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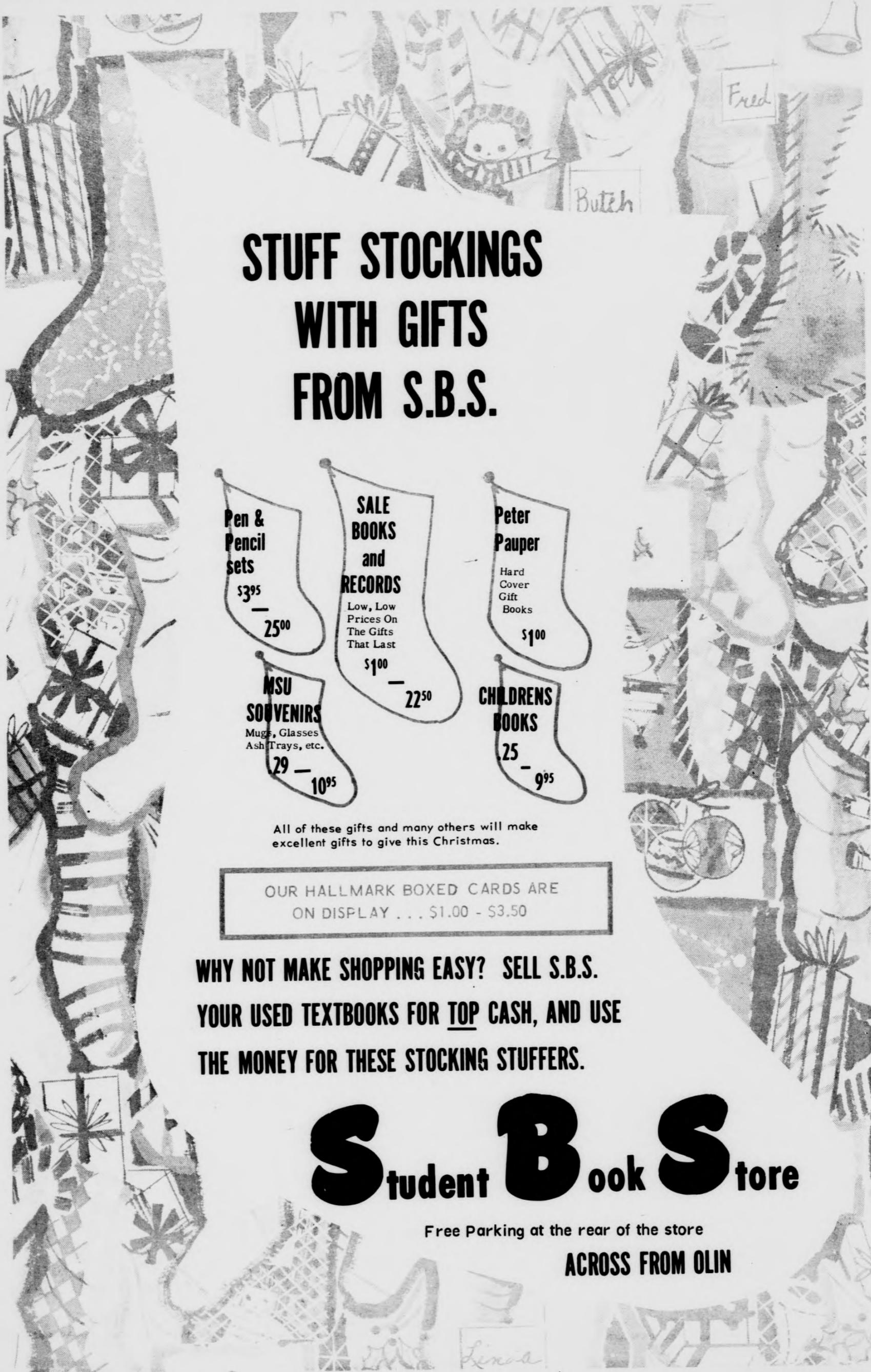


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ACROSS FROM OLIN

Linda

Foreign student Yule project needs Americans

American participants are needed for "An Adventure in World Understanding," the 14th annual Christmas program for foreign students from across the United States, according to Edwin Reuling, assistant director of student activities.

Three men and three women will be selected from those applying in 101 Student Services to serve as program coordinating hosts and hostesses, he said.

The program, running Dec. 20 through Dec. 29, will bring together approximately 80 foreign students from universities around the nation. The American participants will serve as social hosts and hostesses when the visitors first arrive at Kellogg Center where the program will be based.

Organization of talent shows and other details of planning and carrying out plans will be aided by the MSU American students.

"We are looking for people who know their way around farms, people vitally interested in meeting people of different cultures. In short, jacks of all trades," said Reuling.

Mary Woodward, director of the program, stressed that the six Americans will also be "participants representing the United States, just as the foreign students represent their homelands."

"The Challenge of Friendship" serving as this year's theme, covers such topics as why people become what they are, ways of communicating with people inside and separate from one's own cultural group, how to interpret other cultures in light of one's own, how industrial changes affect society and how to gain and give friendship despite differing beliefs and cultural patterns.

Action will center on the auto-

mobile industry Dec. 21 when the foreign students will visit the Oldsmobile plant. Following the able parts and other topics re-mass production, interchangeable parts and other topics related to industry.

A second part of the program's production phase includes a journey to the Kellogg plant at Battle Creek Dec. 28.

Atmosphere of the program tends to be informal, according to Miss Woodward, "In such a relaxed atmosphere there is much less chance for argument."

The world understanding program is designed to show both a rural and urban point of view of American life, Reuling said.

Christmas Eve the participants will be taken into Lansing and East Lansing homes to observe Christmas with an American family, according to Reuling.

Reuling said a second family may host the students on Christmas Day.

Two days following Christmas will be devoted to rural life. Participating farm homes in the area will welcome the foreign student to their way of life, said Reuling.

American universities across the nation are asked to name two or three outstanding foreign students who would be able to attend, he said. From these are selected 70 or 80 to attend from as many countries as possible.

He added that the universities finance the trip if their nominees are invited. MSU American students also receive scholarships.

The American members, according to Miss Woodward, will be free Christmas Eve and Christmas Day as well as most of the following two days when the foreign students are visiting rural homes.

Reuling noted that many students in the past have become

permanently interested in international relations as a result of the MSU Christmas special.

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Eye For Art

Jan Oatley, Battle Creek senior and Albert Malenfant, East Lansing graduate student, select works of art for the annual Christmas Sale Show at Kresge Art Center Dec. 4-23.

Arty gifts by students on sale in Kresge gallery

Prints, paintings, sculpture, and drawings by MSU students will appear under many Christmas trees this year as the Christmas Sales Show at the Kresge Art Center gallery opens to the public Sunday.

Besides these works of art, jewelry and ceramic work—usually the most popular items for gifts—are also on sale.

Prices for the works are set by the artists, and selection of those to be displayed for sale is done by a group of art students responsible for arranging the show. As individual items are

sold and taken away, others are brought out to replace them.

Hours at the gallery are 2-5 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays, 7-9 p.m. Tuesday and, because the gallery is being kept open during the lunch hour for this show, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. The show closes the Friday before Christmas.

Also on exhibit during December is a collection of reproductions of 16th, 17th and 19th Century Dutch drawings on loan from the Netherlands Information Services.

Yanks will be lonely

SAIGON, Viet Nam (UPI) - The loneliest Christmas of all will be marked by over 350,000 American soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen fighting in the jungles of Viet Nam 12,000 miles from home and their loved ones.

Christmas packages and letters from home will pour in at an astonishing rate.

Uncle Sam will make an all-out effort to see that every one of his boys eats a traditional eight-course turkey and dressing dinner on Christmas Day even in the remotest areas.

Protestant and Catholic chaplains will travel hundreds of miles by plane, helicopter, jeep and on foot to hold Christmas services for the troops.

In the rear areas service clubs will be decorated, Christmas music will be played and GI's will eat the best possible Christmas dinner.

If the Communists cooperate this year as they did last, guns will fall silent across the war-torn land and no man will be forced to kill another on the birthday of the Prince of Peace.

But the continual guard cannot be lowered and for some young Americans, Christmas will be spent in a foxhole and the only turkey they will see will come in a little olive green can stamped "C-ration, individual meal, combat, turkey loaf."

On the hot white sands of the coastal plains to the north a few crusty marines may find a ratty little scrubbrush pine and decorate its branches with the tops of C-ration cans and links of machine gun "ammo."

If you squint your eyes a little and ignore the 100-degree heat you can pretend that it's a snowy winter scene and the tree is beautiful.

In the rugged green mountains of the Vietnamese highlands along

the Cambodian border the tough "Green Berets" mark a lonely isolated Christmas.

The tiny barbed wire-barricaded camps of the Special Forces are staffed by twelve-man American teams supervising a couple of hundred native mercenary troops.

For many of these camps any Christmas goodies will have to be parachuted to them.

In many of these areas pilots flying loudspeaker planes used for propaganda purposes will make a special flight over the isolated camps to blare out a few bars of "Jingle Bells."

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By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP) - Now that Santa Claus is on the horizon, it is time for a quick brush-up on our Christmas double talk.

There is no other season of the year that puts so great a strain on our vocabulary of appreciation and good will.

Double talk, you will remember, is the art of camouflaging a real meaning or a true feeling.

Here are a few tested samples of yuletide double talk that should get you by handily.

"Of course, it's the spirit of the thing that counts." But I never realize they made diamonds quite that small.

"Yes, I'm Santa Claus, little girl." Who do you think I look like in this get-up - Charles de Gaulle or Ho Chi Minh?

"Are you sure you've been a good little boy?" This little brat could cause trouble even in a straitjacket.

"Sure I been a good boy, Santa." They wouldn't let this fat fraud give me a lie detector test, would they?

"Tell me what you really want for Christmas, darling." My friendly neighborhood loan shark will probably die laughing when I tell him what I want to borrow the money for.

"Oh, just anything will do for little old me." I'll be lucky to get anything at all from the little old cheapskate.

"Wasn't it nice of them to remember to send us a Christmas card?" What a bother. Now I'll have to mail them a New Year's card.

"We're featuring this perfume at a pre-Christmas price of \$25 an ounce." After Christmas we sell it as mouth wash at a dollar a pound.

"This is just a small token of appreciation, George, for all the services you've performed for our family during the past year." Why is it, just because we live

in an apartment, we have to pay blackmail to this bum?

"Could you help me find a really unusual gift that would surprise my wife?" Perhaps a sequined claymore mine, or a fur-covered booby trap.

"Gee, boss, I know the rest of the staff joins me in thanking you for that unexpected Christmas bonus." Now we can all buy a one-ounce larger turkey for dinner.

"Gentlemen, drink up. The house is buying this round." And for old time's sake, don't forget to leave a buck apiece on the bar for me, laddies.

"Christmas always makes me feel so sad." Maybe a couple more of these bourbon old-fashionedies will cheer me up.

"Daddy, I can't find one of my stockings to hang by the chimney. Can't I hang up one of yours instead?" Yours will hold ever so much more.

"Yes, Virginia, there's a Santa Claus." But the old bubble-heart has been spending so much of the year with us lately that he might as well put a "for rent" sign on the North Pole.

Musical set Sunday

Delta Omicron, Phi Mu Alpha and Sigma Alpha Iota, professional music organizations on campus, will present a Christmas musicale at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Music Auditorium.

The program will include a madrigal group, wind, brass and vocal ensembles, a cello duo by Halsey Stevens and two original compositions by James Niblock and Wanda Cook of the music faculty.

The finale will be a cantata by Dietrich Buxtehude, "The Infant Jesus," with the combined chorus and chamber ensemble directed by David Schallert.

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Sun lures vacationers

Last year during Christmas vacation it was west to Pasadena and the Rose Bowl for MSU students. This year it's south to the Caribbean and the sun.

Although most students will be headed home for the holidays, the AAA travel bureau says that many students will head for the Caribbean.

James Moffat, of the AAA, says that inquiries are heavier than last year, and that most of the travelers wish to go by air. He also said that space is getting cramped and that students are taking almost anything they can get.

Once Dec. 12 or 15 rolls around they should plan on some other way than by air, he said.

The College Travel Office is now handling some 200 calls a day, of which about 99 per cent want air transportation. Students

are flying out of both Lansing and Detroit in efforts to make connections necessary to get them to their destination.

United Air Lines, at Capital City Airport, still has some openings although they are closing rapidly. United will discontinue the half-rate fare for students the following days during vacation -- Dec. 21-23, 26-28., and Jan. 2-4.

The Grand Trunk Railroad is

expecting a heavier flow of students than last year due to reduced train rates. The railroad will be putting extra cars on the trains in order to accommodate the large number of riders.

The Greyhound Bus Depot in East Lansing will have about 60 buses leaving the depot a day, with each one carrying between 38-45 people. Even with the extra buses the bus line is expecting an overflow of people once again this year.

Women's Glee Club plans Christmas music program

The annual Christmas season program, "Music for Christmas," will be presented by the MSU Women's Glee Club at 7 p.m.

and 8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, in the Alumni Chapel.

The MSU Brass Choir and organist Marcia Goud will accompany the Glee Club. Music faculty members Ethel Armeling and Douglas G. Campbell will direct the groups.

This year's program, free of charge to the public, will open with the Bach-King "Choral Prelude from Cantata 118," Nelhybel's "Three Intradas for Brass Choir," and the "Processional: Noel of the Bressan Waits."

Violinists Elizabeth Barry and Anne deZeeuw will accompany Weiland's "Jauchzet Gott, alle Laude" following Mawby's "O come, let us sing unto the Lord," and the 15th Century "Nowel syng we bothe al and som."

Miss Barry will accompany Bach's "Partita No. 2 in D Minor" following the performance of Britten's "Miss Brevis in D."

"Alleluia! Christ is born," Neison's "Slumber now, beloved child," Gordon's "As Joseph was a-walking," Mawby's "O praise the Lord of heaven," and the Kirk arrangement of "Glad tidings bringing," will also be performed.

The program will close with the traditional "Recessional."



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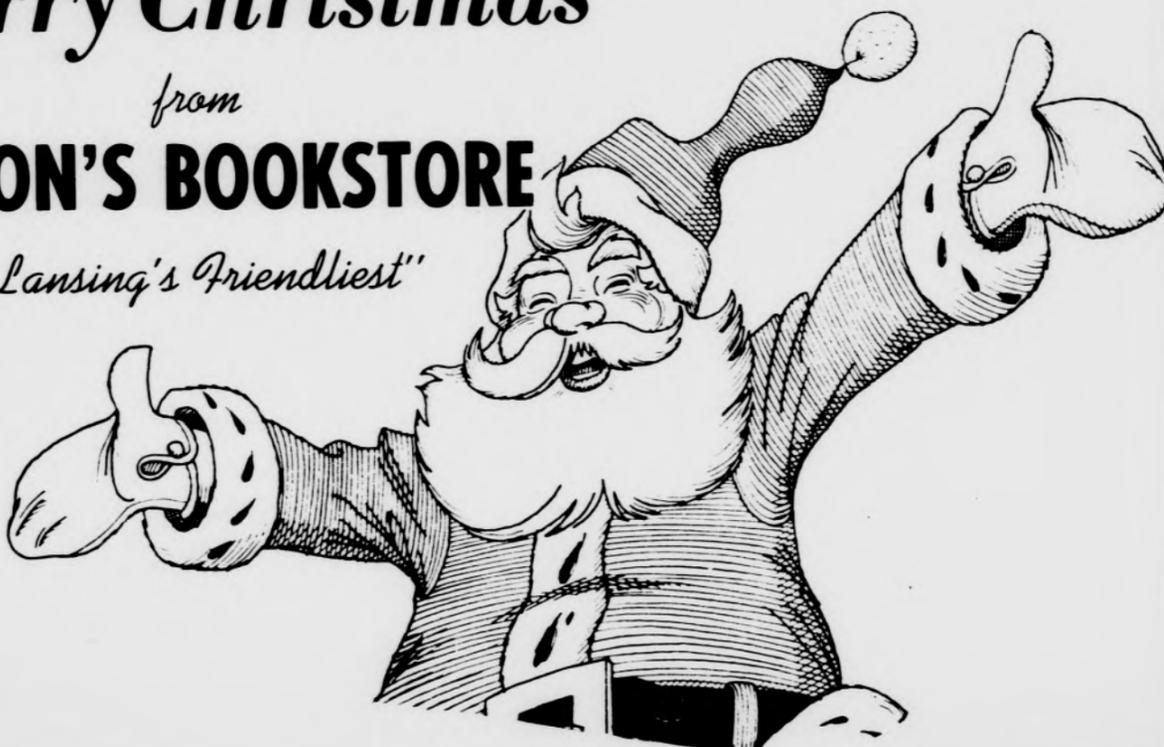
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Relics contribute to Rome worship

VATICAN CITY (UPI) The Eternal City is the place where the faithful can celebrate Christmas amid things which tradition says were close to Christ.

The Vatican and Rome's nearly 500 churches and basilicas are filled with relics dating back to early Christianity.

Those attending Mass in St. Mary Major Basilica on Christ-

mas Eve will kneel and pray before four historic wooden boards.

The boards darkened by age, are purported to comorom:se part of the crib in which the Christ Child was placed. They are said to have been brought to Rome from Bethlehem by Pope Sixtus IV in 1486.

Other pieces of wood are housed near the majestic Basilica of St. John Lateran, Mother Church of Christianity. The wood covers 28 stone steps, and tradition claims they are the steps Christ mounted to appear before Pontius Pilate.

After attending midnight Mass at St. John's the devout climb the "holy stairs" on their knees in a demonstration of humility.

Other faithful will kneel and pray before a priceless life-size statue of the Christ Child at the Church of the "Ara Coeli," one of the oldest churches in Rome.

The statue, which dates back centuries, was carved from an olive tree taken from Gethsemane, at the foot of the Mount of Olives where Christ suffered his agony.

Those worshipping in St. Peter's, the largest basilica in the world, share the belief that Saint Peter, the Apostle to whom Christ "gave" the Keys of the Church, is buried directly under the basilica. Bones believed to be Peter's have been found there.

The papal descendant of Peter, Pope Paul VI, receives members of the College of Cardinals and of the diplomatic corps accredited to the Holy See in colorful ceremonies during the Christmas season.

But it is to the Church's half a billion faithful that the Pontiff pays special attention at Christmas. Vatican Radio carries his annual message to all corners of the earth on the eve of Christ's birth.

Dairy Club sponsors cheese sale

The annual Christmas Cheese Sale, sponsored by the MSU Dairy Club, provides students with a choice of a different gift and also gives the club a chance to raise funds for its other activities.

The cheeses are gift wrapped and include personalized gift cards, and are vacuum packed to ensure freshness. All packages are to be delivered before Christmas and include a guarantee to replace any cheese that does not meet with the receiver's approval.

The buyer has a choice of four boxes ranging from a variety of five to an 11 variety selection. Cheeses included are Colby, caraway, hickory smoked, blue, brandy and wine spread and several others.

Prices range from \$2.50 to \$5.25 with small additional fees for shipping.

Last year the club mailed orders totaling over 2,700 pounds of cheese throughout the country and Canada.

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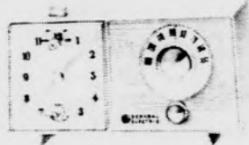


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Living units plan parties

Each year the campus housing units get in the holiday spirit with special Christmas functions and parties.

In the next two weeks each housing unit will decorate traditional Christmas trees and the lobbies throughout the dorms.

One of the events featured by a single housing unit will be a play production by Akers Hall for the east complex. The play, "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas," will be performed Sunday in Conrad Auditorium. Akers will also have a special Christmas dance Saturday night.

One of the traditional events put on by the housing units is a special Christmas party for underprivileged children. These parties will occur from now until the Christmas break. A few of the units are inviting orphans to their parties as part of the holiday celebrations.

East Shaw Hall is combining their term and Christmas parties

into one affair. Saturday afternoon each couple attending the party will have an underprivileged child to entertain for the day. At an evening party the combined choirs of East Shaw and Gilchrist will perform a Christmas concert.

West Shaw and North and South Campbell will also celebrate this Sunday with some children and give presents to them. The West Shaw Choir will perform at the party.

In connection with Christmas celebrations, West Shaw is incorporating a "Big Brother" program in the Lansing area. The initial function of the program will be to celebrate part of the holidays with a little

brother. The program is still in the planning stages but is considered very promising.

Rather and Emmons are combining for a Christmas party with underprivileged children from 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

Yakeley will initiate a "good cheer buddy week" this season and incorporate this with a Christmas party on Dec. 8.

Each person participating in the good buddy week will draw a name and secretly perform good deeds for that person throughout the week. Everyone will find out who her good buddy is at the party.

A traditional event with all the women's housing units is the annual door decorating contest.

Each coed puts a Christmas decoration on her door. The decorations are judged, with the winner receiving a prize.

Open house will follow these door decorating contests to allow people to review these works.

East McDonel Hall will feature special decorations on its Christmas tree. Each floor will make an ornament and place it on the tree. The ornaments will be judged and a prize given to the winner.

Hubbard Hall is extending its "spell-out" plans into the Christmas season. It will spell out a Christmas saying with lights at night during the next few weeks. The "spell-out" will be performed by the entire dorm and shown nightly.

Communication affects students' relationships

Effective communication may be at the heart of what makes students on a college campus happy, Kenneth G. Hance, professor of speech, told a student group at Peoples' Church in East Lansing recently.

Relationships which make life satisfying develop through communication, Hance said. The ability to relate in one factor which determines whether a person is successful or whether a society is good.

"I think the basic difference between a mere aggregation of persons and what we would call a society lies in the absence or presence of relationships," he said.

A person can feel lonely in a crowd because mere physical proximity does not ensure communication and hence development of relationships, he pointed out.

"A person or a society could very well be made or broken in terms of the attention paid to communication by that person or society," Hance said.

Communication may be defined

as "the process of attempting to establish a commonness," that is, a common denominator between a source and a receiver at a given time, he said.

"It is the process of sharing with another person (or people) one's knowledge, interests, attitudes, opinions and ideas," he said.

If a source does not himself understand clearly what he wants to say, or if he cannot organize his message coherently, a communications breakdown results, Hance said.

Breakdowns in communication also occur if the source does not understand the nature of the receiver and the circumstances under which he will receive the message.

If the receiver neglects his job, communication also fails, Hance said. The way the receiver reacts to the message -- feedback -- is one way for the source to judge his effectiveness.

Flaws in the channels, or means of sending the message, may also interfere with communication, he said. A defective pub-

lic address system, for example, prevents communication between a speaker and his audience.

"Good communication requires a mental attitude of willingness to try to understand what's going on in communication," he said.

A common situation in which good communication is vital is the problem-solving conference, he said.

The principles of good communication are applied in defining the problem clearly and attempting to understand the context in which the problem occurs.

The group must also define its goals, understand proposed solutions clearly and determine how these solutions fit its goals, Hance said. Then the problem is reduced to choosing the best of the proposals.

A communicator has the responsibility of studying his subject, himself and his audience, as well as the communication situation, so that he avoids communications breakdowns, he said.

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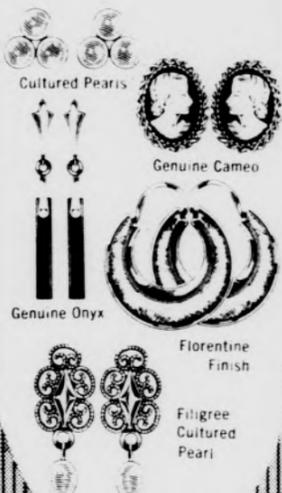
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Yule trees made 'shapely' by prof

Christmas trees are being developed that are better shaped, better colored and more insect resistant as a result of efforts of MSU forestry researcher, Jonathan W. Wright.

Wright has centered his experimentation around the Scotch pine which is the most popular Christmas tree sold in Michigan. The experimentation is said to be the largest and most comprehensive of its kind in the world, involving more than 100,000 trees on 15,000 plots in 39 separate localities throughout the United States and Canada.

One of Wright's main efforts has been directed toward finding trees resistant to the pine sawfly. The larvae of this insect attacks the pine and can destroy the needles. Wright has found that an eastern European variety of the Scotch pine is particularly resistant to the sawfly and is breeding this resistance into the new hybrids.

Wright has also found that the best colored Scotch pines come from seed originated in Spain, southern France and Scotland. "The Belgian, French, Italian and Hungarian types are medium green in the summer and winter," he noted, while the Greek and Turkish types are darker green year around.

Michigan is the nation's leading producer of Christmas trees, accounting for 10 per cent of all plantation grown trees in the United States.

Wright said that Michigan Christmas tree growers try to avoid the seed from the northern parts of Europe, particularly

from the Ural mountains. "Trees grown from these seeds develop yellow needles," he explained. "They start to turn color in early September and by Christmas time some of the needles are almost the same color as a ripe lemon."

Yule sales up despite snow

East Lansing merchants said in a survey that holiday shopping has not been affected by the recent snow. They reported that the shopping has improved because shoppers want to avoid last minute shopping.

The merchants said that the most popular items for men are sweaters, shirts, suede coats and neckties.

They reported that the most popular items for women are sweaters, skirts, fur hats, suede jackets and jewelry.

The merchants said that their merchandise is moving well, and that they expect a wave of student shoppers beginning next week and ending the week of final exams.

Some merchants reported that they are carrying new items such as pant suits for women, antique cannons, hand painted dishes, electric forks and a passion meter.

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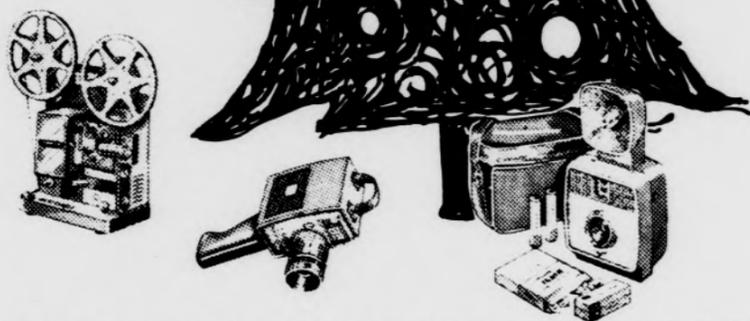


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The works of an 1889 MSU graduate, the late Ray Stannard Baker, will set the theme for this year's dinner.

Baker, a Lansing resident, was a journalist who, under the name David Grayson, wrote a series of essays on life which were very popular during the pre-World War I period. He wrote and contributed a 116-volume series of "Bee Books" to the MSU Library.

Baker won a Pulitzer Prize for his biography of Woodrow Wilson.

The Friends of the Library is an organization of faculty members and townspeople who contribute financial support and private book collections to the Library. It was started in the 1940s and has since been extended throughout the country by MSU alumni.

Baker studied under Prof. William Beal, for whom the Botanical Gardens are named, and later married his daughter, Jessie.

Following the dinner a play based on Baker's works will be presented by speech students Richard Neva, Mack Miller, John Bailey, Trisha Kaiola and Neana Davidoff. The production is under the direction of Frank C. Rutledge, speech instructor.

Among Baker's relatives invited to attend is Miss Ann Baker, graduate student.

The millionth book was donated to the Library by the Friends. Funds from the dinner, entitled

"Christmas at Professor Beal's - 1889," will be donated to the Library.

**Christmas
story, songs
in program**

The MSU Business Women's Club will hold its Christmas program at 11:45 a.m. Wednesday in the Union Ballroom.

The program will feature organ Christmas music and group carol singing led by Mrs. Darrel Johnston.

Miss Mary Hardwick of the Performing Arts Company will be on hand to read the Christmas story according to St. Luke. There will be vocal solos by Mrs. Arlen Blank and Miss Kathleen Casey interspersed in the reading.

Mrs. Royce W. Groh, charity committee chairman, will display Christmas gifts purchased for 50 patients at the Okemos Rehabilitation Center. The gifts will be wrapped and taken to the center for distribution on Christmas Day.

There will be paper cups placed on each table at the meeting so that the ladies may contribute towards the cost of the gifts. During the upcoming year the club will continue the collection plan and will send something to the 216 patients each month.

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By DONNA CUMMINGS
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More than 800 multi-colored bulbs will shine at 8 p.m. Sunday at the lighting of the official campus Christmas tree located in the Abbott Road boulevard between Campbell Hall and the Union.

Sponsored by Pi Beta Phi sorority and Delta Tau Delta fraternity, this year's 18th annual yuletide lighting signifies the university's recognition of the Christmas season.

Two children from the St. Vincent Catholic Home for Underprivileged Children will turn the switch to light the 65 foot tree, Donna Chistenson, Flint sophomore and Pi Beta Phi sorority chairman of the event, said.

A 90-member chorus composed of Pi Beta Phi and Delta Tau Delta members will sing a special selection of Christmas songs including "Carol of the Drum," "What Child is This?" and "Carol of the Bells."

After this, the chorus will

lead the public in the singing of Christmas carols. After the ceremony the Greeks will meet in front of Cowles House to serenade President and Mrs. John Hannah.

Electrical and grounds maintenance departments crews decorated the tree earlier last week, according to Irwin J. Holliday, assistant general foreman of the maintenance physical plant.

"The lights on the tree turn on and off automatically," explained Holliday, "as a result of a connection with a clock at the base of the tree."

"They will go on at 4:45 p.m. and off at midnight until Christmas Eve," he continued. "From

Christmas Eve through New Year's Eve, the lights will stay on all night and turn off at 8 a.m.," he added.

Decorations from the tree will be removed shortly after New Year's Day, according to the maintenance foreman.

The tradition of lighting a campus tree began in 1924, according to Jim White, St. Joseph sophomore and Delta Tau Delta historian.

The first ceremony was held in front of Morrill Hall, White said. Other previous ceremonies were held in front of the Women's Intramural Building and in front of the Home Economics Building.

Pipers mark Rome holiday

ROME (UPI) -- In Rome, the sound of Christmas comes from thousands of church bells and from the plaintive strains of shepherds' pipes.

Each Christmas the shepherds wander into Rome from their homes in the Abruzzi Mountains. They stroll through the winding streets of central Rome dressed in leggings and sheepskin coats.

The melodies they play on their handmade bagpipes are seem-

ingly as old as the Feast of Christmas itself.

One of their favorite haunts is Piazza Navona, where merchants sell the traditional cribs depicting the scene of Christ in the manger, Christmas trees and especially toys.

There, they delight children and adults alike with their ancient melodies. And when the holiday is over they disappear as they came, piping softly as they leave the city for another year.

Beatles' oldies or Christmas oldies

LONDON (UPI) - Good-bad Christmas news for Beatles fans. The mop-tops aren't making a special Christmas album of new numbers as they have in the past, but are issuing instead a 16-track album of past recordings under the title "Oldies But Goldies."

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Tight money may darken Britons' Yule celebration

LONDON (UPI) -- There'll be a bit less Yuletide swing in swinging London, and the industrial areas of the nation will have a mini-Christmas this year.

The government's freeze on prices and wages, the squeeze on credit and bank loans and a general awareness among Brit-

ons that there may be worse to come add up to the prospect of a not-quite-so-merry-as-usual festive season.

For many this year the traditional turkey may find itself supplanted by much cheaper chicken. Scotch whisky at 54 shillings (\$7.70) a bottle will disappear

from many home parties and be replaced with wine or beer. And many youngsters can expect a cheaper lot of toys in their Christmas stockings.

But even in the homes of the more than 500,000 unemployed, Britons will go through their traditional Christmas with lighted trees in the windows and on the streets, myriads of greeting cards, days of celebration in the pub, the office party or the home up to Christmas eve and a day of eating, drinking and sleeping at home on Christmas Day.

For those so far unaffected by the government - enforced austerity the routine will be the same as before: parties with all sorts of drinks in your own and all the neighbors' houses beginning Christmas Eve and ending the day after Christmas, carol singers at the door at frequent intervals, the postman knocking even late Christmas morning with last minute cards and the Queen on television with a message for the Commonwealth.

Most Britons, rich or poor, will finish their traditional Christmas Day dinner with heavy black Christmas pudding and custard, a few more drinks and then dive for the restful oblivion of the sofa until the kids wake them up late in the evening.



Tannenbaum Time

Residence hall Christmas trees, such as this one in North Case last year, help put a feeling of Christmas in the air at MSU.

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Yule spirit profits Reds

FRANKFURT, (UPI) -- The Christmas tree in Germany will have a tinge of red in it again this year despite the cold war.

A shortage of Christmas trees is forcing West Germans to buy trees from Communist Poland again.

Despite the seeming abundance of fir and spruce trees in the woodlands and on the hilly slopes throughout this fertile country, West German nurseries last year were forced to import

thousands of Christmas trees from Poland, whose regime describes yuletide as "mythical nonsense."

In previous years, the West Germans imported their trees from Norway. But the Communists have made the price of trees attractively low.

The Christmas tree in the German home is one of the oldest features of the holiday season.

Although there have been several attempts by fire officials to outlaw the use of live candles, most German families still prefer the old custom.

The use of candles descends from a custom dating to prehistoric times, when Druid priests hurled flaming trees down mountainsides to celebrate the Dec. 21 winter solstice - when daylight hours begin to lengthen.

The priests piled spruce and fir trees on their mountaintops in preparation for lighting them afire and rolling them downhill. This marked the signal for people to start celebrating by drinking mead, venerable ancestor of the yuletide hot toddy. The priests decked the branches with chicken entrails and garnished the trees with colorful fruits.

The influx of Christian missionaries did away with the entrails. However, the custom of flaming trees survived in the form of burning yule logs in fireplaces and in candle-decked Christmas trees.

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Yanks add Yule air to Russia

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Santa Claus is called "Grandfather Frost" and he arrives on New Year's Eve.

Even the faithful ignore Dec. 25 and celebrate Christmas on Jan. 7. And the best children's party is thrown in that citadel of atheism, the Kremlin.

This is Christmas, Soviet style, a day of business-as-usual

for the Russians, but a day when the members of the small Western community here feel very far from home.

Before the revolution, Russia went by the Julian calendar, putting their Dec. 25 nearly two weeks behind the Christmas Day celebrated by the rest of the world. With the revolution, this nation officially abandoned both Christmas and the Julian calendar. The Russian Orthodox, however, kept both, leaving only a

few thousand Russian Roman Catholics and Lutherans to mark the birth of Christ on Dec. 25 on the new calendar.

Christmas falls on a Sunday this year, so most Russians will join the rest of the world in taking the day off. In other years, all stores and offices stay open as usual during the day.

The real celebration comes on New Year's Eve. Friends gather together in homes or restaurants for parties and feasts. Grandfather Frost, a thin, bearded gentleman in a frock coat, comes with his helper, Snow Maiden, to give gifts to children.

Homes and offices are decorated with glass balls and strings of lights. And Muscovites

trudge home from forests bearing the graceful yalka (fir trees) over their shoulders.

The Kremlin celebrates by stringing lights across a giant yalka in front of the Palace of Congresses.

Hundreds of Moscow children jam happily into the dazzling, heavily-decorated St. George's Hall in the Kremlin for a gala afternoon party that includes Grandfather Frost, gifts, songs and plenty of rich ice cream.

The party usually falls between Christmas and New Year's. The heavy snow, toy-laden children's stores and the pre-New Year's horde of gift-buying shoppers gives Moscow a festive air at

Christmastime, despite Kremlin policy.

For the Russian Orthodox faithful, the Jan. 7 Christmas is strictly a religious holiday. Masses begin Christmas Eve at dusk and go on through the night.

Westerners try hard to give Dec. 25 a touch of home. Many decorate their apartments and give Christmas dinners.

The resident American Roman Catholic priest and Protestant minister hold Christmas services in embassies.

The American embassy imports turkey and other trimmings so diplomats can eat an American Christmas dinner.

FEW STAY

Owen and Shaw open for holidays

Two residence halls will be open during Christmas vacation to accommodate on-campus students who cannot return home for the holidays. There will be no accommodations for off-campus students.

Lyle Thorburn, manager of residence halls, said Owen Hall will be open to graduate students and under-grad women and the Lower Lounge of Shaw Hall will be open to undergrad men.

The rate will be \$1 per night for women and \$1.50 per night for men. Food service will be available.

Thorburn said that the same decorating rules for living units will be in effect as last year. Nothing flammable can be used

for decorating purposes and any item questionable will be checked by the Dept. of Public Safety.

Students may move into Owen and Shaw beginning at 5 p.m. Dec. 17, but regular residence students do not have to vacate until 9 a.m. the following day.

"We are gambling that enough students will vacate the halls Saturday night," Thorburn said.

Judging from last year, Thorburn expects from 15 to 18 girls and close to 100 men. Women's hours will be the same as during the regular term.

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A Santa who appeared on campus last December greeted all passers-by and asked what they wanted for Christmas, on his way from Brody to the Auditorium. State News photo by Tony Ferrante

FIRST STUDENT CHAPTER

Establish packaging group

The first student chapter of the National Society of Packaging and Handling Engineers was officially established here last week.

The MSU Packaging Society became affiliated with S.P.H.E. last April and the official presentation of the charter was made at the society's regular meeting Nov. 22.

Clarence Moore, executive vice president of S.P.H.E. made the charter presentation to the president of the MSU Packaging Society, Charles Yacuzzo, Rochester, N.Y., senior.

The national affiliation will allow student members to make contacts with persons in the packaging field. The affiliation will also help to publicize the MSU School of Packaging, the first such undergraduate program in the country.

In making the presentation, S.P.H.E. felt that since student members are future packaging and handling engineers of both industry and government that their influence will contribute greatly to the future growth of the society and the profession.

The MSU Packaging Society was started in 1955 and has a

present membership of 60. The society has four meetings a term in which members of the packaging industry are invited as speakers.

Both last year and this, the Packaging Society in cooperation with Pi Kappa Gamma, packaging honorary, sponsor a Christmas

party for the children from Saint Vincent's Orphanage.

Although membership in the society is limited to packaging majors, all interested persons are invited to attend its meetings.

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Holy Land pilgrimages to continue

BETHLEHEM, Jordan (UPI)-- Pilgrims from around the world will come to the Holy Land again this Christmas season, despite Arab-Israeli border tension that threatens the area's peace.

Bethlehem, birthplace of Christ, and the holy city of Jerusalem are the goal of most pilgrims. Others will cross into Israel for Christmas celebrations at Nazareth, where Jesus grew up.

Some pilgrims will walk in procession along the route taken by Jesus from Jerusalem to Bethlehem -- 10 miles of hilly country that looks much as it did 2,000 years ago.

On the site of Christ's birth, near the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, a large Christmas tree has been erected.

Christmas services in the church begin at noon on Christmas Eve and the bells of Bethlehem will peal the joyful message of the birth of Jesus at midnight.

Msgr. Alberto Gori, Roman Catholic Patriarch of Jerusalem, will celebrate the pontifical High Mass in the Chapel of the Manger in the Grotto of the Church.

Thousands of Christians living in Israel will cross through the Mandelbaum Gate in Jerusalem to visit relatives and celebrate Christmas at the holy places in Jordan.

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Santa talks to children at a Packaging and Marketing Societies Christmas party last year. A number of campus groups sponsor such parties as this one for orphans. State News photo by Lance Lagoni

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A son brought these puppets to the United States in the 1820s, and from 1835 to 1952 the family entertained the country with their act.

The display entitled "Puppet Theater - A Story for Christmas," also shows an old-fashioned tree trimmed with

candles and strung with popcorn. Val R. Berryman, assistant curator who conceived the idea for the display, said that it will remain up for viewing until "well past finals".

E. German Santa is 'Father Frost'

BERLIN (UPI) - Christmas comes just once a year - and the Communist regime in East Berlin would be overjoyed if it never came at all.

In Communist East Germany, official reference to Christmas is taboo. There, a Christmas tree is called a "Wintertree" and Santa Claus is known as "Father Frost."



A Puppet Christmas

A family of puppets celebrates Christmas at the MSU Museum under an old-fashioned tree trimmed with popcorn and candles.

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Moscow stores specialize for children during Christmas

MOSCOW (UPI) -- If you are buying for children, Christmas shopping in Moscow can be almost a pleasure.

Russians claim their only "special class" is children and

evidence of this is seen in the Christmas season.

Dietski Mir (Children's World), Moscow's biggest children's department store, is departmentalized to ease the shopper's task, staffed with polite if sometimes harried clerks, and stocked with enough playthings to please any small child.

Prices are low at Dietski Mir and quality often is low, too. The Soviets feel precision manufacturing is wasted on toys which kids will bash to pieces pretty quickly anyway.

An American might gasp at some of the baby dolls. Their complexions are pasty, their hair scraggly. Many have legs that don't move or articulate poorly. Doll clothing is unimaginative and dull except for beautiful and costly souvenir models sold by gift shops and too fragile for everyday use by a normally healthy little girl.

Still, little Russian girls love their dolls as little girls everywhere do, and children are not likely to be overly critical, especially when they have little opportunity for comparison.

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