

Gaines Gives Holiday Talk Tonight at 11

Annual Service to Follow
Informal Group Singing
In Student Union, 10:30

President Gaines will deliver his traditional Christmas message to a group of students, faculty members and townspeople at the annual Christmas candlelight service to be held in the Robert E. Lee Episcopal Church at 11 o'clock tonight.

The service will start immediately after an informal group singing in the Student Union which will begin at 10:30. Seymour Smith, director of religious activities, said today that all students are invited to come to the get-together and participate in the carol singing around the fire-place.

This year's Christmas program is under the direction of Corneal Myers and Larry Sullivan, leaders of the recently organized Vesper Committee of the Christian Council. The candlelight program is the last in a series of four University Vesper Services conducted on the campus. An innovation to Christian Council activities, the services have been organized by council leaders, the faculty committee on religion and the University administration.

The entire W&L Glee Club, under the leadership of Professor J. G. Varner, will furnish the music for the program and will lead the congregation in traditional Christmas carols and hymns.

With each of the approximately 75 members of the club dressed in vestments, the group will open the service by singing a carol prelude in the back of the church. They will then form a processional down the aisle singing "Oh Come, Oh Come, Emanuel."

The invocation and benediction will be given by the Rev. J. E. Bethea, pastor of the Lee Memorial Church. Smith will read the scripture lesson.

"Hark, The Herald Angels Sing" and "Silent Night, Holy Night" will be sung by the congregation, according to plans. "Before The Shrine," a fourteenth century French folk song arranged by Deems Taylor, and "Infant So Gentle" are scheduled as the two selections to be presented by the Glee Club.

A smaller group of Glee Club members will also sing numerous carols for the program. "Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem," "Joy to the World" and several others will be included in the club's presentations. The candlelight service will be concluded at midnight with the recessional, "Adeste Fideles."

Decorations for the service are in the charge of the student directors. The altar, Gothic windows and entire church will be strewn with living evergreen boughs and seasonal greens. Only illumination in the structure will be the numerous candles placed in the windows and alcoves which will contribute to the subdued appearance of the service.

Twombly Places Varsity, Frosh Through Opening Time Trials

Coach Cy Twombly put both his varsity and freshman swimmers through their initial time trials of the current season Tuesday afternoon in the local pool, with the entire squad turning in times for only the 50 and 100-yard freestyle events. A trio of poolmen also swam the breaststroke dashes.

Bill Webster, the Generals' stellar junior backstroke who set a local pool record his freshman year, showed that he could also set the pace in other events by having the best times in both the dashes. Webster covered the 50-yard distance in 23.7 seconds, a time low enough to take plenty of first places in coming meets, and came back a little later to swim a fast 55.7 second 100-yard event.

Bill McKelway and Lynch Christian, both sophomores, were the other two mermen to get under the 25-second mark in the 50, McKelway turning in a 24.6 time and Christian stroking the two laps in 24.9 seconds. Next best were Don Garretson, 25.3, Jim Priest, 25, both juniors and Soph Stu Smith with 25.9.

Webster was far ahead in the 100-yard dash times with his 55.7 seconds for covering the four lap distance. Again Christian and McKelway were grouped next at 57.4 and 57.5 seconds, respectively.

The Ring-tum Phi
Extends Christmas Greetings

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Best Wishes for the New Year

Early Morning 'Blackout' Result of Power Line Work

By HAL KELLER

Whether you are aware of it or not, Lexington was plunged into its first blackout of the current season early yesterday morning. Despite the fact that said blackout was unannounced with resultant sparse attendance, those who were witnesses, with a few exceptions, said that they thoroughly enjoyed it.

Chief witnesses were conscientious freshmen working late on their long themes. To a man they arose from their work and went about the business of giving the blackout a realistic touch. The first action was to awaken everybody in the dormitory so that they would know what a blackout looked like.

With the entire freshman class awake and willing to cooperate in creating a realistic scene the war began. Firecrackers were dropped out of windows, flares were lit and one bird went tearing around repulsing the enemy with a blank pistol which he fired with monotonous regularity.

Councilors acted as ARP wardens and according to head councilor Charlie Hobson (also chief ARP warden) the spirit of co-operation of both freshmen and ARP wardens was excellent with the exception of Bob Cavanna who slept through the whole affair.

Later Thursday morning when your reporter attempted to get a consensus of opinion of the student body we found that most of the students were in favor of bigger, better and longer blackouts. Various reasons were advanced, the best of which was that blackouts aided in being unable to prepare for class recitations.

A few voiced disapproval on the grounds that their favorite dance bands were cut off the air. One peculiar individual was quite peeved about the whole affair, saying that he depended upon an electric clock to awaken him for his 8:25 class, which it did—a little over an hour late.

Charlie Didier, nightclubbing at Steve's, in feminine company at the time when the lights were extinguished, was found under his table sound asleep with an empty chocolate milk bottle in his hand. The feminine company...? Well, you know how blackouts are especially when there is a group of unattended Betas in the nearby vicinity.

W. C. Drewry, Manager of the Lexington Office of the Virginia Public Service Company, doomed to despair hopes of any future blackouts when he announced today that the sudden plunge into darkness had been expected and prepared for by the town of Lexington.

It seems that there was a faulty transmission line just outside of Lexington that needed fixing in the worst kind of a way sometime within the week. The light company figured that one o'clock Thursday morning would be just a dandy time to fix it. So they did. Seems as if they would give us a warning of such things. Some of us are of a highly excitable nature and a blackout can do things to the most iron-nerved of us.

But to dispense with any future arguments as to the exact number of hours and minutes of the blackout, your reporter hid himself to the office of the Public Service Company and found that it lasted exactly one hour eight minutes and 32 seconds.

Films . . .

By FRANK FLANAGAN

For the benefit of the holiday movie goer here are a few tips on the latest to come out of Hollywood you won't want to miss.

First on the list is the new Bette Davis-Ann Sheridan hit to be released Christmas day, "The Man Who Came to Dinner" with Monte Woolley as the man and supported by Jimmy Durante and Billie Burke. If this one comes your way don't miss it.

Censored: The Legion of Decency which nearly ruined box-office receipts in 1934 has again struck at the movie industry. This time Garbo's latest is the target. Denouncing "Two-Faced Woman" as "immoral and un-Christian attitude toward marriage and its obligations; impudently suggestive scenes, dialogue, and situations; suggestive costumes," this organization set producers worrying whether or not to withdraw the picture that escaped Hay's scissors.

Already "Two-Faced Woman" has been banned in many cities because of its sexy and suggestive nature. Whether the Legion is correct in its views remains for the individual to decide, so we'll let this one ride and trust it reaches Lexington next year.

Footlights to Celluloid: On its way is "Louisiana Purchase." Bob Hope, Victor Moore, Vera Zorina, and technician make this one of the top-notch musical comedies of the season. Whether "Hello, Poppy," can click on the screen is yet to be seen, but it definitely can't reach the heights as did the stage version. Newcomers to the Olsen-Johnson troupe are Martha Raye, Hugh Herbert, and Mischa Auer. MGM contributes its share with "Panama Hattie" another in the musical line.

Also on the must see, are "H. M. Pulham, Esquire" with Hedy Lamarr and Bob Young. The new Weissmuller adventure is the best yet. "Tarzan's Secret Treasure." Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn in "Woman of the Year." Edward Small's "Corsican Brothers" with Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. . . . Well, this should be enough to keep us busy until January 5th when "They Died With Their Boots on" makes its debut to Lexington audiences.

'Make Time Here Count,' Gaines Says

President Discusses War
In Relation to Students,
Urges Men 'Seek Advice'

Advising students who are considering enlistment to "talk it out with people who have the most right to advise you," President Gaines discussed recent military developments and their relation to college life at a compulsory University assembly yesterday in Doremus Gymnasium.

Explaining that enlistment is a personal problem to be solved by each student, Dr. Gaines added that "no man who elects to stay in college until his government calls him has any reason to feel himself a slacker."

He pointed out that the purpose of the Selective Service Act is to "put the right man in the right place." Dr. Gaines claimed that most government officials with few exceptions concur with him.

Dr. Gaines asked all students "to take advantage of every moment on the campus," advising them always to be ready to come back and finish what they have started. He said that the war may help students to appreciate more what they want and what they get.

"Keep up your courage, and some day you will have your chance for happiness, for your life's program, for your desire for fame," the president added.

In answering the question, "What can I do best to serve my country in its greatest moment?" Dr. Gaines suggested that the government has a better answer than anyone else. He urged students to adapt their individual answers to the decision of the government.

Speaking about extra-curricular activities, Dr. Gaines counseled students to "find the line at which the fullest legitimate pleasure can be secured with the least ostentation." He cautioned the student body against activities which would promote national censure but added that student enjoyment should not be curtailed entirely, if at all.

Dr. Gaines announced a Civilian Defense request that students become acquainted with blackout rules of their home towns immediately upon arrival for the holidays.

W&L Lunches to be Held For Prospective Students

An experimental plan to be tried this Christmas vacation in connection with the enrolling of next year's freshman class will feature informal luncheons for outstanding high school and prep school seniors in a number of towns from which there are no students attending Washington and Lee.

In discussing the plan, Dean F. J. Gilliam pointed out that the plan, approved only this week by the Committee on Admissions, is to be tested in a fairly small number of towns, selected arbitrarily to include some small towns and some cities in the East, South and Mid-West. If the idea proves successful it will probably be extended next session.

Christian Council Drive Nets 300 Clothing Articles

Over 300 pieces of clothing were donated by W&L students in the Christian Council's old clothes drive which terminated last Friday, according to Al Darby, chairman of the council's committee on Community Work.

Carried on for five days, the campaign covered all fraternity houses, the Freshman Dorm, the Old Blue and several other eating places here.

Darby commented favorably upon the comparatively good quality of the clothes which were given but regretted that the drive last year netted more than 500 garments, surpassing this year's total by approximately 200. Notable on the list of contributions were 45 shirts, 37 pairs of trousers, 12 suit coats and many pairs of shoes, socks, and pajamas.

Modified Fancy Dress Gets Board's Approval; Changes 'Not Drastic'

Short Classes Saturday; Gaines Urges Holiday Care

In announcing the short class schedule for Saturday, President Gaines asked all students to exercise the greatest possible care in order to avoid any kind of accident or illness that might mar the holidays.

Classes will run on a forty-five minute schedule, beginning at 8:00 and closing at 11:45. The following schedule will be observed:

Block B—8:00-8:45
Block D—8:45-9:30
Block F—9:30-10:15
Block H—10:15-11:00
Block J—11:00-11:45

75 Attend CC Christmas Party For Poor 'Kids'

By BILL TALBOTT

"This is the swellest party I've been to this year," said one of the group of 75 Lexington "kids" who attended the annual Christian Council party for underprivileged children in the Student Union Building last night. "When are ya gonna have another one?"

This was the concensus when the children left the party, their arms chocked full of presents, candy and oranges. All were too much concerned with their gifts to worry about coats, hats or gloves.

The lounge of the building was decorated with Christmas trees and ornaments for the occasion and all facilities were turned over to the University visitors. Numerous games for the different age groups were all provided as part of the entertainment.

The program was under the supervision of the Community Work and Religious Services Committees of the council with Bill Bancroft, Bobby Seale, John Derr, Sam Williams and Bill Parsons making the arrangements. Miss Maxine Dunlap, director of religious education of the local Presbyterian Church, also aided in the preparations.

A huge Christmas tree in the Student Union lounge was the main feature of attraction for the children. Even Santa Clause was present to aid in handing out gifts. Games consisted of "Steal the Bacon," "Pin the Beard," "Blind Man's Bluff" and many others.

Later the guests sang Christmas carols around the piano with Derr playing. Several council leaders related stories from the Bible on Christmas subjects to many of the older children at the end of the game period.

The party was given for the Lexington Boys' Club and the Beechenbrook Sunday School, both of which receive aid from the council.

'W&L Night' Will Be Held At Daley's Meadowbrook

The third "W&L Night" will be held at Frank Daley's Meadowbrook on the Pompton Turnpike at Cedar Grove, N. J. It was announced today, the celebration is scheduled for Friday, December 26.

Johnny Long and his orchestra will furnish the music for the annual affair.

Reservations for Washington and Lee tables can be obtained by writing Bill Nutt, 275 Engle St., Englewood, N. J.

Adjustment of Band Contracts, Sale of Corsage Substitutes Feature Faculty Suggestions

Acting upon a set of recommendations submitted in behalf of the faculty committee on student social functions, the Dance Board has approved plans for the "modification" of next month's Fancy Dress dance set "in view of the national emergency and its consequences."

Submitted to the Board by Professor L. J. Desha, chairman of the faculty group, proposals touching upon music, decorations and publicity were accepted with some revision, while a measure dealing with corsages is still being studied.

That modifications "will do very little toward detracting from the set" appeared to be a majority opinion among members of the Dance Board, who pointed out that no "drastic steps" were contemplated.

Modification of plans for the January 29-30-31 set was first discussed at an "informal conference" of members of the Dance Board and the faculty committee Tuesday afternoon, while action on the proposed measures was taken at a Dance Board session Wednesday afternoon.

Purpose of the action was summarized as twofold: to demonstrate, by steering away from a "too ostentatious" affair, that the student body is aware of "responsibilities" in a period of grave national emergency, and to avoid incurring any large deficit in the Dance Board fund.

Speaking of the financial angle, Dr. Desha pointed to the uncertainty of the times. "It is anybody's guess as to what might happen after Christmas," he said. "It is likely that this year's Fancy Dress will be a somewhat smaller affair than have those of past year's and the Board must be prepared for any falling off."

The proposals presented to the Board on Wednesday, with notations of the action taken upon each section, follows:

"1. That the Dance Board should continue its plans for holding a Fancy Dress set of dances (including a costume ball) this year."

This provision was designed as an official denial of rumors that elimination of the event had been considered. "Unauthorized individuals" had made public statements.

Horace Jeter, KA, defeated Bill Searle, Delt; Al Beale, KA, won over Harry Brown, Delt; Bill Hopkins, KA, defeated Curd Miller, ATO; Frank Moody, ATO, defeated Bill Crittenden, Phi Delt.

Frank Jarvis, Beta, won over Gordon Sibley, Delt; Houston Kimbrough, Beta, defeated Robin Channess, Delt.

Jack Fisher, KA, won over Ken Fuller, Delt; Thornton Strang, Phi Delt, defeated Leon Harris, ATO; Jug Nelson, Phi Psi, won over Jim Woosley, KA.

Bill Stark, Phi Delt, defeated Charlie Rowe, Delt; Bob Watkins, Phi Psi, defeated Don Johnston, ATO; Jim Wayman, Beta, won over Dick Turley, Delt.

Bill Miller, KA, defeated Tyler Gresham, Phi Delt; Bill Keery, ATO, won over Jim Priest, Phi Delt; Bud Smith, Phi Delt, defeated Neil Tasher, SAE.

ments regarding the possibility of cutting out the set, it was pointed out.

"2. That, in view of the national emergency and its consequences, plans for these dances should be modified as outlined below and prompt measures taken to effect such modifications:

"a. That plans for a broadcast be definitely cancelled and appropriate steps taken to reduce newspaper publicity to the minimum possible." This measure was passed.

"b. That expenditures for items not actually essential to the enjoyment of the dances (such as favors, flowers, costumes for orchestra, etc.) should be reduced drastically and in accordance with some plan, worked out by the Dance Board, through which a substantial sum derived from such savings will be devoted to some designated patriotic purpose."

The Dance Board rejected the suggestions that figure favors be eliminated, and left the matter of band costumes up to Set President Dick Spindle with instructions that he base any action on budget considerations on the eve of the set.

The flower clause was accepted "in principle" and it is understood that a plan whereby corsages would be ruled out and that some sort of "token flower" or a small patriotic arrangement would be sold as a substitute, partly in the interest of individual savings and partly in the interest of using any profits from the sale for some patriotic cause, is being considered. Use of profits for the purchase of a W&L ambulance was among the suggestions made in connection with the corsage proposal.

"c. That plans for decorations be greatly simplified. The primary purpose in this is to avoid a display too lavish to be appropriate under existing circumstances; a secondary advantage would be in helping to balance the budget."

The Board refused to approve a "greatly simplified" scheme, but ruled out the customary use of special decorations for the Junior Prom on the first night of the set. Decorations for the Fancy Dress Ball have not been put up until after the opening night in past years. This year, however, most of the decorating will be done ahead of time and "finishing touches" will be applied for the Ball itself.

"d. That a serious effort be made to modify, by agreement, the already signed music contracts, with the object of substantially reducing the total cost and thereby avoiding an otherwise highly probable deficit."

The Board accepted this proposal with the understanding that an investigation would be made to determine the possibility of making any changes with "equality and honor." The "already signed" contracts are those which Spindle completed with Teddy Powell and Woody Herman two weeks ago.

The investigation is already underway. Reduction of band costs and not the elimination of "name" bands is sought, it was pointed out.

Objectives of the modification measures, as presented at Tuesday's conference, were listed as the following:

"1. To realize and recognize our responsibilities, on this campus, in a period of grave National emergency;

"2. To avoid unfavorable and harmful criticism of Washington and Lee, such as may be expected if alumni and general public are given the impression that we fail to recognize these responsibilities;

"3. To conserve student morale by maintaining adequate opportunities for social relaxation;

"4. To discharge honorably, and in the Washington and Lee tradition, the obligations already assumed by the student body through its authorized representatives;

"5. To avoid incurring any large deficit in the Dance Board fund of the W&L student body."

