





The ladies decorate: Mmes. Fenerty, Chalmers, Kelley, Brown, Rogers and Struik



Christmas present

DECK THE HALLS

Snow or no, the Institute has been preparing for Christmas for a good three weeks.

Starting on December 3 the Matrons and Dames arrived at the entrance to Building 7 with wreaths and B&P clambered up their 20 foot extension ladders to bedeck the Mass. Ave. entrance. Women students met to concoct pie-plate ornaments for the tall tree in Building 10 lobby, added sequins to all sorts of aluminum baubles which were hung on the following weekend by a gang of Techmen.

Matrons' decorating committee in Kresge foyer for the first time hung its panels with garlands of greenery interspersed with ornaments. And the tree got a glamour treatment with gayer bells, snowballs and aluminum icicles.

About 170 faculty children (four months and up) livened the Faculty Club last Sunday in a Christmas spree, accompanied by 200 adults. Proceedings, in the offing since mid-October, resulted in a smooth ice cream and cake session, plus interviews with Santa (Lt. Dave Stendal, USN), presents by the drove, Christmas name tags and caps for each tot.

Fraternity parties for Cambridge youngsters gave a variety of students the chance to play S. Claus.

Members of the Institute community who attended the Christmas Convocation last Wednesday heard President Stratton give his greetings; also Dr. Sydney Lovett, Chaplain Emeritus of Yale University. The Brass Choir, conducted by John Corley, gave musical postlude to the service. Later in the afternoon at the Family Party in Kresge foyer an assortment of parents partook of wassail, while downstairs in the Little Theater a bunch of wide-eyed youngsters watched the Staff Players regale with a production of "Harlequin Breaks A String " -- followed by a concert of carols by a Matrons-sponsored choral group.

Meanwhile the last frantic trips were being made to the Mail Room with packages which should have been sent early to "avoid the rush"; stamps sales were booming, and the telephone operators were trying to locate students for the harried airlines clerks confirming reservations.





Overhand pitch . . .

LONG GREEN TRAIL

There was nearly a slip twixt the tree and the Auditorium. Scheduled to arrive around December 8, a State of Maine export didn't appear from Down East until the 11th. And the whole thing was greatly discouraging; it was thrown back because of its scrawny size -- not at all befitting the Kresge Foyer.

About this time even jaded Techmen were beginning to ask Jim Murphy, "Where is the tree?" and something had to be done.

Assistant head groundsman Myron Pratt had an ace up his sleeve. In the course of outside work as a nurseryman he had come across a giant spruce in Wellesley.

This arboreal winner was flourishing on the estate of a neighbor who wanted to chop it; on her front lawn, it had reached staggering proportions -- never dreamed of in her shrubbery plans.

So instead of hacking it down for firewood, Myron got it for MIT. With an Institute truck and five husky woodsmen (B&P) he zoomed out to the shady streets of Wellesley on Friday afternoon; returned some hours later with the Colorado blue spruce, all 22 feet of it.

When the truck pulled in by Kresge, a hydraulic lift picked up the tree, plunked it down to await portage. Getting in the door was the biggest problem -- usually flying branches are restrained by ropes -- but several swift tugs did the trick. Were there any more at home like this? Provider Pratt reports a giant green spruce -- on the other side of the lawn -- which may well follow its twin to MIT, come Christmas next.



. . . and a squeeze play

MERRY

Last week's glance at the figures was a happy one for United Fund Chairman John Carley (Personnel). Report for '59-'60 (with more to be tabulated): a score of \$50,645 contributed by Institute members, and grand total of \$50,983, including gifts from student charities. Last year's total was \$47,107.

Also counted to the good -- a higher percentage of donors this year than last -- 4,517 of 7,147 on the payroll, and an increase in the average gift. Considered in the reckoning were several hundred people who couldn't really be expected to contribute, those in New Mexico, etc; part-time employees who contribute somewhere else, employed students who join student drives and about 7% of the Cambridge employees who give to their community drives.

This year 21 departments and labs increased their number of givers, amount and average gift. Half the money raised was done by the increasingly popular method of payroll deduction, a satisfying reminder that UF services continue the year round. And all results were kudos to the unflagging efforts of MIT's UF team.

HERE AND THERE

Laurels to "The Technology Review" come from November's "American Alumni Council

News." In an article concerning alumni publications and their treatment of commencements the MIT publication was lauded for its style of writing, coverage, layout and . . ." a whopper of an opening picture."

With an added burst of Christmas spirit, the Credit Union announces its new loan plan. Now, after three years employment, CU members can obtain up to \$750 loans, repayable in 24 months; after three months employment, \$100; after one year, \$400. Up to five-year loans can be made if secured by collateral (except for car loans). To finance current buggies: three-year loans; and slightly older models, two-year loans. Unfortunately no credit is given those connoisseurs of vintage vehicles -- cars over three years will not be accepted as collateral.

Prof. William W. Seifert (Electrical) has been appointed Assistant to the Dean of the School of Engineering. A graduate of RPI, he received his master's and doctorate from MIT in electrical engineering; was associate director of the Dynamic Analysis and Control Lab before transferring to his present spot in Electronic Systems.

Speaking on Dec. 11 before the Federal Communications Committee, Prof. Ithiel de Sola Pool (Humanities) gave his opinions on FCC communications research; suggested more of it in order to solve TV and radio problems. Contrary to the Herald Trib. (who thought he advocated bigger and better horror programs), Prof. Pool emphasized the problem of public taste and knowledge, said the effects of communication on these just haven't been determined yet. But, in the light of recent studies, he theorized that the public's entertainment taste is lowered when there's no choice of fare, not when good stuff is available at the same time as poor.

MERRY CHRISTMAS ETC.

17" console model RCA TV, exc cond, \$70. N. G. Asher, Ext. 4408 or UN8-8046 (evgs).

Raleigh man's bike, like new cond, exc buy, \$35. Carol Hough, Ext. 3531 or AL4-8775 (evgs).

Argus C-4 camera complete with 35, 50 and 100 mm lenses and flash attachments, exc cond, \$100. Carl Peterson, Ext. 2487.

17" Magnavox port TV, '58 model with movable viewing stand. Also 2 bikes (man's and woman's). Any reas offer accepted. Charles Ward, Ext. 2550 or BE2-2644 (evgs).

Lg 2-wheel cargo trailer with canvas cover and good tires. \$90 or best reasonable offer. Prof. Newton, CE5-2447.

Must sacrifice sell super Memar Agfa-Ansco 35 mm camera, f/3.5, 1-1/500 sec T&B synced shutter coupled rangefinder, self-timer, rapid-wind. Comp with case, cable release, wide and tele-photo lenses and their cases, lens hood, filters, etc. No reas offer refused. R. C. Levine, 282 Mass. Ave., Cambridge or EL4-5054.

7.10-15 rims, \$5. Also Dodge auto radio, \$5. Eugene Di Francesco, Ext. 2440.

AKC registered German shepherd pups, top blood lines, very reasonable. Ext. 349 (Lincoln) or WE3-4011 (evgs).

3 pairs almost new lady's heels, orig expensive, owner forced to sell because too narrow. Size 9 AAAA. AS7-2731 (after 4:30 p.m.)

Westinghouse roaster oven with metal cabinet, \$25; rotisserie, \$10. Gruber, Ext. 2550.

Pentron hi-fi tape recorder, 1 yr old, very good cond. John McCullough, Ext. 2308 or CO6-6144.

Vega guitar. Can be used as Spanish guitar Hawaiian steel guitar. Exc cond, hardly used, reason for sale: lost interest. \$45 orig, now \$20. IV4-5608 (after 5 p.m.)

Cleaning woman wants work Tuesdays. Lina Dufont, KI7-4611 (evgs).

Hallcraft receiver #5X-42, exc cond, covers 55 kc to 108 megs. A. R. Selin, Ext. 7306 (Lincoln).

Jr. ski outfit. Skis, 25', metal edges, cable bindings, exc cond. Boots size 3, poles, worn but serviceable. \$12. Earl Rosenblum, Ext. 5420 (Lincoln).

Small steamer trunk, like new. Frank Gower, CR4-8250.

Graflex 4 x 5 "old timer", still providing pictures of exc quality. Focol plane shutter, 3 film holders. \$40 or best offer. Joe Tencati, Ext. 4221.

Baby crib, spring and coil spring mattress. Asking \$10. Bill Massy, Ext. 4938.

3 beautiful driftwood lamps at half intown prices. Also planters, candle holders, \$3.50 up. Can be seen in 3-005A. Ext. 2809

2 sofa beds, maroon, good cond, \$25 each or both, \$45. Haven, VO2-3544 (after 6 p.m.)

\$1,300 net worth of radio, TV tubes, new out of manufacturer's guarantee. Will accept highest offer. Each tube individually tested, will not sell in broken lots. Inventory list avail. W. Carpenter, Ext. 242 (Lincoln) or Room D-360.

Porsche RS Spyder engine. 4 happy overhead camshafts. Roughly 130 hp. Exc for special or old P-wagen, never blown. Will sell for best reas offer. KE6-5236 (evgs).

'49 Dodge fluid drive, new battery and seat covers, good cond, \$75. Ext. 4958.

'50 Chevrolet 2-dr. Good motor, needs minor repairs. \$45. VO2-3844 (after 6 p.m.)

'50 2-dr Ford custom sedan. Decent mech cond, new R&H. \$75, will haggle. LA3-5997 (after 6:30 p.m.)

'51 Dodge 4-dr Coronet. Good running cond, asking \$100. Bill Massy, Ext. 4938.

'52 Olds 4-dr sedan. R&H, comp winterized, \$350. ST2-1269 (evgs).

'53 Olds Super 88 4-dr hydromatic. R&H, ww's, snow tires, 2 mounted spares, exc mech cond, \$600. E. F. White, Ext. 4834.

'53 Olds, Super 88 4-dr sedan. Exc cond, orig owner, 48,000 mi, power steering, power brakes (new), R&H, autronic eye, snow tires, \$650. VO2-3059

'56 black Volkswagen, exc cond, R&H, ww's, 40,000 mi. \$1,195. Gina Rota, Ext. 73 (ADSID).

'56 Ford V-8, 2-dr Mainliner sedan. R&H, snow tires. Bunny, Ext. 2698 or BR2-2281 (evgs).

'60 Renault Dauphine. Green, manufacturer's guarantee, owner leaving USA. \$1,450. Barrow, Ext. 5341 (Lincoln) or LO6-5932.

Furn 1-rm basement studio apt. Tiled B, sep K, \$110/mo incl utils, 585 Beacon St. G.A. Bufano, BE2-8493.

For rent from Jan. 17-Feb. 6, 15-bed ski lodge, comp furn. Auto dishwasher, deep freeze, washer. On Mountain Rd, one mile from Toll House slopes. Preferable one or two families. Nottingham, Ext. 4815.

One-room K-D'ette unfurn, \$75. Anita Fulmer, TR6-4925 (days) or KE6-8819 (evgs).

Lexington house for sale by owner. Near Lincoln Lab, 9-yr 3BR Cape with basement playrm-workrm, floored attic for storage. Exc cond, lg tree-covered, terraced lot, "professional" neighborhood, attrac 4 1/2% 25 yr loan existing. VO2-7583.

In No. Reading trailer park on Rt 28, all set up and near Rt 62, '59 New Moon house trailer, 45 x 10. Aluminum awning, 25 x 10, color turquoise and white, wall to wall carpet in LR, plus many extras. Must see to appreciate. Asking \$4,900, value, \$5,400. Roger, PA9-2220 (day) or No. Reading 4-4983 (evgs).

Wanted: small port refrigerator. Beth Hooper, UN4-8060.

Wanted: girl to share apt with 3 girls at 405 Marlboro St (off Mass. Ave.) \$38.75/mo (incl gas) plus food, telephone expenses. Bobbi, Ext. 2689 or Joan, Ext. 3304. CO7-2682 (evgs).

Wanted: baby's playpen. Frank K, Ext. 3560.

Wanted: house or apt for visiting prof and wife, spring term. Prof. Sherwood, Ext. 591.

Wanted: girl over 25 to share house with 5 others near Hvd Sq, own BR. \$45/mo incl utils and telephone. Ext. 5451 (Lincoln).

Wanted: Aquarium heater. Batterman, Ext. 4489.

Wanted: puppy. Mrs. Kehoe, Ext. 579.

Wanted: before Dec. 25th, Siamese kitten of good stock. MI3-8052.

Found: little fixed female tiger cat. Will give away. Ext. 155.