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A Thought About Christmas.

With the advent of the Christmas holidays, and the thought of the mid-year vacation occupying the student mind, the campus, perforce, assumes an artificial attitude as student organizations and societies observe the colorful yuletide season with the usual number of parties and social functions, forgetting—for the moment—the dull routine of finishing up lessons and assignments before vacation period begins. A mingling joy and cheer pervades the scene as the university population anticipates the coming of the year's most sparkling interlude.

For many, perhaps, the vacation period will be taken up largely with the endeavor to catch up with delinquent work. To others vacation will mean a full two weeks of social festivities, while for a few, vacation will mean a total discard of the cares of school work and social activity. To all, regardless of intention, we wish success.

But heard above the din of the holiday season, the profuse accompaniment of sincere and vain well-wishing, and the elaborate—even extravagant—preparations which the occasion demands, is a note to which a great deal of sentimentality has been attached, but which deserves, at least, more than a passing glance.

This year, as in the past, a very few campus organizations have foregone the spectacular Christmas parties for the benefit of poor children. In past years too, fraternities and sororities have received some publicity and no doubt some considerable degree of satisfaction from the parties they sponsored for needy children. At these parties a group of children, selected indiscriminately, were given an evening's entertainment, provided with gifts of various kinds, and sent home.

Their enjoyment may have been great, but it was temporary; their gifts may have been fine, but

they were usually impractical; the entertainment provided for them may have been good, but it was unsuitable for children. Last but not least, their Christmas celebration had no connection with their parents to whom they naturally look for enjoyment and with whom they naturally associate the idea of Christmas.

Less particular, but infinitely less wasteful and more productive of lasting benefit is the scheme being adhered to by the civic welfare agencies, with which the Daily Nebraskan is cooperating. Substituting the expenditure of money for parties, which merely gives poor children a brief fleeting glimpse of Christmas away from home, the Nebraskan attempted to secure old clothes and the money which would ordinarily be spent in this manner. Turned over to the welfare agencies of Lincoln, it would reach families whose needs are legitimate.

Lamenting the lack of response to the Nebraskan's drive, B. K. in this morning's student pulse, rather blandly criticizes the disinterest of the organized houses in the project.

With the campaign nearly a week old, figures indicate that a very small per cent of the organized houses on the campus had contributed anything to the project. The pathetic results, as B. K. points out, carry with them a none too savory flavor.

We admit that B. K.'s criticism has a well directed intention, but the story is not a new one, however, for the blame indifference of the college student in general has often been the subject of criticism.

While it is too late for many campus organizations to cooperate in this project, perhaps next Christmas, when some member of your organization suggests a gala affair for needy children, then will occur the opportunity to change your contribution. Looking above the selfish satisfaction of seeing the pleasure that your gifts will bring, the objective of such a change is well worth the sacrifice.

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We don't mind the bad odors, the sultry heat, or cold, and the falling plaster so much, but the roaches in University hall are rather annoying.

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+ Contemporary Comment +

A Change For The Better.

The era of "flaming youth" is definitely gone. A radical and welcome change has taken place, during the last three or four years, in the men and women of college age in America. Whereas recently the collegian who knew where he was going and what he wanted was the exception, today nearly all have a driving purpose and a recognized air. Only yesterday the man who could make the most brilliant "wise cracks," who spent money most readily and lavishly, who was, in short, the typical "Joe College," was the ideal of college men. Today achievement is the ideal, and he who excels in scholarship and in leadership is the character for emulation.

It is not unreasonable to lay this to what has received so much adverse publicity and assorted blame—the depression. The depression has been crammed down the throat of everyone able to read a newspaper or understand a present day conversation. Everyone, irrespective of age, has had it borne in upon him that life isn't altogether one grand bowl of cherries. All of which is a good thing, an excellent thing, perhaps not for the peace of mind of the individual, but for the welfare of the nation as a whole. This depression, through its grueling process, has collected and concentrated the scattered brains of yesterday's youth, and, though incapable of peopling the world with Utopian young men and women, it has created a generation which can think as straight as any other and can see as clearly.—The Daily Northwestern.

PWA Helps Texas University.

Announcement Wednesday of the federal public works administration's allotment of \$1,623,000 for the completion of the new library building is probably of greater importance than the announcement several years ago by the regents to the effect that a \$3,290,000 building program would be undertaken, despite the fact that the money to be used in the latest construction program is

singing—singing for the entire group—with Albert Ebers and his chorus leading.

Scarcely an Ag student, except freshmen, who does not remember Al Ebers, big, broad shouldered, good natured man-about-the-campus for four years. While in college he sang regularly in the Great Cathedral choir at Westminster church. The Salem male chorus, which he had first helped to organize in his home community south of Seward needed his services. So during those busy college years Al went home every Friday night to practice with the chorus. At home now getting his farming operations started, Al and his chorus are in closer contact, planning bigger things. That they are making progress will doubtless be apparent Tuesday night.

AFTER VACATION.

When Ag students get back to the campus for classes Wednesday noon, Jan. 3, they will find themselves in the midst of one of the bigger activities that occur on Ag campus—Organized Agriculture. The days when farmers from nearby all parts of this state assemble on the campus for meetings, business and social, general and particular are Jan. 1, 2, 3, 4. On the general programs are the speakers whom Ag students will find it worth while to hear; doubtless some students will come back a day or two early to hear them. There will be on Thursday at the general session a discussion of the "Present Economic Flight of Agriculture," by B. H. Hibbard. There

nearly one-half less than that used to finance the program preceding. Foolish as it may seem, the changes which will be brought about by this program will probably be more drastic than the one which ended in the dedication of nine new structures. It is the beginning of the end of the old building era. Main building, long a center of attraction to forgotten executives, will not live to see another winter. B. Hall and Women's building will be forgotten by the next generation of undergraduates for they too will likely be razed when the new administration-library building is completed. The current program will no doubt end with the tearing down of the law building and a journalism building.

Whether this new construction age will surpass its predecessor can not be ascertained. Legal difficulties have arisen over the construction of the two new dormitories which may hold up the allotment of funds for several months. The breadth of the entire project can scarcely be guessed at such an early date.

The method of financing the two programs is quite different. The Greater University program was financed through the issuance of bonds by the university available fund to be paid for before 1944 from the income and the interest of the university permanent fund. The first project of the new program will be constructed by money loaned and given to the university by the federal public works administration. Thirty percent of the allotment is an outright grant. Seventy percent is a loan to be paid back from income received from grazing and other surface leases. Bonds were used in the transaction.

Probably the most interesting feature of this future structure will be the thirty-one story tower extending 258 feet in the air, some seventy feet less than the state capitol's height. Work on the project will probably be done in two parts. The tower will be built on the central portion of the building which was completed recently. The main, front addition will be constructed to the south of the present uncompleted building.—The Daily Texan.

OFFICIAL BULLETIN

An students organizations or faculty groups desiring to publish notices of meetings or other information for members may have them printed by calling the Daily Nebraskan office.

Dramatic Club.
Members of the Dramatic club are requested to report Tuesday evening at the campus studio at 7:15 for a group picture. Formal dress is required.
—REG PORTER, President.

Pershing Rifles.
Pershing Rifle initiation will be held in Nebraska hall, Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock. All those being initiated must be in uniform.

Lutheran Party.
The Lutheran club Christmas party will be held at the downtown Y. W. C. A. Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 8:30. It was incorrectly stated in the Daily Nebraskan that the party would be at Ellen Smith hall.

AT THE ALPHA PHI HOUSE.
Monday night was held the annual Christmas party for the alumni and their children.

DEBATE ACTIVITY ENDS UNTIL NEXT SEMESTER TRIALS
(Continued from Page 1.)
The possible exception of the Delta Sigma Rho tournament which will be held in Iowa City about the first of March.
However the teams did make a trip into Kansas arguing against Kansas State college and Kansas university before the high schools at Marysville, Washington and Concordia, Kansas. The team also went to Omaha and met the Creighton arguers in two contests one before the Omaha Central high school and the other was broadcast over station KOIL. The squad also had other engagements with these schools here.

New Proposition Named.
The proposition for debate the first semester was Resolved: That the United States should adopt the British system of radio control and operation. The team members who worked on this topic were Eugene Pester, Harvey H. Hillman, A. Elmer Anderson, Walter Wick, and Edmund W. Hollstein.

The argument of the second semester will center around the question Resolved: That the United States should enlarge the powers of the president as a matter of permanent policy. The squad for the second semester who will debate this proposition will be chosen at a tryout on January 11. As the same question will be used in the tryouts, bibliographies on the subject are available from Professor White and the books are on reserve at the main library.

Tentative Schedules.
Tentative schedules for the last half of the year indicate that Nebraska speakers will engage in wordy combat with representatives from Morningside, Grinnell, and Iowa State college when these schools will send teams through Kansas and Nebraska.

There is a possibility that Nebraska will also have arguments during the second semester on the question of federal control of radio though the arrangements are not definite.

MARSHALL RECEIVING NEW GRANT FROM CWA

West Virginia School Asking Several Improvements With Money.

MUCH REPAIRING NEEDED
Editor's note: The Daily Nebraskan is reprinting the following article from the *Parthenon*, Marshall college paper. It is interesting to students on this campus in view of the fact that on Monday of this week work to improve the local stadium and practice field was started.
Since Monday's approval of the Marshall \$110,000 appropriation by the state civil works administration, an improvement program comprising various new features and repairs about the college will begin at once, President Shawkey said yesterday.
The long needed replacement with cement of board walks at the rear of the Morrow library, and the narrow wooden steps leading up to the terrace toward the main building, is included in the projected schedule, he said.

Redecorate Auditorium.
Other plans revealed take in the construction of a gate entrance to the college drive from Fourth avenue, with a low brick wall extending along Sixteenth street and Third avenue to where the cyclone fence now protecting a part of the north campus begins.

Redecoration of the auditorium and the employment of landscape gardeners and engineers to direct and assist in the work at hand are permitted under the allotment assigned, the president further affirmed.

He added that the bricks in the campus drive will be taken up to be laid again, and that necessary work on the curbing bordering it may result in the drive's being widened.

Flagging Walk From Union.
Although not more than 15 per cent of the fund may be invested in materials, according to stipulations of the CWA, he expressed himself as confident that the projects cited may be readily achieved.

An eight foot walk of flagstones from the Shawkey Union will join a cement path to be made from the east doors of Science hall to the gymnasium, he said, explaining that the flagging will carry out the colonial architecture of the new building.

Minor repair jobs listed by the president entail repairs on the roof of Main, Science and the gymnasium, and a general renewal of paint with particular attention to the inside of Main.

J. L. Mullen, superintendent of buildings and grounds, said that the entire plumbing system and wire circuits will be inspected for necessary remedial work.

The county CWA approved the Marshall project Friday.

Ag College

By Carlyle Hodgkin

MIXER.
The mixer Saturday night is noteworthy because of its motive. The Ag Executive Board, big coordinator of Ag activities, does not itself usually sponsor mixers. But this week-end it broke a long precedent because of special circumstances.

No Ag organization had asked to sponsor a mixer. Except for the Mortar Board party, to which many an Ag man had not the slightest hope of going, the week-end was empty. Ag students wanted somewhere to go, something to do. So the executive board sponsored the mixer.

Whereas the motive for campus organization's mixers is chiefly

profit, the motive for the mixer Saturday night was simply to provide entertainment for Ag students. After the ice cream party and the pictures came the club's monthly business meeting. Joe Huffer, junior, is president of the club.

CHRISTMAS PARTY.
Last, and perhaps best, of the pre-vacation activities on Ag campus is the Christmas party at 7:30 Tuesday night in the activities building. Last year at the Christmas party Albert Ebers, then a senior, and his Salem male chorus sang several numbers. This year they will sing again.

Last year the program included a sermon. This year it will include a reading. Mrs. Beas Gearhart Morrison, Lincoln, widely known reader, will present "The Hem of Her Garment."
Gerald Mott, Ag college senior, will sing "I Come to The Garden Alone." There will be additional

Marty, program committee chairman, presided at the meeting.

will be on Wednesday a discussion of "Federal Aid to Rural Credit," by F. N. Peck, Co-operative bank commissioner. There will be on Tuesday a discussion of "The Agricultural Adjustment Program," by George N. Peck, formerly chief administrator of that program, now head of a commission digging up new foreign markets for farm products. And there will be on Monday an address by Louis J. Taber, National Grange Master, who Ag students heard at a convocation early in the semester.

Beside these general discussions of the pro and con problems of agriculture (some of them so profound they give one a headache), there will be meetings for all the specific interests—crops, hogs, sheep, gardens, foods, babies, what not. Many Ag students have gone in for some particular interest will want to be back for some particular series of meetings.

And there are two matters of service: Organized Agriculture means jobs of work to be done. The faculty does the big end of it, but there are many places where students can and should, by reason of long established precedence give some help. The fun fee is one of the highest of these. Assistance with other meetings, passing out information and preparing demonstrations are other ways.

The other chance for service is at home during vacation. Have the Organized Agriculture program in mind. If some one in the home community wants to know who will speak, or about what, or when, or why, be able to tell them.

WAA WILL GIVE PARTY

Annual Affair at White Hall Orphanage in Charge of Evelyn Diamond.
A Christmas party, to be given by the W. A. A. for the home for dependent children, is being planned by Evelyn Diamond. The party, which is an annual affair, will be held at the White Hall Orphanage. A short program of musical numbers and readings will be presented and gifts and candy will be distributed to the children.

Miss Diamond will be assisted by Vera Oxenford and Hallene Haxthausen. All are members of the W. A. A. Council.

Wrestling prospects at the University of Oklahoma are the best ever. Seventy-five grapplers turned out for the school tournament recently.

Merry Christmas and Best Wishes to All!

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