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ASMC Brings Xmas Cheer To Youngsters

Twenty-eight underprivileged children, ranging in ages from two to twelve, were guests at the fourth annual Christmas party of the Associated Students of Madison College, held on Saturday evening, December 22.

Each child was sponsored by a student, who took his little guest to a good supper in the cafeteria. The meal included a vegetable stew, soup, hot chocolate, coffee cake, cookies, fruit, and milk.

Following the nourishing supper, all went to the Assembly Hall, where a tree had been decorated and surrounded with presents.

A short program began with a saxophone solo by Tui Pitman, "White Christmas." Eulene Borton sang "Here Comes Santa Claus." Felix A. Lorenz, Jr., performed some "magic" tricks, which were quite a mystery to the little ones. Elder Charles Edwards, from the Boulevard Church, then told them about hunting a mouse.

In the meantime, Santa Claus had been almost delayed by the rain, but he finally arrived on the scene with his pack, ready to deliver the gifts to the children.

Each child received a gift of clothing, a toy, and a sack of fruit.

This annual event is made possible by the cooperation of many students, who testify to the joy they experience in bringing happiness to the children. The student

Shankel-Rittenhouse Group Perform



Dr. Harvey Rittenhouse, Cello; Mrs. George Shankel, Piano; Virginia-Gene Rittenhouse, Violin

body is to be commended for the good will and happiness that are brought to many homes.

The names of the children are secured through the Big Brothers organization.

—ASMC—

Facing The Future

Jan. 11: Vespers—Elder Marley
Jan. 13: 7:30 p.m. Nurses' Capping
Jan. 18: Vespers—Elder Frazee
Jan. 22: N.A.N.I. Board Meeting
Jan. 25, 26: M.V. Council

College Church Tops Ingathering Goal

The Madison College church reached its minute-man goal of \$23.11 per member in the Ingathering campaign for missions, it was announced Sabbath morning, December 22.

This is the first time that that feat has ever been accomplished in this church. In fact, it is believed that the Madison College church is the first white college church in North America ever to attain this goal.

Funds are still coming in, and it will be impossible to determine final figures until the books are closed New Year's eve.

—ASMC—

Skit Depicts Prize Trip To Florida

The MADISONIAN staff gave the subscription drive a final shot-in-the-arm on Monday, December 17, at the last chapel session before Christmas vacation.

The platform curtains were drawn and the announcements were made through a tiny slit, a procedure which always presages something unusual, something exciting.

When the curtains were drawn back, there they were—students

Violinist Exhibits Unusual Skill in Interpretation

Virginia-Gene Rittenhouse, Dr. Harvey Rittenhouse, and Dr. and Mrs. George Shankel, the parents of Mrs. Rittenhouse, presented an outstanding musical program in the Helen Funk Assembly Hall on Saturday evening, December 15. The program was a benefit concert for the Free Clinic in Jamaica, B.W.I., which was established by Dr. Rittenhouse.

The program was opened by Virginia-Gene Rittenhouse with the violin concerto by Tartini. Featured by Mrs. Rittenhouse in a breath-taking performance was the tasking first movement of the violin concerto by Jan Sibelius, Finland's contemporary master. Other numbers included the andante movement from the Mendelssohn violin concerto and several lighter numbers by Sarasate, a Spanish composer and violinist.

Mrs. Rittenhouse holds professional performer's degrees in both violin and piano from London, and has made numerous appearances in this country and abroad. She has won various awards and has appeared in New York's famed Carnegie Hall and Steinway Hall. She is also a composer, having to her credit an oratorio and numerous other works which have received high commendation.

Dr. and Mrs. Rittenhouse and Mrs. Shankel also appeared in a violin, cello, and piano trio.

Dr. Rittenhouse presented two groups of tenor solos, including several familiar oratorio arias. As a tenor soloist he has appeared in churches and in oratorio roles both in Boston and on the West Coast. He has studied cello at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York.

An unusual part of the program was the presentation, by all four of this family of artists, of a group of African folk songs. While the Shankel family were missionaries in Africa, they combined their musical talents to capture the plaintive melodies, intricate rhythms, and fascinating harmonies of the African people.



Bill Graves, A.S.M.C. President, Helps Santa Distribute Presents at Xmas Party

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Are You a Blotter?

"Some people are like blotters. They soak it all in, but get it backwards."

Of all the insidious enemies of the soul of man, none is more cruel or more heartless than *gossip*. And, as in our thought for this editorial, the gossips usually get things backwards.

A gossip is one who suffers from *acute indiscretion*.

"Boys flying kites haul in their white-winged birds; You can't do that way when you're flying words.

Thoughts unexpressed may sometimes fall back dead; But God himself can't kill them when they're said."

Irving Hoffman once said, "There are no idle rumors. Rumors are always busy."

An amiable and admirable woman once advised some younger women to stop and take a good taste of their words before allowing them to leave their mouths. It's a cinch they never had to eat their words if they tasted them beforehand.

When you become irate, intense, and irritable, stop and taste your words carefully.

"Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words can break my heart."

A T S Contest Deadline Nearing

American Temperance Society deadlines for orations, jingles, and posters are drawing near, according to the temperance committee of the Madison chapter of the society.

Four contests are being sponsored by the college society, all of which offer attractive prizes, and all students of the college and the academy are eligible to participate in any or all of the contests.

Orations must be original and be from 1200-1500 words in length. They will be graded on thought, composition, context, and appeal. This grading will be added to the final score in judging the contestant in his oration. A first prize of \$20.00 and a second prize of \$10.00 are offered. The date of presentation is to be January 7, 1957. Judges for this contest are Elder Ackerman, Elder Mills, and Felix A. Lorenz, Jr.

The winner in the oration contest will be permitted to enter the final to be held later in the spring. Academy winners may compete at Collegedale, January 21, 1957.

Jingles must be submitted to the

judges not later than January 15, 1957, to be eligible. The jingle, which should be original, will be graded on thought, composition, content, and appeal. Judges will be Miss Cowdrick, Mrs. Sandborn, and Felix A. Lorenz, Jr. A first and a second prize of \$5.00 and \$2.50, respectively, will be given.

January 15 is also the deadline for the poster contest, which offers a first prize of \$7.50 and a second prize of \$3.50. The poster should be original and on any subject the participant chooses. It will be judged on its originality, eye appeal, color, and composition. Judges for this contest are Mrs. Zeigler and Mrs. Bertram.

Material for the orations and for the jingles must be typed.

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Polli Parrot
 SHOES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS
 MADISON FAMILY BOOTERIE
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 Big Sister by the Center for Adolescent Research

Two by Two

One by one our graduates of last September leave us. Don and Hazel Fisher and two children have gone to Poplar Bluff, Missouri, where they will be employed in the Veterans' Hospital. Mrs. Lorine Lucas is also nursing in this hospital.

Congratulations to the new arrivals to Hubert Mills and his wife. We are very happy for them. (Of course we are speaking of the shiny new trailer proudly sitting in the trailer court and their brand new '56 Chevrolet.)

We note that the trailer court is getting quite filled and overflowing. Hope everyone likes close neighbors. It's even better than TV. All you have to do is look out your picture window into the next living room and watch all the family feuds!

I might add that our section of the campus is doing its part in "replenishing the earth." Every time you get a small envelope in the mail, you naturally head for the new Baby Shop in Madison. That's okay though; we are happy for all the little fellows.

During December the Stewart daughters have all enjoyed visits from their mother, Mrs. R. E. Stewart. During her visit with Violet (Mrs. H. H. Lang) at San Antonio, Texas, she welcomed her new grandson, Robert James Lang, at his birth. She also visited Velma (Mrs. Larry Mixon) at Ocala, Florida, and a third daughter, Evelyn (Mrs. R. D. Murray), at Oneco, Florida.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Althea Turnbull, whose sister passed away very suddenly on December 17. Mrs. Turnbull left immediately for her home in Canada.

Some say that books are man's best friends. They have the words for every situation, but never speak them.

Others say that dogs are man's best friends. They wag their tails but not their tongues.

Speaking of *tails*, someone said, "He who carries *tail* makes monkey of self."

Carl C. Helm said, "It may not be easy, that I know, but still you ought to try it: if you can't say *good* of some poor Joe, perhaps you *could* keep quiet."

Think on these things.

FELIX A. LORENZ, JR.

Staff Vacation News

A number of the faculty families took advantage of the unusual weather for vacation trips during the holidays. President and Mrs. Jasperson and Mrs. Pepper were in California, the Duane Higgins family went to Nebraska, the Ackermans to North Carolina, and the Zeiglers to Ohio.

Mrs. Simmons and Miss Gafford were both ill during part of the vacation, Miss Gafford being in the hospital. Professor Cossentine wore a white patch over one eye for a while because of an injury to his eyeball.

Mrs. Mitzelfelt, Sylvia, and Richard were happy to have Mr. Mitzelfelt home from Memphis, where he is attending medical school. The Mitzelfelt family spent Christmas at the Little Creek School.

Get Those 5 Subs

Five subs, and you get a three-day trip to the mountains to camp in Dr. Pitman's cabin. This offer, open to high school students only, is still good until January 3.

Riverside Choir, M. V. Rally Coming

Because of the Laymen's Congress for this area being held on the Madison campus, there will be no M. V. program Sabbath, January 5. The time will be occupied by Elder R. L. Pierson, Kentucky-Tennessee Conference president, and his associates.

The Riverside Choir, under the direction of Professor Samuel Jackson, will present "The Holy City" in sacred concert Sabbath afternoon, January 12.

Miss Dorothy Matthews will be in charge of the program on January 19. As Master Guide Band leader, she will steer the minds of the audience to better reading in 1957.

The weekend of January 26 has been reserved for Elder L. M. Nelson, Southern Union M. V. secretary, who will conduct a Voice of Youth Rally on this campus for the young people of the entire Nashville area. He will be assisted by Elder Teddric Mohr, local M. V. secretary.

—ASMC—

Party Is Festive Occasion

The sanitarium workers gathered in the sanitarium lobby at 3:00 p.m. on December 18 for their annual Christmas party. The large decorated tree stood in the corner spreading its Christmas cheer. Carols were sung under the direction of Harry Mayden, who also was the emcee for the afternoon. Joyce Mayden was at the organ. Interspersed among the carols sung by the group were a Christmas poem by Nancy Gibbons, the very impressive solo by the visiting Dr. Rittenhouse, and the lovely music furnished by the string ensemble made up of Edna and George Thornton and Mr. Mitzelfelt, who is at home on vacation from medical school.

Then the long awaited moment arrived. Santa came dashing down the hall (He had left Rudolph outside as children under 16 were not allowed inside). Then, with many (Continued on page 4)

Mrs. A. W. Spalding Passes Away

Word has been received of the death of Mrs. Arthur W. Spalding, on December 10, at a hospital in Lakeport, Florida.

For many years Mrs. Spalding had had a weak heart. At the time of Professor Spalding's death, three years ago, she was in the hospital, not expected to live; but she rallied at that time.

The Spaldings were pioneer educators in the Southland, being loyal supporters of the type of education for which Madison stands. They spent seven years on the Madison campus, during which time they established the pre-school here.

The MADISONIAN pays tribute to Mrs. Spalding and extends sympathy to the relatives.

Presenting the Faculty — President Jasperson



President A. A. Jasperson

President Arthur A. Jasperson was born in the small community of Bear Creek, Wisconsin, on November 5, 1887.

In 1910, when Madison was very young, Mr. Jasperson, a Wisconsin farmer, entered Madison as a student. In his case, as in many others, the vital spark of the fundamental principles of Madison kindled a flame in his heart which influenced his career from then to now.

In 1912 he married Marguerite Miller, who had preceded him as a Madison student and was then teaching in a little rural school at Copper Ridge, Tennessee.

The young couple spent three years in a distinctly Southern

mountain community in Macon County, North Carolina. There followed four years of teaching at Pisgah Institute. Then came a transfer to Fletcher.

When the Jaspersons joined the Fletcher unit, the sanitarium was in its infancy. From a twelve-bed capacity it grew into a well-equipped seventy-bed hospital and sanitarium whose first purpose was to serve the needs of its immediate community, the rural people, but whose reputation has brought to it many patrons from afar.

For over thirty years Mr. Jasperson, as head of this organization, carried the unmeasured responsibility of supervising, directing, advising, and promoting the interest of the institution on a self-supporting basis and ministering to the people of a rural area.

In May of 1952 the Jaspersons left Fletcher to return to Madison. This time Mr. Jasperson came as president and manager of the Madison College institution. In the four years he has served in this capacity he has demonstrated the ability which he acquired in thirty years of active self-supporting work.

President Jasperson feels that Madison College offers unlimited opportunities and possibilities for the training of men and women who are interested in layman enterprises, not only in the South but in other sections of the country.

Workers Bid Dean Farewell at Party

The faculty and workers and their families held their annual Christmas party in the pre-school building on Tuesday evening, December 18.

Grown-ups and children alike enjoyed the informal social occasion, which was climaxed by the appearance of Santa (Dr. Horsley), who distributed presents to the children and apples and popcorn to everybody. Cookies and punch were also served.

The evening was also the occasion of a farewell program for a faculty family, Mr. and Mrs. Theo Williams and little Chris, who are leaving for mission service in Baghdad. Two pieces of luggage were presented to the Williamses as a token of appreciation and friendship from their co-workers.

—ASMC—

Group Take Xmas Program to Highland

A group composed of the Mesdames J. D. Simmons, Harry Mayden, and Bob Huether, Miss Jo Ann Gibbons, and Mr. Gilbert Jorgensen presented the story of the nativity in song and verse at Highland Academy Sabbath afternoon, December 15, at the M. V. hour.

David Osborne, youth leader for the day, graciously welcomed the group and gave warm thanks to the guests at the close of the program.

Bob Huether and Leroy Fielding from the college also attended the meeting.

—ASMC—

Shankel-Rittenhouse

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Dr. Shankel, since returning from Africa, has been connected with Walla Walla and Atlantic Union colleges, and more recently with the Seventh-day Adventist college in Jamaica as president. At present he is the chairman of the Division of Social Sciences at Southern Missionary College at Collegedale, Tennessee.

Dr. Rittenhouse, who has been physician and surgeon at the Andrews Memorial Hospital in Jamaica, is this year taking a residency at Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga.

Following the concert, Mrs. J. M. Ackerman and Mrs. Felix A. Lorenz, Sr., were hostesses at a reception for the guest artists, attended by members of the faculty and special friends, and prepared by the Home Economics Club. The Music Club was in charge of arranging for the program and its publicity.

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Cave Springs Home for Children, a school for exceptional children, those with special physical problems, is the newest member of the family of self-supporting institutions.



Mrs. Julia Grow

Mrs. Julia Grow and Miss Nellie Green, both recent graduates of Madison College, are the founders of this school, which is located fourteen miles southwest of Nashville, on a beautiful 916-acre farm on U. S. Highway 70.

Mrs. Grow is a registered nurse, a college graduate in elementary education, and has had many years of experience in various lines of conference employ. In her senior year she was chosen as one of the Madison College students listed in *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

Miss Green was chosen, in her senior year, as "Miss Madison Nurse" from among a hundred nursing students, to represent Madison in the Nashville district of the Tennessee Association of Student Nurses.

This is the only school of its kind in the S.D.A. denomination, and the project is receiving considerable attention among both Adventists and non-Adventists. Several organizations in the vicinity of Nashville are giving material help in establishing the home.

Several weeks ago about 150 friends attended a barn party at the new school,

the proceeds of the supper being used to further the work. Guests were shown about the place before the supper around a bonfire, and after the meal were entertained by folk songs, rounds, readings, and instrumental numbers.



Miss Nellie Green

More recently groups from the campus have gone to the farm to help paint and do needed work on the grounds and the buildings.

Mrs. Grow is the president of the corporation, Miss Green is treasurer, Dr. Naomi K. Pitman is secretary, and the other directors are Emmett W. Pierce, R.N., B.S., A.A.N.A., and Josephine Cunningham Edwards.

Students Elected to Church Offices

Students are filling a variety of offices in the church, Sabbath school, and Missionary Volunteer Society for the year 1957. The report of the nominating committee revealed the following list of offices and student officers who will work with senior members of the church:

Deacons: Paul Blankenship, Brenton Bullock, Otis Detamore, Leonard Drebert, Woodrow Ek, David Harvey, Lawrence Hunt, Eugene Post, Herbert Tate, Gerald Turnbull, John Williams.

Deaconess: Althea Turnbull.

Missionary Volunteer leaders: Jack Gibbons, Clinton Johnson, Evelyn Marshall.

M. V. secretaries: Shirley Burk, Rebecca Vaughan.

Organists and pianists: Joyce Mayden, Clyde Holland, Martha Ann Norris, Carol Hilgers.

Choristers: Stewart Crook, Tommy Mino.

Sabbath school senior superintendents: Clyde Holland, Mabelle Holloway.

Secretaries: Julia Keller, Alyce Williams, Virginia Henne, June Davidson.

Choristers: Harry Mayden, Charley Culbertson, Dean Wike.

Branch Sabbath schools: Everett Saulsbury.

Youths' Division: Richard Kunau.

Junior Division: Goldie Valentine.

Primary Division: Mrs. Winona Fiebelkorn, Rachel Ramsey.

Cradle Roll: Margaret Dixon, Margaret Whitney, Virginia Greenlee, Ida Gordon, Goldie Malvaney.

Wee Wonders: Mary Astor.

Pianists: Anne Davidson, Gloria Denslow.

—ASMC—

Stewart Crook Chosen Dean of Men

Mr. Stewart Crook took up his new duties of dean of men on January 1.

Mr. Crook, a college senior majoring in music, came to Madison from Southern Missionary College at the beginning of the fall quarter. He is replacing Mr. Theo Williams, who with his family has accepted a call to the mission field.

Mr. Crook's pleasing personality and his Christian leadership which he has shown since he has been on the campus fit him well for his new work. His excellent work in directing the academy choir is one example of his ability and leadership that has given others confidence in him.

When Mr. Crook returned after the holidays, he brought with him his wife and two-year-old daughter, and they are moving into the dean's apartment at Wasiota Hall.

High School Hi-Lites

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MAN

The Editor Speaks

Do Manners Matter?

"The gasoline filling station men have improved the manners and courtesy of the American public more than all the colleges in the country." Dr. Milliken.

This statement should be a challenge to us especially as we think of our manner of passing from class to class. Those five minutes between classes could be a blessing. At present, it is somewhat like going on a crusade or expedition to accept the challenge to pass down our hall between classes. Let's put forth some real effort to improve our school on this particular point. Remember courtesy pays.

—ASMC—

Fun at Kitchen Party

Most of the girls of the Village Girls' Club arrived at the home of Rebecca Culpepper on the evening of December 17, only to find a sign on the front door which read, "This is a kitchen party. Go to the back door."

Upon reaching the back door, they were cordially welcomed by Rebecca, who took their gifts and put them under the tree.

When all were seated, walnuts were passed around to be cracked by those who were not stirring the taffy. But oh, that taffy! Such troubles have not been seen since the last time they tried. First the taffy sugared; then it was so hard no one could crack it. Said Mrs. Culpepper, "Why, I have been making taffy all my life and never has it done this before."

Well, it must have been the foggy weather; anyway, they made chocolate fudge with all those walnuts instead. It really hit the spot.

Next came the presents. While they were being passed around the timer was set, and when the bell rang, each opened the one in her hand.

Sad to say, the end came, as it always does, and a group of happy girls left the party to go home and dream about taffy and chocolate fudge. Thank you, Rebecca, for a wonderful evening.

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John Nickless
Linda Pitman
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Marilyn Sandborn
Jo Ann Schuler
Goldie Valentine

—ASMC—

Juniors Are Active

The juniors are showing excellent class spirit in selling doughnuts, holding bake sales, and having parties. They are beginning to wonder what is happening to the senior class, who have had no parties yet. Maybe their heavy classes are keeping them a little too busy.

—ASMC—

Boys Lead in Drive

Boys—they are ahead. The high school boys are ahead in the sub campaign! This is the first time in the history of our school that this has happened. The girls were well surprised at the announcement. But, boys, the margin is too close, you have still got to work.

—ASMC—

Parents Welcome 2nd Christmas Baby

Charles and Crystal Morgan became the proud parents of their second Christmas baby when Philip Wayne, eight pounds, fifteen and one-half ounces, was born at 2:47 a.m., December 25, 1956. Just four years ago, December 25, 1952, Sharon, their other child, was born.

Other recent arrivals are Charlene Diane, six pounds, eleven and one-half ounces, to Mr. and Mrs. Don Fisher, on November 30; and Allen Clyde, eight pounds, four ounces, to Mr. and Mrs. Louie DeLong, on December 8.

Christmas Party Is Festive Occasion

The Christmas spirit was in the air on the evening of December 15, when the junior class gathered at Myrna Moore's home to share their gifts.

The house was filled with laughter as they played games. Then Santa Claus (Dennis Randall) gave each one his gift. After everyone had had hot chocolate and cookies, the twenty-three juniors, including Mr. Keplinger, their sponsor, and his family, bade one another good night and called out, "Merry Christmas!" as they left.

—ASMC—

Bake Sale Profitable

"Come one, come all!" is what was heard coming from Harold Taylor, as he stood by the cafeteria on Friday, December 14.

There were fudge and pastries for all who came to the lobby before twelve o'clock, because everything was sold by noon. The sale turned out to be an especially profitable one for the juniors.

—ASMC—

Juniors Sell Donuts

Fifty dozen doughnuts were sold by the juniors in less than an hour's time on the evening of December 10. Then the following night they went out again and sold fifty dozen more.

—ASMC—

Skit Depicts Florida Trip

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sitting in a dozen pairs of chairs, their profiles exposed to the assembly bobbing up and down, simulating passengers riding in a bus. They seemed to be having a hilarious time.

Out of the hidden somewhere came the voice of a narrator, saying, among other things:

"What are they talking about?"

"Ah, yes—those poor, paltry, penny-pinching paupers, those penurious, pig-headed, pusillanimous, pampered, prejudiced, push-overs, back at Madison sulking, sobbing, sneering, studying, slaving away at their lessons."

But these students, riding in the bus, were on their way to sunbathed, ocean-laved Florida, in reward of their efforts in acquiring fifteen or more subs for the MADISONIAN.

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M V's Visit Hospital

Five carloads of Missionary Volunteers presented a second musical program to about 100 patients at the Veterans' Hospital on the night of December 16.

George Schultz, an anesthesia student, played a trumpet solo, and Jo Ann Schuler a solo on her accordion. Other numbers included a vocal trio composed of Carol Hilgers, Stella Rodriguez, and Dorothy Cantrell, a vocal solo by Jo Ann Gibbons accompanied by Mrs. Harry Mayden, and a quartet number by Lois Gant, Ann Luck, Stella Rodriguez, and Dorothy Cantrell. Carol Hilgers accompanied this group. An accordion duet was played by Linda Pitman and Jo Ann Schuler.

Bob Sellman offered prayer, Adeline Soper read from Luke the story of the nativity, and Allen Kneller gave John 3:16 in German after Judy and Joddy Socol recited it in English.

To climax the evening's program, a chorus of 15 girls, under the direction of Mrs. Ackerman, gave two numbers which were well received, as was the entire program.

Drivers of the cars included Mrs. Gene Hudson, Mrs. J. M. Ackerman, who sang "O Holy Night," Mrs. O. Socol, who accompanied Joddy as he played his violin, Mrs. J. D. Simmons, in charge of the program, and Billy Sandborn.

Sunshine Band members are happy for the opportunity afforded them of going to the hospital to bring cheer and uplifting music to the veterans.

—ASMC—

Sanitarium Christmas Party

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frantic efforts to keep his "bowl full of jelly" from slipping out from under his shiny black belt, he passed out the presents with the aid of his helpers from the audience. One present brought forth a scream as Bonnie Ryals opened hers from the fellows in the laboratory. It was a little slimy wet frog.

After bags containing Christmas candy, apples, oranges, and nuts were passed out to each member, all went back to their work for the day, filled with the good cheer which this highlight of the Christmas season had brought them.

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