

Memories make Christmas in Viet Nam

by Marilyn Leonard

Christmas is one of those holidays that never change, no matter where you are—or is it?

For many Americans Christmas will be a night of memories of how warm the fire in the fireplace was and how beautiful the tree looked as it glittered in the corner of the house.

How wonderful the carolers sounded outside the door and how quiet and peaceful everything was under a soft blanket of snow.

This is just about all the Christmas the American servicemen in Viet Nam have to look forward to.

Oh, perhaps the soldiers at the bases will have a Christmas dinner and a decorated tree, but there will be no warm fires for this is the start of the "warm" weather when temperatures reach the 90's.

"Boy, that's livin'" compared to the Christmas the men out on a mission can expect to see. A small bush decorated with whatever is available serves as their tree. Also, if at all possible, a helicopter will fly in something special for their Christmas dinner.

Yet these fellows have it better than others, for the men in combat have nothing but the spirit and the memories of Christmas.

This is Christmas in Viet Nam. Although morale is strong, homesickness becomes overwhelming. It is times like these that make you wonder if Christmas ever changes.

There are people who deprive themselves Christmas at home so that they may have a chance to cheer up these tired soldiers. These people are a welcomed change from the constant fighting and terrorism and death which plague the everyday lives of these men.

There are other people who have seemed to forget that Christmas is not just a time to receive gifts, or a time to get in touch with people you never see or hear from except at this time of the year. These people are too busy to worry about soldiers on another continent.

Last year a local high school sent letters to the men in Viet Nam. Although they had never

heard of the soldiers before, these students were writing, not because they had to, but because they knew how much letters from home mean in a far-off place.

The soldiers who received these letters kept them as their most cherished possessions, for what could be more satisfying than a letter saying: "We're proud of you" and "We're behind you 100 per cent," according to Whitey Coker, KISN news director, who visited Viet Nam shortly after Christmas last year.

This is Christmas in Viet Nam. Letters and memories and for a few days — peace.

The value of Christmas is lost somewhere in among shopping and other holiday activities in our lives. But over there, the true meaning of Christmas is remembered. There are then prayers to stop the fighting for this is not the way God meant for us to celebrate the birthday of His only son.

Then the prayers are interrupted by the sound of guns and the cries of the wounded and dying.



Honor girls chosen Newly selected girls' league honor girls are, front row, left to right: sophomores Gretchen Guthrie and Karen Zidell and junior Candi Jenquin. Back row: seniors Melissa Hegga and Chris Cole and junior Sue Hatchard.

Girls model for 'good salary, poise'

by Cecile O'Rourke

Modeling seems to be a well-liked part-time profession for many girls. It provides a good salary and helps a girl in posture and poise.

Among many girls presently modeling are seniors Jeri Cohen, Kristi McKean, Trudy Swenson, and juniors Kathy Ingber and Suzi Johnson.

Jeri has modeled clothes for

White Stag, shoes for I. Magnin's and umbrellas and raincoats for Rhodes. Because of her modeling experience, she also received a job passing out Profile Bread samples for two weeks on Rose City Transit buses.

She participated in a movie for fashion careers which was done by White Stag. It showed the steps on how an outfit or dress is made with Jeri having a dress pinned and fitted to her and modeling the final product.

Kristi McKean modeled for Jantzen where she went through several practices, a fitting and a dress rehearsal before the final showing.

Trudy's been modeling off and on since she was three years old. She has modeled for Meier and Frank and Best's Apparel.

The most important thing that she receives from modeling is the awareness of how people look at her and what they think.

"You get to model all the cute clothes and become more poised," Trudy pointed out as advantages to modeling.

Suzi is modeling for Jantzen and White Stag. She said to receive her job she went to Jantzen where she had to model a bathing suit. She was judged on her walk, posture and general appearance.

Kathy has recently been accepted by White Stag and is looking forward to getting started there.

"It's a high-paying profession

with lots of opportunities," Kathy said.

Hi board representatives also model at special fashion showings for their stores.

Democracy goal of annual contest

Entering the twentieth annual Voice of Democracy contest is senior speech student Virginia Bailey. Candy Chambers, Diane Coddington, and David Cripe, other Grant finalists, were eliminated by speech teachers. Originally 160 students submitted articles.

"The response this year has been excellent," commented Mrs. Opal Hamilton, speech teacher.

The subject for the five minute radio script is "Democracy: What It Means to Me."

After judging each entry locally, finalists will travel to Washington D.C. and compete in the nation-wide program.

Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW of the United States will sponsor the contest, and scholarships ranging from fifth place \$1,000 to first place \$5,000 will be awarded to the winners.

McCall's speaker talks with classes on fashions, colors

Visiting the home economics sewing classes was Miss Barbara Seibert, West Coast educational representative for McCall's patterns.

The purpose was "to help the girls in choosing patterns and fabrics for selecting an appropriate, nice-looking wardrobe," according to Miss Seibert.

Miss Seibert explained important points to consider in choosing a wardrobe for a pleasing individual look.

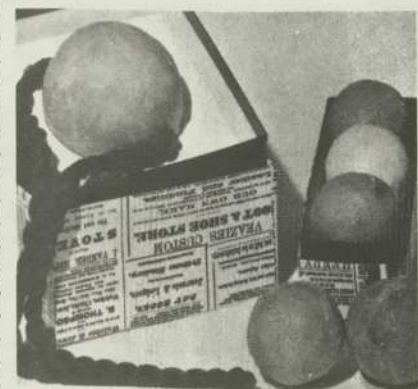
The effect of different lines, colors and textures on different figure types was demonstrated along with new things in fashion and fabric.

About young teens sewing, Miss Seibert, who enjoys sewing her own clothes, said, "It's a tremendous creative outlet."

Miss Seibert graduated from Oregon State university with a Bachelor of Arts degree in vocational home economics education. Previous to working for McCall's she taught homemaking for three years in Oakland, California.

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