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TRAINING SCHOOL PAGEANT

Thursday evening the Training School is presenting their annual Christmas pageant. Their custom of having a family dinner and giving gifts for the poor will again be observed.

The children and teachers have been working hard on their music this year and are singing the carols with feeling and real interpretation. College students will miss something very worthwhile if they miss Thursday evening's pageant.

ASSEMBLY

Last Friday's assembly was featured by music with the boys glee club making a great hit. We only wish they would sing for us oftener. The student body itself proved to be quite capable of singing in three parts. Even the school pessimist said it was "not bad at all."

President Swetman, President Spellenberg, and several student body and faculty members urged everyone to attend the Frosh Frolic in such a way that few could or did resist.

SENIORS BUSY

The "Christmas Seniors" are busy people these days, and are getting busier all the time. Last Wednesday they were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Swetman at a lovely tea and reception at the Swetman home.

Announcements have been ordered plans made for commencement program and Senior banquet and ball, and now the "high and mighty Seniors" are getting measured for caps and gowns.

We wonder why Prof. Bally said that boys die more often than girls.

FROSH-HURRAY FOR THE FROSH.

The "Frosh" have scored another hit! Their ability to plan a program and dance that will draw as large a crowd as was present at the "Annual Frosh Brawl" last Friday night proved this. Even though there was a heavy rain, the student and faculty, armed with galoshes, slickers, and umbrellas came trooping through the doors of H.S.T.C., eager to see what the "Peagreeners" had in store for them.

They were not disappointed! First, there were elaborate decorations carrying out a color scheme of green and gold, Humboldt's own colors. Much credit for the decorations is due to F.J. Sallee.

There was, of course, Ken Hill's peppy music, and then during the intermission, a tango, tap dances, and snappy jazz numbers with Herb Inskip at the piano. Miss Pettse Martin should receive special commendation for her aid in training the dancers. Much of the credit for the whole affair, however, should go to "Pinkie", Freshman president, who for several weeks has been working hard to make the dance a success.

He did!

H.S.T.C. ASTRONOMERS FIND NEW STAR IN HEAVENS.

Some of the members of the astronomy class nearly wore out their star maps while trying to locate a large star that appeared above the college. A bit of investigation, however, proved that it was the star that is placed on the dome every year at Christmas time.

OUCH!!!!!!

We hear that Pres. Spellenberg received a bad burn when he accidentally backed up against a radiator while dressing for gym.

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EDITORIAL

We of the staff wish all of our readers a very Merry Christmas.

Christmas is to most people the principal holiday of the year. In fact, Christmas time is spoken of as the 'holiday season.' Everybody goes home for Christmas; in many cases it is the occasion for annual family reunions.

Tradition has made Christmas a time of great revelry and ritualistic ceremony. Originally a simple religious festival, it was early transformed to a gay holiday by the Roman converts to Christianity. Yule-log and mistletoe ceremonies were adopted from Druidism. The Santa Claus idea was started by St. Nicholas, an early bishop in Asia Minor, who inaugurated the practice of distributing gifts and greetings. The name as we now have it comes from the Dutch form, Sant Nicolaus. The modern saturnalia of gift giving is probably due to the influence of jewelry and department stores.

DREAM VALLEY

Come with me, dear pal of mine,
 To the valley of my dreams,
 Where dazzling dew-drop diamonds,
 Reflect the golden sunbeams;
 Where streams of silvery waters
 Ramble on and on and on,
 And the sunset joes linger,
 Till the gold and rose-red dawn.

Where the brilliant colored fishes
 Swim in waters calm and cool,
 Fragrant flowers always bloom
 On the banks of shadowed pools.

Come with me, oh pal of mine
 Where radiant sunshine gleams
 For happiness awaits us
 In the valley of my dreams.

-V.L.B.-

H.S.T.C. STUDENT HONORED

Humboldt students are congratulating Felicidad Austria, a member of the June graduating class, as she has been asked to speak in behalf of the Philippine students of California at a reception given in their honor this Saturday, Dec. 21, in San Francisco. The Arowan Day Pangasinan, an organization of Filipinos living in the United States, is giving the reception. Last year, at a similar meeting, over 300 members were present.

Felicidad is such a modest person that it was only by accident that a Rooter reporter heard about her invitation and interviewed her about it. She said that she intends to remind the Philippine students that this organization and all the Filipinos expect a great deal from the students in California when they return to their homes in the islands. There are about 150 Filipino students in California at the present time, and Felicidad certainly deserves to be congratulated for being chosen to represent them. She is leaving Friday and will spend the entire Christmas vacation in the bay cities.

What the Collegians want for Xmas.

Marion Burger---triangle
 Cobb MacMillan---drum
 Burns-----doll
 Lloyd E.---train
 Helen McKeenan---harmonica
 Phil Inskip---piano (toy)
 Herb Inskip---skipping rope
 Brick Henningsen---marbles
 "Shorty"---scooter
 Leo Sullivan---kiddy kar
 Jimmie Spiering---kitten
 Ivy Cartwright---blocks
 "Spelly"---bean bag
 Leona Beebe---gold fish
 Karl Cooperrider---teddy bear
 Ella Woolner---pocket knife
 Dave Exton---woolly lamb
 Lanita Jewett---doll buggy
 Bess McConnell---bottle

COLLEGE IS A HIGHWAY

College is a highway
 With sign posts all along
 "Go slow"---"Both hands"
 And "Hugging the curves is wrong."

Pay heed to all these sign posts
 But when all's done and said,
 The most important sign of all is,
 "Danger! bad grades ahead!"

-V.L.B.-

LEGENDS OF THE MISTLETOE.

A very old legend tells us that as Adam and Eve fled from the Garden of Eden they took with them a twig from the Tree of Knowledge. As Adam was a gardener, he succeeded in getting the slip to root, thus forming the beginning of our Mistletoe. It became the wood from which the Cross of Christ was made, and for this reason, we revere it at Christmas.

Another tale relates that previous to the time of Christ the mistletoe was a splendid forest tree, but it was made a parasite, and a stigma was placed on it because it was the tree from which the Cross was made.

For many years this plant was considered a panacea for all ills. In Sweden finger rings of mistletoe were worn to prevent illness. For the same reason amulets were worn in France as a charm. The Druids cut it with golden sickles.

Another story which accounts for our present use of mistletoe is derived from the Scandinavians. Balder, the god of light, dreamed of a disaster which was to befall him. His mother, fearing for his safety, proclaimed that no plant growing from the earth should harm him. However, she forgot that the mistletoe grew as a parasite and not from the earth. Loki, the enemy of Balder, caused him to be shot with a mistletoe arrow. By this act the mistletoe became the emblem of purity and innocence, and was so proclaimed by the goddess of love, who ordained that whoever passed beneath a branch of mistletoe was to be kissed immediately as a token of love and not of vengeance.

The distribution of mistletoe depends largely upon the seeds and fruits carried by the birds. The fruits are sticky and adhere to the beaks and feet of the mistletoe thrush, which was the messenger of the gods.

-R.M.-

Jimmy Spiering: I'm burning with love!

Val Lee: Don't make a fool of yourself!

The difference between home and college is that between a Saturday night bath and a Sunday morning Turkish bath.

-Cornell Widow-

TID-BITS

After absorbing the contents of several ponderous books on Natural Dancing, Dave Exton has decided to give an exhibition on the college golf links. His performance will include The Dance of the Hour, Dance of the Seven Veils (minus 5), The Spring Dance, and the Blood Drinkers Dance. No admission will be charged.

Dame Rumor says that a certain H.S.T.C. student, who sometimes answers to the name of Rat, has been feeling very poorly; and has a horrible suspicion that he has fallen in love. He reports a severe stomach ache as the first symptom.

Chet Stromberg and Bert Munther are very, very much upset. They have just heard that story about one Norwegian chasing ten thousand Swedes through the weeds in the Battle of Copenhagen. They are positive that there simply couldn't have been more than 5000 Swedes.

Leo Sullivan and Harry Reilly have amassed such a large rock collection for Geology, that their friends are inclined to believe that the boys are secretly throwing up fortifications for the next war.

HAYES VERSUS BURNS

Oh, here's a friendly warning, Very confidential, too, For Burns, the candy salesman,-- Oh Burns, yoo hoo! yoo hoo!

The Rooter's staff of snoopers Find that your roommate Hayes Is cutting you out with Frances, You'd better mend your ways.

We won't presume to tell you What to do about it--no; But if Hayes should win the lady, We'll say, "We told you so!"

CHRISTMAS CANDLES.

Of all the cheer at Christmas The greetings and Christmas tree, It's the little Christmas candle, That means the most to me.

Christmas candles brightly glow Sending forth a tiny light But just the same a bit of cheer Throughout the darkest night.

-V.L.B.-

UPPER CLASS CO-EDS WIN

On Friday noon, the upper class co-eds showed the Sophs that they had the better basketball team. They needed an extra period to make the Sophs believe it, however. The score was 11-9. Johnson and Younker made 6 and 5 points respectively for their teams. Line-up:

Younker	Johnson
Cottrell	Cameron
Nellist	Kausen
Huber	Fielding
Giacomini	Cooper

HIGH SCHOOL MIDGETS DEFEAT COLLEGE LIGHTWEIGHTS.

Friday evening Merriam and a bunch of college lightweights sallied forth to the high school to take on the high school midgets. Later in the evening they wandered homeward, after skillfully chalking up 1 point to 12 for the high school midgets. Line-up:

Gallagher	Lerriam
Nero	Cooperider
Murphy	Holecomb
Hamilton	Monahan
Perton	Todd
Mendes	Sundquist
Seidell	Spiering
Dickinson	
McGoy	

THOMAS VERSUS DE MARTIN

Toddy Thomas and his team took De Martin's stars for a sleigh ride Wednesday noon to the tune of 33 to 28. The game was hard and closely fought with Thomas and Waldner starring on the winning side. Thomas was high point man with 17 points. Tuohy, De Martin and Guthridge looked good, though, on the losing team. Line-up:

Thomas	De Martin
Brantley	Patenaude
Branstetter	Tuohy
Waldner	Monahan
	Guthridge

"Trim the Christmas tree."
"Yes, sir. Shall I give it a wind blown or just an old-fashioned trimming?"

That reminds me of the professor who gave his finger nails an examination and then cut his class.

THOMAS VERSUS MUNTHER

Thursday noon witnessed a close game between Toddy's all star team and Munther's Monkeys. In a three minute period (extra) Munther's team demonstrated their superiority by chalking the winning points, 15-11. Hadley was high point man with 10 markers. Thomas starred on the losing side. Line-up:

Thomas	Munther
Brantley	Hadley
Branstetter	Stromberg
Waldner	Hogan

MUNTERH VERSUS MERRIAM

With Hadley and Munther running wild to score 25 of the 27 points made by their team, Munther and his quartette trounced Merriam's outfit 27-9 on Monday. Hadley was high point man again, making 14 counters with Munther close behind with 12. Merriam showed up well for the losers. Line-up:

Munther	Merriam
Hadley	Sullivan
Stromberg	Bryant
Hogan	Barter
	H. Inskip

DE MARTIN'S DOWN TODD'S

On Friday De Martin and his three teammates defeated Todd's quartette by an 18-8 count. The game was featured by poor passing, inaccurate shooting, and football tactics. Tuohy and De Martin were the outstanding men on the floor. Line-up:

Todd	De Martin
Kaski	Patenaude
Spellenberg	Monahan
McMillan	Guthridge
H. Inskip	Tuohy

MUNTERH AHEAD IN TEAM STANDINGS

	Won	Lost
Munther	5	0
Thomas	2	1
De Martin	1	1
Todd	0	2
Merriam	0	2

"I got a letter from the college, that says our Nellie's been stealin'."
"What?"

"Says she's takin' home economics."

THE COLLEGE MURDER CASE

Finger prints of the students were taken and a fingerprint expert, Josephus Dumbfellow, declared Mrs. Threewitt to be guilty. The date for Mrs. Threewitt's trial was drawing near when J. Sparring proved Dumbfellow to be a fake. He then stated that he believed Dumbfellow to be the murderer, his motive being jealousy, as Fanny Dorey had been making frequent trips to the bookstore just before Burr was killed.

President Farina called a meeting of the following people: Slick and Sillie; Attorney T.B. Fiddle, Max Toddle, Balona Leebe, Cosah Grams, Mr. Poultry, J. Sparring, Judge Daddy Deedee, Mr. Kicklin, and Earl Beauman. When this group met just before the Fresh Hop on Friday 13, in room 13, Mr. Bally Bonnie slipped in making a group of 13. The subject under discussion was "Shall we turn Dumbfellow over to the law, or take matters in our own hands?" Mr. Bally Bonnie pleaded for Josephus, stating that anyone who had the soul of an artist couldn't possibly commit murder. Balona Leebe, further defended Dumbfellow by declaring him to be too true to his name to murder and besides his policy was "Kill the woman and you commit one murder, kill the man and you'll keep on killing men." The group decided that Josephus probably wasn't guilty after all. Just at this point Prof. McSkinty rushed into the room crying "help--help--a bottle of mastic chemicals has been stolen from my lab. It's highly explosive and deadly poison and the maniac is still at large. Flir--run--jump--fly for your lives--." They finally calmed McSkinty and were trying to get a coherent story from him when P. Sparks burst into the room shrieking, "Save me! save me!" and threw before the group a piece of black paper. This was too much for Bally's nerves. He began to shout, "Save the women and children first, I can swim." When everything was quiet again Sparring read the black note, "You Next!!!!H. Ding Dong." The plot thickens. The group organized to track down the murderer and henceforth to be referred to as the "College Bloodhounds" were confronted with these problems:

1. What is the little tin box?
2. Who stole the poison?
3. What does the black note signify?
4. Who is the mysterious "H. Ding Dong"?

(To be continued)

PEEK-A-BOP-BIRD

We notice that Brick Henningson is wearing a silver football that belongs to someone at Eureka Hi. Oh Brick!!!!

Rudy Kaski the Astronomy shark wants to know what part of the sky the North Star is in Dec. (My dear boy, tumors have it that the North Star is still standing over the North Pole, and that there is only one North Star---except when one feels extremely collegiate... Then there is two of everything.)

If Clyde Patenaude and Jerry Wilson must stage a Romeo and Juliet act, why can't they find a nice secluded balcony instead of attempting the whole library.

The Pee-a-bop-bird is somewhat puzzled over the actions of Alyce and Louis, are they serious?

Louise Wright and a group of athletically inclined Humboldt co-eds had a wonderful week-end recently out at Petrolia. The Rooster's staff has appointed a large number of "snoopers" to find out everything that happened, but so far the girls seem to be full of secrets and only hints about the "oow-punchers", sarnades and the marvelous Petrolia ballroom.

One thing, though, the peek-a-bop bird just found out is that Tessie Giacomini is interested in the "Red" Packers Association. Toe had he can't tell you any details. It was also discovered that Aileen McAllister has been taking bronco busting lessons from an ex-champion. This is another case where the student loves the teacher. Another deep dyed secret must be implied in the statement that "Potts" Younger is probably thinking of picking Christmas trees.

I hear that Katherine is marrying that X-ray specialist.
"Oh, yeh? What can he see in her?"