

Tanganyika Visitors Brighten Holiday Season

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Now that the pressure is off I'll tell you a little more about our Christmas, one that I'm sure none of us will ever forget.

We had anywhere from 11 to 18 people here for meals all through Christmas week, and what a group it was! Marlene, a girl from California, who left home eight months ago to hike around the world, plans to be gone three years. So far she has covered most of Europe, down across the east end of the Mediterranean Sea, down through Egypt, where she worked in Cairo for a time to get money to continue, and then down by way of Kenya and Sudan to Tanganyika.

Hiking Girl
She is 23 years old, blonde, of sturdy build, about 5'8" tall and is hiking "peke yoke" (Kiswahili for completely by oneself). She is an extremely interesting person. She happened to stop here in Tanga and met one of the Peace Corps fellows on the street downtown. He brought her up to meet us, and we invited her to spend Christmas with us.

She slept in my room while she was here and all of us thoroughly enjoyed her company. It's easy to see how she is able to make out so well on her travels. She fit into our group as easily as could be, and we were all sorry to have her leave, but she will be writing to us. She heads for Dar and Zanzibar now and then on to South Africa where she plans to work again before going on to New Zealand and Australia.

Among the others were five Peace Corps fellows, two from here in Tanga, and a British fellow who works with the FWD (Folk Works Department). Also there were two Americans who are in the AID (Agency for International Development) program and TEA (Teachers of East Africa) both of whom are teaching here in the Tanga Government Secondary School. Put all together and we had a wonderful time.

Toys To Hospital
On Christmas Eve we took the toys we had gotten for the children over to the hospital. We did this instead of exchanging gifts among ourselves. They were asleep so we left the packages for them to open in the morning. We went on to sing carols for the next three hours in the hospital ending up at the atheran Mission down the street. We all enjoyed it a lot and several remarked how much it helped to make it really seem like Christmas.

Most of all I think it helped us to grasp the real meaning of Christmas. I must admit it seemed strange to be singing "Silent Night" as we stood dripping sweat while wearing sleeveless dresses. After that we went and sat in the park for a bit just watching the stars and listening to the sea. We talked a little, but mostly just sat and enjoyed the peace and tranquility of the whole atmosphere.

Then it was off to the midnight service held outside on the church lawn. A Glee choir sang and it was something we will not soon forget. What a wonderful feeling to be sitting there sharing with people from all over, black, white, African, Asian, and European side by side laughing and easily and naturally with no hostility or any indication of any such thing.

Went Sailing
On Christmas Day we went sailing in the afternoon and returned to a delicious ham dinner with all the fixings even cherry and mince pie. All during the week girls have kept appearing in the lining room. We still do not know whom to thank for many of them.

We do know that the matron gave us a huge box of tea cookies and that one of the three boxes of candy was given by Marlene. What really surprised us and pleasantly, I must say, was a lovely portable record player. The Peace Corps fellows (the five here for Christmas plus two others who had been stationed here in November and December) all came in and bought it for us. It is really neat.

Things sure were busy, but how we enjoyed it all. Now I owe about three boxes as many letters as usual so you can guess what I'll be doing in my spare time for a while to come.

Cultural Sights Await State Students In NYC

Three hundred students from The State University College at Potsdam will spend a week of culture and fun in New York City instead of relaxing at home during mid-semester vacation.

A caravan of 10 chartered buses will leave Potsdam Friday (Jan. 25) at 7 a.m., carrying students weary from final examinations but eager to learn about new things.

Students making the seven-day trip will be required to see certain performances and exhibits. Among these "musts" will be at least one of the following operas, "Andrea Chenier," "Die Meistersinger," "Adriana Lecouvreur" and "Turandot"; three plays, Emyln Williams' "A Man for All Seasons"; "Tchin-Tchin," with Anthony Quinn and Margaret Leighton; the British production, "The School for Scandal."

Sunday night students will see Marcel Marceau, the renowned pantomimist. Also the group will be taken on a conducted tour of the Lincoln Center of the Performing Arts, a visit to the space exhibit at the Museum of Natural History, a visit to the United Nations, a study of collections at the Museum of Modern Art, the Metropolitan Museum and the Guggenheim Museum.

Also each student will be encouraged to see one or two films not readily available in Northern New York.

Headquarters for students and college officials during the week will be the Hotel Edison. A college personnel office will be established on the second floor of the hotel, and a member of the college faculty or staff will be on duty at all times.

Twenty-four members of the college faculty and staff will accompany the student group. They are Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Barrington, Prof. George Bayliss, Miss Sheila Best, Dr. and Mrs. Horace Bowman, Prof. Mary English, Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Frackenhof, Prof. Benedict Goldsmith, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hurley, Miss Joan Kinyon, Mrs. Margaret Munro, Prof. Judith Pastow, Miss Mildred Post, Miss Cleo Reeves, Profs. Elsie Rule, Ruth Sawyer, Donald Skoller, Miss Mamie Walker, Prof. Adrienne Zahler, Dr. Perry Yaw and Prof. Grace Terry, who has headed the committee in charge of arrangements.

Paul Grady and Steven Zvenegrouski, student resident assistants, will assist with arrangements.



"ODETTA"

Odetta To Sing Folk Ballads At State Feb. 5

Odetta, leading interpretive folk singer of blues, work songs, lullabies, and fantasies, will give a concert at the State University College at Potsdam, Feb. 5.

The program, a feature of the Assembly Concert Series, will be at 8:30 p. m. in the College Theatre. Seats not reserved by students will be available to the public the night of the performance. Odetta has sung at numerous festivals and concerts and has made frequent television appearances. Her most recent film was "Santuary," in which she co-starred with Lee Remick and Yves Montand.

St. Lawrence Faculty Recital Slated Sunday

Canton—Works by Johannes Brahms, Claude Debussy and Paul Hindemith will be featured in a faculty recital at St. Lawrence University on Sunday, Jan. 27.

The program will be performed by Richard S. Saylor, clarinetist, and James W. Hutchinson, pianist. Both are assistant professors of music at St. Lawrence.

The recital, open to the public without charge, will be held in the lounge of Whitman Hall beginning at 8:15 p.m. The works performed will be Brahms' Sonata in F minor, Op.



ORATORICAL CONTESTANTS—Seen here are the participants of the annual American Legion Oratorical Contest, which was held at the Potsdam High School last week. Winner John O'Brien (2nd from left), son of Mr. and Mrs. John O'Brien, Bay Street, went on to take third place in the St. Lawrence County Contest held last week at Hermon-DeKalb Central School. Other contestants in the Potsdam High contest were (left to right) Russell Pattison, James Balukjian, and Heather Anderson, who placed 2nd. Judges for the local

contest were Mrs. Melissa Carroll, district superintendent of Schools; Michael Corbitt, supervising principal of the Colton-Pierrepont Central School; and Donald Spotswood, science coordinator at Norwood-Norfolk Central. Winner of the county contest in Hermon was Wayne Thompson of Gouverneur Central. Students speak on some phase of the United States Constitution in this well-known nationwide contest sponsored by the American Legion.

State Theatre Group To Hold Writing Contest

The New York State Community Theater Association has announced that for the eighth year it will sponsor the Drummond Playwriting Contest for plays of regional interest.

The winner of the contest will receive a cash prize and have his play produced by NYSCTA. Deadline for manuscripts is Mar. 31.

Anyone wishing to enter may

Area Radio
WPDM—1470 kc.
5:55 Sign on; Portals of Prayer
6:05 Morning Show
6:45 Con Elliott's Sports
10:05 Con Elliott Show
10:14 Movie Billboard
10:40 Social Security Tips
2:05 Ralph Howard Show
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6:00 Sign off; Portals of Prayer.
Other Programs:
World News: On the hour
Headlines: Every Half Hour
Local News: 7:30, 8:05 A. M., 12:30, 3:30 P. M.
Community Calendar: Every hour at 45 minutes past the hour.
Hollywood Report, Jimmy Fidler: Every hour at 15 minutes past the hour.

Local Cast Named For "The Crucible"
Miss Adrienne Zahler, director of Potsdam Community Theatre's coming production, "The Crucible," announced this week that she has completed the casting for the 13 parts.

Local people taking part in this Arthur Miller play, which is now in rehearsal, include Christopher Dunn, Robert Ellis, Susan Fleischhauer, H. Burnham Gowen, Margene Jensen, Sharon Lynch, Richard Meeke, Olive Moffett, Sandra Munro, Lori Sanford, Eleanor Skoller, William Straney, and Walter Weitzmann.

ENTERTAINMENT:

Art — Books — Features — Motion Pictures
Music — Radio — Stage — Television — Travel

Cultural Calendar

Potsdam	
Sun., Feb. 3	RECITAL, Crane Chorus & Orchestra Bach's "St. Matthew Passion" Audience Participation Reading 8 p.m., SUCP Theatre
Tues., Feb. 5	CONCERT, Folk Singing "Odetta" World-known vocalist SUCP Theatre, 8:30 p.m.
Canton	
Sun., Jan. 27	RECITAL, St. Lawrence Music Faculty Works by Brahms, Debussy, Hindemith Whiteman Hall Lounge, SLU, 8:15 p.m. FREE
Thru Feb. 4	PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT Famous Photographic Works Student Union Center, St. Lawrence Ogdensburg
Mon., Jan. 28	"Showboat" Operetta Brockville Operetta Society 8:15 p.m., George Hall Auditorium

'Showboat' To Be Staged Monday In Ogdensburg

Brockville — With over two months of concentrated rehearsal already behind them, it's full steam ahead for "Showboat," the next production of the Brockville Operatic Society.

The "Showboat" arrives in Brockville on Jan. 24 for a three-day stay at the Brockville Civic Auditorium.

(The famous musical play will also be presented on Monday evening, Jan. 28, in George Hall Auditorium in Ogdensburg. Tickets are now on sale at Frank's Decorator Corner, Adams & Paganon Drugs, The Surprise and other locations. Prices are adults \$2.00 and students \$1.00.)
Long considered the all-time great among Broadway musicals, "Showboat" is Edna Ferber's story of an old-time showboat troupe which plied the

Mississippi. Attracted by its title, composer Jerome Kern bought a copy of "Showboat" and before he had read half of it, was convinced that the story would make an ideal musical play.

With Oscar Hammerstein II writing the book and lyrics and Jerome Kern composing the music, producer Flo Ziegfeld brought the show to Broadway in 1927. Its success is now Broadway history.

Chorus Of 55
During the last 11 weeks members of the Brockville Operatic Society have been rehearsing to make "Showboat" the greatest production yet to "hit the boards" at the Brockville Civic Auditorium. Thelma Eastcott, as musical director has the chorus of 55 singing such memorable songs as "Old Man River," "Only Make Believe," "Can't Help Loving That Man" and "Bill," with the gusto and verve of the original Broadway chorus. Making sure that entrances and exits are made at the right moment and that all members of the cast are word-perfect, is Joyce Romegialli, the stage director.

In another corner of the rehearsal, the team of 16 dancers is busy polishing the many dance routines that are an integral part of the "Showboat" story. Choreographer for the show is Angela Romegialli. While the rehearsal has been clipping along at its steady pace, other members of the society have been designing and making the costumes, experimenting with make-up techniques and designing the "drops" and a replica of the good ship Cotton Blossom, around which

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ICE CARNIVAL KING CANDIDATES — Seeking the position of king of the Clarkson Tech - State University College ice carnival to be held in Potsdam Feb. 7-10 are these seniors from Clarkson. First row, left to right, are Ronald Cwirko, Amsterdam; Bert Mallwell, Sudbury, Ont.; Alfred R. Boccafolo, Syosset; second row, Archie Maclean, Endicott; Barry B. Weintraub, Woodbridge, N. Y.; David Laughlin, Randolph; Wayne Gibbons, St. Catharines, Ont.; last row, Charles S. Walker, Massapequa Park; Harold B. Pette-son, Falconbridge, Ont.; and Robert L. Cook, Farmington, Conn.

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