President Chalmers Sends Christmas Message

We have to admit to ourselves that we approach Christmas with reluctance, this year more than the last, and last year more than the year before. The newspapers recently described the American army rule prohibiting fraternization with enemy civilians by saying that the fine for talking with Germans in the occupied territory is $65; that, continued, the papers, is the fine for dancing in Merry Christmas.

With all our thoughts and intentions so far from Christmas, surely we need Christmas more this year than ever in our lifetime. May it bring peace among us all at home. May it also bring us closer to peace in the world.

GORDON KEITH CHALMERS

Kenyon Fund Drive Nears Close

The Kenyon Fund Drive closes on December 31st. This drive usually runs from February to June when the College is on its regular schedule, but during the accelerated program, it extends through the latter half of the year, from June to December. Last year the total receipts were more than $13,800 with $533 separate gifts. This year a relatively high increase is already in evidence in that over $30,500 has already been received from over 600 contributors. This shows an increase of about 12 percent in the Alumni as a whole.

Norman, Okla. (I. P.) - Students of Pierre Deblat, beginning French classes at the University of Oklahoma never see a written word of French until they have completely mastered the meaning and pronunciation of the word.

Delatre, professor of modern languages, is conducting for the department of modern languages an experimental class of some 30 students in which the use of records made by himself is substituted for a textbook. Not until the last of the school term will the students put into reading practice the words which they have learned to use through conversation.

Delatre's theory on this type of instruction is that if the student does not use the written word, he has no prejudice and does not associate the American pronunciation with the French word. He hopes to develop an excellent French pronunciation through instruction of sounds.

Students in this class have never taken a music lesson, but must spend several hours listening to the French records on their own.

Plays Are Successful

Thursday, December 14th, at 8:05, the curtain rose at the Speech Building on the first of the three one-act plays to be presented that night, "Lilies of the Field." This play, a serious drama with something of the psychological in it, had for its theme the divergent attitudes of two men upon the death of a woman who was mother of one of the lover of the other. The lead roles were played by Moody Kaufman as the poet-son and Charles Koehler as the aged lover with Stewart Perry in a supporting role.

The second play somewhat more well-met with the audience was Lord Dunsany's romance, "4 Night at an Inn. This has always been a popular play and the competent acting in this version made it even more so. The play is built around the theft of a ruby from the eye of a Hindu idol by a group of English sailors led by a dissipated gentleman who is on the wrong side of the law due to unspeakable eroticity with cards. The play moves to a climactic finish when the idol, come from India, recognizes his eye and kills the thieves. Herschel Welsh filled the lead role of the lodi, ably supported by Bruce Bell, Frank Cauley, Richard Taggart, et al.

The last of the series, a German comic play, was received with even more enthusiasm. The theme was a triangle love affair taking place in London, in which a poet and a married couple are involved. John Spoke played the poet and Mrs. Dorothy Hines and James T. Harris the married couple. The poet's wife, it is revealed, is in love with the man's wife, but the poems fall into his hands, and the action which this suggestion engenders is extremely entertaining.

A great deal of credit is due Mrs. Helen Black, who, in a professional capacity, superintended the performances. Mrs. Black has many other successes to her name both here at Kenyon and elsewhere.

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MRS. LESTER GIVES PARTIES

Mrs. Anne J. Lester, Matron at the Infirmary, gave two supper-parties at her rooms recently—one on Dec. 3rd and the other on the 10th.

The Sunday supper of the 3rd was given in honor of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, of which Mrs. Lester’s son was a member. Turkey with all the fixings was served, and cards were played afterwards.

The supper of the 10th was given for the Psi Upsilon fraternity, and baked ham soaked in wine was served with Boston-style baked beans and other side dishes. Poker and bridge were played afterwards.

Both parties were huge successes, due, of course, to Mrs. Lester’s culinary and hostess ability.

Class Play

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Due recognition must all be given to the other members of the Play Production Class who performed the all important task of scenery managers. Harvey Harrison and Charles J’Anthony worked for many hours to produce the “prope” as effective as they were. The audience was relatively large considering the heavy snowfall which marooned many ears.

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