

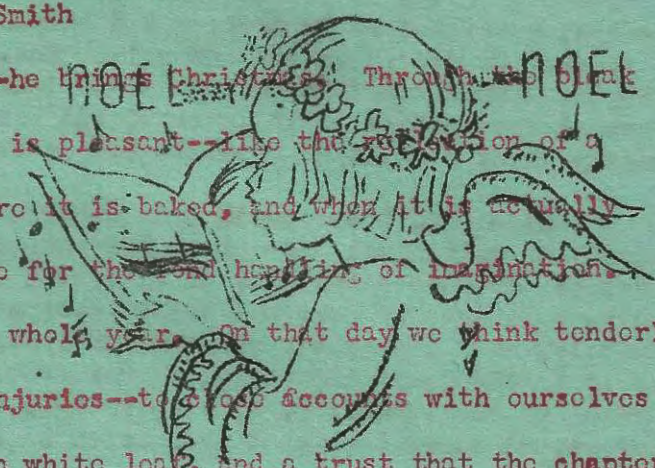
CHRISTMAS DAY

Alexander Smith

There is one more good thing about Winter--he brings Christmas. Through the bleak December the thought of the coming festival is pleasant--like the reflection of a fire on our faces. We taste the cake before it is baked, and when it is actually before us we find that it is none the worse for the fond handling of imagination. Christmasday is the pleasantest day in the whole year. On that day we think tenderly of distant friends; we strive to forgive injuries--to close accounts with ourselves and the world--to begin the new year with a white lead, and a trust that the chapter of life about to be written will contain more notable entries, a fairer sprinkling of good actions, fewer erasures made in blushes, and fewer ugly blots than some of the earlier ones. And to make Christmas perfect, the ground should be covered and the trees draped with snow; the bleak world outside should make us enjoy all the more keenly the comforts we possess; and, above all, it should make us remember the poor and the needy; for a charitable deed is the best close of any chapter of our lives, and the best promise, too, for the record about to begin.

KEEPING CHRISTMAS

Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people, and to remember what other people have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you, and to think what you owe the world; to put your rights in the background, and your duties in the middle distance, and your chances to do a little more than your duty in the foreground; to see that your fellow-men are just as real as you are, and try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for job; to own that probably the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give to life; to close your book of complaints against the management of the universe, and look around you for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness -- are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.



MERIT SYSTEM FOR TEACHERS

What makes a good college teacher? How can colleges be sure that they are promoting a teacher on his merits?

The University of Washington believes that it can now answer both questions with a precision heretofore unknown on U S campuses. Now ready for use, the new plan lets the teacher be judged by his own colleagues. They in turn are guided by standards which the Washington faculty as a whole laid down in answer to a recent questionnaire. The novel application of these standards was worked out by Dean Edwin Ray Guthrie, recently chief consultant psychologist on the U S Army General Staff.

Twinkle-eyed, 58-year-old Dean Guthrie recognizes that his five-man jury of the candidate's colleagues is not an innovation. What is new is the way his jury works. Guthrie's advisory committees of five will never meet except on paper, thus avoiding faculty politics and personal salesmanship. Committee members will rate the candidate privately, on a nine-point scale which evaluates, in order of decreasing weight, his: 1) teaching effectiveness, 2) research and publication, 3) university activities, 4) value to the community, 5) cooperation, 6) grasp of his field, 7) general range of interest, 8) current rate of professional growth, 9) recognition by his profession.

A teacher's students may also have a say in his promotion. If the candidate wishes, they will be asked to rate him on the following points: 1) grasp of his field, 2) clarity of classroom exposition, 3) interest in his classes' progress, 4) friendliness of manner, 5) enthusiasm for his subject.

---TIME, December 11, 1944

WINTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

January 2 :	8-4 p m	General Registration	College Gymnasium
January 3 - 5:	1-3 p m	Registration	Offices of Departmental Heads
January 8 -11:	1-3 p m	Registration	Offices of Departmental Heads
January	12:	FINAL REGISTRATION DATES	

PRE-REGISTRATION FIGURES

Sixty-four men and 358 women enrolled for the Winter Quarter during the pre-registration period.

DECEMBER CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

The following individuals are candidates for graduation as of December 15, 1944 provided they complete their Quarter's work and finish their Senior Projects:

NAME	DEGREE	MAJOR	HOME TOWN
Brown, Betty	B S	Health and Phy Ed	Atlanta, Georgia
Barber, Mae F	B S	History and S S	Chattanooga, Tenn
Owens, Emma	B S	Business Education	Nashville, Tenn
Pipes, Clementine	B S	Business Education	Memphis, Tenn
Southall, Gordon	B S	Science	Franklin, Tenn
Tyson, Eldridge	B S	English	Lewisburg, Tenn
Willis, Louise	B S	Business Education	Atlanta, Georgia