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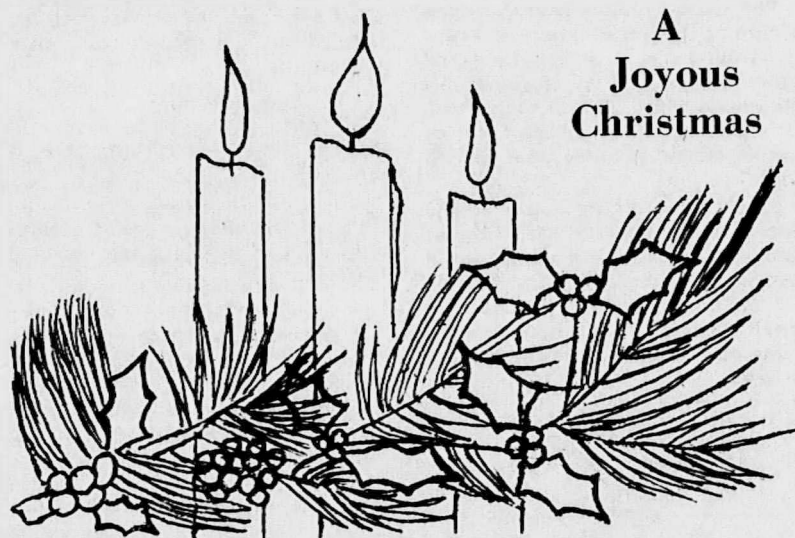
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Christmas Program Presented Tonight

Tonight the last lyceum before vacation will feature the Christmas Program in the E. P. Hart Chapel at 8 p.m.

Christmas Party Follows Game Saturday Evening

Saturday evening following the basketball game a Christmas party will provide the opportunity for students to enter the Christmas Spirit.

The party will take place in the warm, fireside atmosphere of the Alpha Beta Lounge. Here an informal enjoyment of the Christmas traditions will be possible.

A Christmas skit will be presented along with special trio and solo singing. An opportunity for total participation will be offered in the group singing of favorite Christmas songs and carols.

The serving of refreshments will complete the party.

This party will enable the entire campus to join together for Christmas enjoyment. Various dorm parties will also be taking place throughout the final days before vacation.

Numerous ones from the college staff and student body and from the local community will participate in this cooperative program. This type of presentation is intended to be the beginning of an annual tradition at Spring Arbor.

This first program will present the many aspects and meanings of Christmas in an attempt to show how the various Christmas activities and customs have sprung from the original meaning. Participants from the college and community will present songs, poetry, special music, and thoughts expressing this theme through a central script. Many things of special interest to the children will also be included. The program will conclude with the reading of the Christmas story and the group singing of the traditional Christmas carols.

Season Greetings from the Crusader Staff

Vacation Beckons Students Homeward

Home for Christmas! What does that phrase mean to you? For some Spring Arbor students, a walk of a block or two is all that will be necessary. At the other extreme are those who would have to travel halfway around the world if they planned to go home.

Although twenty-two states and several foreign countries are represented at Spring Arbor, fewer than one hundred students will need to travel outside Michigan to be with their families at Christmas. In terms of distance, however, some who live in Michigan have drives longer than do some out-of-staters.

Unfortunately, not all Spring Arbor students will be able to be home at Christmas time. Besides the foreign students, those who could easily be prevented by distance include students from literally the four corners of the United States (Maine, Florida, California, and Washington).

Who will be having the traditional white Christmas? Many students will be able to depend on snow, and in great quantity, while those from southern states will not expect any covering of white at all. For students from countries with warmer climates, this Christmas may be only their first or second one with snow. Perhaps a green Christmas would seem more like home to them.

However, no matter where or under what circumstances we celebrate Christmas, the event we commemorate has the same meaning to us as Christians. Distances may prevent a traditional celebration for some, but the traditional message of peace and goodwill is still proclaimed around the world.

Wednesday Offers Opportunities For Christmas Music

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" is the call that rings out as another Christmas season approaches. Men of old were called to see the Christ child. Men of today are called to serve this Christ, and to sing His praises.

The call extended Wednesday, December 16, is to all faithful Spring Arborites. At the seven-fifteen vesper hour the Vesper Choir under the direction of Professor Hubert Wash will present a Christmas concert of seasonal music, with featured student soloists.

Immediately following this presentation all the college students are invited to go caroling in the community. The invitation is open, "O Come, All Ye Faithful," to bring Christmas joy to the surrounding homes.

After caroling, hot refreshments for cold singers will be offered along with fellowship in the Ormston Rec Hall.

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### Christmas Schedule

Friday, December 11  
Christmas Program

Saturday, December 12  
Basketball game  
Christmas party

Wednesday, December 16  
Vespers Choir  
Christmas caroling

Friday, December 18  
Vacation begins

Monday, January 4  
Classes resume

## EDITORIAL

## Whence Cometh Peace?

"Peace on earth, good will toward men." This song of the angels at Christ's birth has, over the centuries, become the hope of the world. Even leaders of Communist countries talk about peace, under their own terms, of course, but peace, just the same. In the United States the President will issue a Christmas message, inevitably expressing the hope for peace. From all indications, however, the next year will bring, not peace in the world, but continued trouble in the Congo, increased war in Vietnam, more racial strife in our own country, and undoubtedly other as yet unforeseen crises.

In such troubled circumstances, the message of peace on earth sounds rather incongruous. Scoffers laugh and dismiss the Christmas message with a "Bah, humbug!" They consider those who sincerely proclaim the possibility of peace to be "too heavenly-minded to be of any earthly good." In their criticism, however, is expressed a wistful desire that somehow they hope they are wrong.

Is there honestly any hope for peace on earth? Thinking of international peace, almost everyone would agree that even an absence of actual fighting is extremely rare; an honest display of good will among countries is almost too much to wish for. If these indeed are the last times with their "wars and rumors of wars," then according to Biblical prophecy, international peace cannot be expected.

The answer to the questions about peace must be found in the individual hearts of men as they accept the Christ who brought the message of peace on earth. Regardless of outward circumstances, this peace remains and satisfies. May we this Christmas season discover this peace anew.

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## Harriers End A Successful Season

by Barry May

The cross country team of Spring Arbor College finished a fine season by taking three men out to the NAIA National Cross Country Championship Meet in Omaha, Nebraska. The meet was held on Saturday, November 28 in 20 degree temperature and a 20 mile an hour wind. First across the line for the SA Harriers was Barry May as he placed 16th with a time of 21:24. He missed placing in the top ten by 6 seconds which would have given him All-American honors, and missed placing in the top fifteen by one second which would have made him honorable mention All-American. Jerry Smith ran one of his finest races of his career as he placed 24th with a time of 21:33. Dick Knapp was SA's third man and he had a time of 21:53 to place 37th over the rugged course.

John Camien of Emporia State

placed first with a time of 20:25 giving him the individual championship for the second straight year. Howard Payne College from Texas placed first as a team with a fine total of 29 points. This was the lowest team total in the history of the National NAIA meet. They had five men in the first eleven, placing 2nd, 5th, 7th, 10th, and 11th.

The runners of SA did an excellent job comparing them to other men from other teams which we have run this year. All three SA Harriers placed well ahead of Hillsdale's number one man, as he placed 52nd. Roberts Wesleyan, New York state champs, placed tenth in team scoring and their first man placed 42nd. Greenville College had two runners and they placed 91 and 110. Earlham's first man placed 20th, and they won the Taylor Invitational earlier this season. Central Michigan placed fifth in team scoring and their first man placed 15th as he beat May by one second, and their second man placed 31st.

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## Procrastination

by Don Crocker

Not too long ago I heard of an extremely serious cartoon quip. It was a series of three pictures depicting three phases of a human's life. The first picture revealed a person at the youthful age of ten. Around his waist and representative of sin in his life was a small string. The caption for this picture was, "I'm too young to be converted."

The second picture saw the same person at the questing age of twenty. Around his waist this time and again representative of sin in his life was a rope. The caption read, "It's getting more difficult to be converted, but give me time and I'll do it."

In the final picture appeared the same person at thirty. This time around his waist was a chain, again representing sin in his life. The final caption was, "It's too hard to break it—I can't do it now!!"

The poet reiterates this idea when he says:



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i am dreaming of  
a white christmas  
where the crisp snow crunches under foot and glistens  
where the decorated and lighted tree sparkles  
and where the merry bells jingle  
at the joy and beauty of the season

i am dreaming of  
a joyous christmas  
with lustily singing carolers with cold, rosy faces  
with smiling, bustling shoppers purchasing  
willing gifts to be cheerfully given  
symbolic of god's great gift

i am dreaming of  
a peaceful christmas  
when those known as life-time enemies  
and recently quarrelling friends  
and highly hostile nations  
bow before god's love

i am dreaming of  
a year-long christmas  
that endures through every day of the year  
permeates each of the hours  
and fills every minute  
with the spirit of this season

i am dreaming of  
a white christmas  
one that is simply dazzling white  
with the spirit of love of Jesus Christ  
bringing to all the peace on earth  
good will toward man

I dug a grave and laid within  
Its hidden depths my secret  
sin.

I closed the grave and know  
full well  
That day I shut myself in  
Hell.

During this Christmas season I remind you that there is room at the cross for you. You may have procrastinated time and again, but why not put your small hand in God's big hand and by the very act of faith let Him become the center of your life.

We have one of these new, all-electric homes—everything in it is charged.

Those revolving credit plans keep a lot of people going around in circles.

If you want to write something that will live forever, sign a mortgage.

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# Operation Take-Off The Meaning of Christmas

by Kathy Hedglen

The suitcase clicks open and a flurry of various colored objects fly in to find their misconstrued place among scarves and mittens. He rushes down the hall, knocking on doors, and wishing everyone a Merry Christmas. A good buddy invites him in for a final cup of coffee before the mass exodus. Gifts have been exchanged; there's an epidemic of indigestion from the conglomeration of holiday goodies that have been consumed.

He rushes back to his room to grab his luggage and books, and trots out to the already-loaded car. Five others are traveling, too; and every fraction of space is occupied by their belongings. Finally, a little is found in the trunk, and he tosses his luggage in. Whew! Just fits! The trunk is bounced down and locked. One more book and we couldn't have done it!

As everyone piles in, the driver manages to find a little elbow room; and the old coupe puts around the "U" and out to M-60. After the last-minute yells to friends, the kids swing their arms back into the car window and settle down for the long ride.

One remembers he forgot to lock his room. The passengers assure him that he doesn't own anything worth losing anyway, and the bulging little car travels on, groaning beneath its load.

Several hours pass, and the car has been relieved of four burdens. Just as he falls asleep, the driver nudges him. His eyes pop open, and he starts retrieving his scattered possessions. The auto screeches to a halt; he tells his buddy good-bye.

## Typical American Christmas

by Margie Hambel

The few days before Christmas are the busiest days of the year for the typical American. On every street corner you can hear the jingling of bells and in the background the soft singing of carols. But among these familiar Christmas traditions, a million voices can be heard in the stores as gifts are being bought and wrapped. Outside brilliant lights are strung over the evergreens to add a touch to the feeling of Christmas. All around a hearty Merry Christmas is heard. In the midst of our merry times together with our friends and relatives, we sense a truer meaning of Christmas other than gift giving. It is the remembrance and celebration of our Savior's birth which gives us peace and joy in our hearts at this season.

and bounds out of the car. There's a leap up the steps, the door flies open, and the drift of ham floats past his nose. The Spring Arbor College student is home for Christmas.

## Agape

by Donna Lee Riddle

Oh let me be a shining star,  
And let my light shine bright;  
A unit of God's galaxy,  
An endless guide at night.

Oh let me live life at its best,  
And let my life sublime;  
An actor on life's weary stage;  
A beacon for mankind.

Oh let me soar across the sky,  
And let my ship sail true,  
A guide through all infinity,  
For others I must do.

Oh let me be a shining star,  
And let my light reign high;  
That others may be helped along  
While soaring through life's sky.

by Esther Foster

What does Christmas mean to you?

In the minds of many this question falls into the category of "trite," religious questions. If the question were to be changed so that it no longer would be stereotyped, how would you change it? I would reword it this way: "What did Christmas mean to Christ?"

Perhaps more people would be submissive to the Christ of Christmas if they were to think upon His condescension. Perhaps they would be more thankful for salvation if they were to think upon the price of love that Jesus paid. Just what did Christmas mean to Christ.

To Jesus, Christmas meant leaving the light of His celestial home to go to a sin-darkened world.

It meant deserting the presence of praising angels to withstand the derisive sneers of a multitude.

It meant renouncing the peacefulness of eternal bliss to suffer alone the agonies in Gethsemane.

It meant abdicating the heavenly throne to receive a scepter of ridicule, a robe of mockery, and a crown of thorns on earth.

But most of all, it meant exchanging

His royal heritage for a lowly stable and His Deity for partial humanity.

Jesus did not come to earth so that He could demand of us an obedient response of discipleship. He came that we might choose to sing His praises, to rejoice in His love, to apply His grace, and to walk in His footsteps.

Now the question again: "What did Christmas mean to Christ?"

But more, "What does Christmas mean to you?"

## Seek New Ways For Expressing Christmas Season

Each Christmas the same typical ways are usually used to express the traditions and meanings of the Christmas season. Many of these gain their significance in the fact that they are repeated as annual traditions. However, this year why not seek for some additional ways to express the Christmas Spirit and to gain from its depths?

First, try to achieve added insights into the well-known Bible story that is the basis for this season. An interesting method to do this would be to explore the probable feelings of each of the major characters. Put yourself into Mary's situation and imagine the angel's appearance to her, her mixed emotions, her regard for her baby who was also the Son of God, and her daily activities. Joseph's surprise, the shepherd's wonder, and the wise men's adoration can all be pursued in the same manner. Then put the Christmas story together for a total picture.

Next, think of the influence Christmas has made upon our present world. The opposite approach would perhaps make this more impressive; consider the situation of the world if Christ had not come. Then truly realize the importance of Christmas to you as an individual.

Finally, try to celebrate the season this year in some way which would influence someone else. Perhaps there is a lonely person whom you could invite to share Christmas with you. Other needy persons for whom the joys of Christmas are impossible would be overjoyed if you helped them make this season a reality to them or their children. Even in your family exchanges, try to give a part of yourself with your gifts. It is only as we give of ourselves to others and to Christ that we can fully appreciate His gifts to us.

Let not this Christmas be stereotyped; make special attempts to cause this December 25 to be a day to be remembered and to copy in years to come.

## THE VIEWPOINT • by Kathy Hedglen

As Christmas vacation approaches, different students anticipate doing many different things. The returning students usually discover that the length of time was not nearly long enough to complete half of the activities planned. Now as the Christmas Spirit and excitement mount, five students have the following to say about their plans:

**Rocky Kent:** "Eat, sleep, and play basketball."

**Marva Jopling:** "My Christmas vacation will be spent at the library catching up on my assignments. I also plan to get lots of sleep, food, and fun."

**George Justice:** "Over Christmas vacation I shall be sleeping, shopping, skating, singing, showering, shaving, scheming, scholaring, serving, sharing, shivering, shoveling, straining, suffering, swapping, sweating, swelling, and most of all—surviving."

**Mary Jane Kinney:** "To me Christmas vacation will be the time of reunion. With the spirit of joy and happiness among my friends and family, the celebration of the birth of our Savior and Christmas cheer will be found within our hearts."

**Andy Mitts:** "I plan first of all to catch up on my sleep after all

these term papers. Other than that I plan to work a little and do some studying. But all in all I plan to have a good Christmas vacation."

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Music about Christ's birth

Evergreen boughs

Rushing, bustling shoppers

Religious services and programs

Yuletide spirit

Candles brightly burning

Holly sprigs

Readings of Luke 2

Insistent letters to Santa

Spirit of giving

Trees gaily decorated

Manger scenes

Adoration to God for His gift

Snowy, winter landscapes

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# Varsity Begins Season in Fine Fashion

— SPRING ARBOR STUDENTS —



## Season's Greetings

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And from the staff of the CRUSADER

**A Happy New Year!**

by Barry May

After opening the season with a fine victory of the Alumni, the varsity has gone on to win two of their last three ball games. In the second game of the early season the basketball team defeated Concordia Senior College of Ft. Wayne, Indiana by a score of 88-83. The team displayed excellent hustle and a very tough defense. The Bluejays several times throughout the game rattled the Saxsons of Concordia by throwing a full court press against them, causing them to fumble and throw the ball away several times.

The Bluejays had five men in double figures, something which probably will occur frequently this season as SA has a fine balanced attack. Rocky Kent led all scorers with 23 points, followed by Steve Robbins with 17, Jerry Hoskins 16, Ellis Bates 12, and Joe Jordan 11 points. SA outrebounded the taller Concordia team 62 to 47. Rocky Kent led the team in rebounds as he gathered 20. Ellis Bates did a fine job at the center position as he held Concordia's seven foot center to a mere 11 points. Both teams shot well from the floor as Concordia hit on 51% of their shots and SA on 48% of their shots.

In the most thrilling game of the season thus far, SA narrowly defeated Goshen College of Goshen, Indiana by a score of 89-87. SA jumped off to an early twelve point lead, but Goshen quickly closed the gap and went ahead 27-26 with seven minutes to go in the first half. Goshen went on to take a three point lead at the end of the first half with the score 49-46. With five minutes left in the game, Goshen led by a score of 79-73. But at this point SA really went to work and tied the score at 83 all with two minutes to play in the game. Then with one second left, Rocky Kent drove from the corner along the baseline and layed the ball up for two points to give the SA varsity a close victory as the final buzzer sounded to end the game.

Again it was good hustle, a tough defense, and excellent team balance that paid off for the SA varsity. Four of the five starters hit in double figures, with Steve Robbins leading the way with 23 points, followed by Rocky Kent with 21, Ellis Bates 20, and Jerry Hoskins with 11. Max Terman and Joe Jordan came in the second half and sparked the team as they collected 9 points between them. Gary Myers, who started at forward played a fine defensive game and collected some important rebounds. Sam Nichols and Mike Dapprich again showed the fans some fine hustle throughout the game. Ellis Bates, SA's fine center led all the players in rebounding as he hauled down a

## Sports Corner

by Rod Pearl

Hats off to the fine job done by Barry M., Jerry S. and Dick K. at the NAIA national meet in Omaha during Thanksgiving vacation. We hear they met the Roberts' team on the plane; The basketball team is off to a winning start and although they have to give away height to most teams let's hope they can overcome this with speed; Congratulations to every member of the team for the fine showing to date, the Goshen game was almost too exciting; With Santa Claus taking orders for Christmas stockings we have a few requests we wish he'd consider like: a 6' 8" fellow who can play basketball; an extra week of Xmas vacation; a real successful New Year's Tourney for the Blue Jays; U of M is off to a great start with their victory over Duke; And how about that Illinois team beating UCLA; Who said soccer was only for eastern schools look at MSU and that 2nd place finish in the NCAA; The roaring Detroit Lions may have come to life with that win over the Colts but it's a little late; The Pistons are having trouble again; See YOU at the ball game Saturday night and don't forget the TOURNEY on New Year's Day.

total of 20. He was followed by Rocky Kent who grabbed 17. SA again hit very well from the floor, as they hit on 50% of their shots.

SA encountered their first loss of the season when they were defeated by a strong Hillsdale team by a score of 89-68. Hillsdale jumped off to a 21 point lead at intermission, and maintained that lead throughout the game, although SA played even ball with them for the entire second half. The taller Hillsdale team had a very well balanced offensive attack as four men hit in double figures. The Dales outrebounded the Bluejays 64 to 57, the first game this season that the SA varsity has been outrebounded. Ellis Bates did a fine job on the boards as he collected a total of 18 rebounds to lead all players in the game.

The Bluejays had four men in double figures. Jerry Hoskins led the team in scoring as he gathered a total of 16 points, followed by Rocky Kent with 15, Ellis Bates 13, and Sam Nichols who came off the bench and gave the team a much needed lift in the second half with 10 points. The shooting percentages partially tell the story, as Hillsdale hit on 53% of their shots from the floor, while SA hit on only 36%.

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