

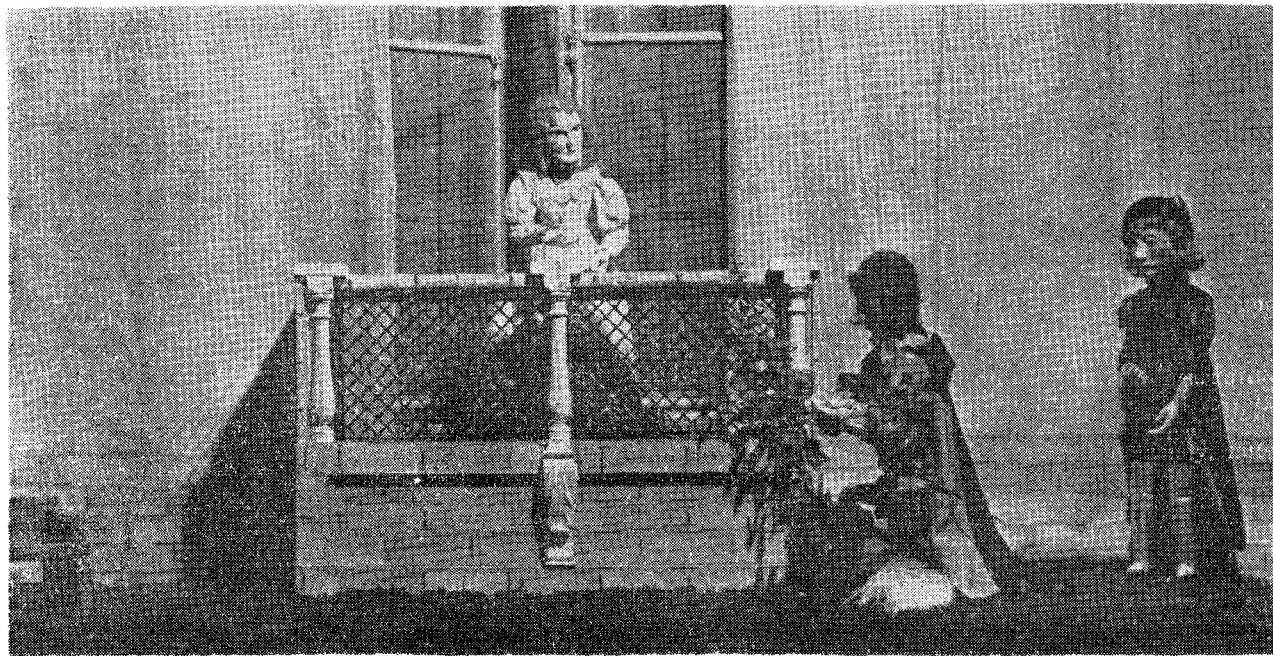
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Puppet Theatre Appears Here

January 5, 1953

On Monday, January 5, at 10 a. m. the Kingsland Marionettes will present a program for the General Assembly in the auditorium. The Marionettes is a touring puppet theatre presented in person by the owner-artists, professionals known nationally for a long record of success on the puppet stage. The creators of this show, Leonora D. Head and Cedric R. Head, are one of the foremost teams in the country in the art of "Pulling the Strings." Their whole lives are devoted to building, planning, and presenting better marionette shows.

After working all summer at their camp on Lake Dunmore in Vermont, building and planning their productions, this team tours the Eastern half of the United States from October to May. They always carry three to six programs in their truck for audiences of any age, from kindergarten groups to the most sophisticated study groups.

At the assembly program several impressions of Cyrano in some of the famous scenes from the play, "Cyrano de Bergerac," will be presented. These include (1) the duel in rhyme, (2) the balcony scene, and (3) the Convent Garden scene. The rest of the program will be made up of short numbers of a variety nature.

Following the assembly for the college students, a program will be given for the Laboratory School. "The Town Musicians of Bremen" will be the first selection, with "Rapunzel" as the second, and variety circus numbers as the third. The P. T. A. of the Laboratory School is sponsoring this event.

The history of puppetry is venerable. Its early beginnings date back several centuries B. C. Over these hundreds of years artists and craftsmen of practically every country in the world have entertained the public with their art in puppetry—sometimes with sim-

Curriculum Group Selects Two Students

Dr. Harold Reese, chairman of the Curriculum Committee, has announced the selection of Miss Etta Lashley and Mr. Raymond Chaney to serve for this semester with the committee.

Two senior students who are still on campus are selected to serve each semester. One boy and one girl, one from the elementary teaching field and the other from the junior high field, are chosen.

The function of the Curriculum Committee is to study the present curriculum to determine the needs for improvement or change. Faculty members of this committee, in addition to Dr. Reese, are Dr. Hazel Ramsay, Miss Lella Stevens, Mrs. Lucile N. Clay, Miss Arline Petry, and Miss Ruth Sherman.

Miss Lashley is a member of the Future Teachers of America. She is a past member of the Maryland Singers and has taken part in various assemblies during the past three years. She has also been on the Dean's List.

Mr. Chaney is also a member of the Future Teachers of America. He belongs to the Alpha Tau Alpha Fraternity and has been on the Dean's list.

ple hand puppets, in the Far East with shadows and rod puppets, in Europe with the more complicated string puppets called marionettes. To this day the peoples of Asia and the Far East still depend largely upon the puppet shows for their entertainment and pleasure. Middle Europe has always been and still is a center of puppet theatre.

January 12, 1953

On Monday, January 12, at 2 p. m. The Bliss Repertory Theatre will present "As You Like It" in the college auditorium as a General Assembly program. This Shakespearean drama is a comedy which has pleased audiences for three centuries. The Bliss company is widely known and gives a very effective presentation.

Lab School Presents Christmas Program

The children of the college Laboratory School will present a Christmas program in the auditorium on Friday, December 19. The time will be announced later. Everyone is invited to come.

The fourth, fifth, and sixth grades are combining to present the program, "The Little One." Characters in the play are: Pablo, Ronnie Frost; Padre, Richard Hawkins; Auctioneer, Larry Fresh; Father, Norman Pugh; Son, Donald Zarefoss; St. Joseph, Lynn Zellers; Mary, Shirley Conrad; Guard, Philip Lanasa; and farmer, Ronnie Ward. The shepherds, wise men, angels, choir, and members of the street scene will be members of these three grades.

Mrs. Clark, chairman, is directing the play; Miss Brady is in charge of the music; and Miss Roemelmeyer is directing the choral speaking. They are being assisted by the student teachers.

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Larna Cutter Wins Honors at Contest

At a program presented by the Associated Young People of the Allegany County Farm Bureau on December 6, Miss Larna Cutter, a freshman at F. S. T. C., took top honors. The contest, a "Talent Find" program, was held in the Bedford Road Fire Hall.

Miss Cutter sang a vocal solo, "I Heard a Forest Praying." In consequence of the winning of this event, she will participate in another contest during the meeting of the Maryland Farm Bureau next month at the Lord Baltimore Hotel, Baltimore.

Miss Maureen Manley, also a freshman, received honorable mention for a pantomime given the same evening.

Judges for the contest in which fourteen persons participated were Miss Edith Humphrey of the English Department at F. S. T. C., Ray Light of a Cumberland theatre, and Roy Knotts of a Cumberland radio station.

Ten Seniors Meet Requirements For Graduation

The first semester at the State Teachers College will close on Wednesday, January 21. Ten seniors will complete graduation requirements at that time. They are: John O. Diggs, Cumberland; Thomas A. Downs, Jr., Williamsport; Clara June Gilford, Cumberland; John C. Harvey, Piedmont, West Virginia; Charles C. Kopp, Cumberland; Joseph W. McDaniel, Jr., Hagerstown; Joseph G. Madden, Cumberland; Thomas F. Moran, Mt. Savage; Tracy Riggins, Jr., Luke; and William B. Yates, Frostburg. Thomas A. Downs and Joseph W. McDaniel have accepted positions and will begin teaching in Washington County early in February.

The second semester will open on Monday, January 26, when classes will begin. Seniors and juniors will register on Monday, January 19. Sophomores and freshmen will register on Tuesday, January 20, and Wednesday, January 21. New students will register on Thursday, January 22, and Friday, January 23.

The students at the College had a large part in student recruiting for the present year, and they were instrumental in bringing many of their friends to the college.

Donna J. Elias, of Westernport, a graduate of St. Peter's High School, will enter at the beginning of the second semester through the efforts of Theresa Cavallero, a junior. Joseph M. Harvey, of Bowling Green, Cumberland, a graduate of Bruce High School, will enroll also in January. He has been interested in training for teaching by her brother, John C. Harvey, who is completing his work this semester. Harry F. Fauber, of Mt. Lake Park and a graduate of the Oakland High School, will enter the college. He is a brother of Nina Fauber, a former student.

New students interested in enrolling for the second semester should contact the Registrar's Office promptly. First semester courses will be offered, and it will be possible for students who did not enter in September to begin their work at the opening of the second semester.

Resident Students Hold Annual Christmas Banquet

The Annual Residents' Christmas Banquet will be held today, December 17. It is a combination jingle party and banquet to which the faculty and guests are invited. The banquet is semi-formal.

The committee chosen for preparing this year's banquet is headed by Jo Ann Fisher as chairman. Others on the committee are Beverly Bennett, jingle party; Mary Sowers, special gifts; George Wachter, Jim Dunn, Fred Gero, Mike Smith, John Clark, and Ronnie Weicht, tree and all first floor decorations; Ed Smith and Warfield Wilson, program; Carolyn Hull, publicity; and Elaine Weimer and Tom Furlow, table decorations.

Study Hour Change

At a recent meeting of the Resident Students, it was decided to change Study Hour back to the original hours of 7:30 to 9:30. Please make note of this change—especially the resident students to whom it applies.

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Editorially Speaking . . .

New Year's Day

is fast approaching and with its coming, two thoughts are brought to the foreground. On January 1, 1953, one more year has added its events to the history of the world. Also, on this day it is the custom of most people to make New Year's resolutions.

These resolutions range from the child who says, "I will be a better little boy this year," to the adult whose promises are many and varied.

New Year's resolutions are a wonderful thing. They signify the hope that events will be a little bit better during the coming year. The slate has been wiped clean with the twelfth stroke of the clock at midnight. Now is the time for people to "prove themselves."

But what happens to these resolutions? Very often they are kept bright and shining for a couple of weeks, then they are packed away with the Christmas tree ornaments. New Year's resolutions have been as traditional as trimming the tree on Christmas eve and "Auld Lang Syne." They are in style during the holiday season and last about as long as it does.

This year why not make the resolution to keep our New Year's resolutions?

Shortly After Our Return . . .

to school following the holidays, students at F. S. T. C. will be sent greetings from the faculty which say, "The exam in (subject) will be held on such a day at such an hour."

It is the usual practice of some students to spend examination eve in "cramming." This should be unnecessary and is often harmful rather than helpful.

If you have not kept up in your studying throughout the semester, it is advisable that you start preparing for that exam in the two-week period between the end of the holidays and the beginning of exam week. Studying the night before only leaves you tired and more confused than ever. Remember—you cannot learn in one evening what it took an entire semester to teach.

Attention ! ! ! Money Seekers

Attention!! All those interested in winning money! The following paragraphs contain information and rules concerning two national contests.

The first contest, sponsored by General Motors, concerns the subject, "How to Plan and Pay for the Safe and Adequate Highways We Need." One hundred and sixty-two prizes, amounting to \$194,000, are being offered; first prize is \$25,000. Entries will be judged for originality, sincerity, and practical adaptability of the ideas submitted—not on literary merit.

They must be postmarked not later than midnight, March 1, 1953. No limitation is placed on the length of the essay. Each one shall be in English, on one side of the paper only, and preferably typewritten. Illegible essays will be automatically disqualified. Each essay must be submitted with an official entry blank to be eligible.

Entry blanks and further information may be obtained by writing to: General Motors Better Highway Awards, General Motors Building, Detroit 2, Michigan.

The Intercollegiate Association for Study of the Alcohol Problem is sponsoring a contest on the topic, "Social Drinking." There are fifteen prizes, amounting to \$1,700, with the top prize being \$200.

Material should be written in editorial form. They may deal with any phase of the theme and each writer shall select his own title. The maximum length is 500 words and the minimum length is 800 words. The manuscript may be typewritten or written in ink and an entry blank must accompany each entry. Deadline is May 1, '53.

Judging will be based on soundness and originality of thought, quality of research, clarity of expression, and accuracy of basic facts. A free packet of helps in facing these problems may be obtained by writing to: Contest Secretary, Intercollegiate Association for Study of the Alcohol Problem, 12 North Third St., Room 522, Columbus 15, O.

Senior News

The bulletin board in Old Main has a list posted of the dates on which Seniors may have their class pictures taken at Goldfine's. Please read the instructions carefully and then sign your name at the time that suits best. Do this before December 17.

Congratulations are in order this month to Lois Wentling and her newly announced engagement.

I. R. C. Meets

The Middle Atlantic Region of the Association of International Relations Clubs will meet at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, December 29, 1952. The topic for discussion at this meeting will be: "Why Is the United States Losing its Friends?" Mr. Norman Thomas will be the main speaker and Mr. H. Harold Stassen, president of the University, will give the welcoming address.

Since the college I. R. C. Club is planning to send representatives to this conference, they chose this same topic for the panel discussion at the meeting held on Thursday, December 11, at 7 p. m. in the Day Room at the college. Mary K. Logsdon spoke on "Why is the United States Losing Its Friends in the Far East?" Joe Kelly spoke on the "Near East," William Scott discussed "Losing Friends in Europe." After discussing these topics here, the Club representatives will obtain maximum value from the Middle Atlantic Regional Conference.

The Club at the college is a part of the organization of the Association of International Clubs with headquarters in New York and is now also represented on the National Council for U. N. E. S. C. O., one of the specialized agencies of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

FTA Officers Attend Mt. Savage Meeting

The officers of F. T. A. attended an F. T. A. Club meeting at Mt. Savage on December 10, 1952. Mr. Charles L. Kopp, past superintendent of schools in Allegany County, was also present, as the club is dedicated to him. Jack Snyder, a graduate of last spring, sponsored this F. T. A. Club.

The Chapter F. T. A. meeting for December was in charge of Ronnie Chapman, Margaret Ann Dilfer, and Jack Kelly. The business meeting was short due to the absence of the regular officers. Ray Chaney gave a report concerning the plans being made for the high school F. T. A. Club members in the county to attend one meeting here in February or March.

Following the business meeting, several short films pertaining to the Christmas season were shown by Chester See. Mr. Monroe Harris with a group of students from Beall High School entertained the group with a short program of carol singing. Tommy Martin sang "White Christmas" and "Winter Wonderland," a duet, "O Bethlehem" was sung by Sally Farrady and Adrian Lockard; and Miss Farrady also sang "O Holy Night." Mr. Harris led the entire group in singing some of the familiar Christmas carols.

The F. T. A. wishes to thank these people from Beall for coming up to present this delightful program, and it is hoped they will return again some time in the near future.

The evening's entertainment was ended with the serving of refreshments. Mary Elizabeth Straw and Ruth Rahn presided at the punch bowl.

Maryland Singers . . .

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"Hallelujah Chorus—The Messiah" - Handel

The Maryland Singers

The accompanists for the program were Annette Delamater at the piano and Eleanor Smith at the organ.

S. C. A. Will Hold Candlelight Service

The Student Christian Association will open the new year by holding a candlelight service. The theme will be making resolutions for a better year.

Today, the toy and clothing drive ended. Through the generous gifts of the students, many children will have a Merry Christmas this year.

On Sunday, December 14, a group of students held a fireside hour in the living room of the dormitory. After this program, the group went caroling, and sang for shut-ins throughout the town. The group returned to the home of Norma Nelson on Maple Street where refreshments were served.

"How Should A Christian Act?" was the theme used at the November 24th meeting of the S. C. A. The topic was approached from four different view points: cheating, swearing, social criticism, and drinking. Leading the discussion were Neva Geary, Mary Virginia Wiebrecht, Jim Lemmert, and Ronald Fearer. Interesting discussions ensued after each speaker's talk, and refreshments followed the formal meeting.

Realizing that worship is the central pivot of our Christian way of life, the S. C. A. of our college has provided a chapel hour each morning, Monday through Friday. It is here that students may meet with their friends and unite in a common service for all. Chapel is characteristic of college life and deserves the highest degree of our consideration and support.

Children's Theatre Play

Little Theatre has announced that the first performance of the Children's Theatre production, "Hansel and Gretel," will be on January 14, 1953.

The cast for this play includes: Hansel, Bruce Ambrose; Gretel, Margaret Mongold; Mother, Lois Neilson; Father, Ronnie Fearer; Witch, Susan Richmond; and, Sandman and Dewman, Tom Furlow.

The costumes for the cast were designed by James Goldsworthy and will be made by members of the costume committee. The properties and sets for the play will be designed and executed by members of the properties and make up committees, with the aid of the stage crew.

Hansel and Gretel was adapted to play form by Jo Ann Fisher and Norma Hicks and will be directed by them. Miss Edith Humphrey is the faculty adviser.

Classes Visit Ocean Mine

On Friday, November 21, 1952, Dean Diehl's Geography of Maryland Class and Mr. Taylor's Economic Geography Class visited the Ocean Number One Mine.

Under the leadership of Mr. Edward Stowell, mine inspector for the State of Maryland, the group gathered firsthand knowledge about the mining of coal in the Georges' Creek Coal Basin.

The group walked to one of the main working faces, 75 feet below the earth's surface and 2100 feet from the main entrance. Here a crew of four men were busily engaged in the actual mining of coal. The process included blasting or shooting the nine foot vein to loosen the coal. Various methods of timbering the mine to prevent caving in were pointed out to the group. Also visited were several abandoned sites where caving in has occurred.

Merry Christmas

F. S. T. C. Campus
December, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,

This is the last year that I will be writing you as they're finally getting rid of me here.

As usual, the faculty, administration, and student body have been admirable examples of all that is good and kind. So—in view of this fact I am writing you, dear Santa, and giving you a partial list of gifts that would be appreciated by various members of our campus.

First, you'll be interested in some of the needs of our grand and glorious faculty and our determined and courageous administration.

For Mrs. Clay: a staff gifted with promptness and verbosity. Also, a student in her class with all her words in his vocabulary; and finally, a doctor's degree.

For Dr. Ramsay: a chart to show the development of most anything from "jellyfish to Uncle Frederick."

For Miss Hough: **More Room!**

For Mr. Elderdice: a boys' dorm and also a doctor's degree. (The dorm would help the boys, too.)

For Dr. Schuster: enough time (with pay, if you please) to write a good U. S. history book.

For Dr. Matteson and Miss Humphrey: several yards of good weather to be spread over field trips.

For Miss Compton: a well earned vacation.

For Dean Diehl, as usual, anything that requires him.

For Mrs. Ainslie: several containers of Peace to be sprinkled over the dorm at about midnight.

Also, for Dr. Matteson: tenors!

For Miss Hamilton: a bottle of ambition to be given liberally to her Trig and Algebra classes.

For Mr. Rissler: a rubber stamp suitable for signing checks.

For Dr. Briggs: a revival of vaudeville, and a new set of pencils.

For Miss Wellner: a set of dance records of the samba, rumba, and jitterbug with suitable instructions to be used in gym classes.

For Mr. Babcock: if not a swimming pool, possibly a wading pool.

For Dr. Reese: a wide awake, punctual introduction to Ed. class.

For Miss Petry: a realization that "Core" means "Chaos Organized Right Effectively."

For Mr. Van Newkirk: No-Doz tablets for his 8:00 Monday morning Psych. class.

For Miss Langhans: a larger supply room, as this one is getting crowded.

Letters To Santa

The Science department is so happy with its new building that they ask only that you drop your blessing on them as you pass by.

The office girls would like longer lunch hours and to be able to come to work later and leave earlier (who wouldn't?).

The Lab school faculty would like a quiet Christmas by the fire sans song, sans (little) singers and sans noise.

So much for the faculty and administration, except that they would like the usual line of candy.

And now for the student body:

For Elizabeth R: a spinning wheel that she might sit by the fire and spin.

For Ronnie F: a bale of "Clover."

For "T. Kermit": a nice quiet place to play his zither; preferably 6 x 6 x 3 feet.

For Jean and Gene: a package of Hershey's Chocolate Kisses.

For Annette D: a printer who can print her last name properly.

For "Flash": a little toy figure.

For Pat Halloran: a package of Lifesavers for a certain ex-navy man.

For Eddie Wallace: a package of ear plugs, a carton of aspirin and a new set of nerves.

And finally, dear Santa, I leave the job of writing this letter and everything else I do on this campus to Robt. Bruce Ambrose. Give him your blessing; he'll need it.

Sincerely your, F. S. T. C.'s

Night Mayor

Dear Santa,

This is the last year that we will be able to write a letter to you, so please lean your ear our way.

We are two senior girls who will be going out in the "field" next semester; please bring us hip boots in case we get in too deep.

Since we are waitresses in the college dining room, just once we would like to have two tables (one each) of kids who are on diets and don't say, "Fill up all the service dishes for seconds again!"

Please bring us each a pair of hose and we have heard rumors that we will need them.

Please, please, dear Santa, be real nice to all the children in the elementary schools so that they won't be out of sorts when we take over in January.

And most of all, Santa, please don't draft Rooster and Joe into the service until they are ready to go.

Edith and Ruth

Dear Santa,

I want something real special this Christmas. You won't have to give it to me on December 25, but on January 31.

Please, Santa, make it snow in Florida in January and be sunny and warm in Cumberland. You see, in January there will be a big dance and I want to go. I can't—unless it is warm here and cold in Florida. Put a bug

in the weatherman's ear and see if you can arrange it.

If you can't arrange snow in Florida, have it snow about six feet deep here and have the roads to Florida real icy. He won't want to risk traveling in his new Pontiac on any icy roads.

See what you can do; I'll keep counting on you.

"Old Faithful"

Dear Santa,

Here it is Christmas time again, and you still haven't brought me what I asked for last year.

For this Christmas, my heart's desire is for a sweet little doll to take care of me after June, 1953. Also, please bring me lots of candy, nuts, and oranges.

Your little helper,
"Honas"

Dear Santa,

We have tried real hard all year to be good girls. We've even made our beds once or twice—so we want to ask a few favors for Christmas.

Please bring us both a 3.0 average so we can be brainy like the rest of our friends who will be getting 1.0's.

We could use a maid to clean the room so we can be on the good house-keeping list instead of the one we've been on.

Please remember Francie and Jack and be real good to them.

Love and kisses,

Dottie and 'B. J.'

P. S. Please remember our friend, Dottie, and bring her the biggest pair of shoes you have to replace the pair she borrowed from Jim Hicks.

Dearest Santa Claus,

I've been a good little boy all through the year. This Christmas I'll be the happiest fellow, if you will only bring me just what I would like to have.

I would like for you to bring me a pair of high rubber boots, which would come in mighty handy on our next trip to the coal mine.

Also I could use a large box of soybeans. These will make my term paper more meaningful since I am almost an expert on soybeans.

Rudolph's little friend,

"Chet"

Dear Mr. Claus,

There are two students in the Freshman Class who would like you to bring us something special this year for Christmas.

They would like to have a man as tall as Warfield Wilson, built like Lance Statler, hair like Bob Brown, eyes like Jim Light, and who dresses like Mr. Diehl. We know this man won't be hard to find, so we hope to find one in our Christmas stockings.

Rosie would like a new twilight blue Cadillac, since you have so many this year.

Bobbie would like a "Light" to see her to her door at night.

We wish to tell everyone, "Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!"

Bobbie and Rosie

Dear Mr. Klaus,

Article I—In general we want: Many muscular, marriageable, mature, millionaire men.

Article II—In particular, please bring to:

Lucy—a D. P. (displaced person)

Mary—more guns (she plays cow girls)

Jan—a N. A. N. (take it as you wish)

Carol—a brain (or would she be dangerous?)

Jody—a Loayfull new year

Rita—a Sammyclaus

Skip—a White Christmas and Gero weather.

"The maids of '56"

Dear Santa Claus,

We have been so very good this year that it is difficult to decide on what we deserve. Millie has never had a one o'clock special and Colleen has always been in by nine thirty. Enough said!

Please bring Millie something nice to get her in bed at night and anything at all to possibly get her out of bed in the mornings. Please bring Colleen something short and sweet to keep her feet warm at night—besides her footies.

Together we want a new rug for our room to put the dirt under (the old one has almost reached the ceiling).

For Colleen's special friend, Bill Kirk, bring a portable audience to laugh at his jokes.

By all means, bring Millie's fifty children new strait jackets until she has finished practice teaching.

Don't forget the 5 lb. box of candy, 2 lbs. of assorted nuts, and a crate of oranges. (We are big eaters.)

Veracity yours,

Honest Millie and Truthful Colleen

Dear Santa,

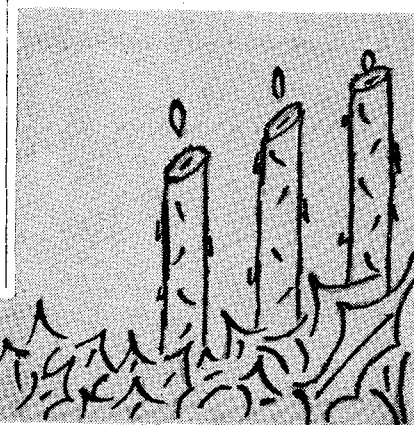
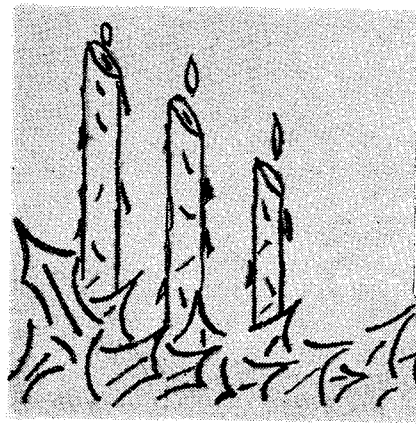
I don't want something from you on December 25. I want my present on January 31. It will be late, but as I always say, "Better late than never."

It's going to weigh an awful lot, but I am sure your sleigh can haul 175 lbs. I'll be able to handle it after you get it here. You will have to see Uncle Sam first, but I hope he will be obliging. If you ask him, I am sure he will be.

I also would like to have a new dress for this day. I won't have to ask you for a car since you have already given him one for Christmas.

I hope you will work real hard on this project. I'll thank you in advance because I know you can do this.

Your gal,
Sal



Happy New Year

'Twas The Night Before Christmas . . .

'Twas the night before Christmas,
when all through "Old Main"
Not a creature was stirring, they'd all
sprung their brains;
The stockings were hung by the chimney
with care,
(For it had been six months since
they'd had any air);
The girls had been nestled all snug in
their beds,
While visions of H. sapiens (male)
danced through their heads;
Mamma in her kerchief and gown and
cap
Was patrolling the halls with her
heels, rap, rap, rap.
When out on the campus there arose
such a clatter,
She called the police to see what was
the matter!
Away to the windows the girls flew
like a flash,
Tore open the curtains and threw up
the sash.
The moon on the () of the new
fallen snow
Gave the appearance of Times Square
and Broadway below;
When, what to their wondering eyes
should appear
But a miniature sleigh, but not one
tiny reindeer,
With a little old driver so lively and
quick
They knew all at once that it much
be St. Nick.
More rapid than eagles (he's now jet
propelled),
And passing he whistled and called
each girl by her name
"Hey, Patsy and Willie! ho, Boopy
and Bev!
Hi, Hazel and Alma, Meconi and "Reb!"
Down to the living room! Run down
the hall!
Now, dash away, dash away, dash
away all!"
As dry leaves that before the wild
hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle,
mount to the sky,
So down to the front room, the girls
they all flew
To meet a sleigh full of toys and St.
Nicholas, too.
Then in a twinkling they heard on the
roof
The miniature sleigh land with a woof!
As Mamma drew in her head and was
turning about,
She let out a scream, "There's a man
in the house!"
He was dressed all in fur from his
head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with
ashes and soot.
He landed quite hard, got up and then
shook
And the Oriental rug took on a new
look.
Mamma really shivered and then she
turned blue
And cried out in anguish, "House
Council, what shall we do?"
The stump of a pipe, he held tight in
his teeth,
And the smoke, it encircled his head
like a wreath.

Then rose a howl which went to a
shriek,
"NO SMOKING in here and what do
you seek?"
He was chubby and plump—a right
jolly old elf
And he laughed when he saw them in
spite of himself.
A wink of his eye, and a twist of his
head,
Soom gave all the girls to know he'd
soon have them all wed.
He spoke not a word, but went straight
to work.
He filled all the silks with "trifles"
—he's not a jerk.
Then laying his finger aside of his
nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he
rose.
He sprang to his sleigh, pulled open
the throttle;
And he flew through the air like an
empty beer bottle.
And the girls heard a voice ere he
drove out of sight,
"Now hurry to bed and TURN OUT
THE LIGHTS."

World Traveler

The world traveler adjusted his
wings, took a last look around him,
sighed and flew away. The night was
crisp and clear and the stars were shin-
ing like bright diamonds on the black
velvet of night.

Settling down to a steady rate, the
traveler thought, "I'm going to enjoy
my work tonight." For you see, this
world traveler was an angel sent out
by God to gather all the Christmas
prayers.

His first stop was Canada where he
picked up the prayer of a little girl
wanting the usual doll and bed. Flying
south he soon entered Detroit and care-
fully gathered in the prayer of a moth-
er asking God to protect her boy in
Korea.

In the next state he passed over a
prison and stopped to catch the prayer
of a prisoner asking God to forgive
and help him.

Still flying south, he entered St.
Louis where a work-hardened, humble
farmer was praying, asking God to
help guide America and her leaders.

In the deep South the prayer of a
Negro mother, asking God to ease the
pain in the heart of her children, was
received.

And in Houston, Texas, the prayer of
a young mother and father that their
children would never know war, was
gathered in.

Going still farther South, he entered
Mexico. In a little village he heard a
mother and father praying that their
children would not go hungry.

After flying a long way he hovered
over Africa where a young missionary
was saying, "Enter into the hearts of
these people. Wash away ignorance
and darkness, bring the truth and the
light."

In Korea he flew over a young Ma-
rine sleeping beside a little Korean
orphan. But only the little one was
sleeping, for the heart of the other was
asking "Why must there be war and
death?" The angels proclaimed on that

Long Search

The bent old man walked slowly
down the noisy, confused street. The
frail old creature, with the dreary,
bleak eyes, was pushed and jostled
among the hurrying crowd. As he was
about to cross the street, a rattling,
creaking car came whizzing down the
street, barely missing him by inches.

Dazed and weakened from the ex-
perience, he stumbled to a little park
not far away. But the wind was bitter-
ly cold and unfriendly and it seemed
to go right through his wrinkled skin
and frail bones. So, he started down
the long street again.

As he walked along, he could not
help overhearing the conversation of
two men behind him. They were
angrily discussing the recent scandal
in government. After thoroughly dis-
cussing the reputations of several gov-
ernment officials and stamping them
as Communists, one turned to the
other and asked, "Say, who did you
vote for in the last election?"

"Oh, I didn't vote. I had forgotten
to register and so I couldn't vote. How
about you?"

"Well, my wife was voting for the
opposing party and since our votes
would just cancel each other, we
didn't vote."

Walking slower and slower down
the street, the gnarled old man saw a
long line of cars approaching. Asking
a passerby, he learned that it was a
funeral of a Marine killed in Korea.
After a little more conversation, he
learned that the boy, twenty-two
years old, had been a well liked, intelli-
gent boy. Shaking his grey head, he
solemnly thought, "It won't be here.
It didn't have a chance to grow."

Bell clanging, siren screaming, a
red fire truck came leaping down the
street like a fiery serpent. Soon the
old man found that a match had been
dropped in the forest near town. "My,"
he thought, "these people are as care-
less of natural resources as of human
resources."

Wearily he crossed the street to
where a group of children were
happily playing. Maybe he could find
it here. Just then a frowning, sharp-
eyed woman came hurrying down the
street, grabbed a tow-headed little fel-
low by the hand and pulled him away.
As they left he could hear her say,
"How many times must I tell you not

long ago night, "Peace on earth, good
will to men."

Many times the traveler would have
liked to stop to listen to sweet, clear
bells or watch the moonlight sparkle
on the snow. But he knew he must go
on. He must cover Spain, France, Ger-
many, Poland, Russia, Sweden, Nor-
way, England, Ireland and all the
other places of the world. He must
gather the prayers of priests, soldiers,
mechanics, bankers, fishermen, teach-
ers and all the different people that
make up the world.

And in the first ray of a rosy dawn,
the weary traveler approached the
pearly gates, his golden chest over-
flowing with prayers of "Peace on
earth, good will to men."

Thoughts About First Christmas

The shepherds watched their flocks
that night

When suddenly came a wondrous
sight!

Their hearts with fear were filled!

The angel spake, "Be not afraid,
Glad tidings now I bring.

Today is born in David's town
Your Saviour, Lord and King."

The shepherds went to Bethlehem.

With joy they did behold

The Baby, in a manger laid,

By prophets long foretold.

The tidings they with others shared,

That Jesus was the King.

Give forth the news this Christmas
Day,

And honor to Him bring.

—Esther Miller

Lab School . . .

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Members of the first, second and
third grades will combine to present,
"The Little Pine Tree," a play written
by members of the third grade as a
cooperative project. The little pine tree
will be Cornelia Lohr, the middle one,
Jim Wilson, and the big pine tree is
Sandra Green. The woodcutters are
James Diehl and Willy Hetrick, and
the angels are Sandra Wilson and
Sandra Fresh. The play is being di-
rected by Miss Jones, Miss Condry, and
Miss Sherman, assisted by the stu-
dent teachers. Miss Dot Brown is the
accompanist and Mr. Yates is in charge
of the songs.

Members of the lower grades also
in this section of the program will take
the parts of rabbits, birds, dancers, and
members of the chorus and proces-
sional.

to play with those foreigners?" No,
it was not here.

Now the old man noticed he was
entering a rough, ramshackled sec-
tion of town. Just then, he felt a tug
at his sleeve. There stood a little boy
with black curly hair and the liquid-
brown, pleading eyes of a puppy.

"Would you please give me a dime,"
he timidly asked. Then feeling as if
he should explain, he said, "Daddy has
gone away to a big hospital and he
can't look out for Mommy and me,
now."

"No, I won't find it here," he
thought. "There is not enough sun-
shine for it to grow."

A little more slowly, a little more
sadly, he continued down the long,
long street, now grown quieter and
calmer. His shoulders were bent as if
he carried the weight of the world.
There was an ache in his heart as he
thought of his sorrows, disappoint-
ments, and failures.

Looking at his battered, time worn
watch, he noticed it was quite late.
Raising his weary eyes to the ever
nearing horizon, he saw him. The
cherubic, little child came tottering
down the road and in his clean, sweet
face he saw it—hope.

As he stepped over the horizon, Old
Father Time prayed, "May his fresh,
new dreams come true."

State-To-Date Holds Party

The staff of **State-to-Date** was entertained at a Christmas party Monday evening in the college dining room.

The purpose of the party was to acquaint the staff members with the plans for the remainder of the school year. These include enlarging the paper to a five-column page and setting up a system of awards. According to this system, each member of the staff will receive a **press pin** after working on the staff one semester. At the end of the year, those holding an office on the staff will receive a guard to the pin. The major award of the year will be a trip to the Columbia Scholastic Press Conference held in New York each year. The people to receive this award will be selected by the advisor, Mrs. Lucile N. Clay.

Following the business portion of the party, refreshments were served and each person was presented with a silver **press pin**.

Those present at the staff party were: Mrs. Lucile N. Clay, advisor, Neva Holland, Jim Jefferies, Ed Wallace, Betty Ramsay, "Flash" Faherty, Vaughn Dullabaun, Sam Lisanti, Clover Clopper, Beverly Merriman, Bob McAlpine, Libby Straw, Susan Mostoller, Pat Creek, Gladys Wensel, Pat Halloran, Jim Williams, Tom Furlow, Mildred Reagan, Mary Lou Malcomb, and Mary E. Kammauf. Those members unable to attend were: Bob Hutcheson, Tom Connor, Charles Smith, Dorothy Shertzer, B. J. Clingerman, and Leo Stakem.

Fashions

With the coming of the holiday season, most of us will be attending dances and parties galore. It sounds like fun, doesn't it? Well, it can be fun, if you know just how to dress and don't turn up at a big bang-up dance in skirt, sweater, and loafers, or sweater, sport jacket, and slacks.

This is a good time to set ourselves straight on just what to wear when and where!!!

"Informal" means just that, sport shirt or a sweater with a skirt, collar and tail showing and a jacket will do fine, but a suit for the gents is still the best. For the ladies—never wear a gown and your lovely evening slippers, even if they are a Christmas present and haven't been initiated yet. A lovely rustling Sunday dress is just what you want.

Save the afore mentioned sports clothes which are definitely out for your gala holiday affairs, for those casual dates—we hope you have gobs and gobs of them!

Formal means tuxedo or dinner jacket and evening gown. Even when invitation says "dress optional" you may wear either of these alternatives, but sports clothes are not acceptable.

A waltz-length evening dress and a suit fill the bill perfectly for "semi-formal" affairs.

This is something which will relieve a lot of the girls' minds and I got it straight from a fellow who knows—boys don't mind seeing the same gown twice, in fact, they are tickled pink to see a gown they liked again.

Now that you know what dress is expected of you, we hope that you dress for the occasion and then go in the happy holiday and festive spirit.

Maryland Singers Give Xmas Program

The Maryland Singers on Tuesday, December 16, 1952, presented their annual Christmas Program in the College auditorium.

The Advent, the Adoration, and traditional Christmas songs comprised the program. It began with a prelude including:

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" - Bach
Piano Duo

Susan Mostroller, Virginia Shoemaker
Aria, "My Heart Ever Faithful" - Bach
Ann Dixon, Soprano

Scripture Reading - Revised Version
Bible—Earl Leroy Duffy

Following this was the procession of the Maryland Singers with girls dressed as angels, the men as the Wise Men and shepherds. The selections included in this section, the advent, were:

Processional - "Dona Nobis"
Arranged by P. Dykema

"Come, Immanuel" - Georgian Chant
Maryland Singers

Maureen Manley, Contralto
"Star of the East" - Kennedy

Dale Swecker, Bass, and Chorus
Come, Shepherds - Chorus

"We Three Kings of the Orient Are"
- J. R. Hopkins, Jr.

Melchior - Alan Sweitzer
Caspar - Donald Kidd

Balthasar - Glenn Lewis
"O, Holy Night" - Adolph Adams

Frederick Eichorn, Tenor, and Chorus
"Sing O Harkness" - Tours

Betty Ann Hanna, Soprano
The songs at the Nativity Scene in

adoration of the Christ Child were:
"Laschati" - Madrigal Singers

"Jesu Bambino" - Pietro Yon
Betty Ann Hanna, Soprano

"Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht" - Gruber
Maryland Singers

"Glory to God" - Speaks
James Light, Baritone, and Chorus

"Sweet Little Jesus Boy" - McGimsey
The program was concluded with

the singing of the traditional carols:
"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

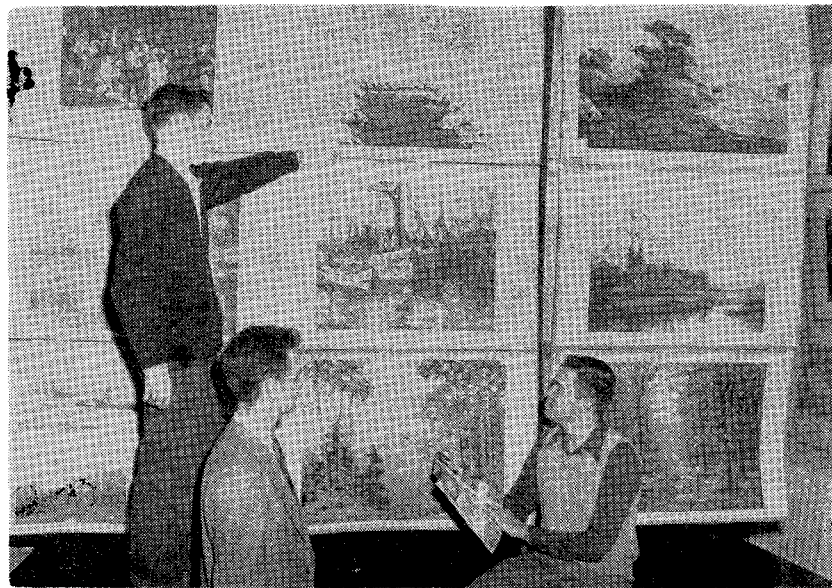
- French Carol
Arranged by Tom Scott

Carols of other lands:
a. "Joseph O, Dear Joseph Mine"

b. "Rise up Shepherds and Foller"
c. "Sleep of the Child Jesus"

French
Pauline House, Soprano soloist

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Faculty News

Our roving reporter wishes to reveal all about how the faculty spent the Thanksgiving holidays, so here it is:

Mrs. Ainslie visited in Baltimore.

Mr. Babcock attended a Basketball Rules Interpretation meeting held at Carnegie Tech. in Pittsburgh.

Dr. Briggs and his family spent Thanksgiving in Baltimore.

Mr. Diehl visited his former home in Wabash, Indiana. This was his first visit in a year.

Miss Humphrey and her parents spent Thanksgiving at "Graegestand," the home of Dr. and Mrs. P. I. Reed at Morgantown, West Virginia. Frostburg students will remember Mrs. Reed as the director of the Jane Austen Festival.

Miss Kirkeby spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Fredericksburg, Virginia, and Washington, D. C.

Dr. Howard had her two grandsons as guests in her home. They brought with them their parents, including a son and daughter of Dr. Howard.

Dr. Ramsay went to the Contemporary Music and Art Festival in Pittsburgh. She also saw the British movie, "The Magic Box."

Miss Petry went to her home in Salisbury, Pa.

Miss Langhans also attended the Festival in Pittsburgh.

Dr. Schuster, the Mattesons, and

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Art Club Holds Exhibit Of Paintings By 'Masters'

From December 1st until the 10th the Art Club sponsored an exhibit of the "Great Masters" borrowed from the Colonial Art Company.

The exhibit contained a varied selection of subjects from many schools and artists. Those who attended the exhibit were asked to vote for their favorite picture. This vote will be counted and the Art Club will purchase the most popular picture for the school.

The exhibit was planned and coordinated by Miss Rosann Langhans, advisor; Joe Tom Butler, president; Joyce Fike, vice-president; Alice Rose, secretary; and, Clyde Fazzenbaker, treasurer. Other members serving on exhibition and hostess committees were: George Hitchcock, James Goldsworthy, Margaret Larimore, and Bruce Ambrose.

Reading Clinic

On December 8 and 9 a Language Arts meeting was held at F. S. T. C. Mrs. Grace Alder Dorsey, Supervisor of Elementary Schools, was in charge of the program and presented to the group of thirty supervisors and principals Mrs. Marjorie Seddon Johnson, Reading Clinic Supervisor of the Laboratory School of Temple University.

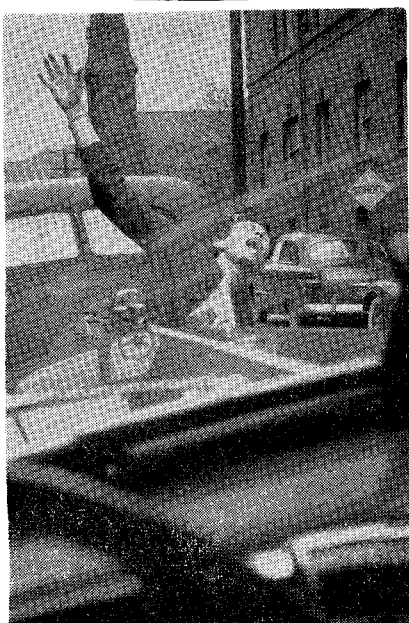
The State Supervisor of High Schools, Mr. Willis White, attended, as did also the Assistant Superintendent of Allegany Schools, Mr. Richard Rizer, and supervisors from Allegany, Washington, and Garrett Counties.

After a coffee hour in the dining room at 9:30 Monday morning with President Compton of the college as hostess, those attending held a group discussion concerning problems with regard to reading. This discussion continued throughout the afternoon.

On Tuesday morning after a brief introductory discussion, a few children from Miss Roemmelmeyer's fifth grade in the Laboratory School held a planning session before the group. Mrs. Johnson thus illustrated excellent planning for reading procedures. During the afternoon session a discussion period with these same students concerning material read was followed by an evaluation period.

This was the second of two meetings on Language Arts sponsored by the State Board of Education. The first was held at Towson in October under the supervision of Dr. Emmet Betts.

Don't
Run
Between
Cars



This
Could
Happen
To You



State Wins Two Contests

**Mountain State 73-72;
Shepherd Rams 65-91;
Altoona Center 85-66**

By winning two out of their first three games, the Frostburg cage performers jumped off to a fast start toward bettering their 1951-52 basketball record.

Playing their first three games on the home court, the Bobcats edged Mountain State College of Parsons, West Virginia, 73-72, December 2; were set-back, 91-65, by Shepherd College's Rams on the fourth; and returned to form on the sixth to thump Altoona Center of Altoona, Pennsylvania, 85-66.

State Plays Thriller

In their initial contest of the current season the Frostburg boys trailed 59-53 at the end of the third quarter, but came back strongly to pull a close one out of the fire. Some fine shooting from the outside by Jack Barham and two foul shots in the final minute of the game by Ray Ralston sewed up the verdict.

The Mountain State boys, inaugurating basketball at their school, outran the Bobcats for three quarters, before faltering in the final period. Particularly troublesome was forward Petty, who broke loose for numerous layups to finish with 26 points for the losers. Ralston headed Frostburg with 15 tallies on six goals and three-for-three fouls.

Against the taller Shepherd Rams, Frostburg rooters had little about which to cheer other than the fine all-around performance turned in by Neil Grayson, who captured most of State's rebounds and also dumped in 17 points in a losing cause.

Shepherd Breaks Loose

After being held fairly even in the first half, the visitors broke away with 29 points in the third period while holding State to 16, to ice the victory. Don Maphis with 18 points and Fenton and Hess who gathered 17 each, led the invaders' attack. John Poling, last year's Fort Hill center, started at center for the Rams.

Possibly due to the new foul ruling the teams shot 92 fouls between them, converting 52 for a combined average of .565. Don Maphis, Grant, Roger Maphis, and Fritts of Shepherd, and Chapman and Hicks of Frostburg left via the personal foul route.

Coach K. Babcock Announces Varsity Soccer Lettermen

Coach Kenneth Babcock has announced the names of the men of this year's Varsity Soccer squad who have won their letter awards for their participation on the team. In order to win the letter award, the squad member must play in at least half of one half of all the games which appear on the schedule.

This year there is a total of fifteen men on the list of letter winners, and of these, three are four time winners. They are Bill Pugh, Wayne Layman, and Ray Ralston. Sam Layman is the only three time winner, which makes him eligible for a second award, since all three time winners of a letter in a single sport are also presented with the standard Bobcat jacket. Two time winners are Jim Burnes, Ed Shuck, Bill Kirk, and Vaughn Dullabaun. Men earning letters for the first time are Lee Smith, Donnie Bell, Ronnie Chapman, Jack Cline, Jack Green, Tom Kelly, and Enardo Arnone.

Women's Rec. Association Members Bowl Every Tuesday, Wednesday

Bowling is now the featured sport for the WRA members; the girls bowl from 3 to 5 p. m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. If a member participates each week for an eight weeks' period, she will receive a season's credit for bowling.

During a recent board meeting it was revealed that 60 per cent of the girls at State are active participants in the WRA. This was one of the items mentioned on the National Questionnaire for A. F. C. W. members.

The transportation costs for the trip

Jim Hicks, Neil Grayson, and Bill Kirk, who scored 60 points among them, paced Frostburg to its second cage victory over Altoona Center. Playing, perhaps, their best-coordinated game, the Staters were hard pressed throughout the first half and held only a 40-39 lead at halftime.

When play resumed, however, the hosts pulled steadily ahead, the reserves playing the last few minutes of the encounter. Lockard was Altoona's best with 22 points. His corner shots proved uncannily accurate as he hooped nine goals.

In The Spotlight

By Bob Hutcheson

When the Bobcats won the opener of the 1952-53 basketball season, it proved to be the first time that this had happened since Coach Kenneth Babcock took over as mentor of the college team.

There are several things which might be considered as causes for the win, but the outstanding thing seems to be the spirit of the players themselves. It has proved to be the deciding factor in at least two of the games where the squad played as a unit and as a result they won two of the first three. However, in the second game, which was dropped to the Shepherd College Rams, 95-61, the players told me they returned to the last season's style of play. That style, of course, was the individual playing rather than stressing teamwork, with substitutions being made freely.

The fortunate thing is that this year the Babcockmen bounced back and whipped Altoona Center. The Varsity is hoping for a winning season; so let's give them some more support.

While on this subject, I wish to take this opportunity to thank some of the faculty for their attendance at the Varsity contests. Mr. Diehl, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Elderdice, and Dr. Schuster have taken time out to come to the gymnasium to witness the games. The college student appreciate this and the players notice the presence of the faculty and are glad to see that these instructors are lending their backing to them. If more of the faculty can find a chance to see at least one or two of the games, I believe school spirit will advance greatly in the college.

A Special Salute

I believe a special salute is in order for one of the previously mentioned loyal faculty members. She is **Dr. Alice Schuster**. Yes, Dr. Schuster is deserving of a little credit due to her work with the cheerleaders. She took over as advisor of the cheerleaders and since doing so she has attended many meetings of the girls and has come to the Varsity games to see if she can help the cheerleaders arouse more spirit. Therefore, I think Dr. Schuster deserves this special salute.

Indirect Sportlighting

The W. R. A. has begun its winter program with the start of their bowling league. The girls are "bowling them over" every Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons . . . Our new athletic field has proved to be worth more than was expected, at least to one young man. The reason for this is that the man's life may have been saved when a helicopter landed on the field to pick up their passenger, a patient of Miner's Hospital, and then flew him to Bethesda, Maryland, for emergency treatment . . . Ed Shuck and Ralph Dyer have taken over the duties and chores of coaching State's Junior Varsity. The squad was inactive last season, but has been revived this year. The team is not made up of Freshmen, and therefore must carry the name Junior Varsity. As the paper went to press they had won three of their first four games.

to California were discussed. Hood College, Towson State Teachers College, George Washington College, and St. Mary's Jr. College plan to donate money to help pay the A. F. C. W. state delegate's expenses to the national A. F. C. W. meeting in California.

The cheerleading committee decided that the girls should receive two season's credits if they attend three fourths of the practices and they will not be given an emblem until the end of the Sophomore year.

The WRA board plans to send the publicity appearing in the school and

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Mrs. Clay all spent the holidays at home here in Frostburg.

Dr. Reese took his family to Philadelphia.

Unfortunately, at this point the roving reporter ceased roving, due to lack of time, and now wishes to apologize for the fact that this roster is not complete.

Cumberland papers to the National Conference at Stanford College in the spring of 1953.

