

Chapel Choir Swims On French Riviera Cooperation Needed In Research-Goddard

By MARNIE SCHENCK

(The fifth of a series of articles on the six-week tour of the Chapel Choir in Europe this summer) The first night in France for the Chapel Choir this summer was in Nicé. They had travelled from Florence, Italy, by bus along the beautiful Italian and French Riviéras but it wasn't until the next day that they were able to go swimming there.

On the way from Nice to Aix-en-Provence, the busses stopped and were used for dressing rooms by the swimmers.

During the three days in Aix-en-Provence the choir was housed in two primitive wings of the boys dormitory in a French grammar school while they attended a music festival.

On an outdoor opera stage they saw "The Marriage of Figaro" and "Orphee." One afternoon they were given a champagne reception by the mayor. On the last day in Aix-en-Provence the group split in two—part for the Riviera again and the rest for a sight-seeing trip where they saw a bull fight arena (and a bull fight by two choir members) and the Alpine Way.

Travel to Grenoble

The next day the choir drove up toward Paris and stayed in Grenoble for the night. The countryside, as one choir member described it, was everything she had expected and always thought the French countryside would be.

Then came "Black Wednesday" and the first bad luck the choir encountered in Europe. Something, no one still knows what, caused from 15 to 20 members to be very sick. The sick were loaded onto one bus, the well on the other and from 7 a.m. until 10 p.m. when they reached Paris emergency stops were made rather frequently.

But with the magnificence of Paris spirits improved.

Given Free Time

For five days the choir members were given a lot of free time—spent in exploring Paris from the Eiffel Tower, which was bigger than they had imagined, to the open markets, and from Notre Dame to Versailles and Louvre. And from the Arch de Triumph to the Moulin Rouge and Pigalle. On one day some of them managed to almost buy out the perfume stores.

On Sunday morning, July 24, the choir sang at the American Church in Paris. After singing two verses of America most of them got a little homesick and didn't mind too much when two days later they left for their final European country—Holland.

Santa Claus --

(Continued from page one) equipment, dolls, and books are high on the list.

Unusual requests are found in many of the letters. In a letter sent by two brothers one asked for an army and air force training center, while the other requested a rifle and vitamin pills. Another lad requested a coat for his bulldog "because he shivers when he goes out."

One small boy showed the real spirit of Christmas in his request by asking Santa to take care of the poor people and only to bring him what he could spare.

The writer of one letter cautioned Santa, "I don't think you'll fit in our chimney, so I'll leave the door open."

Many of the letters promise to leave treats of cake or cookies and milk for Santa. One lad, however, informed Santa that he would leave steak and french fries for him to eat during his visit.

During the past few years, the mail has been so heavy that education students have pitched in to help. Last year they accounted for more than 200 personal letters "It gives our future teachers a good insight into children," the professor says. "Three of the students became so enthusiastic that when they were graduated and went off to teach, they started Santa mail services in their own towns."

As for Santa himself, Christmas finds him with a mild case of writer's cramp.

"But I love doing it," he says. "I guess I just love kids."

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Good Ol' Santa

Tops to Kids The World Over

By PAULA MILLER

In the minds of children all over the world there is one person who can outfly any jet pilot, defy the elements by living at the North Pole, and spread more happiness than all the clowns on 'Super Circus.'

He is Santa Claus or Saint Nicholas, the childhood idol who is responsible for the universal Christmas customs observed in every Christian nation.

Each country observes the spirit of Santa Claus in a different way. Most familiar is the English and American belief that Santa, in his sleigh drawn by eight reindeer, visits every home to distribute gifts. There is just one restriction: he must enter the house by coming down the chimney.

Belief Taken From Dutch

Our belief in Santa Claus is taken from the Old Dutch settlers who brought their homeland belief with them when they settled New York. In Holland the children believe that their patron saint, or Saint Nicholas, will visit their homes on a white horse. Wooden shoes are filled with hay for the horse and placed on the hearth. In return for the hay, St. Nicholas is to fill the shoes with gifts.

In Germany and the Scandinavian countries, Kris Kringle, the Christ child himself, enters the homes and hides gifts in strange places throughout the house.

Father Christmas Fills Shoes

The French children believe that Bonhomme Noel (Father Christmas) will fill the wooden shoes on the hearth.

The Urn of Fate replaces Santa Claus in Italy. The custom of filling an urn with gifts originated in ancient Rome. Some of the gifts are empty boxes which explains the fate involved in drawing the gifts from the urn. In the end all of the children receive gifts.

Santa Was a Saint

Saint Nicolas was not a myth in the third century. He was a saint in the Roman Catholic Church. In all the Catholic nations at that time Saint Nicholas gained popularity because he would distribute gifts to unsuspecting people. He died on Dec. 6. This day was set aside to honor St. Nicholas. Because this celebration and the celebration of Christmas were so close the holidays were combined.

Fire in Chimney Flue Causes Little Damage

A fire that started in a chimney flue at 248 S. Burrowes street about 4:45 p.m. yesterday was quickly extinguished by the Alpha Fire Company. No major damage was reported. The house, in which several students live, is owned by Willard Comly.

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Phony Notices Cause Bedlam In Girls' Dorm

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So when they saw neatly typed notes Sunday evening requesting mattresses to be in the hall ready to be cleaned by 8 o'clock Monday morning, some of them took it to heart, stripped their beds, and dragged their mattresses into the halls—already littered with chair cushions and mattress pads.

It seems all the notices did not request the same items. Yesterday morning the maids had a hard time explaining that they had nothing to do with the extra notices. They even produced others requesting that the basins be removed from the lavatories and placed in the halls for easy cleaning.

Local Parish--

(Continued from page one) being temporarily housed in fraternities.

Detailed estimates of total damage to the house have been received, Boerlin said, but the estimates won't be released until the auditor has had a chance to see them.

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By SUE CONKLIN

The state does not intend to conduct research projects on natural resources, but does expect such research to be done by the University, Maurice K. Goddard, state secretary of forests and waters, said over the weekend at a mineral industries colloquium.

He said the Collège of Mineral Industries should work with the state by conducting research projects and by offering guidance on mineral policy.

Goddard discussed the relationship of the College of Mineral Industries and the School of Forestry to the state in his speech titled "Problems of Mineral Resources of State Lands."

Minerals Division Created

Goddard said that the state forestry department has recently created a minerals division which is closely related to the mineral industries students at the University. He said the division was organized on the recommendation of Dr. John Calhoun Jr., former head of the petroleum and natural gas department. Dr. Calhoun spent several months working with the department of forestry studying mineral problems.

Goddard said he hoped the Collège of Mineral Industries would be more active on research on underground water in the state and that the School of Forestry would do more work on surface waters in Pennsylvania.

Vegetation Important

The flow of run-off of water is dependent upon vegetation. Trees, brush, and other vegetation help to keep water from running into rivers and finally into the ocean.

In trying to retain the water supply within the state Goddard said that the Collège of Mineral Industries needs to study underground water, where it is entering, and the direction of the flow, so that distribution of water can be made effective.

The School of Forestry should follow up this research by work on the vegetation to control and direct the water, Goddard said.

Driving--

(Continued from page one) nounced its hours for the vacation: It will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 28 through Dec. 30; and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 3. It will be closed from Friday through Tuesday and from Dec. 31 through Jan. 2. It will go back on its regular schedule from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Jan. 4.

The Hetzel Union Building will close at 8 p.m. tomorrow and start back on its regular schedule Jan. 3, George L. Donovan, director of associated student activities, has announced. The HUB desk will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day during the vacation except Dec. 25 and 26 and Jan. 1 and 2. However, the remainder of the building will be closed off for cleaning purposes, Donovan said.

The Terrace Room will close at 6:45 p.m. Thursday and will reopen at 11:30 a.m. Jan. 3. The Lion's Den will close at 2 p.m. tomorrow and will open at 3 p.m. Jan. 3.

The Waring Hall snack bar will close at noon tomorrow and will reopen at 10 a.m. Jan. 4.

The University Calendar has established the following schedule for the equal distribution of classes.

On Jan. 4 Saturday classes will be followed in the morning and regular Wednesday classes in the afternoon. On Jan. 16 Thursday classes will be followed; on Jan. 17, Friday classes; and on Jan. 18, morning-Saturday classes, afternoon-Wednesday afternoon classes.

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