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KNOTHOLE

STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF FORESTRY AT SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY
Syracuse, New York 13210

December 15, 1965

Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year!

Editors: Tom Patrick, John Piston, William Winter

Deadline for Entries: Monday 8:45 A.M.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY

Syracuse University has notified us that the annual Christmas Party given by Chancellor Tolley for faculty, students, and staff will be held on Thursday, December 16, 1965 from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

DONALD F. GREEN
Registrar

SAENGERBUND CAROLING

Any College of Forestry students or faculty interested in Christmas caroling should meet Wednesday evening at 7:00 P.M. in Marshall Hall Auditorium.

Donald Jones

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

Kappa Phi Delta's annual Christmas tree sale is now in full swing. The trees are going fast. We have a large amount of trees under seven feet left however, just waiting to be picked up in time for the holidays. Orders can be placed in person at 200 Walnut Place, or by calling X 2470 or 478-5302 at any time. Greens are also sold. Delivery is free.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
FROM

FROM "THE NEW YORKER"

When eras die, their legacies
Are left to strange police.
Professors in New England guard
The glory that was Greece.
(by Clarence Day)

CONVOCATION COMMITTEE

The Knothole would like to congratulate the convocation committee on a job well done. The last two convos were, in our opinion, among the best convocations in the past two and one half years. We hope that the same high level will be maintained for the duration of the year.

SPEAKING WITH A FRIEND

Nothing!
I just erased extraneous material.
They are hard to define exactly.
I suppose they are just notes on life.
I guess you could say that.
It is fairly easy for me.

Zeke

I M P O R T A N T N O T I C E

Any student who does not intend to register for the second semester of 1965-66 must notify Professor Green or Dean Crossman in writing no later than January 14th.

If he fails to give such notification, he will not be eligible to apply for the balance of his advance payment sent to Syracuse University.

OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES

ROBIN HOOD PHOTO CONTEST

COLOR!

Deadline for Entries: February 7, 1966.

Two Categories: Landscape and Miscellaneous

\$5.00 - 1st prize)
\$3.00 - 2nd prize) one in each category!
\$1.00 - 3rd prize)

\$.25 entrance fee for each photo submitted!

Instructions:

- 1) Place each print or slide in an envelope with the \$.25 entry fee.
- 2) Label the envelopes with your name and category of the photo.
- 3) Leave envelopes at the main desk in the Library.

ALL ENTRIES WILL BE RETURNED

Tom Dwyer

BEER

by Joyce Killjoy

I think that I shall never hear
A poem lovelier than beer.
The brew that Joe's Bar has on tap,
With golden base and snowy cap.
The foamy stuff I drink all day,
Until my memory melts away.
Poems are made by fools I fear,
But only Schlitz can make a beer.

AN UNTITLED LETTER

Dear Gentlemen:

In regard to your quotation in the December 4, 1965 issue of the Post Standard; "citizens must remember that they are civilians not police officers" (Police Chief Smith): -

It seems to me hardly less than a little tragic when an officer of the law forgets that it is he who is responsible to the people and not the reverse. Thus, he implies that the law is an exclusive product of his or any other police department. What he seems to have forgotten is that the law is the people, and without their support other than verbally does not exist. Anyone who would believe that the law can exist when effected by only police officers, while the public stands idly by and does not have the right to attack and disarm or kill a criminal in the act of an

assault or some other dastardly crime has badly misinterpreted America. It will be remembered that America was founded by individuals who stood up, of their own individual convictions of what was right and just, and fought for them. They did not say that the existence of America was the business of the colonial army. Rather they formed groups, when their rights and those of others had been violated and fought that they might have the rights of individuals to safety on their own streets, and land. The existant will of each American to fight for the safety of his children and his neighbors has thus made America. Can we do less? Stand idly by, and we are violating America and the right of an individual to walk down the streets of America except on either the criminal's or the police's say so.

We see therefore that the existence of a vigilante group on Syracuse's campus is necessary. For, I should imagine, almost every boy on that campus has the odd idea that it would be appropriate for his fellow co-eds to walk down the streets without fear of being attacked. This same idea applies to that forty-two year old woman as well, who was assaulted near Syracuse University lately. If there had been people nearby to give that criminal either a sense of terror as they came at him or one of sense which would have dictated that he had better leave her alone or else, she might not have been assaulted, or, if she had, the criminal would have been captured shortly. This means a matter of minutes, not the days that checking over the reports of people and careful probing around and deduction would require. It should be remembered that he has the opportunity to repeat the crime, in such a case.

There will be those, among whom are police chiefs and others, who might suffer a loss in salary or be denied that new patrol car because the people are doing the job that they should be doing along with the officers of the law, who will proclaim loudly that such an idea leads to lynch mobs and such. Nevertheless, the number of unsolved murders that have taken place in Syracuse and might just possibly not have occurred if some alive and awake citizen had arisen to call his neighbors down the street in order that they might stop with their fists or guns, which ever was most appropriate, some stranger who was riding away with an unsuspecting or tied up victim. An assault taking place in some park would undoubtedly exceed the toll of fifty such lynchings which would most likely not be perpetrated by responsible citizens, who act and put into effect the law, anyway.

We hear from time to time rumors of an impending Negro revolt. What happens to our fellow coeds down on University Place and Marshall Street and such then? Shall we call the police department which could not, in all likelihood, do a thing anyway, or shall the people do something?

I strongly approve, therefore, of the idea of a vigilante group on Syracuse University. There should be a large number of people who volunteer to keep America and Syracuse safe, and a specified number should be designated at each hour of the night so that any coed who desires accompaniment to her desination might have it. I propose severe penalties on any member of this group who does not reply to such a request such as suspension, on the time that he is assigned to receive such calls; unless, of course, there is a good excuse. This sort of thing might be extended to Syracuse in general. Arms, such as small caliber pistols might be assigned to such a group. Civilians from this group could bolster by ten or so the guard on the Mt. Olympus stairs, and others could be assigned to other such notorious spots. And, if resistance to this idea is offered by the police, they are opposing the right of the people to keep their streets safe and protect their lives, and the issue should be carried to the courts. If lost, it should be brought again and again before them until the right of the individual to keep his neighborhood safe to live in is regained. I offer my services with this letter.

Sincerely,

John Timothy Lamb

STATEMENT OF POLICY

It has been brought to our attention that members of the college community found certain passages offensive in a recent article dealing with library hours. We, the editors would therefore like to make it perfectly clear that any statement of opinion within this publication is that of the editors unless SPECIFICALLY attributed to another individual. Further, if any individual or group feels that they have been unjustly represented, two avenues of recourse are readily available. First they may submit a rebuttal and let the readers arrive at their own conclusions. Secondly, if it is felt that a printed retraction is in order, the individual or group should get in direct contact with the editors, either personally or through the Knothole mailbox, and arrange a meeting. There will be no retraction of any statements until after conclusive proof of the fallacious nature of said statements has been presented. In conclusion, we are more than willing to provide a forum for those of you who differ with any statement of fact or opinion appearing in this publication. Upon presentation of sufficient evidence, we are also prepared to retract any and all erraneous statements. However, we are not now, nor shall we ever be prepared to retract any statement on the basis of a second hand complaint or on the basis of a complaint that is unaccompanied by concrete evidence of its correctness.

The Editors

WOODLORE QUIZ NO. 8

1. What common naturalized roadside weed blossoms from March through an occasional winter, has rosette leaves, and produces silicles resembling miniature bellows? Leaves are used as edible greens.
2. Special Christmas Problems:
 - 1) What percentage of Christmas trees marketed in the United States come from natural stands?
a. less than 10% b. 25% c. 50% d. 75% e. about 90%
 - 2) The custom of decorating trees with lights originated in
a. United States b. Germany c. Scandinavia d. Russia
e. Brazil f. Israel
 - 3) What are the major species used in the U. S. South for Christmas trees?
a. Douglas-fir b. Balsam fir c. Jack pine
southern pines Eastern redcedar Scotch pine
Eastern redcedar Jack pine Arizona cypress
d. Arizona cypress
southern pines
Eastern red cedar
 - 4) What are the principal native species used in the West?
a. Scotch pine b. true firs c. true firs d. Douglas-fir
Red pine Douglas-fir Douglas-fir spruces
Balsam fir Arizona cypress Blue spruce Jack pine
 - 5) Which state is noted for its primary use of Black spruce trees from its many swamps?
a. Washington b. Minnesota c. Pennsylvania d. Iowa
e. New York

cont'd.

ANSWERS TO WOODLORE QUIZ NO. 8

1. Shepherd's purse (Capsella bursa-pastoris)
2. 1) e, 2) b, 3) d (Arizona cypress very commonly plantation grown), 4) c, 5) b, 6) a, 7) e, 8) Holly began to be used in connection with the celebration of Christmas because it was thought to blossom during this season. (Source: Information Please Almanac).
3. True, no one can take an isolated phrase from a key and always expect to come up with the right answer, but these fragments were taken from here and there in the development of the key and should come out satisfactorily.
 - a. Douglas-fir
 - b. Pitch pine
 - c. Norway spruce
 - d. Hemlock (Why this source said 'entire tree' drooping, I do not know)
 - e. Balsam fir
 - f. White spruce

3. Tree Section: The following fragments are excerpts from a key to Christmas trees appearing in The New York Times (Dec. 20, 1964). Identify the Christmas tree involved.

(8) Why was Holly first used in connection with Christmas?

(7) When was the custom of setting up Christmas trees as such begun?

(6) Which country first practiced setting up Christmas trees?

a. Germany b. Norway c. Israel d. Egypt e. United States

a. 5th cent. B.C. b. 5th cent. A.D. c. 12 cent. A.D. d. 15th cent. A.D. e. 17th cent. A.D.

a. Buds cone-shaped; needles when pulled off expose a jagged scar.

b. Needles three in a cluster.

c. Longest needles 5/8 inch or more at a 60 to 70 degree angle from main twig; foliage green; twigs prickly.

d. Entire tree drooping without stiff leader; needles flattened; no cluster of buds at end of twig. Buds blunt or rounded; needles when pulled off expose a flat round scar with a small raised dot in the center.

f. Known as Cat spruce due to musky odor of fresh needles.