

The WEEK at S.D.U.

school, of which we told you some time ago. The "Week" congratulates the efforts of our fellow students in high school, and wishes The Challenger every success in the future.

For a few days previous to the examinations, basketball was holding the campus spotlight. All of the interest centered around the intramural league playoffs, which finally saw the Sophomores meet the Freshmen in the finals. It was the semi-final series between the Sophomores and Seniors which aroused the most excitement, however. This series was one of the most bitterly contested in intramural-league history, and was not decided in favor of the Sophomores until they had won the replay of a protested game. In the finals, the Freshmen put up a stiff battle, but the eager Sophomores could not be denied the championship. The lineup of the winners, and still champions, includes: A. Murphy, J. O'Brien, J. Clarkin, J. Mullally, F. McGaugh, and F. Driscoll.

Last Saturday evening, the senior Saints won from P. W. C. in their toughest game to date. The Prince of Wales team led for the greater part of the game, but a last-quarter drive enabled the Saints to come from behind to win by a 54-50 score.

On Tuesday evening, the fall edition of Red and White was distributed around the campus. Busy passing out the magazine in the

Students' Union Office after supper was Business Manager Mark MacGuigan, who has done a most efficient job in this capacity. Of course, it is still up to the editor to get the magazine out, and here the credit is due to George Keefe for a job well done. This issue of Red and White introduces some changes which are intended to make the publication more readable.

The student body is rejoicing in the fact that S.D.U.'s popular cheer leader, David ("If nothing else, I can yell") Kennedy, is up around after having been laid up with what he terms a "severe attack of the gripe."

Miss Jerryline Robertson was stricken suddenly with appendicitis on Thursday, and underwent an operation in the Charlottetown Hospital that night. Her condition is excellent. We are sure you will be out in plenty of time to see that Guy, Santa Claus, Jerry.

You will remember that last week we deplored the use of the abbreviation "Xmas" for the holy and beautiful word Christmas. Even more than taking Christ out of Christmas and leaving the term meaningless, it seems to be a direct insult to the Saviour who was born nearly two thousand years ago. Most of us would surely agree that one would have to have a very distorted notion of this holy season to go about wishing his

neighbour a "Merry Xmas". Yet there is not much difference in the written and spoken word. So substituting "X" for Christ (how lazy can we get!) is tantamount to wishing a friend a "Merry Xmas."

It does seem quite true that those who charge that Christmas is losing much of its original meaning are not merely talking through their hats. In this part of the world, it is a matter for exultation that most of us have retained the belief in the joyful event that was the first Christmas. At the same time, however, it would not be out of place to ask ourselves if we are not more interested in giving and getting to and from each other, than we are in giving to Him who holds exclusive rights on this great feast.

So many things in the last two thousand years have tended to obscure the meaning of the birth of the Christ-Child that it would be well if we recalled one of the more interesting incidents of the miracle: the visit of the Three Wise Men to Bethlehem. When news of the birth of the King and Prince of Peace was brought to them, they did not pat each other on the back nor did they buy extravagant presents for one another. With humble and hopeful hearts, they brought their gifts to the Babe in the Manger. They recognized the importance of the birth of One who had come to save the

world. It was His birthday; He was the one to whom homage had to be paid.

At that momentous period of history, times were troubled, there seemed no end to the confusion. It is not significant, then, that the three Wise Men should turn to Him who could do something about it all? They rejoiced, it is written, and falling down they worshipped Him. Is there not a similar parallel today? Confusion is heaped upon confusion. Yet there is reason to rejoice: "For, there has been born to you in the town of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord." The world, indeed, would be wise if it took the opportunity to return Christ to Christmas, and let it really be His birthday. Perhaps, if we really put Christ into Christmas, He will put order into confusion. Then not only would Christmas be Christ's, but the world would be truly Christian.

This, then, is our prayer for this Christmas. And in this prayer we may truly hope for "peace on earth to men of good will."

Piusville and Vicinity

Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Corcoran were Sunday visitors to Roseville.

Miss Smith, Public Health Nurse, visited Piusville School on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Erby Gallant, Fortune Cove, were guests of Mrs. Gallant's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Gallant on Friday.

Miss Olive Perry has returned to her work in Cape Wolfe after having spent two weeks with her father, Mr. Henry Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. William O'Brien, St. Louis spent Friday in Piusville, guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Corcoran.

Mr. Wilfred Gallant, Summerside, spent the past few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gallant.

Miss Doris Hardy and Mr. Ralph Hardy, Summerside, spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Hardy, Rosebank.

The regular monthly meeting of the Piusville Women's Institute was held on Thursday evening, December 7th at the home of Mrs. Peter F. Gallant.

Mount Pleasant And Vicinity

Mrs. Mary C. Ballum spent the week-end in Summerside.

Miss Mildred Ramsay of Summerside spent a few days at her home here recently.

Mr. Allison Williams, made a business trip to Halifax, N. S., during the week.

Mrs. Alfred Essery and son Vernon St. Eleanor's were visitors to Mount Pleasant on Sunday.

Mrs. Wesley Dymant and Mrs. Fulton Dymant were visitors to Charlottetown during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wilson were visitors to N. B. over the week-end with relatives.

Rev. R. N. Webb is conducting a weekly revival meetings at the Church of the Nazarene, Mount Pleasant.

Mrs. Minnie Ellis, spent a few days in Summerside recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Ellis.

Master Elmer Williams spent the week-end with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. MacKinnon, Inverness.

Elmer Robinson returned Monday evening from Riverside, N. B., where he spent a few days.

Friends of Miss Muriel Ladner will be pleased to know she is recovering after being confined to her home through illness.

Mrs. Russell MacArthur returned to her home after spending a few days in Charlottetown at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Hayes.

Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy returned to her home last week from St. John, N. B., where she had been visiting with relatives. Since her return she has been notified of the sudden passing of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Lemuel Wilson, St. John.

A miscellaneous shower was held Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Ford in honor of their grand-daughter Patricia Ford, who was recently married to Patrick Lynch, Portage. A large crowd was in attendance in spite of the inclement weather, and a jolly evening spent in music and dancing. The beautiful assortment of gifts received testify to the popularity of this young couple, and the best wishes of their many friends follow them to their new home.

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Strange But True

By F. A. MacArthur

"Dear Mac: Here's an item for your Strange But True column. The MacKinnon twins of Forest Hills, P. E. I., lived to celebrate together their 100th birthday." John Rice.

The plant, Adder's tongue, was so named because it has spots which resemble a brook trout or adder. In pioneer days in P. E. I. farmers' wives plucked their geese alive and then made dainty little sweaters to keep the birds from catching cold, or may-be it was to hide their nakedness.

Another curious custom of our forefathers was grandpappy chewing baby's food to make it more digestible for Junior. I have heard my grandmother refer to this unsanitary practice which she claimed was quite common when she was a girl. Monkeys, like humans, have two sets of teeth. But according to a writer for the American Museum of Natural History, all mammals have a second set of teeth. But most old world monkeys, like man, have thirty-two teeth, while those

of the new world have thirty-six. The teeth of monkeys and their ape cousins are much less regular than those of man.

Lifeguards who have seen hundreds of drowned persons say most drowned men float face down while most drowned women float face up. This may be accounted for by the difference in the clothes worn by men and women.

Strange as it may seem, horses rest more comfortably on their feet than on their sides, and they often fall fast asleep while standing. They are able to sleep standing because their legs are provided with muscular mechanisms same as if the animal were on stilts. In other words, the muscles in the legs, back and chest are controlled by the reflex action of the spinal cord. In the same manner birds can sleep on a swaying limb. Horses have been known to go for months without lying down. They are very light sleepers and the faintest sound will waken them. Like most heavy animals, they seldom lie long in the same position, as their weight cramps the muscles, thus preventing the under lung from functioning.

Herman Goering was hanged after he was dead. The

heart of a snake lies about one-fifth the distance from the head to the tip of the tail. The reptile's stomach is also located in the first half of its body. The notion is very widely held that flowers in a sick room at night breath a sort of poison which is very harmful to the patient. There's no truth in this silly notion. An oil lamp uses more oxygen in a night than a roomful of flowers. Eamon de Valera was once arrested at Ennis in the middle of a political speech. One year later he was set free. He hastened to Ennis, and again took up the thread of his speech by exclaiming, "As I was saying when I was interrupted—"

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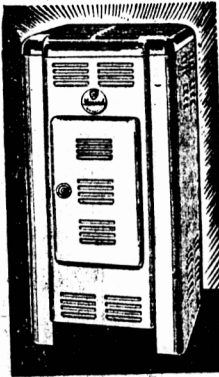
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