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**A Merry Christmas**  
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## Residents Hold Christmas Dinner

The annual semi-formal Christmas dinner held Monday evening, December 16, in the college dining hall, was attended by the resident students and the faculty.

Preceding the dinner, grace was said by Frank Stone. Following the dinner, Irene Middleton, president of the House Council, and Miss Lillian C. Compton, college president, welcomed the guests. The program presented consisted of a solo, Squire's "Three for Jack," sung by Mr. Matteson; a piano solo, "September Song," by Paul Horn; a reading by Mr. Leo Jason entitled "A Christmas Wish"; and another solo, "White Christmas," sung by Jean Weller.

The group was led in the singing of Christmas carols by Joan Menser, and the accompanist was Linda Lou Cain. A Jingle party followed the group singing with Ed Lizer as Santa Claus. The dinner was concluded by the singing of the school song.

The committee chairmen for the dinner were: Shirley Matthews, invitations; Christine Smith, food; Frank Stone, decorations; Norma Schulte, programs; and Helen Cook, name-cards.

## Frostburg College Selected As State's E. S. A. P. S. Delegate

**Diehl Will Represent  
Faculty; Ort, Poffenberger  
Students on Control Board**

This year, Frostburg State Teacher's College will represent the State of Maryland on the Board of Control of the Eastern States Association of Professional Schools for the training of teachers.

Each year one school from each state is given this position. At the convention meeting in New York in the Spring, a student and a faculty member of Frostburg State Teachers College will vote on all affairs taken up by the controlling board.

Ivan C. Diehl will be the faculty member, Geraldine Ort was selected by the faculty as the student representative. Betty Poffenberger was chosen by the faculty to be a member of the general delegate body.

Already this year, the Board of Control has begun a Student News Exchange which gathers reports from all colleges which are members of the association.

The student board member from each state is responsible for submitting reports from each of the colleges in his state. One publication dealing with assemblies has already been issued for December. It may be seen in the main hall.

Further subjects will be dealt with later and the New York meeting will occur sometime in March.

The association will pay expenses incurred at this meeting for all members of the Board of Control.

## Opera Singers Open New Arts Program

**Bascomblamarr Lunsford  
Next Attraction; Percy  
Granger Here In April**

On Thursday night, December 5, the Fine Arts Program of Frostburg State Teachers College had its initial performance with the appearance of the Janet Bush Opera Quartet. Selections from "Faust" and "Samson and Delilah" were offered to an audience of about 150, which included about 50 students.

The State of Maryland, in order to provide students a cultural background appropriates each year a sum of money to be used in this way. This year the amount is \$1,000. Miss Compton appointed Mr. Matteson to arrange this series of programs. Miss Shaffer and Miss Hough were asked to assist Mr. Matteson.

There are to be five more programs in this series. On January 20 Bascomblamarr Lunsford, the Ballad Singer of the Appalachians, will appear to instruct his audience in folk dancing. The Tollifson Trio, consisting of a violin, piano, and cello player, will perform on February 17. March 10 will be the date for Alice Schalek to give an illustrated lecture on the Jews and Arabs. The fine arts program for the season will conclude on April 8 with the performance of Percy Granger, an Australian pianist.

Miss Compton has planned that the next one will be held during school hours. This will give students a better opportunity to attend and thus show their appreciation to the State's beneficence in providing for cultural growth. Since these programs are planned for the benefit of the students more than for the public, the change in time will indicate whether or not students are genuinely interested in cultural activities.

## President's Message



On this Day in December as we approach the anniversary of the birth of the Savior of Mankind, the Great Teacher, we are acutely conscious of the opportunities that the profession of teaching offers and of the power of Education in our society today. The high hopes which we entertain of a more glorious future for mankind are built upon the beliefs we have—that men and women who are graduates of institutions of higher learning, who have hearts that have been touched by the spirit of the Great Teacher, will give of their time and energies in planning for the best interests of men everywhere to the end that all nations will have confidence in and respect for each other so that we may live in a world at peace.

May we, as leaders, and may this group of future teachers, and all teachers everywhere who share in the investment society is making in all types of educational programs, give a good account of our stewardship.

## S. C. A. Hears Dr. Koo At W. Virginia U.

**Attend Lecture of Noted  
Visit Wesley Foundation  
Chinese Christian and**

Sunday, December 15, seven Student Christian members, Don Bonig, Gene Harris, Ed Lizer, Irene Middleton, Frank Stone, Dorcas Symons, Darleen Warnick, and Miss Margaret Jones, adviser to the group, attended a lecture by Dr. T. L. Koo at the Wesley Foundation of West Virginia University, Morgantown, W. Va.

The group toured the University campus and had dinner at the Wesley Foundation. Following dinner the students participated in a Sunday evening fellowship hour and attended an organ recital in addition to the lecture by the Chinese Christian in the Wesley church.

The last regular meeting of the association marked the last of a series of Bible studies, conducted by Reverend George L. Wehler, pastor of Evangelical and Reformed church, Frostburg, on the Life of Paul. Refreshments were served and the group presented Rev. Wehler with a gift in appreciation for his work.

Wednesday evening, December 18, following the Maryland Singers' Carol program, the group sponsored an all school caroling party. The party climaxed at the home of Miss Margaret Jones, adviser, where refreshments were served to the carolers.

## Newspaper to Publish Student Congress Minutes

As a part of a formulative editorial policy, the editors of State-To-Date have decided to print, verbatim, the minutes of each meeting that is held by the governing body so that students of the college can be kept posted on the actual business and workings of the Student Congress.

## C. O. Petition Raises ?

One of the hottest controversies of the year began when the subject of conscientious objectors was brought to the limelight two weeks ago.

A petition, originated by the Student Christian Movement, (not to be confused with State's Student Christian Association), and addressed to the president of the United States was circulated among the students. The petition advocated the release of conscientious objectors and restoration of their civil rights.

Nineteen students signed the plea. Immediately a counter petition was drawn up exhorting that this matter be left in the hands of the War Department and that these men be detained until the government saw fit to release them. Seventeen have posted their "John Henry's" on this epistle. An interesting note is that no veterans have signed the Student Christian plea, while 90% of the dotted lines on the opposing letter are those of ex-G.I.'s. However, thirty-six students cannot be considered a sufficient number to fully express the opinion of the student body on this question.

## New English Course For Rutgers Students

Dean Harry G. Owens, of the College of Arts and Sciences, at Rutgers University, announced that the students of that New Jersey school will have to prove that they can write the English language with a minimum of proficiency in order to qualify for graduation.

A new course in remedial English has been initiated to help the untutored number of the undergraduates.

This step has been taken in the educational set up there as a result of many graduates in the schools of art and sciences being unable to talk or speak proficiently.

## Governing Body Receives Notice Of Who's Who

**Lizer, Ort, Middleton  
And Caplinger Elected  
To All-College Annual**

At the last 1946 meeting of the Student Congress, the governing body of the students received official recognition of the election of four State scholars to "Who's Who Among American College Students"; a definite scheme for the use of the bulletin boards; faculty advisers of all organizations are to be advised of meetings and proper procedure for the calling of emergency meeting of the representatives.

Miss Louise Shaffer, adviser of the group, announced that G. I. activity fees cannot be added to the bank account until the first of the year. This condition warrants notice as the expenditures of the first semester will have to be governed in accordance with this factor.

The advisory committee of the College Who's Who notified the congress that Virginia Lee Caplinger, of West-ernport, Md., Edward Lizer, Williamsport, Md., Ruth Irene Middleton, Flintstone Md., and Geraldine Hamilton Ort, Zihlman, Md., were elected to be included in the 1946-47 annual.

After discussion, it was decided that the bulletin board outside Mr. Ivan Diehl's room will be reserved for notices for the men and for the veterans attending the college. The one to the left of the book room will be available for general announcements and the one to the right of the book room will be used for the posting of athletic and assembly notices. The board opposite Dr. Howard's room will be used by all clubs. The SCA who formerly occupied this space will be furnished with another board.

In order to insure harmony between the advisers and the various clubs, a motion was made and carried that all faculty members connected with school organizations will be notified by consultation or by placement of notices in their office mail.

A motion was made that in the event of an emergency meeting, the minutes of the business transacted will be made to the administration of the college. The presence of every member of the group was stressed with illness being the only excuse for absence.

## Theatre Group Head Resigns

At the regular meeting of Little Theatre held on December 11, at 7 p. m., the resignation of Jeanne Lip-pold as president of the organization was accepted. Succeeding Jeanne as president is the vice-president, Irene Middleton, who presided at the meeting.

The following students were accepted for probationary membership into Little Theatre; Barbara Batchel, Dan Bohrer, Don Bonig, Mary Frances Comer, Eloise Cook, Helen Cook, Ruth Ann Cosgrove, Lou Chambers, Paul De Pace, Dorothy Elder, Gene Harris, Ruth Houck, John Kelly, Chuck Kershner, George McDonough, Bob Lizer, Ann Newman, Eleanor Pinault, Christine Smith, Frank Stone, Ina Watson, Paul Williams, and Dorothea Yates.

The formal initiation of the new members will be held at the next meeting on January 8 at 7 p. m.

The group made plans for the preparation of a three act play to be presented in March.

### Christmas

An air of excitement, not felt in other holidays, always pervades the Christmas season.

Everyone has a word of good cheer for his neighbor, an attribute of Christ himself, whose teachings were based upon the brotherhood of man. This teaching has endured and at present is incorporated by the United Nations Conference which is striving to preserve peace among all nations.

Christmas is the time of the year when our accelerated world stops to reflect upon the miraculous birth of Christ, who was sent to redeem the world. Christmas has myriad meanings. The meaning it conveys is dependent upon the individual. To a capitalist it is a time to commercialize and make huge profits; to a clergyman it is a time to inculcate the tangible lesson contained in coming of the Christ Child; to a child, it is the time when he is showered with things he craves; to a family it is the time to be joyful and show expressions of love for one another in the exchange of gifts.

Our Lord expressed his love for us in this manner, for he too brought a gift—the gift of salvation.

### What About the Teachers?

America's teachers are fast joining the picket lines and the country is faced with the threat of the greatest shutdown in its history. A shutdown of education. Teacher strikes in Minnesota, Tennessee and other areas are a preview of what will come if something isn't done to remedy the present conditions.

The facts are simple. The average salary-wage has risen 79% since 1939. The average teacher wage has risen only 31%. In the face of present price rise this almost amounts to a decrease in salary. For instance, a teacher now receiving \$600 more per year than in 1939 is only able to purchase about \$100 more in actual goods due to the general rise in prices. If the cost of living levels off at its present scale, which seems altogether likely, teachers will be compelled to seek a higher wage in order to restore their prewar relationship to other salaries.

Teaching has always ranked high in importance as a profession and in a democracy where education is the prime element in the formation of good citizens, it becomes doubly important. Yet this admittedly high position ranks as one of the country's lowest paid professions.

If the quality of teachers is to remain high and go higher in the future, suitable compensation must be offered to the men and women of this field. Modern living conditions demand a decent wage for teachers as well as any other worker in the country.

### The Night Before

'Twas the night before New Year  
And all through the streets,  
Not a creature was sober  
Not even the police;  
The city was cheerful  
With bright lights and song  
In hopes that the grand time  
Would last all night long;  
The church bells were pealing,  
Their tones long and clear  
Rang out through the city  
To greet the New Year;  
At home all the family were drinking  
a toast,  
To see who among us was drinking the most,  
When all of a sudden my mind became blank  
Some unforeseen power had punctured my tank;  
I awoke the next morning my head in a spin  
Oh, what a way to bring New Year's Day in!

—Paul DePace

### State-To-Date Will Expand Next Half

State-To-Date will appear next issue a bigger and better paper than ever before, the staff hopes. It was decided at a recent meeting of Publications that the paper will be enlarged to a full sized sheet to appear bi-monthly, if the campaign to renew advertising contracts and secure new ones is successful.

Two new members joined the staff at this time. Joe Lee Linn, well known Freshman, will assist Clara Sigler with the photography duties while Doris Crichton, also a first year student, is a new addition to the girls' sports department.

Any students interested in joining the publications department for the second semester should see Miss Betty McDonough, editor-in-chief of State-To-Date.

### Letters to the EDITOR

The faculty adviser to Student Publications is not responsible for the opinions expressed in State-To-Date. She accepts Webster's definition of the term "adviser" and holds that her job is to give students advice on journalistic matters and not to censor student opinion.

Dorothy G. Howard  
Faculty Adviser  
Student Publication

### Interest Is Lagging—Moody

The night of December fifth the campus was privileged to have as guest performers, two developed artists in their field. We have reference to the concert sponsored by the college under the direction of the music department. During recent discussions of the concert there seems prevalent a great disturbance over the small number of students who attended the concert. No reason for this lack of interest was determined. However, it seems to be popular opinion that this lack exists not only in the type of activity of December fifth but in every activity on the campus.

The fact stated above was a discovery for some but to others it was sighted early in the year and has been accepted as "just one of those things." Considering the current ideas of what a college education should present the acceptance of this lack of interest seems to be far more disturbing than the lack itself.

The following statements are not at all an effort to offer an answer to the questions presented above but are merely thoughts on the subject. To consider the concert, there are so many unmusical overtones heard throughout an ordinary day on the campus that the student body may be compared to a saturated sponge and feel that they can not expose themselves to absorbing any more after they once leave the campus.

In the preceding statement the only relationship overtone may have to the musical idea of an overtone is the definite absence of harmony on the campus. We are speaking of the overtones that grow out of lack of unity. We are as familiar with the definite confusion and disunity on our campus as we are with the proverb, "In unity there is strength." That there can be no harmony without unity is well displayed by the interest taken in our campus activities.

If we are members of the student body for four years or just one semester, why not be alive and take an interest in that whole of which we are a part? As suggested in the beginning of this article there is a very disturbing existence of complacency on our campus.

If this is true, why? To quote another proverb, "A problem stated is a problem half solved." If we are not a group of individual isolationist let us at least half solve our problem.

William Moody

Editor's Note: It is agreed that a lack of school spirit was very evident in the school at the beginning of the year, but lately the tide has turned somewhat. I refer you to the editorial entitled, "Spirit Are Rising" contained in this issue.

Twenty towels for thirty men is a mathematical impossibility, but that's the situation at present so far as the men's basketball team is concerned. As it now stands there men are fortunate to receive one clean towel a week.

The resident men, who are also entitled to towel service from the school, have had to do without completely.

Towels were supposedly ordered in September, but after three months of waiting the men are still using their own personal towels brought from their homes. Surely something can be done to remedy this deplorable situation. A new source could be tried or a new order placed, or maybe even a letter to Santa Claus would get some results.

George McDonough

### Hi-yo Prancer!

Someone who is jolly and quick,  
Someone is clever and slick  
Can cover the sphere  
With just eight reindeer;  
The atom had nothing on Nick.  
—Jacqueline Muma

### Storey's - Stories

Everyone is jealous of Santa Claus, because he is the only man who can run around with a bag all night and not get talked about the next day.

Last year Santa brought Cueva a little dog. One day it swallowed a yardstick and died by the inches.

Janeva didn't know exactly what to get her mother. She finally settled for a silk embroidered handkerchief which cost \$20.00. Her mother said that was too much to blow in.

Dan Bohrer sang in the choir last Christmas. He wanted to do so again this year, but he sang so queer that they wouldn't 'quire him anymore.

Last night we had a Christmas party. The first game we played was "heavy, heavy, hangs over your head." Somebody hung a baseball bat over Ed Lizer's head, and the bump is still there.

We also played a game called pins and needles. There is a game you can get stuck at everytime. The last game we played was called kissen'. The rates were as follows: to kiss a young lady it cost 50c; a married lady, 15c; and old maids—well—they were three for a dime.

After the party everyone went home feeling merry. So, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

### Personals

Wanderlust has struck several members of our faculty and student body. The Christmas vacation will find many of them aboard trains, autos, and on "shank's mare" for a respite from the daily school grind.

Mr. Diehl says he hasn't made up his mind whether he will go to Florida and live like a millionaire during the vacation or go to his home in Wabash, Indiana (on the banks of the Wabash).

Mr. Warner answered the inquiring reporter's query by stating with much elation that he was going home to Massachusetts.

Frank Stone will visit in Narrows, Va. Miss Hough is going South. She expects to visit in Washington, D. C. and Virginia, and perhaps go to New York.

Vermont, and Syracuse, New York will be Miss Huntley's goals on her vacation travels.

Brooklyn will welcome home its favorite son, Paul DePace, who expects to play Santa Claus to the Mrs. and their little red-headed charmer, Mary.

Gene Harris says he's spending the holidays at the Warnick ranch, deep in Garrett County.

Dr. Howard will remain home to be Santa Claus to Ann and Jimmy.

Helen Cooke will make her second trip home this year to Kempton, W. Va.

Jean Weller expects to travel to New York and Canada over the holidays.

Betty Mae Callis is anticipating a visit with her husband, Joe Callis, who is coach of Coalwood Junior High School, Coalwood, W. Va.

Wherever Staters wander for their holidays, the staff of "State-To-Date" wishes each a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### Too Personal!

Dear Santa:  
Christmas eve is coming soon,  
Now you dear old man,  
We'll tell you what to bring to us,  
And be as easy on you as we can.

Oh, Lindy wants to be with Bob,  
And Horn seeks new inspiration,  
Miss Shaffer craves a radio,  
To hear the state of the nation.

Oh, Mattie wants a bran' new car,  
And Chuck would like a gun,  
Stotler yearns for a bright plaid shirt,  
And Cueva wants plenty of fun.

Bob Lizer wants a little height,  
Puff would like some candy,  
Ann Shireman will be satisfied  
If you'll just bring her Andy.

Jeannine would like a beauty shop,  
Norm just wants her sailor,  
Babs would like two new legs,  
Cause the ones she has do all her.

De Pace desires a pair of skis,  
And Augie wants new glasses,  
Huff would like a good wrist watch,  
So he'll be on time for classes.

And now you've heard, Dear Santa Claus,  
The things we want this year,  
And here's hoping that everyone's holiday,  
Is filled with lots of cheer.

All our love,  
L. S. [C. A. P.



### Hey There, Bing, Where's That Snow?

If you're dreaming of a "White Christmas" (see pic.) you might as well save your dreams. The weather man is now booking at a hundred to one that the sun is brighter on Christmas day than it was on the Fourth of July.

Now personally I feel that this is a definite oversight on the part of the Man Upstairs that shakes the white flakes down. After all, every Christmas card and every Santa Claus book has snow; why shouldn't we? Christmas without snow is like a home without a mother. It has all the personality and spirit of an incubator. Then too, think of the kids who get sleds from St. Nick. A new sled and no snow is about as much good as a parachute in a submarine. But just let the little tots exchange them for a pair of roller skates and what happens? You guessed it, snow. Snow that would make an Eskimo comment on the weather.

No sir, there just ain't no justice in this world when it comes to snow for Christmas. The only place it seems to snow on the 25th of December is in the movies and the Hays office is beginning to object to that. Too demoralizing on the general public.

Now way back when Grandma was a girl it seems as though it snowed every Christmas as regular as hayfever but in this modern world of ours where one horse sleighs and wooden ice skates are only found in the museum it seems to be an extinct custom. Therein may lie our solution. So, we promptly launch a movement to this effect. It will be the "S.F.T.R.O.O. H.S.A.S.O.C." (Society For The Restoration Of One Horse Sleighs And Snow On Christmas). Now our troubles are over. We will have White Christmases forever.

### Wedding Bells Chime For Dr. H. Taylor

State's ever popular math prof., Dr. S. Helen Taylor, has announced her forthcoming marriage to Howard W. Miller. The ceremony will be performed in Frostburg at the Methodist Church. January 29 has been set as a tentative date but final plans are not complete. Dr. Taylor, one of the newest additions to State's faculty, having arrived in September, has not definitely decided upon future plans but will remain here until a suitable replacement can be found for the math department. She has been offered several teaching posts at colleges near the home of her fiancé but it remains to be seen whether these offers will be accepted.

State-To-Date joins with the student body in wishing Dr. Taylor the very best of luck.

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### Trio Featured In Carol Service



Pictured above are Dorothy Ebert, Cumberland, Md., Joanne Menser, Somerset, Pa., and Ruth Robinson, Hagerstown, Md., featured trio in the annual Christmas Carol Service, presented by the Maryland Singers, under the direction of Maurice Matteson. The trio presented Tschaiowsky's "Ave Maria" arranged by R. Vene.

### Dance After Shepherd-State Game



The punch bowl proved to be one of the centers of attraction Saturday night, December 14, at the dance in the gym after the Shepherd-State basketball game. The aggregation pictured above are left to right, Mary Louise Robertsen, John Pfaff, Mary Huffman; second row, John Darrow, Vaudna Miller, Elenor Stegmier, and Harry DeVore.

### Juniors Hold Christmas Banquet



On Thursday night, Dec. 12, the Junior Class held a Christmas Banquet at the Tally-Ho. The group is pictured above with their class advisor, Dr. Carl Brown, who distributed the jingle presents. They are left to right: Vadne Miller, Lois Storey, Jeanne Lippold, Marion Shaw, Betty Poffenberger, Jean Mehrling, Ruth Fazenbaker, and Dr. Brown. Members absent are Mary Huffman and Christine Riggelman.

### Maryland Singers Hold Annual Xmas Carol Service

Program Sung To Capacity House In College Auditorium

Maryland Singers, under the direction of Professor Matteson, presented their annual Christmas Carol Service, Wednesday evening, December 18, 1946, in the college auditorium.



The program was enthusiastically responded to by a capacity audience. A processional march to "Christmas Overture" opened the service. This was followed by "Sing, O Heavens" by Tours, which was sung by the chorus with the solo part by Mary Francis Comer, soprano.

Mary Louise Bender and Jeannine Moler played "Sheep May Safely Graze," a piano duo by Bach. Leona Greene, soprano, and chorus sang Geibel's "In Old Judea." Guy Walters, tenor soloist, sang Bingham's "Gabriel From the Heaven Descending," supplemented by the Maryland Singers.

A Christmas Reading, "The Story of the Shepherd," was given by Irene Middleton. This was followed by "I Wonder as I Wander," an Appalachian Folk Tune by the chorus with a soprano solo by Jean Weller.

Dorothy Ebert, Joanne Menser, and Ruth Robinson were the trio which sang "Ave Maria," by Tschaiowsky.

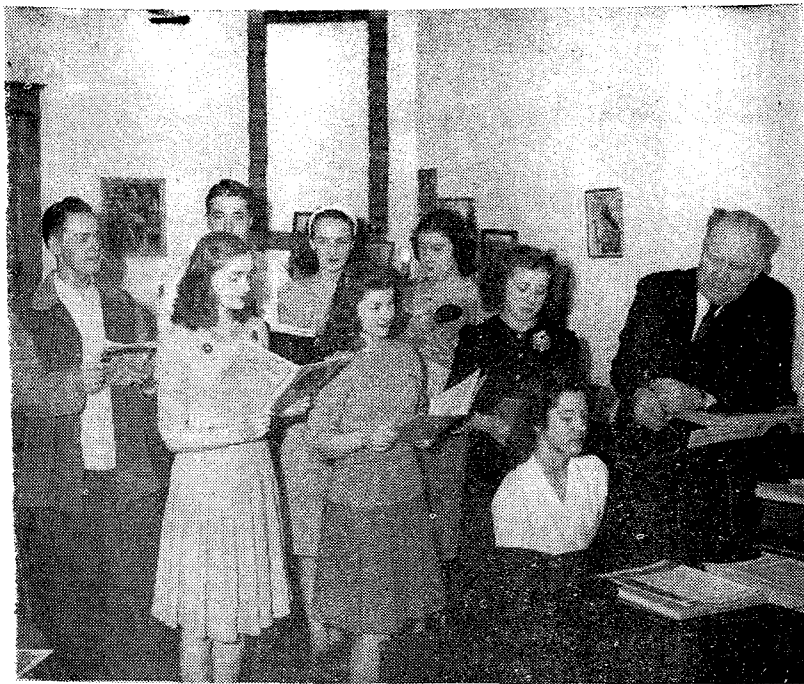
Betty Larry, soprano, presented Brahms' "Cradle Song," followed by the chorus singing, "Glory to God in the Highest" by Pergolese. Barbara Martin sang "The Virgin's Lullaby."

The program ended with a choral anthem arranged by Duncan, in which Martha Fratz sang "Oh, Holy Night." Linda Lou Cain and George Menser shared accompanying honors.

The chorus wore choir vestments and carried candles.

Mr. Matteson arranged the program and directed the music. Committees placed in charge were Bill Kroll, president of Maryland Singers; Don Bonig, staging; Libby Winner, publicity; Jean Mehrling, programs; Joanne Menser, costumes, and Jean Weller, make-up.

### Soloists In Christmas Program



The choraleists pictured above are the soloists of the Christmas Program given by the Maryland Singers, their most important event of the year. Left to right, front row, Jeanne Menser, Mary Francis Comer, Leona Green; back row, Robert Smith, Guy Walters, Martha Fratz, and Jean Weller. At the piano are Linda Lou Cain and Director Maurice Matteson.

### Santa Visits Sorority's Jingle Party



Santa's visit to the Phi Omicron Delta's jingle party was the featured event of the evening. Lois Storey portrayed the part of Santa and distributed gifts to all of the members. Those in the background are, left to right, Connie Phillips, Jeanne Lippold, and Vaudna Miller

### Present Christmas Radio and Assembly Programs



**Phi Omicron Delta** The Phi Omicron Delta sorority shown in the above group participated in a radio program over WTBO, Cumberland, and presented a Yule assembly program.

Front row: Mary Huffman, Janeva Henline, Anne Llewellyn, Irene Middleton, Linda Lou Cain. Second row: Lois Storey, Betty Mae Callis, Elizabeth Winters, Shirley Matthews, Betty McDonough, Gerry Ort. Third row—Kate McClain, Joyce Newell, Darleen Warnick, Clara Sigler, Janet Pyle, Connie Phillips, Vadne Miller, and Betty Poffenberger.

Phi Omicron Delta Sorority presented a radio program over WTBO on Sunday, December 15 at 12:00. This is an annual event which fulfills one of the sorority's aims, that of presenting a public program at least once a year.

This program featured, "Christmas," The group as a whole sang, "Walking

in a Winter Wonderland," "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day," "White Christmas," and the Sorority song. Ann Llewellyn was soloist for one verse of "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day."

Miss Compton gave a brief greeting. Linda Lou Cain played "A Christmas Fantasia" by Carl Mueller and accom-

panied the singing. Irene Middleton gave a dramatic reading of a Spanish Christmas poem. Janeva Henline, Vice-Delta, was Mistress of Ceremonies.

The following day, the same program with a few variations was presented to an all student assembly.



# G. I. News

By Paul DePace

## House To Get Bill To Cash 'Leave' Bonds

Cash payment of terminal leave in the option of the veteran will be the objective of a bill to be introduced when the new congress convenes. The bill will be introduced by Rep. Dwight L. Rogers (D.) of Florida.

The bill will be number two in the house hopper. Representative Rogers has reserved that number for the bill for which he had endeavored to get designation as No. 1, but which has already been reserved by Rep. Wright Patman of Texas.

Under terms of Rep. Rogers' bill, whether he converts his terminal leave bonds into cash would be entirely within the discretion of the veteran. There will be tremendous pressure behind the bill when it goes before the House Committee. At its convention in San Francisco, the American Legion already had gone on record in favor of the cash settlement.

It previously had had the endorsement of Rep. Edith Nourse Rogers (R.) of Massachusetts, who will assume the chairmanship of the powerful House Veterans Affairs Committee in the new Congress, and who is a vigorous friend of veterans.

With the great number of World War II veterans who will take their seats in the new Congress, it is predicted that the cash settlement plan will get hearty support both in the committee and on the floor.

### Eisenhower for President: Yes? No?

More in recent weeks, the name of the nation's Number one soldier is being linked by political match-makers with the nation's Number one job.

For the Holiday Season  
stop at  
**HILL'S**  
Tobacco and Newstand

**Workman's Restaurant**

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**Elias' Cleaners**

**MacGREGOR - GOLDSMITH**  
Sports Equipment

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# The Christmas Spirit

By Jeanne Lippold

"Boy! they sure are nice. Granny would like those," Johnny O'Shea thought as he stood with his small nose pressed against the cold, hard window of a department store. It was Christmas Eve and around him hummed the last minute shoppers scurrying to homes where Christmas trees waited to be trimmed. He could hear the exchange of greetings as friend passed friend. The spirit of Christmas was everywhere. He heaved a sigh as he reached down into his threadbare coat pocket to finger jingling coins. The snow fell in flurries and flitted across his young baby face as he toyed with them.

"I've only got \$4.70 and those gloves are \$5.00. I'll need thirty more cents," he calculated. "How can I get it? What can I do? I sure do like those gloves and Granny will like them I know. I've got to think of something."

But try as he might, Johnny could think of no way to get the thirty cents. As he gazed at the gloves, the boom of the tower clock reminded him that it was almost closing time. Tomorrow, brightly decorated as they were, the stores would enjoy a silent Christmas day.

"Well, I'll have to go in sometime," reasoned Johnny, "It might as well be now."

He pushed open the swinging door to the store and peered at the activity within. From somewhere came the sound of a church organ playing the carol "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen." Santa Claus with his reindeer stood on a massive platform telling smaller children to hurry home to bed for he would be there soon.

The air was full of wonder. Johnny's eyes turned this way and that as he walked to the glove counter.

A young exhausted clerk asked to serve him. Johnny's heart turned over!

"My Granny needs a pair of gloves. I like that pair in the window but they're five dollars and I've only got four seventy. It's too late now to get more money but maybe you've got something like the ones in the window. Do you?"

The clerk smiled as she shook her head.

"Sorry, but that's the last pair of gloves in the store. Five dollars is the price. Wouldn't you like some perfume. There's a lovely big bottle here for only four dollars."

Johnny shook his head and muttered, "No, Granny doesn't like perfume."

"Your mother could use it."

"I haven't got a mother."

"Oh. I'm sorry," the clerk answered. Intuition told her to go no further.

"Look," she said, "it's almost closing time and I have a little boy just about your size at home. What's your name?"

"Johnny O'Shea," was the quick retort.

"Well, Johnny O'Shea, meet Kitty Malloy." The clerk stretched her hand across the counter and down to meet the child's, but Johnny's shake was very feeble.

Sensing that the boy was very depressed, Kitty exclaimed, "Johnny, would you like to see those gloves?"

"Gee whiz," Mrs. Malloy, that would be swell."

"Just a minute then. I'll be back." Kitty left to find the special gloves in the window.

A few minutes later, gloves in hand, she said, "Well, here they are." Johnny's eyes were big as he looked. There they were before him, but yet out of his reach.

Kitty became suddenly inspired, and said, "Look, Johnny, there's a flaw in these gloves. Maybe the manager will give you a reduction."

Johnny's face beamed radiantly and he waited hopefully as Kitty went to make her request.

When she returned to the counter she said, "I think you can have these gloves, Johnny. The manager said he would sell them to you for \$4.70."

Johnny was so happy that he didn't know what to say to thank Mrs. Malloy so he blurted out, "What's your little boy's name?"

"Jack, but he hasn't been out of bed for two Christmases. He is crippled. Why don't you come over and play with him sometime? He's just seven."

"I'm eight but I guess a year won't matter, will it?"

Kitty handed Johnny the neatly wrapped package and made arrangements for him to come to play with Jack the day after Christmas.

With this agreement between them, Johnny left the store. A few minutes later his head popped into the door as he called, "Merry Christmas, Mrs. Malloy."

Kitty returned the greeting and as she walked out the door on her way home she handed the manager the thirty cents she owed him.

# Congressional Record

It will be the policy of "State-To-Date" from this issue forward to publish the minutes of the Student Congress meetings. The staff feels that the students should know the workings of their student government and hopes that this column will achieve this end. Following are the minutes of the last meeting.

December 2, 1946

The Student Congress was called to order by the president at 11:42 a. m. Mr. Ebert of the Little Jewelry Company was present to discuss the school ring. After a discussion about the ring it was decided to limit the purchase of the ring to the members of the professional school. The price list was read and as the price was slightly higher than the estimated cost, it was suggested that class meetings be held to determine the number in the junior and senior classes now desiring rings. A joint meeting of the two classes and the representatives was decided to be held on December 10 at 11:42.

The motion was made, seconded, and carried that seventy-five dollars of the Social Fund from last year be turned over to the Junior class to sponsor the Graduation Dance in August.

The motion was made, seconded and carried that the meeting be adjourned.

December 18, 1946

The Student Congress meeting was called to order at 11:42. Miss Shaffer gave a report of the allocations of activity fees and showed how the ten dollars from next semester would be distributed. Miss Shaffer also reported that since sixty-four of the students are ex-G.I.'s their fees could not lie in the bank until the end of this year and the beginning of next year and could not be drawn upon

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## English Prof Addresses County Teachers Group

Dr. Dorothy Howard, head of the English Department and adviser to Student Publications, delivered an address entitled, "English for These Times—Some Issues and Implications" to the Allegany County Council of English Teachers at a meeting held on December 5, 1946, in Cumberland, Maryland.

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Randolph Scott, Ann Richards  
Dec. 29, 30, 31  
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June Haver, George Montgomery

## Art Students Decorate Miss Gray's Sanctuary

If a student wants to get into the Christmas mood, he should take a stroll outside the administration building and look at Miss Gray's windows.

There, giving the effect of stained glass are painted all the old familiar Christmas designs. Next to the bridge are bells ringing out good tidings. The bell-boys responsible for this merry job are Edward Lizer and William Moody. Beside the bells is a jolly skiing scene created by Ruth Robinson and Kate McClain. Dorothy Elder has done a very creditable job on Joseph, Mary, and the Christ Child. A fat Santa Claus complete with pack, painted by Ina Nie Watson fills the last window. On the front windows is a winter scene of a village, intepreted by Jean Mehrling, Flora Cook, and John Alday. On the other window, Dorothy and Jane Ebert have added a group of carolers.

The lights will be left on at night to enable night strollers to enjoy these artistic windows—so students should not forget to include a trip by there in their evening walks.

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## Sorority Holds Xmas Jingle Party

Phy Omicron Delta Sorority held their annual Jingle Christmas Party on Tuesday night, December 10, in the college day room.

The presentation of jingle presents by Santa Claus, interpreted by Lois Storey, was the main feature of the evening's entertainment. Numerous games were played and refreshments were served. To conclude the party, group singing was held.

Miss Janeva Henline won a prize for the best interpretation in art of a Christmas scene.

Committees for the party were: Janet Pyle, Mary Huffman, Libby Winner. refreshments; Betty Poffenberger, Kate McClain, and Lois Storey, entertainment.

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## W. R. A. Sponsors Tri-College Playday

Potomac State and  
California Teachers  
Compete With State

Two schools were invited to participate in dual sports and in sports requiring teamwork, on playday held on Saturday, December 7, by the Women's Recreational Association. Nine athletes from California State Teachers College accompanied by two staff members and seven athletes from Potomac State accompanied by one staff member were registered in the administration building at 1:30 p. m. by a reception committee composed of Mary Frances Comer, Martha Fratz, Virginia Shireman, and Eleanor Stegmaier. As each girl registered she was given a souvenir booklet and name tag for identification.

A volleyball game, at two o'clock, between Frostburg and California, started the tournament. Our Freshman team again proved its worthiness of championship title by running up a score of 31 to 4 on California and 29 to 8 on Potomac State, who ran a close struggle with California but were topped by a margin of one point, the score being 13-12.

Also at two o'clock ping pong games were staged in the boys' recreation room under the guidance of Lois Storey. Linda Cain and Janeva Henline officiated.

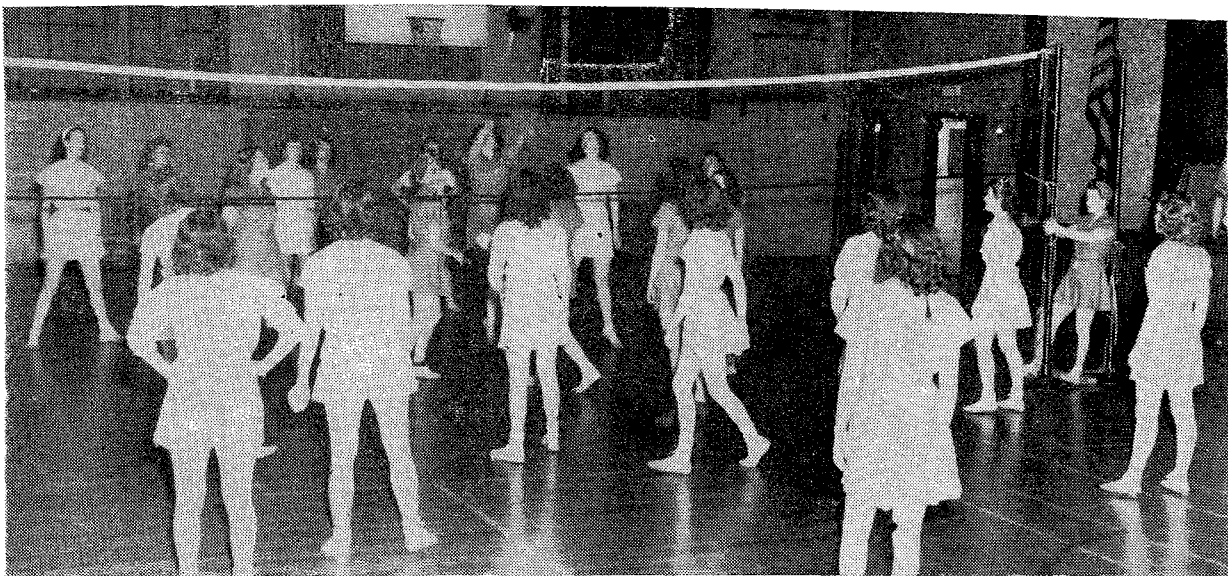
Potomac State represented by Gerstell and Hahn trounced Lottie Burchesky and Shirley Savage of California in the badminton arena, with the score of 15 points to California's 1. They also defeated Frostburg's combination of Martha Fratz and Katie McClain by a two point margin who in turn whipped California, the score being 15-4.

A second round was fought by Jerry Ort and Mary Faye Keiser against Gaier and Keller for California, and Grubb and Carter for Potomac State. Ort and Keiser had two wins to their credit while the set between Potomac State and California was a tie.

A conference was held in the day room after the tournament at which different customs from the athletic organizations were discussed and ideas were exchanged among the colleges.

Playday ended with a dinner in the college dining room. Fifty per cent of the State's girls attended and took part. With the backing of such a large portion of our female sportsters playday turned out to be a huge success.

## Play Day Girls Cavort on Court



Volleyball was just one of the many activities in which the State women and their guests participated in the fall Play Day held here December 7.

### Congressional Record . . .

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until then. Each member of the Congress was advised to carry that information back to their classes and organizations. It was also suggested that the budget be posted on the bulletin board. The motion was seconded and carried that the budget be accepted by the Congress.

Official recognition was made of the four students elected to "Who's Who Among American College Students." They were: Virginia Ann Cappinger, Charles Edward Lizer, Ruth Irene Middleton, and Geraldine Hamilton Ort.

A discussion was held concerning the use of the bulletin boards. It was decided that the board near Mr. Diehl's room be reserved for notices for the men and veterans, the one to the left of the book room for general announcements, the one to the right for athletic and assembly notices, and the one opposite the English room be used by all organizations for their notices. Miss Compton will work with Paul DePace and Anna Cook to see that this plan is carried to completion.

and that the Student Christian Association be provided with a board of their own since they so desire.

The presence of faculty advisers at all organization and class meetings was discussed. It was agreed that all advisers should be consulted before meetings, or called by a note placed in their mail box.

The motion was made, seconded and passed to this effect, "If the Student Congress desires to have an emergency meeting it may call such a meeting but a report shall be made to the administration of the college of all business transacted. Every member of the Student Congress should be present at such meetings; the only excuse being illness."

Congestion in the lunch line was discussed and suggestions were made for improvement.

The motion was made, seconded

and passed that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Poffenberger,  
Sec.-Treas.

### Birth Notice

Dr. and Mrs. Carl Brown proudly announce the birth of a son, McHenry, Sunday, December 8, at the Miners' Hospital.

Dr. Brown is head of the education department and instructs psychology.

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## House Council Hop Honors Visiting Shepherd Quintet

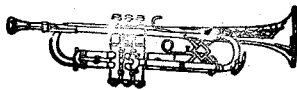
Informal Dance Held  
In Gym; Harris and Bowen  
Capture Swing Contest

Following the Shepherdstown-State basketball game, Saturday night, Dec. 14, the House Council presented an informal dance in the college gymnasium. Music was furnished by the nation's top bands in the form of records and the number one record changer for the evening was freshman class president, Paul DePace.

Highlights of the evening's merry making were the dance contests in both fox trot and jitterbugging. Nick Harris and Jane Bowen captured high honors in the sweet and low field while Paul DePace and Wanda Shobe were selected as the outstanding hep-cats of the "rat race." The victorious Shepherdstown cage quintet were the honored guests of the evening.

Decorations, handled by C. Kershner, were carried out in the traditional Christmas motif and Andy DiUbaldo and his committee furnished refreshments for the dancers. Judges for the dance contest were Miss Mary Louise Robertson, house mother of the girls' dorm. and Coach David E. Warner.

Deepest sympathy goes to Eloise Cook, Bernard Loraditch, Irene Middleton, Roger Lynch and Eleanor Pinaut who drew the cleanup detail.



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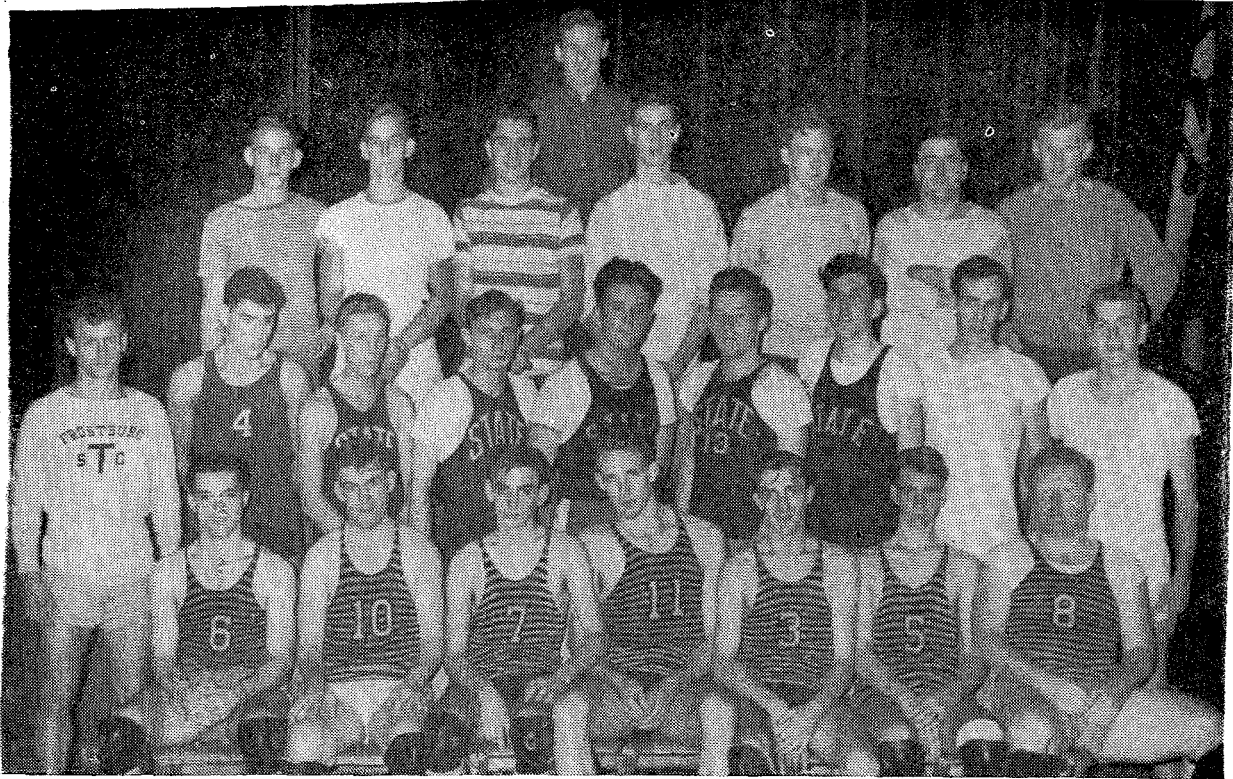
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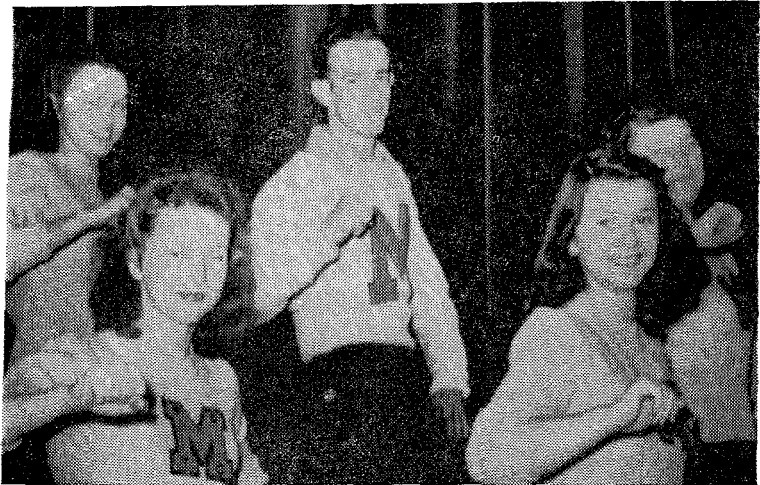
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## Bobcats' 1946-47 Roster



**'Cats' Court Crew** Front row, left to right: Diaz, O'Brien, Harris, Manges, Donohue, Day, Stowell. Second row: Lynch, Cueva, Loraditch, Kroll, Huff, Lizer, Horn, McDonough, Anderson. Third row: Flynn, Kallmyer, Poland, J. Kelly, Bohrer, Brown, Kershner. Coach Warner at top.



After an absence of five years State once again is experiencing a snappy cheering section led by the "yellsters" pictured above: left to right, front row, Mary McLane, Mary Francis Comer, back row, Jean Mehrling, Eugene Harris and Ina Watson.

Most of State's present cheerleaders have cheering backgrounds to their credit, both in high school and college.

Kate McClain was a cheerleader for Hagerstown High School a few seasons back. Both Mary Frances Comer and Ina Watson were on Beall High School's cheering squad and each filled that position during most of their high school careers. Jean Mehrling, who entered State this year as a junior, was a cheerleader for Newport High School, Newport, Pa. and later was chosen for the cheering squad of Millersville State Teachers College, Millersville, Pa. Gene Harris, our one male element on the cheering squad, is a resident

of Baltimore, Md., and has had previous experience as a cheerleader.

In view of the fact that there have been no cheerleaders on our campus for nearly five years, everyone has enthusiastically supported this renewed factor on the campus and it seems to gain momentum with each appearance. The high hope of the cheerleaders, however, is to see a great majority of the students turn out for their pep rallies. Anyone who attends one will never want to miss any of the others, for the display of enthusiasm at these rallies is something in which every student should want to take part.

A tentative date for the next pep rally has been set for Jan. 10, 1947.

## Jayvees Drop Opener To Bruce

### Little Bobcats On Short End Of 49-40 Count

In their opening game of the season, the State College Jay Vees finished on the short end of a 49 to 40 score to the Bruce High Cagers at the latters' court.

The junior Bobcats trailed throughout the contest, being edged at the half by a 27 to 19 tally. Although the losers outscored the Westernport cagers in the last half, they found their early lead too hard to top.

Hanna and Cain led the victors' offensive with 17 and 13 markers, respectively. Dan Bohrer and George McDonough were high for the Frostburgers with 14 and 10 points respectively.

Jayvees	G	F	Pts.
Horn, f	3	0-3	6
Robeson, f	2	0-2	4
McDonough, c	4	2-5	10
Loraditch, g	2	0-2	4
Bohrer, g	5	4-6	14
Huff, sub	1	0-1	2

Totals 17 6-19 40

Bruce	G	F	Pts.
Hannon, f	7	3-4	17
Cain, f	5	3-5	13
Moran, c	3	1-4	7
Salesky, g	1	2-4	4
Parsons, g	0	1-1	1
Wills, sub	3	1-2	7

Totals 12 8-16 49

## Amvet Bees Stop Junior Varsity, 43-19

After holding a 5-2 lead at the close of the first quarter, the Jay Vees lacked the punch to overcome the Cumberland Amvet B's and finished up at the short end of a 43-19 tally in the preliminary game of the varsity's tussle with California State Teachers at the Saints' gym in Cumberland Friday, December 13.

The Cumberlanders, holding a height and experience advantage, rolled up a 27 to 16 halftime lead. The contest was called in the third stanza in order to start the main engagement on time.

Loraditch led the junior Bobcats with eight markers while Bob Spangler paced the B's with 14 points.

Jayvees	G	F	Pts.
Horn, f	0	0-0	0
Robeson, f	1	0-0	2
McDonough, c	2	0-0	4
Loraditch, g	3	2-3	8
Bohrer, g	2	0-0	4
Huff, f	0	0-1	0
Kallmyer	0	0-0	0
Kroll	0	0-0	0

Totals 8 2-4 20

Amvet B	G	F	Pts.
Spangler, f	7	0-1	14
Moreland, f	5	1-3	11
Cunningham, c	0	0-0	0
Gerdeman, g	6	0-0	12
Wilkinson, g	3	0-2	6
Spangler	0	0-0	0

Totals 21 1-6 43

## P. E. Dept. Plans Cage Star Award

At the last meeting of the Physical Education Department arrangements were made to give an award to the outstanding ball players during the basketball season. A point system has been established as follows:

- 25 points for keeping in line with training rules.
- 25 points for scoring highest percent of fouls.
- 25 points for team spirit and all around playing.
- 15 points for good sportsmanship.
- 15 points for attendance.
- 10 points for most improved player.

The judges names will not be told until the season is over.

This system has gone into effect as of December 13, 1946, and will go through the rest of the season.

## Warner's Juniors Stop Turner Crew

State's J. V.'s broke into the winning column by stopping the Turner's Dairy five, 29 to 26, in the prelim to the Shepherd College game.

The Juniors held a 15-9 lead at the half. Bill Kroll led the winners' scoring with 12 points while Thomas and Frank paced the losers with seven markers apiece.

## California Cagers Bowl Over Bobcats

### Pa. Bucket Brigade Garners 45 Field Goals To Win 96-32

In the Bobcats' first game of the season, California handed them a terrific setback by a score of 96-32, at the Sts. Peter and Paul gym, Cumberland.

Aglio, Hummel, Kline scored 16, 14, and 14 points respectively for the Californians. Harris was top scorer for State with 11 points.

At half time the score was 59-19 California. With the beginning of the second half, State looked a little better, but the visitors kept dumping them in. Harris played a bang-up ball game for the Black and Gold, both defensively and offensively.

State	G	F	Pts.
Harris, f	5	1-2	11
Anderson, f	0	0-0	0
Manges, c	1	1-3	3
Donahue, g	2	0-2	4
Calhoun, g	3	2-4	8
Cueva, sub	3	0-0	6

Totals 14 4-11 32

Non-scoring subs: Day, Stowell, Diaz, Lynch, Bohrer.

California	G	F	Pts.
Aglio, f	8	0-1	16
Hummel, f	7	0-1	14
Amprim, c	3	1-2	7
Kline, g	6	2-4	14
Brown, g	4	3-5	11
Gordon, sub	5	0-0	10
Kovarch, sub	3	1-2	7
Norton, sub	1	0-0	2
Pee, sub	2	0-3	4
Bruno, sub	2	0-0	4
Bedchman, sub	2	1-1	3
Bedth, sub	2	0-0	4

Totals 44 8-19 96

## Bobcats Meet Mt. St. Mary's Here Jan. 11

### Two Members of 1943-44 Championship Five Start For Emmitsburg Team

The Bobcats will open the 1947 end of the basketball schedule January 9 when they tackle the tough Shepherd College quint at Charles Town, W. Va. On January 11, the Warnermen will play host to the Mt. St. Mary's team at the Beall High gym.

Mt. St. Mary's, situated in nearby Emmitsburg, Md., will probably start two Brooklyn boys, Chester Mount and Gerry Dyas. Mount starred at Fordham Prep and Dyas was graduated from St. Augustine High School in Brooklyn.

Others in the starting five will be Pete "Lanky" Clarke, center, who was a member of the 1943-44 Mt. St. Mary's quint; Bill McGuire, who was also a member of the 1943-44 championship team; and Bob Zweible, who hails from Brunswick, N. J., where he was a member of the St. Peter's Catholic High court outfit.

In the light of the first two contests of the Bobcats ending in defeat, Coach Warner predicts a good showing from the State five. Nick Harris is the only certain starter who has shown exceptional skill in ball handling and shooting. There will possibly be changes in the line up but Mr. Warner has declined to make any announcement until game time.

## Shepherd Sinks State 50-42

### Harris Gathers 28 Tallies As Bobcats Lose Number Two

Although Nick Harris led his team with 28 points to his credit, the Bobcats tasted of defeat for the second time in as many starts when Coach Cletus D. Lowe's Shepherd College courtsters stopped the Frostburg outfit, 50 to 42 at the Beall High floor, Saturday, December 14.

After holding the visitors to a 7-7 tie at the end of the first quarter, the State dropped to the short end of a 25-16 count at the halftime.

In the third period, the Lowe-men pulled away from the losers to hold a 41-26 edge at the finish of the canto. With Harris pacing the Frostburg five, with five goals in the last stanza, the Warnermen outscored the winners 16 tallies to 9 in the last stanza but lacked the finish to push into the winning column.

The final period was roughly played with the victors being awarded 13 free shots via the foul route.

Shepherd	G	F	Pts.
Miller, f	1	2-3	4
M. Skinner, f	4	1-3	9
Ashton, c	9	3-7	21
E. Skinner, g	0	3-6	3
McKee, g	1	0-2	2
Wakeford	1	0-0	2
Price	2	1-2	5
Abel	1	0-0	2
Tucker	1	0-1	2
Aaron	0	0-0	0

Totals 20 10-24 50

Frostburg	G	F	Pts.
Harris, f	13	2-4	28
Anderson, f	2	0-0	4
Manges, c	0	2-3	2
Donahue, g	0	0-4	0
Calhoun, g	0	1-2	1

## The Melting Pot



By Eugene Harris

Attention Bookworms! How about crawling out and attending some of the home games that our basketball

team plays. The team would appreciate the backing and the book worms could enjoy a splendid bit of sportsmanship. Hope to see the book worms on January 11, 1947, when our boys play Mt. St. Mary's at Beall High School Gym.

It has been rumored that Charles Kershner reminds one of a fox with a pack of hounds after him on the basketball court.

Homer Stocley says that Coach Warner has bought each of his boys the record, "Go To Sleep, My Little Babies."

On Friday, December 13, a rally was held in the gym with forty-five people attending. The meeting was highlighted by a talk from Coach Warner, Jim Donahue also said a few words. The cheering went over well and the school pep songs were sung. The cheerleaders were dressed in their cheering outfits, displaying the school colors, gold and black. Those who did not attend missed a good show. The next meeting promises to be better still, so don't miss out on the fun.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

## Mentor Muses



State's court director, Coach David J. Warner, Jr., looks his cage aspirants over during a practice session.

Cueva, _____	1	0-0	2
Day _____	0	0-1	0
Lynch _____	1	1-1	3
Bohrer _____	0	0-0	0
Totals	17	6-15	42



Pictured above is a badminton scene taken on Playday. Kate McClain and Martha Fratz are playing an opposing team from California State Teachers College consisting of Lottie Burchesky and Shirley Savage.