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## Sayre Will Examine Diplomatic Problems And Plans for UNRRA

The Honorable Francis B. Sayre, diplomatic adviser to the United Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, will speak on **Plans and Problems of the UNRRA** in Goodhart at 7:30, December 8th. The speech was presented earlier this year before the Foreign Policy Association.

Mr. Sayre was graduated from Williams College, and later taught there and, at the Harvard Law School. He served for several years as an adviser in foreign affairs to the Siamese government, playing an important part in the negotiation of several Siamese treaties with European nations. He was appointed Assistant Secretary of State by President Roosevelt in 1933, a position he held until 1939, when he was appointed U. S. High Commissioner in the Philippines. He escaped from Corregidor with MacArthur.

## Jessup and Blaisdell Discuss Peace Plans, Relief, Rehabilitation

Goodhart, November 29. Lois Kellogg Jessup (Bryn Mawr 1920) of the American Friends' Service Committee and Dorothea Chambers Blaisdell (Bryn Mawr 1919) of the Foreign Economic Administration were the speakers at the first Vocational Conference.

Mrs. Jessup gave a general resume of the founding and works of the A. F. S. C. The committee was formed in 1917 by a large body of English and American Quakers who wished to alleviate the suffering of both allies and enemies in Europe. The committee is not primarily a social service  
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## Mr. Soltau Considers Politics in Near East

Common Room, December 4. The problem of Arab nationalism was discussed by Mr. Soltau in a lecture entitled "Politics in the Near East" in a meeting of the Journal Club.

Dr. Soltau discussed primarily Syria and Lebanon, since Egypt and Iran have achieved legal independence, and Palestine is complicated by the Zionist problem. Syria and Lebanon are relatively free of racial minorities, although Lebanon has a minority Christian population, the Maronites.

The mandate system of the Versailles peace settlement was a compromise necessitated by the conflicting interests of England and France, and achieved very little success, as it was an impractical idea in a world of self-interested nations with many national conflicts. The central idea was that a nation given a mandate would expend its efforts to make the mandate self-sufficient economically and to build up a political tradition which would carry over into national independence making the mandate unnecessary, and no compensation necessary for the mandatory power. This being obviously impossible, the French made little effort to improve the economic circumstances or the political institutions of their mandates.

When the French took over the  
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## Ladies in Retirement



## Non-plussed Conductors, Musical Gobs, Add Note of Hilarity to Choir's Princeton Trip

By April Oursler '46

When fifty females make a trip, it's either for vacation or a hockey game, according to the Pennsylvania Railroad. The Bryn Mawr Choir, en route to Princeton for last Sunday's concert, was definitely nonplussed when the Paoli local conductor roared disapprovingly, "No hockey team was ever that big, even with two cheering sections," then added belligerently, "And what's more you can't tell me it's vacation already!"

Undaunted, the choir with cardboard lunch boxes, academic gowns and white collars gathered indiscriminately in their arms, settled themselves into the Local to find their "reserved car" already occupied by five men. Three of them, sailors, welcomed the group with more than metaphorically open arms, spending half the time variously trying to convince the conductor that their bass voices were merely altos with colds, and that their sailor suits perfectly combined the demure darkness of our gowns with a collar at least striped in white. The other two were Haverford men.

Princeton, finally reached, was cold. The vibrato in tone which the audience later remarked on as being "angelically expressive of emotion," was unfortunately due to thoroughly earthly and prosaic seizures of shivering. The more energetic of the choir members, however, braved the cold, remembering the tales of the time when Princeton was the proverbial heaven of weekends. A group, taking themselves on a tour of the campus, returned to report that they had found a most interesting road. A sign at its entrance read "Private. Proceed at your own risk." They added that a whole detach-

ment of Military Governors had lined the path, waiting silently for them to proceed.

The Princeton Music Department, however, outdid themselves in the preparation of a magnificent setting for the program. In addition to the freezing and inspiring chapel, a contingent of bona fide Metropolitan Orchestra players had been imported to accompany the Bach Cantata. The music was truly grand, but the players had a strange habit of appearing in the girls' dressing room (where, incidentally, at least five Bryn Mawrites were asleep just before the concert, recovering from Saturday's dance) and offering to tell any female in sight the full workings of an oboe or a flute, and anything else they were given time to work up to.

The concert over, the Choir, seg-  
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## Weiss' Proof of God Lays Stress on Value

Common Room, December 6. Continuing his talk on **Philosophy and Theology** before the Philosophy Club, Mr. Weiss offered a proof of God differing from the three classical proofs in its recognition of religious experience. The mistakes in the traditional arguments were, he said, the use of wrong evidence and the fact that the proofs were dealt with separately.

Considering the theological argument, Mr. Weiss explained that the consciousness of the suffering and tragedy rather than the order in the universe formed the basis of religion. The recognition of the negative significance of Man implied a certain recognition of a higher being.

Reversing the position of the cosmological argument, Mr. Weiss continued his proof with the contingency of non-existent things, i. e. the past, asking: What kind of a being the past can have. He declared that tragedy in life results from a sense of the loss of values, such as love for those who have died, in which part of one's being is contained. In a sense then, part of one's self is lost although personal existence persists. This leads one to believe that the values lost are yet retained.

Combining this part of the proof with the ontological argument, Mr. Weiss suggested that God is the great preserver of values, in whom the past remains. Through belief in God and through religious experience, Man retains his self identity by the recovery of those values.

## Calendar

Friday, December 8  
The Honorable Francis B. Sayre, **Plans and Problems of the UNRRA**, Goodhart, 7:30.  
German Christmas Play, Common Room, 8:00.  
Saturday, December 9  
French Christmas Play, Wyndham, 8:30.  
Sunday, December 10  
Christmas Vesper Service, combined Choirs of Bryn Mawr College and Princeton University, speaker, Reverend Andrew Mutch, Goodhart, 7:45.  
Wednesday, December 13  
Christmas Vacation Begins, 12:45 P. M.  
Thursday, December 14  
Main Line Forum. Burton K. Wheeler, **Our Liberal Heritage**.  
Thursday, January 4  
Christmas Vacation Ends at 2 P. M.

## Varsity Play, Hampered by Direction, Shows Individual Skill in Main Parts

### Kate Rand, Jessica Levy, Give Outstanding Performance In Melodrama

by April Oursler, '46

The Varsity Players production of **Ladies in Retirement** was unusually well equipped for success, being endowed with a considerable amount of good individual action, and an exceptional background of setting and lights. From the point of view of the students involved, the evening represented a notable achievement. But its direction was poor, and no college play saddled with such a lack of understanding of the necessary dramatic technique can succeed.

### Pace

The problem of pace was left entirely up to the actors themselves, and as a consequence the first act seemed to die with the death of what had appeared to be the star, Kate Rand, '45, in the role of Leonora Fiske. Her vivacity, combined with her knowledge of the elements of acting, kept the play moving, in spite of the fact that the other characters seemed completely effaced by her brilliance, so as to give the false impression that she was over-acting. The main fault in her interpretation lay in her failure to convey the feeling of age in either her movement or voice. It was again unfortunate that the director did not take the available opportunities to emphasize Jessica Levy's role as Ellen during the first act in order to give the rest of the production more of a feeling of credibility and continuity.

### Timing

As the first act was carried almost entirely by Kate Rand, so the rest of the play rested on Jessica Levy's shoulders. She managed an overwhelming feeling of tenseness in her every movement and speech, strangely compelling attention without resorting to dramatic tricks. A truly extraordinary ability to express emotion characterized her whole performance, and this, combined with an innate sense of timing was responsible for what intensesness of mood the play possessed.

Carol McGovern, '48, played the role of Louisa with competence of stage technique, but with too stereotyped an interpretation, even for a melodrama. She did, however, inject the proper comic relief  
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## Christmas Vacation

Christmas vacation begins at 12:45 P. M. Wednesday, December 13. The last meal served in the halls will be lunch on Wednesday.

Christmas vacation ends on Thursday, January 4 at 2 P. M. Students may return to their halls the preceding Wednesday evening. The first meal served will be breakfast on Thursday morning.

Students who are spending Christmas vacation or part of it in Bryn Mawr or its vicinity and are not staying in their homes are expected to obtain approval for their arrangements in the Dean's Office.

If students have difficulty getting reservations to correspond with the opening and closing of the halls of residence, they are asked to notify the Dean's Office and an arrangement will be made to provide accommodations while the halls of residence are closed.

## Lt. Charles G. Bolte To Talk on Veterans At Alliance Assembly

Lt. Charles G. Bolte, Chairman of the American Veterans Committee, will talk at the next War Alliance Assembly to be held on January 10 at 12:30 in Goodhart. His speech will be on "Servicemen in War and Peace."

Recently, Lt. Bolte has written a series in the Nation entitled **The War Fronts**, as well as several articles concerning post-war plans. Earlier in the war, after graduating from Dartmouth in '41, he was with the King's Royal Rifles, Seventh Armored Division, Eighth Army. He is at present the editor of the monthly Bulletin, the publication of the American Veterans Committee. The organization was conceived in '43 when Bolte and several other servicemen started exchanging letters on the subject of the attitude of veterans after the war.

The form of the A. V. C. has purposely been kept tentative. It has no definite plans as to whether it will function independently or decide to join forces with the American Legion or the Veterans of  
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## First Burst of Holiday Mood Invades B. M. With Dance in Snow-flaked Decorated Gym

by Patricia Platt, '45

Decked in snow flakes, the Gym witnessed the first outburst of holiday mood on campus with the college dance on Saturday night. Lasting longer than any on record, the orchestra kept playing until two A. M. when the party finally broke up. Although a trimmed Christmas tree opposite the Gym door provided a hazard for jitterbugs, everything went off remarkably smoothly.

The most distinguishing feature of this year's dance was the comparative scarcity of female stags. However, an appreciative gallery made up for the usual "rushing" of presentable males. The dignity

lent by this unusual state of affairs was balanced by the orchestra's pace. Almost everyone had a work-out. Instead of occasional slow numbers, the band warmed up to a series of athletic crescendos with a conga chain and the polka.

The decoration was simple, but effective. Large paper snow flakes, of the geometric variety seen on Goodhart, dotted the Gym's sky-blue walls, while the large fir tree was hung with red and silver balls. Convenient signs, bearing the names of the halls, loomed from below the balcony railing to guide any strays back to their dates. Refreshments consisted of punch and cookies.

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## Re-scheduling

It is regrettable, in looking back over the semester, to note the failure of the majority of undergraduates to fulfill their pledges to the U. V. A. P. It is also regrettable that there was little or no response to the Player's Club plea for stage hands and that there have been complaints about the failure to attend nurse's aid classes. Such a situation would ordinarily be attributed to an apathetic student body. But there has been increasing discussion on campus that the failure to participate in extra-curricular activities, has not been due to unwillingness or inertia, but to an overwhelming amount of work that is aggravated by its unequal distribution.

## Christmas Vacation

Most of us are looking forward to Christmas vacation as a period in which to write from one to four papers. Moreover, it will provide a reading period to make up assignments left behind during mid-semesters and the inevitable rush before Christmas. In short, it promises to be anything but a holiday for a great many students who are desperately in need of a rest. The increasing migrations to the infirmary and the failure of many to take the week-end of the dance in their stride, will attest to this need.

It may be argued with some justification that the average Bryn Mawr undergraduate spends too much time in the smoking room or that she does not plan her time. However, under the existing system, even the most conscientious time-saver finds herself swamped at mid-semesters, and unable to regain her prospective as she struggles with daily assignments and papers in the short time that is left. Various proposals for re-scheduling were offered last year that would provide for a more equitable distribution of work and less strain on the student. We regret that they seem to have been disregarded when there seems to be such an apparent necessity for some sort of a change.

## Proposals

The first proposal offered by the News last year, was for a long fall term that would end examinations before Christmas. It was criticized because of the added strain that would be imposed on students. The second plan was for the semester to begin two weeks earlier than usual. After vacation there should be a ten-day reading period without classes, in which all students could write their papers and prepare for examinations. The seniors' traditional reading period would take place as usual. Since papers are not usually due as close to examinations in the spring, and since the examination period is longer, no corresponding reading period would be necessary then. A third plan has now been proposed which could be put into effect within the existing system. It is suggested that heavier reading lists be assigned earlier in the year with a decided lessening at the end of the semester when papers are due.

With these suggestions, we hope that the discussions on scheduling will be reopened and that campus opinion will

## INCIDENTALLY . . .

The Christmas dance may have given Bryn Mawr a temporarily frivolous aspect as gay young things with hearts fluttered around with things called men, but even in such a scene Bryn Mawr could not forget its intellectual standard. One couple braved the cold to look at the moon, momentarily covered with what the man called a rainbow. The girl, a science major, was overheard to say, "Nonsense, it's just an ordinary spectrum" . . .

Other Science majors, however, showed a definitely non-scholastic approach to their studies of Chemistry last Monday when a hall tea threatened to conflict with a four hour lab. In true scientific fashion they went directly to the heart of the problem, and invited the whole of the Chem department to the tea. But the professors fooled them. They came in shifts—gleefully exclaiming that this was so nice because they could have their cake and eat it too, and wasn't it too bad that the poor people in lab couldn't have been there . . .

Required courses have long presented a problem to the student body at large, but an entirely new viewpoint was expressed by one Sophomore on the News. A winged object soared around the Common Room recently vacated by Mr. Herben and his Current Events. "A bird!" we screamed, beginning the usual Superman formula. Slowly, the Sophomore walked up to us, completely unfazed by the proximity of the beast to her hair. "It's a bat," she informed us. "You took Biology as your required science and you don't even know a mammal when you see one. I'm going to take Geology!"



O Christmas comes but once a year and sometimes even that is too much! Would that I could tie my Philosophy paper in gay red ribbon and send it to Inferno to play with Dante. But the ultimate reality of Xmas is thus indisputably disputed by those who resent having to stampede in the dark moaning "Go Rest You Merry Gentlemen" when any dope knows that there is no rest for the weary, and that trying to find a hiding place down here in which to get Yule spirit without getting acute peritonitis of the conscience is like eating popcorn through a strainer.

Let us sing "Silent Night" as we whirl around the maypole, and pack all our bad ideas but leave our clothes to feed the moths during the lean season. Let us walk, not run, to the nearest train when the glad hour knells, lest cumulative exhaustion leave us as an addition to the asphalt as time passes us by. But this under all, which is the bottom; when I yell "Noel" it will be in the tonsilless tone of a toiler whose mental and physical condition is processed ham. In vain do I plead that I shall never see a paper lovely as a tree, but would joyfully sacrifice both, and even devour them if it could indispose me sufficiently to produce a six-day coma.

urge the curriculum committee to consider the problem. We earnestly believe, that if some changes were made in the college calendar or in the distribution of work within the present system, the strain now imposed on students would be greatly relieved. Perhaps then, much of the energy that is now being wasted on worry and cramming, could be diverted into different channels and there would be a new stimulus in extra-curricular activities and a more genuine effort to fulfill the U. V. A. P. pledges.

We've been going over our Freshman notes, but we still haven't found any index for the identification of the animals Mr. Herben leaves behind him . . .

Freshman parents are endemically in a state of anxiety over their offspring, but the height of maternal confusion was reported to us today, by a Freshman whose mother, though properly pleased by the fact that her daughter is writing letters home, does not quite understand how one letter was written sitting on bells, and another baby-sitting. She also warned her daughter that it was not healthy to sit all day, and reminded her to get some exercise.

The problem of headlines in college newspapers is always a complicated one, but Barnard has provided us with one which will console us over ours for ages to come. A lead story, on the front page, is headed by the words "Chapel to Hear Coffin Speak". The opening sentence, "Not unto us, O Lord, Not unto us." . . .

And incidentally, the News board, exploring hungrily in the Goodhart tea pantry for the remains of Monday's tea, found a large hoard of left-over food. One small detail was however, upsetting. In the sugar can was a large orange tin of Saraka, the perfect laxative. Tea in Goodhart always used to be so nice . . .

Red Cross Requests  
Packing Center Aides

Volunteers for weekly work are needed by Philadelphia Red Cross Packing Center. For the past two years workers in four Centers in the United States have been assembling boxes to send to allied prisoners of war held in German prison camps. The eleven-pound packages, containing food, cigarettes, and soap, arrive in Germany on the average of once a week.

The first Packing Center was established in Philadelphia in January, 1943. Other centers are in New York, St. Louis, and Brooklyn. The U. S. government supplies the contents of each package comprising condensed milk, dried prunes, cheese, canned meat, sugar, salt, pepper, coffee extract, canned tuna fish, jam, oleomargarine, Army ration biscuit, candy, chocolate, soap, vitamins, and liver paste. The current American cigarette shortage is partly due to the fact that cigarettes have an important place in each package. The Red Cross pays the factory overhead and the transportation costs on ships such as the Grips-holm in which the boxes are sent.

The Philadelphia Packing Center turns out over 14,000 packages a day at the rate of 45 per minute. About 75 women volunteers work on the assembly lines while both volunteer and hired men supply the bins from which the articles are taken.

The plant, situated at 2300 Chestnut street, welcomes visitors and is anxious to have more part or whole time workers. The hours are 9:45-12:45, 1:15-4:00 five days a week, with a night shift twice a week.

## Current Events

Common Room, December 4. "Although our situation in France is favorable at present, things will be worse before they are better", said Dr. Herben in his discussion of military strategy in the French campaign since D-Day.

Dr. Herben described the nature of the war before noting actual events and their significance. It is "the final argument of a king" where in order to impose the victors' will on the vanquished, either armies must be destroyed in the field, or political leaders must change their views.

Before the actual landing was made in France, no authority would have predicted it. The country has almost insurmountable defenses, both natural and material, all of which were in the hands of the Nazis. The United Nations had, however, built up unbelievable reserves of both men and supplies in England. Experiments in landing, although unsuccessful, did not deter Eisenhower and Montgomery. Armed with several new gadgets, courage and determination, the Americans, English and Canadians made four landings, three of which were successful.

Our drive south in July to open up the peninsula was unsuccessful until our air force was finally able to smash a hole in enemy lines. Then concern turned to the south where an immense German army in Italy threatened. An American force, however, landed in the south and drove parallel to the Rhone River up to meet the eastward driving forces.

The greatest problem now facing us is that of transport. In our present position on the Rhine we are far from our source of supplies. The coming of winter, stiffened resistance, lack of any overland transport system, and the fact that we are six to eight months ahead of schedule, add to our disadvantage.

But the situation is more than a deadlock. We have decreased the submarine and robot menace considerably and are on the road to a break through the Siegfried Line.

## Nuts and Bolts

At the University of Toronto an editorial debate rages over public versus private control of universities. The advocates of public control cited the numerous abuses of irresponsible private ownership. They felt state control would abolish racial and religious discrimination in admission requirements, would not interfere with intellectual speculation and academic freedom, and would make the individual good also the common good by keeping students in close contact with their government. Their opponents, while admitting the defects of private control, feared standardization of education, despite the avowal that the state would not "censor" academic content or individual initiative.

It is interesting to see that Barnard recently held a celebration of the anniversary of the publication of Milton's *Areopagitica*. That's our idea of a Cultural Community.

Barnard also has formed an Interfaith group where students of all creeds meet to hear lectures by ministers, priests, and rabbis, and to read material about every faith.

Another type of cooperative movement is in evidence at Toronto, where a campus cooperative residence for students of every race, creed and nation is entering its eighth year of successful growth.

## Christmas Cheer Will Relax Bryn Mawrtys As Traditional Hall Celebrations Take Place

by Betsy Day, '47

Christmas dinner with all its traditions of hearty repasts, Christmas trees, and decorated dining rooms, will come again on Tuesday night. For this occasion, the hard-working grind, the last minute packer, and the smoking-room occupant, will have to desert their haunts for a few minutes to don a long dress and catch a preview of the Xmas spirit.

However the traditions for Christmas dinner vary from hall to hall. Denbigh is greeted by a king, queen and page clad in ermine-like rabbits' fur. The identity of these regents is kept a secret until the very night. The German House makes merry with a pitcher of hot cider, while the French House gives each other presents. In Rock all classes cooperate to entertain with a Christ-

### K. Rand, J. Levy Carry "Ladies in Retirement"

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into the second act. The role of Emily, done by Martha Gross, '47, had a little more variety of expression, but somehow seemed thoroughly unreal, perhaps because at times it was so overplayed as to seem farcical. Both these roles, however, were more than adequately done, ending the play on the proper note. John Stone of Haverford, and Katherine Southerland, '48, in the respective roles of Albert and Lucy, did not have the ability necessary to sustain their frequent scenes alone together.

The play as a whole did not achieve the audience success augured for it by the individual acting, the setting, or indeed the intrinsic worth of the play itself, largely because the mood of the evening was not one receptive to a horror play. It did not achieve its possible critical success because of the unimaginative directing which so often bogged it down, leaving the stage empty for a total of eight times during the evening, and completely omitting to set the pace and mood which it is not the actors' entire job to produce.

But the evening was more than worth while. It showed the college that there was some true, though untrained, dramatic talent on campus, as well as a real degree of knowledge and technique in the production of background, both in lighting and set. With another director, the play might have had the success it really deserved.

mas pageant containing a caroling chorus and the usual Bible characters.

Perhaps the most original Christmas celebration is that held by the Non-Reses. They have a Christmas party and give each other suggestive knockers pointing out one another's characteristics. For example, one squeaky-voiced student was last year presented with a bottle of gargle. The Christmas dinner in Radnor is held on Monday night and the grads instead of the faculty make the speeches.

The plans for this year seem to follow the usual traditional lines with the Sophomores decorating, the Freshmen entertaining and the Faculty as speech-making guests. Of course difficulties are not lacking. Rhoads who had gala ideas for a window banked with red candles found that they could have no candles whatsoever, while other halls are wondering whether the trees and greens will be obtainable as early as December 12.

### Jessup and Blaisdell Discuss Relief Plans

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organization; but rather, it is based on spiritual and religious aid. From their work during and after the last war, Friends' Centers have grown up in Paris, Berlin, Geneva, Vienna, and other European cities.

Since Nazi oppression began in 1930, the Friends have been active in relief work and have been helping refugees in Lisbon, Vienna, Spain, North Africa, Greece (aiding U. N. R. R. A.), Italy, China, and India.

Mrs. Blaisdell had permission to speak only on the F. E. A. This particular field during the war has to do with things rather than people. Their particular problem is what material to give men and where to find it. There were three jobs handed over to the F. E. A.: (1) The most important and essential was that of Lend-Lease to the Allies; (2) The minimum supply of goods to neutral countries; and (3) Keeping the enemy from getting essential materials from the neutrals.

Mrs. Blaisdell said that there would be need for a large staff of trained personnel to carry out the participation of the U. S. (through F. E. A.) in the operations of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.

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## B. M. Ties Swarthmore 3-3 in Hockey Match

Swarthmore, December 2. The final hockey match of the season ended in a 3-3 tie between Bryn Mawr and Swarthmore, a repetition of last year's score. A temperature in the twenties, a field as hard as rock and white with frost, and a lack of practice due to two weeks of rain were not conducive to a brilliant game, particularly as far as the Owls were concerned.

At the end of the first half the score stood 2-1 in favor of Bryn Mawr, after Lydger Gifford '45, and Mimi Foster '47, had tallied for the Owls. In the second half, however, the maroon forward line played a powerful offensive game, resulting in some furious scrimmages in front of the Bryn Mawr goal. After one such scrimmage, Swarthmore tallied and tied the score.

A penalty bully was called when the Bryn Mawr goalie, Darst Hyatt '47, caught the ball between her knees and refused to let go. Forced to bully with the opposing center forward five yards in front of the goal, Darst cleared and the score remained a tie.

In the last five minutes Swarthmore scored again, but the yellow team made a magnificent comeback when Lydger Gifford shot the ball into the Swarthmore goal in the last few seconds before the whistle blew.

## WHAT TO DO

**The Deanery:** Several people wanted for all or part of the vacation. Room and board in return for waiting on the tables.

**Miss Dana of Fishers Road** offers room, board and salary to a student for the week before Christmas. To be there evenings only as companion to two girls 14 and 16 years.

**Seniors and Graduate Students** who may want to teach next year please register with the Bureau of Recommendations before Christmas vacation. Some schools and colleges are planning interviews now with next year's teachers.

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**Mr. Soltau Considers Politics in Near East**

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mandate of Syria and Lebanon, they established in each nation a high commissioner, supported by a large civil staff. This organization was expected to cooperate with the native departmental authorities, but friction frequently developed, often interrupting the government. This situation was complicated further by the French government's custom of sending very inferior officials to Lebanon and Syria.

The chief contribution of the French has been in education. They have carried their native tradition of an excellent educational system to the mandate, but in one respect this has tended to be a disadvantage, as the emphasis on France has tended to denationalize the Lebanese and Syrian youth.

The Arab future of these provinces is complicated by British declarations of independence on their behalf and evident French unwillingness to give up the mandates. Out of the confusion of the last twenty years have arisen two salient facts—that Arab nationalism is a force which cannot be ignored, and that the mandate system established in the French mandates has been unsuccessful.

**B. M. Camp Counselors Give Christmas Party**

Common Room, Dec. 6. The annual Christmas party for the children who attended the Bryn Mawr camp this summer was held this afternoon. All the children who attended camp were asked, and were met in Philadelphia by some of the counselors to be brought out to college.

Dr. Tselos played the role of Santa Claus, and his young son was the "assistant." There were presents for everyone, and a Christmas tree with all the trimmings.

After playing games, the children ate cakes, cookies and ice cream. When they had had their fill, and the camp songs had been sung, they departed for home, the strains of "Good Night to Little Cho-Cho" echoing from the rafters of the Common Room.

**New Athletic Association Clubroom in Gym To Provide Hospitality for Visiting Teams**

by Bettina Kluepfel '48

An old store room in the basement of the gym will soon be converted into an attractive A. A. room. The transformation will provide a long-lacking place of entertainment for various visiting teams.

The chief difficulty in renovating the store room lay in covering as many of the numerous pipes as possible. Although the room is now merely painted space, the Committee, Miss Petts, Ty Walker '45, and Alice Hedge '46, have made plans for curtaining new clear glass windows, providing a rug, stuffed chairs, and even a radio-victrola. In time a kitchenette may be added, and Miss Petts says that the A. A. will have their own dishes.

When the college took in a hundred extra students, a new infirmary was built, a new science building put up, and an addition to the library completed, but the beginning of the war curtailed any plans for the gym. This year, the swimming team cast aside their old terry-cloth bathrobes, only to

discover that there were no new ones to be had, so the money went to the A. A. room.

"I feel that Bryn Mawr has not shown enough hospitality to other teams," stated Miss Petts, but she hopes that with an attractive room to receive the visiting teams, the situation will be remedied.

**Lt. Charles Bolte To Talk on Veterans**

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Foreign Wars. Bolte is a member of the temporary executive committee of six honorably discharged veterans, with headquarters in New York.

The preliminary statement of intentions drawn up by the committee makes clear that though the veterans are looking forward to living a normal civilian life after the war, they realize that "military victory does not automatically bring peace, jobs, or freedom. To guarantee our interests, we must work for what we want." To accomplish this, the discharged mean to take action to insure aid for veterans, during demobilization, jobs, through social security, the freedoms, disarmament of the aggressor nations, and continued unified action of the United Nations.

The A. V. C. functions as a clearing house of servicemen's opinions, which are editorially tied in with the clearly stated, yet flexible, aims of the organization.

**Choir Meets Gobs On Princeton Jaunt**

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regated from Princeton by a dining room shortage, gulped hot coffee and dinner, and ran for the train. Taking a busman's holiday, they sang their throats hoarse to the amazement of those returning from New York at the end of an obviously essential week-end. But it remained for another conductor to put the finishing touches on the excursion. Staring in amazement at the fifty singing females he evidently felt called on to exhibit his talents. Whereupon he walked slowly up and down the aisle projecting his false teeth, both uppers and lowers, out of his mouth and spinning them on the end of his tongue. Unfortunately, the Choir did not look sufficiently impressed so he retired to the end of the car, and delivered the words of his inner soul. "Aw, go on an' sing! Sing 'Hark the Herald Angels.' It's beautiful, and I can't live without beauty." The choir, avoiding the teeth, began to sing.

**Christmas Gifts**

This Friday the Maids and Porters are opening shop in the basement of Taylor for a sale of Christmas presents. These range from stuffed animals to frivolous aprons and handkerchief cases. The sale will continue through Saturday and on to Monday if the articles hold out.

**Maids and Porters Plan Annual Caroling**


A choir of maids and porters will serenade the campus with Christmas carols, negro spirituals and old favorites on request, Monday night, December 11th. Al Mackey of Merion, Lewis White and Mabel Meade of Denbigh, and Dorothy Tee of Pembroke will sing solos.

The group is directed by Sarah Beckwith '46, and Robin Brooks '46.

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