Christmas Message

Christmas is the world into the arms of the Prince of Peace. Every event of His earthly life, from the silent hour when Mary became the living tabernacle of the Most High until she was a childlessness mother at the foot of the cross, was an attack on the enemy of peace, namely sin. Peace demanded death! If we would have the peace of Christ in our own lives, we must be willing to sacrifice our security and the host of things that cut us off from God. It is the peace of Christ promised to men of good will that I am privileged to extend to St. John's Body, their families and friends.

This is the peace which reigns when the battle against temptation and sin has been fought and the peace of Christ reigns in the heart of a woman. It is the result not of defeat but of victory. It supposes not a shameful flight but a battle and a struggle.

The peace of God is not the peace of stillness. Men use the word peace in their speeches and at times it puts into treaties but all the while in their hearts they cherish anger and hatred. But the peace of Christ is different. He permits the thunder to roar and the lightning to flash around us while live, the God who has overcome the world and death in our midst. May you and your families be so strengthened by the grace of Christ that His peace will bring happiness and joy to all of you.

Very Rev. Rev. Robert J. Shone, O.P.
President

Fr. Redmond Elected New Flying Club National Chaplain

Of Marine Reserve Airplane for Use

Washington, D. C. - The Rev. Paul J. Redmond, O. P., of Secaucus, New Jersey, has been elected the first National Chaplain of the Marine Corps Reserve. A native of the Alembic, the College literary magazine of the University of San Francisco, Father Redmond is a retired Marine Corps Reserve chaplain in San Francisco.

Emphasizing that membership in the newly organized Flying Club of Providence College was still open, President Maguire, O.P., of the College's Oratory, declared at a general committee meeting that an airplane will be protected by the club members under a shared system.

Tomorrow, December 18th, at 12:30 p.m. in room 300 there will be a general meeting. All are invited.

Senior Class President, Paul J. Redmond, who is a retired naval reserve chaplain, was at a general meeting of the club, thus entailing no expenses to the student.

The primary purpose of the Alembic is to provide a publication of the best in student creative writing. Contributions from all students are welcome.

Thus, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Merry Christmas ~ Happy New Year

The Providence College Providence, R. I., December 17, 1947

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CHRISTMAS IN 1947

An air of wistfulness is easily detectable in the preparations for Yuletide in 1947. This stands out in sharp contrast to the joyous and carefree atmosphere which tradition associates with the yearly celebration of this day.

There are men who protest that there is little of the real reason for celebrating Christmas present in all the usual festivities. Christmas seems to be a time for sending out good wishes, buying gifts, sending cards, having parties, and suffer headaches. There has, indeed, been very little quiet thought devoted to contemplating the precious gift that came to man upon that night so long ago.

The sad thing today is that there is too much misdirected worry and concern. Some men tend to forget and even ignore the true meaning of Christmas. What worries us most probably would not be out of the realm of the celebration of the coming of the Chrestchild should come a renewal of hope and strength.

Peace is our special concern these days. How paradoxical it is that we should be worried about peace and be unmindful that the greatest cause for true peace in the heart of men came on this very day we commemorate!

"Peace on earth to men of good will," proclaimed the angels to the simple shepherds out on the hills surrounding Bethlehem. If all men would peacefully and wholeheartedly accept the love of God for men proven by the coming of His Divine Son, there would come about at least the realization of extensive government regulation. Concentrated agencies of communication and attempted to synthesize some facts that show how the press has become conscious of the need of mutual criticism, and the poor quality of much that is published. The Supreme Court treads very lightly of society.

Many people in the past have thought that the government was the sole enemy of this freedom, but it is the belief that the press must remain free from irresponsible private power as it is from government control. Concentrated economic power acts as a restraint on thought. Here are advertisements that show how the press has become concentrated into a few hands. Ten states do not have a single city with competing daily papers. Thirty-two hundred weeklies—the backbone of local democracy—have disappeared. One-third of all regular radio stations are controlled by newspapers, while eleven advertisers contribute fifty per cent of all the radio network advertising.

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First, although the press has increased tremendously in influence, the proportion of people who can express their ideas through it has decreased.

Secondly, those who do have the use of the press have not provided a service adequate to the needs of society.

And thirdly, those who direct the press engage in practices of the worst possible kind, and if continued, inevitably lead to government regulation and control.

We are all familiar with the stress placed on sen- sation and "sensation" in daily advertisements, a absence of mutual criticism, and the poor quality of much that is published. The Supreme Court treats this lightly with what is today called "sensationalism" or "tabloidization." The fact that a publisher should make that the matter published is true and is published with good motives and for justifiable ends prior to the printing of such matters would remove much of the fear of censorship. The Court even further went in saying that "this preliminary freedom, by virtue of the very reason of its existence, does not include as a matter of proof of its value.

This is no theoretical problem that one can ignore; for it concerns truth—truth for those who have a right to know what is going on. Let it slide and the whole democratic way of life falls.

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SPORTS PANORAMA

by Dave Conners, Jr.

IMPORTANT NIGHT...

Every college has on its schedule the so-called big game. The game which is the most desired more than any other contest. The game which could be as much in one hour, to advance their teams in basketball circles as has ever been done before. The Friar quintet have another big one. It is the East from Manchester, N. H., to the Arena but to the Garden in Philadelphia, the lair of the southermost college in the Ivy League. And last year Larry Drew and his twelve. The Friars and Larry Drew of East Orange, New Jersey were mainstays in the first half drive, as the Drewmen were held to 12 points throughout the period. The Providence College Basketball Team are Wanted.

P. C. SEEKS FIFTH STRAIGHT AGAINST A. I. C.

The undefeated Providence College Friars, rising the crest of a four game winning streak, returned to the Garden court tonight to face American International College of Springfield. On Friday night the Drewmen will play host to Colby College of Waterville, Aces in Springfield last week, by a fifteen point lead. Providence led 39 to 27 when the halftime buzzer sounded. The Friars came off the floor at in-termission with a fifteen point lead. Ford Sowa and Charlie Breemhan were out-scored 10-1 in the closing minutes by Wagner, which incidentally was Ford's total for the night. The Friars were at times extremely rough and many fouls were called on both teams.

Friars Win Three On Foreign Courts...In Last Night in Springfield, Mass., the Providence College Friars won their second straight game, de-feating the American International Col-lege 62-50. Playing before a partisan A. I. C. audience tonight, the Friars were nervous at the outset of the contest, and the first five minutes were nip and tuck. However, at the one minute mark Art Weimotck charged forward and in under shot and the Friars were off to the races.

In the first half sharpshooting Charlie Breemhan played the way with nine points, which incidentally was Ford's total for the night. The Providence were at times extremely rough and many fouls were called on both teams.

The Friars, Art Weimotck led the scoring parade with 11 points. Ford Sowa and Charlie Breemhan followed with nine apiece.

The Providence College Basketball Team passed their third test in the form of freezing the ball stemmed from every angle on the floor. The Drewmen in appreciation of his fine touch of human interest. The entire student body has done this game to Bill Littlefield and Charlie Breemhan at the top end of a 35-32 score.

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Air Force Reopens Cadet Training Plan To Eligible Citizens

A Traveling Air Force team, one of two sent from Rhode Island College of Education, was scheduled in signing up for aviation cadet or for officer training January 5, 6 in Providence. Enlisted men and officers will be there from 9:00 to 5:00.

Eligibility requirements for aviation cadets are: 18 to 30, physically fit, and of high moral character, men and women. The physical standards and rigid qualifications are the same for both. There is no restriction as to race, religion, or creed.

Vin Mariano Heads Metropolitan Club

Vincent P. Mariano, a Sophomore at Providence College, N. J., was elected president of the Metropolitan Club of Greater New York, for a three-year term.

Better to Give—

From (Continued Page 1) They are El Rosso made of musty seaweed and damp old leaves. If he makes a pipe and gets a pipe, it is usually of poor construction that would be better for blowing bubbles. The reason for this is that the family probably put the trash in the pipes to purchase these instruments of torture. This is the reason fathers are often seen pursuing children with them.

Mothers usually make out better than anyone else in the annual gift department. The Pop has males assist that Christmas virtually becomes Mothers' Day when presents are handed out under the tree. For weeks previous, Mom has been piping packages and holding up lights for days before Christmas, she goes down—buy presents for her first cousins from the piping and singing. Usually she ends up with a fur coat while the Pop has to wear a suit with his initials in gold. In early times, the Trojans were warned of Greeks bearing gifts—but they didn't. The home Trojons got wasn't any more useful than some of the stuff we get today. Both Mr. and Mrs. Miller lost their respective homes but to them, the Pyramids are an integral part of their lives.

Vincent Williams—Previous to his affiliation with Providence College last spring, Williams owned and operated his own seafood restaurant in New York. He has lived and breathed food for years.

Well, it's no use raving on like this. Just stop and use your head. Besides, we must leave you soon to get back to your Christmas shopping. Wonder what we ought to get Dad? How about a box of El Rigo cigarettes?

Yearbook—

(Continued from Page 1) the students, and the activities then are plentiful.

Assisting McMullen on the administration staff are: Francis O'Brien of Wayland, Mass.; Elmer Lewis of Westwood; J. J. Joseph, Cassidy of Concord; E. E. Sargent of Wayland; Edward Esmerib of Concord, N. H.; John Prendergast of Providence; Edward Cormier of New Bedford, Mass.; John Prendergast of Pawtucket; John Scatuorchio of Jersey City, N. J., Leo McWeeney of Woonsocket, R. I., and John Scarucllo of Pawtucket.

From left to right are: William Gregory, Patricia Donovan, Raymond Fishbery, Mary T. Wallingford, Raymond Scungio and George Markham.

Cowl Critics Praise Players' Comedy

By F. L. McPEAKE, '50

Applause and curtain calls were richly bestowed on the Pyramid Players last Friday evening when Derrywyn, an Irish comedy, opened before a large, appreciative gathering.

The performance proved the right play at the right time in Aquinas. This was the last week before the Pyramid Boys took over the finest restaurants on the Cape. He has one son who was an All Rhode Island football player a few years ago. His one son has gained distinction for himself as right tackle on the East Providence High School team. Ted canast, one of our own planted bakers, bails from Fall River, and is on loan to the U. S. Naval Hospital in Newport. Ted spent his summer working in one of the largest bakeries in the country. Despite a slight reference to the Pyramids, he is quite proud of the fact that he has a son who is a star for the Providence College Basketball.