

The Christmas Spirit Miraculous

We hear and speak much of "the Christmas Spirit." It is in the air; we feel it in our own spirits—but what is it? Is it not primarily that we find ourselves asking, and know that others are asking, "What can I give?" The spirit of Christmas stands out by contrast from the spirit of the rest of the year because we too often live eleven months of the year on the philosophy of "what can I get?" And we will hear again and again during the coming season the familiar plaintive sigh, "How much of the world's heartache would

be healed if this Christmas Spirit of sacrifice and giving could rule the lives of men the year around!"

Greatest Miracle

Yes, there is something miraculous about this Christmas spirit. What is the cause which can produce such an effect? We grant that custom, tradition, advertising, public opinion are factors. But these alone would not wield such an influence if there were not some deeper reality in the soul of mankind. The spirit is real and it is miraculous because it springs from the greatest mir-

acle the world has witnessed: "In the beginning was the Word . . . and the Word was God. . . and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us." This is the Christmas miracle, a miracle so great that an angel chorus was sent down from heaven to proclaim the fact to the world.

Mighty Message

The message was not a mere announcement of a new sacred holiday. It revolutionized the course of history because it proclaimed a fact. To a world impatient and weary of waiting, to

men who were dying in self-ness, sin and brutality, came the proclamation: "Fear not. . . Peace and the Word became flesh and . . . Good will. . . Unto you a Savior is born." The fact was no less than this, that God gave His Son. So mighty has been the influence of His Spirit that even men who disclaim and deny Him are carried along by it as the multitudes of Christendom prepare once more to celebrate His coming. May the fact be our possession; may the Spirit and the Joy and the Blessing be ours this Christmas .

Dr. C. C. Madsen



Blair, Nebr.

Friday, Dec. 11, 1953

Student Council Plans Now Nearly Completed

During the past week, the student council has planned and completed a number of projects. One of these is the new recreation room being built in the gymnasium basement, another project was the Christmas tree lighting ceremony and a third project is a forthcoming roller skating party.

Work Day Successful

Cleaning, painting, sewing, and repairing, were jobs involved in the recreation room work day held Saturday, Dec. 5. The new recreation room will include table tennis, shuffleboard, a game area and a lounge. Later possibilities include television and an extension of the canteen. This room is intended for student use, and the student council hopes that the students will assist in maintaining the room properly. Members of the recreation room committee are Henry Rosenthal, student association recreation director; Jim Thomsen, Bill Lawson and Ann Harms.

Campus Calendar

Friday, Dec. 11

Christmas caroling, downtown Blair.

Basketball at Salina, Kansas, Dana vs. Kansas Wesleyan U.

Saturday, Dec. 12

Basketball at Sterling, Kansas, Dana vs. Sterling.

Sunday, Dec. 13

Christmas banquet, 5:30 p.m., dining hall.

"Christmas Destiny," History club play, evening, Auditorium-gymnasium.

Monday, Dec. 14

Basketball here, Dana vs. Tar-kio.

Wednesday, Dec. 16

Vacation begins.

Monday, Jan. 4

Classes resume.

Monday was the day for the traditional Christmas tree lighting ceremony. The service, which was held between the two dormitories with caroling and a devotional service by the students, marked the beginning of the Christmas festivities at Dana this year and replaced the regular evening student chapel service.

Skating Tomorrow Night

Another student council sponsored project will take place tomorrow night, Dec. 12. This will be a roller skating party for the student body and will be held at the skating rink in Fremont, Nebraska. Transportation for the group will be arranged by the council.

Banquet, Play, Caroling Highlight Dana Christmas

Campus Christmas festivities, which began with the traditional tree lighting Monday evening and the L.S.A. candlelight vesper service Wednesday evening, continue to find expression in varied activities during the half-week remaining before the start of vacation. A one-act play, a banquet and caroling make up the list of events slated.

Tonight the L.S.A. is sponsoring Christmas caroling by the college students. Meeting between the dormitories, the students will be transported to various places in Blair, among them the Good Shepherd home, the Crowell Old People's home, the Blair Convalescent home and homes of other shut-ins.

Banquet Sunday

Sunday at 5:30 p.m. the annual Christmas banquet will be held in the dining hall. This year the Home Economics club is taking over the sponsorship of the informal affair, which in past years was staged by the W.A.A.

Long Vacation Climaxes Semester

Beginning with an extra long Christmas vacation, administration officials have posted a full schedule for the remaining weeks of the first semester. The vacation of fifteen and a half days is partly to accommodate students who work during the holiday vacation. Classes resume Monday, Jan. 4 with three weeks remaining in the semester, one of which is exam week.

Registration begins Monday, Jan. 11, one week after classes meet in the new year. This is a change from previous years when registration took place the same week of exams. First semester examinations are then scheduled Monday through Thursday, Jan. 18-21. The second semester begins Monday, Jan. 25.

Among the various activities scheduled for the first week following the vacation are a Literary-Fine Arts club film, "The Lavender Hill Mob," Friday, Jan. 8 and a basketball game with York college Saturday, Jan. 9 in the college gymnasium. Other events of that week are the weekly L.S.A. meeting Wednesday and seminary Holy Communion.

The program centers around a festive play, "Why the Chimes Rang," by Raymond Alden and is augmented by Christmas music. Narrator of the play is Bob Hemmingson. Tickets have been on sale for the past two weeks and can be bought up to the time of the banquet. Ellen Olsen is general chairman of the affair.

Club Gives Play

Following the banquet, "Christmas Destiny," a one-act play by Dorothy Allen, will be given by the History club in the Auditorium-gymnasium. Based on symbolism, the allegorical play is directed by Miss Aagot Hoidahl. Cast as leading characters are Joan Warren, Jim Poh and Bill Lawson, while supporting roles are held by Wayne Hanson, Elsie Lund, Ada Andersen and Beverly Kruty.

Tickets on Sale

Tickets, which are on sale and can be bought up to curtain time, can be had from members of the club. Prices are 35 cents for students and faculty members and 50 cents for all others.

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From the Dean . . .

It is nearing the time when we freely express to each other the wish, "Merry Christmas!" It is a happy time for most of us, for various reasons. It is happy because of the more than average amount of friendliness that is shown, because of many friends who remember us, because of reunions with families and friends whom we have not seen for a long time and because of many other things.

Anyone who considers seriously the source of the added cheer that seems to abound more at the Christmas season knows that it comes from the greater amount of love and thoughtfulness that we feel, express and carry out in actions towards others. It is highly fitting that the season in which we celebrate the birth of Christ should be a season of love and kindness towards friend and stranger alike, for He was the one who showed us true love in the highest degree.

With this in mind I express my deepest prayer for all of you in my Christmas greeting: May each one of you be filled with the love and kindness and thoughtfulness that will make your Christmas merry!

Dean E. R. Rasmussen

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Investigator Probes Campus Communists

This is the story of one of the men who work for a better, more glorious America.

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"The story I am about to relate concerns the revelation that I was unable to unearth concerning a certain professor at a certain college just across the Blair bridge and 25 miles north of Omaha. But I must take care not to make too clear where this professor was located since the innocent must be protected. However, what I was able to discover concerning this individual later led to his arrest and conviction of the dastardly crime of liberalism.

Damaging Evidence

"But now the facts. I received word at headquarters in Washington about this professor. Not having made the headlines in the area for some time, I decided this was my big chance so I left to investigate.

"I quietly announced my arrival on the campus by holding a press conference. Then my investigation began. I spoke to a man who had been collecting rags one day at the college and had overheard a student of this professor I was investigating mention the word 'communism' publicly. Ah, this was the first of the damaging evidence. Then I talked to a woman who remembered that this professor as a baby had bitten one of our great Americans, Calvin Coolidge, as he tried to kiss him. To top it off, I obtained through channels which I cannot divulge the fact that this professor was not a member of the American Legion. Finally I brought the case to the American people (it made 2 pages in the **Chicago Tribune** in righteous indignation. The jury's verdict was unanimously 'guilty' when the man himself acknowledged that he was a member of the Danish Lutheran church.

Case Finished

"With that I closed my files on this case. We must never allow such subversive individuals to remain at large in this great land of ours, for we must maintain the freedoms for which our forefathers so nobly fought, particularly that of justice and equality for all."

Bob Hemmingson

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Snooping Around Other Campuses

One Blast After Another. . .

(ACP)—Officials at Furman university, Greenville, S. C., are hunting midnight saboteurs who, one night shortly after midnight, set off a bomb in a dormitory hall. The blast twisted and tore the garbage can in which the charge had been hidden; it smashed transoms up and down the hall and split open two wooden doors.

No one was in the hall at the time of the explosion, and no one was injured. Commented the **Furman Hornet** in a front page editorial! "We know that it takes some people longer to grow up than others. When a person enters college it is time for him to put away his childish ideas and practices and begin to think and conduct himself like a man." At the University of Connecticut, an explosion destroyed a bubbler fountain in a dormitory. Students who set the blast—which did \$200 damage—said they were just trying to counteract the noise that was going on in the building, not trying to injure anyone.

A Door Opened. . .

(ACP)—**Pennpix**, humor magazine at the University of Pennsylvania, has taken a radical step. It has opened its staff to women students. The editors say they hope to attract a larger and more varied group of writers by going coeducational, and the business manager agrees.

Our Educated Collegians. . .

(ACP)—A college education is a marvelous thing. Here are some of the errors that turned up when a general information test was given at the University of Oregon:

Fjord—a Swedish automobile; Iran—Bible of the Mohammedans; Nicotine—the man who discovered cigarettes; Scotland Yard—two feet, ten inches; Concubine—when several businesses combine.

No Pay, But Good Experience. . .

(ACP)—New York law students have been offered a chance to do "volunteer laboratory work" by hunting Communists for the government. Forty-eight students, including three women, are now working part-time without pay in the offices of U. S. attorneys in Manhattan and Brooklyn.

The New Yorkers are the first to participate in a plan begun by Attorney General Herbert Brownell. The scheme will eventually be extended until college students are hunting Communists part-time in each of the nation's 94 U. S. attorneys' offices.

One Could Make Believe

What would happen if . . .

Danians didn't have anything to gripe about?

Dana got accredited?

Old Main finally burned down without a soul around to enjoy it?

The Canteen had something to go with the coffee?

The men on the campus had money?

No new couples were formed during choir tour?

Kohler could collect his cleaning bills?

Snowbeck let his classes out on time?

Certain students enjoyed chapel more than coffee downtown?

The nurse stopped giving absence reports?

F. H. couldn't make the books balance?

Old Main was locked up at night?

The Dean of Women didn't have any announcements to make?

Gay Carlsen had all the money he needed for maintenance?

Nobody went home early for vacation?

If certain women started dieting?

The school had a million dollar endowment?

The kitchen ran out of cereal? (We can dream, can't we?)

Lawson and Rosenthal went to bed?

Parking tickets were given to all offenders?

Someone would miss the choir? People always told the truth?

In short, what would happen if Dana were turned completely upside-down?

Jack Lodi

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Kansas Wesleyan, Sterling and Tarkio Next

In the Dec. 11 game at Salina, Kansas, Dana will meet Kansas Wesleyan. The Kansas team had an 8-11 record last year and finished in a three-way tie for third in conference play. From information obtained, Wesleyan is reputed to play in a tough conference.

Coach "Swede" Backstrom's Kansans will be led by Gene Cossell, who averaged 19.1 points per game last year, and Dean Groves, with a 10.6 point average. They also have several returning servicemen who could be assets to the team. The Vikes seem to have the edge in height as Wesleyan's squad averages 5'11".

Despite Wesleyan's mediocre win-loss record last year, they seem to be a comparatively high-scoring team. They scored 1,372 in 19 games for an average of approximately 72 points per game.

Sterling Potent

Little is known about Sterling, Kansas, other than they hold two impressive wins of past years over Dana. Defeating the Vikings 98-68 last season, they set an all-time offensive mark for Viking opponents. Sickness and ineligibility reduced Sterling's squad to 7 men, but failed to stop their offensive play.

Sterling is noted for its torrid shooting and clever offensive maneuvers. During the previous season they almost upset Omaha U. despite their lack of height.

Despite losses to Wesleyan, Midland and Buena Vista, Dana should improve steadily throughout the season. The starting five averages six foot this year, with plenty of height under the boards.

Meet Owls at Home

Dana will get its first taste of conference play Monday when the Vikings meet defending champion Tarkio. With only one

day's intermission following the successive Wesleyan and Sterling games, the Vikes will attempt to stop the rugged Missouri school which already this season placed third in a tri-state tournament. Tarkio lost the first tourney tilt to Simpson by a narrow 51-50 score, but came back strong in a consolation game to romp over Doane 63-42.

Dana fell before Tarkio in both of last year's meetings, 65-61 and 78-57.

Leading the Missourians in Monday's game will be high scoring veterans Bob Bacon and Carl Davis. Davis placed on last year's all-conference team.

Court Conjecture . . .

by Tom

4C forecast . . .

With the arrival of the basketball season the CCCC once again is at full strength. York, out of conference football this fall, returns to league play Jan. 9 when they meet the Viking cagers here.

With several members returning from last year's squad, including their all-conference guard, Carl Davis, Tarkio has already established itself as the conference favorite. Usually powerful Doane was an easy prey for the Missourians, crumpling before Tarkio's well rounded offense 63-42. However, Concordia fell before the same Doane squad, 60-52. This would indicate that Tarkio again will lead the pack unless Dana can pull a few surprises. And that's just what the Vikings will be trying to do in the season's conference opener Monday, as this game should determine the conference champion.

Too busy? . . .

It seems that on this campus there reside a couple of talented and experienced basketball players who are at the present time wasting their attributes on an intramural team composed entirely of football letter winners.

When asked the reason for their apparent indifference toward varsity basketball, the potential cage stars excuse themselves on grounds that their other activities do not allow time for the rigors of inter-collegiate basketball. Granted, their efforts on the gridiron were most admirable, but from what we've seen, their accomplishments on the hardwood would probably be even more pleasing—at least from the spectator's point of

view. If they had time for football it would seem probable that time could be arranged for basketball.

Meddling in students private affairs most likely isn't one of the duties of a sportswriter. However, it is undoubtedly the duty of everyone to do all in his power to improve the team which represents him.

Off night? . . .

Midland probably caught the Vikes on an off night last Friday. Fritz Youra, who scored 28 points against Wesleyan, was held to 4 free throws by the Warriors, as time and again his shots rolled around the rim and off. A late Viking rally was halted when Youra and Marion Hudson were removed from the game on personals with about 3 minutes remaining in the game and the Warriors leading by 6 points.

More honors . . .

Two members of the CCCC all-conference team recently received national recognition for their play this fall. Gene Oetting of Concordia and Marion Hudson both received honorable mention in the annual "Little All-American" listing. The rating recognizes outstanding players from the smaller colleges—players who are usually overshadowed by the big school players.

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Vikes Drop Two Tilts; Midland and B.V. Victors

In an unusually rough contest the Vikings were defeated by Midland 62-55 last Saturday. The Warriors started fast and held the lead almost exclusively through out the entire game.

After a reasonably close 13-8 first quarter, the Warriors exploded for 19 points in the second stanza. The Vikes were able to protect their basket from in close, but they were incapable of stopping the accurate Warrior long shots. The half ended with the Vikings trailing 32-22.

Four Aces Slip By Lucky Strikes

The Lucky Strikes dropped in to third place in this week-end's bowling contest. Bowling a two to one victory over the Four Jokers, the Lucky Strikes failed to hold the tie for second place with a second team, the Four Aces. The Four Aces defeated the Danes 3-0. However, the Danes hold first place in the Tom and Jerry league.

Al Hansen was high bowler in the Sunday evening contest with a three game total of 498. Al got 203 in his second game. John Klug of the Lucky Strikes was second high bowler with a three game total of 429. Sharlene Lauritzen totaled 380. She is on the Four Jokers team.

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Rally Falls Short

In the third period, Dana caught fire and came within two points of the Midland crew. Jim Thomsen and Marion Hudson brought the Vikes close with a burst of scoring about midway in the period. The stanza closed with Midland ahead by five, 47-42. Midland again outscored the Vikings in the final quarter, 15 to 12, giving the Warriors the win.

Thomsen led the Vikes in scoring with 13 points, followed by Hudson who netted 12. Cal Fuerst headed the Warriors, hitting for 22 points.

Dana's B squad suffered an ignominious defeat at the hands of the junior Warriors.

Buena Vista Cops

Dropping their third game in four starts the Vikings were swamped by Buena Vista 62-43, Tuesday night. The Beavers outscored the Vikes 34-22 in the first half, and the Buena Vista seconds only increased the lead in the second half, netting 15 points to Dana's 6 in the final quarter.

Fritz Youra led the Viking scoring with 13 points followed by Jim Thomsen who tallied 11 markers.

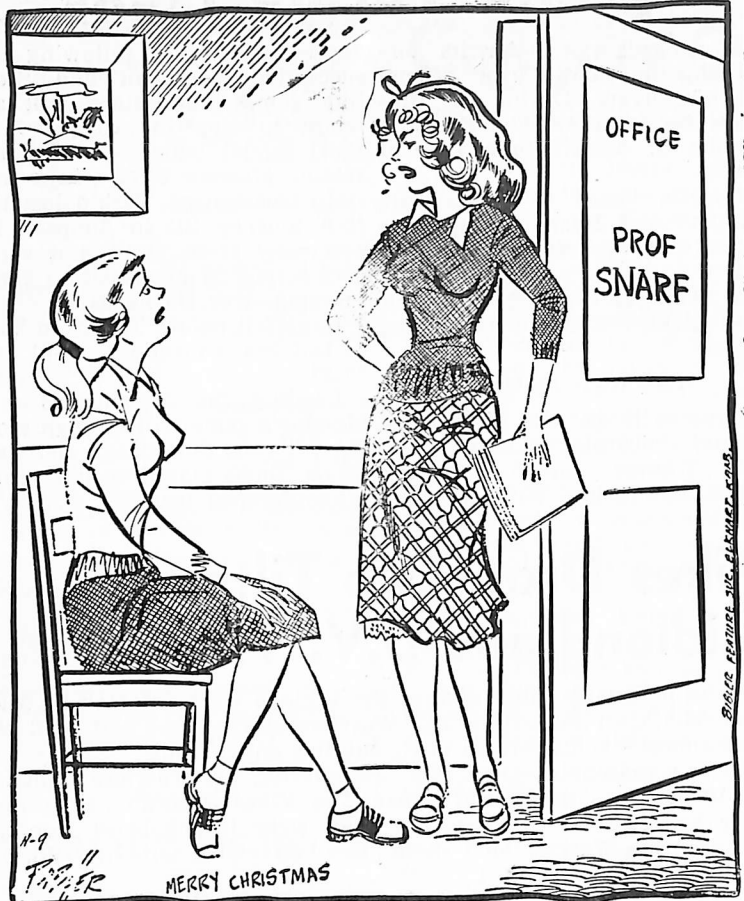
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LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

by Dick Bibler



"When he hands back your term pa per—watch out for the mistletoe!"

Science Club Plans On Spring Tour

Science members discussed at a meeting held Monday, possibilities of an inspection tour in the spring. Places under consideration are steel mills in Gary, Indiana, the Eli Lilly corporation of Indianapolis, the Kaiser-Frazer plant in Utah, oil refineries in Oklahoma, the Ford Motor and General Motors plants in Detroit and the General Mills plant in Minneapolis. Decision will probably be reached at the next meeting.

Two films were shown Tuesday in PM chapel entitled, "Research—Pattern for Progress" and "Science against Cancer."

The group is making tentative plans to hold open house in the science department next spring with a special invitation to the Blair high school science department. Members will demonstrate projects for the year.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 12.

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Sat. Matinee 2:30

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