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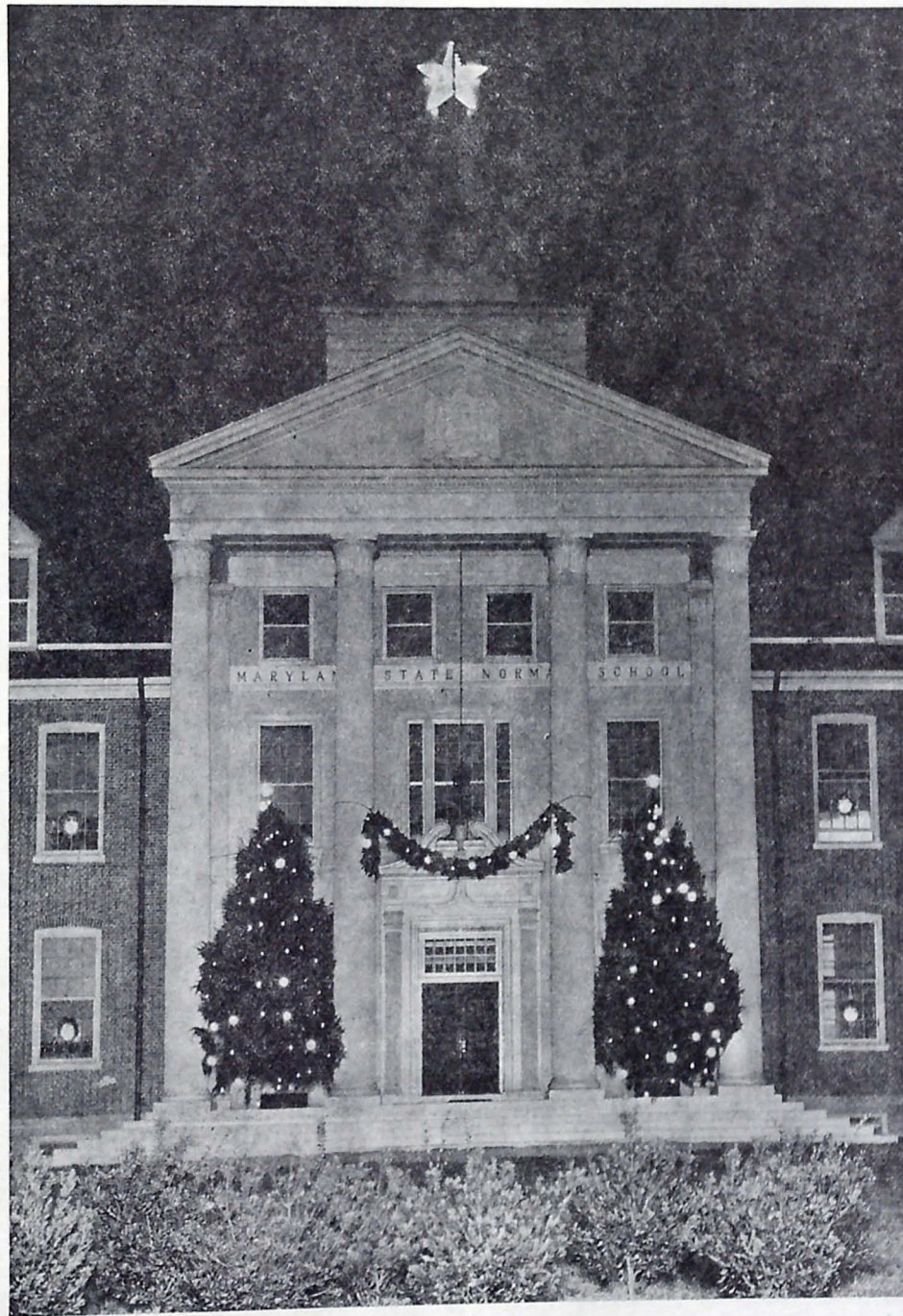
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SILVER ANNIVERSARY CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

During this, the Silver Anniversary of State Teachers College, we have evaluated the progress made during the past 25 years. Such evaluation was first made at the ground breaking for the Men's Dormitory on March 31st, then again at the observation of the formal opening of the college on September 7th, and the Silver Anniversary Homecoming on October 14th, as well as at the cornerstone laying for the Men's Dormitory on November 16th.

It is now fitting that we evaluate the far-reaching influence of the Christmas Candlelighting service. The following quotation from the December 1926 *Holly Leaf* is significant: "One thousand and nine hundred and twenty-six years ago a tradition was started among the people of the earth. One year ago a tradition was started at the Maryland State Normal School at Salisbury. Celebrating the birth of Christ is the ancient custom, and to promote this custom we have devised a reverent and effective ceremony. We are convinced that it is a worthwhile tradition to establish, and we hope that the future students will desire to continue it. For the enlightenment of those who have not participated in this event a description of the program carried out last year will be given. In the early evening the girls by pairs descended the stairs, carrying unlighted candles and singing Christmas carols. Upon entering the assembly room they approached a large burning candle, which it is estimated can be used for a similar ceremony for twenty-five years. After lighting their candles, from the flame of the large one, they deposited them on a table at one side of the room, and seated themselves on pillows scattered on the floor. Then the Christmas story was read, carols were sung, and "Twas the Night Before Christmas" was recited in unison. After the program we transported ourselves back to the stage of childhood, and received a treat in the shape of a huge candy cane. Under the Christmas tree, which stood at one side of the room, were several stockings, filled by the students for some worthy children whom Santa Claus would not visit. The County Nurse received these and thanked us heartily for the gifts we had given. The significance of the ceremony is very evident. Are we not lighting the small candles of our lives from a large one which is the Normal School? From it we are gleaming ideals to inspire us in our work and bring out the

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THE LIGHT OF HIS STAR

The columns are stately and lovely and white;

They gleam in the sun; they catch the moon's light.

On steps of knowledge, effort, and methods they stand,

Needs for all who would guide the youth of our land.

Symbols of service, vision, beauty of life and deeds they are —

May they ever be touched by the light of His star.

— Anonymous

Candlelight Service To Be Held In Auditorium

The college students of 1950, confronted by the threat of Communism, may find a kind of security in participating in the tradition Candle-lighting. This year the solemn service will be held in the auditorium and the large candle, which has been used continuously for 25 years, will be used to light a new candle. The older one shall be kept for honoring the anniversaries of State Teachers College. As you watch the old flame give birth to a new glow, let not just the candle be lighted, but, more than that, let it light in your heart. Keep it burning there, safe within, and God willing, nothing will ever obliterate us. And, as the years pass by, and a century elapses, the original candle will still be here at our own Alma Mater, ready to light the candles of coming generations. The light will lead us to peace; don't let it be blown out. And the unborn students shall say, "they kept it burning for us."

Special Greetings

The student body and other members of the faculty send greetings and a wish of sincere appreciation to our pioneer instructors who are still working with our college.

Miss Ruth Powell . . .

Miss Powell served our school as social director, nurse, house mother, dietician, counselor, and friend from the first day of school Sept. 7, 1925 until her retirement in Aug., 1946. Her worth is recognized by not only students who knew and loved her, but in the fact that the citizens of Salisbury selected her to receive the Salisbury Award. Even now we are privileged to have her helpful presence with us when we have to turn in need.

Dr. IdaBelle W. Thomas . . .

Born an Eastern Shoreman, Dr. Thomas is one of our chief exponents in developing one's pride in our local environment. She is our college historian, a charter member of the Wicomico Historical Society, a former president of that society, and a popular lecturer on her world travels and historical subjects, especially about the Eastern Shore.

In the quarter century of work in our college she has been active in one of the first two contestant societies, the Baglean, as well as promoter of numerous interesting and educational Assembly programs.

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Merry Christmas To All Of STC
From The Publication's Staff

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Draft Bull Session Held

In college, usually the student's chief worry is whether he is passing this or that course. This is the usual case, though, for today they are eagerly watching international developments and wondering if they will be able to finish school before being drafted.

To ease the troubled and perplexed male students of STC, a round table discussion was held December 7 in the College Activity Center. The participants in the discussion were all the male students of STC and the faculty.

To cover the more serious part of the discussion, the major bit of advice given the fellows was, they should study hard and get what they could out of their courses. It was proven by the battle-hardened veterans of STC that a good education means a great deal when you are in the service. Remember, you too might become an officer in Uncle Sam's armed forces; that is, if you have the proper background and get the breaks. To sum up what I have just said, "Don't give up, fellows!! As Mr. Spicer would say, "Just relax and don't worry, Uncle will take good care of you when the time comes."

Much good advice was "dished-out" to Uncle Sam's young hopefuls by the hard-boiled, battle-wise veterans of the group. First, don't go see the recruiting officer — "he will lock the door on you." Don't believe anything he tells you; if he says black is black, it's not, black is white. Then too, perhaps you might let him talk you into joining the Air Force to go to radar school, but where do you go — ask Bill Truitt, you go to KP for six months. Second, if by some stroke of misfortune you should be inducted, a tip was given on "how one can get out of work" "If you want to miss a lot of details, just carry a broom around on your shoulder." Remember, "it's better to dodge for ten minutes than work for three."

Third, if you don't do anything right the entire time you're in the service, do one thing right at least — "don't join the reserves when you get out."

None of these viewpoints gave the Army, Navy, or Marines too much glorification. In all of them, none were inspired with the same fiery spirit that was embedded in our forefathers, like Patrick Henry.

To close this article, I can sum up the international situation, as well as the Army, Navy, and Marines with one quotation from one of our wisest STC'ans, "It's a mess."

ASSEMBLY NEWS

Where once STC's auditorium was almost barren during assemblies, as has been the case in previous years, most of the students now attend. What factor can explain this strange phenomenon, whereby a majority of STC'ans are attending the assemblies? Are the students getting out of more classes? Are the assemblies better? If you have attended our last four assemblies, you will know the answer to these questions. If you haven't attended, make it a point to do so and find out for yourself the answer to these questions.

Under the leadership of Mr. Martin, the Assembly Committee has this year planned a series of educational and entertaining programs. Along with the ones already presented, the following series will be presented after the first of the year.

January 8 — film, "Southern Highlanders"

January 30 — film, "Beautiful Dreamer"

February 14 — Edwin Rowlands, "Hobbies Are My Business"

March 7 — General Electric, "House of Magic"

April 2 — William Holmes, Travel lecture on Peru

May 8 — Tom Two Arrows, "Tribal Dances and Folk Culture"

To supplement this program, the committee has planned a series of motion pictures, the names and dates of which will be announced later.

It is the hope of Mr. Martin and his committee that they will have good attendance at these programs, for they have been planned in the best interest of the students.

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flames of energy, ambition, and initiative which are lying dormant within us."

While the Candle Lighting service as proposed for 1950 may be observed by a larger number than that of 1925, it is hoped that the 1925 spirit, with all its inspiration, will exist. In view of the fact that the thirty-six inch candle originally purchased by Miss Ruth Powell in 1925 from Antonino Ajello and Brothers of New York City has lighted each of the candles of the fifteen hundred alumni of STC, it has diminished to one-third of its original height. It is hoped that this first candle may best be preserved by using it in 1950 to light a new candle, which will be presented in honor of Dr. William J. Holloway, the first president, at an appropriate Silver Anniversary celebration. As a part of this Silver Anniversary celebration it is expected that a

SPOTLIGHTING STUDENTS

Among the older men on the campus is a tall, dark-haired, slim senior, who is manager of the college bookstore this year. When talking to Mr. Van Order, one finds him rather conservative and modest about his capabilities. He is president of his class this year and was an able vice-president of the S.G.A. last year.

Frank was born in Caldwell, N. J., where his family now resides. His father is an engineer in the air conditioning and heating business. His elementary education was received in Caldwell, but he attended high school in New Brunswick.

In the Marine Corps, he traveled all over the United States and the South Pacific. Frank doesn't think he would care to leave the United States anymore; he has had enough traveling.

When he returned home, he entered Rutgers University in New Brunswick and transferred from there to STC. Frank would like eventually to get into supervisory work in elementary education. He feels there is a great deal of opportunity and chance for advancement.

"Bell hop" is what people called Mr. Van Order during the summer — at least for the last two. In 1949, he worked at a health resort in Upper New York State. Last summer, he worked in Ocean City, Maryland, along with many other STC students.

When Frank isn't studying, practice teaching in Princess Anne, or going to class, one might find him listening to classical or semi-classical music, lifting weights, or rambling through the fields in search of a good scene to photograph. Maybe the last statement should be modified a little; photography is expensive and STC takes most of his money, so his hobby is greatly neglected.

Mr. Van Order has an excellent chance to succeed in his chosen professional field, which can be attributed to his initiative and ability to accept responsibility.

Good Luck, Frank!

ORCHIDS TO . . .

Miss Purnell for supplying the attractive posters in the sign-out room.

Miss Black and Mrs. Fleming for their fine work with the glee club, both men's chorus and girl's chorus.

large number of the alumni will be present for the Wednesday evening, December 20th, Candle Lighting Service.

The two large evergreen trees in front of the college building used annually as Christmas trees since 1937 will present the usual welcome to all. Likewise, the large silver star in the college tower, symbolic of the star on that first Christmas morning, is symbolic of the spirit of your Alma Mater. Just as that first star guided the Three Wise Men to the place where The Great Teacher was born, so may this 1950 Christmas observance inspire each of us to greater accomplishments as teachers and students who will render real assistance in bringing genuine peace to a disturbed world.

President J. D. Blackwell

The Inquiring Reporter

Last week, as the plight of man hung in the most delicate balance, the world has ever witnessed, myriads of questions were probing the minds of Uncle Sam's nephews and nieces. Armed with two of these perplexing problems, your reporter proceeded to roam around the campus seeking the opinions of students and faculty members. As this paper goes to press no decision has yet been announced on either of these problems.

They are: Should the U. S. initiate an all-out effort to repulse the threatened expansion of communism and, would you use the Atom Bomb?

Answers to the first:
Gail Pullen — But definitely.
Ann Peters — I think so.
Shotts Kammer — Yes!

Frank Pierce — Yes! We should have a huge standing Army but we should not attack first. The country should be on a war-time economy.

Lou Seidel — Yes, but I do believe certain policies should be set up regarding the procedure used.
Les Holsberg — Yes, if they intend to get at the root of the trouble.

Polly Bradford — Yes!
Faye Webster — Yes! If we don't get them first, they'll get us.
Ginny Kosinski — Certainly! I think it is like trying to stop a glacier, but if we don't try to stop it, the glacier will destroy us. Why not get it over with now rather than have our sons fight.

Bill Shields — The U. S. should use every force to combat Russia's ideal in communistic thought.

Tom Stevens — Very definitely. We should not sit back and fight at Russia's convenience.

Dick David — Definitely — it is far too great a threat to our freedom.

Dave Pearl — Yes! I am much in favor of it. In my humble opinion it is now, do or die.

Dr. Fleming — Yes, but we have to consider our strength, the strength of our friends and their opinions as well as the best strategy to use.

Leon Conner — We've got to do it sooner or later, so as soon as we are ready we should.

Catherine Widdowson — May as well stop them now rather than let them get still more prepared.

Rev. Ira Doyle — Yes! To me communism opposes God and anything in opposition to God, as far as I am concerned, should be blotted out.

Mr. Cauffman — Present trends indicate an all-out conflict sooner or later. This was foreseen by some people ten years and more ago, and by many people three years ago. Contrary to the opinion of many, I feel that such a conflict can be won if we use our resources at home and abroad to the best advantage. The cost, of course, in lives and property is inestimable. That is the price of freedom.

In answer to the Atom Bomb question, "Would you use the Atom Bomb?"

Gail Pullen — Not sure.
Ann Peters — I think so.
Shotts Kammer — No, not until it's absolutely necessary.

Through The Keyhole

And here we are again! Another month of detective work is over. Snoopy, however, finds the news very scarce this month. I guess it's because it's so close to Christmas.

One little item was overlooked last month. Our harvest queen, Nancy Strohsacker, was tagged not too long ago by a certain Bill. Congratulations!

Which will it be "Candy" or "Cheese" or "Donnie"? It seems you might divide up with some of the less fortunate.

Evert Fuller is doing his best to keep away from his "Uncle Sam". First oversleeping and now a banged up foot. I don't blame you. Keep trying! You and Dick David are running a race. We'll all wait and see who wins.

New couples: Only a few to add to the list — Paul Davenport and "Bobbie" Jones; B. Shields and Molly Cantrell. Of course, I know that the love bug doesn't bite much in winter.

Why has Debbie Bridges taken such an interest in world geography? Especially a far place like Japan.

Here's a hot tip! Elnora Hoffman needed protection, so she found a certain town cop. Understand it's serious, too.

Mary Ruth Meredith has a certain interest in "cooking" . . . Too bad January is coming. I understand there are a few others interested also.

Speaking of January, we'll all be sorry to see those seniors leave to begin their careers. Good luck to all of you.

But we can't go away with such a sad note. This is for the girls. That handsome, lovable creature, Leon Conner is on the loose again. Who will catch him?

Well, as I said before, news is scarce. So long for now. See you hanging around next month.

Snoopy

Frank Pierce — Not yet! As soon as we do it means the start of the Third World War.

Lou Seidel — Only as a last resort. After all, what defense do we have against an Atom Bomb?

Les Holsberg — No, because we don't have enough to be decisively effective.

Polly Bradford — Yes.
Faye Webster — I don't know. If we were sure they didn't have one, but I'd hate to have it used on us.

Ginny Kosinski — What else is there to use?

Bill Shields — Not now, but continue to increase our stock pile.

Tom Stevens — Yes, I'd use it. We've taken the first blow too frequently.

Dick David — Yeah, I would! We don't have the manpower to overcome them, so we must use our mechanical advantage.

Dave Pearl — That's a horse of another color. Only if the U.N. sanctions it.

Dr. Fleming — Yes! When it becomes the most effective weapon. It is no different from any other bomb, only does the job more effectively.

Leon Conner — I'd delay the use of it as long as I could.

Catherine Widdowson — I don't know.

Rev. Ira Doyle — No comment

Dr. Commanger Addresses Institute At STC



The Institute on Public and Professional Relations held its ninth annual session in the college auditorium on November 29, 1950.

After the greeting by Mr. James P. Focht, supervisor of student teaching here at college, and an address by Mr. Sloan Wilson, assistant director, National Citizens Commission for Public Schools, New York City, N. Y., the over-all group was divided into three different symposiums. The theme of all the proceedings was —

What changes in public schools are indicated by recent trends in education?

The closing address, "Free Enterprise in the Realm of Ideas" was given by Dr. Henry Steel Commanger of Columbia University. The noted author and historian said, "a free America depends upon freedom of expression in its schools. No other people ever demanded so much of education as have the Americans. None other was ever served so well by its schools and educators."

He praised the American school system and the job they have done in the past years. "From the beginning education has had very special, and very heavy tasks to perform. Democracy could not work without an enlightened electorate. The various states and regions could not achieve unity without a sentiment of nationalism. The nation could not absorb millions of immigrants from all parts of the globe without rapid and effective Americanization.

Economic and social distinctions and privileges, severe enough to corrode democracy itself, had to be fought. To our schools went the momentous responsibility of inspiring a people to pledge and hold allegiance to these historic

And further, if laws on state or federal levels are passed that stop freedom of expression in the schools, "we start at the most vulnerable point in our social system. We start at the grass roots. We will have people dedicated to conspiring a people to pledge and hold allegiance to these historic

Military Curriculum Offered 2nd Term

The State Teachers College at Salisbury, desiring to be of as great service as possible to men students who expect to enter the Service at the close of this school year, is offering a special curriculum to freshmen and sophomore students, including such courses as Basic Communication by Dr. Howard E. Bosley; Chemistry by Mr. James F. Glen; Algebra, Trigonometry, Refresher Mathematics, Analytic Geometry and Integral Calculus by Mr. Paul F. Cauffman; Map Reading and Meteorology by Mr. Kenneth R. Mar-

Henrietta S. Purnell; and Physics by Mr. Allen D. Weaver. The courses will begin on January 29.

Since the drawing of names, girls have been seen sneaking into the dorm with odd-shaped pack-

SPEAKER FROM INDIA

Dr. Krishnany, managing editor of the *Orient and World Press*, is touring the United States for the newspapers of India. As we observed during assembly period, his use of our language was excellent — this is accredited to his four previous visits to our country, during which time he did graduate work at Columbia and New York Universities where he acquired his Ph. D.

Dr. Krishnany feels that his country is confronted with problems very similar to the questions of other countries. Although Gandhi, one-time spiritual leader of India, believed that industrialization tended to make people leave India, he feels that the only way to make the life of the people of India better, is by industrialization.

Since Red China has attacked Tibet, this, Dr. Krishnany feels, brings Communism one step closer to India. When asked as to the strength of Communism in his country, he replied, "Communism is confined to the larger cities, and the Communists are in the minority." He also added that India is not internally strong.

India was under British rule for 200 years, but, since August 15, 1947, it has been a free nation. Gandhi was the man who led this freedom movement. Unhappily for Gandhi, now dead, millions of people, because of political units, tended to bring about a separation of India into two countries. This, in Dr. Krishnany's opinion, was due to the everlasting problem of mixing religion with politics. The two sections are Pakistan, which is mainly Islam; and India in which Hinduism plays the major role. The problem of modern India is that it has to work out its own destiny. It should do this by ousting out politics and definitely not mixing them with religion.

Dr. Krishnany seems to think that eventually India will become united and that these internal problems will be solved. He prophesied that this division will bring about a civil war between Pakistan and India within five years at the maximum. Both sections are spending millions to build up their national defenses to fight one another.

For the first time in 5000 years, India has adult suffrage. Everyone (including women) will be allowed to vote. Prior to the suffrage movement India's well-to-do caste controlled everything, and now, the ordinary man will be given a voice in the government. This will ultimately end in heavy taxation, which will effect the higher castes more than the others.

Dr. Krishnany's talk has awakened in us a knowledge of India today, and stimulated our interests in his country. He added that we will inevitably suffer under Stalin's blows, but he will never, ever, be able to conquer and control the world.

With all the excitement it appears that most of the girls will spend a long and sleepless night. All the girls hope to make this party a huge success and maybe Santa will hear about this and join the party; that is, if they'll allow a man in the dorm!

Gov. Lane stated that he has always been interested in the college and now that additional land has been purchased he is ready to give us new buildings.

A definite statement was made by Gov. Lane to the faculty promising to set up in the capital improvement program plans for the following buildings:

Library, \$400,000.00
Gym and Union Bldg., Auditorium included, \$412,000.00
Dining Hall and Kitchen, \$222,000.00
Music Bldg., \$337,000.00
Men's Dorm, \$292,000.00

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STC ALUMNUS DECORATED

Charles F. Laws, QM 2/c, had a moment of glory recently when he was called to the quarterdeck of the battleship Missouri to receive the Bronze Star for distinguishing himself in action off the Korean shores.

Charles Laws attended STC in 1942-43. He left in 1944 to enlist in the Navy.

F.T.A. Activities

Although the Albert S. Cook Chapter of the Future Teachers of America is five years old, it has been a member of the Student Government Association for only one year. It is undoubtedly one of the strongest links between the college and the community. Affiliated with the state and national Future Teachers of America, the local chapter has worked to establish high school chapters. The large, active F.T.A. at Wicomico High School was organized last year. This year, under the direction of their president, Betty Ann White, the club plans to organize other high school groups. In these groups the young students learn more about the teaching profession and are encouraged to enter it.

When at 7:00 p.m. each weekday evening F.T.A. members leave the campus for an hour, they are participating in another of their organization's projects — that of tutoring and helping the boys and girls at the Wicomico Children's Home. F.T.A. members not only help the children with their homework but their recreation and social development. Many of these college students unselfishly give hours of their time each month to help these boys and girls.

Any student who joins the F.T.A., not only becomes affiliated with a strong state and national organization but learns the enjoyment that comes from helping children.

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SPECIAL GREETINGS

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Dr. Anne Matthews . . .
The head of the Department of English and specialist in the Language Arts program, Dr. Matthews helped establish our school paper, *The Holly Leaf*, and school yearbook, *The Evergreen*. She was advisor to the staffs of these publications for most of our first 25 years.

She advised the college's first Dramatic Club and helped draft the first Student Government Constitution.

Dr. Matthews is a world traveler and lecturer and her hobby of photography has produced invaluable slides and movies for the enhancement of her lectures and the enrichment of the Visual Aid Equipment Department.

Dr. Matthews' most recent efforts to advance students is her successful movement in establishing the Edna M. Marshall Scholarship Fund and the Foreign Summer Session Scholarship Fund.

We wish her many more satisfying accomplishments as we go into our next quarter century.

Dr. T. J. Caruthers . . .
The very purpose of our school is epitomized in the person of Dr. T. J. Caruthers, who since the inception of this teacher-training institution has been a co-ordinating link between the Elementary School and college courses. He came to Salisbury State Teachers College in September, 1925, from his home state, Missouri.

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last year. I remember. Photographic memory."
"Too bad it isn't developed."
"Ha ha. Hey, that's good. Get it? Igloo. Igloo. It sounds like ig-glue."
Four of my cigarettes later, he talked me out of doing a Christmas story. Said if I did it, it would sound like the Dickens. Then he got up off the floor again.

"So what should I write about? Eggs by Bacon?"

"Are they Browning?"

"Yeah and Howitt Burns."

"Say, you know, you're Whittier than I thought."

"Yeah, I'd rather be Whittier than Grimm."

"That did it. I'm getting outa here. Slung, Jim."

"Bye, Dick." Now what will I write about? Oh, I know. I'll tell them that we shouldn't expect Santa Claus to bring us gifts just for being good. We should be good for nothing.

Merry Christmas, folks!

So as usual I'm sitting in the snack bar scalding my esophagus with Chase and Sunburn when up limps Dick David. "What you gonna write about in your column this time?" he asks, with his adenoids in high gear.

"Christmas," I says. "So what's with you already?"

He corns a phrase and says, "Why don't you try some jokes this time?"

I says, "Like . . . ?"

"Like what do Eskimos use to hold their houses together?"

After my eyebrows were up for three seconds he croaks, "Igloo."

That is David's idea of a joke. You should have seen the laughs it brought. Honestly, I've never seen David laugh so hard since I've known him. After he got up off the floor, I asked him if he wanted to hear the reports on the contest I ran about him.

"Oh, you mean that: I hate D. D. because . . . routine?"

"Yeah."

He grinned. "Certainly. I'm always open-minded about constructive criticism." Then he turned his hearing aid down.

"Sarah Tan won with: 'He's so tight that one day his horse swallowed a quarter and he's been riding it backwards ever since.'"

After that one David looked as weak as a chorus girl's "No."

He groaned. "Let's start all over again. What are you going to bore them with next time?"

I still replied, "Christmas!"

"Now will you tell me what's funny about Christmas?"

Since he didn't have his pencil and paper I told him. "Well, there's the one about last Christmas I hung my stocking over the mantel, but all that came down the chimney was a man from the board of health."

David grinned, showing me both of his teeth.

"Then there was the poem: 'Twas the night before Christmas, When all through the house, Not a creature was stirring, They were all soused.'"

The stockings were hung, By the chimney with care, A very good place, If they needed some air."

Dick says, "Cute, but you can't use the word soused."

"Why not?"

"It won't get past the censors."

"What's a censor?"

"That's a person who knows more than he thinks you ought to."

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Distance Men Close Season Triumphantly

An underdog for as long as they could remember, S.T.C.'s "diehard" harriers turned the tables on King's highly touted runners to the tune of 26-29 on the home course (4.1 miles) on Tuesday, Nov. 21.

Amidst the loud cheers of nearly 100 Salisbury rooters; S.T.C.'s distance men made a quick break at the sound of the gun — and as they rounded the track they had edged their way to the front of the pack. As they progressed along the course they were cheered on by students who had driven out ahead of the contestants. These periodic cheering sections stimulated the home team to renewed energies. From the start co-captains, Bill Adkins and Al Robinson worried the foremost King's runners. Jim Smith and Don Bond sensed that something was in the air, for they had never been pressed so hard by S.T.C. Until this day S. T. C. had been considered as only mediocre competition. But it was a different story, as the Salisbury boys were now running in familiar terrain for the first time in ages. As the race continued, Harry Foskey, a senior running his last race for his Alma Mater, moved up to the front at the 3-mile mark to overtake Don Bond. At this point Adkins and Robinson were leading Smith, one of the best runners on the Eastern Shore. Smith had some reserve and suddenly put on a splendid finishing drive to finish a few seconds ahead of S.T.C.'s Adkins, Robinson, and Foskey. Kingsmen Bond, Burchell, and Hunt were the next to finish; a short distance ahead of Dixon Shahan and Paul Liedlich, who incidentally ran a fine race. Other finishers were Paul Davenport, who outsprinted Vanderleer of King's; then came Creston Long, S.T.C., and Speicher, King's. There was considerable excitement as the scorekeepers were busily engaged in arriving at the final score. The final score 26-29 in favor of Salisbury. There was much surprise on the part of both teams, and plenty of discussion as to the contributing factors to the upset. Bill Adkins seemed to sum it up when he said, "It just did something to us to have so many loyal supporters cheering us on." So there you have it, students of S.T.C.! A little support is all that is required to make your team a winning team.

Here's something to think about! On Saturday, Nov. 18 (four days prior to King's meet), B.O.C. defeated Salisbury rather handily with a winning time of 23:58. Al Robinson held first place until the last quarter of a mile and then relinquished it to the opposition. On the same course, the following times were turned in the following Tuesday: Smith, Kings, 23:01, Adkins, 23:11, Robinson, 23:27, Foskey, 23:46. What accounts for this tremendous improvement? Adkins already gave you the answer; but we members of the Salisbury Cross Country team wish to express our appreciation for the splendid school spirit displayed by one person in particular, Roger McJilton, who took it upon himself to recruit nearly 100 students to back their team, while organizing cheering sections along the entire course.

Soccer Season Ends, Basketball Preview

With the seasonal scene being changed from one of falling leaves to one of falling snow, we find that here at S. T. C. the sports scene has also changed. No longer are the spectators forced to sit in the cold while cheering their stalwarts, for now they can enjoy the warmth and noisy atmosphere of the gym. Yes, another successful soccer season has marked its end and another successful (we hope!) basketball season has begun. With the first court game only a few days off, we should like to take a peek at the team that expects to wear the S.T.C. colors during the 1950-1951 season. But before we do that, here is a summary of the last part of the soccer season.

On November 10, on the local field, the S.T.C. Gulls notched their fourth victory of the season in a tight game with the Wesley College Whippets. It was the second victory over Wesley this year, as S.T.C. took their measure 1-0 in an earlier game. "Junior" Walls opened the scoring by tallying on a scrimmage space shot in the first quarter to give the "Gulls" the lead. The opposition missed a chance to tie in the first on a disputed play that was called as being outside. They did tie the score in the third period on a penalty shot when "hands" was called on Parker. Donny Reed scored the winning tally with only seconds remaining in the game on a scrimmage shot. It was a good game with the backfield playing fine ball.

The Gulls rang down the curtain on the 1950 season with a winning note as they trimmed the Kings College Booters 2-0 at Delaware City on November 17, a very cold and windy day. Coach Maggs' crew got off to an early lead as Don Reed headed the ball in on a corner kick by Walstrum in the first period. Gene Lilley added the second tally on a penalty shot. It marked Gene's first point scored in four years of varsity soccer. However, that is not a demerit, as he has been a top-notch backfield man all the time. The Kings' team had a chance to score in the third quarter, but failed to do so when they missed a result of a "hands" called against Cook.

In summarizing the season, the record shows 5 wins, 1 loss, and 2 ties for a .825 average which is not too bad for any team. The Gulls scored 14 points while the opponents tallied but 7. They registered three shutouts and were white-washed neither time. Ed "Junior" Walls led in individual scoring with 5 goals, all from scrimmage. He missed a chance to add to his total when he was injured early in the final game. Don Reed was second with 3, followed by Evert Fuller, 2, Ned Forsythe, Dick David, Gene Lilley, and Dave Sentman, 1 each.

Turning to basketball, we find that pre-season outlooks are as good as they have been in several years. At present Coach Maggs is moulding his 1950-51 team around Hicks Brinsfield and Frank Potter, seniors who were last years scoring aces. Bob Fithian, a junior, and Joe Udovich, a senior, as playmakers and floor-men, and two newcomers, Bill Lankford, former Wi-Hi star, and Dave Sentman, a freshman from Elkton. Besides these, the Gulls mentor can call on Roy Esiason, Dick David, Paul Liedlich and Phil Slacum from last year's squad, and Dick Holden, Bob "Moe" Shields, Lloyd Walstrum, Ned Forsythe and Charles "Stub" Smith, newcomers to varsity spangles.

According to statistics, Brinsfield, Potter, Lankford and Sentman, should be close to the 10 points per game average that is always desirable, while Udovich, Fithian, and Esiason must also be considered in the scoring marks. The team lacks a tall man, although several of the members are over six feet. However, they promise to make up for this lack of height with speed and hustle. The team opens a 20 game schedule, similar in opponents to last years, on December 17 at Gallaudet in Washington, D. C. The first home game is January 5, with Beacom. Let's everybody come out for that game and get the Gulls winging to a high flying start and a highly successful season.

On the sidelines: This column wishes to commend the students on their display of spirit at the Wesley game and at the cross-country meet with Kings. Let's keep it up . . . On behalf of the soccer team, we also must thank the cheerleaders and Miss Black and Mrs. Webster, for the fine banquet; despite the early departure of many . . . The manager of the soccer team was awarded for his fine work by being made the subject of a new hit tune around the local campus, arranged by Tom S. and Richard D. Gershwin. (Any similarity between these and Ira and George Gershwin is purely accidental . . .) Les Holsberg will be student manager of the basketball team . . . Congratulations to the cross-country team and girls' hockey team on their recent successes.

GIRLS' SPORTS

Approximately twenty-five girls appeared for basketball practice, which officially began November 27.

Back on the floor are those three sharp shooters from last year's team, Patti Radcliffe, June Mitchell, and Betty Calcott, who are bound to chalk up scores comparable to last years' with their clock-work plays. Guards back this year are Dot Mead, Barbara Bloodsworth, and Millie Potter, who should give the opposing forwards plenty of opposition.

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Speaking of Pen Drips, I am reminded of just plain drip (from the Latin phrase *Drimus Spendus*, meaning, literally, a falling non-essential, condensed admirably by Freauant in his famous book *Terms for Useless Phenomenon* as shnook). Which reminds me of Jim Wilson. I could take him apart and explain why I think he's a drip but having done thusly I'd consider my work finished and refuse to reassemble him. However, I'd like to concede here and now that Jim can be funny. Anyone that has seen him play volleyball has been reduced to a point of hysterics by laughing. Seeing him in shorts sets Zoology back 20 years. His legs look like two swan's necks that have been starched. When in motion his legs produce almost as little speed as the workmen on the new boys' dorm. His arms dangle like two limp buggy whips, from which sprout asparagus shaped fingers. His epidermis boasts no incisions, birth marks or tattoos; as a mural he would be very dull. If you passed him in a Turkish bath you wouldn't turn around. You'd just look, shrug your sheet, and walk away. Jo Davidson could sculpt his good points on a pebble and have enough left over to gravel the bottom of a bird cage.

Enough of Wilson. I must begin this month's essay entitled "Why Is A Girl", confirming the rumor that girls are people. I'd like to state that they are the least useful of all people. Immediately you say, "Girls are important because they have babies." So what . . . dogs, amoeba, oysters, and mosquitoes have babies. Not only do they have them but they have them faster and in larger quantities. Nor can a girl make use of osmosis or metamorphous as can many of these others. However, I can't, and didn't intend to, deny that girls have a purpose. Everything in the world offers something. What I had in mind is the fact that girls are completely void of intelligence. By society's own admission, they have no mind of their own, no sense of judgement or responsibility. Of course society has not said this in so many words, but literally guarding the girls with an unwritten law of domination, it leaves me with nothing else to assume. With its traditions, restrictions and disapprovals, society dominates a girl's discretion to a point where she is without a sense of decision, responsibility or judgement. Forcing the girls to lead a fundamentally artificial, mannered and affected life. Society pats itself on the back for allowing girls to attend institutions to develop their minds. Yet it is in those institutions where this dominance is the strongest. It is there that the when, where, how and what of a girl's daily life is in black and white. This all brings us back to where I started — Girls have babies which is all they can do. Manual labor is out since it is unladylike (lady

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

Your reporter spent a very enjoyable hour on Friday morning, December 8th, in the Little Theater. The occasion was the weekly assembly of all the grades in the campus elementary. These assemblies culminate out of the various activities of each grade during the week. On the program this week was the singing of Christmas carols, choral reading, and puppets.

The first graders did a fine job singing, "O, Come Little Children." The third graders, under the guidance of Mr. Thurman Dennis, student teacher, put on a puppet show of "Br'er Rabbit and the Tar Baby". The puppets manipulated by two third grade pupils, were a delight to everyone.

The Christmas program will also emerge from the group. It is, "O, Holy Night," a story of the Birth of Christ and includes group singing by all the grades. Fred Roberts will sing the prayers.

Holly Auction

On December 9, 1950 Mrs. Windsor's fifth grade class of Pinehurst School went to Fruitland to observe the holly auction, accompanied by Mrs. Robert Cooper, Miss Widdowson, and Mr. Udovich. The auctioneer, Mr. Carroll G. Long, opened the auction by saying, "Sell holly, sell holly, come sell holly!"

The buyers bid by shaking their heads, some buyers looked at Mr. Long while bidding and turned their head when they stopped. Buyers come from New Jersey, New York, Wilmington, Pennsylvania, and the Eastern Shore.

The wreaths sold from 20 cents to 70 cents and the men brought in from 20 to 300 wreaths. A 5/8 basket of mistletoe brought \$1.55. The wreaths sell by the amount of berries, neatness, and size. The wreaths with cones brought \$0.51 apiece. Wreaths with natural berries bring more than artificial berries. Crows feet wreaths are cheaper than holly.

A truck or car drives under the shed where the buyers are. After a buyer has bought the load, Mr. Long writes the name of the buyer on the truck or car.

After the auction the class went to the warehouse where they saw boxes being made and wreaths packed. They are 2' by 4' wooden boxes which hold wreaths from 10" to 12" in diameter. The class also found that after the wreaths had been shipped to markets like Philadelphia, New York, and as far west as Chicago, the men have to replace the natural berries with artificial berries because the natural berries would be dead. Holly trees grow in cold, snappy climates, therefore they must be shipped in cold storage.

Pinehurst 5th Grade
Room 9

is the goal of all girls, a turn oftentimes) Likewise was since it's against the rules to hit a woman unless you're married to her (even that is frowned on in some circles.) Polygamy then is war's only solution. As a whole, however, I'd say that girls make an attractive (though impractical) ornament to our daily scene.

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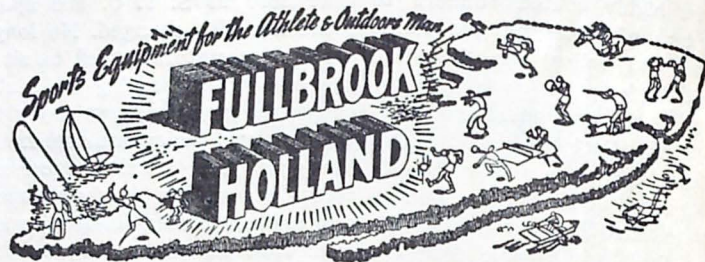
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