Lesley’s Children’s Christmas Party Big Success

The annual Lesley College Christmas Party for underprivileged children was held in the Livingston Stebbins Gymnasium from 3 to 5 o'clock on December 11. Approximately forty children from a nearby settlement house were present. Barbara Bussiere, general chairman of this function was aided by Anne Graham, Joanne Hornmann and Mrs. Nora Sibley, in picking up the children and returning them. A bus was hired for this purpose. The game committee, consisting of Joyce Leonard, chairman, Jane Beeten, Joan Petraglia, Leonard, chairman, Jane Beeten, Joan Petraglia, Anne Graham, Dorothy Denman, Reedman and Dorothy Denman, organized the games which went on to the delight of the children.

VESPER PLANS

The next Vesper service will be held in the Livingston Stebbins Library on Wednesday, January 16. The definite time will be posted at a later date, since there is a possibility that the hour will be changed from 7:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Rabbi Hartstein has been invited to speak and Vespers is anticipating a large attendance from the student body. Engraved invitations will be sent out to the faculty, alumnae and local colleges.

Following the services there will be a coffee hour where the students will be allowed to discuss the lecture amongst themselves and with the speaker. This informal gathering will tend to make Vespers more meaningful to the individual, and give each person a chance to express his own ideas.

CHRISTMAS CONVOCATION

Lesley’s Christmas Convocation will be held this year, as before, at the Hotel Continental on Tuesday, December 18, at 1:30 P.M. Undergraduates should be in their seats promptly at 1:15. Seniors and faculty members will report earlier in cap and gown to form the academic procession. The program will include the traditional address by President Trentwell Mason White with brief messages of greeting from Dr. Livingston Stebbins, chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Dr. Clara M. Thurber, Dean of the Faculty. The Christmas Choir under the direction of Mr. Benjamin will sing, and Dr. Schofield, college Chaplain will offer the invocation and benediction.

Highlight of the occasion will be the conferring of an honorary doctorate upon Mrs. Cora Trawick Court, one of Lesley’s two retired faculty members. Mrs. Court was for seven years on Lesley’s Faculty and Residence Director of Jenckes Hall.

All of Lesley’s undergraduates are expected to attend this convocation, which will last approximately an hour.

President White’s Christmas Message

Immediately after Convocation Lesley’s undergraduates—some 350 of you from thirteen states and four foreign countries—will be crowding cars, trains, buses, and planes on your way to homes of relatives or friends for the long vacation. This period has been provided for your recreation as well as recreation. Try to balance your rest and fun so that you will be able to return fully prepared in health and spirit for the winter months ahead. But above all, find some time, during the Yale-tide weeks to reflect upon your many blessings, your rich opportunities. Be grateful to those who have given that you may have. And put your gratitude into tangible form by generous thoughts and deeds for others.

All members of Lesley’s staff and faculty join me in wishing each of you a happy and satisfying holiday and every good fortune for the New Year 1957.

—Trentwell Mason White

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 18—Convocation
January 3—Building Fund Project
January 4—Emerald Key Tea Dance
January 11—Junior Money Maker
January 16—Vespers
January 17—Assembly
Building Fund Cake Sale

ADVISORY COUNCIL ORGANIZED

When it was announced last spring that Lesley College would begin plans at once for the formal development of a Gifted Child Center at the Lesley-Ellis School, the decision had been long tempered by reflection. For many years the school had enjoyed the reputation of offering special enrichment work for advanced children whose interests and capabilities warranted it. Studying the Lesley-Ellis records since the college purchased it in 1948 from the Cambridge School of Weston, the administration was struck by the large number of high I.Q. children in the second present enroll...
VACATIONS HERE

I Wonder . . .

As I Wander

We are living in an age of efficiency and speed, of strain and tension, of hustle and bustle, of clatter and horn, and screaming sirens. It is a mechanized age and a publicity world of slot-machines, push-buttions, packaged mixes, capsules, abbreviations, formulas, clichés, and pre-fabricated solutions for everything. One can buy a kit for almost any purpose—a house-knitting machine "more accurate than the human brain"; a numbered painting which "looks like the real thing" when you match the numbers on the retouched canvas with the numbers on the paint tubes (no need even to tax one's brain to learn the names of the colors); a kit to remake one's face, redecorate one's furniture, or repair one's car. The advertisements are blatant and promising—we can save ourselves time, money, and mental effort. Yet, are we really satisfied with the results? Do we feel any sense of achievement, or personal contribution? Or does it matter? We have a result—and we are saving time! I wonder . . .

I have wondered what happens to the time we work so hard to save. We cannot store it up like pennies in a bank for future use. It keeps running with us as we run. I have been wondering of late just what happens, for I hear so much talk of how to save time—and so little suggestion, or explanation, of using the time so saved. I am as guilty as anyone, but since I have started to think of a Christmas message to you, I have stopped to listen, to observe, to think, and to wonder.

A CHRISTMAS THOUGHT

This is Christmas of nineteen hundred and fifty-six, more than nineteen hundred years after the birth of Jesus. While we are celebrating this anniversary let's not be in such a hurry that we forget to pause a moment and ask ourselves, who today stands about the crib in adoration?

Rated store windows are an advertising gesture, and that the lights we shine in Him, a strong pure man of work. What can you give this Baby on his birthday? Could you not offer to this His Mother Mary, the purest woman man has ever seen, and Joseph, the strong pure man of work.

What can you give this Baby on his birthday? Could you not offer to this Christ Child your adoration, and that of His Immaculate Mother? You can also offer him your talents, your skills, your labor in union with St. Joseph. Let's make this a holy and blessed Christmas and let our offerings to the Christ Child be but an echo of the love that we know is in our hearts.

Open Up Your Hearts

Christmas is not far away
The reason for good will
We've placed boxes' round the hall
For money in to spill.
Let's help the day be perfect for
Some little girls and boys,
Who without our help might never know
The happiness of toys.
This drive is being sponsored by the Y.W.C.A. Let's back it up.

Building Fund Trics

New Money-Maker

The Building Fund's next fund-raising project will be held on January 3 and 4. A white tablecloth will be displayed, and a nominal fee will be charged for the embroidery of the names of students, the faculty, and administration. The cloth will be used for school functions. Georgie Louras is chairman of the Building Fund Committee, Arline Knowsky and Helen Klahr co-chairman, Linda Cooley, Barbara Goldman and Gall Linser members of the committee.

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We forget the spirit of simple friendship (it is the diplomatic approach now), of spontaneous giving and sharing (known as Group Dynamics after January first), as we devote ourselves to causes (or effect?). We place the unread books we received as gifts on the library table where they are so decorative and such good conversation pieces, but we steal clichés to comment upon them from book reviews and digests. We do our utmost "to get over the effects of the holidays and back in the groove."

To each of us the holidays have represented a great event in our religious beliefs, a turning point which has affected our whole lives, past and present, and will continue long after we are gone. I wonder why we cannot take our lesson from this and each discover an element of timelessness for himself. Use the packaged mixes, kits, and abbreviations if you must — but not for really great and worthwhile things, please. Use the time savers, if such they are — as a means of giving you time, not using your time, or passing your time, or filling your time. Why not evaluate during the holidays? Then you are not only using your time but evaluating; you are working and not just passing. Why not make the time for thinking, a time for evaluation, a time for reflection? Each of us has a dream, a calling. We want to do our utmost.