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# The Season's Greetings

## The Ithacan

Recess Begins  
At Noon

Instruction Resumed  
January 4

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### "A Doll's House" Strikes High Note In Drama

Observed As Being Highly  
Professional In  
Character

Under the direction of William Dean, The Ithaca College Players presented "A Doll's House", by Henrik Ibsen, as its second presentation of this season, on the evenings of December 11 and 12 in the Little Theatre.

#### Credit To Dean

To indulge in extravagant praise of "A Doll's House", would not become the dignified artistry of the play. Mr. Dean is to be congratulated upon the high quality of the performances that his first two productions here have displayed. He has done much to make the caliber of our theatre to be regarded as professional, setting it apart from the amateur status, which, after all, is the aim of the drama department.

#### Effectively Staged

Before any member of the cast, the most honorable mention goes to the technical staff. The lighting by Paul Mowrey and settings by Mr. Chadwick were breath-takingly real, and the mood for the play was enhanced by the choir and orchestra creating such an atmosphere in which to perform, that no actor could fail to be inspired.

One of the very few instances when the feasibility of the performance taxed the audience's imagination was in the second act, when various characters played the piano. Some one should inform these people that a tarantella is not produced when chords are struck.

#### Miss O'Hara Charming

Helen O'Hara presented a thoroughly charming portrait of Nora. Her distinct success was due largely to her serious and conscious application of her talents to the role, but no small amount of credit goes to Mr. Dean who had the fore-sight to cast Miss O'Hara in a role which so nicely suited her capabilities. If anything were left to be desired, a greater variety of tonal qualities would have relieved what approached a monotonous vocal interpretation. This, however, detracted little from the finest performance Miss O'Hara has given in her three years in Ithaca College.

#### Little Convincing

In the role of Torvald, Alfred Little gave a brilliant performance which was particularly convincing in the scene in which his domination of his wife was most evident, but in some of the lighter moments one would become reminiscent of his per-

## Merry Christmas

*Peace on earth, good will toward men*

St. Luke II: 14

## Happy New Year

### Julia Vail Gives Unique Demonstration

College Drama Alumnus  
Presents Original  
Sketches

Miss Julia Vail, graduate of the Ithaca College drama department in 1927, presented a group of monologues entitled "Colonial Women", in the Little Theatre, on the evening of December 4. It is interesting to note that after extensive research Miss Vail wrote her original readings.

Miss Vail possesses a lovely voice, and natural grace and charm; her presentations were enhanced by unusually lovely costumes of the colonial period, aiding in bringing out particular characters more clearly. It was generally believed that her concluding number, "Molly Pitcher", was especially outstanding. As for the other numbers, "Peggy Shippen", showing the importance of the influence of Benedict Arnold's wife upon him, was first presented. The other number was "Mary Lindley Murray."

Miss Vail is a striking example of what Ithaca College students can do after completing their appointed course here.

### Book Exchange To Aid Students

A college book exchange has been organized by Joseph Ross, with its quarters being downstairs below the library. The purpose of the exchange is to afford a means for the students of Ithaca College to have a means of selling and buying used books under a regulated system.

Mr. Ross requests that everyone look up whatever texts they may have during Christmas vacation and bring them to the exchange as soon as they return from the recess. When a book is brought in to be sold, a slip of paper on which is the name of the person who is selling the book and the price desired for it should be included. Requests may be left with the exchange in advance for books which may be wanted in the future.

The exchange will be open to conduct transactions every afternoon. If at any time the place is not open or Mr. Ross is not in, books to be sold may be left with the college librarian, Miss Emily Dwyer.

Any further information about this commodity may be obtained by contacting Mr. Ross.

### Beta Carnival To Be Held Jan. 9

The Beta Carnival of Theta Alpha Phi, dramatic fraternity, will be held January 9 in the Green Room. Games, side-shows, a grab-bag, and a floor-show will provide entertainment. Special features of the evening will include dancing, a door prize, and refreshments.

In the last issue of "The Ithacan", Dorothy Hudson's name was omitted from the list of seniors who were initiated to Oracle on December 3.

### Cripple's Hop, Annual Infirm Benefit Planned

With Dr. Gene North acting as chief physician to administer to the ills of those who wish to take the cure, the college infirmary will hold its annual Cripple's Hop in the gym, January 7, from 9:00 p. m. to 12:00. Dr. North's antidote, as past cases have shown, is very effective in such matters.

The gym will be given the guise of a hospital for the occasion, with ticket takers and others serving in official capacities dressed as nurses, internes, and doctors. Some time during the evening, the traditional march of the cripples, cast by the football team, will take place. Entertainment has been promised by Miss Audrey Deniston and some of her dancers.

formance as Dr. Train in "The Fountain of Youth." Mr. Little appears to have a definite ritual for assuming a role, and even though there is sincerity and accuracy of interpretation in all of his work, the similarity of performances is detectable.

#### Dorfman, Whitman Score

Nils Krogstad, as played by Willard Dorfman, was superb. Mr. Dorfman, whom we are accustomed to seeing in comedy roles, gave a sustained performance with surprising restraint. Mary Alice Whitman, as Mrs. Linden, like Mr. Dorfman, essayed a part which was entirely different from any previous role she had played. Her work displayed a depth of emotion and dramatic capabilities which prove her to be a competent actress.

#### Capable Supporting Cast

The principals were ably supported by Byron Gulden, Mary Jane Sterling, and Dorothy Higgins. All the performers are to be commended for their ability to give a production, with the approval of the audience, of a play that is so familiar to patrons, and one of which people are bound to have preceding "ideal" performances in mind.

### Basketball Team Wins Initial Tilt Over Bloomsburg

Opening their basketball season Friday, December 11, with an impressive win over Bloomsburg Normal, 48-31, the Ithaca College cagers are now preparing for their encounters with Rider and Trenton, on January 8 and 9 respectively.

The starting line-up at Bloomsburg consisted of captain Kaufman, Grace, Larkin, Milanetti, and Andrews. Using a speedy offense throughout the game, the Ithacans were never in trouble. Kaufman and Saake were high scorers, each receiving credit for twelve points. Grace played exceptionally well on the defensive. The second team composed of Wood, Wiedrich, Barton, Saake, and Bruzee also saw action.

### Outside Boys To Organize

At a meeting, called by Dean Tallcott, of all boys who do not live in a dormitory or fraternity house. Tuesday afternoon, December 8, plans were discussed for forming an organization of these men with a president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer, and a representative to the student council.

It was decided that the voting for these officers be done by the ballot method. After the nominations have been submitted and approved, a committee will be appointed to conduct the poll in the main lobby on some date in the near future.

Dr. Tallcott outlined the purpose of such an organization and asked students to submit names for the group. "Commons", was suggested at the meeting, as this is the name used by similar organizations at many other colleges. The purpose is to give all men without the benefit of a fraternity or dormitory an opportunity to be represented in the student council and other student activities.

### Annual Football Banquet Held

The football team had its annual banquet Sunday, December 13, at the Cottage Inn. Mr. Hill, Mr. Yavits, and Coach Freeman were the speakers. Deb Roach was chosen captain for next year.

Seniors who attended the banquet were co-captains Grace, Clark, and Fuller; Clifford and manager Miller. A fine spaghetti dinner was enjoyed by all.

### Christmas Program Presented By Band And Choir

On Thursday, December 17, a Christmas program was presented in the Little Theatre for the benefit of the Parochial School by the College Band and the Choir.

The Band, under the direction of Mr. Walter Beeler presented the following program: "March Slav", Tchaikowsky; Cornet Trio, "Bolero", Smith (Messrs. Bagely, Enzian and Fleming); "Concertino for Clarinet", Weber, (Joseph DeVaux); "The Wedding of Heinie and Katrinka", Alford; and "Memoirs of Stephen Foster", Calliet.

The Choir, under the direction of Mr. Bert Rogers Lyon has given many holiday concerts, appearing at the Senior High School, Seal and Serpent Fraternity, The Women's Club and also a concert in the Little Theatre. The Choir has had many requests to arrange for out-of-town concerts. They will appear at Marion, Spencerport and Long Island, New York.

### "Candlelight" Goes Into Rehearsal

"Candlelight", a play by P. G. Wodehouse, from the German of S. Geyer, has been selected as the third production of the drama department this year. It is a brilliant, scintillating comedy revolving around a case of mistaken identity.

Mr. Dean has announced a tentative cast for the production which is to take place on January 28, 29, and 30. "Candlelight" was first performed in 1927 with Leslie Howard and Ruth Lawrence in leading roles. Elissa Landi and Paul Lukas played in the film version.

### Skits For Scampers In Preparation

Oracle announces the approach of the annual Scampers program. Skits are being prepared by the various organizations, and the committee has set the date of January 19 for the occasion. Helen O'Hara, chairman, is assisted by Harold Henderson and Al Saake.

Proceeds from Scampers go to make up a loan fund to be used by seniors who are deemed worthy of receiving such aid. In view of the success experienced by this event in past years, the outcome of this year's program is regarded with optimism.

## CALENDAR

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

Christmas Recess Begins at 12:00 Noon

MONDAY, JANUARY 4

Classes Resumed at 8:00 A. M.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

Delta Phi Rush Party, Evening

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

Piano Recital by George Driscoll, Little Theatre, 8:15 P. M.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

Cripple's Hop, Benefit of Infirmary, Gym, 9-12



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### PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN

"Peace on earth, good will towards men". This theme, denoting the spirit of the first Christmas, is one that has been lost sight of for long. It is a feeling which should exist day after day, month after month, year in and year out; but this modern world seems to have forgotten the phrase and its significance.

"Peace on earth . . .". The great powers of the world are constantly convening in diplomatic halls for so-called peace conferences. All that comes out of these auspicious gatherings is increased agitation towards worldly conflict; the powers endeavor to tell each other to what extent they should reduce their armaments and standing armies. Each nation refuses to effect the appointed reduction, saying, meanwhile, that her neighbor across the sea would be left in a stronger position than she, herself. All nations maintain that in order to keep world-wide peace they must support fighting forces which have the ability to keep them free from aggression. This "armed-peace" is false peace. If it were only possible for all the countries in the world to simply think of—"Peace on earth"—concentrate on it, and not devote their attention to averting war—universal peace would be much more easily obtainable. Unfortunately, the complex affairs of this modern world do not permit such an attitude.

"Good will towards men . . .". If you can trust your neighbor, and he can likewise trust you, an amicable situation is assured. But throughout history, a dominant characteristic of nations has been to distrust their neighbors. Innumerable treaties have been made and broken, proving this distrust. Apparently, a continual spirit of good will between the people of the world is an eventuality we cannot hope for.

Let us bear in mind, as individuals, "Peace on earth, good will towards men", throughout the holi-

day season. Let us keep that thought ever before us after the season, perhaps as a New Year's policy. In so doing, we are at least performing our own small bit towards peace. Our immediate surroundings will benefit, and others may follow our lead. Have you ever noticed how contagious a feeling of happiness or well-being is? Try it—you will be most pleasantly surprised.

### NEED FELT FOR "COMMONS" ORGANIZATION

Although the "outside boys" of Ithaca College have never been formally organized, the need for this organization has been felt, more or less, for quite some time. Practically every college and university has a "Commons", as it is frequently called, and very often the influence created by it bears no mean weight in deciding campus affairs.

It is to be earnestly hoped that the future "Commons" of this school will be organized and its business conducted with all the sincerity which it merits. The officers, which will be elected in the near future, should bear in mind the import of their duties in order that the group may function effectively.

Some individuals may hold that since a "Commons" is not a regular fraternal group it is radical or reactionary as regards the principles upheld by the Greek letter societies. This is not, or at least should not, be true. The "Commons" can, and should, take pride in their group, and endeavor to make it as important a figure as any leading organization in campus affairs.

The "outside boys", being more representative of every strata of collegiate society than any other group, are in a position to discuss and take a hand in more diversified affairs than the other organizations which tend to be "cliquey". These affairs can thus be inspected and acted upon with a much wider vision.

We look towards the future "Commons" with hope and best wishes for its success as an organization deserving of just recognition. May it function smoothly and come to be an integral part of Ithaca College.

### CHRISTMAS COMMERCIALIZED; SIGNIFICANCE LOST

Christmas has come to be so over-greatly commercialized, that many business men look forward to that time of year as the period in which they reap their greatest profits.

The giving of gifts developed as a sort of memorial to the wise men, or Magi, who offered gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the Christ-child. From this developed the custom of giving to those whom we love, in keeping with the greatest birthday of all time. But people lose sight of this beautiful significance; the Jones try to out-do the Smiths in giving fine, expensive gifts in order to gain social recognition. Others present gifts which cost far beyond their means to make an impression on someone. The American business man has greatly profited from this custom.

Although we lavish many gifts on Christmas, let us not lose sight of the beautiful significance of the custom.

### QUOTABLE QUOTES

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"I cannot bring myself to believe that the general education good for an Englishman in the 18th century is the best kind of education for young men and young women of the 20th century in New York City." Chancellor Harry Woodburn Chase of New York University "digs" at the theory of the University of Chicago's President Hutchins that the curriculum and not the individual student is the important factor in education today.

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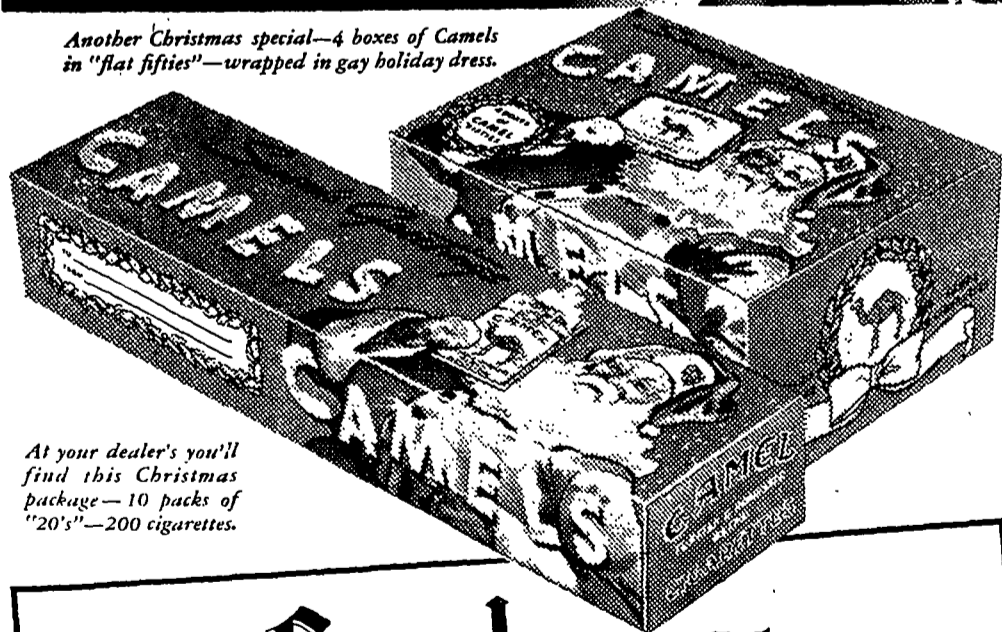
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