops, we feel, anywhere. Again, congratulations, thank you, and to all of you a hope that the game of life for you is as successful as this year of football.

From The SMOKESTACK

Looking across the campus this month I see a lot of activity and a lot of happy faces. The honking of horns, firing of rifles, and yelling of a mighty crowd is still bouncing off the hills.

Last week the football team returned to Jacksonville with the greatest honors that any Jacksonville team has ever brought to the "Gem of The Hills."

Noticed several students in the hall of Bibb Graves the other day and after a closer look it was apparent that the Red Cross blood bank was receiving some deposits. Otis Williams didn't seem to be satisfied with giving only one pint. Cute nurse, Otto?

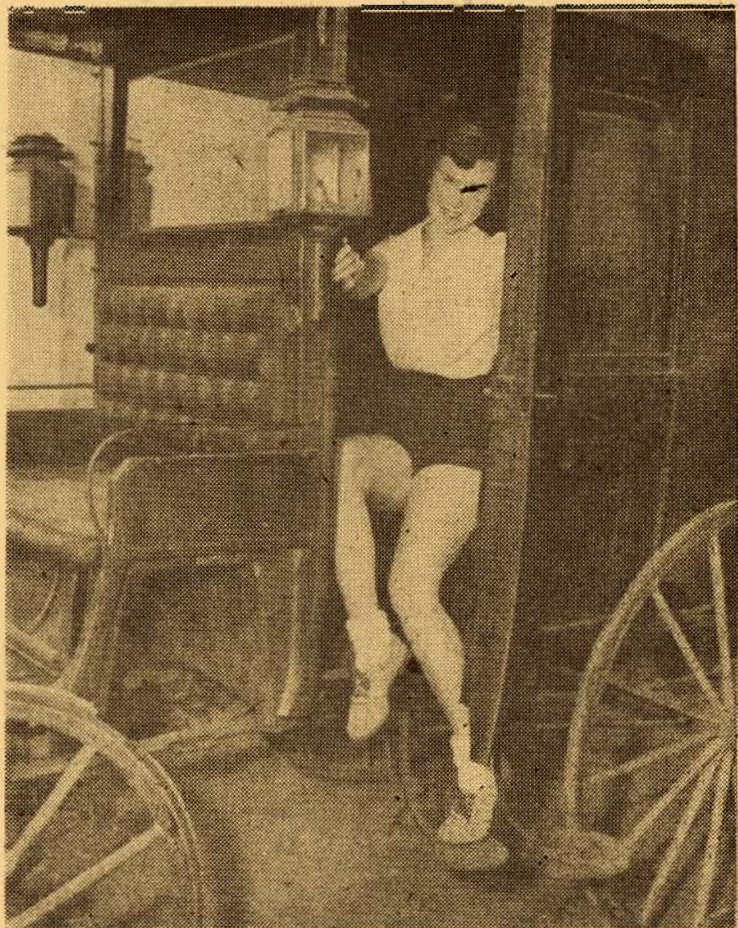
The Chapel Committee has once again opened a drive to raise money for the campus' most worthy cause. Forney Hall seems to be determined that they shall not be out-done in the drive. Those freshmen boys are showing their spirit. Keep it up, boys!

Sophomores are to be congratulated for their fine dance. Too bad about the weather's indifference.

Honors can also be given to the S. G. A. for their fine job of selling tickets for the "Refrigerator Bowl."

Jacksonville's basketball team must also be given credit for their fine job against Livingston. The boys had trouble getting started and until the fourth quarter they were either behind or only one or two points out in front. They turned on the steam in the fourth period and looked like the team of last year.

With a long over-due rest coming up soon, and a long shopping list to mull over, I had best be wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



"GEM OF THE HILLS"—The Collegian picks Joy McNew as this month's "Gem of the Hills." Joy is a physical education major from Collinsville. She is shown here in Santa's buggy.

Sophomore Dance Termed A Very Successful Event

By LUCY DURHAM

The Sophomore class set the pace for the other classes to follow December 1, when they sponsored the annual Sophomore Hop, the first of the class dances on the campus.

The theme of the dance "Winter Wonderland" was carried out very effectively. The big silver ball which hung in the center of the gym and the silver stars were beautiful as they reflected the blue from the lights and the blue streamers. In one corner of the gym was a big silver bob-sled.

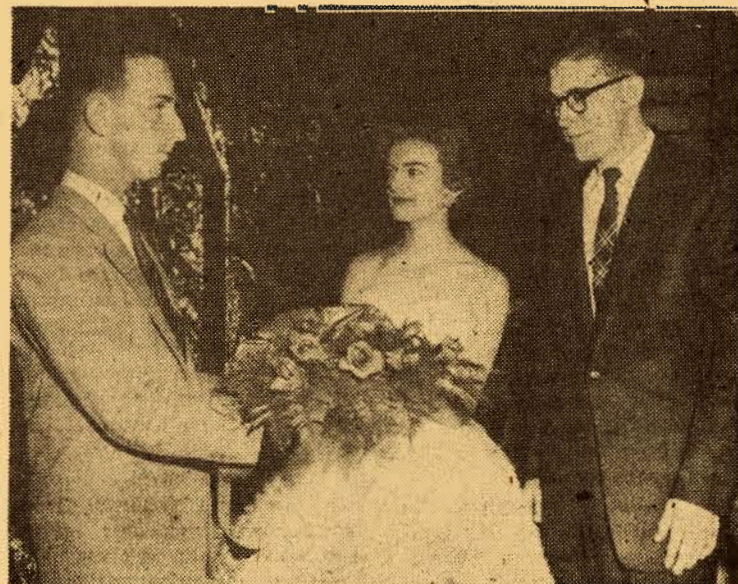
In the leadout the class favorites, beauties, and class officers came through a huge silver star and were introduced as they crossed a snow covered bridge. They formed an oval circle in front of the bridge and star.

Those in the leadout were Ann Parker, class favorite, escorted by Jack Young; Anita Lockridge escorted by Dick Killian, class favorite; Carolyn Patterson escorted by Bill Jones, class favorite; June Nickleson, class beauty, escorted by Lyndol Bolton; Ann

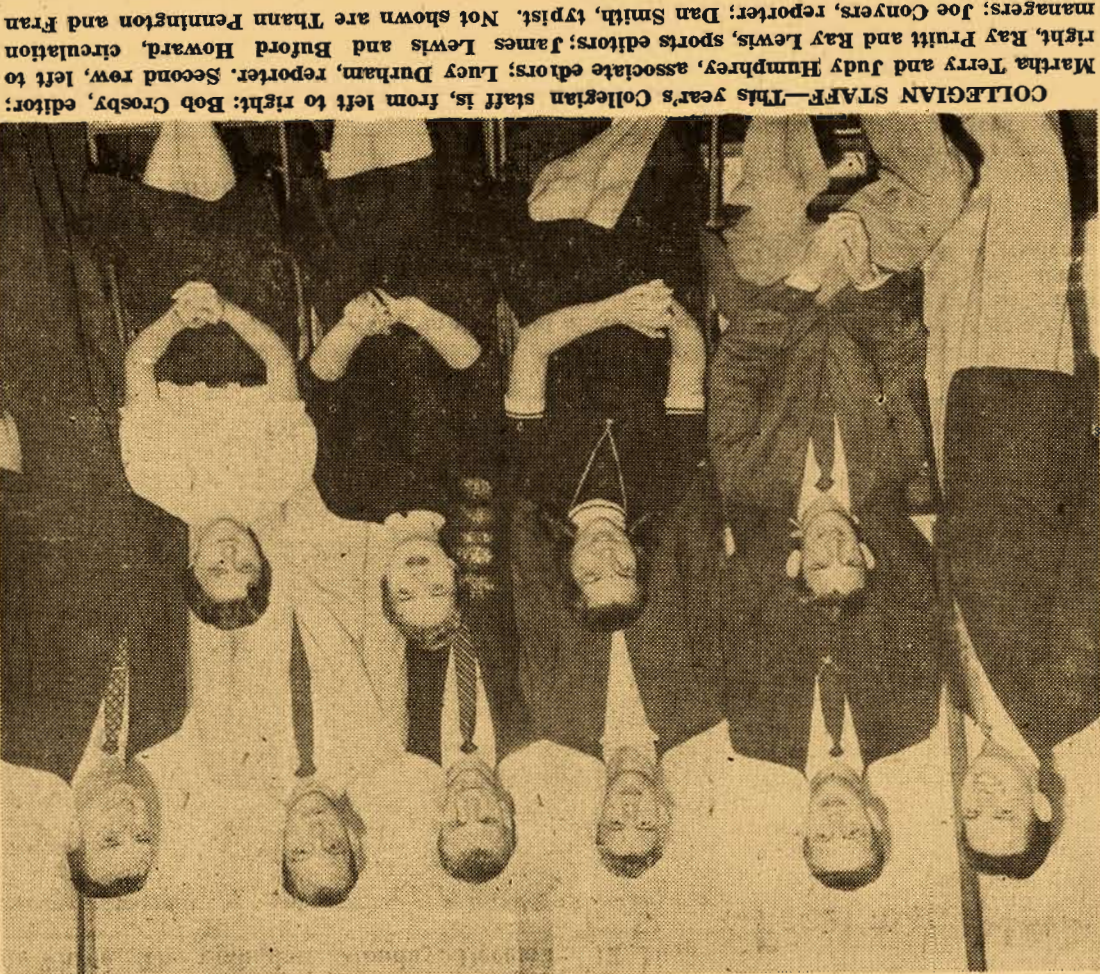
White, class beauty, escorted by Edward Davidson; Lucy Durham, class reporter, escorted by DeLeath Rives; Forrest Faulkner, class secretary, escorted by Tommy Walthall; Margaret McHurg, escorted by Ray Lewis, class treasurer; Sybil Brittain, class social chairman, escorted by Buddy Patty; Freda Cartledge, class S. G. A. representative, escorted by Tommy Ligon; Iris Baugh, escorted by Bill Hampton, class vice-president; and Martha Haynes, escorted by Joe Methvin, sophomore class president.

The officers of the Sophomore class wish to thank the members of the class who worked on the dance and all others who helped to make the first of the annual class dances a success.

Jo Deerman and Beulah Richey are available as substitute teachers for the physical education department. Jo's specialty is first aid, Beulah's is personal hygiene. "Guber Hull" is also available.



SOPHOMORE LEADOUT—On Dec. 1, the sophomore class held its annual dance. Pictured above are Class President Joe Methvin, and his date, Martha Haynes, as class sponsor, Billy Gilbert, presents a bouquet of roses.



COLLEGIAN STAFF—This year's Collegian staff is, from left to right: Bob Crosby, editor; Martha Terry and Judy Humphrey, associate editors; Lucy Durham, reporter. Second row, left to right, Ray Pruitt and Ray Lewis, sports editors; James Lewis and Buford Howard, circulation managers; Joe Conyers, reporter; Dan Smith, typist. Not shown are Thamm Pennington and Fran Wilson, feature writers.

Wesley Foundation Welcomes Students

By LUCY DURHAM
The Wesley Foundation at New York University welcomed all Methodist students and all other students to its meetings held twice a week. Every Wednesday night at 6:30 it meets in the little auditorium, Educational Building of the First Methodist Church for supper, a program, and choir practice.

Our new program chairman, Horace Acton, has promised what should be some fine programs. Last Wednesday night the Rev. Ed Wilson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Jacksonville, began a series on Science and Religion. This series will be continued after Christmas holidays.

On December 11, Mr. Miles was our speaker. On Wednesday night, December 14, the Wesley Foundation is planning a Christmas party, so plan now to attend. All students are welcome to Sunday School at 10:00 and preaching at 11:00 every Sunday morning and then to preaching Sunday night at 7:00.

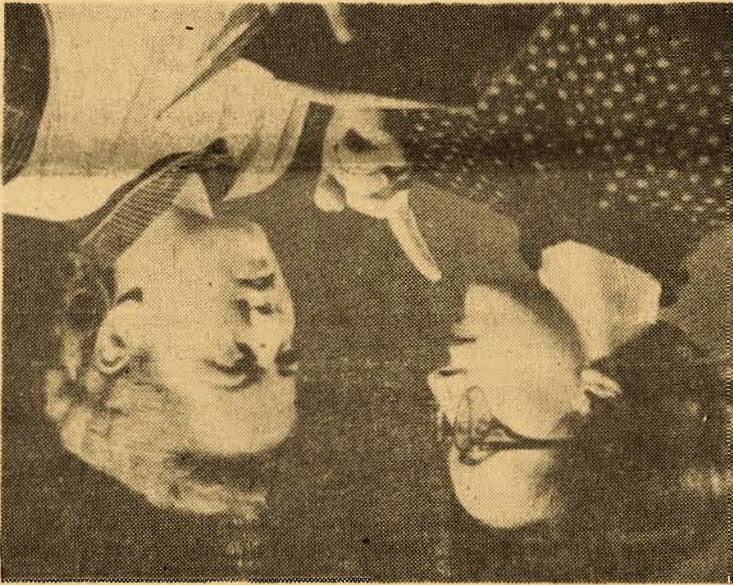
A study of the flute shows that the wind necessary to play the instrument must have a velocity of more than seventy-five miles an hour.

The Y.W.C.A. of Birmingham has invited all the foreign students in Alabama on Tuesday, Nov. 15, when they celebrated their centennial. Our International House had the largest delegation. Dr. Lothar Tresp, professor of languages at Howard College, was the speaker of the occasion.

On Tuesday, November 22, the International House will have supper in Anniston as guests of the Pilot Club. The first member of "The International Voice" of this year has just been issued. The purpose of this paper is to keep in touch with the alumni of the International House and carry out the news to the members and give a chance to the members of the program to express their ideas about any subject which might be of interest.

International Foundation Celebrates 10th Anniversary

Hundreds of Rotarians, members of the Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs, and many other guests, swarmed over the International House to meet the new group of students and take part in the celebration of the tenth anniversary. A receiving line was formed by the students who, colorfully dressed in their native costumes, greeted the visitors.



MASQUE AND WIG GUILD—The first play of this season will be given at the Leone Cole Auditorium on Tuesday night, Dec. 13, under the direction of Bobbie Waller Mosker. Mrs. Ralph Lindsey, Mrs. Thomas A. Belsler, and Dr. David McElroy are faculty advisers. Leading parts in the play, which is a mystery and was made into a successful movie, will be played by Judy Humphrey, Goodwater; Nell Smith, Fort Payne; and Edvard Mosker, Jacksonville. Other members of the cast include Ervin Woodruff, Alexandria; Elizabeth Robinson, Anniston; Dick Jones, Gadsden; Pat Cheuning, Camp Hill; and James Moncrief, Talladega.

We are very thankful to the Home Ec. Dept. for the good help provided to serve refreshments during the ceremony. This day was a great one. It showed nothing but the increasing interest of people in what the International House stands for.

On Monday, October 26, Dean Montgomery was our guest speaker. His talk was very interesting and informative. He explained clearly the boys and girls relationships in the U.S. and on the campuses in particular.

Dr. Leonard Larson Gives PE Address

Dr. Leonard Larson, Professor of Physical Education at New York University was honored with a tea on Oct. 30, in Bibb Graves Lounge. Marie Brown introduced the guests to him. Others in the receiving line were: Frances Hanson, Mrs. W. J. Calvert, Dr. and Mrs. Don Salls, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Dillon, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Roberson, Ray Wedgeworth, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest V. New-Holy Child in Bethlehem. The value of the gift should not be important, rather the thought and feeling of the giver. A person who really believes that it is better to give than to receive knows that by giving, one does deep satisfaction, yes!

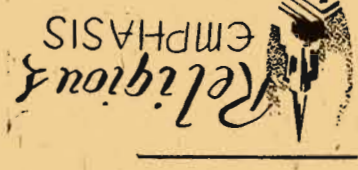
Christ gave the biggest thing that He had so that we might live. He truly loved His people and gladly died for them. Many of us often forget this and thus become a receiver and not a giver. If we live, good, clean, Christian lives then we are givers to the cause for which Christ died.

As we approach the Christmas season, let us stop and remember the small Jesus as He was in His manger many centuries ago. Remember also that He was born in a stable, yet it was the King of all people. He lived among the poor and traveled by foot, teaching and preaching the gospel of His Father in heaven.

No matter how poor a person clothed he may be, remember to be kind as Jesus was to us. For royal processions in India, the faces of the elephants are generally decorated with the figures of two grotesque animals, designed so that the eye of each painted figure is visible and represented by an eye of the elephant. Thus the live eyes give a unique and uncanny effect to those decorations.

No known infectious disease develops faster than Asiatic cholera. After feeling the first symptoms, persons have died from it within sixty minutes.

The Phi Mu Alpha Christmas Dance, should not fail to attend and the company of good people, anyone wishing to enjoy good music, dancing at its best, local chapter.



Religious EMPHASIS

Jaxmen Win Bowl, 12-10

By RAY LEWIS

On December 3rd a host of Gamecock supporters moved into Evansville, Indiana, for what turned out to be a very thrilling and enjoyable week-end. By Saturday afternoon everyone had arrived and gotten settled. At 6:30 everyone met in front of the Hotel Vendome and formed what turned out to be the best pep-rally of the year. Everyone really "lived it up" as they marched through the streets yelling.

Immediately after the pep-rally, at the Grand Theatre the two teams were introduced and a queen (what a queen!) was selected.

Sunday afternoon at 12:45 a motorcade was formed at the hotel and the city provided a police escort to the game. The players were introduced as they came through a large refrigerator. The Purdue band provided the pre-game music and even yelled for the Gamecocks during the game.

Up until game time the Jacksonville team was a 19-point underdog. Many people said the Gamecocks were completely outclassed, but the team came on the field even more determined to win.

The first half of the ball game was very closely fought with both teams getting near the goal lines only to fumble and lose the ball. On fourth down with only 14 seconds remaining in the first half, Jim Jerue kicked a 21-yard field goal for the Rams that just made it inside the cross bars. It was the second field goal in Refrigerator Bowl history.

The Gamecocks grabbed the second half kick-off and marched seventy yards for the score. It was almost Big Bill Hicks all the way as he carried the ball eleven of the fourteen plays, gaining a total of approximately sixty-five yards. The conversion was no good.

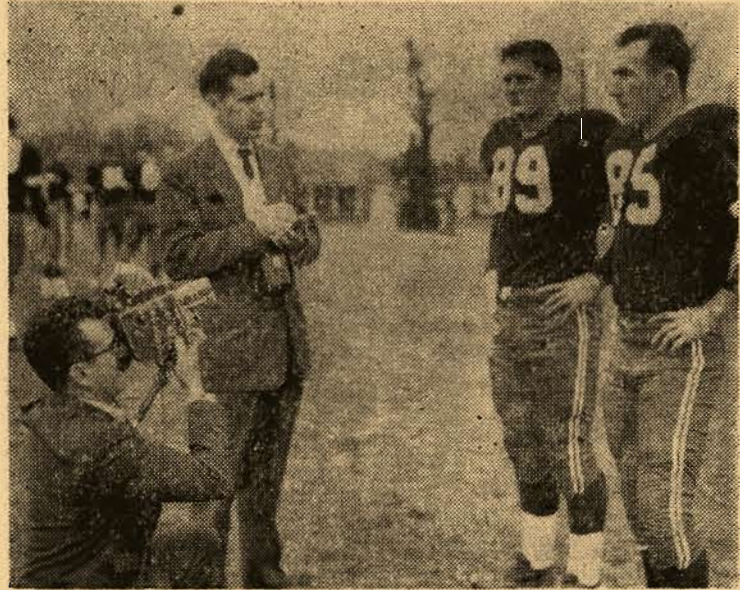
After taking the kick-off, Rhode Island was forced to punt and the oval went out of bounds on the Jax six yard line. On the first play the ball was dropped and Rhode Island recovered. Three plays netted no gain and on fourth down the Rams lined up for a field goal, but instead of kicking, Sammartino raised up and threw a screen pass to DeSimone and he scampered over untouched. The conversion was good and Rhode Island led, 10-6.

After a series of fumbles the Gamecocks wound up with the ball on the Rams' six-yard line. With the reserve backfield in operation the Gamecocks smashed into the end zone in three plays. Fullback Ches Skates did all the carrying and made the score from the one. Again the conversion was no good.

The Rhode Island team was still in it as they drove to the Jacksonville nine yard line. Then DeSimone fumbled and big Alex Mandli fell on the ball with only ninety seconds left to play. The Jaxmen ran out the clock and grabbed the hardest fought game of the Refrigerator Bowl series. Final score: Jacksonville 12, Rhode Island 10.

After the game the trophies were presented and Big Billy Hicks walked off with the top honor of the day. He was the unanimous choice of the judges as the most valuable player in the game. To quote Dick Schison, sports writer for the Evansville Courier, "Hicks was

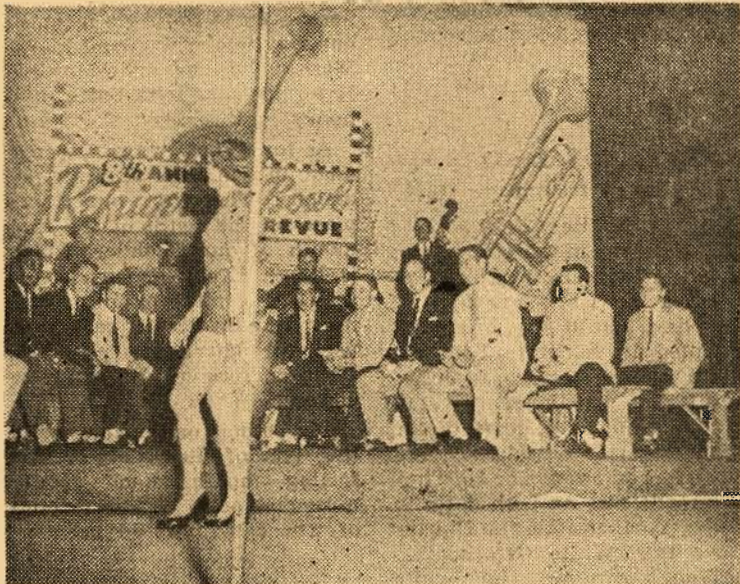
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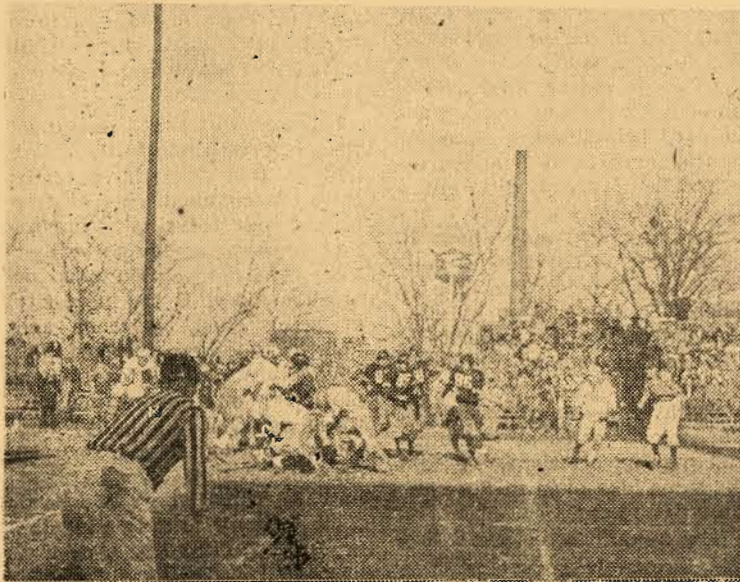
GAMECOCKS ON TV—Billy Hicks and Joe Roberts are interviewed for television to be shown in Rhode Island and other eastern states.



PEP RALLY—J. S. C. students and other Gamecock supporters hold a pep rally in front of Vendome Hotel in Evansville, Ind. The temperature was low, spirits high.



GAMECOCKS PICK QUEEN—Players from the University of Rhode Island and Jacksonville select a Refrigerator Bowl Queen.



GAMECOCKS GO!—An unidentified Gamecock goes for long yards as several Rhode Island players take a ride.



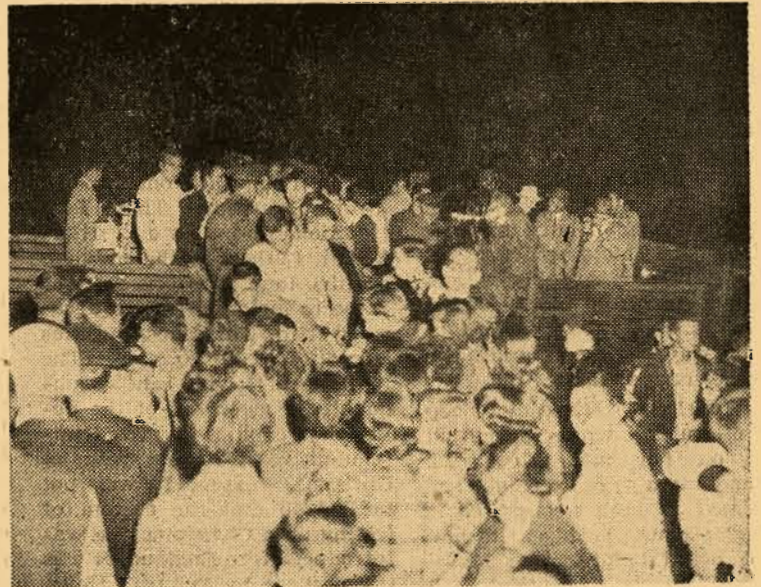
GAMECOCKS GO TO CHURCH—The entire Jacksonville football squad attended a special church service Sunday morning before the game.



REFRIGERATOR QUEEN—Roy "Bull" Bailey and Bill Clark, Gamecock co-captains, are shown with the lovely Refrigerator Bowl Queen and members of the Evansville Chamber of Commerce.



BAILEY AND CLARK ACCEPT AWARDS—Gamecock co-captains accept awards for their team after a 12-10 victory over the Rhode Island Rams.



GAMECOCKS GREETED—A huge crowd of some 7,000 people greeted the Jacksonville players when they arrived back home.

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lifted each offering up before the altar. If only she had something to offer to the Lord.

But Rachel would not be in the congregation at the evening worship for the inn was crowded and the demands made by the guests kept her time fully occupied. Furthermore, she never went to the Temple on sacrifice days because she had nothing to give. The girl had lived the hard life of an orphan, her parents having died from fever when she was quite young. Now she was sixteen, a bit small for her age, but lithe and strong. At the inn, Rachel worked from dawn to dusk for the little food she ate, the shelter of a roof, and for the coarse and unadorned clothing she wore, her only possessions.

Rachel finished sweeping the last corner of the cobblestone yard and then stopped to take a lingering look at the setting sun. Silhouetted against the flaming sky was a man leading a plodding donkey on which rode a woman stooped in weariness. Rachel watched them approach the inn. "Both appear to be very tired," she mused. "They must have come a great distance." When the pair neared the inn the girl saw they were physically spent. "I'll get a basin of water and a towel for them," she said to herself as she darted inside. Rachel returned in time to see how dejected the young couple were after having been told accommodations were not available. She also heard the strange man say he was Joseph of Nazareth and that his wife, Mary, was in need of rest. Impulsively, Rachel whispered to the innkeeper, "Let them have my bed. It is a small corner but it is warm and quiet." He retorted, "Hush, child! A mat of rushes cannot be offered guests." Quietly Joseph said, "Even a mat of rushes is better than the cold earth." The young wife smiled gratefully at Rachel who thought she had never seen anyone so beautiful. Finally the innkeeper said Joseph and Mary could sleep in the stable if there was room. Rachel quickly found a vacant stall for them, tossed fresh hay on the floor and made it fairly comfortable to lie on. Then the thankful young couple freshened themselves with the jar of water and the towel the girl had brought for their use.

Satisfying the evening needs of the inn's guests kept Rachel busy and on the run. It seemed there was an almost endless array of heavy water jars to fill and carry but after everybody's wants were taken care of she prepared for a night of needed rest.

Glancing out the window Rachel noticed Joseph in the gathering dark making his way from the stable to the well to refill his water jar. Hastily taking her small lamp from its niche and shielding its flame, the girl hurried outdoors and caught up with him. "Take this," she urged, "it will light your way." Joseph gratefully expressed his thanks.

Rachel was so tired that sleep came quickly when she curled up on her mat of rushes. Sometime during the night she seemed to hear a great choir singing music such as she had not heard before. The joyful voices blended beautifully in the song, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace to men of good will." Becoming awake, Rachel quickly arose and rushed to the window. She

listened intently but there was no music of a great choir floating on the air. Only the quiet of a peaceful night prevailed. But what a bright night it was. Never had she seen the old cobblestone inn yard illumined so brilliantly. One exceptionally radiant star momentarily attracted her because it shone like a jewel and appeared to cloak the stable with a golden beam of light. Gradually the frosty night air and the demands of sleep overcame her so she lay down again.

Morning came bringing the usual routine tasks of refilling water jars, emptying basins, and tidying up rooms. Not until noontime did Rachel hear that the lovely young woman in the stable had given birth to a baby boy during the night. Despite her strong desire she could not snatch a moment from her work to see the child until nightfall. After lighting the lamps in the inn, Rachel ran to the stable and entered quietly. Rounding the corner stall she came upon the little family before she noticed that strangers were present. Shepherds they were, rugged men with weather-beaten faces and deepset eyes. All were gazing in awe at the newborn babe in swaddling clothes asleep in the manger. Rachel looked too. Suddenly there seemed to be a bright radiance about the child. The shepherds saw it and dropped to their knees with heads bowed in silent adoration. Then the oldest shepherd presented the lamb he had been carrying. "A gift," he said, "for the King." The young mother graciously accepted the lamb with a smile of understanding. Having no gift, Rachel was embarrassed and wanted to run away but Mary beckoned her to come nearer. Gently she drew the girl close to the sleeping infant. Just then the babe stirred, opened his eyes, and smiled appealingly at the girl. "Look, Rachel," the young mother exclaimed, "he is thanking you for your gift." "My gift?" Rachel didn't understand. "Yes, your gift," Mary replied softly. "The goodness in your heart that makes you think and do for others. All of the thoughtful deeds of kindness you have done for us, you have done for my son." The beaming girl slipped out into the night. She had learned that an inexhaustible source of happiness and personal satisfaction is a warm and abiding love for people expressed in acts of living kindness. Rachel now knew that the best gift of all is not a valued possession but the giving of one's self.

The Christmas tree, as it is now known, is of German origin, although antiquarians profess to trace it to ancient Egypt. The first authentic mention of a Christmas tree in Germany was in 1605 when one was set up in Strassburg. There is a tradition, however, that Martin Luther, in the previous century took an evergreen tree home to his children and decorated it for Christmas and thus introduced the custom. The lighting of it with candles undoubtedly grew out of the belief that candles appeared miraculously on various trees at Christmas season. It was not until 1840 that the custom of setting up a Christmas tree was introduced into England. It was taken there by Princess Helen of Macklenberg and the Prince Consort. It was introduced into the United States at an earlier date by the German immigrants.

Ramblings Of The Corps

By DILLARD STAGGS

This is a brief article of the history of the ROTC and purpose of the present day ROTC course as it is taught in the institutions of higher learning in our land.

The origin of military training in the United States in a civil educational institution occurred September 4, 1820, at "The American Literary, Scientific and Military Academy," then located at Norwich, Vermont. Later, in 1834 the name of the school was changed to Norwich University and moved to Northfield, Vermont, where it is located at present. Lieutenant General Gerald D. White, present commanding general, Fourth Army, is a graduate of Norwich University.

The Morrill Act of 1862, commonly known as the "Land Grant Act," gave a considerable boost to the concept of including military training with conventional education. This Act provided for the endowment, support, and maintenance of colleges that included ROTC in their curriculum. Many of our largest colleges and universities of today were founded as a result of this legislation.

Since the enactment of the National Defense Act of 1917, with its amendment of 1920, the Reserve Officers Training Corps has been active in over 300 colleges and universities in the United States and Territories.

The purpose of ROTC is to train future officers for the armed forces of the United States, and to provide our reserve forces with an adequate supply of leaders to keep our country strong.

While accomplishing this purpose in our institutions of higher learning, a ROTC Department becomes a valuable asset to the institution. At our particular college, the ROTC Department is one of the more distinguished organizations on the campus. Various social functions are provided by the ROTC Department for the enjoyment and benefit of the students. The department holds two dances per school year, and also, furnishes a drill team which performs at football games and parades in which the school participates.

Another outstanding part of the ROTC Department is the military fraternity of Scabbard and Blade. This is an honorary organization composed of outstanding military students. This organization is responsible for the military ball and all the other social functions of the Military Department.

The Scabbard and Blade participated in the Talent Show held Thursday, December 8th in Leone Cole Auditorium. The show was a huge success.

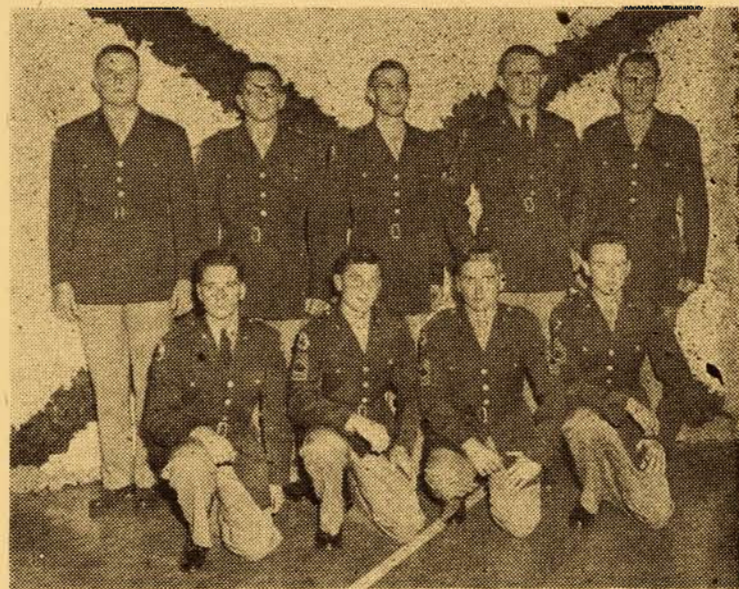
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the greatest fullback to ever play in the Refrigerator Bowl classic."

The Collegian would like to extend fullest congratulations to a great guy and great player, Billy Hicks.

The entire Jacksonville team was great during every minute of the game. Every one of the players really did a magnificent job. Congratulations are also in order to three great coaches, Salls, Wedgeworth, and Roberson. May they continue to turn out such fine ball teams.



SCABBARD AND BLADE PLEDGES—Jacksonville's Scabbard and Blade pledges for this semester are shown, left to right: William Jackson, Larry Lee, Jimmy Ford, Billy Bowen; (back row) Ben Webb, Dillard Staggs, Dave Stewart, Bob Rogan, Robert Payne.

VOTING STUDENTS

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propriate the money.

Joe Conyers moved that the SGA pay \$100 for the cheerleader's expenses to Evansville, and after considerable discussion, the council unanimously voted in favor of his motion. The treasury is low, but everyone agreed that since this is the most important football event of the year, the money would be well spent.

The Scabbard and Blade was granted permission to meet in the SGA room in Daugette basement on the 2nd and 4th Thursday nights.

Gerald Johnson, in charge of gathering information about a trophy case, reported that a case similar to the bulletin board in Bibb Graves and measuring 7'x7' would cost at least \$125.00. After hearing the treasurer's report the council came to the conclusion that the case should not be purchased for a while.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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Many or "Little Christmas" is still observed in these European countries and also in Cuba. According to Christian history, this day, Jan. 6, was originally adopted to celebrate both the birth and the baptism of Jesus, until the fourth century. In Italy for instance, most of the gifts are made on this day, and very few on December 25. They are made also on both dates in Cuba. Furthermore, the Cubans have the "White Offering," a present wrapped in white paper, which the students give to the poor.

In France, the Epiphany is the occasion of a meal during which a king and queen are drawn by means of a bean hidden inside a cake.

In these places used as examples, Christmas has a purpose of bringing the members of the family and relatives together. It is entirely different in Korea where Christianity has been introduced only about 70 years. The celebration is confined mostly to the church. Therefore, there is no holiday, especially since the majority of the Koreans belong either to Buddhism or Confucianism.

Since the main object of Christmas is celebrating a birth and making offerings, we find the same idea even in the non-Christian faiths.

The Buddhists celebrate the

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birth of Buddha. This day, April 8, happens to be that of his Enlightenment and also that of his Attainment. In Siam for instance, people go to the temple about nine o'clock in the morning and take food and other gifts to the monks. They walk around the temple three times, then sit for prayer, while a kind of incense is burned. Schools and other administrations take a three-day vacation.

Islam, although recognizing Jesus as a Prophet, does not observe Christmas. But we do celebrate the birth of our Prophet Mohammed, that is the "Mouloud" which literally means birthday. It is mainly a religious day during which pamphlets about the life of the Prophet are read. It is also like any other religious ceremony—an occasion of expressing friendly wishes and forgiveness, even to those we meet on our way whom we don't know. Most of the families in Morocco serve hot grits with butter and honey for breakfast that day.

As for the offerings, they are made in two other separate occasions. The first one takes place on the tenth of the first month of our calendar, which is lunar. Every one who possesses a capital or properties must take off 2½ per cent to be used for charitable purposes. Children receive toys and new clothes.

The other one comes with the end of Ramadan or the fasting month. Each family must give out a certain amount of wheat to those in need.

Those examples are limited to the countries represented in the Program. They may be the same or different somewhere else. Also, the few rituals mentioned are not the only ones in practice. There are many others which the students will be glad to tell you if you address them individually.

However different these practices or even these faiths are, I believe that they have many things in common. As a matter of fact, one thing very important appears as human rather than Christian, or Buddhist or Moslem. That is the necessity of being good, generous and helpful to others in need, the necessity of coming together in glorifying our days which are those of God Almighty, and pledge our gratitude for the blessings bestowed on us. How peaceful would the world be if the people chose to live together, remembering that they are, after all, nothing but humans?

May your Christmas be the merriest, followed by a New Year of Happiness, Peace and Prosperity.