



Ninth grade officers plan year's activities. Left to right they are: Cathy Bissman, Marcia Simpson, Karmen Munson, and Craig Humphrey.

## Munson, Humphrey, Simpson, Bissman Lead Freshman Class

Freshmen class members elected new officers for the year recently. Elected were: president, Karmen Munson; vice-president, Craig Humphrey; secretary, Marcia Simpson; treasurer, Cathy Bissman.

Karmen, the new president, has the job mainly of taking care of all the meetings. His other duties in the school are those of president of home room 102 and alternate representative for Student Council.

He spends his spare time with girls and eating conies and milk shakes while watching "Cheyenne," "Circus Boy," and "Father Knows Best" on television.

He enjoys social science class with Mr. Blancett, but English and French are his favorite subjects.

Craig is the new vice-president. He will take the duties of the president when Karen is ill. Craig is also president of the band.

He collects stamps, watches television, and eats raw clams for his hobbies.

Watching "Spin and Marty," "Cheyenne," and "Steve Allen's

Program," takes care of his television shows.

His favorite subjects are Latin and social science with Mr. Blancett.

Cathy, the treasurer, is also treasurer of home room 114. She is a member of cheerleaders, monitors, and G.A.A. Eating anything that is available is her favorite pastime.

She is greatly enthused about watching "Spin and Marty," the "Loretta Young Show," and "The Alfred Hitchcock Show."

In social science and typing you will find Cathy very alert.

Marcia, the new secretary, is also secretary of home room 102. She is a member of G.A.A., and monitors.

In school, her time is spent working in the store, office, and library.

Her pastimes are eating hamburgers and French fries.

She enjoys watching "People's Choice," and "Father Knows Best" for her favorite television shows.

In English and Algebra you will find Marcia very interested in her work.

## Tantalizing Odors Tempt Students As Busy Girls Prepare Christmas Treats

Students passing room 17 during the last six weeks have been drawn to the door for one little peek by the smell of cookies or candy. There they have seen the seventh grade and eighth grade home economics classes getting ready for Christmas.

Ninth grade girls in Mrs. Helen Perrill's class gave a tea last Friday. Having the appearance of a stained glass window on the front, the invitations were blue with white writing.

In the dining room a stained glass window mantel piece with angels and candles on it was made by the girls, assisted by Mr. Frank Daniels, to portray the theme.

A surprise treat of cranberry bread and pineapple banana nut bread was served with the traditional Christmas cookies and cranberry punch. The following girls in the class prepared, served, and were hostesses: Melanie Besser, Niki Bogalis, Ola Brown, Joyce English, Bonnie Matthews, Sylvia Shepherd, Nancy Swank, Shirley Mabry, Joyce Gatti, Norma Taylor, Rosalee Boggs, Ida Mae Perkins, Louise Wilcox, Elberta Blair, and Barbara Rumery.

### Make Kingwood Visit

Eighth grade girls in Mrs. Etta Wert's good grooming classes learned about good designs and

how to apply it on Christmas decorations when they made a trip to Kingwood Center yesterday. Mr. Lees and Dr. Allen gave talks and the girls had the choice of making a door piece, a mantel piece, or a center piece for Christmas. Her seventh grade girls will learn how to wrap their Christmas gifts.

The whir of the sewing machines has been heard as Patsy Thompson, Lynn Kistler, Brenda Cates, Sandra McKay, Sheila Bartram, Elinda Bates, Linda Alley, and Carolyn Garrett, seventh graders, made aprons in Mrs. Eleanor Lime's sewing classes. Red and green organdy and ruffles made up half the aprons, the other half being different colored organdy.

## Band Club Holds Bake Sale Friday

Band Club parents are having a bake sale this Friday at the Richland Trust Building. Proceeds will be used for new music and uniforms.

Mothers of the club will bake cookies in the home economics room at Simpson on Thursday.

## It's Confidential

Can't tell! It's a secret! That's all the answer that could be gotten out of the committee planning the Girls' Athletic Association Banquet and Dance on January 25 beginning at 6 o'clock. Girls are to wear Sunday-go-to-meeting dresses and boys no levis.

The girls did say that members can attend free, but non-members must pay 25 cents for the dance.

Committee members who will decorate the gym and the cafeteria and who are in charge of the secret plans are: Becky Kaler, chairman, Diana Doerrer, Renatha Ray, Lois Henderson, Pat Parrett, and Kay Richards.

## Family Troupe Gives Four-Star Musical

On January 11, at 8:30 a. m., Simpson students will have the advantage of seeing the Bonelli family in a four-star musical show. The family ranges from Lark and Michael, the world's fastest juvenile marimbists, to Eileen Fae, the lovely lady of accordion, and Joe Bonelli, internationally known comedian and dancer.

This family group of performers produces fast-moving music, dancing, and comedy at its best.

They have entertained audiences throughout the nation.

## Music, Drama Groups Combine Talents; Present Christmas Assembly for School

(See picture on Page 3)

The John Simpson Orchestra, the Eighth Grade Glee Club, Ninth Grade Choir and the dramatics class will all combine to furnish the following Christmas program this afternoon in the auditorium.

On the program in the order of their appearance are:

Orchestra—Rudolph, the Red-nosed Reindeer

8th Grade Glee Club—

Deck the Halls

One Little Candle

Wassail Song

Orchestra—

Three Songs for Christmas

One Act Play—"Pop Reads the Christmas Carol" by Christopher Sergel

Student Director—Janet Parry

Characters

Junior Jones, the kid brother—

George Jividen

Mr. Jones, the father—

Dennis Weightman

Mary Jones, daughter—

Judy Kline

Paul Jones, the son—Karmen

Munson

Mrs. Jones, mother—Varlene

Sollenberger

Jane, Paul's girl friend—

Carole Adams

Jack, Mary's boy friend—

Jerry Bohus

Orchestra—Christmas Medley

9th Grade Choir—Ava Maria

Jesus Is Born

The Friendly Beasts

O Holy Night

The soloists for O Holy Night

are Melanie Besser, Diana Doer-

rer, Jane O'Neil, Corene Davis,

Sue Spencer, Patricia Hart, and

Mary Jo Mann.

Orchestra—

Good Christian Men Awake

Hark! The Herald Angels

Sing

9th Grade Choir—

Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht

Tableau—Virgin Mary—

Jeanne Williams

An angel—Karen Yarman

The orchestra will be under the

direction of Mr. J. Merton Hol-

combe; the vocal groups, Miss

Emelie Severson; the play, Mr.

Ray Gerrell, the accompanist,

Mr. Frank Daniels; lights and

staging, Mr. V. Lee Prior.

## All share food

## Fill Many Council-Sponsored Baskets

As the doors of the building open each morning, students have gone toward their homerooms carrying cans of canned fruits, powdered milk, canned soup, spaghetti, macaroni, cake mixes, biscuit mixes, canned meat, canned fish, canned juice, onions, potatoes, vegetables, flour, sugar, and jello for the Christmas baskets sponsored by the Student Council.

The P.T.A. has donated \$1.50 per basket for the purchase of meat and other articles. Each homeroom has a basket to fill and the representatives for Student Council have decorated the boxes for their homerooms.

Mel Coleman was chosen to head the Christmas Basket Committee, made up of Nick Arbutina, Nancy Ezzard, Gary Owens, Ruby Swann, and Carole Weaver, which yesterday sorted the food

and got the baskets ready for distribution.

A committee of interested teachers will deliver the baskets after school closes for the Christmas holiday.

### Coming Events

- Dec. 18—Christmas Assembly
- Christmas Band Party
- Basketball
- Madison, here
- Jan. 7—Basketball
- Butler, here
- Jan. 10—Basketball
- Willard, here
- Jan. 11—Assembly
- Bonelli Family
- School Dance
- Jan. 15—Basketball
- Bellville, here
- Jan. 25—G.A.A. Banquet
- Dance





## The Spirit of Christmas—What Is It?

The Spirit of Christmas. What is it? It's a combination of many things to me: that first delicious tingle I get when I put our old, battered copy of "White Christmas" on the record player; my first thrilling look at the lights in Central Park in all their glory; the lump that comes to my throat when I hear a great choir singing carols.

The Spirit of Christmas is a light, bright thing. It goes from one person to another, touching the faces of the young and old alike, and putting a song in the heart of the saddest person.

Everyone loves the Spirit of Christmas; from the old man with the cane who lives down the street, whose face lights up with gladness when someone takes time to call a gay "Merry Christmas," to the tiny tot next door who's getting her first look at the wonder and beauty of a Christmas tree this year.

The Spirit of Christmas—a bright, gay, laughing, silvery being who unites the hearts of people everywhere at the most wonderful season of the year.

## Worker Reveals We Can Aid in Rush

(Ed. Note: Mr. Robert Murray gave an interview about the Christmas-time rush at the Mansfield Post Office.)

During the Christmas Season there is a rush of mail and packages, giving the mailmen more mail to carry and postoffice workers more work. Throughout this season each mailman is given a helper and works three to four hours longer. More post office workers are hired and more mail trucks are used.

There are three ways that we can help these men and make the work easier for them. They are:

1. Write the name and address clearly and make sure it is correct;
2. Be sure to write the whole address of the person and your return address;
3. Mail the cards, letters and packages early.

When letters and packages are mailed at the last minute, too much of a rush is put on the workers. If the address is incorrect or there is no address, the letter is put into a box and sometimes is not mailed until after Christmas.

Be sure to put a 3c stamp on each card. If there is only a 2c stamp and no return address, the mail is destroyed. If there is a 3c stamp, it is first-class mail and is checked by carriers to determine where to send it.

When the address cannot be found, the letter is sent to Cincinnati to the "dead letter" file and opened to see if there is anything valuable in it. If valuable, the letter is kept one year but, if not, it is destroyed.

Let's do things right and help these men.

## SALE OF SEALS HELPS ALL OF US

Christmas seals are the foundation of the finding of the cure for tuberculosis. Scientists have been working for a number of years trying to find this cure.

The sale of Christmas Seals help to sponsor this project. Each year millions of Americans stricken by the disease are helped by this money. Chest X-rays, given free to the public, are helping to find those who are ill.

Each year before Christmas, seals are mailed to homes all over the country. The recipients may either send back the seals or send the money in for them. Any amount, large or small will help.

This Christmas help the T.B. Foundation go over its goal of \$25,000 in Richland County.

## Think Before You Give That Gift!

Sharon Biener

What don't teen-agers want for Christmas? We don't know about all junior-high people, but we found out how some of our own students at Simpson feel.

Polly Schillinger grinned and said, "Boy's socks."

Pat Shearer reported that she didn't want her two front teeth because she already had a pair.

Warren Smith's reply was, "I want everything I can get my hands on except a doll."

Linda Friend hopes she won't wake up with a headache to see a green Christmas while Kaye Hamilton thought a while then came up with this answer, "Another dog."

Harvey Welker doesn't want the measles and Patty Ickes can do without a wooden leg.

Karen Urschel said, "Mink coat."

Norman Klase does not want an Elvis Presley record because he is liable to break it up into little pieces and throw it out the window.

If you were planning to buy any of the preceding people's Christmas present, at least you know what not to get.



## Roamin' the Halls with the Bull Dog

Karen Michener

We've just heard:

Lloyd Turner's new definition for epidemic: "I don't know too much about them, but I do know that when they get too many, they hit them in the head with something."

That Mrs. Eunice Stout and Mr. Joe Romano are now modeling for the Powers Model Agency since their appearance on the John Simpson stage last Tuesday.

Wanted:

A pair of roller skates for Carol Dinger.

Wondering:

What does it take to get into the "Sloppy Housekeeper's Club"?

## The First Christmas

Erlene Burrage—104

I am fourteen years old, therefore I have had fourteen Christmases. All my Christmases have been wonderful experiences I shall always remember.

But there is one Christmas in particular I know I shall always remember. This was the very first Christmas! Not the first Christmas I experienced, but the first Christmas the world experienced. The first Christmas was thousands of years ago, yet today, when each December 25 rolls around, we all turn our thoughts and our hearts back to a certain December 25, the night Our Lord, the Saviour of the World, was born.

Even though I was not there in that lowly little stable that night, I can imagine what it was like. The Bible tells what it was like.

The many Christmas songs we sing each year, our tall glowing Christmas trees standing in our front rooms, the smiling faces of our families around the dining room tables, and the joyous, delightful squeals and thank-yous of our younger brothers and sisters—these all remind me of the first Christmas for they represent a thing of glorious beauty, hope, kindness, love, and eternal peace, The First Christmas.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor: Why aren't we having a Talent Show this year?

Alta Hibbard, Shirley Reiter, Nancy Volz.

Definite plans have not been decided as yet. There is a possibility of a Talent Show, although a play has been seriously considered.

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Dear Editor: I was wondering why you don't have a part of the paper for hit recordings.

A Reader.

The article entitled "Seein' and Hearin' What's New", which appears in each issue, is meant to keep up with current records, movies, and TV programs.

Hit recordings are quite often put in the form of a story, in order to make, we hope, more interesting reading.

Dear Editor:

Teenagers can no longer be held responsible for themselves it seems. They have gone so far as to abuse the privileges that they have taken for granted.

Boys and girls twelve years of age and over have no business being out on the streets at two and three o'clock in the morning. As a result of these late hours, vandalism and destruction to properties are in evidence. Every night the newspaper carries many articles of vandalism and destructions committed by boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 18.

Mansfield has been pretty fair to the teenagers up to this time, but now some action must be taken. If teenagers had not abused their privileges, the action would not have been necessary.

The curfew, it is hoped, will clear the streets and keep teenagers out of trouble. If this works well, Mansfield may get a better rating for its adolescents. The law was not passed entirely to punish, but to protect the city's youth from night dangers. Today's teenagers must be protected for they will be tomorrow's leaders.

Do you have a gripe, a pet peeve, or some ideas on school or city problems about which you'd like to express yourself? Why not write a letter to the editor and drop it in the box in 101?

## WE THANK YOU

The stories and poems which deal with Christmases remembered were written by members of some of the English classes. Many more of the stories were good, but space would not permit the printing of all.

Pupils who submitted stories or poems, but did not have them printed are: Jayne O'Neil, Dave Blizzard, Sharyl Thomas, Pat Crego, Nancy Weaver, Ronald Kuppinger, Lois Henderson, Carol Heston, Wayne McDowell, Wanda Keeton, Brenda Shrader, Sue Davis, Ronnie Logan, Opal Riggs, Janet Parry, Carol Marietta, Marty Swineford, David Meeting, Carol Nichols, Linda Amsbaugh, and Brigitte Brauchler.

The staff appreciates the cooperation of each of you. Please help us the next time we ask for copy.

The Editor



December 19	January 1	
Phil Gentile	Donald Rimplert,	Sandra Thomas
December 20	January 2	
Wiley Human, Lendon Parish	Cynthia Crunkilton, Lois Taylor	
December 21	January 3	
Mary Enlow, Jean Sheffield	Ethel Adams, Barbara Au,	Nancy Sqrow, Terry Strohminger
December 23	January 4	
John Allen, Lillian Allen, Eva Frank, Malachi Jones, Kenneth Morgan	Tom Bernat, Bonnie Burkholder, Diana Doerr, David Maye, Pat Parrett	
December 24	January 5	
William Lomax	George Church, Claudia Wolf	
December 25	January 6	
Joe Davis	Bertie Beal, George Jividen, George Woods	
December 26	January 7	
David Myers	Marilyn Bauer, Charles Bowman, Sally Conrad, Ruth Hammett, Carolyn Holmes	
December 27	January 8	
Judy Friend, Larry Johnson, Joe Martinez	Shirley Long	
December 28	January 9	
Thomas Roth, Willie Jones	Nancy Ford	
December 29		
Ola Brown, Ronald Robinette		
December 30		
Janet Litteral, Bob Lutz, Charles Prosser, Paul Stover		
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Story on Page One



Carole Adams, Karmen Munson, Gunther Meisse, Sue Conner, and Pat Damron prepare for the play.

## Classes Experiment In Science Reports

Magnetism and electricity are the main projects of the general science classes.

Hand made motors is the project Mr. Pierce's, Mr. Mishey's and Mr. Young's students are working on at present and students who make electric motors will receive extra credit.

Each week Mr. Mishey's classes receive **Current Science** magazines which are discussed for interesting material.

Later in the year students in Mr. Young's classes will study electroplating and heating systems.

Each six weeks Mr. Pierce gives his students a list of subjects from which one is to be chosen for a report to the class.

## Christmas Is Theme of Class Work

"Jo Saturnalia" will be heard from many of Miss Virginia Howard's Latin students as they greet their friends a Merry Christmas in Latin. Both French and Latin classes are learning how to sing Christmas carols. One of the songs that the Latin classes will sing is **Adeste Fideles**.

Most of the students in Miss Fannie Lew Eiler's music classes will each take an important country and tell how their first Christmas originated.

Some of the students in Mr. Frank Daniels art classes are making 400 place mats for the Austrian refugees to brighten their Christmas. Besides helping others, the classes painted the windows of 206. Butterfly angels, and Christmas trees are being made out of tinfoil.

"Merry Christmas Mathematically Speaking" is being carried out in Mrs. Frances Theaker's math classes. They are using tin pie plates to make different de-

signs for Christmas, such as Santa Claus, Christmas trees, and other interesting designs. They are hanging these all over the room from wires strung corner to corner.

## Honor Roll Gains 11

Honor Roll for the second term of the school year gained 11 members as 27 pupils were listed. Eight all-A students include Linda Flowers, Diane Gertel, and Ruby Swann of the seventh grade and Dawn Doerrer, Nancy Ez-zard, Linda Griebeling, Judy Rad-dick, and Karen Urschel, eighth graders.

Also on the Honor Roll were seventh graders Patricia Brinley, Ellen Garrison, Thomas Hudson, Robert Knight, Sandra Luckie, Kathy Michener, Patty Schilling-er, Louis Simpson, Linda Thom-as, and Joanne Warrack.

In the eighth grade Claudia Baker, Norman Klase, Sue Misen-heimer, Gary Owens, Harvey Welker, and John Wilson rated the list along with ninth graders Carol Marietta, Janet Massey, and Shirley Reiter.

## Christmas Greetings

The sending of Christmas cards seems to have originated in England about the middle of the last century. Queen Anne commissioned famed artists to de-corate their Holiday greetings. One of the first Christmas greet-ings, as we know them, was pre-pared for Queen Victoria.

## Dear Santa

### Post Office Finds "Stand-Ins"

Judy Radick

"Dear Sandy,

I would like to have a state highway truck set. And I would like to have a sled. Because my sled is almost broken. And it is too little for me.

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On the right-hand corner of an envelope were four Buckeye stamps. The letter was addressed "To Santa—North Pole"

"North Pole

a Teddy Bear

a Play pen

a TV dog

and a Doll House

with a small doll.

To

Santa

From  
Karen"

These are samples of letters found in the Mansfield Post

Office by a reporter who wanted to find out what happens to let-ters written by little children to Santa Claus.

When you were little and sent letters to Santa Claus, were you sure they reached him? What really happens?

As these letters come in to the post office, some are sent on to the radio station. Those that are not to go there are sent to the Mansfield News-Journal. The News-Journal sends them to dif-ferent organizations which are trying to make children happy at Christmas time. The family is investigated and if it is worthy, the child is given what he asked for in his letter.

This kind of answer to the little children is being carried on all over the country according to an article in **Reader's Digest** for December 1956 titled "Santa's Stand-Ins."



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## Trick Cartoonist Has Natural Talent

Alta Hibbard

"Down by the old mill stream" was one of the many scenes drawn by Victor Onstad, cartoonist, during the assembly on December 4.

Mr. Onstad has been drawing cartoons since grade school, but has only thirteen years of professional experience. He has a natural talent for cartooning and has had no education in this field. Mr. Onstad was a carpenter before entering into his present profession.

His advice to students who would like to be cartoonists is, "A person must have natural talent for cartooning before he can enter into this profession."

Mr. Onstad has appeared on

television in Missouri, his home state, and in cities throughout the country.

When asked how she liked the caricature Mr. Onstad drew of her, Mrs. Eunice Stout remarked, "I think that he didn't make the nose quite big enough and my mouth is always open so that's quite natural. I don't think I'm capable of pushing Mr. Romano because of the difference in weight."

"I thought it was very nice, but I think he made my nose too big. I'm glad he didn't draw my body because I'm sure he would have run out of paper," is the comment Mr. Joe Romano made.

## HI-Y OFFERS FUN TO SIMPSON BOYS

Simpson boys! Now is your chance to belong to the Hi-Y. The group meets the first and third Wednesdays of every month at the Y.M.C.A. in room F at 4:30.

The business meeting is held between 4:30 and 5:20. After the meeting, the boys swim until 6 o'clock. If there are enough boys to play, there will be a basketball team.

The purpose of the Hi-Y is to train boys in civic duties and to work and to play together.

Mr. Kenneth Shanks is the sponsor of the Simpson group of Hi-Y boys.

## A Christmas I Remember

Jean Martin—110

'Twas the night before Christmas; goodnight was said,  
And Marilyn and I had just crept to bed.  
There were tears on our pillows and tears in our eyes;  
For that night our stern dad's command was given  
That we should be in bed precisely at seven,  
For we troubled him with questions unheard before.  
He told us no such thing as Santa Claus had ever been—  
He hoped, after this, he would never more hear  
How Santa scrambled down chimneys with presents each year.

But then Marilyn thought how we used to pray,  
And God would hear everything we would say.  
Perhaps if we asked, he would send Santa here  
With the sacks full of presents he brings every year.

"Dear Jesus, look down on my sisters and me,  
And grant us the favor we are asking of Thee:  
I want a wax dolly, a tea set, and a ring,  
And an ebony work box that shuts with a spring.  
Bless Daddy, dear Jesus, and cause him to see  
That Santa Claus loves us better than he.  
Don't let him get fretful and angry again  
At dear Jean and Marilyn. Amen."

Eight, nine, and the little French clock struck ten,  
Ere Daddy thought of his children again;  
"I was harsh with my darlings," he said,  
"And should not have sent them so early to bed."  
"Strange I'd forgotten," said he with a sigh,  
"How I longed when a child to have Christmas draw nigh;  
I'll atone for my harshness," he inwardly said,  
"By answering their prayers ere I sleep in my bed."

He donned hat, coat, and boots and was out in the street;  
A millionaire facing the cold, driving sleet;  
Nor stopped he until he had bought everything—  
From a box full of candy to a tiny gold ring.  
Indeed he kept adding so much to his store,  
That the various presents outnumbered a score.

The next morning four little brown eyes opened wide,  
And at the same moment the presents espied;  
Then out of their beds the girls sprang with a bound  
And the very gifts prayed for were all found.  
They laughed and they cried in their innocent glee,  
And shouted for Daddy to come quick and see  
What presents old Santa had brought in the night  
Though he had had to leave before it was light.

"We used to kneel down and pray by your chair,  
And now that God up in heaven has answered our prayers!  
'Twas Lord Jesus who bade you steal upstairs,  
And made you His agent to answer our prayer!"

## PICTURE BRIGHTENS SCHOOL HALL WALLS

Charlotte Stehle

Christmas means colored lights, presents, Christmas trees, and beautiful pictures, such as the ones in the hall painted by Mr. Frank Daniels.

Mr. Daniels painted the picture, "The Wise Men," while he was taking a college course to learn to paint more realistically. He painted the Santa Claus which was first in a series of paintings.

Another picture, which is of carollers singing Christmas hymns is in room 206. In his opinion, it is the best picture of the three he has painted. Mr. Daniels invites anyone to come to 206 to see it.

## Do Holiday Birthdays Cheat Those Having Them?

Shirley Reiter

Most students look forward to getting presents on Christmas and their birthdays. However, the three students who have birthdays on Christmas and New Year's celebrate their birthdays and Christmas at the same time.

Joe Davis was born on Christmas in 1941 and is now in the eighth grade. He said he likes having a birthday on Christmas because he receives two presents.

The two students born on New Year's are Sandra Thomas and Don Rimblert. Sandra was born a minute after midnight on New

Year's Day. She receives her birthday and Christmas presents both on Christmas. When asked how she likes this arrangement, she replied, "I don't like getting my presents on the same day." She stays up until midnight on her birthday and watches the new year come in on television.

Don, a seventh grader, was born at one o'clock on New Year's Day. He said, "I don't like my birthday to be that close to Christmas." He added that his brother was born on the Fourth of July.

## Christmas Long Ago

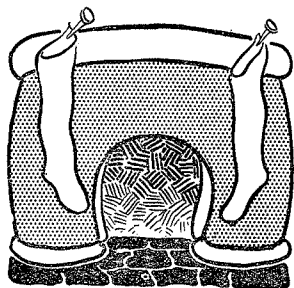
Nancy Petan—211

I guess that I will tell you about a Christmas long ago:  
I got a big red scooter and a dolly I loved so.

My mommy and my daddy were just, oh, so good to me,  
And they tried to tell me Santa Claus did all these things for me.

I really loved that Christmas Day and all the fun and play;  
The day went by so quickly though I wanted it to stay.  
And so I put my doll to bed in a very special way,  
And then I went to bed myself and when my prayers were said,

I thanked the Lord for everything—even the story Dad had read.



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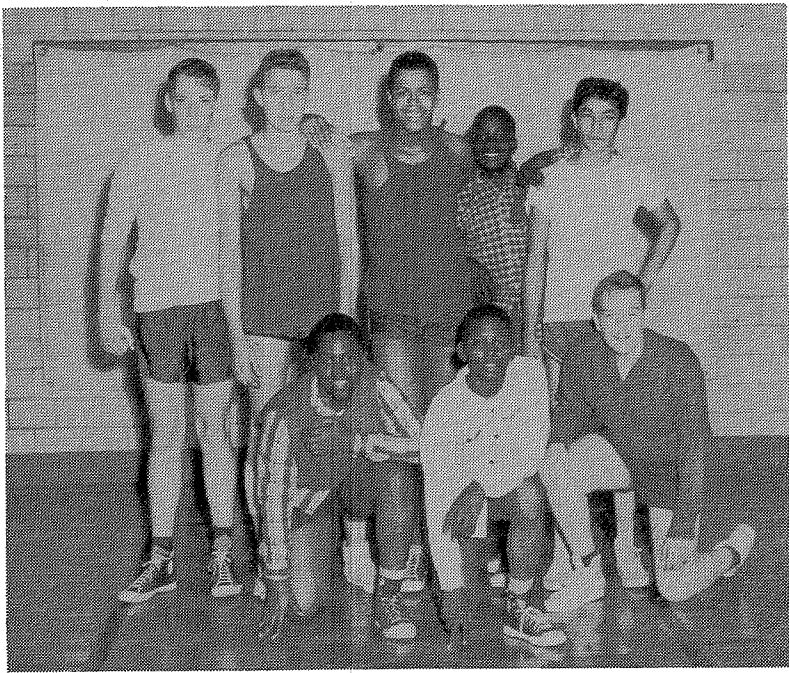
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Kneeling: Wyatt McDowell, John Mosely, and Mel Coleman. Standing: Dennis Weightman, Tom Schadek, Clarence Eubank, Willie Sewell, and Joe Martinez.

## LEARN CHEERS

### Ya Orange

Y-a-a-a-a Orange  
Y-a-a-a-a White  
Y-a-a-a-a Team  
(Pause) Fight! Fight!

### Boom Song

Whooooo  
Whooooo  
Whooooo  
Whooooo  
Shhhhhh  
Boom  
Ahhhhh  
SIMPSON!

## Bull Dogs - Pioneers Play Two Games

Representatives of the Athletic Department from Appleseed and Simpson met last year to arrange the athletic program for this school year. It was decided that just two basketball games would be played between the two junior highs. The annual game at Senior High will be discontinued for three reasons.

1. The larger playing floor at Senior High is too large and exhausting for junior highs.

2. The original purpose for playing this game was to make money. For the last few years no profit has been made by either school.

3. This game doesn't decide anything. It should be limited to the enjoyment of each student body.

January 17, at Appleseed Gymnasium, the first basketball game between the two schools will be held. On our own Simpson floor, on February 6, the second game with Appleseed and the last game of the season will be witnessed by our student body.

At this time, Appleseed is just beginning its 10-game by playing Madison. Simpson has played two games, losing both. Willard edged the Bulldogs 29-28 in the opener while Bellville won 31-28.

Playing for Appleseed will be Bolesky, Wagner, Oswalt, Pfizenmayer, Fields, Hout Addlesperger, Wnidham, Eberly, Butler, Ramsey, Hawkins, Zavelson, Richards, Stander, Focht, and Brunn.

First-team players for the Bulldogs are: Evans, Taylor, Schadek, Bohus, and Anderson. Schadek has been high-point man in both games played.

## Intramural Champs Named as 16 Wins

The basketball champions of the ninth grade are the boys of home room 16. They proved this when they defeated home room 111 by a score of 8-5 last week.

In the first quarter, 16 scored 2 points; 111 tied it up in the second; 16 went ahead again in the third 5-3 and made 3 more in the final quarter.

The line-up for the game for 16 was: Willie Sewell, John Mosely, Joe Martinez, Tom Schadek, Mel Coleman, Wyatt McDowell, Dennis Weightman, and Clarence Eubanks.

For 11: Bill Kistler, Phil Plummer, Dick Conrad, Ray Mion, Willie Jones, and Tom Bence.

### Girls Play Too

After Christmas vacation the girls will take the floor to play basketball, playing girls' regulation rules.

Each team will consist of six players, three guards and three forwards. No one is allowed to cross the center line. If a guard receives the ball, she must pass it to the forward to make a basket. The teams are identified by the wearing of long strips of colored cloth.

The schedule will be posted in the rooms which are to take part in the games.

### GIRLS' NOON-HOUR SCHEDULE

7 th	8 th	9 th	Dates
101	20	16	Jan. 2
106	103	102	
112	110	109	Jan. 3
200B	200A	114	
205	203	209	Jan. 4
212	206	211	
214	Lib.	216	Jan. 7
105	Cafe	17	
108	107	104	Jan. 8
113	115	111	
202	201	208	Jan. 9
207	204	210	
213	215		

This is a double elimination contest and a team must be beaten twice before being eliminated.

## Speaking of Sports

### Jack Meenach

In the sports world today many things are happening. On November 29 all America honored ex-Simpsonite Dick Guy for gaining a position on the 1956 All-American Second Team. Dick has been playing tackle on the Ohio State football team for three years and has helped them gain many of their wins.

United States Olympic stars have been making a good showing at Melbourne. As the paper goes to press, they had won 31 gold medals while Russia had 35. While it seems that Russia will win the meet, athletes from our country have made many records fall. This would seem to prove that the United States is not a country of weaklings as some people say.

Getting back to our own locality, the Bulldogs got off to a slow start in losing the first couple of games of basketball by a small margin. Good luck, boys, keep trying! We're with you!

## Former Athlete Coaches Aboard Aircraft Carrier

Recently commissioned Lieutenant Junior Grade Kenneth McCally is a good example of the kind of athletes Simpson produces. At Simpson from 1945-47, Kenneth made excellent grades and was considered outstanding in all sports in which he participated.

At Mansfield Senior High he was All-Ohio in basketball and baseball.

After graduating from high school Kenneth was offered a position with the Cleveland Indian Baseball Team. At the same time, he was appointed to the Naval Academy at Annapolis. He turned down the Indian offer to take his chances with the navy.

During the time at Annapolis, he received the outstanding Athletic Award and six "N" stars. On June 3, 1955, he was graduated from the Academy as an Ensign and soon was assigned duty on the Coral Sea Aircraft Carrier.

He is now coaching the 6th Fleet Operation Basketball Team which has won 10 out of 10 games.

## Sparks From Parks

### Molly Park

Girls, has the Christmas Spirit got you in its spell? Only one more week and Father Time will take care of that!

During vacation you can be enjoying winter sports, such as skiing, sledging, and ice skating.

After returning from the holidays, girls' intramural sports will begin again. Let's be loyal to our home rooms when the eighth and ninth grade girls play basketball.

Plans for the G.A.A. Banquet and Dance in January are moving ahead. It has been decided that just party dresses and not formal will be worn. Maybe you would like to ask Santa for your dress!

How about those "snazzy" new cheers? For instance, the Boom Song or the new version of spelling SIMPSON?

You'll be hearing from me again next year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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### SPORTS HAPPENINGS

Results of the game played with Ashland December 13 were: Varsity 55-50

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Ronnie, the dummy spells a word for Mr. Oakes.

## Made of Wood Dummy Comes to Simpson Learns to Spell

Diane Schmidt

Edgar Bergen of television fame had better watch out! At Simpson Mr. Kempton Oakes can give him some compention as he has a dummy which he can make talk.

It all started when Mr. Oakes was a student at Phillip's Univer-

sity, working a night shift at a tourist court. Here he decided to model and practice the voice for a paper mache dummy. About a year later he put it aside and forgot it.

Eight years later while serving as a minister, Mr. Oakes decided to use a dummy in the church school. He whittled one out of balsa wood, used it for a time, and put it aside for a period of four years.

Not long ago he got the idea of using it as an aid in special education. Yes, Simpson has a dummy that can spell!

### Gift Giving

The first Christmas gifts were those brought by the Three Wise Men to the new-born Infant at Bethlehem. The exchange of gifts at Christmas time, the world over, reflects the spirit of the gift-bearing Wise Men.

## Reiter's Rewrites *What Christmas Means to Me*

Shirley Reiter

A new exchange paper is the Bolich Buzz from Bolich Junior High in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

Tiny tidbits from other schools:

In Shaker Byron Junior High in Cleveland a contest was held to find a name for their school paper. The judges adopted the name "The Shaker B", which was submitted by an eighth grader. She received a five-dollar record album gift certificate.

The P.T.A. is sponsoring two-hour skating sessions every Thursday morning. Transportation for the students is furnished by bus.

The Huddle Penguin reports that at Andries Huddle Junior High School in Brooklyn, New York, under the supervision of the Parents' Association, the school will hold a Book Fair. Books of all kinds will be on display and on sale during an entire week. They will be sold for thirty-five cents and up. The profit will be donated to the school library to buy more books.

### Plan Special Days

Special days were held at Ben Davis High School in Indianapolis, Indiana, and Janesville Junior High School in Janesville, Wisconsin. "The Spotlight" at Ben Davis High School tells of "The Hobo Day" sponsored by the Student Council. Three students were chosen as the best-dressed hoboes.

All the students at Janesville Junior High wore their Sunday best on "Dress Up Day". After classes a record dance was held in the gym. This was told in their school paper the "Junior Jay".

At Quincy Junior High School in Quincy, Illinois, as reported by the Junior Hi Lights, the home economics students are planning a fashion show. The different types of clothing that will be modeled by students are skirts, jumpers, blouses, and Bermuda shorts.

The studying of human bones and chemistry are the projects of their science classes.

Dixie Lang

Christmas. There's a magic in that name; a magic that brings to mind some of the most wonderful thoughts in the world.

Christmas. No matter, even without a calendar, I would know. I would sense its deep meaning, its gay spirit, its laughter, and the happiness of it, like no other happiness on God's good earth.

It's a glorious feeling to walk down the snowy streets of a city during the Christmas season. The tiny tots, as the song says, "with their eyes all aglow," who are really discovering joy for perhaps the first time; the bright Christmas cookies in the windows of the warm fragrant bakeries; the wonderful gaiety of the red and green wreaths hanging on each door.

### Friendly House Sponsors Benefit

Friday evening at the Pete Henry gym at Senior High, the annual benefit basketball game between the All-American Red-heads, girls' basketball team and the Mansfield-area coaches will be played.

Taking place on the afternoon of December 20 will be the parties for the Hanna Road children and the 160 members of the Golden Age club. The latter are planning a program of music, singing and dancing.

On December 21, begins the traditional Christmas basketball tournament, with twenty-four teams taking part.

Almost every street corner is changed, for where once there were parking lots, there are Christmas trees now. The people who come to buy them are different too. Not the same every day people who work in stores and factories, but people who have been transformed into gay, laughing spirits by the magic of Christmas.

Is there any feeling one can ever have to compare with the deep, holy peace of sitting in church on Christmas Eve? Does anything make your heart swell to the point of bursting any more than raising your voice, with those of your family and the people of your church, to make the heavens ring with the glory of the age-old carols?

No matter how deep my despair or sorrow should ever become; no matter how seemingly unbearable my life should ever be; I think that, somehow, I should always find a faith, something to believe in, in the bright smile of a passer-by who called to me those two magic words, "Merry Christmas!"

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# Bits O' News

Mr. Robert Brashares, band and orchestra leader, is in the Mansfield General Hospital for an operation. He is not allowed many visitors at present. We wish him a speedy recovery. Mr. J. Merton Holcombe is substituting for him until his return.

Carol Van Riper has been in St. Vincent's Hospital in Toledo. She is at home now recovering from an operation.

Sharon Honse, vice-president, and Betty Harding, secretary, of the John Simpson Junior Red Cross Council, were hostesses at the county meeting of the Junior Red Cross at the Chapter House on December 5. The girls received compliments for their fine work from Mrs. Mabel Derr, director of the Junior Red Cross program.

Bonnie Burkholder, home room 103, should have been placed on the honorable mention list for the first six-weeks term. Sorry for the error, Bonnie.

Good attendance awards for the second term went to seventh grade home room 214; eighth grade room 110; ninth grade room 111.

To make the work in social science more interesting, Mr. Richard Blancett took some of his students to Columbus recently for a visit to the state Capitol, the Ohio State Museum, the Ohio State University, the zoo.

## A Happy Christmas

Doris Brinley—114

I remember best of all the Christmas I went to Upper Sandusky. There were eight others from the Youth Fellowship of our church who went along.

We fixed up cute little shoe boxes with crepe paper and pasted pictures around them. Into these boxes we put soap, perfume, hankies, and other small articles.

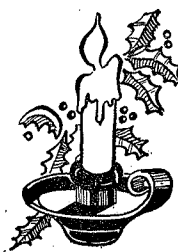
There are ninety-five people in the Home for the Aged. Some of them are ninety to ninety-eight years of age. They all go to church in the chapel at the home.

Before giving them their boxes we had a party for them with refreshments, games that older people could play, and most of all a gayly decorated Christmas tree in the corner with all the boxes under it.

Along with the party we had a devotional service and four of us girls led the singing of Christmas carols. All of the people were in high spirits and happy as could be.

As we were leaving, one of the ladies, who was about 90, said she had had so much fun she felt as though she was nine years old.

We know that we brightened Christmas for all of those people.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Continued from Page Two

January 10  
Ken Phillips

January 11  
Monroe Lewis,

January 12  
Lillian Rhodes, Jane O'Neil

January 13  
Billy Oney, Sarah Thompson

January 14  
Denny Grassel, Wendell Stuart, Glenda Snyder

January 15  
Carol Ann Davis, Douglas Gladden, Robert Moore, Robert Taylor, Robert Wymer

January 16  
Dreama Hill, Richard Profit

January 17  
W. B. Jefferson, Carol Marietta, Sarah Norris, Carol Robertson

January 18  
Carol Barrett, Ronald Burgraf, Erlene Burrage, Gary Harris

January 19  
Pat Crumrine, Dave Duncan, Terry Oyster

January 20  
Raymond Back, Rose Davis, Iona Gordon

January 21  
Linda Brubaker, Donald Lemon, Simmie Pate, Denny Weightman

January 22  
Yvonne Hall, Barbara Johns

January 23  
Ronald Minard, Margaret Morgan, Roy Porter

January 24  
Howard Camak, Jerry Shanks

January 25  
Jo Ann Cervinski, Hershil Conley

January 26  
James Davis, Edwin Porton, Jesse Young

January 27  
Esther Bridges, Bob Knight, Randy Leedom, Sylvia Shepard, Carole Zeigler

January 28  
Joe Adkins, Brigitte Brauchler, Benny Davis, Jerry Hemperly, Betty Kauf

January 29  
Annette Reed

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Mrs. Russell checks throat of ailing student.

## Open Wide, Say Ah! Nurse Will Help You

Dawn Doerrer

Cuts? Bruises? Or what have you? Mrs. Roy Russell will take care of them. She has been a nurse for John Simpson, West First, and Roseland since February of this year. Her alma mater is Bellville High School. In order to gain her nursing education, she attended classes at Mansfield General Hospital where she was graduated.

Mrs. Russell has two sons and lists reading as her main hobby since she does not have much spare time. She and her family reside in Bellville where her husband, Roy, works as a jeweler in his own jewelry store.

## NEW JANITOR JOINS STAFF

Have you wondered who the new janitor is? His name is Mr. Albert Burggraf, a former student at Simpson.

Before joining the staff here, he was employed at the Westinghouse and more recently at Appleseed Junior High.

Living at 501 Howard Street, Mr. Burggraf is married.

He likes to work around electrical projects and is not a Presley fan.

## STAFF WILL ORGANIZE CLUB

The Press Club of the John Simpson Times will be organized after Christmas vacation. All editors are honorary members. Students has to write an original, an editorial, a news story, news notes, and a feature before he is accepted into Press Club.

Each member must have twenty inches by the second issue of the Times, thirty-five by the fourth issue, or fifty by the sixth and maintain an eight-inch average thereafter, except for the editors who must maintain a four-inch average.

All new members are to be initiated after either the second, fourth, or sixth issues of the current year.

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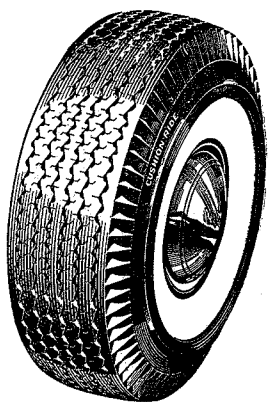
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# To Many Cashmeres

Betty Kauf—201

Two Christmases ago, I begged for a white cashmere sweater. My mother kept insisting that I had enough sweaters, so I started to work on my dad. He thought I had enough also, but he said he would think about it. I knew I would probably get the sweater but, to make sure I sort of hinted to my aunt and grandfather. Then I tried to decide what else I wanted and didn't say any more about the sweater.

I went out and did my Christmas shopping. In the window, where I had seen the cashmere weeks before, was nothing that looked like a sweater, and my hopes grew high. But as I didn't see any white sweaters in other windows, I began to wonder because they weren't that popular.

On Christmas Eve, I found out what had happened to all the sweaters. As I opened each of the five packages, guess what I found? That's right. Five cashmere sweaters! I never thought I would have too many cashmeres.

# Vacations Real and Otherwise

Dick Leger would like to go to Italy to see the Leaning Tower of Pisa.

Jim Sheffer dreams of going to Hawaii for a week to see some of those tropical girls.

Miss Elsie McFadden wants a round-trip ticket to the Moon because on the Moon there isn't any gravity and she can jump easily.

A World Cruise is Molly Park's dream with main stops at Venice, London, and Paris.

To live in an igloo in Alaska is Shirley Reiter's life ambition.

Jimmy Cates, Janice Long, Sharyn Pasheilich, Mr. Dwight Mishey, and Mrs. Eunice Stout are looking forward to interesting trips to Florida.



Lynne Erndt

## Daffy-ni-tions

GARDEN OF EDEN—Home room 216

SINGING THE BLUES—Miss Severson's Glee Club

BLUEBERRY HILL—A new dessert in the cafeteria

STILL—Something no one is in the halls

HEY, PRISCILLA—A shout used in the halls

TRUE LOVE—Harvey Welker and food

SEE SAW—Something one does to earn points for G.A.A.

GONNA GET ALONG WITHOUT YOU NOW—What teachers say when they send students out of the room for talking

HEAVEN ON EARTH—Something Miss Darling's math problems aren't

CONFIDENTIAL—The G.A.A. Banquet

DON'T BE CRUEL—Mr. Cellini, with your history tests

PETTI COATS OF PORTUGAL—All the girls had them last summer

IT ISN'T RIGHT—Some of the grades we get

OUT OF SIGHT OUT OF MIND—Our lessons

I WALK THE LINE—Every day in the cafeteria

YOU'LL NEVER KNOW—The answer to some of Mrs. Creveling's algebra problems

JUST WALKING IN THE RAIN—December 7 when it poured

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The latest in movies: FRIENDLY PERSUASION starring Gary Cooper; FANTASIA produced by Walt Disney; SEVENTEENTH CAVALRY starring Randolph Scott; GIANT starring the late James Dean, Elizabeth Taylor, and Rock Hudson.

Mission, Kansas, is Robert Deems's destination. This is his first trip to Mission and he hopes it will be an enjoyable event.

Randy Leedom is going to Marion, Ohio, for an annual reunion.

Texas seems to attract Alta Hibbard in a big way. It could be those tall Texans.

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# THE CHRISTMAS I REMEMBER MOST

Mary Osgar—16

Of all the Christmases I have ever known, I remember this one most of all. It was the Christmas I think Santa will remember too.

On Christmas Eve about seven years ago, we had an extra passenger when we went to our grandmother's house to open presents. Old Saint Nick himself was that extra passenger. (Of course, then I believed in him, though he was really my dad.)

Like an eager beaver I just stared at him, amazed at the thought of Santa Claus riding in our car! It would be a priceless memory. He looked so grand sitting there, his long, white (false) beard shining, his (crooked) belly sticking out from his red suit. One thing puzzled me, Why didn't he come in his sleigh? He just said his reindeer needed a rest before his long journey.

We were riding along smoothly

when, all of a sudden, we were stuck. What I remember most out of the whole evening was poor Santa pushing and shoveling and digging, trying to get the car out of the deep snow.

It was very late before we got to Grandmother's house and poor Santa was so tired he could hardly talk. If you missed your presents on Christmas morning, it was all our fault!

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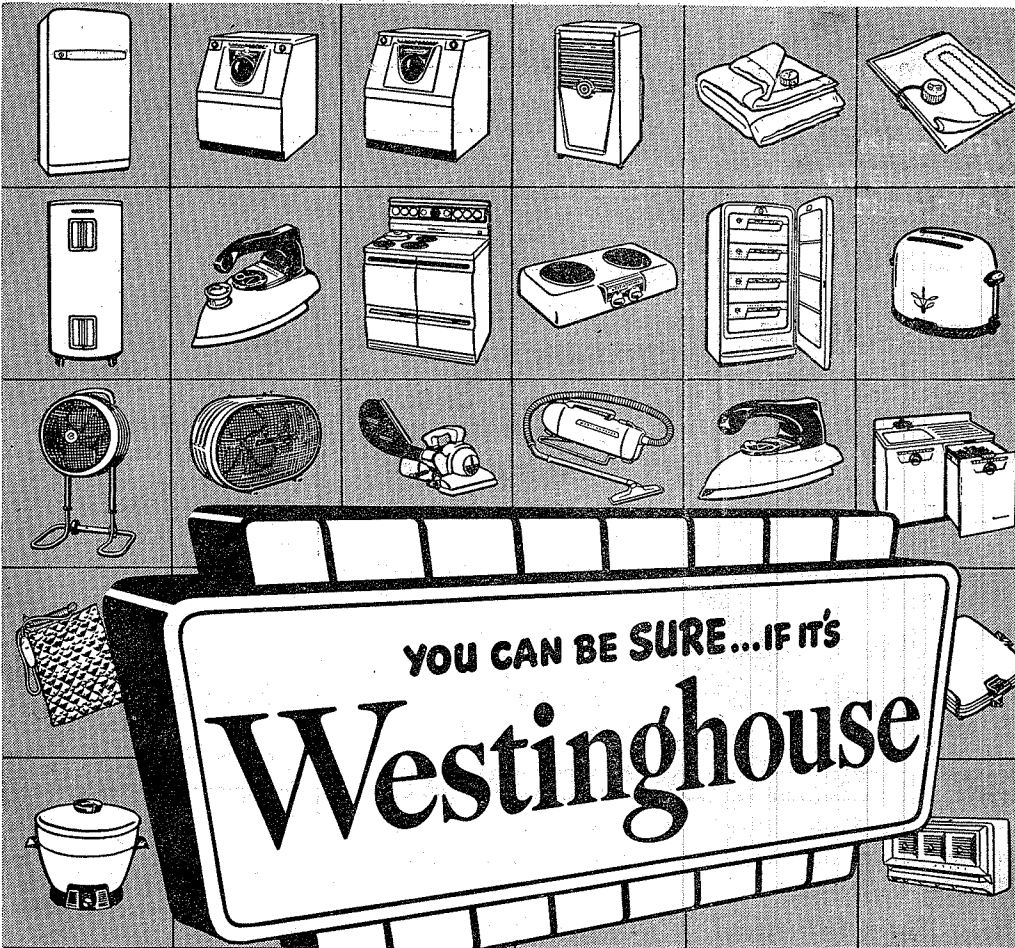
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