

Holiday Customs Have Ancient Origins

While the exact origin of the practice of kissing under the mistletoe is not known, there are several popular stories about it.

The Druids of ancient Britain paid it more than lip service—they thought it could heal disease, neutralize poisons, and protect against witchcraft! They wore charm bracelets and rings made of mistletoe, and fastened the plant over their doorways to ward off evil spirits.

A Scandinavian tale involves Frigga, the goddess of love and beauty. Researchers report that Frigga first made mistletoe a symbol of love and granted some lucky man a kiss beneath its branches—beginning a smacking good custom.

Of course the Christmas tree is a center of attraction in most homes during the Yule season—a place of honor, incidentally, solidly rooted in history. For thousands of years before Christ's birth, evergreen trees were revered by German tribesmen as symbols of immortality. When the pagans were converted to Christianity, they transferred their feelings for the evergreen to the new religion.

The first person to put lights on a Christmas tree was Martin Luther. Walking home one night shortly before Christmas, the Reformation leader felt a strong tie between the starry night and the love of God. At home, he placed candies on a little evergreen tree

to help his children experience the same wonder of God's heavens. The custom grew and spread through Northern Europe, then to America.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Although the custom of decorating the Christmas tree didn't originate in America, the practice of playing Christmas music did begin here—less than half a century ago. Player-piano enthusiasts pumped out such favorites as "Silent Night" and "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem". Today, with the help of modern players that can be foot powered or used as a regular piano by the accomplished, the custom is having a thrilling comeback in thousands of homes across the country.

The combination of lively feet and music, continuing today as people play and sing around their player-pianos all over the country, began with early "carols". The word "carol" means to dance in a ring, and the man who popularized the practice was the beloved St. Francis of Assisi. To bring the Christmas message vividly and directly to his 13th century villagers, most of whom could not read, he arranged a manger scene using real people and animals. When the villagers came to see it, St. Francis led them in joyous celebration—"caroling".

CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS

About those Christmas stockings: one legend says that the original St. Nicholas—who was a

charitable Turkish bishop—taking pity on a man too poor to provide a dowry for his daughters, dropped gold pieces into a stocking hung up by the fire to dry.

One of the most recent of the popular Christmas customs is the Christmas card. The first one was sent in 1843 by W. C. Dodson, one of Queen Victoria's favorite painters. Louis Prang of Boston made the first American Christmas cards in 1873, but only during the last 50 years has the practice of sending Yuletide cards become widespread.

History records many other Christmas customs. But in all lands which celebrate this ancient holiday, the feelings of reverence and joy are the same.

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NORSE WIND AWARDS . . . Norse Wind Editor Cynthia Seamster is congratulated by Dr. Charles Allen, head of the OSU Journalism Department, at the OCPA banquet Nov. 20. The Norse Wind earned five awards in the annual competition for college newspapers.

First Place Awards To Norse Wind

By Cynthia Seamster

The Norse Wind won three first place awards, one second place and a third place at the Oklahoma Collegiate Press Association convention in Stillwater, Nov. 20 and 21.

The NEO staff was awarded first places in feature writing, feature photography and editorial writing, and a third place in news writing. The paper ranked second in the best all-around junior college newspaper division.

Eastern A&M of Wilburton won the junior college sweepstakes in both newspaper and yearbook categories. Central State college, Edmond, entered the winning senior college yearbook. Northeastern State of Tahlequah the best senior newspaper.

A new rotating trophy, the Charles L. Allen accuracy award, went to Southeastern State college, Durant.

The awards, presented by Dr. Allen, OCPA executive director and head of the Oklahoma State University School of Journalism, climaxed a day of lectures and discussion groups dealing with college publishing problems.

More than 115 student journalists were on hand to hear John Colburn, editor of the Wichita Eagle, at the awards banquet. Associate editor Phil Dessauer of the Tulsa World spoke at the luncheon session.

The conference ended Saturday morning with critique sessions on newspapers and yearbooks and election of officers for the coming year.

New OCPA officers are Dorothy Forbes, Central State, president; Meredith Patterson, Northeastern State, vice president; and Francine Horton, Eastern A&M, secretary-treasurer.



SANTA CAME EARLY . . . for 88 underprivileged children Monday night as students on campus presented each child a gift, climaxing the annual Christmas party given for the children of Miami. Various clubs, organizations and individuals adopted for a night a child and sponsored him at the party. Dolls talked, guns barked and toy trains choo-chooed all over the band room before the party ended. It was hard to tell who had the most fun, the college students or the children. Norse Wind staff photo by Jim Phillips.

Phi Theta Kappa Stages Initiation For Thirteen Pledges

Phi Theta Kappa, the campus honor society, initiated 13 students Sunday, Dec. 13.

Clair Trommeson, English instructor, spoke on the three things Phi Theta Kappa stands for: Purity, Wisdom and Aspiration.

The club is made-up of a select group of students who have maintained a "B" average or above in 15 hours of college work for one semester.

Students initiated Sunday were selected from the spring semester of 1964.

New members are: Cheryl Fairman, Jamshid Attar, Ed Wall, Linda Jones, Barbara Swinehart, Jane Testerman, Janet Turley, Wilma Von Schrittz, Patricia Thompson, Linda McCoy, Bruce Myers, Madolyn Dobbs, and Jerry Crow.

Graduation Exercises Held For First NEO Nursing Class

NEO's first practical nursing class graduated Dec. 4.

This new field in education, introduced here in December of 1963, consists of 600 hours of classroom instruction and 1200 hours of practical experience conducted at the Miami Baptist hospital.

Adelaide Blandin, RN, instructor for the course, said most of the students have found work. Those graduating in the first

class were Belva Sue Bialock, Kaye Mangold, Louise Robbins, Reba Palmer, Ruby Brannock, Dolores Brumback and Charlene Walker all of Miami; Roxie Smith, Quapaw; Mildred Bevins, Grove; Leona Moore, Picher; Ethel Griffin, Commerce, and Joan Fair-sheets, Bluejacket.

The second class of practical nursing is scheduled to begin in January.

International Students Honored By Student Senate At Dinner In Union

By Chally Kissee
International student entertainers highlighted the annual International Students' dinner sponsored recently by the NEO Student Senate.

Following the invocation, given by Dr. Weidon Marcum of the Miami First Baptist church, senate president Charles Burwell welcomed the students and guests.

Kay Sadjadi, speaking for her husband, Owrang, International club president, expressed their appreciation for the dinner in their honor.

After reading her original poem, "How Far Apart Are Our Two Worlds?", Doris Burnes, foreign language instructor and International club sponsor, introduced the International students who provided the entertainment.

Fred Komaly of Iran played an accordian solo, followed by Ali Ahyani, also from Iran, who played the violin and harmonica. Singing in Iranian, accompanied by Reza Fattahi, was Kay Sadjadi. Miss Fattahi also accompanied seven Iranian students who sang several songs. Original Arabic poetry was read by Bessema El-Yacouby, of Jordan. George and Ray Bulo, Bolivian brothers, and Venezuelans Ramiro Rossell and Jose Requena sang three popular South American songs, "Perfidia," "La Bamba" and "Cielito Lindo."

Dr. Bruce G. Carter, NEO president, was the principal speaker for the evening. He expressed admiration for the students who traveled so many miles from their

homelands to attend the college. "These fine students are the future leaders of their respective countries," observed Dr. Carter.

About fifty students and faculty members attended the dinner, which is an annual pre-Thanksgiving affair.

Rev. Daring New B.S.U. Director

The Rev. Joe B. Williams, director of NEO's BSU for the past year and a half, has resigned his work here to serve as pastor of the Osage Hills Baptist Church, Tulsa.

The Rev. M. R. Daring, associational missionary, who will serve as interim director, said, "We appreciate Rev. Williams' work with us and regret his leaving very much, but wish him the best of luck in his new work."

Working with Rev. Daring will be Bill Martin, freshman from Sperry, who was elected Freshman BSU council president in a recent election. Elected to serve with Martin in the ensuing year were Steve Crowley, Wyandotte, vice-president; Sharon Sloan, Miami, secretary; Joyce DeBoard, Tulsa, missions chairman; Linda Webb, Broken Arrow, devotional chairman; Mike Victory, Miami, noonday chairman; Larry Potter, Sperry, enlistment chairman; Carol Forslund, Miami, social chairman; Jo Goodale, Tulsa, publicity chairman; and Clark Matthews, Picher, music chairman.

Dixon Wins Business Club Prize At First Home Basketball Game

Dane Dixon won the \$5 prize given by the Business club at NEO's first home basketball game.

Numbers were given to students as they presented their I.D. cards for admission to the game.

At half-time Pete Demick drew the winning number which Dane held.

Prizes are being made to offer a money prize at the next home game to be held with Iola, Jan. 11. The Business club will sponsor the prize again, and their sponsor, Homa Thomas, says it will have something to do with three rings of "musical chairs."

Aggies Named As Finalists

Fourteen boys have been selected as finalists for the livestock judging team, according to Bill Able, judging team coach. Selected on their ability to judge cattle, four boys will comprise the team.

The finalists are: Roy Barnhart, Ronnie Cleveland, Earl Denny, Robert Evans, Roy Fogelman, Carl Helwig, James Jacoby, Jim Koen, James Knapp, Jackie Krisp, Jackie Krieder, Larry Tippit, Phil Ransom, and Charles Sharp.

Able, assisted by Harry Synar, will give the boys a livestock workout Dec. 17-19 at the Angus Valley Ranch, Tulsa, and at Oklahoma State University.

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NEO Students Enter National Radio Contest

By Sandra McConnell

"CQ, SS, CQ, SS, this is W5GKK." These words were repeated hundreds of times as Karl Brooks and John Bentley participated in the American Radio Relay League's National Radio Contest.

In the contest, the language of the airwaves is "CQ, SS," meant that the boys wanted to talk to anyone listening who was participating in the contest.

Thanks to these two boys, NEO is known to 362 more people than it was before the American Radio Relay League held its contest.

Karl and John made 362 contacts in a 24 hour period.

"I slept 16 hours after the contest," said Karl. "I've never stayed up 24 hours straight before."

Karl, a sophomore electronics major from Chelsea, is the only licensed student operator for the campus amateur ham radio, W5GKK, located in the Life Science building. The radio has been in operation since 1961.

"I received my amateur license when I was 16," said Karl, "and I've been fooling around with ham radios ever since."

The United States was divided into 72 sections for the contest, and the boys worked 62 of these, scoring 41,912 points.

As many as 100,000 amateur radio operators participated in the contest as a possible 24-hour period. The boys really had to get down, all of the time, with their contacts," said John, a freshman electronics major from Coweta.

"We received one point for sending a specified message and one point for receiving a specified message."

A radio telephone was used both the sending and receiving of messages.

Forms filled out during the contest will be sent to the American Radio Relay League and processed to let the boys know their placing.

"I'm anxious to see the results," said Karl. "I'm sure we placed because we were just a few points behind the leaders when we last contacted them, several hours before the 24 hour period was up."

The campus radio is available to all students needing to send a message home in case of an emergency. Arrangements can be made with Dr. Clark McQuigg.



ON THE AIR . . . W5GKK, the campus radio station, Karl Brooks, electronics department at NEO, is shown here with operator Karl Brooks at the controls during the ARRL Christmas Contest. John Bentley, background, recorded the contacts made during the contest period. The boys kept the station on the air for 24 hours, making 362 radio contacts.

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PHI THETA KAPPA LIGHT . . . Receiving the light of purity, wisdom, and aspiration from the Phi Theta Kappa candle are the joining candles of the Phi Theta Kappa initiates. Thirteen students were initiated into Phi Theta Kappa Dec. 18. Story on page one.

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December Party Held at Dyer Hall

The fourth monthly birthday party was held Dec. 7 by Dyer Hall housemother, Mrs. Beulah Elrod, for those residents of Dyer Hall who have birthdays in December.

Cake and punch were served to the boys, and various trick and quiz games were played. Each of the guests related experiences from his favorite Christmas.

The boys who attended the party were: Sammy Bell, Jim Blazier, Paul Brown, Bob Byers, Robert Colvert, Jim Jones, Richard Lattler, Phillip Lynch, John Manley, James Mueller, James Pulliam, Bentley Randall, Dave Raque, George Ricker, Terry Silkey, and Richard Stiles.

Reading Is The Key

A NORSE WIND REVIEW

William Faulkner, the fourth American to receive the Nobel Prize for Literature, was also honored by his own country with the William Dean Howells medal of the American Academy of Arts and Letters, the National Book Award (1951), the Ordre National de la Legion d'Honneur by the French Consul in New Orleans, the National Book award and Pulitzer Prize in 1955 for "A Fable" and in 1963 a Pulitzer Prize for "The Reivers," in addition to several other awards.

The Book of the Month Club selection for December is the Faulkner trilogy—"The Hamlet," "The Town" and "The Mansion" lives of the Snopes family from 1834-1946. The characters are insane and monstrous and terrible, but so is the life that is reflected in the books. Faulkner had probed "into the volcanic fury, the depravity in the black hearts of men who are only incidentally dwellers in the South," and the South is Yoknapatawpha County, Miss.

In 1940 the novel "The Hamlet" introduced the Snopes family and described the Snopes' invasion of the small community, Frenchman's Bend, in fictional Yoknapatawpha County, Miss. Seventeen years later "The Town" appeared, reporting further progress of the Snopes clan and of Flem

Fashion Sets Holiday Mood

By Chally Kiseee
Sparking the holiday mood is this black sheath accented with black sequins covering the bodice.

All set for holiday fun is Deanna Seston, a freshman majoring in education from Wichita Falls, Tex. The floor-length dress, a beautiful blend of acetate and rayon, hugs the figure for high style simplicity.

The neckline plunges to a low V in the back, which is complimented by a large bow above the waistline. It is simple in style yet elegant in effect.

Deanna's holiday expectations perk-up with the addition of suede spike heels and long evening gloves styled of genuine deerskin and stretch nylon.

These black accessories complement the dress, making Deanna a stunning figure at holiday parties.

The evening dress is furnished by RAMSEY'S. The shoes are compliments of MILLNER-BERKEY. SALLY'S BEAUTY AND APPAREL SHOP furnished the gloves.

Snopes' rise from restaurant owner to bank president.

Faulkner's method of having three narrators tell the story gives the novel depth and makes the characters seem real. Flem Snopes is the symbol of unprintable thirst



HIGH FASHION . . . Deanna Seston is ready for holiday parties in her chic black evening gown.

Test Schedule Second Semester

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- 10:00 o'clock
- 11:00 o'clock
- 2:00 o'clock

TEST SCHEDULED FOR:

- Tuesday 8-10
- Tuesday 10-12
- Tuesday 1-3
- Tuesday 3-5
- Wednesday 3-5

for power, and his opponents are symbols for a still-existing moral force which can make a town inhabited by the Snopes a living place.

The concluding novel of the trilogy, "The Mansions," resolves some of the problems presented in the other books. It is humorous, ironic, violent; it is a richly imagined and somberly moving story. No one has isolated to better advantage the nature of Snopism, the relentless, dehumanized drive of greed and gain in our materialistic society — problems which all stir Faulkner to indignation.

Flight Facts

By Philip Malocasy

A new program has been introduced as part of the AFROTC OTS.

All successful OTS graduates will receive a temporary rank of 2nd Lieutenant for one week. Fourteen cadets will be selected each week according to grade priority until all graduates have had an opportunity to be an officer. The first 14 selected received their temporary commissions Tuesday.

Thirty-seven cadets toured Whiteman AFB Dec. 10. Boarding a C-17 assault transport at Joplin Municipal Airport, the cadets were flown to Whiteman, where they toured a Minuteman missile site and launch control center.

Colonel Edelle Jones, the new commandant of AFROTC detachments in Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Kansas, visited this detachment Dec. 11. Colonel Holt said the purpose of the visit was to "get acquainted with this detachment and the college administration."

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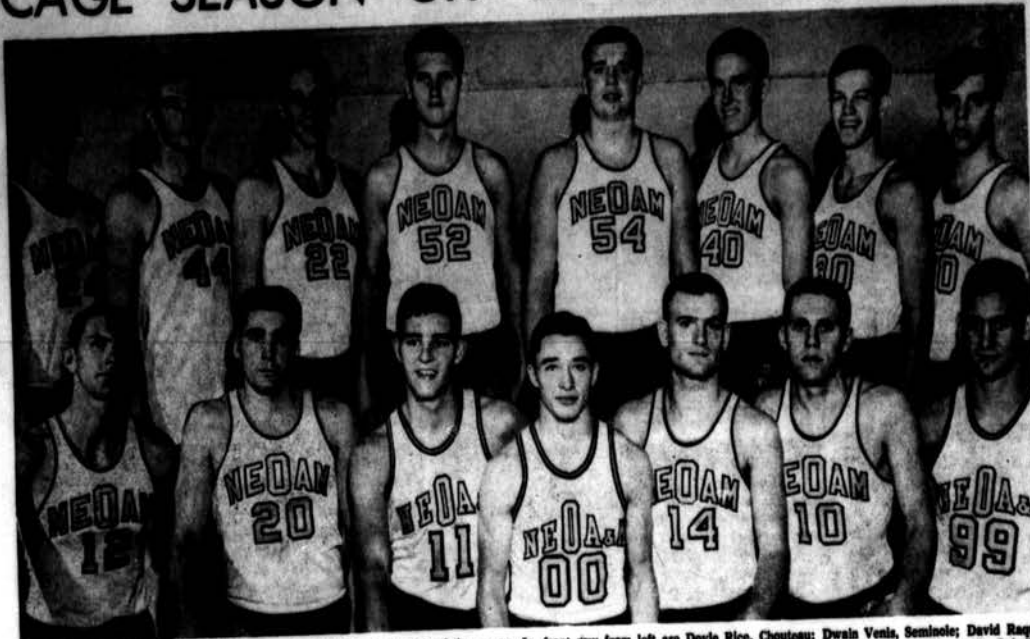
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FLASHING THE NEW LOOK . . . John Boyd goes up for another basket as the Golden Norsemen defeat OMA 82-81 at Claremore. It was the second defeat for the Cadets at the hands of our Norsemen.

Norse Averages Rank High

By Sandra McConnell
With the basketball season well underway over the country the Golden Norsemen have completed ten games in flying colors.

They opened the season with a win over Kansas State College Junior Varsity, 73-74.

Known as the team with the "new look," they racked-up the Jasper County Junior College 94-68. These wins gave them a berth in the finals of the NEO Junior College Tournament.

In the final game, the Norsemen let Southwest Baptist of Bolivar, Mo., slip by them in the last two minutes of the game for a 73-70 score and the championship.

The individual records for the players in the first eight games are: RANDY BROOKS, 105 points, 13.12 average points per game; BILL CLINGAN, 99 points, 12.37 average points per game; BOB HODGE, 89 points, 8.62 average points per game; RICK STEPHENS, 72 points, 9.00 average per game; John Boyd, 71 points, 8.87 average points per game; DAVID RAQUE, 68 points, 8.71 average points per game; AARON THOMPSON, 49 points, 6.12 average points, per game; JOHN VON BERG, 27 points, 3.35 average points per game; IVAN HIE- STAND, 28 points, 4.00 average points per game; CHARLES HAMILTON, 25 points, 3.12 average points per game; DWAIN VENIS, 10 points, 3.33 average points per game; JERRY DING- WERTH, 12 points, 4.00 average points per game; TOM ROZNOW- SKI, 2 points, .50 average points per game.



ANOTHER BASKET . . . John Boyd Tallies-up another score as the Golden Norsemen meet Kansas State College Junior Varsity in the first home game of the season. Backing-up the shot is Randy Brooks, leading scorer for the Norsemen.



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