FIRST STUDENT FORUM--JAN. 6
To-night---Special Music

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

The Dramatics class has started work on the three one-act plays it will present in the Albany High School auditorium on January 14.

"A Flower of Yiddel" is a dainty Yiddish comedy, in which Satan decides to test his poet-hammer, Kafka, before he accepts him by trying his constancy, his bravery, and his generosity. Kafka encounters his bewildering tempters in a delightfully serious-minded way--and wins his Salvation thereby.

"The Pot-Bellied" is a satire on the modern theatre and its people. A service in the act of writing plays is permitted by a successful playwright to attend a rehearsal of one of his plays which, by the way, has not yet initiated writing. His comments on the play and the players, together with their responses under this very humorous play, has not yet been cast as there are two excellent prospects for the part.

"The Shadow" is a delicate fantasy play in which the audience conceives of the meaning of love for love removed from the view of the world of experience holds the hope that some parts that were undecided last week have been cast--Claire Parsons will play Helen, and Gladys Thompson will be Harlequin.

VACATION SPORTS

Still another way of winning those coveted numerals and letters is open to the open lovers of State College. The G. A. S. Council will give one point for every hour spent in skating or skiing. The creatives will soon be right to call you out of doors, girls, so dig out your skates and ski. The parlies will soon be ready for skating, and there are any number of places nearby just right for sliding.

Vacation time offers a splendid opportunity to work for your letter, so points will be given for practice during that time. All those who are interested may report to Catherine Merchant, captain of skating.

The Music Council is having a Christmas carol sing in the auditorium tonight, Monday, December 19. The sing is under the personal direction of Dr. Harold Thompson, assisted by Mr. T. Frederic H., Candidy.

Group singing of Christmas carols will begin promptly at eight o'clock, Miss Mariette White, soprano, and Mrs. Louise Hefner, alto, from the choir directed by Dr. Thompson, in the First Presbyterian Church, will sing solos from the Christmas Oratorio of Bach, and The Messiah of Handel. They will sing two numbers from Mr. Candidy's Christmas cantata, The Prince of Peace, and also a duet from The Virgin at the Menagerie, by Schubert, arranged for soprano and alto parts.

Mr. John Dick, baritone, from the choir directed by Mr. Candidy, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church will sing Gounod's "Nazareth."

The chorus will sing Christmas carols including the Skimmer Songs of the Infant Jesus, arranged by Dr. Clarence Dickinson. The orchestra will play two selections, the "Marche Militaire" by Schubert and "Kulakulak" by Wieniawski.

Even if it isn't December 25, come out and show your Christmas spirit, and help sing!
A Merry Christmas and
A Happy New Year

BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER

We are looking forward to the Christmas vacation with a variety of enthusiasm. For some of us it means one thing, for others, another. But we are not spending our time exactly the same way. Yet it is a foregone conclusion that the two weeks allowed us will in some fashion. As we look forward to the opening day with something of relief as well as pleasure, it occurs to us to wonder how we will look back upon this brief respite from the regular routine of college work. Will there be disappointment, or relief, or just honest satisfaction? It depends on how we spend those two weeks.

If we cram an excessive number of emotions, For some of us it is a foregone conclusion that before the vacation is over, we will have felt a few hours of day-dreaming, rooming our acquittance with self. We haven't had time to keep in touch with ourselves as closely as we should, and the bare few hours of vacation afford an excellent opportunity for the re-orientation of self and a chance to make some little readjustments in our conditions that may have a decided influence on our reactions in the future.

Of course we know that no one will be foolish enough to follow our suggestions. The varisty team will not be relieved that the strain of college work and dinner at half past three hours of hard practice night after night following a day of college work and dinner at half past seven or eight o'clock, show lack of interest, we can only and indeed, the freshmen have peculiar ideas of what interest means.

Then, too, 23 seems to have assumed another unfair attitude in contending that the work of their basketball team in high school against the freshmen. Leeming started the scoring for the freshman, and Craddock, the frosh's other guard, immediately followed out by shooting a clever field basket. The longer experienced co-operation of the senior team began to assert itself and the frosh felt the pressure of a brilliant pass down the court, Walsh caught the ball in midair and made a neat basket from the field. At the end of the first half the score stood 8-5 in favor of the seniors.

Excitement ran high among the spectators when Katherine Reilly, the frosh, put the ball back on the floor with renewed vigor for the decisive and final half of the struggle. The determined cheering and enthusiasm of the onlookers, roused an intense pitch when the seniors scored three successive field baskets and the freshmen attempted to put up a forceful defense. During the last quarter, O'Hare replaced Rife at guard, Leeming did some clever shooting for the frosh, and Craddock picked up the score for the seniors as the final whistle blew, the score was 29-11 in favor of the seniors.

The following is the box score of the game:

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DOORS OF CHRISTMAS HEARTS

Years and years ago there was a hostler of a stable who was careful of his cattle. He gave them straw, straw, and fed them each by name. One night, after he had done all this, he heard a noise outside. He was not tired of his day's work, and he did not want to answer the call, but it might be the king's cattle, and

might get a reward. He opened while his door, and there he found a stranger asking for his time and his attention and his dinner. If there is any particular subject that a few hours of deliberation and patient concentration will lift from the hedgehog's class—well, and perhaps his voice was a little gruff when he said "Come in!" perhaps the shadows hid a kindness on his face. When he had thrown clean sheets on his mattress, he had made ready for his guests, and he had given his best for them. The hearts of many, many stories, and the keepers thereof remember how on days and years ago, for on that evening every year they open wide their doors to those asking for shelter. And on that evening of every year to each one who gives the best of his heart for shelter comes the spirit of that long ago keeper's guest. The spirit of the crib that night to be the birth of a King."

An Advertisement

STATE COLLEGE NEWS, DECEMBER 19, 1921

"Without or with offense to friends or foes, We sketch the world exactly as it goes."

It is evident from the number of tests the week before Christmas vacation that the faculty wish us to appreciate the holidays.

On Thanksgiving Day two girls were maneuvering for their respective Alma Mater. Girl number one says to our State College frosh, "Well, how many numbers are there on your News Board?" and our sceen frosh replies, "Oh, I guess fifteen or twenty. The news office is always full."

The Advertiement

Lost—One hundred sophomores who criticized '23 for lack of pep in enforcing rules for the frosh. Indicate by setting "Class spirit" during '25.

Everyone was on time at the Union game but Charles Keily.

Occasion—Hist 4 class
Time—12:15
Stimulus—12:15 bell
Prof. Hildley—"Class, you are dismissed. I have finished all of the material that I had planned."

In International Law class Prof. Riley speaks of the Conference at Washington for the Limitation of Arguments.

According to the calendar for 1921, Christmas this year falls on the 25th of December.

According to Prof. Brenchelough there are 576 feet in a rod.
JUST 'AFORE CHRISTMAS PUZZLE

ANS.

How can she buy Xmas presents for 8 best friends out of #3 and still have carfare home (over 50 miles) when the family has refused more money, and all her friends are broke.

generally time to get the ball. The box score of the game was as follows:

Juniors 0 0 C
Sophomores P. F. B. T.
Miller ................ 4 0 8
Abrams ................ 3 0 6
Lindahl ................ 0 0 0
Bach .................... 0 0 0
Belding ................ 0 0 0
Totals .................. 7 0 14

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION INSTITUTE OFFERS PRIZES

(Copied from Hamilton Life, Nov. 6, 1921)

The Institute of International Education is offering a series of three prizes of $150, $100, and $50 respectively for the three best essays on certain subjects pertaining to the Far East, the key to the armament problem. There are three topics from which to choose: The Open Door Policy in China, How Japan is Going to Provide for Her Increasing Population without Interfering with Other Nations, and The Relations of the East and West.

The essays must be written by an undergraduate student in a college in the United States. They must be signed with an assumed name to assure fairness in rating, and should be from 3,000 to 5,000 words in length, typewritten on one side of ordinary 8 by 10 paper. They should be mailed to Margaret C. Alexander, Secretary of the International Relations Club, 407 West 117th St., New York City, before January 1, 1922. The prices will be awarded on February 15, 1922. Those who are interested will find further information on the Bulletin Board in the Library.

WELLS' P. K.

FOR TEN FIVE CENTS

The Flavor Lasts!
KIDDIES OF RUSSIA
EXPECT AMERICAN
SANTA CLAUS

[from Albany Journal, Dec. 15, 1921]
Samara, Russia, Dec. 15.—Children
of this city and Samara prov-
ince, probably the most severely
stricken of all those in the famine
regions, are a little people of a
world apart.

Starvation has left an indelible
imprint on their frail bodies, and
they carry themselves dejectedly,
apparently not at all concerned
with what goes on about them. In
the ways of the world they are
will for until the American relief
administration entered this country
to feed them they were compelled
to forage their food or the—

They still believe in St. Nicholas.

The implicit faith of these hun-
ger victims that their Santa Claus
will not forget them has inspired
the American relief workers who have been feed-
ing them. There is little differ-
cence between a rocking horse and a
loaf of bread, and walking and
talking have little in common
with bean soup. Donations in
America might try the bread and
soup on their family Christmas
trees and note the contrast.

But the young spectators of this
once prosperous town, nearly all of
whom have known the joys of
peace and plenty and, perhaps, the
devotion of mothers who since
have died that their children might
live, will not be disappointed if
their gifts are exclusively of food.

The business of staying the pangs
of hunger is a serious problem
even for grown-ups, and one can
readily imagine the profound im-
pression it has left on those of the
new generation.

A Christmas morning filled with
toys, games and sweets would be
welcome indeed to these unfortunate
litle men and women, but a Christmas
morning marked by extra portions of real white bread—

Will there be a Christmas?

STUDENT ASSEMBLY

In assembly, Friday, December
16, Dr. Brubacher introduced Mr.
Roy Smith, a representative of the
Chamber of Commerce. His sub-
tject was “The City of Albany.”

Mr. Smith explained that the two-
fold purpose of the Chamber of
Commerce was to increase the busi-
ness of the city and to develop
good citizenship. He emphasized
the fact that Albany is noted for
its history, is a railroad center,
and may be some time in the near
future a seaport.

At the conclusion of Mr. Smith’s
speech, Miss Rice introduced Dr.
Loomsdale, who for a second time
spoke about an infirmary fund.

The motion was made and seconded
by each student should pay $1.50
for the fund.

Then Dr. Brubacher told of a
new program for chapel exercises,
according to which for two times
a month the students should dis-

cuss current events in assembly.

This is considered to be a good
chance for practice in public speak-
ing and for keeping in touch with
public affairs. After the notices
were read by Miss Rice, assembly
was adjourned.

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