

All Wisconsin Is Campus for State University's Activities

Madison, Wis., Dec. 15 (AP)—Football kickoffs and basketball jump shots thrill crowds, but there's much more to life in a Big Ten college.

People, young and old, with or without money, need to be trained to make a living and taught how to live, at home and in school.

Officers for Macleay Grange Are Installed

Macleay — At a joint meeting subordinate grange and Pomona grange officers were installed at Waldo Hills.

Officers from Macleay grange installed were Clarence Johnson, master; Cornelius Bateson, overseer; Harry Martin, Sr., chaplain; Mrs. Richard McKee, treasurer; Mrs. Clarence Johnson, secretary; Hubert Aspinwall, gatekeeper; Mrs. George Tooker, cores; Mrs. Harry Way, floor; Albert Mader, Edward Powers and Archie Bowen, executive committee; Mrs. Cornelius Bateson, lecturer.

Church Women Given Talk About Japan

Lyons — Mrs. Helen Hargreaves was hostess for the meeting of the WSCS at her home near Jordan. Mrs. Laurence Walworth presided over the business meeting. Devotions were led by Mrs. George Clippell, and prayer by Rev. Jewell.

Mrs. Daisy Johnston read a letter from Edna Holder, a missionary in India. Mrs. Mac Moran, a guest of the afternoon gave a talk on Japan. She, with her husband, who is in the U. S. army recently returned from Japan after spending 18 months there.

At the close of the meeting Mrs. Hargreaves served refreshments to Mesdames Laurence Walworth, George Clippell, Wallace Power, Jim Lande, Albert Julian, Roy Heineck, Alex Bodeker, George Huffman, Floyd Bassett, John Neal, Finas Sullivan, John Bradehauf, Clinton Hubbard, Willard Hartnell, Mrs. Daisy Johnston, Mrs. Alice Huber, Mrs. Anna Johnson, Mrs. Mac Norman, Rev. and Mrs. O. A. Jewell.

Pre School Mothers Make Future Plans

Lyons — A meeting for the pre-school mothers was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lindemann to discuss and make plans for the future. The school which holds classes twice a week Wednesday and Fridays, have decided to discontinue classes until after the first of the year when they will move into the school house here in Lyons.

It was also decided to see if a permanent teacher may be found which will relieve the mothers. They will hold their Christmas party at the community club house Wednesday morning, December 21 with a book gift exchange. Any pre-school child may attend the party by bringing a gift exchange. The project is, each child to bring home-made ornaments to help trim the Christmas tree. Present for the meeting were Mrs. Art Olmstead, Mrs. Floyd Johnson, Mrs. Charles Power, Mrs. John Prideaux, Mrs. Dysinger, Mrs. Lansen, Mrs. Stander and Mrs. Fred Lindemann.

Webfoot Grange Meets

Webfoot — There were 20 members of the Webfoot grange attended the annual Christmas party held at grange hall. Supper was served at 7:30, a short regular business meeting, with a Christmas program, and exchange of gifts. J. W. Andrews, master of Chehalem Center grange and Mrs. Andrews were special guests. Voting for state officers was a feature of the business meeting.

Polk Cattle Produce High

Dallas — Dew Drop, a registered Guernsey owned by Ray Hobson of Amity, made the best record according to the Polk county dairy herd improvement association.

In 305 days of association testing she produced 766.1 pounds of butterfat and 12,284 pounds of milk.

Herd honors go to George Gentemann of Independence. His 28 registered Jerseys compiled an average of 526.4 pounds of butterfat and an average of 9876 pounds of milk.

Among Polk county dairy herds, second honors go to Hobson. Elmer Bork of Monmouth took third.

The Oregon State college extension dairy specialist, Harold Ewalt, says, "25 herds which make up the Polk county DHIA group averaged 408 pounds of butterfat. That compares with an average of 398 pounds for 22 herds during 1948.

"The average cow, states Ewalt, 'brought its owner \$513. 'Feed costs averaged \$177 per cow. That means the average association cow returned its owner \$335 above feed costs. Of course, feed costs are about half the cost of producing milk."

Western states now have about 21,120,000 acres under irrigation in federal and private projects.

PLEAS TO SANTA ANSWERED

Uncle Dan Remembers Kiddies Whose Fathers Are in Prison

By SAUL FELDMAN
Oklahoma City, Dec. 15 (AP)—A 13-year-old boy wrote the Associated Press:

"Could you find me the name and address of the man that sends children presents whos fathers or in prison. Sinsirley." A convict scribbled on blacklined prison stationery:

"I have been in prison two months, first time for me, and I have been thinking quite a lot about my children, how they would spend Christmas with no father for a Santa Claus. I sure will appreciate anything you send them as I know they will be very well pleased."

Dan Vinson received both letters—part of more than a thousand he is getting each day. And everyone will be answered with handmade gifts.

Vinson started shipping toys today so that 300,000 youngsters, who might otherwise be forgotten because their fathers are in prison, will have a merry Christmas.

This gigantic undertaking is the climax to an unpretentious project started in 1944.

Vinson will not accept money. Materials for making toys are donated as well as time and labor.

"I don't believe in buying toys, anyone could do that," he said.

Vinson, who is 65 and a dead ringer for Saint Nick if he donned a Santa Claus outfit, has

clude at least one balloon in each package and has made a nation-wide appeal for them.

Five years ago, Vinson began distributing a few toys to Oklahoma institutions. Last year, 23,800 underprivileged children were made happy with gifts.

This year, Vinson decided something should be done for children likely to miss out on Christmas because their fathers are in prison.

"I have helped some 500 paroled persons and their main worry usually is about their children. Well, I decided to try to do something about it," he explained.

Letters went out to all prisons in the United States, Canada and Mexico. They asked prisoners to write how many children they have and their ages.

To make sure each gift has the personal touch, toys are sent directly to the prisoners. They in turn re-address them to their children.

Vinson has five grown children.

A successful life insurance salesman in 1923, he gave it up to work on a project to convert useless asphalt into a road building material.

He lost his savings and had to borrow. After 14 years of failures, he discovered an asphalt mixture suitable for roads.

Vinson turned the process over to a company and is drawing a modest royalty. He now spends all his earnings and time on his life project.

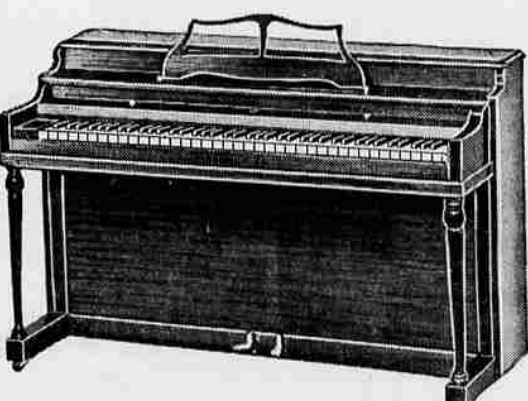
Has this Santa Claus a philosophy? Yes, here it is!

"Well, if I were driving in a heavy rainstorm and came across some people in a stalled car, hungry, wet and disgusted; if I can help them get started again without regard to their color or race or creed—and leave without waiting for their thanks or their learning who I am—then I am happy. That's my religion."

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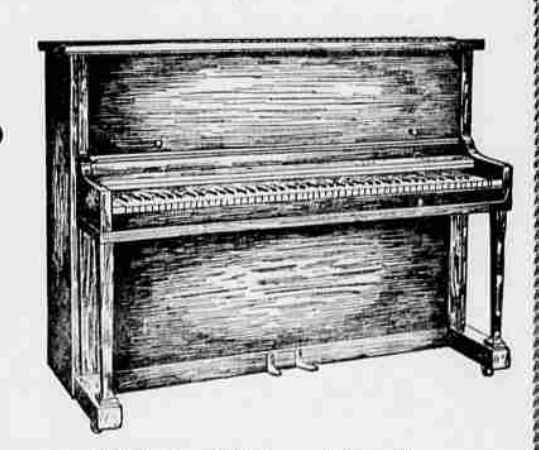
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