

# The Campus Canopy

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

### And a Happy New Year From The Canopy Staff

We of the Canopy Staff would like to extend to each and every student and faculty member the best of the holiday season. May the joys and blessings of Christmas be with you and yours during this wonderful time. The next week should be spent with singing and merry-making for we are celebrating the most blessed event of mankind. Christmas is indeed a beautiful holiday in which to wish everybody well. We would like to send you a Christmas card.

Many years ago an artist sent his Christmas messages on cards. From this art originated the painted Christmas Card. Before this art Christmas messages were sent in letters. We are not all artists however. We have no paint. There are no brushes, thus, our card for you we paint in words. First must be painted our love, our warmth. For this let us return where yule logs burn and where they burned of old. The home, the hearth, the boughs of holly, feasting and singing, develop the scene for the face of our card. A scene of gaiety drawn from the traditions of Christmas Past.

As we look inside the card

there we find a fireplace. Here we find burning the logs of Christmas Present. Logs burning in Christmas Present. Christmas Past. Christmas Present. The light, as did the Eastern star of old, draws all men to it in the warmth of brotherhood. On the mantle above the fire we paint a burning candle within the holly. The candle is for hope. Hope in for tomorrow and tomorrow is where Christmas future lies. Here we leave our card unfinished. You may see our pictures of Christmas Past and Christmas Present to paint your picture of Christmas Future, for Christmas Future lies within you.



VALDOSTA STATE'S NEW CHEERLEADERS—Jo Ann Daniels, Janie Tillie, Frances Garbutt, Pendleton, Judy Davis, and Georgia Wolfe.

### The Christmas Story

And there were in the same country, children keeping watch over stockings by night. And lo, the spirit of Christmas came upon them, and the gladness shone round about them: and they were so glad. And the spirit said unto them, Fear not; for, behold I bring tidings of great joy, which shall be for you. For unto you this will be given many gifts, which shall make you glad. And this will be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the presents wrapped in paper ribbon, lying beneath a tree. And suddenly there was a multitude of angels and friends praising you and saying, Thank you so much, it is just what I wanted. But wait—Is this the real meaning of the Christmas story, or is what we are beginning to read into it? It states that Christ was to bring peace. It is Christ-mas—not Gift-mas. Let us find the meaning and give Christ back His day.

### What Do You Know about Christmas?

Christmas time in the United States reflects the legends and traditions of many countries. How do you know? The following stories have been taken from the December issue of McCall's. Where did Santa Claus come from? In Holland, where a joyous custom was to have some one dress as St. Nicholas, patron saint of children, and distribute toys and sweets. Children shortened the name to "Ni Klaus", and the fish changed the "Saint" to "Santa". The red-coated figure with the flowing white beard, has no resemblance to the original St. Nicholas, an early bishop, but American children's imagination have made him so. Was the Norwegian who gave the prancing reindeer. Who sang the first Christmas carols? St. Francis of Assisi is responsible for writing the simple words and the chants of the church which common people could understand and sing. These versions of songs found their way to England in the Miracle Plays. At first they were sung only between acts, but the people were so delighted with them that soon the songs assumed more importance than the pageant. On one occasion the singers became so enthusiastic they marched out of the church and into the streets, joyously singing. The congregation followed and joined in. Who brought the Christmas (Continued on page 4)

### The Fire Lighting

On Thursday, November 18, at 6:30 Mr. V. L. Daughtery, President of the Student Body, lit the first fire of the year. V. L. started the annual Fire-Lighting Service, in which representatives of every club on campus took part. Besides the clubs, The Faculty and Alumnae were represented. This is a traditional service which shows fellowship and good will. To the fire, each organization adds a special virtue or wish. The Senior Class represented by Patsy Exum brought aspiration, while the Junior Class brought Sympathy. Beverly Marshall, President of the Sophomore Class brought love, while Freshman delegate Walter Godwin brought work. Miss Louise Sawyer, of the Faculty brought sincerity, and Wanda Bishop, President of the Education Club brought love of learning. The Math-Science Club brought exactness and the English Club appreciation. To the Fire of Fellowship, the Sorority brought Fidelity, while the Mu Alpha brought Freedom, and the Phi Kappa brought Brotherhood. Miss Anne Kirby, a 1953 Graduate added faithfulness to the fire. After each club brought its wish, the Benediction was led by Nancy Lovett. Miss Murel Baker ended the Service by playing "Now the Day Is Over."

### Hanging of the Greens

Every year at Valdosta State College a traditional event takes place. After the Sophomore class has decorated the Christmas tree the senior class has a program and the decorations are put up. This tradition is called the "Hanging of the Greens" in the rotunda of Ashley Hall. This year a very impressive ceremony took place. The girls of the Senior class, dressed in similar evening gowns, hung the greens. Afterwards Barbara Crew read the Christmas Story from the book of Luke. The closing prayer was given by Nancy Lovett. Throughout the ceremony, Merle Baker accompanied on the piano. The greens will remain hung until the holidays. Everyone is invited to go by and see them at Ashley Hall.

### Strictly For The Girls

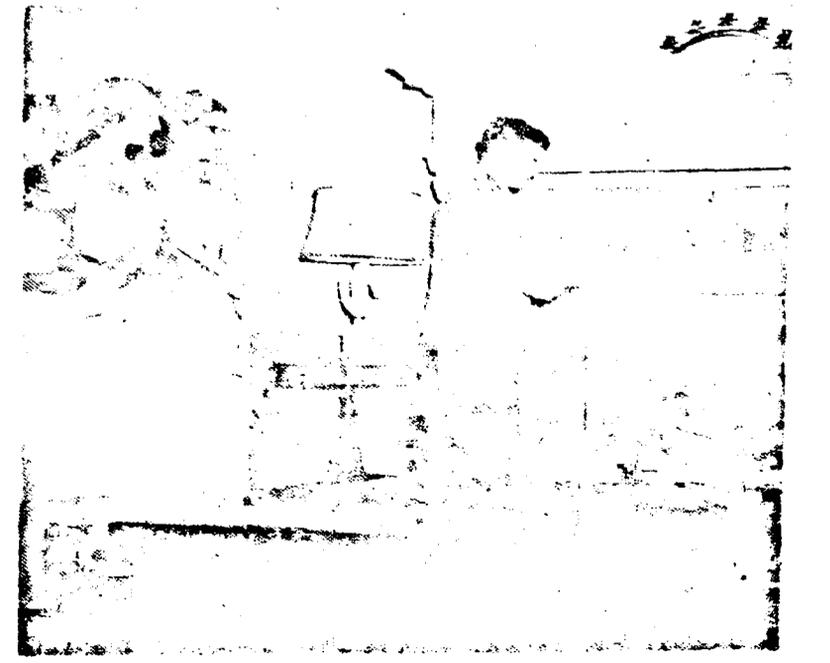
Now I guess some of you are wondering just what is this thing that leaves out the boys and is just for the girls. Have you ever heard of anything that is any good at all that leaves out the boys? Well, let me tell you that this is just the thing for you girls. You will have to get on the band wagon. Here goes! Valdosta State College will be the site of a charm school during this dates: 7th, 8th, and 9th of February. Miss Alice Bell of Atlanta, Georgia, will conduct the classes of charm which will be strictly for the girls. The classes will be held in the afternoon and evening. Miss Bell, incidentally, holds the title of "The First Lady of Charm." Willie Mac Herrin has just told us that this event is to be sponsored by the Education Club at VSC. Willie Mac is project chairman of the Education Club. Now listen you gals, you better start saving your money for this big event. Don't forget those dates: February 7, 8, and 9. I'm sure that all of you will be looking forward to this event.

### REBELS!!

### VSC Students Name Team

The only school in the state with a basketball team without a name and a gym that could not be used. This was the sad story at V.S.C. for awhile but things are now different. The gym is being used and the official name of the Valdosta State College basketball team is the "REBELS". The name REBELS has officially been given to V.S.C.'s basketball team. The name was the choice of the student body at an election held in assembly on November 23rd. The students had a list of names to choose from. On the list with REBELS were names like Panthers, Chippers, Red Devils and Hornets. Claire Wiggins who was Chairman of the Committee to handle the balloting for the Student Government Council said that in

counting the ballots Panthers came in behind REBELS as the choice of the Student Body. This was the third time that an election has been held to select the team name. Two elections were held last year and for the first election Panthers was selected. In the second election Pine neers came out on top. At the beginning of this school year the Student Council voted to again have an election and settle the team nomenclature and for always. The main election was preceded by a nominating election in assembly at which time each student had the opportunity to submit his choice for the team name. From this list was composed the ballot that the students voted on with REBELS the winner.



V. L. DAUGHTERY, President of the Student Body, lights the fire in the Rotunda for the Fire-Lighting Service.



# PERSONALITIES OF THE MONTH



CASEY GOTHARD



BOB DIXON

Carrienne Gothard has been chosen "Personality of the month" by the Canopy Staff this month. Casey, as she is known by her friends, is a Home Economics major from Thomasville, Georgia. She transferred to Valdosta State College her Sophomore year. She attended the Dental Institute School in Memphis, Tennessee her first year. Since she has been at V.S.C. she has been active in the clubs and organizations on the campus. She is corresponding secretary of the Baptist Student Union, second vice-president of the Womans Residence Hall Council, secretary of the Y Cabinet, and president of the Red Club. Casey has been on the Sports Council since her first year. During that year she was also representative to the Student Government. Her junior year she was activities chairman of the W.R.H.C., and she has been a monitor for two years.

The Canopy Staff has chosen Archie Bob Dixon of Albany, Georgia as the male personality of the month for this issue of the Canopy. Bob was born at Patterson, Georgia. From Patterson his family moved to Florida, where he lived until quite recently. While he was a student at Emory Junior College, here in Valdosta, his family moved to Albany. Upon graduation from Emory Junior, Bob enrolled at Valdosta State. Here he has been outstanding in campus activities and has been chosen as one of the seniors to be listed in Who's Who Among American Universities and Colleges.

Last spring quarter Bob was elected Vice-President of the Student Government Association for this school year. He is a tenor in the Glee Club and also a member of the quartet. Bob is Editor of the Pine Cone this year also.

Bob is majoring in history and minoring in art. He is very active in the IRC, having represented VSC at the IRC convention in Statesboro last spring quarter. He is a member of the Sigma Alpha Chi honor society and the Sock and Buskin Club. He is also a former member of the Home-Ec Art Club. Art is his hobby as well as his minor field. Some of his work has already been sold. Bob says that he would like very much to get some of the other students interested in forming an Art Club.

After graduation Bob intends to obtain a Masters degree in religious education, then to become a youth director or a director of religious education. He has not yet chosen the school where he will continue his education. Along this line, Bob is very active in the MCA and the Wesley Foundation. He is very sincere in all of his work.

Of Knowledge Bob states, "Knowledge is a must in our daily lives. As Cicero once said, 'Studies are the food of youth, the delight of age, the ornament of prosperity, the refuge and comfort of adversity.' It has raised the world from barbarianism to civilization. It is a basic necessity of world development. Knowledge enables man to live abundantly, gives him a broader vision, and leads to the highest success.

To live means doing our very best for ourselves and others. Without knowledge one cannot gain from life nor can he give. He must have understanding to live. Understanding comes from God. In Proverbs we find, "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge." All true knowledge comes from God.

Knowledge gives us a broader vision. It is the light which can guide us along the road of life. Knowledge through abundant living and broader vision enables us to bridge the gaps that it takes a lot of guts to manufacture violins.

When I first came to college I was nervous because all my friends were doing it, but as time went on I realized that not only was it not as expected of me but it was essential for an all-around education. Even ignoring all of the knowledge that I have received in books, I have learned so much about people that I could have never learned had I not come to college. It has been college that I have learned to make my own decisions, accept responsibilities, and above all get along with fellow students. I believe this alone would be worth going to college to learn.

But this is not all I have learned. I believe when I graduate in June I will be prepared to get a job and to make a success of it. Of course I'm a little nervous about the thought of standing on my own two feet, but I do believe I am much better qualified now than I would have been had I not come to college and studied in a regular field. In these times a good education is almost necessary for any one to obtain a good job and I am thankful that I have had the opportunity to receive

an opinion like this, how can anyone fail. Good luck to you, you have a fine outlook.

## Did You Know . . .

Objects are always looking out from the mouth.  
The best camouflage for a woman's legs is a plunging neckline.  
The greatest creator of masterpieces; look how many men there are in the world.  
The youth who is all feet on the floor is usually all hands on the wall.  
The world is something that has to be held together.  
The world is a river too big for

# CLUB CLIPPINGS

**IRC**  
A group of members from the International Relations Club of VSC recently presented to the Wymodausis Club of Valdosta a discussion of a subject interesting to all people: "The United States and the United Nations."

Various phases of the subject were discussed, making a fairly complete picture of the whole. The participants and their subjects were: V. L. Daughtery, Moderator; Leonard Lucas, "What Is the United Nations"; Patsy Exum, "Accomplishments of the United Nations"; Wayne McCullers, "What the United States Means to the United Nations"; Billy Wages, "The United States as a Backbone of the Free Nations"; and Bill Almonrode, "Summary for Emphasis."

The discussion was well-planned, carefully thought out, and presented in a most interesting manner. Members of the Wymodausis Club were very appreciative.

**SAC**  
Dr. Jesse Parrott, mayor of Hahira and president of the South Georgia Medical Association gave an interesting and informative history of medicine at the last meeting of the Sigma Alpha Chi on October 27, at the House-in-the-Woods. Addressing, in particular, the premedical students, Dr. Parrott emphasized the need for a wide, general knowledge including language and literature in addition to the scientific knowledge required of medical students. He revealed that medicine is an art as well as a science. Dr. Parrott illustrated his talk with some of his experiences in the practice of medicine.

After the program, Lanier Allen, President, conducted a brief business session. The club voted to supplement contributions from the members with a sufficient amount from the treasury to contribute a sweater to the S.G.A. Athletic Fund.

The annual pictures were made and the meeting was concluded with refreshments served by Barbara Crew, Maynell Crosby, and Janice Fussell.

**FILII FORTUNAE**  
The brothers of Filii Fortunae wish to thank each and every girl who so graciously gave of her time in order to be in the beauty contest. We would also like to express our sincere appreciation to the student body for their support which made the contest a success. Our only regret is that we wish we could crown every girl at Valdosta State College "Miss V.S.C." for the year 1954-55.

The pledges of F.F. challenged the brothers to a contest of who could sell the most tickets to the beauty contest. The winner is to be given a party by the loser and it appears at this time the pledges have won, so congratulations pledge class of 1954 for a job

well done. We are very proud indeed to learn of the pledge class' project for this year and that is erecting sign boards on the major highways leading into town with "The Home of Valdosta State College" printed on them. I think this is a wonderful idea and project and I feel my opinion is in line with the sentiment of the student body. So keep up the good work pledges.

one to distinguish between the roads that lead to failure and those that lead to success. If a man has sufficient vision to help his fellowman, he finds the abundant life and achieves success.  
May we, the youth of America, face the future determined to acquire useful knowledge and may we always carry this golden treasure into the world for the service of humanity."

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# A Closer Look At Miss VSC

Miss Valdosta State College of 1954-55 is Miss Gayle Arline of Thomasville, Georgia. Gayle is a 5 ft. 8 1/2 in. tall and weighs 125 lbs. As for looks, she is at the top of her class. According to her this was her first beauty contest. After winning the very first beauty contest, we know that Gayle will make a good record at Valdosta State.

Originally from Florida, Gayle spent her last year in high school at Thomasville, Georgia. There her various activities included a variety of sports. She was also chosen to be a homecoming sponsor for THS last year.

At Valdosta State Gayle is an education major, with other courses in English and biology. She plans to attend VSC two years and then teach. During her teaching she will complete her education in the summer sessions. At the present time she is in the SAO sorority, the Education Club, the Rec Club, and the Y.W.C.A. As for the dormitory life, she finds it very strict but she likes it. Her roommate is Janet Hughes, with whom she graduated last year.

Gayle has quite a variety of interests as we have seen in the short time of three months. Her favorite sports are football, baseball, and basketball. While living in Brandon, Florida, she played for a girls baseball team which goes to show that we have an all-around beauty. Among her other interests we find movies, horseback riding, and to top it all she likes to milk cows. That is one for some VSC girl to top. Not only is the first in beauty but also in extra curricular activities. Another of her social interests is square dancing. She can surely feel at home around Valdosta.

Gayle has also a taste for music. Semi-classical music rates tops in her book. She plays several instruments too. These are the piano, the flute, and the harp.

As to parties, she is all for them. Being an outdoor girl, her taste is for such things as vension. An addition to this category is that she like rodeos quite a bit.

Since winning the Miss VSC contest, Gayle says that she feels more attached to the school, with an obligation to her classmates. We of the student body say that it's the other way around. We should be the ones living up to

well done.

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GAYLE ARLINE

our Miss Valdosta State College. Yes, VSC is very fortunate to have a beauty such as Gayle Arline, an all-around student and an all-around girl. Good luck to you Gayle and may you win many, many more beauty contests.

## Hear Ye, Hear Ye Ye Olde Commoners

Regular meetings will be postponed over the holidays. All members are required to have at least one meeting over this time.

Reports will be given at first regular meeting in January.

Ye Olde Secretary

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# UNDER THE BOARDS

By SONNY CRISP

The Brewton-Parker "Barons" staged an all-out war against the V. S. C. "Rebels" over the past week-end by dropping the local five in both contests 84-59 and 60-53. The first game was played at Brewton Parker last Saturday night with a return game Monday, here at V. S. C.

The "Barons" last half surge brought them from a 30-33 deficit at half time to a commanding lead midway through the third quarter. The first half was a different story with the "Rebels" dominating play from the very start. Off to a good start at the whistle, V.S.C. started like a blaze of fire and it looked as though the "Barons" were in for a rough night. With Barney Purvis hitting 27 for top honors of the night and points contributed by Jesse and Bill Long, the "Rebels" really gave the "Barons" a rough time. Brewton-Parker had the height advantage averaging about 6' 3" compared to the 6' 0" average of the V. S. C. five.

Monday night at the V.S.C. gym, it was a little different story with the Rebels finally coming out on the short end of the score by only 7 points. 60-53.

It was a nip and tuck affair all the way with V. S. C. getting off to a small lead during the first and second quarters with the "Rebels" finally taking the lead at half time by one point 29-28. The second half picked up where the two clubs left off, with each club scoring and keeping it a close affair all the way. The game was

## The Manager's Point of View

The Brewton-Parker "Barons" treated our "Rebels" like long lost brothers last Saturday night and they walked off the floor with and 84-59 win.

After trailing 33-30 at the half the "Barons" came back to outscore the "Rebels" 54-26. One big factor in the "Rebels" loss was their lack of height. Brewton-Parker averaged 6-3 per man while the "Rebels" only averaged

also quite rough with many fouls being committed by both teams. Roy McQuaig played the last half with four fouls and Ken Boyer fouled out during the third quarter. These two facts didn't help things with McQuaig having to take it easy as possible to keep from fouling out and the loss of Boyer's ball-handling and fine team work. V. S. C.'s fouls seemed to be one factor in the loss due to most of Brewton-Parker's points being made from the "Rebels" fouls. This was certainly true as the "Barons" scored 15 points out of their total of 29 just on free throws alone. This was just for the first half. The second half continued in the same fashion.

Barney Purvis was again the big gun in the "Rebels" attack as he walked off with the top scoring honors with a total of 31 points. All in all, the "Rebels" played good ball in both contests with Brewton-Parker. If you will recall, Brewton-Parker traveled to the national tournament in Kansas City last year and was ranked as one of the finest "basketball fives" in the country.

Before closing out for this week, I would like to say that the school spirit is certainly promising and I can assure you that the "Rebels" appreciate this fact. Keep it up kids, O.K.? Oh, yes, I almost forgot, "Casey, you sure do make a cute cheerleader." See ya next edition.

Some people thirst after Knowledge, some people thirst after fame, some after money—but everybody thirsts after popcorn.

6-0. Barney Purvis, "Rebel" center, was the high man for the night, dropping a total of 27 points through the loop. Brewton-Parker forward, Gleaton, led the "Baron" attack with 22 points.

The "Rebels" have been improving steadily and should be coming into their own after a few more games.

Accompanying the team were the cheerleaders, manager Marvina Hatcher, co-manager "Casey" Cook, and the spotter Noel George.

## Fins And Flippers

The Fins and Flippers is one of the most active organizations on the campus of V. S. C.

The purpose of this club is to promote a close relationship among those who are interested in aquatics, and to work toward the spring water show.

Each year the members present an aquacade to raise money for their club. The aquacade is taken to several other towns. The money goes into the club treasury for use during the year.

The tryouts are during Freshman week and every girl eligible is given a bid. The judges consist of the Sponsor and the club members.

The officers this year are as follows: President, Nell Johnson, Moultrie; Vice President, Jane Ledford, Valdosta; Secretary and Treasurer, Pat Massey, Thomasville; and Historian, Kay Ferguson, DeSota.

The other members of the club are: Millie Maddox, Chipley, Florida; Joan Jefferson, Albany; Eve Hanahan, Sissy Bridges, and Nancy Hunter, Valdosta; Dottie Alford, Columbus; Beverly Marshall, St. Simons; Katherine Dekle, Boston; Janie Tillie, Thomasville; Janice Fussell, Moultrie; Byrdice Shearouse, Adel; Kay Rose, Ashburn; Mary B. Carter, Lake Park; and Kathleen Carswell, Bainbridge.

Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, Physical Education Instructor at the college, is the sponsor.

The club has started work on the spring aquacade. Each year it is one of the most entertaining spectacles on the campus, and is always looked forward to with enthusiasm by everyone. As most aquacades, we have some interesting themes. This year the aquacade will be taken from the movie "How to Marry a Millionaire" of Different Songs that have been the names of movies.

Read where Hadacol lost its first case. A 98 year old woman user died—but they did save the baby.

Q. Why do birds fly south in the fall?

A. It's too far to walk.

## Study In Ceylon

The University of Ceylon, Peradeniya, offers two fellowships to American graduate students for the 1955-56 academic year, it was announced today by Kenneth Holland, President of the Institute of International Education, 1 East 67th Street, New York City.

Awards cover room, board, and tuition. Grantees should have funds to pay their own travel and incidental expenses. Closing date for application is January 15, 1955.

The Ceylon fellowships offer Americans an opportunity to study a variety of subjects: sociology; the economics, geography and history of Ceylon; Pali, the language of the early Buddhist Scriptures, and Buddhist doctrines, history, art and architecture; Indian philosophy and history; and Indo-Aryan linguistics. All lectures, except a few in oriental languages, are given in English. For field work in the villages some knowledge of Sinhalese or Tamil is required.

Male candidates under 35 years of age are preferred. Other eligibility requirements are:

- (1) United States citizenship;
- (2) Good academic record;
- (3) Good moral character, personality, and adaptability;
- (4) Broad knowledge of the

## WHAT DO YOU KNOW

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tree to America?

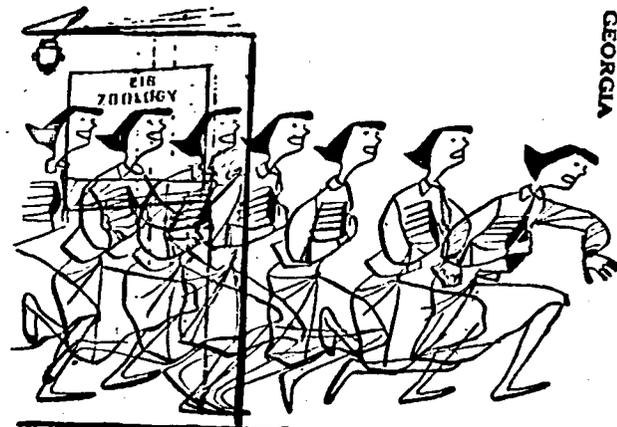
The Gernians. When they fled in Pennsylvania they cut their old world customs, cutting a fir or evergreen tree, decorating it with lighted candles. Martin supposedly started. Walking home one clear, Christmas Eve, he was struck by the beauty of the stars and shining on tall evergreens, deciding to share the spectacle with his loved ones, he cut a big tree, presented it, glittering with candles, to his family. The electrically lighted tree was up in the home of Edward Johnson, one of Thomas Edison's closest associates, in 1882.

4. What do candles in the window mean?

Candles glowing in the windows of a home at Christmas, a symbol that the Christ Child welcome. The simple-hearted Holy Christians thought that the Holy Babe might be wandering through the streets of the

culture of the United States.

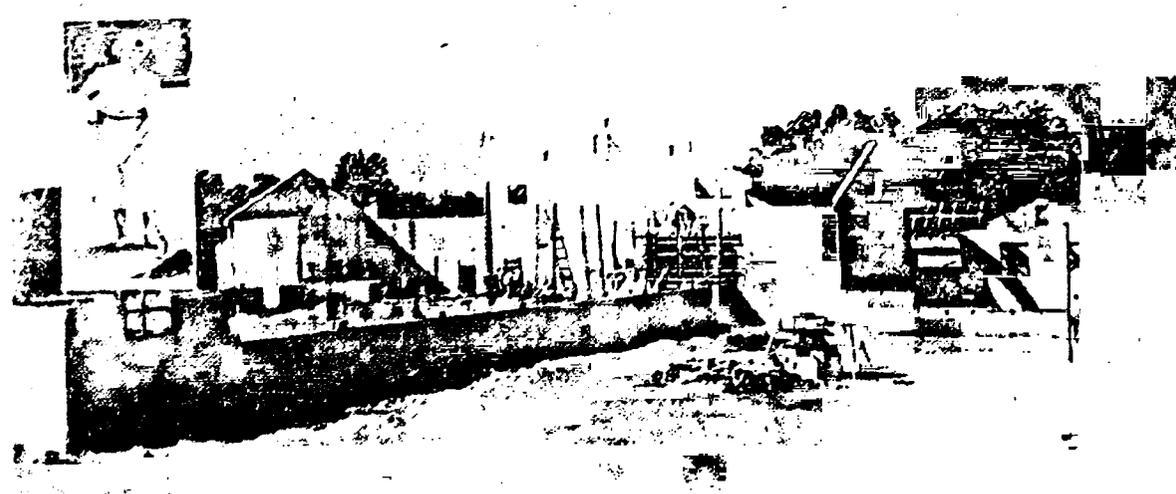
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