

CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY TODAY

Student Council Packs Boxes

This year the Student Council has another activity started. As you know this is the Christmas gift box, or Christmas Basket. In your home room you can pick from a lot to bring and put in the basket.

The basket will be delivered tonight, December 18. The families that receive these baskets will have a brighter Christmas.

The general chairman of this drive is Bill Jividen. The boys and girls on the committees are, Diane Buckley, Shirley Mitchell, Shirlene Robinson, Ronald Stevens, Gary Meeting, and Bill Jividen. Some of the boys and girls that will help deliver are, James Coe, Dick Ezzard, Bill Jividen, Gary Meeting, Hank Kopsial, James Powell, Jerry Winbigler, David Heston, and Dick Jefferson. The officers of the Student Council are, Richard Ezzard, President, Hank Kopsial Vice-President, Sharon Shaull Secretary, and Jennifer Frizzell Treasurer.

The Student Council is the most active group in John Simpson. They have sponsored the Student Civic Fund, a dance, and now the Christmas Basket. After Christmas there will be more activities. One of the activities is the courtesy campaign.

The leader of the Student Council is Miss Elsie McFadden. This is her first year as the leader of the Student Council.

Passion Play Held at Simpson

The famed Oberammergau Passion Play was given in the Simpson Auditorium on the week of November 9th. It was sponsored by the Mansfield Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Val Balfour portrayed the Christ, assisted by a distinguished cast of superb actors and actresses. Mr. Balfour is the fourth generation in direct line in his family to participate in Biblical dramas. He bears the reputation of being the world's outstanding Christ playtrayer.

Ann Kelly Balfour who is the beautiful and talented wife, of the Christ play, Val Balfour, able portrays the role of Mary Magdalene. Mrs. Balfour is descended from a long line of Passion Players. She enacts the role of Mary Magdalene with a depth of understanding which has brought praise from the nation's severest critics.

The first performance of the Passion Play was given at Oberammergau in 1634 and repeated approximately every ten years since. The noted drama is performed in three parts. It tells the true story of Christ, just as it is printed in the Bible, from His Birth until His Death.

Christmas Thought

The Christmas season
Is drawing near
It fills our hearts
With Love and Cheer
While we strive to be nearer
To Our Lord so Dear.

Sharon Zody



Peace on Earth

Good will

Toward Men



SCHOOLS TO CLOSE TODAY

Have you done your Christmas Shopping yet? If not, you'd better get started because there is only one week left before the big day. At three-thirty, this afternoon, John Simpson and all other Mansfield City Schools will close their doors for a two week period which lasts until January 4, 1960. The only people one may find in the buildings are the maintenance help.

Down town the stores will be crowded, and everywhere the sounds of Christmas music and people laughing, talking and making preparations for the holiday season can be heard.

Simpson teachers too, have been making plans for a busy season. Some will be boarding their cars, trains, and trains for an out-of-town vacation, while others will remain here in town for the whole time. Competing for top honors when it comes to distance, will be Mrs. Channell who is going to Florida, Mr. Farmer who is heading for New York, Washington D. C., and Philadelphia, Miss Meyer who says her destination is Milwaukee Wisconsin, and Miss Sands who also plans to spend some time in New York. Counselor Jackson is planning to spend part of his time in Jackson, Ohio. The remaining part of his time will be spent at home. Mr. Lily plans to divide his time between near Huntington, West Virginia and Hintington, West Virginia. Mr. Morgan plans to stay home, but maybe he will go to Lucas. Mr. Clapp is staying home for sure.

Math Honors Award

The first honor in section 7-2, was given to Frederick Schmidt with 4.4. Second honor was given to Sandy Estill with 4.4. Richard Wallace won third honor with 4.1, and Brenda Fisher won fourth with 4.0.

In section 7-3, Harold Holter won first honor with 4.0. Second honor was given to Arnold Gee

Miss Porch thinks that she will go to a camp in Michigan. Mr. McFarland is staying home, he says "I only travel in the summer time." Mr. Fields is planning to go to Lawrence County, Ohio. Miss McFadden is going to Columbus to see her sister and her sister's children. Mr. Maccioli is planning to go to Harrisonburg, Virginia. Mr. Alzner is planning to go to Columbus, but he would like to go to Colorado if someone would have a kind heart and give him some money. Mr. Blancett planning to go to Cleveland with his mother, then to Columbus to a basketball game, and then he's going to spend the rest of the time at home. Mrs. Busler won't be going away for Christmas because she's in the hospital. Mr. Depolo isn't sure but he thinks he's going to West Virginia.

Mr. Powell plans to divide his time between Washington Court-house and on the job. Mr. Spring is planning to go to Johnstown, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Schultz really doesn't know. Mr. Thompson plans to go to Centerville, Ohio.

with 3.7. Diana Gabriel took third honor with 3.4. It was a tie for fourth honor, between Rosemary Priez and Garnett Weese. Each had an average of 3.4.

Rebecca Truex won first honor in section 8-5 with 3.4. Second honor was given to Sandra Granstaff with 3.2. Nancy Hedrick won third honor with 2.9. Gloria Franklin and Barbara Price won fourth honor, each having a score of 2.8.

In section 8-6 Rhinehold Betsch won first honor with 4.4. Ronald Stevens took second honors with 3.9. Joann Wilson won third honor with 3.5. Kenneth Griffith won fourth with 3.5.

Donna Litteral won first honor in 8-7 with 3.2. Darlene Swander, with 3.2 won second. Third honor was given to Nancy King with 2.9. Maggie Larson won fourth with 2.7.

Congratulations kids!

The teachers that plan to stay home are; Mr. Clapp, Miss Glessner, Miss Darling, Mrs. Thoms, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Smith, Mr. McFarland, Mrs. Wert, Mrs. Lime, Mr. Lime, Mr. Lamb, Mrs. Perrel, Mr. Brashares, Miss Craig, Mr. Mishey, Mrs. Theaker, Mr. Romano, Mrs. Linne, Mrs. Morrow, Miss Robinson, Mr. Cellini, Mrs. Enoch, Mrs. Rausch, Mr. Lymper, Mrs. Kaiser, and Mrs. Miles.

RED CROSS DISTRIBUTES BASKETS

Our Junior Red Cross elves are working very hard to make everybody happy this Christmas.

The Junior Red Cross this year has meetings for the first ten minutes of the seventh period on Thursday. Seventh graders meet one week, eighth graders meet the next. Representatives and their alternates are chosen from each home room. The permanent members that meet each week for the entire period are:

- 208—Ronald Thompson
- June Metzger
- 108—Don Hester
- Eugene McPeck
- 106—Barbara Lamberton
- Kurt Budea
- 16—Mary Webb
- 204—Lee Robertson

January to Be Test Month

Early in January the Iowa Test of Basic Skills will be administered to Simpson Students. This is a standardized test given all over the United States. It is such that it will determine the students' progress as compared to that of pupils of like grade and age in other schools. Scaled over three areas—English, work study, and Arithmetic, the Iowa tests determine the student's mastery of the basic skills of vocabulary, Reading, Language, work study and Arithmetic processes. They have a great value in determining where each child's strongest and weakest areas are, and where he or she needs the most help.

This afternoon the John Simpson Auditorium will be the scene of the annual Christmas Assembly. The Glee Club and Orchestra will present the Musical portion under the direction of Mrs. Harriet Morrow. These two groups have been working for the past several weeks on a variety of selections which will tell in music both the sacred and secular aspects of the Christmas story.

The Orchestra, of which Mr. Robert Brashares is the conductor, will play: "Chimes in the Chapel" - Muller, "Santa Claus is Comin' to town" - Gillespe, "Christmas Festival" - DeLameter, "Toyland" - Herbert, "Sunday Morning" - Muller. Mrs. Morrow will conduct the Orchestra for the assembly, as Mr. Brashares is out of town.

The Glee Club, which is jointly directed by Mrs. Morrow and Mr. Brashares, will sing: "Jesu, My Son" - Caldwell, "Bethlehem Where all is Still" - Grant, "Dearest Lord Jesus" - Paulsow, and "Jolly old Saint Nicholas" - Swift.

In addition to the Musical portion of the program, entertainment is being planned by English department. This will consist of a choral reading of the Nativity Story from St. Luke and St. Matthew by Homeroom 214; a poem "Just 'Fore Christmas" by Eugene Field will be recited by Michael Harris from homeroom 216. Judy Meyers and Diane Mitchell will present "A letter to Virginia;" John Garret will read a radio script, "A Letter to Santa Claus;" Linda Morris will do a portion of "A Miracle on Thirty-Fourth Street;" and Gary Hough will recite "What, No Santa Claus" by Maxwell J. Pitkew.

Mrs. Allen, Mrs. McCullough, and Mrs. Channell have been working with these people.

211—Tim Jefferson
—Jerry Leeson

The project being worked on the most right now is an over seas project, the filling of gift boxes. Some rooms are filling two, one for a girl and one for a boy. Some of the other projects are the making of memo pads and puzzles. For their Christmas projects the art department made designs for the hospital menus cover contest. To earn a membership you can give to the Civic Fund, bring sales tax stamps, or bring a gift to help fill the gift boxes.

212 Stages Plays

Miss Maul's homeroom is having two plays. They are going to perform for six or seven classes. The classes will be of both seventh and eighth grade. The first play is called, "I remember Mama."

The characters are:
Mama — Nancy Hawley
Papa — Richard Wallace
Katrin — Eileen Moore
Christine — Barbara Eden
Nels — Tommy Van Riper
Dagmar — Shirley Beach
Mr. Hyde — Glenn Ungerer
Soda Clerk — Jim Marshall
Aunt Jennie — Diane Buckley
Cat — Chyrle Keplar

There will be dance routine between the plays. It will be done by Sandy Estill and Brenda Fisher.

The second play is called: "Babs and Bobby" It was written by Barbara Eden.

Editorials

The spirit of Christmas is something each of us individually feel. The various ways we express ourselves at Christmas gives away our true Spirit of Christmas.

By some critics and writers there has been a disagreement of the true birth date of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Nevertheless, it is truly understood the reason for Christmas is the celebration of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. The date for this great celebration, which is recognized by the majority of the world's population is December 25th. Around this time of the year, a vast blanket of enthusiasm hovers over the world. Whether this enthusiasm revolves around our church or home life, the generosity, feeling of forgiveness, graceful sociability, the giving and receiving of gifts or just the festivities of merriment are all part of the Spirit of Christmas. It seems to spread like an epidemic, touching all mankind.

By our expressions we are subconsciously trying to show our great admiration for our Lord, Jesus Christ, by honoring him and pouring kindness and thankfulness from our hearts in appreciation for the great way of life he has bestowed upon us. We are undergoing the wonderful feeling of contentment which derives from the sacrifice and giving to the less fortunate, the satisfaction felt thru forgiveness, kindness, and understanding to our fellow men. At this time we also are enjoying the wonderful sense of admiration, which produces the feeling of warmth and gaiety to both young and old; and the fulfillment thru our solemn moments of prayer.

In some way, our own true Spirit of Christmas acts and responds. Whether this response is great or small, each little portion helps us to create that wonderful "Spirit of Christmas."

Sherry Schmidt

The Origin of Christmas

Did you ever stop to think what Christmas really is? Christmas is the festival observed by the Christian Church on the 25th day of December in commemoration of the Birth of Jesus Christ. No certain knowledge of the birthday of Jesus Christ exists, and its observance was not established until some time after the organization of the first churches. St. Augustine regarded Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Ascension Day, and Whitsuntide as the only festivals established by the apostles and sanctioned by the general council. He declared Christmas to be of later origin and lesser authority. St. Clement of Alexandria mentioned Christmas in the beginning of the third century and St. Chrysostom speaks of it in the 4th century as having been observed for some time. The early Christians of the Orient thought that both the Birth and Baptism took place on 6 January, while St. Clement of Alexandria held that May 20 or April 21 should be observed.

The twenty-fifth day of December was advocated by St. Julius I, Bishop of Rome from 337 to 352, as the most suitable time to commemorate the Birth of Christ. This claim was strength-

ened by the Church of the East, which held to the view that the Baptism took place on January 6. The day was finally placed on December 25th, which made it possible for all nations to observe a festival of rejoicing that the shortest day of the year has passed. Moreover, the newly converted peoples found it convenient to get a kind of substitute for their own original celebrations of the solstice. Besides, certain astronomical calculation confirmed the probability that the end of December would be the right date for the historical event. Christmas festivities with their songs, trees, toys, and religious ceremonies were always, and still are, one of the main elements of popular folklore in each country. The integration of religious, folk, and family celebration makes Christmas the most impressive festival of the year.

A special religious service for Christmas Day is held by the Greek, Lutheran, Roman, and Anglican Churches. Catholic priests may celebrate three Masses on Christmas Day. A large number of churches hold no celebration on the two days immediately following Christmas, but nearly all of them have special services.

Dale Heimberger

What do you think the Little Lord Jesus saw, when he opened his tiny eyes on that first Christmas morn, to see the dawn creeping through the cracks in the old rickety stable. He never had an exquisite bed or crib like the babies today have, just a manger filled with straw. Just think, what would it be like to sleep on that manger filled with straw and wrapped in swaddling clothes.

Many people take advantage of the Christmas season, they think of it as a holiday just for gifts or fun. They never think back to that first Christmas Morn in

a stable in Bethlehem of Judia.

The United States is not as far ahead in the "Christmas Spirit", as other nations. The other countries are far more religious than our own continent. We never celebrate Christmas as religiously as other countries. Of course they give gifts too, but sometimes it seems as though gift giving is all everyone ever thinks about in the United States.

Yes, we still have a lot to learn about the "Christmas Spirit."

Beverly Harper

Christmas in France

On Christmas Eve in the villages of France, the homes are the center of festivals, including a holiday supper and the ceremony of the burning of the Yule log. At midnight the church bells ring, and the merry-makers become solemn as each lights his Christmas candle, little taper streaked with various colors. The streets are dotted with lights as the villagers hurry to church to celebrate the Noel. Then amid great excitement they return home for supper, so gay and joyous that the feast often lasts until morning. But children are not forgotten, for their little slippers are filled with sugar

plums. This custom began when children of long ago filled their shoes with wheat and placed them on the doorstep for the camels of the three wise men who were to be believed to have traveled on Christmas Eve.

In the region of southeast France known as Provence, the yule log is very important part of the Christmas celebration. The whole family must have a share of bringing in the yule log. Olive trees are most prized for yule logs. Almond, apple, or pear trees will do. People who can't afford it try to get a yule log large enough to last them from Christmas Eve till New Years.



Christmas in Germany

In Germany Christmas is celebrated differently than in our country. Santa Claus does not come from the North Pole with a tiny sled and reindeer, and through the chimney into the houses. Also, he does not come during the night following Christmas Eve. The German Santa Claus appears already on December 5th, in the evening. He is not the jolly old fellow, as we imagine him. He might be in fact very grim and strict. He carries a sack with presents on his back, but this bag also is supposed to have two purposes. First, of course, the presents which consist, regularly, of candies, nuts, oranges, cookies, and other smaller items. Second, if there should be found a bad boy or girl, where Santa might be, there is always the possibility that Santa puts her or him in his sack, and away it goes! No one knows where this trip will end. If such an unhappy boy or girl promises to be really good and not to cause anymore trouble in the future, they might be released. Nevertheless, they are so shocked that they take their promises quite seriously. This is more or less a prelude of the Christmas season.

Another interesting occurrence is the Christmas market. Many different kinds of vending booths are erected on the squares of larger towns and cities. All kinds of toys are offered to the Christmas shoppers. Many towns have their specialties, as the city of Luebeck, and the city of Nuernberg, where the Luebecker Marzipan and the Nuernberger Lebkuchen, are manufactured. These delicacies are known throughout the country. Marzipan means Marchpane and Lebkuchen is a kind of gingerbread.

As in our country, the Germans observe the Advent season. It is customary, in Germany, to make an Advent Wreath, to which four candles are fastened. During the Advent Sundays the whole family assembles in the "best room." In the center of the room the wreath has been fastened to the ceiling. On the first Advent Sunday the first Advent candle will be lit. On the second Sunday in Advent, the second candle is to be lit, and so on until Christmas. The family then sings Christmas carols, and Nativity stories are told. It is really cozy in the room when outside the snowflakes tumble down, and sub-zero temperatures transform the surroundings to sparkling white crystals.

Christmas Eve is in Germany of greater importance than in our country. The Christkind, which means Christchild, is going with its servant, Knecht Ruprecht, from house to house to bring presents to the children who have been good throughout the year.

Not all the children have a clear conscience and for many of them the minute the Christchild enters the door is quite an embarrassing one, since Knecht Ruprecht carries a whole bundle of sticks along, which might be applied any time, hence many children who presume they will not be too comfortable, when they face the Christkind, and especially Knecht Ruprecht, are prepared either to sing nice Christmas songs, or to recite Christmas poems in order to earn the indulgence of the highly respected visitors.

Since Christmas is the symbol of love amongst men, finally the presents are handed to the children or they are placed under the Christmas tree and opened after the Christkind and his companion left the house.

On Christmas Eve the children usually go to bed late, after the excitement about the presents is slowly diminishing. Adults and young people go to the midnight church service in order to celebrate Christ's birth.

Each German province has its own Christmas customs, and they differ from each other considerably between Catholics and Protestants, but the Christmas message is the same the world over—"peace on earth, good will to men."

American Christmas

The typical American Christmas consists of first the little devils run around getting themselves excited till their sick. While their doing it though you can count on them disrupting the dime stores for their Christmas shopping. The final uproar is

WHY IS IT ROUND?

Have you ever wondered why the traditional wreath we use at Christmastime is round? The answer is really very simple: the circle symbolizes eternal life, and Christ's coming brought the promise of lasting glory to men.

The first wreaths were made of evergreen boughs brought indoors as blessing and protection. This beautiful form in its simple meaning is still used today. People today don't always make them from the customary evergreen. They are now made from any available materials, according to the modern lives of people.

SANTA'S DEER

by Dicky Ezzard

No I don't think the deer we saw were Santa's because I didn't see Rudolph's red nose. These where in a large fenced in area at the Maxwell Pumping Station. There were three bucks and five does. The tawny creatures blended in well with the snow and the fir trees. At first they shied away at any attempt to get near them. But with the help of some apples we finally got close enough to take some pictures. I fed one deer two apples and he took them right out of my hand! I even petted one on the nose! I don't see how a hunter could kill a creature as magnificent as a deer.

Christmas morning. They get you up promptly at five A.M. When you finally get downstairs you find a jumble of wrapping, ribbons, and so forth. But, in a couple of days what isn't busted or worn out is boring. So what is the use?

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Y.M.C.A. News

The YMCA Youth Department announces its approximate schedule of special activities between now and January 25th.

7th and 8th grades Junior Hi-Y Club will attempt to enlarge their treasury by a Cookie Sale, which is to take place between November 3rd and 10th. The proceeds from this sale will go into the Club treasury and for

World Service.

The Annual Halloween Party was held October 20th at 2:30 P.M. in the Pine Room of the YMCA. Free refreshments, prizes and cartoons will highlight the program of activities.

The 7th and 8th grades Junior Hi-Y Club is meeting on Tuesday evening at 7:00 P.M. and have approximately 20 members on their roster at this time. President, Bobby Pound, has announced that the Club will have two swims - November 2nd and November 23rd from 8:00 to 8:30 P. M.

The Annual YMCA Model Car Race, Train Races, Ping Pong Tournament, Archery Tournament and special classes are being planned for the Christmas Holidays.

The Annual Senior Hi-Y Xmas Tree Lot will be located this year at the corner of Park Avenue West and Linden Road. The boys have already marked some 500 trees and are looking forward to a successful season.

The YMCA Director of Aquatics, Mr. John Watkins, has announced that the YMCA 1959-60 swimming season will open December 5th. Mr. Watkins is considered to be one of the area's outstanding swim coaches, and he is looking forward to a successful season with his swim team.

ChrisCtments Judo classes, Tumbling, Trampoline classes are just a few of the events and classes being offered by the YMCA Physical Department. Why not plan now to enroll in these classes and become an active member in one of the finest YMCA's in Ohio.

25 Years Ago

December 1934

200 Simpson students took part in a P.T.A. Carol service. December 1934.

Red Cross builds toys for the poor children. 49 names on the honor roll.

First Christmas

by Becky Vnasdale

What did He see on that First Christmas Day,
The Little Lord Jesus who woke in the hay?

Did He note how the moonlight crept through the door,
And gilded the rafters and silvered the floor?

And He number the stars in the infinite sky,
Stars that he passed when he came here to die?

Did He watch through the doorway, the finger or dawn,
Painting the east when the darkness was gone?

What did He think when His baby ears heard,
The soft morning call of the wakening bird?

Dear Little Baby who laid majesty down,
Leaving His glory, His Throne, and His Crown.

I, who am woman, rejoice that He lay,
In the arms of a mother, on that First Christmas Day.

SEVENTH GRADE LEADS HONOR ROLL WITH SEVEN

The seventh graders beat the eighth by a mile, with seven people earning places on Honor Roll and forty-eight finding a spot on the Honorable Mention. These people were:

Honor Roll—Helen Bissman, Barbara Fifer, Kathy Klippel, Nancy Prior, Terry Squire, Judy Thornsby, and Edith Wilhelm.

Honorable Mention — Dixie Ackerman, Mike Arbutina, Harold Baker, Stanley Beal, Linda Beery, Aubrey Boterf, Connie Bride, Johnnie Brown, Kerry Dean, Jimmy Dorman, Barbara Eden, Roy Elkins, Sandra Estill, Duane Ferguson, Walter Ferguson, Brenda Fisher, Linda Frontz, Carolyn Gibson, Jim Goff, Janie Graves, Bonnie Hall, Anita Halabrin, Donna Hammond, Michall Harris, Nancy Howley, Ronald Hetler, Cara Jackson, Arthur James, Sally Linn, Robert Miller, Rocky Mosier, Vickie Nickel, Barbara Ostier, Brenda Owens, Diane Pershing, Richard Radick, Melvin Reedy, Shirlene Robinson, Lorraine Roy, Bill Simmons, Sue Snyder, Douglas Taylor, Tom Van Piper, Toni Vaughn, Paulette Waldman, Richard Wallace, Mary Williams, Paulette Young.

There were no eighth graders on the honor roll, but twenty-seven were listed on the first term Honorable Mention ranks. These people were:

Honorable Mention — Sandra Beach, Gary Burns, Harold Burrell, Carolyn Davis, Carl Dinger, Nancy Dotson, Richard Ezzard, Jennifer Frizzell, Carol Grable, Dale Heimberger, Carol Hill, Jeannette Hill, David Johnson, Richard Knackstadt, Hank Kopcial, Anna Mills, James Nedrow, Walter Roth, Marilyn Rupanova, Christie Scaggs, Sherry Schmidt, Laurie Socea, Darlene Swander, Betty Taylor, Ingrid Wilhelm, Connie Yarman, Vicki Zartman.



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FRIENDLY HOUSE N

A Christmas Basketball Tournament will be held during Christmas Vacation. The tourney will begin on December 21, and run until December 30. Applications will be available at the Friendly House. Individual trophies will be awarded to each member of the winning team in this holiday classic.

The dance clubs had their special Christmas dances during the week of December 14. Dances will not be held during vacation.

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Hamler led our famous Bulldogs to the twelfth victory over Appleseed in nineteen times we've played them and the fifth straight win this year. He, our fullback, scored three of the touchdowns scored by our team. Sewell and Moore scored the other running T.D.'s and Payton scored on a pass from Hamler.

Our line opened the Appleseed line almost every time we carried. Appleseed only scored one touch-down and we smashed them for many loses. We rushed and made them punt four times.

We passed for a total of eighty yards and ran for two-hundred fifty-four yards, mostly by Hamler. We had eleven first downs to Appleseed's seven. Simpson intercepted one pass and gave the two-thousand chilled fans their moneys worth. The Pioneers just couldn't stop Hamler. He ran thirty, sixty, and thirty yards for his T.D.'s. Moore and Sewell scored on short plungers, but gained much yardage.

Hamler, Simpson's fast and powerful full back, was one of the best players in the two schools. Hutchins, Appleseed's pride, was good, but not good enough. Hamler along with our other star backs fought his way all the way from our first game with the Senior High ninth graders to the city championship. He fought through the line of all the teams we met and out ran all the backs and linemen from the teams we met. He deserves a lot of recognition.

Rodney Moore, who was one of our star backs last year, played good this year also. He plunged for a T.D. and many first downs. He broke through the line for many tacksles on defense and was a very good player.

All together with the last ok to 8 Appleseed Victory we had a very good team. They were undefeated and I am proud to be a student at John Simpson Junior High School.

Sport Shorts

As most of us know the football season is all over. Now all the teams are going to forget football and start concentrating on basketball. Simpson's coaches are getting their teams ready for the big season ahead. Simpson's first game will be against Lexington. They are also getting ready to pay back Appleseed for what they did to us last year.

The coaches are trying to decide who will be the first five to start. The team would like to see the whole Simpson student body behind them cheering them on to victory. It didn't look like many were interested about going out for the reserves but the number soon went up. The varsity outcome was a very big number. Behind the shooting of Jerry Hamler and Willie Hawthorne Simpson will try to plunge into victory.

Gym Dandies

An outline of the duties and obligations of G.A.A. officers and members was determined at a recent meeting.

It shall be the duty of the President, Linda Cook, to attend all meetings of G.A.A., and perform all her duties, and keep the girls spirit of enthusiasm for physical education and recreation. She thinks G.A.A. is coming along fine, but wishes that more girls would come to the meetings. She replied, "It's a big job, but lots of fun!"

Stephanie Swank the Vice President's job is to attend all meetings and if the President could not attend the meeting for some reason to take over her duties. Stephanie also has to check the point system for corrections, correctness, and accuracy, of all G.A.A. members. She said, "It's sharp!"

The Secretary, Sue Bowers has to keep the minutes of all proceedings and records the same. She has to keep a record of all G.A.A. members and perform such duties as her office may require.

She was asked how she liked being Secretary and she replied, "Oh! I love it!"

The G.A.A. Treasurer this year is Hilda Brauchler. Her job is to receive and safely keep all funds or money of G.A.A. and pay out the same only in order of the President and advisors. She must make a monthly record of all receipts and disbursements.

Diana Amsbaugh is Historian for G.A.A., she keeps a scrap-book of all the things that were done over the year, such as pictures, anything concerning the G.A.A. banquet, etc. She replied that she liked it and it was fun.

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We know about the opinions of the cheerleaders on the subject of what its like to be a cheerleader. Now its high time to get the opinions of the majorettes'. Here are the results of the interviews. Patty Partin opinion is "I'm very happy and thrilled over being a maporette. I think its a wonderful experience for every young girl. I hope I will do it to the best of my ability."

Judy West, "I think its a lot of fun to be a majorette, because it gives you an opportunity to meet people. Every girl should be a majorette if they possibly could."

Jennifer Frizzell, "It's wonderful to be able to represent our school in something like this: We have a BLAST!"

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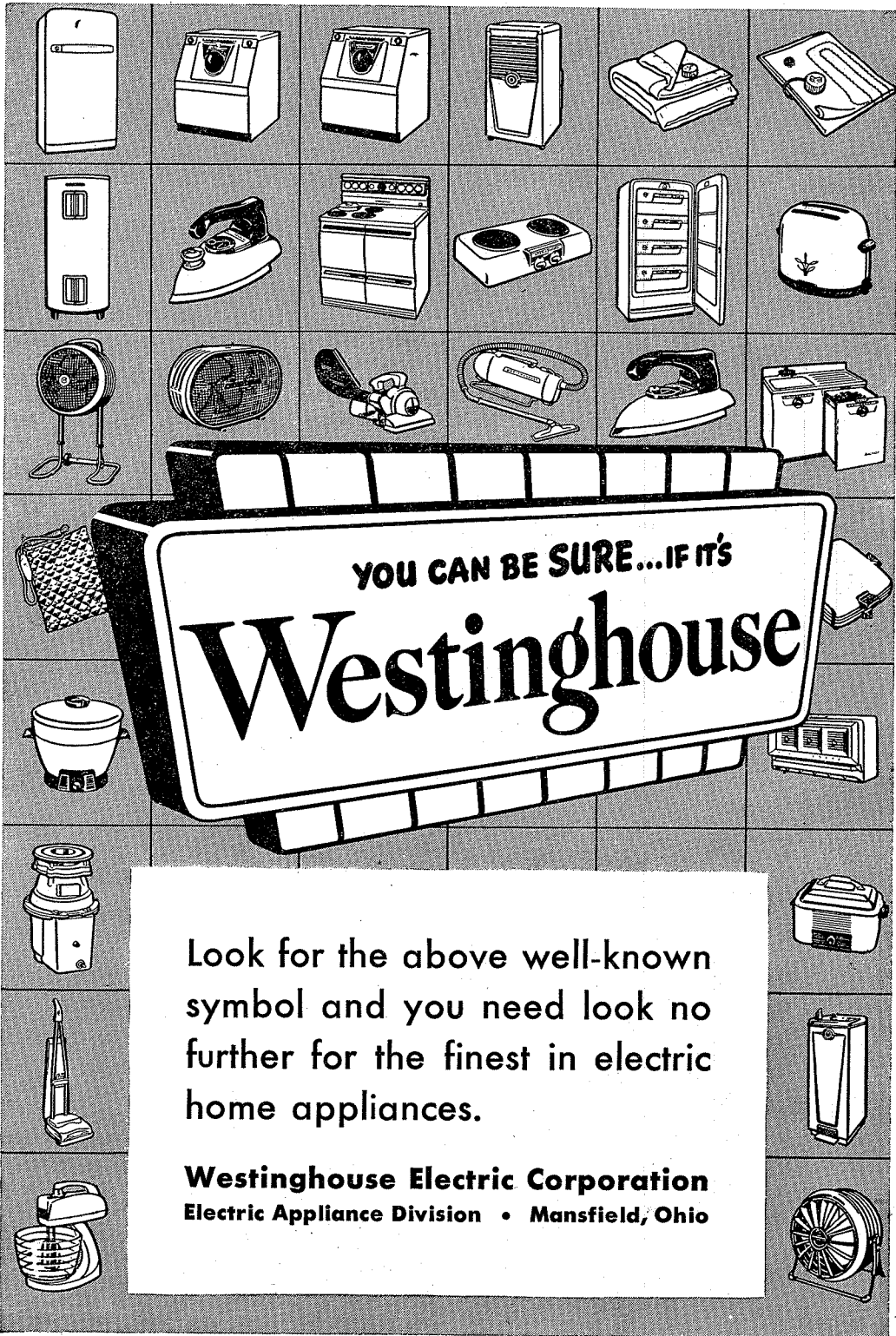
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