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Parties And Spirit Of Giving Mark NEO Yule Activities

There will be a great grinding of tires as students leave for home, and none will doubt that classes at Northeastern Okla. A&M have been dismissed for the holidays.

For some this will be the first opportunity to see their hometown friends since classes began in Sept. The first opportunity to see whether they have grown thinner or fatter; become a blond or red-head.

Accompanying the students will be gifts of all kinds. Many made in home economics or wood working classes. Mrs. Bonita Synar, sewing instructor, says, "house slippers made of wash cloths are the most popular items to come from my sewing classes. Others are attempting more ambitious projects such as dresses for little sister and even suits for older relatives.

Also accompanying the students will be memories, both funny and moving, of their first few months in college.

Funniest, perhaps, will be the memory of finding a stand for the Christmas tree in the girl's dorm. It is reliably reported that several of the cigarette receptacles on campus unwittingly donated sand.

CHRISTMAS PARTY MOVING EXPERIENCE

Most moving, certainly, will be the memory of Monday night's Children's Party.

Area children ages two to twelve were adopted for one evening by college students at N.E.O., and treated to a party in the gymnasium. There was a 16 foot tree to gladden the eye, apples and oranges to tempt the taste buds, and Santa Claus, played by Strippy Biggers, an alumna from Okla. City, to tickle your funny bone.

But the real stars of the evening were the kids. They sang the old Christmas songs with gusto, laughed at the clown act, performed by Sharon Nelson, and Brenda Harnden, both of Tulsa. And they applauded the twirling of Connie Smith.

The highlight of the evening came when Santa ran in with a sack filled with wooly, furry caps and mittens, games of all kinds, dolls, balls and bats, and everything else to delight small hearts.

WHO HAD THE MOST FUN?

It was hard to tell who had the most fun; the children or the college students. As one student said, "After last night only the most cynical could believe the Spirit of Christmas dead."

The Student Council would like to express their thanks to the clubs on campus who donated \$2.00 to buy the sacks of nuts, candy and oranges.

A special thanks goes to the Air Force R.O.T.C. who donated \$40 which was used to buy decorations for the tree. These will be stored and used year after year becoming a permanent part of the Children's Christmas Party.

Yet another "thank you" goes to the art class, who made the lovely Madonna for Dr. Carter's house, and the library staff who put up the pretty tree on the hall windows. The "O" Club also deserves credit for putting up the lights and greenery outside the Administration Bldg. and Dr. Carter's house.

DORMS ENTER INTO YULE CELEBRATION

Each of three dorms entered wholeheartedly into the spirit of the Yule celebration. The girl's dorm held a combination Christmas and December birthday's party after the Children's party. Each girl brought a child's gift to the party. These were given to the Miami Fire Department to be given to needy children.

Commons Hall set Dec. 17 as the date for the party. The program consisted of caroling and performances of individual dorm members.

Donuts and hot chocolate were served and various international students, apartment boys and man-power students were invited to attend this party.

Dyer Hall celebrated Christmas with a lovely silver tree, and a party Monday night.

Smaller organizations also caught the party fever. One of the first was the Faculty Dames, an organization composed of the female members and the wives of the male gender of the faculty. On Dec. 14 children under 12, whose parents are connected with the college in any way, were given a party at 6:30 in the Carter Student Union. Dr. Carter presented a small gift from the school to each of the 81 children attending.

CAROLS SUNG IN FRENCH AND SPANISH

The Spanish and French Clubs held their traditional party Dec. 18. Classes met at the scheduled time in the Bruce Carter Student Union Lounge, where members were served coffee and donuts. Christmas songs were sung in Spanish and French and vocabulary games were played. Prizes, some ranging as high as a silver dollar, were awarded to the winners of the various games.

And still more organizations joined in the fun. The library staff exchanged "gag" gifts Dec. 18 in the Union lounge.

Kenneth Richards, director held a party Dec. 15 for the chorus in his home. To cap off the holiday season the Business Club sponsored a Christmas Dance. Providing the live entertainment were the Tear-drops, a band from Tulsa.

CLASSES TO RESUME JAN. 3

Yes, it has been a busy Christmas Season at N.E.O. But Dean Angle emphasized that CLASSES WILL RESUME THURSDAY JAN. 3. Double cuts will be given to all those absent that day.

However, students attending school under the Manpower Training Act should check with their instructors to find out exact dates of dismissal and return.



Giving a hand to two pretty girls, Carol Armstrong and Carol Bonar, is Sandy Hall. Sandy is no doubt wondering at the things women expect a man to get in a small trunk. Note the packages, suitcase, laundry and textbooks. All three students are from Tulsa, on their way home for the holidays.

Christmas Giving In Other Lands Takes Varied Forms

Who brings Christmas gifts?

Throughout the ages, the act of giving has been shrouded in an air of mystery that surrounds both giver and gift. Since three Wise Men appeared suddenly out of the desert bearing gold, frankincense, and myrrh for the new-born infant at Jerusalem, Christmas gift-bearers have appeared and disappeared mysteriously every year.

In Spain, Spanish children put their shoes out on the window sill and fill them with straw for the camels -- then awake to find the straw is gone and presents have been left in its stead.

In Italy, the gift-giver is La Befana -- who is reputed to eat bad children as well as reward good ones.

French children know that Le Pere Noel will come down from heaven and bring good things if they are well behaved -- but if they are not, Le Pere Fouettard -- Father Spanker -- may arrive with a load of switches.

In Mexico, gifts come tumbling from a pinata -- a gay clay bird or animal filled with fruit, candy, nuts and small gifts.

The pinata is hung from a doorway or tree and the child, blindfolded, breaks the pinata with a stick. In the mad scramble that follows, each child strives to pick up as many gifts as possible.

In Denmark, presents are brought by the little gnome said to dwell in the family attic or barn -- and in some parts of Scandinavia, gifts are brought by two gnomes -- an old woman carrying a basket of gifts and an old man with a white beard wearing a red hood.

In Russia, Grandfather Frost often is assisted in his gift-bearing by the Snow Maiden.

And in Holland, St. Nicholas rides upon a white horse while his black-clad servant, "Black Pieter," carries the gifts.

But one of the strangest gift-givers of all flings open a door in Sweden -- throws in a gift -- then vanishes. The gift, called the Julklapp, is done up in so many wrappings that it is hard to find.

The red-clad figures who ring their clapper at shoppers in the

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Northeastern Okla. A&M chorus practices their assembly program to be held at ten o'clock, today. The chorus assembly has become an annual part of N.E.O.'s Christmas celebration.

Choir & Drama Club To Hold Assembly Today

The college choir and the drama club are planning today to present their traditional college Christmas assembly this Wednesday at 10 a.m.

This year it promises to be better than ever.

Cadets Receive Top Honors In Drill

Eight AFROTC cadets, three sophomores and five freshmen, won top honors Tuesday Dec. 11, in an individual drill competition which was held during the regular leadership lab period, in the gymnasium.

Those cadets showing excellence in marching and drill movements, were: sophoms: Earl Church, David Latimer, and Ray Pasley. Freshmen were: Jimmy Dixon, Frank Emberton, Kenneth Powell, Steven Williams, and Charles Overgard.

The original group participating, consisted of four cadets from each flight, two sophomores and two freshmen. Selection was made on the basis of marching ability and proficiency in drill. Cadets will be entitled to wear ribbons denoting their accomplishments.

Other recent AFROTC activities included plans for a dinner dance held at the Miami Supper Club, by the Military Fraternity, on December 18.

In the assembly both the religious and secular aspects of Christmas will be presented, with Biblical readings and singing of contemporary numbers. This year a new feature is being prepared which should appeal greatly to everyone.

Besides the assembly program, the N.E.O. chorus has been asked by Picher and Vinita High Schools to present Christmas assemblies before vacation.

The choir also entertained the Rotarians at their Christmas banquet, Dec. 11th, in the Bruce Carter Student Union Ballroom. Around 200 persons attended this banquet.

In addition the entire choir has presented programs recently. Miss Ruthie Hamlin, a freshman from Quapaw, sang at the N.E.O. football banquet Thursday, Nov. 28th. Bob Bethell, a freshman from Tulsa, performed for a Rotary meeting Tuesday, Nov. 26th.

Christmas Giving

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United States have a real model in the Turkish Bishop St. Nicholas, who devoted his life to charity and good works more than 1,600 years ago.

An old story tells how St. Nicholas unintentionally originated the custom of hanging stockings by the fireplace at Christmas time. St. Nicholas knew of a poor and proud nobleman who had no dowry for his three daughters. Coming to his house one evening, St. Nicholas peered in the nobleman's window, saw him fast asleep, and stealthily climbed the roof to the chimney. Here he pitched three gold pieces, expecting they would land on the hearth at the nobleman's feet. But one of the daughters had hung up a pair of stockings to dry and the gold pieces landed in the toe of one of them.

Christmas in the New England colonies was not a very happy affair. For a time - from 1642 to 1652 - the Puritans in England issued a series of ordinances forbidding church services and festivities on Christmas Day - as well as making plum puddings and mince pies. And in America, because such celebrations had a heathen origin, the General Court of Massachusetts passed a law in 1659 making the observance of Christmas a penal offense.

But things began to brighten as more and more immigrants arrived, bringing with them their own special gift-givers. Two centuries before, the Dutch had come, bring St. Nicholas with them, or Santa Claus for short. A German Colony had moved into Pennsylvania along with "Christkindlein" who was to be transformed into Kris Kringle. Swedish settlers brought a gift giver descended from the old god Thor.

In 1822, a Presbyterian divinity professor named Dr. Clement C. Moore bumped into a tiny, fat Dutchman with red cheeks and white hair. The Dutchman had been telling Dr. Moore some St. Nicholas legends, and now it struck Dr. Moore that the old Dutchman was the very image of St. Nicholas himself.

Hurrying home, Dr. Moore sat down and started to write: "Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the house, Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse."

The modern flesh and blood Santa today, is usually equipped with an artificial beard made of yak's hair from Tibet. He has had his origins in dozens of countries, Asia Minor, Italy, Africa, Holland, Russia and Sweden.

But it was from the United States that he re-crossed the Atlantic, as Father Christmas in England and Pere Noel in France.

Debate Team Wins Honors

Members of the debate team placed fifth in Sweepstakes competition at the annual Forensics Tournament Nov. 29 through Dec. 1. The tournament was held at East Central State College at Ada.

Thirty schools entered the competition. Among them were Baylor, Texas Christian, O.U., O.S.U., Stephen F. Austin, and Rustin. The Northeastern A&M team received a Certificate of Excellence for their first tournament of the year.

Also receiving Certificates of Excellence in the Interpretation Pentathlon were Richard Kelton, Miami; Pat Smith, Commerce; and Pat Melody, Miami. Each pentathlon consisted of two prepared and three unprepared events.

In the Public Address Pentathlon Richard Kelton and Pat Melody were again rated "Excellent." John Moody, Miami, received a rating of "Good."

Other team members competing in the tournament were Paul Holmes, Leroy McDermott, and Clyde Faulkner.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL
from the
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Wedding Bells For Five Summer Course Engaged Couples Set For NROTC

With the presence of the Christmas holidays underway, one undoubtedly feels the warmth that always comes along with Christmas. The presents, singing, decorations, fellowship and the bells. Yes, those bells that ring out with the spirit of Christmas. But wait! What kind of tune are those bells ringing that some of the students of NEO hear? Needless to say it is a tune that makes a single man wish he had never heard a sound since birth—recorded as marriage.

After taking a poll at Northeastern Okla. A&M, we found that many of our students are getting either engaged or married.

The engagement of Katy Hecksher to Foy McClung were announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Hecksher of Miami. The prospective bridegroom is from Fairfax.

The couple were engaged on Nov. 17, and plan to be wed at the First Baptist Church in Miami, Dec. 24.

Miss Hecksher plans to major in elementary education, while her fiance is majoring in accounting. Their plans after marriage are to finish school.

Dec. 22, is the date set for the wedding of Carolyn Gillispie of Drumright and John A. Long of Fairfax. Carolyn is majoring in business and her fiance is majoring in agriculture. The marriage will be held in Drumright.

Those wedding bells will ring again in June of 1963 for Linda Sue Stewart and Richard Benningfield. Both are from Tulsa. The bridegroom is majoring in chemistry and the bride is majoring in accounting.

Announcement of the engagement of Miss Pattilu Goodwin, 2620 S. Richmond, Tulsa, to James Allen Robertson is being made by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Goodwin.

The wedding date is set for June of 1963 in Tulsa. The couple plans to continue their schooling. Rita Brown, Ketchum, and Dale Porter, Inola were engaged Nov. 10. As yet no wedding plans have been announced.

From the Norse Wind and the Northeastern student body, go congratulations to the couples mentioned (as well as those not mentioned). May you all have a joyful and memorable life together.

Tribune Reporter Speaks At NEO

"Journalism salaries in the state of Oklahoma are increasing in a concentrated effort to keep more Journalism graduates working for state publications," said Mr. Richard White, educational writer for the Tulsa Tribune. White spoke to journalism classes here on Monday, Dec. 3.

Mr. White told of the many responsibilities of a modern reporter in today's complex news gathering system, and he stressed the interview as the basic element of reporting.

He pointed out that one of the things which enhances a career in journalism, is the great variety of interesting, often fascinating people which a journalist

In cooperation with the University of California at Berkeley, the Navy has recently completed a special summer session for Junior College students going on to an NROTC University. This session was limited to Junior College students from the state of California, a second pilot course has been planned however, which will be open to all male students eligible to enter any NROTC college or university, this session to be held in the summer of 1963.

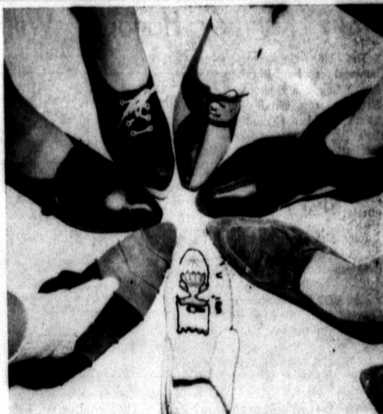
The session, nine weeks in duration, will be the first step toward a Naval Officer's commission, which will be received by the Junior College student at the same time he receives his baccalaureate. Successful completion of this special summer academic program will permit the Junior college transfer student to enroll in the Contract NROTC Program.

Candidates selected to participate in the summer course, will first be enlisted in the Naval Reserve, which will enable him to receive pay, allowances, travel and other emoluments normally provided to active duty reservists.

Detailed information on this program will be made available at an early date, through the offices of Naval Procurement and the professor of Naval science nearest this college.

meets in the course of his everyday assignments.

Mr. White also outlined the many opportunities offered to journalism graduates in other fields such as television, public relations, advertising and magazines.



Unusualness In Shoes Marks Popularity

Did you ever wonder about the various types of colors of shoes girls wear? The more unusual the design the more popular the shoe is. Shoes usually go unnoticed, but the trend this season is so unusual that they really can't be ignored.

In all shapes, designs and colors the girls seem to go for them. Just take a look at the wild little numbers worn by coeds of NEO.

At bottom center is the Indian squaw boot made of deer skin decorated with Indian beads in the shape of a Thunder God. Both comfortable and warm they are worn mostly with casual clothes for stalking her "dear."

To its left is the Robinhood boot straight from Sherwood Forrest for daring girls (because it's low cut) in green, red, gray, brown and black stripes with outside stitching and a fold over top for casual attire.

Next is the black pilgrim flat with gold buckle and plain toe, designed for the sophisticated coed to wear with smart skirts and sweaters.

Top left is the tennis shoe (to ordinary people) called the tennis by girls in the know. In red, black and green scotch plaid made of corduroy that can be worn anytime for casual wear and popular for class wear.

The smooth leather oxford at the top is designed with four different colors, brown, black, beige, and gold with a lace front. Another casual shoe but with more flash and color to brighten up a coed's day.

The black fur lined and trimmed boot at the top right is in smooth leather with a center seam down the front. Called a snow boot, it is popular for cold weather wear and helps a girl keep up with her man.

A conservative olive green suede flat, called a hush-puppy has a soft sole, white stitching and a tiny gold buckle. It is worn to class with blending wool coordinates to impress that certain man.

What is the right style? You name it and you'll probably be right.

The unusual is the ordinary.

NEO Pins Delayed By The Holidays

Advance sales on the Northeastern Oklahoma A&M (N.E.O.) 1963 class pins were held during November and the purchasers should receive their pins on Dec. 24th from New York City.

But, burdened with rush orders caused by the Christmas holidays, a delay of approximately 10 days from Dec. 24th may be the result. A total of 175 pins will be shipped by mail.

"For those that didn't get in on the bargain, 10 to 15 extra pins, costing \$1.25 each were ordered," announced Darrell Watts, Student Council, president.



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Sue Rampey Honored With Banquet

The 1962 Golden Norsemen honored their football queen, Miss Sue Rampey, a sophomore from Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, at the annual Golden Norsemen Football Banquet. Members of the football squad and their dates were present, along with the coaching staff, the cheerleaders and their dates, and honored guests.

John McCullough gave the invocation and special music for the banquet was provided by Miss Ruthie Hamlin. Recognition of the special guests was by Dean Charles Angle, the Master of Ceremonies for the event.

Queen Sue Rampey was crowned by the Golden Norsemen captains, Lee Langley, a sophomore from Florida, and Bill



SUE RAMPEY

Harsch, a sophomore from Pennsylvania. Lee and Bill were then in charge of a review of

"Norsemen Adventures" honoring sophomore members of the 1962 Golden Norsemen Football team.

Sophomore football players honored at the banquet were: Barry Peck, Bill Harsch, Richard Davis, Gregg Michener, Charles Steinman, Charley Bill Hirsch, Jim Fisher, Julian Johnson, Toby Bengston, Larry McCoy, Billy Waller, Bill Warner, Foy McClung, Gene Burleson, Ronnie Wilson, Ray Paslay, Gene Baker, Willie Morrison, and John Williamson.

Season comments were then given by coaches S. A. (Red) Robertson, Max Buzzard, Jack Rusher, and Dewey Lynch. Dr. Bruce G. Carter gave the address for the evening.



Pictured above is the Golden Norsemen basketball team. Standing, from left to right, are: Eugene Baker, Charlie Haun, Tom Watson, Walter Emarthia, Ed Stockard, Larry Herrel, Tom Wynn, Doug Gregory and Jack Lewis. Seated, left to right, are: Manager Willie Morrison, Dale Cooper, Jim Derwin, Dennis Jarrard, George Kevern, and Coach Max Buzzard.

Eagles Downed In First Tourn. Game

The Northeastern Okla. A&M 13th annual all Junior College Basketball Tournament open at 3:00 P.M. Thursday, Dec. 6, with the Okla. Military Academy, who marched by the Joplin Eagles 80 to 76.

Lee Crawley, of O.M.A. won top honor as he hit 26 points for the Cadets' victory. But close behind were Gary Keeling and Art Cortez with 25 and 24, for the winless Eagles.

In the night session, Northern Jnior College of Tonkawa out-scored Ozark Bible College of Joplin, 69 to 50. Bill Wheeler lead Northern's scoring column with 18, while Dane Hayner and Roger Boatman of Ozark had 21 and 20.

Northeastern Okla. A&M, led by hustling Dale Cooper, who dropped in 19 points, beat Eastern A&M, 66 58. Besepectaled John Griebat had 26 for the losers.

In the second round games, OMA edged Parsons, 65 to 62. Parsons was picked as the pre-tournament favorite by coaches of other teams.

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Crawley again was high for the Cadets with 28 points.

In the next game, Northeastern Okla. A&M scrambled the Northern Mavericks, 72 to 58. This Norse Frosh out-played the Joplin Eagles 80 to 72 in the first round game. Doug Gregory of the Norse Frosh was high with 22 points, followed by Lewis with 16, Wynn 14, Kevern 14, Watson 12, and Jarrard 2.

The last game of the consolation bracket, Eastern A&M beat the hard-fighting NEO Freshmen, 71 to 55.

In the championship game, Coach Jerry Evans' Cadets won the 1962 title trophy late Satur-

day night with a 67 to 64 victory over the host Northeastern A&M time Ed Stockard took scoring honors with 22 tallies

In the consolation bracket, the Norsemen, coached by Max Buzzard.

Lee Crawley, 5'10" OMA sophomore, received the trophy as the best all-around player of the 1962 tournament.

Crawley's work throughout the tournament, which gained him the mist valuable player award met his match from Dale Cooper, 5'9" Norse sophomore from Tulsa in the championship game. Cooper held Crawley to only 11 points, while scoring 15 of his own.

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Eight Norsemen on Juco Grid Squad

Northeastern Okla. A&M placed eight players and Cameron nine on the all-Oklahoma Junior College Conference football squad, following balloting by the Okla. Times at Okla. City.

Cameron took top honors, which were: Tommy Bell; lineman of the year, Willie Adams; and coach of the year, Leroy Montgomery.

The selection for the two units were: "Offense" ends—Jim Fisher, NEO; Hartwell Menefee, Cameron. TACKLES — Willie Adams, Cameron, Kenneth Perry, Eastern. GUARDS — Larry Mendenhall, Northern; Charles Bellinger, Cameron. CENTER — Bill Harsch, NEO. BACKS — Foy McClung and Barry Peck, NEO; Audry Searcy, Eastern; Tommy Bell, Cameron. "Defense" ENDS Mike Elberts and Don Underwood, Cameron TACKLES — Lee Langley, NEO; Jim Pusateri, Eastern. GUARDS Willie Morrison, NEO; Larry Ferguson, Cameron. LINEBACKERS—Bill Warner, NEO; Stephen Lott, Cameron. HALFBACKS—Gene Burleson, N.E.O., Bob Kesner, Northern. SAFETY—Robert Taylor, Cameron.

Panthers Down The Norsemen

Chanute's junior college Black Panthers defeated the Northeastern Oklahoma A&M Golden Norsemen, 100 to 92 on the Panther's own hardwood, Monday, Dec. 10.

Going into the last half, the Norsemen were trailing by 19

points, but narrowed the margin to three points after a rally sparked by Dale Cooper.

Cooper who drew foul's in rapid succession, left the game with 12 minutes remaining after he was charged with his fifth foul.

The Norseman also lost Walter Emarthia in the first five minutes with a knee injury.

Jim Derwin took scoring honors for the Norsemen and the Panthers with 23, on eight from the field and seven free tosses.

Also hitting well for NEO were Ed Stockard and Cooper who had 17 a piece. Charlie was good for 8; Emarthia was scoreless; George Kevern hit 12, Jack Lewis had 2; Doug Gregory 9; and John Watson scored 4.

O Club Initiates Pledges Dec. 11

Eggs, olives, oysters and hamburger cheese highlighted the 1962 semi-annual "O" Club initiation held at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 11 in the football fieldhouse at Northeastern A&M.

A total of 26 boys, in their birthday suits, were placed into the hands of the "O" Club president, Bill Harsch and other members of the club. While Max Buzzard and Homa Thomas made sure that the services didn't get out of hand.

Those initiated were Raymond Worrell, Gary Lunnon, Gary Haverly, Kenny McVay, Lawrence Harvey, Mike Smith, Richard Davis, Tony Bengston, Bill Appl, John McCullough, David Walden, Charles Bolinger, Jim Wahnee, Andy Sixkiller, John Watson, Carrol Bolinger, Howard Glen, James Derwin, Charles Hirsch, Warren Sinclair, Robert Wall, George Kevern, Forest Towery, and Phil Howard.

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