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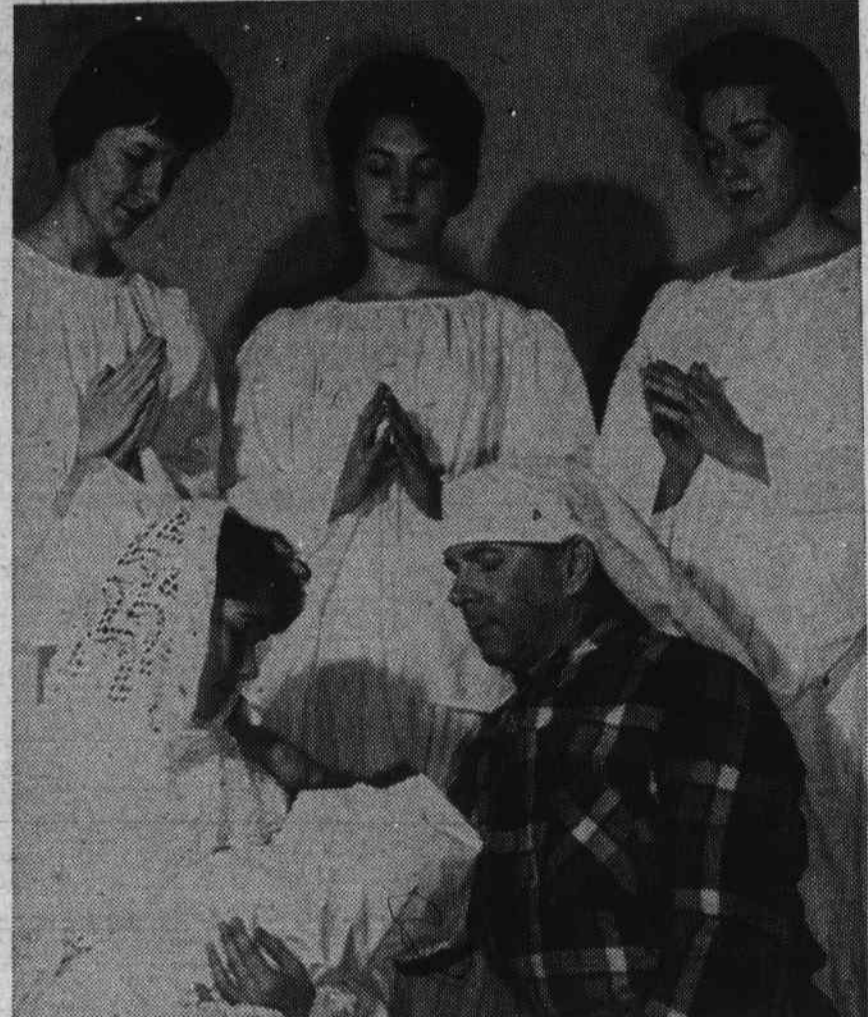
THE BREEZE

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Left to right, 1st row: Madonna, Betsy Rose; Ralph E. Bass. 2nd row: Dena Denton, Brenda Pipicelli, Anne Forrester.

Rose Portrays Madonna In Christmas Assembly

Betsy Rose was elected this past week to represent the Madonna at the annual Christmas Assembly which was held today. Betsy, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul W. Rose, is from Bethesda, Maryland. She is an elementary education major with a concentration in general science.

The first angel for the Christmas Assembly was Brenda Pipicelli. An art and psychology major, Brenda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Salvador Pipicelli from Meridian, Connecticut.

Another elementary education major, Dena Denton, represented one of the angels. Dena is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy W. Nicholls from Macon, Virginia.

Anne Forrester, a biology major, was another chosen to represent an angel. Anne is the daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Forrester from Wicomoco Church, Virginia.

The theme of the program was centered around Christmas Eve with an American family. The family was portrayed by Becky Clark, mother; Monty Webb, father; Connie Rosenberger, daughter; and Jeff Delaney, son. Carol Robey narrated the program along with the Rev. Mr. Robert Crewsdon. Mr. Crewsdon is a resident of Bridgewater and a recent graduate of V.P.I. The college chorus provided the music.

In the portrayal of Joseph was Mr. Ralph Bass. Shepherds were Charles Good, Larry Armentrout, and Kenneth Michel. Wise men were John Simmers, Fred Eaton, and Dan Hooke. Organ music was by Duane Rumberg. Misses Dottie Brown and Ann Johnson directed the program.

Lost: One Junior

Some unwary Junior inadvertently neglected to sign her name to the composition section of the recent English Proficiency Examinations. This is most unfortunate since the individual definitely passed this portion of the test and will surely want to be notified of the fact.

The lone paper has been posted on Dr. Locke's bulletin board—second floor Wilson. Juniors, please check. You may have passed without knowing it. Ed.

Bass Is Elected 'Man of the Year'

Ralph Bass has been elected by the Men's Student Government as the "Man of the Year." He topped 17 other senior men for the honor.

But honors aren't new experiences for Mr. Bass. He was chosen earlier by the YWCA to participate in the Christmas program as Joseph.

At Madison Mr. Bass is also a member of the YMCA, the Men's Student Government Organization, the men's fraternity, and the Panhellenic Council.

The 55-year-old student is a chemistry major and a Biology minor. After his graduation in June, Mr. Bass plans to teach.



Man of the Year—Mr. Ralph E. Bass

Miller To Be Miss Madison

Courtney Louise "Coco" Miller was selected "Miss Madison" of 1962 by students of Madison College in an election held last Wednesday.

Miss Miller, one of ten candidates for the honor, is the daughter of Mrs. Hugh D. Miller of Norfolk, Virginia, and the late Mr. Hugh D. Miller. She is studying in Curriculum I, elementary education, and is concentrating in home economics. She is presently student teaching in Anthony-Seeger Campus School.

Immediate future plans of this senior include spending the Christmas vacation in Miami, Florida, where her brother, a Coast Guard officer, is stationed. After graduation, Miss Miller plans to teach in an elementary school in the Norfolk area.

One of the interests of the new Miss Madison is in the field of education. She would like to further her knowledge of reading so as to be better qualified to teach this subject. Miss Miller is fond of the summer season and is particularly fond of working with children. She considers her association with people to be an outstanding facet of her college career.

Two honors received by this student are Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities and Outstanding Senior. Her activities include president of the Student Government Association, acting vice president of the S.G.A., and freshman and sophomore class representatives to the same organization. She was a Junior Marshal and a member of the Junior Class Nominating Convention. Other activities include German Club, S.E.A. and Y.W.C.A. Miss Miller is a member of Sigma Sigma Sigma



Miss Madison—Courtney Miller

social sorority and has served as its rush chairman.

The Miss Madison Contest is sponsored annually by Gamma Kappa chapter of Kappa Pi, an Honor Society in art. The stipulations for the nominees for Miss Madison were: 1) A good citizenship record; 2) A 2.50 accumulative average; 3) A high socially, intellectually and spiritually developed individual who has been of service and merit to her campus.

Madison's Missing Out On Something, Says Professor

Madison is missing out on something — something "that scarcely any school of any potential in the United States" doesn't have.

That's the opinion of Mr. Thomas Leigh of the English Department who is interested in forming a film society at Madison.

"This society would be a complement to the intellectual life of the college," said Mr. Leigh.

Exactly what would a film society do? Approximately four movies a semester would be brought to Madison. Members of the society would have a season ticket for the showings.

"If as many as 300 students were interested, the ticket would probably not be more than \$1 a semester," said Mr. Leigh. "In that way a student would see a 'good' movie for about \$.25."

What type of movie would probably be shown? "Movies like *Never on Sunday*, *La Dolce Vita*, *Wild Strawberries*, and *The Seventh Seal*," answered Mr. Leigh.

However, before any definite plans can be made, it must be known that a sufficient number of students are interested. If a student is interested, he should fill out the blank on page 2 and put it in the box that will be in the P. O. Lobby. The answers should be in before the Christmas holidays.

Student comment on Film Society is welcomed. See form page 2 col. 5.

Nuclear War Is Remote Possibility, Says Majority Of Faculty Members

Optimism is the prevalent attitude among Madison College faculty members in regard to the possibility of an all-out nuclear war.

In a symposium interview this week, the general consensus was that nuclear war is more of a remote possibility than an earth-shaking probability.

Fallout shelters are seen by the faculty to be possible necessities from the standpoint of fallout from nuclear testing rather than from an actual nuclear war. Only three faculty members have built or are in the process of building shelters of their own.

A number of the instructors said that they would like to build shelters for their families but could not. The main reasons for this were lack of funds and not owning the land they live on.

"It's unrealistic not to build a shelter," said one faculty member, "as long as there is a possibility of enemy attack."

Another professor insisted that some people are making a fortune because of the shelter fad and that the whole idea is "stupid." "Our

state," she continued, "owes us a certain amount of protection. Our leaders should get together with Russia and iron things out."

Many of those interviewed who are not making provisions of their own contend that it is the government's responsibility to protect the masses by building centralized shelters for public use.

"As it stands now," answered a member of the science department, the individuals who survive will be the ones who can afford to build shelters."

According to the survey, the faculty is equally divided on the question of nuclear ethics.

About 50% believe that the emphasis on individual survival would destroy Christian ethics. Their role during the threat of war is seen by some to be at its peak; by others to be virtually non-existent.

One man interviewed said that he did not feel that the church had anything to do with the problem. "They're interested in another world. During wartime, emphasis is on survival in this world."

Other members of the faculty felt

that the churches of America need to increase their influence as the cold war increases. One member of the faculty maintained that the church was not functioning properly "spiritually or otherwise."

About 50% of the interviewees felt that individual survival is being over-emphasized.

"I think preachers who advocate individual survival privately or publicly have given up their Christian heritage in favor of survival of the fittest—jungle style."

Russia's threat on a nuclear war is seen by the majority of the faculty members to be a unifying factor to Americans. They feel that the United States will be drawn closer together as it was during World War II. A few felt that Russia could divide the American nation causing "brother to turn against brother" in the race for self-protection. This survival desperation is seen by most of the faculty as a passing panic which will not detract from the American way of "sticking together."

Committee Makes Curriculum Changes

Changes in the General Education Curriculum requirements for Madison College were recently adopted by the curriculum committee at their November 21 meeting.

Dr. Louis Locke, chairman of the Basic Studies Committee, referred the proposals to the curriculum group. Social Science 27, Social Ideas and Issues, will be eliminated as a course, while Social Science 48, Social Problems, will not be accepted for General Education but may be taken as an elective. Cultural Anthropology, according to the plan, may be taken for a credit in the General Education Curriculum.

Students in all curriculums will be required to take six semester hours of mathematics except those students in the Bachelor of Music field.

These changes will become effective for the term 1962-63.

Peace Corps Is Televised

The first documentary television presentation on the Peace Corps in the field will be shown on December 15 over all NBC stations at 9:30 P.M., EST.

"Complacent" Students React

There was a standing ovation for Lisa Sergio this past week for her brilliance as an orator, her evident intelligence and diversified background, and her true, soul-seeking message. Miss Sergio, in her effort to awake the students to their complacency and lack of interest in the world about them, demonstrated to the students what dictators and world leaders have managed to do with youth. She fired the imaginations, the creeds and the energies of the students. You can now see how the energy of youth, all over the world, can be roused over one good purpose. You can now understand how the energy of youth can be diverted to a cause by one good orator or leader. In this sense, Miss Sergio well accomplished her purpose.

How the students took her message is quite another thing. Miss Sergio, in her talk on "American Youth and World Affairs", put emphasis on the impressions other countries received from our stand on "equality". Specifically, she attacked the segregation problem. Miss Sergio also held up Christianity, as an American attitude and way of life, as an appropriate means to the solution of the segregation problem. A third point she stressed was the "effectiveness" of the Peace Corps. For some reason, many students took her words literally. Quite a few students were going to go out and join the Peace Corps. Others were worried because they did not feel qualified to join this trend. Some students were outraged to see their beliefs in segregation so hardly attacked, while others quietly agreed that segregation did present something of a problem. A few students resented Miss Sergio's use of Christianity since they, in their own minds, separate it from their other beliefs and/or way of life. In the respect that the students became interested, resentful, agreeable... anything but complacent, the talk was justified. But, oh, how literal can an interpretation be!

Miss Sergio, we're sure, was using these points as illustrations. Christianity is a belief and a way of life that characterizes the American people. Equality, as such, was one of the founding principles of our Constitution. The Peace Corps is an organization, a widely discussed one we might add, that has in its purpose to help, or guide, people of other countries. Equality, Christianity, Peace Corps... all these are abstractions which can have a variety of meanings and purposes. Any one of their founding, or governing, principles can be disputed. Because of this, we need good solid thought behind any decisions we might make concerning these principles.

All major problems, and the world situation can certainly be classified as a major problem, have to find their solutions first in the attitudes of the people. If you wish to help, start with yourself. For those people who feel qualified, profess your beliefs. "Write to your Congressman". Do something with yourself before you go out "to help the world". Do not remain complacent in a world that is busily active and in-need. If you're sincerely and devotedly interested in helping other people, you don't necessarily have to join the Peace Corps or the ministry. You can start with your education, your school, your community, and/or your state. If you're really interested in working with people of other nations... and work is not another word for honor... there are numerous opportunities other than those mentioned by Miss Sergio. You, for the most part, are preparing to teach. What better way is there to help than to rouse and prepare the future generations for a better way of life? Too many people, in their enthusiasm, have idealized a method. Too many people have overlooked their placid point of view that spurts up in drastic statements and "sacrifices" because someone had to point out their deficiencies and problems. We, as students, should ever be aware of the world in which we work and live.

The enthusiasm and energy of Mussolini's youth in their march against Rome was ill-spent and misdirected. Make sure you analyze your enthusiasm and don't misdirect your energy.

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Letters To The Editor

Must We Have Fire Drills At 1?

December 5, 1961

Dear Editor:

A few days last week saw a great deal of commotion in the wee hours of the morning around the upperclassmen dorms.

Friday night (well, actually Saturday morning at 1:00 A.M. to be exact) was Converse Hall's third fire drill of the week. Now we don't mean to be unreasonable, but this has got to stop or someone is going to be paying doctor bills — be they either from physical or mental injury!

Converse dorm occupants were very disturbed by this last drill. (Oooh, such language from young ladies!) We had to use the fire escape this time; this is where I would like to expand on the aforementioned physical and mental injury theme. Many girls broke down into tears because they were afraid to go out on the fire escape much less descend it. I myself was sound asleep when the alarm went off, and when someone accidentally nudged me out on the fire escape, I almost went right on over... but, someone (a Guardian Angel, I guess) steadied me. When finally getting down to the parking lot, I was supposed to call the roll. "Check Roll? I was so groggy that I couldn't see two inches in front of me.

There was talk of burning our dorm fire chief in effigy (not really) until everyone reconsidered and realized she was just following orders. We all realize that these drills are for our safety and training in case of emergencies; however, we just ask that we have them somewhere between 10:30 and 11:30 p.m., and that they be spaced further apart. If it is necessary for us to experience a late-in-the-night drill, then certainly one a year is sufficient.

Many of us have discussed this situation and feel we would derive more benefit if less stress were put on monthly (or weekly) fire drills, and in their place have a program that will serve to educate the student through perhaps a compulsory film for everyone to see followed by a talk by the campus fire chief. Surely this type of thing is just as important as handbook classes are for the students, and such a session will stress the importance of safety drills and safety education.

Pat Steele

Don't Disappear Into Indifference

Dear Editor:

One of the prevailing American illusions, apparently shared by middle-aged alumni and Hollywood producers, is that college is the Happiest Time of Your Life. The pseudo-image is of a glorious, care-free, academic picnic in a kind of ivied Disneyland. We, as college students, know that this is only a romantic stereotype of college life. College students are beset by much anxiety and confusion. The gay calm of campus greetings often hides a grim desperation. Yet the mass of poulation outside the college wall seem to think of college students as being "without a care in the world." They are not conscious of the gnawing insecurity, the spiritual smog that hangs over the dormitory on a Sunday afternoon, the lostness, the aimlessness, and the frustrations of the academic run-around. Is this picture of a college Disneyland due, at least in part, to the fact that the majority of college students leave impressions of indifference to moral principles, to educational opportunities, and to the vital issues of the day?

When we speak of the indifference to moral principles, we are referring to that universal impulse to "get away with something."

Madison's own campus is an excellent example of moral indifference — that of taking books from the paperback bookstore without paying for them. The irony of this problem lies in the detrimental effects which our own misdemeanors will have on the student body's recreational reading facilities in the very near future. We must establish concern for moral principles on our campus, and this job cannot be left up to the student leaders. It is everyone's responsibility.

A second aspect of this problem is our indifferent attitude with regard to educational opportunities. Too many students have no purpose other than to get a grade, a credit, and a degree. Ideally, the college student should attend class with intentions of gaining factual knowledge of his world in order to develop an insight into the problems of that world on an applicable basis. In the area of extra-curricular activities, student leaders attempt to encourage those students who habitually fail to meet their obligations, but what will the extent of their influence be if they are continually faced with an apathetic atmosphere extending campuswide?

Finally, we seem to be indifferent to the vital issues of the day. We must realize that they should be examined carefully and understood if they are to be coped with. How many Americans are actually familiar with the pros and cons of building fallout shelters, of abolishing nuclear tests, or even of using "modern" educational methods? No rational decisions can be made unless the people are informed; this is an essential of our democracy.

Indifference in our colleges reflects indifference in our society. It is certain that high moral principles, valued educational opportunities, and perceived world issues cannot be established in a social vacuum. The issues of tomorrow will be decided by us in the society which we create, and what kind of a society will we have if we "Disappear Into Indifference"?

Sincerely,
Sandy Whitt
Bonnie Oyler

Parents Praise College Newspaper

Dear Editor:

We receive "The Breeze" each week and thought you might like to know how very much we, as parents, enjoy it.

We assure you, even though we do not recognize many names, we read every word and even enjoy the ads.

We particularly liked your editorial "If You Don't Go, Pay"; We thought a good moral was shown in those few words.

We wish you and the staff much success with the paper.

We look forward to our copy each week.

Ralph & Elizabeth Slusher
Manassas, Virginia

The Free Lance

by Dave Blevins

As any fool can plainly see, we need, and deserve, a new and expanded bookstore. For those of us who waited for hours, while the small bookstore staff rushed frantically through a maze of bookshelves and un-opened crates looking for our needed texts; the problem should be a self-evident one. Aside from the image of the bookstore as a textbook dispensing organ, we might examine some other purposes and needs. The city of Harrisonburg appears, at times, to exist in a cultural vacuum. There just aren't any good book stores in town, and if there were; they probably would go out of business, (eliminating the projected college trade) through a lack of demand. The Valley Book Store is the only structure which in any way resembles a real book seller; but unless you happen to want a Bible explicator or somesuch, you're out of luck.

A year or so ago, some of the intelligentsia among the faculty, and a club or two, sponsored the paperback store in the P.O. Lobby. The book turnover last year, in terms of volume, was gratifying. This year, the store is operating in the red due to student theft and/or negligence and a lack of responsibility. In addition to these factors, the book racks are supposed to be locked-away at night. This has not been done, and I'm sure that outsiders or members of the school staff not under the honor code, have been responsible for some of the loss. It is my understanding that most of the Administration fought the paperback idea "tooth 'n nail" and perhaps these same elements would be all too happy to see this fine thing fold-up. I really don't like to believe that there are such people around, but we all know that there are, in the academic world, a lot of finks floating around in academic robes.

We need a well-stocked, well-staffed bookstore where students and faculty can browse around and examine some good literature in hard-cover and paperback editions. Why not turn the Women's Day Student Room into this bookstore and find another place for the girls. It would be ideally located in respect to the P.O., Dining Hall, and Switchboard. It would also be nice if additional student help would be employed, (or student volunteers used during the—before semester rush.

Today's Prayer

Our Heavenly Father, May we be gladdened by this annual remembrance of the plan and fulfillment for our redemption. May our hearts be filled with the spirit of Christmas and radiate its true meaning, that of peace on earth, good will toward men.

In remembering the Christ Child, the Virgin Mary, Joseph, the manger scene, let us not forget to be joyful and thankful for our Savior throughout the whole year.

In Jesus's name, we pray. Amen.

I am interested in joining a Madison film society.

Name

Room and Dorm

P. O. Box

Movies I would like to see:

"We'll Be Home For Christmas"

Twas The Night

Before Your Test

by Becky Hicks

Twas the night before your test,
 And all thru the hall,
 Not a student was shouting,
 Not the noisiest of all.
 Your stockings were hung in the room with care,
 In great need of run repair.
 The students were nestled all snug in their beds,
 While visions of boy friends danced in their heads.
 Roomie in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,
 Had just settled down for a long (?) winter's nap.
 When out in the hall there arose such a clatter,
 That I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.
 Away down the hall I flew like a flash,
 Tore open the doors, threw out the trash.
 Then what to my wondering eyes should appear,
 But a miniature fire truck, and eight firemen so dear—
 With a little ol' driver so lively and quick,
 That I knew right away it must be Sam Nick.
 More rapid than eagles his firemen they came,
 He blew his whistle and called them by name;
 "Now Hasher, Now, Hancer, Now Francer and Hixson,
 On Homet and Hupid, On, Conner and Clickson."
 To the top of the porch, to the top of the hall,
 "Now, get out, get out, get out, all!"
 So up to the dorm tops his firemen they flew,
 With a hose full of water,
 And Sam Nicholas, too.
 And then in a twinkling, I heard on the roof,
 All the banging noise of each over-grown hoof.
 All bundled in trench coats from our head to our foot,
 We stood there all covered with ashes and soot.
 I drew in my head and was turning around,
 When down the fire escape he came with a bound!
 The news he carried was our dorm wouldn't burn down.
 IT'S ONLY A FIRE DRILL, GIRLS!

The Silent Christmas Whisper

by Sandra Sparks

There is a special, silent whisper about Christmas. A silent kind of reverence that is deep, still, and holy. A silent prayer whispered in the hopes of little children and old men, this is Christmas too. It is the cry of Peace Triumphant and everlasting in a world of bitter words and angry voices. It is the soft stillness of starlight, and the glowing cheeks of happiness on a little boy.

Christmas is humbleness and the fear of God.

It is help; it is a song; it is a

little poem recited by one who cannot see, but who would share the thought with others.

Christmas is for friends. The pleasant ring of their voices—the little things they do and the big things they do—and all the things you do for them.

It is love, faith, and the hope there will be Peace on earth.

It is the blessed birthday of Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God.

Emanuel Episcopal Church
 Canterbury Association
 Interfaith Council

Holiday Activities Require Casual-to-Formal Wardrobe

by Pat Steele

Madison girls, like most collegiates across the country, will be packing their suitcases and heading for home in a few days for their Christmas vacations.

Christmas is a time for merriment, relaxation, and fashion. During the holiday season, you will need to take home with you, or buy at home, an outfit for just about every occasion.

Casual attire will probably be your choice for visiting in your neighborhood on several nights. Informal wear may range anywhere from a bulky-knit sweater and plaid pleated skirt to velveteen slacks topped with a glittery sweater or silk blouse.

The Yuletide season is party time, and this too presents the problem of what to wear. For an "eggnog party" at a friend's home, a dressy wool dress would be perfect. This year, white wool dresses are very beautiful and very chic. They are especially popular with a gently sheathed skirt and softly rounded neckline. Set-in cummerbunds designed with silver or gold beads add a gay touch to some of

the new white wools, although matching sashes and tie belts are still in demand.

For a more gala affair, something more formal may be required. Bright, blazing oranges, reds, and golds are the prevalent colors this season, as can be seen in the current fashion magazines. Formal attire may be a street-length cocktail dress or a floor-length gown. Last year's "shoe-string" strapped bodices have been amended to a sleeveless effect with a scooping collar, or to the classic strapless dress. Chiffon, brocade, velvet, silk, and satin comprise the majority of the luscious new frocks. The secret of vogue this winter is in the tops, where we find all sorts of dazzling beads and embroidery. Of course, the basic top remains popular for those who take pleasure in styling their own gowns with pins and necklaces.

Church-going or traveling requires another change of clothes. As in preceding years, the wool suit or dress and jacket ensemble are hard to beat.

Wherever you go and whatever you do during the Christmas holidays, may your vacation be a fashionable, happy, and safe one!

Christmas

At Doc's

by P. Steele

Christmas at Doc's is lovely this year,
 It's full of good tidings and lots of good cheer.
 On the door is such a cute little bell,
 And when someone enters it, it sounds like, well—Christmas!

As you enter the door everyone greets you,
 Norman, Doc, and dear ole "Boots" too.
 Here you'll discover decorations rare,
 So watch for the Christmas balls before you sit in that chair!

During this season thoughts of a lighted fireplace fill your mind;
 You wonder why our millionaire doesn't have one of the kind.
 Gazing around, you know you're quite bored,
 But cheer up you'll soon be home.

In Bermuda

Swimming, Dances Could Be A Part Of Your Easter

Mrs. W. Elliott Wilkins of the English department will again accompany a group of college students on the annual Easter trip to Bermuda.

The group, including any Madison students who decide to go, will fly to Idlewild, thence to Kindley Field, Bermuda.

For five days and nights the group will be at the Elbow Beach Surf Club, Paget; this hotel is the center for the activities of College Week in Bermuda. There are dances, beach parties, and swimming. There are alluring places on the beautiful island for land excursions, sea trips can be made to the reefs in and around Harrington Sound, there are old churches, historic houses, and shops filled with tempting merchandise, says Mrs. Wilkins.

Early registration is advisable as membership is limited to available plane and hotel reservations. A deposit of \$50 must be made in January or not later than February 1. Hotel accommodations are assigned in the order in which applications are received, so early registration is wise.

Anyone interested in going to Bermuda should see Mrs. Wilkins in Wilson 34, leave a note for her there, or call her at home.



Brenda Pipicelli shows complete surprise as Charles Good selects her as the Sigma Delta Rho Sweetheart.

Brenda Pipicelli Is Crowned Sigma Delta Rho Sweetheart

Brenda Pipicelli, the Alpha Sigma Tau representative, was crowned the Sweetheart of Sigma Delta Rho this past Saturday, at the Panhellenic Dance, by Charles Good, the president of Sigma Delta Rho. She was presented flowers and a gift. Brenda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Salvador Pipicelli of Meridian, Connecticut. The Sigma Delta Rho Sweetheart will reign over all functions of Sigma Delta Rho for the next year.

The theme of the Panhellenic Dance was "Christmas Fantasy". The decorations were centered around the red and white Christmas colors, and Christmas elves representing the Greek social organizations on campus. A figure was formed depicting a Christmas tree, and the letters of the National Panhellenic Council.

Other candidates for the Sigma Delta Rho Sweetheart were Anne Barber, sponsored by the Social Science Society; Jean Baum, Sigma Phi Lambda; Dena Denton, Westminster; Elaine Early, Canterbury Club; Audrey Eubank, Alpha Gamma Delta; Anne Forrester, Sigma Sigma Sigma; Bev Hoffman, Pi

Omega Pi; Mary Stuart Jenkins, Diapason Club; Nancy Joyner, Orchestis; Nancy Jean Leightner, Phi Mu; Brenda Mullens, Zeta Tau Alpha; Frankie Murphy, Sigma Kappa; Kathie Nagle, Baptist Student Union; Pat Peyton, Alpha Beta Alpha; Carolyn Reyner, Madrigals; Mrs. Laura Rosazza, Sigma Alpha Iota; Janie Simms, Bluestone Cotillion Club; Charlotte Smith, Alpha Sigma Alpha; Tae Smith, Concert Choir; Pat Wash, Francis Sale; Joy Wells, Phi Beta Lambda; and Judy Williams, Wesley.

The chaperones were Dr. and Mrs. Louis G. Locke and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Curtis Smith. Barbara Harris was in charge of the dance. The following people were committee chairmen: Ruth Mayhew, decorations; Kathy Marano and Charles Good, tickets; Carolyn Bristo, flowers; Faye Ware, refreshments; Judy Wilburn, chaperones; Delores Boufante, publicity; and Dorothy Davis, figure.

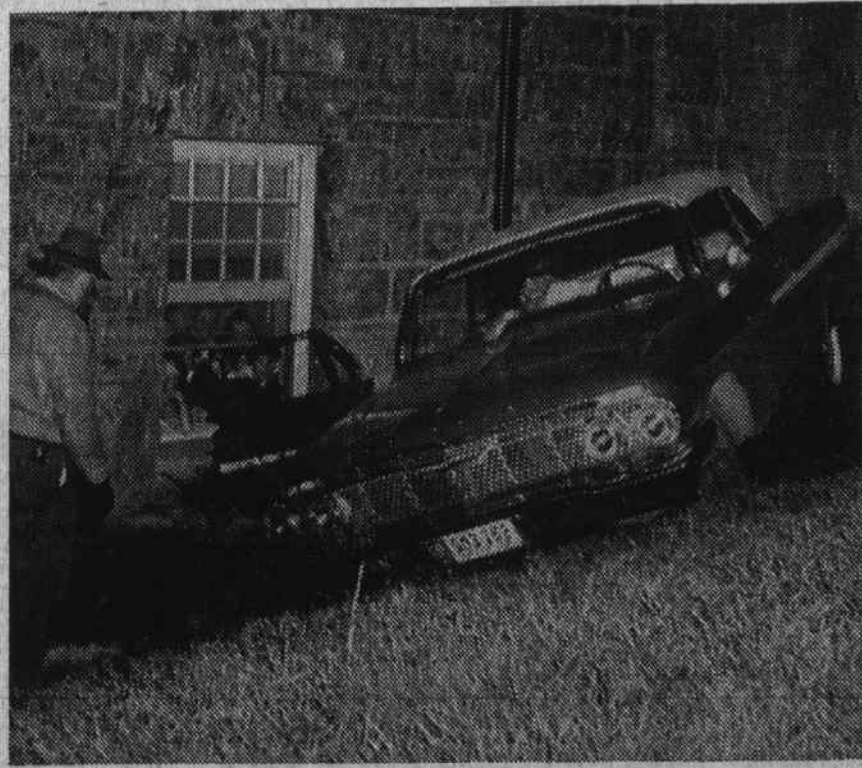
Smith Writes Book On Amish People

The Amish Today: An analysis of their Beliefs, Behavior and Contemporary Problems, by Dr. Elmer Smith, head of the Social Science Department at Madison College, has recently been released for publication by the Pennsylvania German Folklore Society.

The book, volume 24, contains 370 pages, twenty-four being illustrations. Other books by Dr. Smith on this subject include **The Amish People**, published in 1958, and **Studies in Amish Demography** published in 1959.

Three Pledge Pi Omega Pi

Beta Nu Chapter of Pi Omega Pi, national honorary business fraternity, conducted its pledging ceremony on Thursday, November 16, in Alumnae Hall, Room 11. Those pledged were: Virginia Carol Davis, Evelyn Louise Joyner, and Jane Probst.



What to their wondering eyes should appear, but a car! Last Thursday the Gifford Dormitory students were roused by the sight of a car rolling down the hill in front of Gifford. The car, which was not damaged, ended up in between a small hill and the dormitory. The owner had forgotten to apply the emergency brake.

Basketball Schedule 1961-62 The Madison Dukes

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Jan. 8	Bridgewater College	There
Jan. 15	Shenandoah College	Here
Jan. 26	Shenandoah College	There
Feb. 5	Lynchburg College	Here
Feb. 10	Eastern Mennonite College	There
Feb. 12	Ferrum Junior College	Here
Feb. 15	Bridgewater College	Here

Did You Know That . . .

. . . a student whose semester average ranges from 3.7 to 4.0 shall have unlimited points?

. . . a student may carry fourteen points per semester if her average was 3.5 to 3.7?

. . . a student may carry twelve points per semester if her average the preceding semester was "B"?

. . . a student may carry ten points if her average the preceding semester was "C"?

. . . a student may carry 3 points per semester if her average the preceding semester was "D"?

. . . a student may hold as many as three offices in organizations under the Point System, but the presidency of only one?

. . . you must have the permission of the S. O. A. Committee in order to hold the same office two years in succession?

. . . all points for officers include points for membership?

. . . you may belong to only one of the following in the same semester: Glee Club, Stratford, Orchestra, or Varsity Teams.

. . . if you carry too many points during a semester, you will have the surplus amount deducted from your load the following semester?

. . . JUNIORS must be especially careful to avoid overloading as a deduction in points may prohibit them from accepting major and minor offices in the spring?

The preceding facts will be used in the future by the Inter-Club Council, a new organization appointed by Student Government. The Council will supervise the organizational, economic, and social developments of the clubs on campus. The Council is composed of the presidents or representatives of the respective clubs. The Council excludes honor societies and soror-

ities. The Recorder of Points, Betty Harrington, is chairman, with other officers elected from the group.

The purpose of the Inter-Club Council is many-fold. It hopes to bring the clubs closer together in one central body. This will help the Recorder of Points and S.O.A. Committee to carry out their jobs of tallying honor points. The Council also hopes to improve clubs by giving opportunity for views of Council members to be expressed and solutions to be resolved. It hopes, by the organization of the Council, to encourage club membership, to encourage attendance at club meetings and activities, to help publicize member clubs' meetings activities, and to make sure each club makes worthwhile contributions yearly.

The meetings will be scheduled once a month and, if deemed necessary, at any other time.

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A Modest Proposal

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by Jonathan Slowe

Honi soit qui mal y pense.

It is a melancholy object to those who walk through this great town, or stroll about the campus, when they observe the almost total absence of any structures, designed by those worthy administrators and officials entrusted with their safety and well-being, for providing protection should an importunate attack be made upon our great land by some wrong-headed adversary. Our students, instead of being able to focus their attention on the arduous task of learning, are forced to employ their time in worrying what to do should attack come, or in debating the question, what to wear should the enemy invade.

I think it is agreed by all parties that this considerable number of students, mostly hapless females, driven by forces beyond their control from engaging all their energy in the discipline of their studies is, in the present, deplorably tense state of the nation, a very great additional grievance; and therefore whoever could suggest a fair, cheap, and easy method of lifting the burden of worry from these unfortunate members of the community, would deserve so well of the public as to have his statue set up for a Benefactor of the nation.

But my intention is very far from being confined to provide only for students; it is of a much greater extent, and shall take in the whole population of our vast country, excepting of moral necessity those who are presently, or in the near future will be, judged by their betters to be unfit members of the community, or, to speak frankly (and in such time of peril it behooves us all to speak frankly as well as judiciously), those unfortunate beings who do not wholeheartedly endorse The American Way of Life as defined by some patriotic adjunct of our government, for example, the American Legion.

As to my own part, having turned my thoughts for many months upon this important subject and maturely weighed the schemes of our defense leaders, and of their opponents who would seek to "ban the bomb" altogether—this last group unwisely forgetting that the economic security of a considerable portion of our populace depends directly on the continued production of arms—I have found them all mistaken in their computation. Whereas the building of community shelters or private basement shelters would require huge expenditures of money and effort, and whereas a failure to build any shelters at all is *prima facie* evidence of misdirected idealism, my plan should recommend itself chiefly because of its twofold value as well as its simplicity. Because the present ratio of persons to land in the United States is approximately fifty-two people to one square mile, and because each man ultimately has need of only a small plot measuring six feet by six feet by three feet, I propose that each inhabitant of the country—provided that he meet a minimum test of loyalty to the American Way of Life, a test to be administered by an ad hoc agency of the Government under the supervision of representatives of the American Legion, the Daughters of the American Revolution, or other first-rate citizens' groups—be assigned such a plot of land as described above for the double purpose of serving as his fallout shelter and ultimately as his grave, of which, it will be readily admitted, we all shall have need.

The number of souls in this country being presently reckoned at one hundred eighty million, of

these I calculate there may be about one hundred fifty million who would wish to take shelter in the event of attack; from which number I subtract twenty million who would be unable for reasons of infirmity to take shelter of any kind, and for whom it would be unrealistic to plan; but this being granted, there will remain a hundred thirty million shelter seekers. I again subtract roughly thirty million, for those misguided individuals who fail to meet the specifications of the Committee on Loyalty as determined by the test enumerated above. There only remains a hundred million people to be provided for. To object that my proposal would require too much land is to fly in the face of the best available facts on the matter; and since, as I have mentioned, death does come to all and hence all need a grave, I am simply proposing that our people, always ready to seize the initiative, and always prepared to get two benefits for the price of one, avail themselves of this unprecedented opportunity to counter Mr. Krushchev's promise to "bury us" with the typical American knack of "doing it ourselves."

All Tranqui-Shelters, as they may come to be known, would be made to conform to strictest Government standards and would be exactly alike. All would be equipped with an adequate supply of food and water and with the necessary accoutrements such as air-intake pipe and such supplies for comfort and warmth as may be determined necessary by our National Civil Defense Organization (who might be aided in the design of the Tranqui-Shelter by representatives of the National Undertakers Association). Such technical matters I leave to qualified experts including members of the groups just named as well as members of the National Lumber Manufacturers Association or possibly the Iron and Steel Institute. I should mention, however, that I have the assurance of qualified experts that problems of implementation would be relatively minor. The main problem, and the one to which I address myself, is the enlistment in this great crusade of public support, without which nothing worthwhile can be achieved in a great Democracy such as ours. I hardly need add that, in the unlikely event that such a shelter program as I propose be proved ineffectual; if, that is to say, our enemy attack with a series of bombs of such magnitude and destructive force that no shelter could prove adequate to survival; the melancholy result would at least be compensated for by the fact that there would be no need for the few grief-stricken survivors to bury the dead; the dead would of course be already appropriately interred.

I think the advantages of the proposal which I have made are obvious and many, as well as of the highest importance.

For first, as I have already observed, an inevitable need of all mankind will have been met by our country in orderly and uniform (and democratic) fashion.

Secondly, the poorer inhabitants of our country will have something valuable of their own; all the people truly will share in the country's wealth.

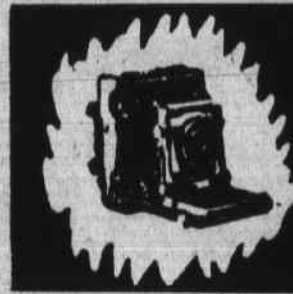
Thirdly, all citizens (with the necessary exceptions noted above) will be provided for, without regard (in most cases) for race, color, or creed; hence our allies and the uncommitted nations of the world will see a splendid example of democracy at work.

Fourthly, the unemployment problem may be alleviated by the employment of men to perform the healthful and spiritually ennobling

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MC Fencing Club Holds Workshop

The Fencing Club sponsored a fencing workshop on Saturday, December 2. The purpose of this workshop was to bring fencers in this area together to become better acquainted and to acquire additional pointers on fencing.

Those who were able to attend were three representatives elected from each of Madison's two fencing classes and Mr. and Mrs. Menaker of Waynesboro. Mr. Menaker has been organizing a fencing club in Waynesboro to stimulate interest and a continuation of fencing in that vicinity.

The Fencing Club president, Marci Corwin, welcomed the visitors and introduced Mr. Menaker and Dr. Sinclair. Instruction in various aspects of fencing was given by Dr. Sinclair and experienced Fencing Club members, and special individual instruction was given by Mr. Menaker. A bout was fenced by Bee Stockdale and Donna Wickham so that an actual bout and the officiating involved could be observed and criticized.

Mr. Menaker spoke to the group on "Strategy and Fencing Tactics," and Dr. Sinclair gave them information on continuing fencing after school.

Following the talks, the Fencing Club entertained their guests at a tea in Alumnae.

For those here at Madison who are interested in fencing, the Fencing Club will again hold tryouts on January 5th.

A MODEST PROPOSAL

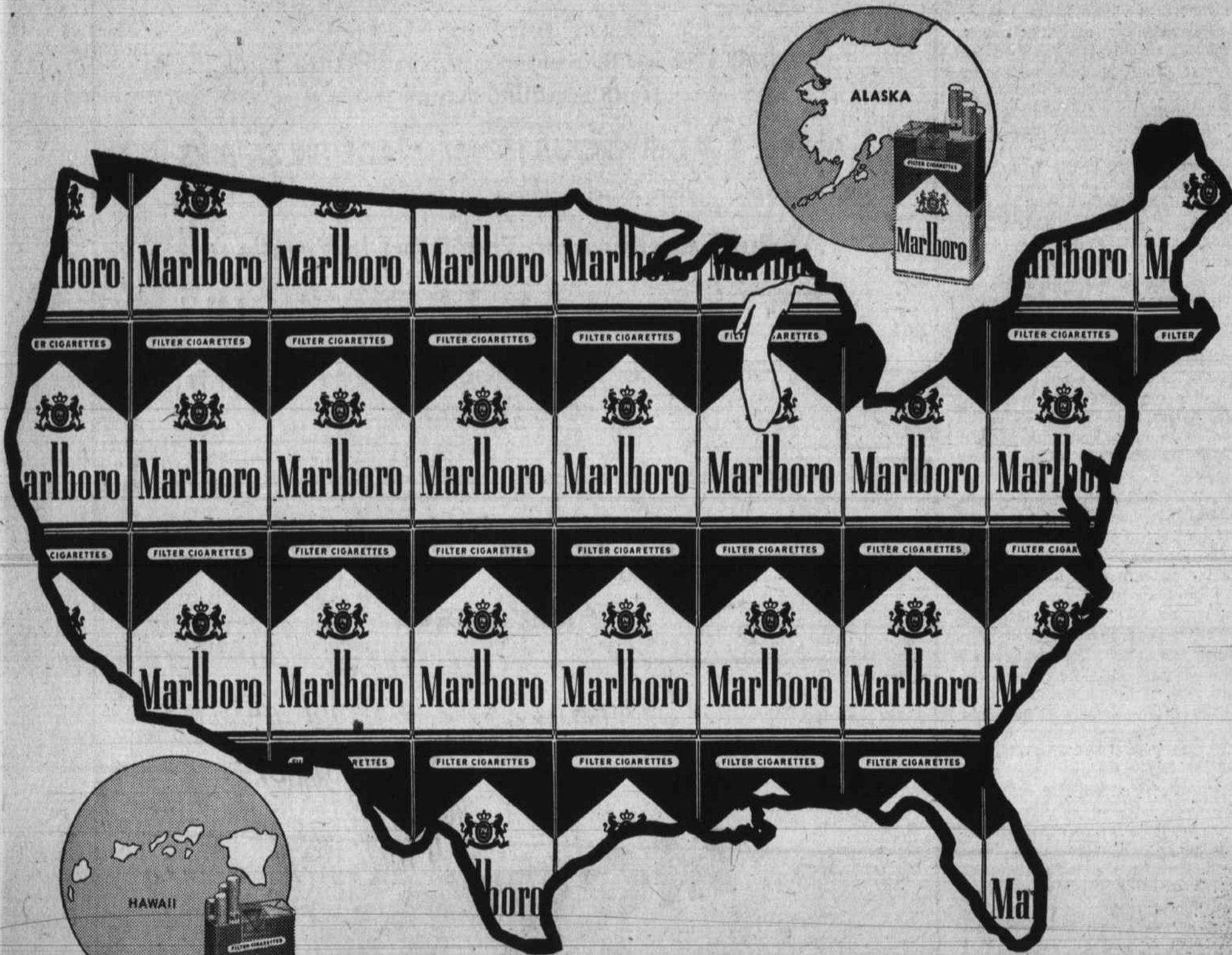
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task of digging Tranqui-Shelters for those unable by reasons of health or strength to dig their own.

Fifthly, the American idea of individuality will be served by the people's utilizing individual shelters (with certain exceptions to be determined for women with small children), and, in case no shelter prove adequate, individual graves, which doubtless most people prefer to another alternative.

Many other advantages might be enumerated. For instance, the sight of millions of Tranqui-Shelters across the vast expanse of our country would be incontrovertible evidence to other nations that the United States is prepared for any emergency, up to the last extremity. Uniform rows of Tranqui-Shelters would furthermore provide an aesthetically pleasing view to travellers by land or air. American pragmatism would be served; otherwise useless land would thus be put to important use. Americans would regain contact with the earth, a contact too many of us have lost in the business of getting and spending. Finally, I would remind those who now argue that their chief motive in building a basement shelter is to relieve the duty of their conscience toward providing protection for their children, that they have also that final, sad obligation to provide an everlasting resting place should the need arise while the children are yet under their parents' care. Merely to build a shelter then is not enough; something like a Tranqui-Shelter is called for.

I profess, in the sincerity of my heart, that I have not the least personal interest in endeavoring to promote this necessary work, having no other motive than the public good of my country, by providing adequate shelter for rich and for poor, by improving the landscape, by easing the strain on the national treasury, and by providing employment for thousands of idle hands. I have no land by sale of which I can propose to get a single penny, having divested myself of all my property, in order soon to remove my family and myself to another country for reasons, of course, of health.



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