

Left—9th grade choir officers; the above scene, the cast of the 9th grade play. Right—Glee Club officers.



CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY PLANNED

The speech class will present "Don't Open Till Christmas," a comedy in one act. The cast is:

Ramsey—Charles Walls
Mr. Bell—Jim Million
Brian—Donnie Lemon
Mrs. Bell—Patsy Thompson
Janet—Pat Schillinger
Mary Ann—Sally Williams
Lorraine—Linda Frizzell

It takes place in the Bell's living room around Christmas time.

The play is about Mother who wants silver fox furs and Janet who wants ice skates for Christmas. Ramsey hints for an electric razor (though the family insisted he didn't need one yet!) Mary Ann was sticking to it that she wanted a mama doll but every body said she was too big for dolls. Dad is like any other father who wants to please his wife and children for Christmas but when he hinted what he wanted they gave him the quick brush-off. Dad gets the tags mixed up on Janet and Mother's gifts so he gives Janet furs and Mother skates. When they find out they're all upset. Finally in the end everything turns out fine. Dad even gets what he wants.

A Christmas concert will be enjoyed by all when the eighth

grade Glee Clubs and the Ninth Grade Choir present their program.

The ninth grade Choir will blend ninety-five voices in a selection of three songs. The first will be Cantata which will include: The Prophecy, The Annunciation, The Wise Men, The Inn and the Heavenly Hosts. They will be followed by Silent Night.

The eighth grade Glee Clubs with one-hundred sixty voices. Their contributions will be: Of

7th GRADE IS HIGH ON HONOR ROLL

The seventh graders led the honor roll with thirteen students, four of them receiving all A's. They are as follows: Carolyn Davis, Richard Ezzard, John Gifford, Dal Heimberger, (all A's), Carol Hill, (all A's), Jeannette Hill, Brenda Jacobs, Hank Kocial, Walter Roth, Sharon Schmidt, Ingrid Wilhelm, (all A's), Andrea Wilson, (all A's), and Vickie Zartman.

The eighth graders followed with three pupils. They are: Roger Griebing, Jerry Lynch, and Janet Wallace.

The two honor roll students in the ninth grade are: Kathy Michener, and Louis Simpson (all A's)

Seventh Graders led the honorable mention list with 53.

Seventh Grade: Sandra Beach, James Berry, Clara Brauchler, Mary Jo Brubach, Harry Buckingham, Garry Burns, Harold Burrell, Sandra Chance, Yolinda

the Father's Love Begotten, What Child Is This, and God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen.

The Orchestra will join in the spirit by playing March In G, Gothic Legend and Christmas Tide.

CIVIL DEFENSE

Did you ever stop to think about Civil Defense? If you haven't you'd better start **right now!** Do you know what to do when you hear an alert signal? The following is what to do at school in case of an attack with out warning: Drop to the floor. Keep away from windows. Bury your face in your arms. When you hear the alert signal, obey your teacher and follow instructions issued by the CD officials. After the take cover signal, go to your assigned shelters. If possible, listen to your radio (640 or 1240). Remain inside until instructed otherwise.

When out in the open, drop to the ground or dive for cover. Bury your face in your arms. If at all possible go to the nearest radio and listen for instructions. Obey the wardens and go to the nearest shelter. Stay inside or under cover until instructed otherwise.

If a city is attacked, it will be impossible to live there for four or more years. Think it over. Do you want to be one of the unfortunate people?

Cox, Barbara Creps, Sharon Davis, Carl Dinger, Judy Dorsey, Nancy Dotson, Joan Duncan, Richard Ferguson, Dianna Foutty Jennifer Frizzell, Carole Grable, Ercelene Hall, Larry Henderson, Pauline Hiler, David Johnson, Susan Kistler, Ronald Krise, Marsha Luckie, Sally McKinstry, Michael McNeal, Karen Noblet, Lana Oyler, Patricia Partin, Patty Patton, Gerald Paterson, Janice Pfaler, Rena Prichard, Cherlotte Ratcliffe, Carole Rooks, Michelle Salyers, Christine Scoggs, Dana Sheller, Danette Smith, Laureen Socea, Teddy Stamper, Henry Stevens.

James Strong, Stephanie Swank, Connie Urschel, Rebecca Vnasdale, Ralph Weese, Jo Ann Wilson, Connie Yarman.

Eighth garde: Shirley Adkins, Karen Arbutina, Lynn Beal, Kathy Benson, Betsy Bissman, Larry Bixler, Terry Bostick, Pat Bott, James Bradley, Penny Cole-

Student Smoking Banned

On Wednesday afternoon, December 3, Superintendent of Schools John Rinehart addressed the faculty and student body of John Simpson concerning student smoking in or around the school buildings and grounds. Smoking by students has for some period of time been strictly forbidden here at Simpson, but the superintendent's words should serve to convince students of the stand that the administration has taken with regard to such action. In his address Dr. Rinehart said:

"Good afternoon, citizens and teachers of John Simpson Jr. High School.

If you are like me, I am sure you were sickened and horrified after reading about the tragic loss of student life in the not too distant city of Chicago. While it isn't conclusive evidence as yet, authorities there now believe that the tragedy occurred as a result of a negligent student smoking. What a horrible cost to pay.

The matter of student smoking has been under consideration by school officials in the City of Mansfield for some time. There were many factors involved in bringing about this discussion, including provisions of state law. As you know, under statutes of the State of Ohio, it is absolutely unlawful for students to smoke in or near pub-

lic school buildings. Of course, the safety hazard is only one of the reasons why this law was passed many years ago.

In view of the Chicago disaster and the deliberations occurring before this tragedy, school authorities in this city have decided to take immediate action designed to prevent a reoccurrence of human loss and suffering in this city. We have decided that we can no longer accept the responsibility of the lives, safety and welfare of almost forty-two hundred students enrolled in the high schools by permitting a continuance of the practice of smoking on the part of the students in or near the buildings. Therefore, effective tomorrow morning, December 4, we are establishing the regulation banning smoking on the part of students anywhere on or in the near proximity of the schools' campuses and grounds.

We believe that every thoughtful student in our high schools will support and abide by this regulation wholeheartedly and with complete cooperation. The school is in no way attempting to decide for the individual student whether he or she shall smoke. That is a decision and/or a problem for the individual student and his parents. However, the school would offer advice not to indulge in the habit of smoking anywhere or at any time if it were asked for guidance. In terms of the school grounds and the school itself, though, we want each and every student who desires to pursue and complete his education to understand that there will be no exceptions made for any individual in the event he or she violates the no smoking rule which will go into effect tomorrow morning. As stated before, we hope that no student will cause the school the need to take drastic action, but if the regulation is violated, students so found in violation will be suspended for the first offense, and definitely expelled for any offense thereafter.

Again, we wish to stress that this action is being taken out of deference to the security and welfare of thousands of students enrolled in the city school system in Mansfield. This regulation will apply city-wide, including adult education classes and Ohio State University Branch classes. Your full understanding and cooperation is earnestly required."

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MILLION AND CHAMBERLIN LEAD Freshman Class

There was last-minute waiting for a whole week for the candidates running for the Freshman Elections. There were three campaigning days on which the candidates put up posters in the school, and handed out campaign buttons. December 3, the candidates gave speeches on why they should be elected. On Thursday, December 4, Mr. Blausen announced those that made the Freshman Officers. They are as follows, President, Jim Million; Vice-President, Paul Chamberlin; Secretary, Polly Schillinger; Treas-

urer, Pat Schillinger.

Jim Million is an active member in Student Council, acting as monitor, and is active in Speech activities.

Paul Chamberlin, Vice-President, is a player on the basketball team, and is President of Y-teens. Secretary, Polly Schillinger, takes part in cheering the team on as cheerleader, and also works in the school store.

Pat Schillinger, Treasurer, is captain of the cheerleaders, and is a reporter on the Editorial Staff.

How Christmas Began

You celebrate Christmas on December 25, but do you really know how this holiday came to be? The word "Christmas" comes from "Christ's Mass." But do you know why Christmas is celebrated on December 25? The exact date of the birth of Jesus is not known. Christmas was not widely observed until the third century, and no date was agreed upon. January 6 and December 25, however, were commonly chosen in the fourth century. It wasn't until the fifth century that the latter of these dates was accepted and generally adopted. December 25 was already a festive day for the sun god Mithra, so it appealed to the Christians as an appropriate day to celebrate the birth of Jesus. (He is often called the "light of the world.") Christmas became a legal holiday in the year 534.

Many customs were introduced to this Christian holiday. In Germany the Yule Feast was celebrated on the winter solstice (December 21.) Many Medieval "Manger songs" and Christmas carols were written. The Yule Log became a public ceremony in England. Plum puddings and mince pies had long been associated with this day. The exchange of gifts originated in early Medieval times, but the sending of Christmas cards began in the latter half of the nineteenth century.

The use of the Christmas Tree is believed to have been taken from the use of a palm tree in the worship of the Egyptian god Isis. In the festival of Isis which was held at the winter solstice, a palm tree with twelve shoots was carried. The festival celebrated the completion of one year and the beginning of another.



WHAT DOES CHRISTMAS MEAN?

"At my house we get a lot of presents for Christmas!" We hear a lot of things like that at Christmas don't we? Do you think it's right to think only of the mercenary side of Christmas? After all, the real side of Christmas is religious, not gaily and presents.

I sometimes wonder if the Wise Men knew what they were starting when they brought their gifts of gold, myrrh, and frankincense to the baby Jesus. If they were here today at Christmas time, I wonder what they would say. Would it be "These people are ruining Christmas!"

What does Christmas mean to you? This question was asked to some of the pupils and teachers. It is nice to know the different ideas people have about Christmas. Here are some of their answers:

Elsa Gottschling of room 103 thinks Christmas is a time to be happy. She also likes giving and receiving presents.

Bernatta Stewart hails from room 204. Bernatta thinks Christmas is a time to be joyous and have fun.

Mrs. Mitchell a teacher at John Simpson states, "To me Christmas means being with my

family and friends.

Mr. W. W. Blauser, our principal, says Christmas is a time when the whole family would get together. Also it is a time to look forward to new hope, a time to think of things in the past, present, and future.

Dave Martin of room 22, thinks Christmas is a time in which you save money for presents. Lynda Colegrove of room 214 thinks Christmas is a time to celebrate Christ's birthday.

Miss Severson says she thinks Christmas is the Holiest of all days, and is a time of great joy.

Janet Wallace said she likes Christmas because it's a time when everybody is happy and you get out of school. Charlotte Bidinger from home room 203 replied "I like Christmas because of the presents and going to see my grandmother. Joyce Shears stated, I like Christmas because of the presents, snow, and the Christmas tree." Steve Hobson from Home room 202 likes Christmas because of the presents he's been wanting all year and the big Christmas dinner. Sharin Shaull a seventh grader

from home room 210 said, "I like Christmas because I like wrapping presents, decorating the tree, receiving the presents, and the dinner." James Smith said, "I like Christmas because I like to eat. I also like to go sled riding and then go to a nice warm party."

Signs of Christmas

By Patsy Thompson

The first of the signs of the Christmas season is that of snow falling lazily to the ground. The snow flakes land on sidewalks, trees, people, and even the small birds left for the winter. They create a new and beautiful wonderland in which the soul of mankind finds a new solence.

The frozen lakes shine like thousands of sparkling diamonds in the bright sun light. As night comes there are eager ice skaters wanting to go ice skating.

Everyone is rushing to get their last minute shopping done. Little tots run crying because they've lost their mothers. People walk lost in the knee deep snow. Slush wet as the dew on the cold mornings. These and many more signs all tie in to be the Christmas Season.

CHRISTMAS

By Linda Swetic

C—is for the candy canes, all strung about the tree.
H—is for the holly leaves, they seem so nice to me.
R—is for the eight reindeer, who pull the jolly fat man's sleigh.
I—is for the icicles, as upon the tree they lay.
S—is for the bright red stockings, hanging by the fireplace.
T—is for the magnificent tree, which brightens a child's face.
M—is for the mistletoe, that unexpected kisses bring.
A—is for the afterthoughts of presents and nice things.
S—is for jolly Santa Claus to whom our memory clings.

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Dear Santa Claus,

My old collar is badly damaged from the Pioneer wagon wheels. I would be sure to win if I had a brand new, orange collar. Don't forget.

Simpson Bulldog
* * * *

Dear Santa,

I have been good all year. So I would like a car, diamond ring, million dollars and a fur coat. I'm only three, but I need all this so please be good to me. Oh, If you see Walter bring him home.

Linda Greene
* * * *

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a pair of cap pistols, and a puppy and a nice sweet girl to marry.

Bob Pound
* * * *

Dear Santa,

I have been a pretty good boy all year. I am twelve years old and would like a baby bottle, baby doll, doll house, doll buggy, kitchen set, makeup kit, new bucket bag, and a tube of lipstick.

Don Daugherty
* * * *

Dear Santa Claus,

I am thirteen years old and in the eighth grade. I get fair grades. This year I would like mostly to have clothes. I would like tight skirts, jumpers, flats, and other clothes of that kind. Besides clothes I would like ice skates and roller skates. The thing that I want mostly is a new car coat. I hope that I get some of these things.

A Good Friend
* * * *

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like to have a new pocket book, a bicycle, a hat, a skirt, a coat, a dress, a billfold, well I can't think of any thing else to ask for, so come to my house Christmas Eve.

Love,

Jayne Mansfield
P.S. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you, you doll you.

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Dear Santa,

My girlfriend and I have two certain ninth grade basketball players which we would like to have tied up in big red bows. Do you think there is any chance of you dropping them in our stockings on Christmas Eve? We hope there will be!

The Two Love-sick
Ninth Graders

Dear Santa,

My letter to you is not very long. I am only asking for a couple of things. First I am asking for a sweater something in size fourteen. Make it a cashmere one if you can. The second thing is the most important thing. That is my boyfriend's ring. He lives in Akron, Ohio. His initials are R.J.

Yours truly,
Becky Thatcher
* * * *

Hallucinations Santy Cool,

Heard all about this crazy racket you've been using around here. I thought I'd cut out and see what it's all about. All the little cats around my pad have been stomping around and making with some crazy language about some clown that dudes up in wierd red ivy-leagues. Heard something wild about you bringing goodies to all us cool cats.

All I want is a few mink coats, a few Cadillac's, a diamond necklace, and any other rare treats you have laying around. Ae few moon discs (I mean platters cut from way out) would go along nice, too. Since I hate to be greedy. I will close for now, meanwhile, don't let the snow get in your eyes.

A crazy Chick from
Way outville
Janice Shrock
* * * *

Dear Santa,

I would like a moped, and a little go-cart, and a new girl friend.

Thank you,
Larry Reedy
* * * *

Dear Santa,

I haven't been a very good girl, but I, will be better in the future! If you send me a nice doll, a dolly crib, a ball, but best of all, I would like to have a puppy, I have wanted ont for two years, and have never got one!

A Sorry Heart
Betty Bearire
* * * *

Dear Santa,

I have been a very good girl this year. And I would like some new clothes: And some skis, And some Ice Skates, But most of all santa I would like to have Jim's class ring if you bring me all these things I'll leave you a bottle of pepsi, some potato chips and

some good homemade cake.

A Very good girl
Sharon McDewitt
* * * *

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl all year. I am 7 years old. These are the things I would like for Christmas:

A Betsy Wetsi Doll
A tea Set
A real doggie
A mama doll
A train set
A ice cream bar
A big red sled
Some dollie dresses
A boat that floats on ice

Thank you much,
Patty Schillinger

P.S. I'll leave some cookies and milk 4 you.

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dear santa Clauze

I an seven yeares old and in the second grade. I have bin a vary good boy. i want a bycikle a spaze stayshun a Jean Autree gloves When you come please do not come down the chimnee cause it is connected to the fernace. I will Leave the frunt door unlocked but please do not forget too take your boots off wen you come in. Oh yes please make plenty of noise so I can open my presents as soon as they come. And I do not care if you do not wrap my presents cause i alway havetruble unwrapping them. I put a candy cane on the table if you get hungry.

Roger

Library News

In the Simpson Library there are quite a few new interesting books. Some are about what you are planning to do in the future years. "So You Want to be a Doctor" by Alan E. Nourse, M. D., is a very good book about a man that tells you what you go through, how much it costs, and other items for being a doctor.

Hope Nuvel wrote a wonderful book called "Mary Ellis, Student Nurse." This is about a second year student nurse being trained for further nursing. She grows more mature in many ways. A minor dormitory mystery becomes involved among she and her dorm-mates.

Myer Myers is a magnificent biography about a silversmith in old New York. This book was written by William Wise. Myer Myers was a thirteen year old son of Soloman Myers. He won fame as an early American artist and a patriot. Many exciting events take place in his patriotic life. The story shows the story of New York as it changed from

a busy seaport town to a commercial city.

Bernadine Bailly, a student from Horbonne University in Paris, wrote a book named "Paris, I Love You." Shirley Taylor went to Sorbonne and found a brand new experience. There are also two American men there besides Shirley and Brenda.

These books are out on display now.

BUHLA THE MAGICIAN

The man that you may have seen on stage December 3, 1958 calls himself Buhla is really Mr. Frank Allan Buhla. About thirty years ago he became interested in magic, and about four years later he started performing for night clubs, television, and schools. Some of his other interests are coin collecting, stamp collecting, and collecting books. This is the fifth time that Mr. Buhla has been to Mansfield to perform. He has many good and unusual tricks, and will be back to Simpson soon, we hope.

A GIFT FOR CHRIST

by Mary Cover

Leivthe was 13 years old. She had heard that the Messiah was born. Everyone in Bethlehem wanted to give him gifts of riches. She was the youngest of seven in her family, and they were very poor. What could a poor carpenter's daughter give to Christ Child. As she thought about this she went out to her donkey, "You mean very much to me, but I have decided to give you to the Christ Child," she said. The donkey seemed to understand what she said. In that

same day she scrubbed and washed him until he was fit for a king, though he really was. Leivthe had to lead him through the dark street to the stable where Christ was at, but as she walked she wasn't afraid because the path was lighted.

Leivthe made her way through the crowd of people, they laughed and said "Your going to give that to the Christ Child? Leivthe presented the donkey in the Manger. Though the whole street was dark her way was lighted and she got home safely.

How I Learned the Truth of Saint Nick

By Betsy Bissman

As I think back when I was young, And I was also a little one, On Christmas Eve, I could sleep not a wink, For the many thoughts of gifts I'd think. "What was Santa making me this year? Could it be a Tiny Tears?" (What I really wanted was a pretty sweater) But a "ainy tears" would be better, And at one A.M., I leaped

Down the stairs to take a peep, At the presents, old Santa, dear Left for me this happy year. I squinted through the keyhole, To my surprise I saw Dad and Mom kissing under the mistletoe The tree looked so bright, With the many colored lights, Where was Santa Clause this year, And Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer? Was old Santa took sick? Then I realized the truth of Saint Nick.



Christmas Holiday

By Betsy Bissman

Christmas comes only once a year.

It is near, almost it's here.

Everyone is gay and full of cheer, Happy, without a thought of fear.

Writing to Santa, St. Nick so dear,

"I want a doll, a tiny tears, A mirror and a muff for my ears, A T.V. for my room in the rear. The white snow, the dripping ice, so clear, Painting the scene, would be quite a career, The wind blowing strong and

very severe, Allowing friends to be more sincere. Delicious foods, even a deer, All kinds of spices, a drop of beer. Everyone so excited Christmas is near, Knowing St. Nick soon will be here.

WILSON'S MERRY CHRISTMAS

By Jean Prior

Hi! I'm Debbie. I'm five years old. The Wilsons, that's who this story is about, live in the big house next door to us. Boy, does it look nice. We have a lot of decorations up but the Wilsons have more. I'll bet they have more decorations than anybody in town. Their father made all sorts of Santa's and Choir boys. This Santy I like best is the biggest one of all. It must be at least four feet high, That's bigger than me! The BIG Santy is on top of the house with one foot in the chimney to make him look like he's ready to go down it. They had an awfully hard time getting him up there. It fell over four times and once it almost went down the chimney. My big brother had to help them put it up there. Karen, she's one of the Wilson's and she is five, too, and I got to help paint one of the choir boys, the one that's on the front door, but we spilled a can of paint so we had to stop, right then. We got to help with the Christmas tree though.

On Christmas Eve I went over to Karen's to sing the songs she and I learned at kindergarten. While I was there Mr. Wilson

read the Christmas story. They have more fun on Christmas Eve than we do 'cause their grandma and grandpa stay over night with them. They get to open one of their presents too. We never open ours 'til Christmas morning.

After I opened my presents Christmas morning and ate that huge dinner, I played with my new toys until Karen came over. Then I went over to her house to see her presents. We were glad 'cause we like to play Mama. Her other grandma and grandpa had come over that morning and I met them. They were nice. Karen and I decided to go outside and build a snow fort. But it was too cold out and we quit before we got it done. We got our

dolls and went to my house. Karen had to leave before we got to play because her grandparents were leaving. About an hour later I went over to help her eat some candy, 'cause I thought she had to much to eat it all by herself. Mommy got angry with me for that, but Mommy didn't spank me 'cause it was Christmas. Karen and I had fun on Christmas because of the Wilsons family traditions. It's the little things we do year after year that helps make Christmas.

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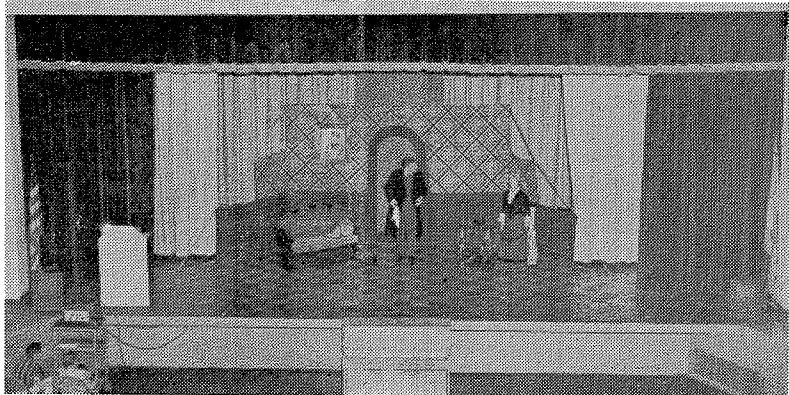
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The True Christmas Spirit

Christmas is, for the most part, a very joyous time of year.

To most people, Christmas means giving and receiving gifts, singing carols, lots of food, and good times, in general. In addition to these things, for other pupils in school, it means the longest vacation in the school year. To the business people in the stores, it means long, rushing, weary hours of work.

For the less fortunate, it could mean just another day to be hungry and cold. However, there are some people who feel Christmas has been too commercialized.

The last, and true meaning to some people the meaning of Christmas is the religious meaning—the celebration of the Birth of Christ. Of course, the exchange of gifts dates back to the gifts of the Wise Men to the infant Jesus. But could and should we not remember not only the Birth of Christ, but the entire Life of Christ, and do good not only for our own family, but try to spread good cheer to those less fortunate?

In this way we could all realize the true spirit of Christmas and know what Christmas really means.

Do You Like Sno?

By Diana Rose

I ain't verry ole,
But I am 'mart,
I was Tole
I have a bigg hart.
I like sno',
Sno' is whit',
I jus' kno'
Sno' don't bite.
My daddy don't like sno',
I don't tink his rite,
But he oughta kno'
Cause he's awful brite.
My puppy like sno',
He's 'mart like me,
My puppy plays in the sno'
And he plays with me.
My friend don't like sno'
He's not bold
He's afraid of sno',
Oh, I jus tattle told.
My cousin don't like sno',
Cause he's lazy.
He don't like to shovel sno',
I tink he's crazy.
I hope you like sno',
I do,
I like sno'
But I like you too.

A Country Christmas

by Charles Walls

In the country, Christmas is very different from the ones in the city, as Robert the Mouse soon found out. Robert had some very distant cousins who lived in the mountains away from civilization. The people up in the mountains invited Robert to have Christmas Dinner with them. When he arrived, they put a rush on him to hurry up because they were going to look for a tree for Christmas. This was ery different because Robert just had to buy his tree. Robert helped find a tree and cut it down. When they arrived at his cousins house, it began to snow. The snow mounted until it was five feet deep. Robert had to help bring in wood for the fire and soon learned the hardships of the mountains. Finally after the



There is a Santa

By Donna Hoffman

Once upon a time in a far off land there was a poor little shabby girl named Bo Bo. Now this little girl was only five years old, but in all her five years she had never seen Santa Clause. She didn't even know what Santa looked like. She had just heard a well to do friend talking about him. She came home and asked her mommy, but her mommy had never heard of him either. At least that's what she said. She didn't want to tell Bo Bo who he was, because she didn't have enough money to buy presents, and didn't want her to feel bad.

That night when Bo Bo went to bed she knelt beside her bed and prayed with all her might and asked God if He would please, if there was a Santa Claus, let her see him tonight, for tonight was Christmas Eve. She crawled into her bed of straw and tried to go to sleep, but she just couldn't. Suddenly she heard a noise that sounded as if some one was walking on the roof.

Was it bells she heard? Quickly and quietly she toppled out of bed and tip toed down the stairs. There what she saw was the most fascinating thing ever. It was a jolly old man with the

Vanishing Snowman

by Sally Williams and Linda Thomas

One cold day Annette and I decided to make a enormous snowman, which we wanted to look almost alive. We were only half way done, when Mother called us in to have some hot chocolate to warm us up. As we drank our chocolate, and talked merrily we looked out the window to see the large legs moving. We told Mother but, of course, she said we were imagining it. Thinking nothing else about it we finished our drink and went back outside to finish our snowman. After hours of long struggling we were satisfied and thought it

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snow melted, Robert went back to the city. And every Christmas after that he returned to the mountains to visit his cousins because he said that it put pleasure into his life. And he visited any part of the year because from then on he loved the the out of doors.

biggest pot-belly she had ever seen in the whole history of her life. As he placed beautifully wrapped packages in the corner of the room, she stood there in astonishment. Her prayer had been answered! Quietly she went back up stairs and thanked God. For now she had really seen Santa.

That Christmas Feeling

By Carol Weaver

As I am standing here on Main Street waiting to catch a bus for home, I see many different people rushing hurriedly about, doing their last minute Christmas shopping. As I observe different faces, some seem to tell me of their happiness while others tell of sorrow. Some seem tired and weary while others seem to have the look of expectancy.

Yet most all of these faces tomorrow will be smiling with happiness, for tomorrow is Christmas day. It has started snowing now and the ground is covered with a soft blanket. Somewhere in the distance I can here the old familiar tune of "White Christmas". Right ahead of me is Central Park with all its colorful shinning lights. Little tots are running to and fro reminding "Santa" not to forget them when he makes his rounds tonight. All these and many more feeling and signs combined, make Christmas: Christmas. Even if I had no calendar, I'm sure I could always without fail, tell when the Christmas Season had arrived.

The Happiest Christmas of All

By Jayce Shears

It was two days before Christmas and Elaine was very excited. She was writing a letter to Santa that told what all she wanted. Elaine was the only child her mother and father had, so of course she could almost have anything she wanted.

Her mother told her to go outside and play in the snow. Elaine saw a little girl looking at her. Her coat was old and ragged. Elaine went over to her and asked her what her name was, and where she lived. Her name was Mary and she lived on East Street . . . Elaine asked her to come in and have some cake. Elaine noticed that she was hungry and weak. Mary said she had ten more brothers and sisters at home. Her father was dead, and her mother was sick. Elaine walked back home with Mary. When Elaine went in the poor looking house she saw that they didn't have a Christmas tree. Elaine asked Mary what she was going to get for Christmas. Mary said that her mother didn't have enough money to buy presents this year.

Elaine went back home and looked in her bank. She had twenty-five dollars. "Mother may I give the money to Mary's mother?" "Why I think that would be a good thing to do with your money, Elaine."

It was the day before Christmas when Elaine went over and gave the money to Mary's mother. She was very happy. I think I will leave you and Mary home with the children while I go shopping.

Mary's mother bought a tree, some ornaments, and a present for each of her family.

When Elaine got back home that evening she told her mother this was the best Christmas she had ever had.

For Auld Lang Sign

What do you do on New Years Eve? Here, some of the students tell what they do on New Year's.

Sue Herrick from Teachers' Dining Room says, "We take down the Christmas Tree and put away presents and stay up to see the New Year." From room 20 hails Lori Walters. Lori said, "On New Year's Eve I will be practicing football with my boy friend." Janet Diehl of 107 stays up till 12:00 to celebrate the coming of the New Year. John Gifford from 207 says, "I stay in bed, because I don't think that the New Year is very important." "I stay home and watch T.V.," says Dan Rephun from T.D. From 110 is Karen Echols. "I usually go through all my presents again and write "Thank You Notes. Then I usually stay up for the New Year."

Merry Christmas Snow

By Linda Greene & Joyce Majors

It was Christmas day and we had no sleigh, yet we wanted to go to Grandma's. The wind was blowing and it was snowing, but we couldn't get to Grandma's. We put on our coats and grabbed our gifts and struggled on our way. It took half the day to find our way but we finally got to Grandma's. We knew it was cold, but we were bold. We are only snowflakes.

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Musical Notes

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Merry Christmas Flea

By Linda Conrad

It was a cold winter night. The stores were dark inside but their showcases were bright with Christmas gayeties. The bitter wind had quieted and now gigantic snowflakes were falling gently on the streets and sidewalks.

A teensy, shivering flea stood in a cold, dark corner between two big buildings. "Here it is, it is one more day till Christmas and I haven't found a home," he sobed.

The flea (known as Herman) was getting very tired of freezing at night and thawing out in the morning with a big splash of cold, dirty soapy water in his face. The janitor of the H. O. Hick department store cleaned the floor spic and span every morning. Then he would get rid of it by throwing it out in the alley.

Tomorrow will be Christmas day and Herman still hasn't found a nice warm home.

The reason he is looking for one is because he had been washed out of his former home. It

had to get a bath before Thanksgiving.

For a long time Herman looked for a home, but alas Christmas Eve found him sitting on a door step without a home.

Well it just so happened that the door step belonged to a wealthy businessman and his family and that they owned a big Old English Sheep Dog.

He was very lonesome and he didn't even know what a flea was. When Herman heard that, he made plans for his home to be right there on that dog.

The dog was just as happy as Herman and accepted him as his boarder. Herman didn't have to pay any rent. All that he had to do was to scratch his home when it had an itch.

After Herman got settled in his new home he wrote a little story called the Merry Christmas Flea. Maybe it's this very story you are reading now.

Honorable Mention

Continued from Page One

Marilyn Williams, Donna Hoffman, Ruth Chronister, Judy Campbell, Linda Frizzell, Sharon Milligan, Vickie Mosey, Linda Thomas, Ellen Garrison, John Owens, and Carole Weaver.

'Twas The Night Before Christmas

'Twas the night before Christmas
And out in the garage
Not a creature was stirring,
Not even the Dodge,

As he drove up the drive
His headlights went out.
"This little car," he exclaimed,
"Won't go very far!"

As he started up the walk . . .
He exclaimed with a shout—
Oh! My good gracious
My reindeer got out!

He called out the rangers,
And reported the loss.
He knew of the dangers
He'd receive from his boss!

He climbed up the roof
And spied the whole town.
Then slid down the chimney
And made a big sound.

He found all the stockings
And filled them with care.
So the children would know . . .
That St. Nick had been there. . .

Wee Wee Wittle Elephant

By Kathe Benson

A long, long time ago in a far away wand, dere lived a wittle baby elephant. He was all awone in the woild because his mommie and his daddie were both shoot down by terrible elephant shooters.

It was getting close to Christmas time and the poor wittle elephant started to think about how in other years he had laughed and sang with his many wittle elephant friends and his mommie and daddie too. But now the poor wittle elephant sat in sadness while big tears formed and made cry-

stal streams down his big grey cheeks.

would only have to bring one wittle present this year. Oh! How simply awful!

As the wittle elephant thought he decided finally to invite all his wittle friends from the orphanage to a great big Christmas party.

Wee Wee Wittle Elephant and all his Wee Wee Wittle Elephant friends had a very jolly time at his wonderful Christmas Party.

After that the Wee Wee Wittle Elephant was never lonely anymore. For all his friends invited him to all their parties too.

The moral of this story is, "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you". You'll never regret it!

VANISHING SNOWMAN

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was time to dress this very dignified gentleman, whom we named Mr. Snowy needed for a finishing touch, was an old broom.

We wished Mr. Snowy well as we departed for the night. We couldn't sleep that night because we kept thinking about when we saw his legs moved, and were afraid he wouldn't be there in the morning. But finally we both became so tired that we both fell asleep. Just as we expected the next morning when we looked, he had walked off, but was kind enough to leave his clothes so we could use them again.

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The Correct Way to Decorate a Christmas Tree

The materials needed are — Christmas tree lights, ornamental bulbs, tinsel, decorating rope, and icicles.

First, place the lights in equal positions, starting from the top with a star or other tree top decorations if you have any, and working down. After you have done this, the bulbs will look nicer and will be less dangerous if you have reflectors. These are put in place when the blubs are unscrewed. Line up the wholes and turn the bulb back in. The next step is to place the ornamental rope around the tree starting again at the top, allowing it to droop a little between the

branches. Do not put too much on or it will look overloaded. The next step is the bulbs, placing the larger ones at the bottom and the smaller ones at the top, making sure the bulbs are on all sides and not on just the one showing. Tinsel (long pieces of tin) painted on one side and twisted gives a nice affect when hung freely from a thread. The last step is placing icicles (long, thin flexible pieces of metal) on the branches. When scattered neatly, (not thrown on) around the tree it beautifies the tree. This all takes about two hours, but is nothing compared to the five hour job of cleaning it up, after Christmas is all over.

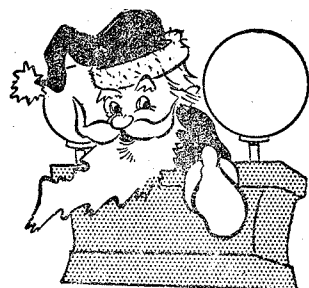
Wayne Schmidt

SIGNS OF CHRISTMAS

The first of the signs of the Christmas season is that of snow falling lazily to the ground. The snow flakes land on sidewalks, trees, people, and even the small birds left for the winter. They create a new and wonderful wonderland in which the soul of mankind finds a new solence.

The frozen lakes shine like thousands of sparkling diamond in the bright sun light. As night comes there are eager ice skaters wanting to go ice skating. There are whizzing sounds as the skaters go passing by.

Everyone is rushing to get their last minute shopping done little tots run crying because they've lost their mothers. People walk lost in the kneedeep snow. Slush wet as the dew on the cold mornings. These and many more signs all tie in to begin the Christmas Season.



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Sport Shorts

By Jerry & Jim

Some scrambled scribbles from the sport world before heading home for Christmas. Football has practically had it this time around. Some exciting bowl games have shaped up for New Year's Day. If you happen to have an appetite for football in large doses you'll get your fill January first. As we predicted, there were very few major undefeated-untied teams in our country—to be exact, one. This squad is Louisiana State University (L.S.U.) coached by a Mansfield native, Paul Dietzel.

On the baseball front, the Cleveland Indians traded Ray Narleski, Don Mossi, and other young players to the Detroit Tigers for second baseman Billy Martin. From our viewpoint it appears that the Indians gave up more than they got. Only time can tell who got the best end of this Frank Lane antic.

The Mansfield Senior High Tyger basketball squad is one of the tallest in the state. Vern Hoffman's roundballers will suffer from the loss of guards John Kline, Jerry Hallabrin, and Gordy Smith. Tall lettermen Don Ragsdaye, Fred Lehr, and Tom Schadeck will give the Tygers a good nucleus to build around. They seem to be backed up with a strong bench. The Tygers are going to have quite a basketball aggregate this year.

Our own Bulldog hoopsters appear to be in the process of rebuilding after winning and losing five last year. Gil Ray and Elroy Allen (guards) are the only returnees from last year. Fourteen out of the fifteen boys on the varsity roster are in the ninth grade. You'll find the reserve and varsity schedules elsewhere on this page. Get out and support Simpson's finest.

Merry Christmas to All.

Bits O' News

Congratulations are in order for Ruby Swarn. Ruby took first place in the annual "Prince of Peace" speech contest in this city district. Ruby's cousin also took second place. This was his last year to try to win so Ruby generously gave up her first place to her cousin seeing she could try for first place again. We're all proud of you Ruby.

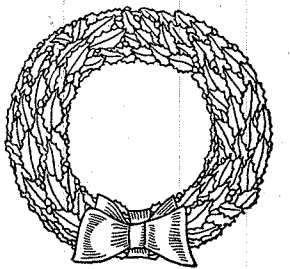
Recently the ninth grade speech classes were given a chance to attend a speech conference at Bowling Green University. Transportation was supplied by the parents of students. When they arrived at Bowling Green they attended a General assembly then they went to se-

parate discussions. In the evening they toured the University Speech Building. After that they saw a play put on by Bowling Green speech students. They arrived back home tired and weary at 1:30 or 2:00.

Simpson Bands To Play

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BASKETBALL PLAYERS CHOSEN

Bounce! Bounce! Bounce! goes the ball down the floor as the basketball players dribble the ball down the basketball court.

This year there are fourteen Varsity players and twenty-one Reserve players. Of the reserve players there are nine 7th grade boys. The Bulldogs for the basketball season this year are: Varsity: Gary McDonald, Gilbert Ray, Elroy Allen, Paul Chamberlin, Dick West, Don Hamber, Ed Hawkins, Dave Lamberton, Dick Potter, Ron Burggraf, Spen-

cer Davis, Ester McNeil, Gary Yoakum; Reserve: Dennis Arnold, Dan Rephun, Jim Smith, Bill Mitchell, Stan Avgovstis, Ken Hunter, Richard Jones, Bob McCruter, Ray Carmel, Dick Weaver, Jerry Hurt, Richard Livenessparger, Willie Hawthorne, Rodney Moore, Jerry Hawler, Walter Roth, Jeff Peyton, Eugene Tagala, Carl Dinger, Gerald Nall, and Clyde Coe.

Gym Dandies

by Ruth Chronister

Hello Girls,

As we are looking forward to the Christmas season, we are, also looking forward to ice-skating, sled riding, and the holy part of Christmas. Let's all have a nice Christmas and come back ready to work and cheer our basketball team to victory.

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I'll see you all next issue. Merry Christmas to all and A Happy New Year.



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