

Merry Christmas

The Mooring Mast

Happy New Year

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'Christmas' Is Theme Of All-School Banquet Planned for Dec. 16

Students will gather in the College dining hall, Thursday evening, December 16, for an all-school formal banquet. Dean Walter C. Schnakenberg has been chosen as banquet speaker at the Christmas dinner. John Larsgaard, Student Body President, will be master of ceremonies. Musical numbers will fill the moments between courses.

Following the banquet a Christmas candlelight service will be given in the College chapel by the L.S.A.

Tickets for the banquet will sell at 60 cents for dorm students and \$1.00 for day students and faculty members. Chairman, Catherine Morrow has named the following committees:

Decorations—Alice Pflaum, Carrie Persen, Stan Gilje, Ruth Towe, Olie Tweeden, Les Storaasli, and Norm Jensen. Advertising—Marian Butler, Carol Martin, Edwin Sandvig, Kenny Lobeda, Corinne Fosso, Janice Kittelson.

Program—Thilda Hellman, John Baglien, Albert Kuhn, Esther Velsvick, Ruth Nestegard, Carol Eilefson, and Jean Lovvold.

Ticket—Agnes Mykland, Barbara Newton, Marilyn Pflueger, Mickey Crowell, Ruth Jensen, and Anita Stuen.

Choir to Present Christmas Concert

The "Choir of the West," directed by Prof. G. J. Malmgren will present a special Christmas concert next Sunday afternoon, December 12, at 8:00 in Trinity Lutheran Church.

The program will be in part a recital of Christmas carols. The choir will continue with "The Little Spiritum" by Schuyler, "Beautiful Savior" by Christiansen, "Sanctus" by Bach, and Christiansen's "Hanna" and "Praise to the Lord."

The second half of the concert will consist of the singing of Christmas carols from many lands.

Dividing the two groups will be numbers from several of the smaller singing organizations, including the Boys' Quartet, Girls' Sextet, Girls' Quartet, and the High School Girls' Nonnette.

Sunday evening the choir will give the same concert in the Post Chapel at Ford Lewis.

L.D.R. TO WRAP GIFTS AT HOLIDAY PARTY

The home of Professor and Mrs. A. W. Ramstad will be the scene of the L.D.R. annual Christmas Party Wednesday afternoon, December 16. The party, at which gifts brought by the members for the boys and girls in the Portland Children's Home in Everett will be wrapped, brings the members together just before they leave for Christmas vacations, thus closing the activities for the present year of 1943.

Agnes Mykland, president, is arranging the program which includes Christmas carols sung by the group, vocal solos by Hjordis Rogen (including, we hope, one in Norwegian), and a reading by Agnes Mykland.

Co-hostesses with Mrs. Ramstad will be Mrs. H. R. Ranson, Mrs. O. J. Stuen, Miss Anna Marn Nielsen, and Miss Grace Blomquist.

1944 SAGA MANAGERS



MILDRED REESE

BETTY BATES

Mildred Reese, senior in college of education, and Betty Bates, junior in the same department, were chosen by students as editor and business manager, respectively, of the 1944 Saga in an Associated Student Body election held November 23, 24.

Service Men Will Sing 'Silent Night' With New Meaning in Far-Distant Lands

By BORGHILD FRIVOLD

The lights twinkled far down in the valley below as Franz Gruber walked slowly through a little village in Switzerland in the stillness of the holy, silent

the Christmas festivities of the Latin peoples. There, the "Holy Night" will intermingle with soft "Ave Marias."

A bivouac beneath the starlit Egyptian sky may startle a passing Arab camel

the scenes of Bethlehem before his mind—and that beautiful Christmas carol "Silent Night" was born. Since that time, it has entered every land that has been illumined by the light of Christmas.

The year our boys—yes, even our girls—will sing it on foreign shores. We can see them in the frozen northland, chilled by Arctic blasts, yet glow with the heart-warming cheer of

In the land of wilds and roasting bonfires, the American boys and girls will sing the "Silent Night" with a new meaning.

Each firm American Christmas card will find its way to the hands of those who will celebrate there the adopted customs of the mother-country.

From thatched huts and pup tents in

New Saga Heads Plan Yearbook

M. Reese and B. Bates Take Draft Quota for Staffs

Newly elected Saga editor, Mildred Reese, and business manager, Betty Bates, have announced their joint designs of publishing a grade A annual, to be offered to the students for the small fee of three dollars per copy. Tickets for this generous wartime offer will go on sale immediately following Christmas recess.

After looking over the titanic task before her, Editor Reese decided to choose a few assistants, and has issued the following selections: Assistant editor, Catherine Morrow; makeup editor, Flée Rod; writeups, Agnes Mykland and Betty Hatlen; snapshot contest chairman, Ruth Jensen.

Business Manager Bates had to look twice at the students not already backed

ATTENTION CAMERA FANS!

When Kuhn goes into his acts, be ready to snap that shutter and capture a pose that's worth money to the snapshot chairman for the Saga, Ruth Jensen. For the three best submitted (not all of Kuhn, of course) you will receive a Saga or a monetary prize—and best of all—entry in the annual. Get ready to enter the Saga contest for prize snapshots.

Merry Christmas!

Coming Events

- Monday, December 13—Yiking Club
- Tuesday, December 14—Yiking Club
- Wednesday, December 15—L.D.R. party
- Thursday, December 16—All-School Banquet
- Friday, December 17—Christmas recess
- Saturday, December 18—Christmas recess
- Sunday, December 19—Christmas recess

by Milly or the M... in order to find enough material for a large staff without dragging the whole student body. Other members of the staff are assistant business manager, Ed Sandvig; secretary, Maryd Prodland; advertising, Dorothy Rasmussen; circulation manager, Paul Funn; Solicitors: Dorothy Nieman, Ruth A. Star, June Bell, Thilda Hellman, Eunice Torvend, Florence Reiman.

Class solicitors of the business staff are as follows: Seniors, Flée Rod; Juniors, Virginia Seaburg, Virginia Michelsen; Sophomores, Doris Johnson, Joan Sater; Freshmen, Ted Reitz, Gerry Olson; High School, Ivar Phil, Mickey Crowell.

SAGA POLICY

Acting on the recommendations of the Student Publications Committee of the faculty, the Associated Students voted to accept the following three-fold policy:

- (1) That three dollars, paid in advance, be the subscription price of this year's Saga.
- (2) That the student body raise as much money as possible through advertising and the usual Saga benefits.
- (3) That, if a deficit occurs, it shall be paid out of the student activities fund and the athletic fund.

Mission Students Survey Defense Area

A Lutheran Sunday School and a possible church service in the Lincoln Heights Government Housing project will be started in the near future as a result of a survey on Saturday, December 4, by five PLC students.

Members of the Tacoma have been planning for some time to establish such a program in this project, but shortage of help needed for making the survey hindered the work. Those helping to canvass the project were Betty Hatlen, Agnes Mykland, John Baglien, Edwin Sandvig, and Theodore Reitz. PLC students will be in charge of the Sunday School.

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Christmas

By N. B. THORPE, College Pastor

To the student, Christmas means a vacation from the classroom; it means, in most cases, a visit to the parental home with its blessed associations and fellowship with friends of long standing. But to the student at Pacific Lutheran College, Christmas means much more than that because of the emphasis placed upon the teachings of Christ, the Christian spirit manifested by its administration, faculty and workers. This same spirit also permeates the student body and all the activities of our college. For this every student at PLC should be a useful. Any student acquiring an education that leaves out the Christmas message and the Savior's mission in the world is missing the essential part of wisdom and a true education.

As the gracious and hallowed Christmas season approaches, it is well for us to visit in spirit the little town of Bethlehem that we may learn where to look for the true values. Bethlehem is greater than New York with its Empire State building; greater than London and the Houses of Parliament; greater than Rome and the Vatican. It is greater because it gave us Jesus whose life has meant more to mankind than all economic achievements, all political triumphs and all artistic creations. Bethlehem gets its greatness from this that it gave us earth's greatest personality. The life of Jesus teaches us true humility. He shunned all haughtiness and worldly honor. Brushing aside all tinselled trappings, pomp and splendor, He was content with the stable crib, swaddling-clothes and shepherd-welcomers amid the quiet hills of Bethlehem. The life of Jesus teaches us too what love means. Those who complain that there is enough suffering on the shortest street of any city's slum to show that God does not love men and women should study the Christmas Gospel. They should acquaint themselves with the life of Jesus from His birth to His death and be convinced that by identifying Himself with us in all respects during His days in the flesh He proved that love was the motivating force in His life. From the teachings of Jesus born at Bethlehem, we may gather comfort, support and courage for all the vicissitudes of life. And amid the confusion, perplexity and distress of a worn-torn world, we may through faith in the Christ-Child possess that inward peace which Jesus came to give to all believing souls.

Custom and familiarity have implanted certain salutations for various occasions so deeply in the hearts of the race that from generation to generation they never change. Our views and tastes, our ideas and imaginations, the very language we speak, may take on new forms and shapes with the passage of time. But these simple greetings persist. All the poetry and pedantry in the world cannot replace them. On the day when we celebrate the birth of Him who brought to a world steeped in sin tidings of great joy for all mankind, we by common consent greet family, friends, neighbors and even casual acquaintances with the cheery salutation, A Merry Christmas!

Charles Snelson, Ex. '43, has a new address. He is, however, still stationed in Texas as published recently in the M.M. Address: Pfc. Charles Snelson, 39208008, 3rd Train, Det., Flight 8, Barracks 207, HAAF, Harlington, Texas.

Ray Kapus, '43, after a stay in Texas, is now back in Washington, stationed at Fort Lewis. Ray is a former P.L.C. basketball and football star. His address: Pvt. Raymond R. Kapus, 19123353, 514th P. A. Bn., Ft. Lewis, Wash.

All on a Christmas Vacation

Just one more week and then vacation. Will find me home midst my relation. But while my folks all celebrate, I'll use my time to concentrate. On soaking up all of the knowledge. There isn't time for here at college. Instead of doing Christmas shopping. I will be kept continually hopping. To get Reneau's term paper done. On rise and fall of Goth and Hun. And while the others trim our tree. There will be plenty time for me. To read a dozen plays or more. And catch up with Miss Stelloh's score. Besides perusing full-length novels. Bout men who live in dirty hovels. My humble gifts from Santy Claus. Won't get unwrapped at all, because. That awful F I earned in Spanish. Requires work to make it vanish. On Christmas Day, while others feast. My somber effort won't be ceased. For Franck demands a map I draw. That shows the nations without flaw. With all their products, towns, and rivers. (The very thought-gives me the shivers). But Muttonhead he can't call me. If I can pass Geography. The atoms and their laws I'll learn. Before the New Year doth return. So I can do a test in chemies. Without causing epidemics. The first few hours of '44. Won't find me having fun galore. Because of Leibniz, Kant and Hume. They'll keep me in a constant fume. To get my metaphysics straight. (Oh, ain't philosophy just great?) Between these jobs in moments spare. Director Young demands her share. My exercising must not lag. And let my muscles droop and sag. The muscles she has duly stiffened. Must not return as weak and limpered. And then I'll board a coast-bound train. To get back here to school again. Within these walls I'll drop my packs. And let my weary mind relax.

With the Boys in Service

Fred Miller, ex '42, is now a Sergeant in the U. S. army stationed somewhere in the South Pacific. Fred is a member of the 100th Service Squadron which repairs planes in the battle area. In V-mail letters to Miss Berg he describes the hunting of crocodiles and wild boars, which the natives go out after with spears. Address: Sgt. Frederick S. Miller, 19146317, APO 503, Unit I, 100th Service Squadron, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

William K. Ramstad, ex '42, son of our chemistry teacher, Mr. Ramstad, is an air corps student stationed at Coe College, Iowa. Bill expects to be transferred soon to California. Address: A S William K. Ramstad, 306 C T D Air Crew, Squadron 11 Flight A, Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

John Dohler, ex '43, has been assigned to Los Angeles City College for further training in the Army Specialized Training Program. Address: Pvt. 39209920, A.S.T.U., 3937 Co. D, Chapman College, 766 North Vermont, Los Angeles 27, Calif.

John Robert Reid, ex '32, is now overseas in the South Pacific area. Bob is the brother of Mr. Keith Reid, economics instructor at PLC. Address: J. Robert Reid, M. Division, USS Nassau, Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.

Alvin Lehman, ex '39, is in training at Camp Roberts, California. Address: Alvin Lehman, Cq. 8 81st. Inf. Trg. Batt., Camp Roberts, Calif.

Torger J. Lee, '40, is now a Lieutenant in the Army Air Corp. Address: Box 598, H.A.A.F. Hobbs, New Mexico.

John Gardlin, H. S. '30, is now in Alaska with the 177th Engineers. His sister, Cecelia, is a junior in the College of Liberal Arts. Address: John Gardlin, 39173857, Co. C 177th Engineers, Gs 1st Bn., APO 942, c/o Postmaster, Seattle, Wash.

To correct an error in last week's Alumni issue: **Eldon Kylo's** serial number should be 19147085 instead of 19W7085. Full address: A S Orville Eldon Kylo, 19147085, Flight 11, 302nd CTD (Air Crew), Knox College, Galesburg, Ill.

Harold Falkenberg, ex '42, will be graduated from his air cadet training in January. Address: A C Harold Falkenberg, 19033732, D.A.A.F., Douglas, Ariz. Harold was a member of the Choir of the West while at PLC.

Merle Palmer, ex '42 and former M.M. editor, is reporting in San Francisco this week for active duty following graduation from Columbia College, N. Y. Merle, an Ensign in the USNR, visited friends, faculty, and former M.M. colleagues at PLC last week.

Martin Gulhaugen, ex '43 and member of the Choir of the West and M.M. reporter, is now a PFC stationed in Italy.

Walter Goplerud, '38, has joined the ranks of PLC grads gone Southern. Address: Pvt. Walter Goplerud, 39-339-118, Cannon Co. 253 Inf, 63 Div. APO 410, Camp Van Dorn, Miss.

Lynn Peterson, Ex. '42, is now overseas serving the U. S. army in England. His address: T/S Lynn Peterson, ASN 39196676, Co. "H" 467 QMTRK Regt., APO 510 c/o Postmaster, New York City, N. Y.

Guttorm Gregerson, Ex. '43, and past president of Tawasi, boys' honorary society on the PLC campus, and **Olav Kvamme, ex '42**, and M.M. reporter for two years, are now attending classes at the University of Chicago. Both are privates in the U. S. army taking specialized training.

Kenneth Horst, H.S. '30, is now serving in the Army Air Corps. **66Dewey West, Ex. '38** and yell leader for fall football games, is a teletype operator in the Coast Guard stationed at the Portland base.

- ALUMNI -

Grace Hanson, '40, joined the WAC's early this fall and has finished her basic training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa. She is now taking an administration course at the State Teachers' College in Conway, Arkansas. Pvt. Grace Hanson, A910079, Co. A 11 A.A.S., W.A.C. Branch No. 3, Conway, Arkansas.

Gladys L. Anderson, ex '43, has recently joined the WAVES and will leave for Hunter College, New York, on December 12.

George Anderson, '43, has accepted a teaching position in Vaughn public school. He will assist in physical education and also drive the bus.

Helen Smick, ex '43, was married to Ben Poffenroth on October 3. Following the ceremony they left on a honeymoon trip to Priest Lake, Idaho. Their home will be on a farm near Endicott, Washington.

Filling the Stocking

Dear Santa,

Since this is the week before the week before Christmas vacation, I asked the gremlins to snoop around and see what kind of business students and profs could profitably drum up with you. This is the gremlins' report:

For Muriel Baird: Some new Norse books.
For Mr. Reid: A flying bed to get him on time to shorthand.

For Al Kuhn: A new purple sweater without holes. Also a better knowledge of Norwegian so he won't have to skip class with a guilty conscience.

For Agnes Mykland: A briefcase in which to carry her A's.

For Gladys Anderson: A definite day.

For Mr. Franck: A new red beanie.

For Annie Lien: A book on "How to win A's and Influence Teachers."

For Fern Erickson, Alice Kaaland, and Ollie Tweeden: A permanent lipstick.

For Miss Reneau: A non-skid chair for classroom use.

For Director Malmrin: A higher draft number for Second Bass Valve Burger.

For Ruth Nestegard: A better memory.
For Carrie Person: Bigger and better ad-chasers.

For Prof. Ramstad: Some toothpicks to prop his eyes open.

For Mr. Weiss: An alarm clock.

For Agnes Roleder: A cheeseburger for variety.

For Sargent Webster: A permanent wave.
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B Stands for Bundles Mounting High And Also for Busses That Pass You By

By ALICE BRUDIE

Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without bundles. And Bundles Inc. come marching mysteriously into the rooms of the girls' dorm each evening now. Every day a group of dormites can be seen waiting for the bus that takes them to the downtown stores where they feverishly begin to accumulate more bundles to add to the sundry and various already in prospect. Bundles of all sizes and shapes are garnered—big and little bundles, light and heavy bundles, hard and soft bundles.

smooth and knobby bundles. Chiefly, bundles!

With "cash and carry" the shopping maxim today, the ambitious shopper is prone to find her collection of bundles snowballing about her. Street navigation becomes precarious when they reach the eyebrow level, and nothing but dead reckoning can take you to your destination past that point. The crowds on the streets definitely make themselves felt, but the real pressure groups get into action when hattling for a sardine's corner on the bulging Parkland bus.

Arriving (if you're lucky) at good old PLC, the question is where in an 8x12 room to put the accumulated 12x8 bundles. One possibility is to make use of the floor space under the bed, unless, of course, that space has already been discovered by your roommate as ideal for storing excess baggage.

The problem is, finally, shoved into a mountainous solution and you sit down on top of Mt. Everest to prepare tomorrow's shopping list.

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OH, JOHNNY!

We just wonder if Johnny Larsgaard happens to know what inspired the dorm girls to sing "One Dozen Roses" for Ruth Nestegard in the dining hall the other night.

NO UNION CARD NEEDED

Ambition is what we call it! Continuing the redecoration of the day room begun last Spring, the Day Girls are wielding paint brushes in the chapel basement. Paint cans serve as decorations and conversation centers around flat coats, top coats, etc. Speculation is rife as to whether the work will be finished by Christmas vacation. If it is, a new limo-lem will be laid before the first of the year. Volunteer workers will be welcomed with open arms and paint brushes.

There must be a classic flavor to Prof. Franck's famous goulash. At least some of his recipes (one we have heard of involves leeks, bacon and greenery) are derived from the Latin verses of Horace.

BROWNIES AT WORK

Francelle Schoch would like to know who redecored her room Sunday evening, November 28. Bring your information to room 312, girls' dorm.

It is rumored that as a special incentive to good little boys and girls, Santa will leave a nice plump turkey in every faculty pot. Good eating, Profs.

No cases of shock were reported at the infirmary after report cards came out Tuesday, November 23. Perhaps Thanksgiving vacation gave the students a chance to recover from any ill effects of the "quarterly fog."

TONIGHT WE SNACK

Through the combined efforts of a valiant committee the fudge kitchen in the girls' dorm is now ready to serve all those who feel the need for a late snack or a mid-afternoon lunch. Special mention should go to Carolyn Hawley, Cecilia Gardlin, Lois Ludwig, and Virginia

Seaburg for the work they did. The room is now painted in white and has furnishings to accommodate those who make use of the kitchen.

CUPID CALLS

If anyone has missed seeing Gladys J. Andersen around school the reason is simple. She has busied herself with the important details of planning a wedding, which is scheduled as a coming event of the near future. Her future husband, John W. Matzen, is now in training at Farragut, Idaho.

ADVENTURES IN TASTE

The editor has been worried these last few days. You would be too if you had seen what he saw, namely "Kelly" more formally known as Carolyn Hawley buying two bottles of vinegar and a box of crackers over at Anderson's one day. Whatever do you suppose she did with her purchases? We sincerely hope she did not sit down and partake of them in place of her breakfasts which she sometimes misses.

CORINNE SAW HIM FIRST

The addition of Bertil Bildt, '42, to the PLC dorm family for a few days has raised the ratio between boys and girls slightly, but the relief is only temporary while Bert awaits further instructions from the man at the draft board after brushes up on a little Math from Mr. Stuen at the same time.

Ole Hansen can claim one of the shortest terms of service in the U. S. Coast Guard on record. He spent one month at Base Camp in Port Townsend just before he returned to PLC to finish up his work in the College of Education. Ole is doing his cadet teaching this semester.

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Lutheran Students Meet In Regional Conference

PLC was well represented at the LSA conference which was held at the University Lutheran Church in Seattle on Sunday, December 5. Betty Hatlen was elected secretary of the district conference, and Dr. Eastvold spoke at the annual banquet on the meeting's theme, "The Christian Evangel—A Transforming Leaven." Group discussions on the messages of the day were led by Betty Hatlen and John Baglien.

The Reverend Fredrik Schiotz, national director of the organization, delivered the morning message, "Under the Shadow of Eternity," emphasizing the surety of God's judgments and promises.

A candle-light installation service, centering on the Advent of Christ, brought the conference to a close.

THE UPS AND DOWNS IN HOLIDAY SHOPPING

By LOLA MAE JOHNSON

"Going up! Take the next car please." So starts another of my grueling experiences involving an elevator overflowing with Christmas shopping spirit, complete with owners and excess baggage. After observing my static plight for three trips, one operator takes pity on me and I squeeze into the last available space. In the process I nearly lose the tip of my nose to the door that "moves on silent cat feet."

The next stop entails my stepping out to allow the impatient people behind to vacate their few square inches to the on-rushing horde from without. I get caught squarely between the pros and cons, who dispute over my person. The cons have it at last, and I am pushed back into the lift, along with Mrs. Distraught Housewife and her bracing brood of six. Little Babe in Arms yelps protests in my ears and succeeds in knocking my one and only chapeau over my left eye, giving 'me a "One-lamp Louie" effect. Little nine year old Knobby Elbows delights in bombarding my defenseless ribs. Child number 3 gets in her punches by holding her dripping bumbershoot against my legs. Desperate maneuvers to get away from that chilly appendage puts me within range of Mr. 200 pounder's No. 12's. Of course, his aim is unerring.

Ah! My floor at last! I have become rather permanently situated behind a giant who is hard of hearing, and by the time I manage to wiggle out front, my floor has gone by. So I walk down one flight, only to find that the commodity I seek has been moved to the basement to accommodate Toyland. Dear Santa!

So, friends, let me give you a little advice. Between Dec. 1 and Dec. 25 take the ups and downs in your own stride. It's easier on the disposition and the corpus delicti.

Club Notes

LSA

The Rev. Fredrik Schiotz of Chicago, who is Executive Secretary of the Student Service Department of the American Lutheran Conference, visited our campus last Monday. In the morning he was guest speaker both at the Chapel hour and on the College broadcast. In the afternoon he had personal conferences with many of the students. At four o'clock a special LSA meeting was held in the recreation room at which Rev. Schiotz gave a brief history of the organization and outlined its purpose. Following the meeting he met with the LSA council.

AWS

Christmas decorations galore and donations for the gift fund for Fort Lewis soldiers were garnered in at the AWS Christmas party, held Wednesday afternoon, December 1, in the recreation room.

Miriam Hopp played a piano solo "Prelude in C Sharp Minor" by Rachmaninoff, and Catherine Morrow gave a Christmas reading. Carol singing by the entire group closed the program, after which refreshments were served.

Christmas Joy

C is for Christmas Cheer,
H for Happiness;
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NOVELTY PINS - - -
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