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## A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

By PAUL MILLER

As the time for the celebration of the birth of the Christ draws near and images of gayly decorated trees, serene Nativity scenes, and peaceful Christmas eve services by candlelight come into our heads, we often tend to forget that our friends of the Jewish faith, too, have observances quite as sacred, reverent, and perhaps even more time honored than our own Christmas.

Most outstanding among these holidays is the Festival of Lights or HANUKKAH. The name HANUKKAH means dedication, which explains, also, the calling of this holiday the Feast of Dedication.

HANUKKAH begins on the 25th day of the Jewish month of Kislev which usually falls in December (this year the 11th to the 17th of December). It lasts for eight days, and at sundown on each day a new candle is lighted so that by the end of the celebration, eight lighted candles stand together.

The Feast of Lights was started in 165 B.C. by Judas Maccabaeus to honor the rededication of the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem. Three years before this date, Syrians had conquered Jerusalem and used the temple for idol worship.

It is generally the custom today for Jewish families to give gifts to immediate relatives each night a new candle is lit.

Thus, although the Holy Day of Christmas is uppermost in millions of minds at this time of the year, we must never forget that other people all around the world also have Holy Days; Holy Days of many different faiths and creeds, but, Holy Days which to the people who believe in them, are as meaningful and sacred as Christmas.

If ever we are to attain "Peace on earth, good will toward men," we must respect these people and their beliefs as we expect them to respect ours.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

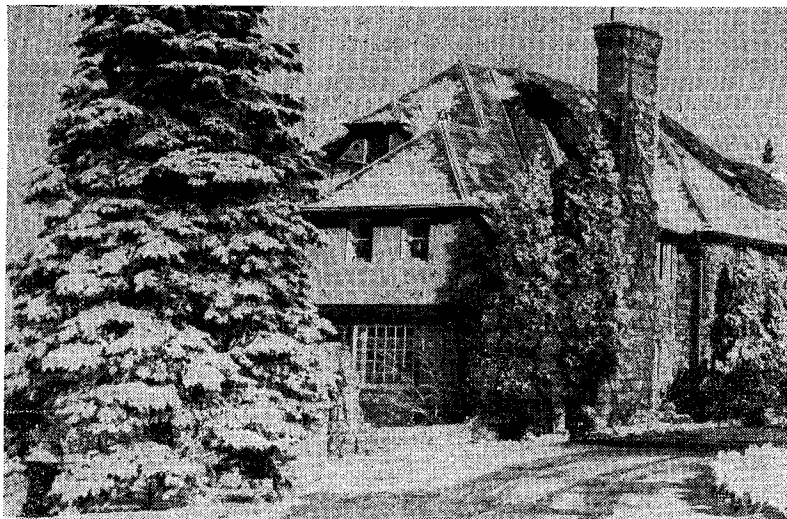
## RADIO PROGRAM CONTEMPLATED

The establishment of a taped, half-hour program to be broadcast over radio station WAZL in Hazleton is nearing reality. Such a program would cover Highacres activities and such material which would be considered feasible for this system of communications. If approved, it would undoubtedly be used on a weekly basis.

This program affords the opportunity to the individuals of Highacres interested in such endeavors to implement their talents in the announcing field, script writing, newscasting, and the like. The Student Council would like to know of those who are interested. Meetings are held every Monday during the fifth period in the Student Council room.

## Camera Club Formed

To join the newly formed camera club, contact Mr. Schneider or Bill Slattery. Headquarters for the club is the Zoology lab. Let's make the club an enduring success.



WINTER SCENE AT HIGHACRES

## HAPPY HOLIDAY

Pictured above is our Main building at Highacres. Laden with snow, the campus has acquired its festive dress for the holiday season. With the aid of Nature, Highacres is ready for the joyful Christmas season.

Undoubtedly, everyone anticipates the coming holiday vacation. It is a time for joy and merry-making unparalleled throughout the year. The Collegian takes this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and the best of everything in the new year. Remember not to forget Good Will to All Men, and your season will be the more merrier.

In addition we advise all of you to take caution on our highways; for we do want you back on campus after this festive season ends.

## WHAT IS PARNASSUS?

The energy and life of Parnassus is unrecognized to such an extent that most students of Highacres do not even know of the existence of such a society. To clarify all doubts about Parnassus, it is an honor society, the purpose of which is to better the morale within the Hazleton Campus and maintain the prestige of the University in the community by encouraging both academic study and positive participation in organized activities.

Eligibility for membership is open to those men and women who, in the judgment of the faculty, are of good character, who have a minimum all-University average of 2.80, who have no grade below C, and who participate actively in at least two activities.

Recently, three students of the Hazleton Campus were initiated into Parnassus. The honored students are Stephen T. Gladis, drafting and design technology sophomore, and a graduate of Hazle Township High School; Bernard Bartos, electrical technology sophomore, and a graduate of McAdoo High School; and Terry N. Lindemuth, electrical engineering sophomore, and a graduate of Tamaqua High School.

The following are inclusive in the activities requirement for admission to Parnassus. Any two will suffice to meet the requirement. Student Council, Collegian Staff, Campus Services. Committees: Social, Arts, Traffic, Awards, Rules, Finance, Blood, and Orientation. Clubs: Belles-

Lettres, Biology, Math and Science, Psychology, Circle K, I. C. G., Photography, Fencing, Chess, Instrumental Music, Sorority, and Alumni.

Parnassus is in need of an elixir. For further information concerning it, see Mr. Schneider or Mr. Kidd.

## ALUMNI NEWS

### Highacres Alumni To Hold Gala Christmas Dance

As they say, the Christmas holidays bring homecoming, and homecoming is also a happy phrase used in Alumni activities. Thus, everyone — alumni, faculty, present students, and friends — are cordially invited to a gala dance party where we can all get together during this festive season.

Here are the details:  
Date: Friday, Dec. 23, 1960.  
Time: 9 p. m. until 12 p. m.  
Place: Hotel Altamont Ballroom, Hazleton.

Cost:  
Current Students, \$1.50.  
Alumni, \$2.00.

Music: By 4 Chords.  
Dress: Informal.

See Mr. Kidd  
For More Details  
Let's all pitch in and make this our best attended activity thus far.

With the assistance of the faculty—Esher, Defina, Schneider, Kidd, and Kafka — the Alumni secretary has accumulated an  
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## BIOLOGY CLUB BUDGET APPROVED

At its weekly meeting held on Monday, December 5, 1960, the Student Council approved a budget of \$37.15 for the newly-organized Biology Club. Professor James Steele is serving as advisor for the biology enthusiasts, and Paul Zukovich is President. The Vice-president is Rodney Derrick, and Diane Kapes is the Secretary. Other members include Nancy Frye, Marian Petreskey, Melanie Krasnay, Nancy Grimes, Richard Beach, Douglas Boucher, Richard Swank, Carol Kuester, and William Morgan.

The club plans to purchase an animal trap, miniature greenhouse, soil testing kit, set of carnivorous plants, and a pair of white mice. Meetings are held every Monday during the eighth period.