

# THE TIMES

## Choose Leedom, Erndt, Swank, Martin In Close 1957 Freshman Class Election

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### Calling, All Artists! Try Cartoons! Contest Begins Today; Offers Prizes

Contests! Contests! Contests! Yes, a Cartoon Contest is now being sponsored by **The Times**. The contest begins today and will close on January 6 at 3:30. Any Simpson student (except the editors) may enter the contest. All he has to do is follow the rules and he has a chance to win one of three prizes.

First prize is an **X-acto Colonial Antique Kit** with which the winner may make a planter of wood.

Second prize is a set of **Nu-pastel Color Sticks** of charcoal for drawing.

Third prize is a **Do-It-Yourself Copper Kit**.

The rules of the contest are:

1. Cartoon should be four inches by four inches, about any subject—editorial, sports, or comic.
  2. Drawing must be placed in the center of a sheet of 8½" X 11" typing paper.
  3. Cartoon must be original in idea and drawing.
  4. Place name, homeroom number, and grade at bottom of the page.
  5. Ink the drawing with India ink.
  6. Entries must be in room 200A before 3:30 on January 6.
- Mr. Scott Brown, well-known Mansfield cartoonist, will be the judge. Winners of the contest will be announced in the January 23 Issue of **The Times**. The winning cartoons will be published in the same issue.

### Calendar of Events

- Dec. 20 Christmas Assembly
- Dec. 20 Vacation begins
- Jan. 2 School begins again
- Jan. 6 End of Cartoon Contest
- Jan. 8 Basketball Union — here 3:30
- Jan. 11 Legion Essay Contest Ends
- Jan. 11 Basketball Madison — there 8 p.m.
- Jan. 13 Basketball Shelby — there 3:30
- Jan. 16 Basketball Appleseed—here 3:30
- Jan. 17 Assembly John Simpson Bands
- Jan. 21 Basketball Union — there 3:30
- Jan. 23 Basketball Madison — here 3:30
- Jan. 23 The Times

Freshman Class officers for 1957, elected in time to wish the students a Merry Christmas, are **Randy Leedom**, President; **Lynne Erndt**, Vice-president; **Sharon Swank**, Secretary; and **Jean Martin**, Treasurer.

Final election of officers was held on December 5 with the list of candidates who were winners in the Primary Election the week before. All winners were elected by narrow margins. Candidates for president were Randy and Harvey Welker; for vice-president, Nancy Ezzard, Dennis Weightman, and Lynne; for secretary, Judi Edwards, Judy Radick, Brigitte Brauchler, and Sharon; for treasurer, Karen Michener, Charlotte Stehle, and Jean.

As part of the election campaign, posters were placed in the halls advertising the reason why certain candidates should be elected.

An assembly of all interested Freshman was held during the eighth period in the auditorium the day before the election. General chairman, Mr. Ray Gerrell, introduced Mrs. Jessie Brown who acted as Mistress of Ceremonies introducing the candidates. Each candidate gave a speech telling why he wanted to be elected.

The new President is now President of homeroom 204 and the Choir. He is a worker in the school store and was a member of the Simpson football team. His hobby is buying clothes.

Lynne, the Vice-president, is Head Cheerleader, Secretary of the Choir, Girls' Sports Editor of **The Times**, a member of G. A. A., Vice-president of homeroom 202, and home room captain. Dancing is her hobby.

Sharon is an office worker and Vice-president of the cafeteria homeroom.

Jean is a well-known dancer. She is a member of the Dance Band, Secretary of the band, a library worker, a member of the orchestra, Vice-president of homeroom 110, and President of The First Methodist Youth Fellowship. Her hobby is collecting banks.

### Honor Roll Lists 16

Earning a trip under the mistletoe for good grades during the second term are 16 students. Girls out-graded the boys on the list by a score of 14-2.

Students with all A's on their cards were Dawn Doerr, Nancy Ezzard, Kay Klippel, Sue Stocker, and Karen Urschel.

Connie Boyd and Harvey Welker, ninth grade students, were on the Honor Roll as were the following:

Eighth graders; Linda Flowers and Kathy Michener.

Seventh grade; Karen Arbuthina, Peggy Friend, Roger Griebeling, Karen Harich, Sue Herrick, Jane Stewart, and Patty Watson.

### School Band Appears In January Assembly

On January 17 Simpson students will have the opportunity to hear their own bands when they appear at an assembly.

Some of the numbers the band will play are **Around the World** by Victor Young; **Hand Clap Blues** by Del Baroni; **Camp-town Races** by Stephen Foster; **Merry England Fantasy** by Philip Gordon; **Palamar Overture** by David Bennett; and **Sandra Overture** by Bill Laas.

The Seventh Grade Band members will also play, but their numbers have not been chosen.

### "What Part Will I Play As A Citizen?" Is Annual Legion Essay Contest Theme

The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary are again sponsoring an essay contest for all pupils in the ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades. The topic is **What Part Will I Play As A Citizen?**

There will be 12 winners in the State Contest, three for each grade, to be awarded an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D. C. McVey Post No. 16 will award a first, second, and third prize of \$5, \$4, and \$3 for the boy winners in each grade. The Ladies' Auxiliary will award like prizes to the girls.

The Essay Contest closes January 11, 1958. All essays must be in the hands of the Post Essay Committee no later than that date.

Essays must be no less than 400 words nor more than 600 words in length. They must be written in ink or typewritten on one side of the paper only. Good margins must be left on the paper.

Please note carefully: each essay must have a cover sheet. The upper half page should bear the heading, **The American Legion of Ohio Essay Contest. Subject: What Part Will I Play As A Citizen? Code No. .... B or G ....** The code number will be filled in by the sponsoring post. Across the center of

the page, a dotted line should be drawn. The lower half of the page should contain the name of the writer, address of the writer, school name and grade, and school address. This information must be plainly written or printed at the lower right-hand corner of the cover sheet only.

Essays must not be illustrated with pictures or drawings and must not have fancy covers.

Essays will be graded as follows: 90% for content and 10% for form and style. Content includes originality, value of thought, sequence of thought, adherence to title, and choice of subject matter. Form and style includes choice of language, clarity of expression, sentence structure, paragraphing, and mechanics.

### Three Groups Combine In Yuletide Salute

Tomorrow afternoon the yearly Christmas Assembly will be presented in the auditorium under the direction of Miss Emelie Severson, Mr. Robert Brashares, and Mr. Ray Gerrell.

Miss Severson's Ninth Grade Choir will sing **Ave Maria** by Bloom; **Sleep Holy Babe**, a traditional hymn; **Pat-a-Pan**, Old French Carol; **Silent Night** by Gruber and **O Holy Night** by Adam. The soloist for the last number will be Miss Violet Chokreff.

Speech class students will present the play **Not Even a Mouse**, a one-act play. Taking part will be Jack Meenach, Barbara Garber, Jane Bretinger, Harvey Welker, Jean Martin, Linda Rauch, Clay Bixler, Jr., and Karen Miller. Mr. Gerrell is the director of the play.

Orchestra numbers, with Mr. Brashares directing, will include **The Argonaut** by Frangkiser; **Christmas Overture** by Anderson; **Mother Goose Suite** by Walter, and traditional Christmas Carols.

Taking part in the Christmas Assembly, the Ninth Grade Choir adds to the pleasure of the season. Miss Emelie Severson directs.



### Sew, Give Tea

### Would-Be Home Makers Help Santa

Among the many projects taking place in home economics classes is the making of aprons, slippers, stuffed animals, and holders for buns and biscuits. Mrs. Eleanor Lime's ninth grade girls have been doing this work for Christmas.

In the good grooming classes, Mrs. Etta Wert has been teaching the seventh and eighth grade girls to make sasheen bows to put on their presents. Many have brought their Christmas gifts to school to wrap them.

Tuesday fragrant aromas from the home economics room taught by Mrs. Helen Perrill attracted the attention of the faculty. What was going on? A tea was sponsored by her ninth grade class.

On the Decoration Committee were Pat Ickes, Wilma Mabry, and Mary Winters. They made small angels and placed them on a large star in the center of the table.

Invitations were made by Ute Grosch and Doris Herman and sent out to all the teachers.

All the girls in the class had a chance to be hostess because Mrs. Perrill arranged several shifts. Refreshments served were coffee, tea, cookies, and candy.

### Testing Season Begins For Students

The season for standardized testing has again reared its head. Sometime soon after Christmas the seventh and eighth grade students will be taking the Achievement tests in reading, arithmetic, and English.

Mental Maturity tests have been given the eighth grade, new ninth and new seventh grade students during the last two weeks.

Mr. Wilbur Young and Mrs. Virginia Kirby, counselors, are in charge of the testing program.

Editorials

To the glory of Youth: Scholarship, Honor, Truth

The John Simpson Times

With this issue of THE JOHN SIMPSON TIMES, the John Simpson Junior High School has taken another step toward the achievement of a goal which will place it among the best Junior High Schools of the country.

Realizing that no school is complete without an organ through which news can be distributed to the student body, the administrative officers made plans at the first of the school year for a school newspaper. These plans have now materialized, yet the task has just begun.

The staff appreciates the responsibility connected with the editing of a paper, and will endeavor at all times to discharge this responsibility in a way that will create a publication of which the Junior High School students may be justly proud. It will always welcome any criticism that will serve to produce a superior journalistic product.

In return the staff asks for only one thing—the loyal and sincere cooperation of the student body. By backing the paper you boost the school.

The above editorial was written by the first Editorial Staff of the John Simpson Times published in December 1927.

As the first staff appreciated the responsibility of editing a school paper, we, the present staff members also express similar feelings about our positions and will continue to try to keep the standard high.



Uncle Horace says:

by Horace Horoscope

Dear Uncle Horace,

I just recently got a fairly steady baby-sitting job. The woman I baby-sit for has four children: three girls, ages 2-4 and 8, and a boy 10.

I don't know whether she is too busy or what, but when I go to her house, it's always a mess. There are at least a day and a half's dishes in the sink and on the table. And the upstairs is terrible. There are no sheets and the covers are all over the floor and it's a mess.

The same goes with the living room and dining room. Things are all over the floor and it looks

like she never cleans house.

My question is: Should I do the dishes and sorta clean up or would it insult this woman's house cleaning? Really I wouldn't mind doing this, but I don't know how she would take it. I would ask her but I don't know her too well and I'm sorta scared.

Wondering

Dear Wondering,

Perhaps this lady needs to be insulted about her housekeeping. You might ask her in a nice way if she would like to hire you to do some cleaning, charging her for it. This should be in addition to the money paid for baby-sitting. Don't clean it "for free" or you'll be just a servant for her and encourage her untidiness.

Dear Editor,  
I think that the Freshman Class's new officers, as well as all the others who took a part in the election, should be congratulated. Everything went very well and the election was very orderly.  
N. B.

Dear Editor,  
The G.A.A. and Cheerleaders would like to express their apologies to the Dance Band and to Mr. Brashares for the actions of some of the students at the "Holly Hop" on December 6. Actions like those are the kind that give the teenagers the bad name they are trying to get rid of.

Penny Stamps on Envelopes Seal Out TB

Linda Thomas

Although most of us are in good health, there are many people who aren't so lucky. Right now, just in Richland County, there are 20 children in Richland Hospital with tuberculosis.

Did you know that one-fourth of the population of the United States is believed to be infected with TB germs? An estimated 150,000 have undetected cases. These people are spreading the contagious germs without knowing it. TB is the greatest killer among all infectious diseases with someone dying every five minutes from it. However, TB can be prevented.

What do we buy when we buy Christmas Seals? We help to buy good health for ourselves and other members of our community by making the detection of tuberculosis possible and educating people so they can keep from getting the disease.

Six per cent of every dollar that comes from the sale of Christmas Seals goes to the National Tuberculosis Association, 16 per cent goes to the State Tuberculosis Association, and 78 per cent stays in our own county. However, if all records are turned in on time, Richland County gets 87 per cent of every dollar.

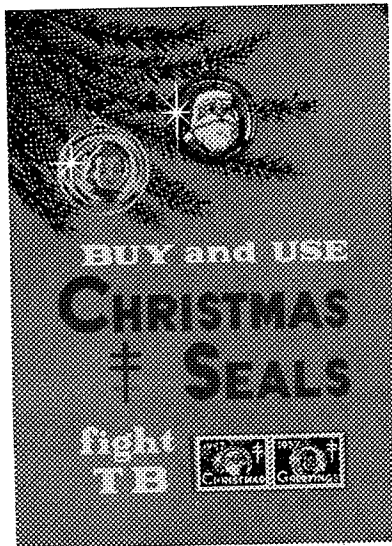
The money is used for case finding, which means the mass X-rays, diagnostic clinics, patch tests, and Purified Protein Derivative Tests. It is also used on films, posters, literature, books, medical research, and rehabilitation.

11,338 free chest X-rays were given last year. Of this number, 538 cases of abnormalities of the lungs were found. One X-ray showed a case of cancer, while 56 active cases of TB were discovered.

At the Diagnostic Clinic last year, 1,149 people were X-rayed. 88 people were found to have active cases of TB at this clinic. These methods of case finding helped to start these people on the way to health.

One of the most loyal and active members of the Richland County Tuberculosis Association is Mrs. Margaret Adams, a former public health nurse who has been with the association since 1935.

Have you bought and used Christmas Seals this year? If not, now is the time to help fight TB. This being the 51st anniversary of the sale of Christmas Seals, the goal for Richland County and Shelby is \$25,000. This amounts to only 25 cents per person. Just a small amount for such an important cause, isn't it?



Christmas Means?

Linda Koser—200A

Most people at Christmas just think of giving and receiving gifts. Yes, that's a part of Christmas. Others celebrate it by feasting and drinking. That, too, is a part of Christmas. But most people don't think of the real meaning of Christmas.

Christmas is a time of happiness and rejoicing because of the birth of Christ. It is the time when Jesus was born and the angels in the sky sang.

This year, let's not just think of receiving gifts, but take time to think of the true meaning of the day.

Through the Years

Thirty Years Ago at Simpson

The first issue of the Times was printed.

The school colors, orange and white, were unanimously chosen by the faculty.

The cafeteria was opened and was serving from 100 to 150 students and teachers.

The Band and Orchestra was organized by J. Merton Holcomb (who still comes back to Simpson as a substitute for the Band and Orchestra.)

Simpson's Band won sixth place in the Fifth Ohio School Band Contest.

Simpson was named for Mansfield Schools First Superintendent, John Simpson.

The Times was sold by subscriptions.

The fire escapes were repaired.

Twenty Years Ago at Simpson

A student court was established with Richard Spetka as judge.

The Simpson Bicycle Club was newly organized and the members were just making their safety rules.

Noon movies were started.

Latin classes played their first game of Vocabulary Baseball.

A student Council was being discussed.

Simpson boys held a tumbling circus at Mansfield Senior High's gymnasium.

Only 12 students made the Honor Roll.

Ten Years Ago at Simpson

The school was being painted the colors it is now.

There were five sets of twins in Simpson.

Simpson sent 27 food boxes aboard the Friendship Train to Europe.

A hall sanitation campaign was being planned.

What Is Your Excuse?

Ruth Chronister—Guest Editorial

After interviewing several teachers and pupils as to excuses given for tardiness when coming to school or when going to classes, it was found that there are various answers which the pupils give.

By the way, the information leaked out that boys are more frequently tardy than girls. Any one of the reasons for being tardy should be corrected, not only for the pupil's own good, but also in consideration of their teachers and their fellow students. Those with "tardy-ism" surely keep the office busy.

Some of the common alibis are: "Mother didn't get me up" or "I got lost", but others are: "I didn't hear the bell", or "I stopped in the library", and "I went to my locker" or "I got a drink."

After hearing these excuses (?) I'm sure you will see that they do show a lack of imagination. Just stop and consider how you don't like to be kept waiting if mother is tardy with meals, or father with your allowance, or Dick or Shirley for that date. It's all the same idea. Get it?

Word Meanings Aid Yuletide Pleasure

Judy Radick

During the Christmas Season many Christmas songs are sung, stories read, and poems said. But do you know the meaning of all the words used? Below are the descriptions of a few words used in these poems, stories, and songs. They should make them have more meaning for all of us.

The Yule Log is a log decorated with flowers and anointed with wine. The Druids were the first people to use it. It is lighted at the beginning of the Christmas Season and must be kept burning until the end of the season. Part of the log is saved to start the next year's fire. In many lands other than England it is called by different names such as;

Suche in France and Badnavk in Serbia.

A Wassail Bowl is a bowl filled with a mixture of hot ale, spices, and toasted apples. It is a drink of good cheer and a token of success in the coming year.

Frankincense and myrrh are used as incense around Christmas time. Frankincense comes from the sap of certain trees in East Africa and Southern Arabia.

Myrrh comes from certain shrubs of East Africa and Arabia.

The pinata game is played by the children of Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico. A jar filled with sweets is decorated to look like a peacock or some animal and hung from a branch of a tree, or if the fiesta is held inside, from the ceiling. The children are blindfolded and take turns trying to hit the pinata with a stick. When the pinata is hit squarely, the candy falls for the children.

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## Boys Aid Classes

### Keep Standards High to Qualify

Charles Walls

Do you think it is easy to be an Audio-Visual boy? Well if you do, you're wrong. First of all to be on the Audio-Visual crew, a boy has to be recommended to Mr. V. Lee Prior by his homeroom teacher. Then if Mr. Prior thinks he is good enough to be a member, he gets the job.

After he becomes a member of the group, in order to stay on, he has to get "C" or higher in all his subjects. If a boy gets a "D" or "F" in any subject, he is put on probation for a certain length of time. If during this time, he doesn't improve in his grades he will be asked to quit his job on the crew. If you still think it is easy, ask these boys: Ninth grade: Rod Gilde, Richard Judt, Larry Schaffer, John Wilson, Clay Bixler, and John Marshall.

Eighth grade: Adam Keller, James Flood, Mike Mumaw, Bob Aultman, and Paul Diener.

Seventh grade: Billy Mitchell, Kim Michener, Frank Slaboda, John Saterfield, Rickie Heckert, Randy Keith and Clifford Chandler.

These boys come to school any time between 7:30 and 8 in the morning. That is when they get their training. They also learn while running the noon movies.

Most of the boys, in grade school, ran the movie projector for certain subjects. A thing this year that is unusual is the fact that Mr. Prior is keeping more ninth graders than usual. Some of the boys now show education-

al films in history and in other classes such as English.

Although the qualifications are pretty strict, the boys like the job because there is a big party at the end of the year to brighten their hopes.

### Visitors Take Look-See To Start Junior Highs

Four school officials from Portsmouth, Ohio, visited Simpson December 2 to inspect the school. Mr. H. W. McKeloe, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. J. W. Frowine, Guidance Director; Mr. W. Edgar Massie, Elementary Supervisor; and Mr. Edward H. Fourmire, Principal of Portsmouth High School, came to see how junior high schools are operated. Portsmouth is changing their system from eight years in elementary school and four years in high school to the plan used here.

Next year Portsmouth will have junior high schools, with students attending elementary school six years, junior high three years, and senior high three years.

### Personals

Connie Boyd and Pat Maglott will visit relatives in Washington, D. C., during the Christmas vacation.

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JoAnn Crownover of homeroom 105, who has been in a New York hospital, returned home recently. We wish her a Happy Christmas.

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Mr. Frank Daniels returned to school last Monday after doing his duty in the United States Army. Welcome back we're glad you're back, Mr. Daniels.

### Staff Holds Party

Members of the Editorial and Business Staffs of The Times matched volley-ball skills in a "just-for-fun" game last Thursday as a part of their Christmas party.

Later, in room 200A, Christmas music was played while refreshments were being served.

### YOUR FLOWER SHOP

43 SOUTH DIAMOND



These boys get fun out of serving others. Back row: James Flood, Larry Schaffer; Row 4: Adam Keller, John Marshall, Rod Gilde; Row 3: Dick Windsor, Dick Judt, Rickie Heckert, Paul Diener; Row 2: Randy Keith, John Saterfield, Bill Mitchell; Row 1: Frank Slaboda, Cliff Chandler, Kim Michener.

### DESIGNS CHRISTMAS MENU COVER

Jo Ann Warrack, home room 210, designed a cover for a Christmas menu, which will be sent to all Richland County hospitals. Jo Ann's was chosen by Mrs. Ann Henkel from the ones submitted by Mr. Gilbert Morgan's classes.

The latest new project of the Junior Red Cross is the making of portfolios to send to Veterans' hospitals. The representatives will design and make the covers and fill the folders with stationery.

Homeroom 201 has the honor of being the first room in the building to fill and turn in their Christmas box for children overseas. Twenty-four other rooms are working to fill theirs with soap, toys, tooth-brushes, small school supplies, and other small articles.

Two seventh grade rooms, rooms 207 and 105, are leading in the sales tax stamp collection.

Miss Catharine Darling, sponsor of the Junior Red Cross, announces that stickers for at least 20 members have been issued to homerooms 106, 200A, 213, 214, 115, 203, 22, 201, and 200B.



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### Cafeteria Workers Entertain Guests

Simpson cafeteria workers acted as hostesses for the Annual Christmas Party for the cafeteria workers and assistants from all Mansfield Schools on December 6.

Mrs. Martha Heichel was the Mistress of Ceremonies while Mrs. Elizabeth Blocher gave the blessing before dinner.

Miss Hester Robinson accompanied a quintet composed of Mrs. Heichel, Mrs. Lena Ingram, Mrs. Naomi Beard, Mrs. Gladys Forwith, and Mrs. Sylvia Martin.

Rochelle, Carol, Marilyn, and Jean Martin did a tap dance number accompanied by Miss Robinson, and Rochelle gave an acrobatic number. A gift exchange with Mr. Hobart Lime playing the part of Santa Claus was part of the evening's entertainment.

Decorations for the party were made by Mr. Gilbert Morgan's art classes.

### Seifley Barber Shop

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During vacation workmen will do some plastering and paint the auditorium. Pastel colors will be used.

# Christmas At Our House Girls Outshine Boys in Textbook Clash

Barbara Grant

Jingle bells are ringing,  
Carolers are singing.  
They sound out loud and clear  
To tell us Christmas Day is near.  
The world around us is very white,  
And in the window lights shine bright.  
You can hear the organs playing—  
Right now there can be no delaying.  
We decorate the tree the night before Christmas  
And hope Old St. Nick won't miss us.  
Some balls are old; some are new;  
Some are red, green, orange, pink, and blue.  
On the outside the air grows colder,  
As through the house you can smell the piney odor.  
The angels guards the tree from atop—  
There are so many balls, you'd think they'd drop.  
We wake up Christmas morning  
And suddenly without a warning  
We hear a great big crash  
That sounds like Christmas balls have smashed.  
We run downstairs round and round,  
To find Christmas ornaments the cat knocked down.  
At dinner we have turkey, cranberries, and cakes,  
And all kinds of pie that Mother bakes.  
Now it's all over, but still—  
It comes every year and it always will.  
I've written this poem just to say  
I hope you have a Merry Christmas Day.

The girls did it again! They out numbered the boys on the Honorable Mention List, 72 to 32. Seventh graders again had the largest number during the second term.

The ninth graders who were on Honorable Mention are Claudia Baker, Judy Carrick, Patty Eccles, Lynne Erndt, Linda Griebeling, Rodney Gilde, Ute Grosch, Richard Judt, Pat Maglott, Karen Michener, Gary Owens, Carolyn Pfau, Judy Radick, Larry Schaffer, John Wilson, and Robert Wymmer.

In the eighth grade were Gene Bernat, Naomi Biddle, Howard Camak, Ruth Chronister, Bill Collias, Mary Cover, Heidi Dech, Kristin Fitzgerald, Linda Frizzell, Carolyn Garrett, Ellen Garrison, Shirley Garver, Barbara Grant, Judy Hawley, Freddie Mae Hill, Donna Hoffman, Sandra Luckie, Vicki Mosey, John Owens, Jack Plew, Pat Schillinger, Polly Schillinger, Louis Simpson Jean Swank, Ruby Swarn, Cheryl Them, Linda Thomas, Patsy Thompson, Laurel Thompson, Charles Walls, Carole Weaver, and Sally Williams.

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## Scouts Take Trip

Eleven Girl Scouts representing Troop 146 had a reward early in November after months of working and saving. Accompanied by some of the girls' mothers and their leaders they had a big day in Cleveland where they attended the Ice Capades.

Money for the trip, the show tickets, and the restaurant meals was earned by bake sales, rummage sales, tax stamp savings, selling household cleaning aids and Girl Scout cookies.

Members of Troop 146 making the trip were Jean Brucato, Sandy Davis, Pat Osgar, Linda Sue Williams, Ethel Mazaris, Jeanne Yockey, Linda Sweetlic, Becky Williams, Paula Green, Judy Nolan, and Jeannette Etzwiler.

## MEET THE

## FACULTY



Mr. Gettleman plans an art lay-out in the Art Center.

### Sharon McDevitt

Who was that tall, good-looking teacher who substituted for Mr. Frank Daniels in room 22? He was Mr. Terry A. Gettleman, our 6-foot, 3-inch art teacher.

Mr. Gettleman is a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio. He studied history and is really a history teacher in his first year of teaching.

Music is his hobby. Classic and modern progressive jazz are tops with him. He also enjoys flying as a second-choice hobby.

He says that he enjoys teaching at Simpson very much and hopes to keep teaching here as a substitute.

While in Mansfield, Mr. Gettleman lives with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Gettleman at 586 Harter Avenue.

For "STYLE"

See

KOMITO'S CLOTHES

23 NO. PARK  
MANSFIELD, OHIO

## Carole Reports That The Well-Dressed Students Will Wear Varied Party Clothes

Carole Weaver

During the Christmas vacation there will be lots of different activities. High on this list are parties. Of course there are many kinds of parties; for instance, dress-up dances, or a group dance, skating parties, home parties and lots more.

First of all for dress-up dances girls would probably wear a good dress, hose, flats, etc. For the boys a suit or slacks and sport coat, white shirt and tie would be the ideal outfit.

If you have been invited to a group dance or a dance something like the "Y" dances, both boys and girls would wear their school clothes or maybe something a little bit more dressy.

For the parties that are held at friends' houses you could wear almost anything from school clothes to sportswear. For instance, a sweater or blouse and skirt, or sportswear as slacks and a sweater or blouse is what most girls would be most likely to be wearing. Boys would wear either school clothes, such as a shirt or crew neck and slacks, or sportswear.

To sum it up always remember to be neat and dress appropriately for the occasion and you'll have lots more fun and a much better time.

## Christmas Rush

Diana Rose—106

Christmas is coming,  
It's not far away,  
Shoppers are running  
Every which way.  
In rush and hurry,  
You can not stop.  
You wonder and worry,  
'Til you blow your top.  
Your packages are pert  
Not telling a clue  
About how your feet hurt.  
And your back aches, too.  
You don't have a dime,  
But don't you fear.  
It's over this time,  
All over 'til next year.

## The Christmas Bird

Ruth Angelini—200A

I am going to tell you a story about a Christmas bird. This bird's name was Snowie. Snowie was a funny kind of bird, because he was orange with a blue tail and blue wings. He would go to Alaska during the summer and come here and sing during the winter. He would eat pine trees.

One day Snowie was eating pine trees when he heard a loud noise. It sounded like chopping. Snowie stopped eating and looked. Sure enough some men were cutting down the pine tree he was eating. He flew to another tree.

By and by the men came to that tree and cut it down. They cut down almost all the trees in the pine grove. When they were done, there were only two trees left standing in the empty lot. It was near Christmas time and the men were going to sell the trees for Christmas trees. Snowie didn't mind because two trees would last him for a long time.

Two days passed and another man came and took one pine tree. Then one day a man, woman, and three children came to cut the last tree down.

Snowie didn't have any more food now, so he followed the man home. He thought maybe the man would give him some

food, but the man didn't pay any attention to him. Days passed and poor Snowie still had no food.

One day he flew to a little white house and looked into the window. The people were decorating their tree with bright, colored bulbs. Snowie wanted to go in and see all the prettily wrapped gifts. He flew around the house, then decided to go in.

But where and how could he get in? The chimney was a good place so he flew down it. He got into the house, but he was very dirty.

Snowie flew by a man, who saw him. The man gave him some food and a bath; then set him on a top branch of the tree. Snowie sang beautiful notes and looked very pretty as he sat on the tree.

Now every summer he goes to Alaska and every winter he comes to the little white house to sit in the Christmas tree.

## Book Reviews Meant to Help Readers

Sarah Thompson

Teen-Talk Reviews, the book which was used for the Library Contest, will be on the shelf for students who would like to recommend books to other students.

By the way, for suggestions of good books to read, I suggest that students read Miss Betty Dunn's Library Bulletin No. 3 which tells some interesting things about some of the new books in the library.

Have you seen and used the crossword puzzles in the Crossword Puzzle pads which are available in the library to everyone? They are about books, authors, and titles.

New books about Christmas can now be found on the library shelves also. Christmas Tales for Reading Aloud by Stephen Dayne is a series of stories about Christmas.

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# Subscription School Was Early Style

This is the third of a series of eight articles on the history of and development of Mansfield. Material for this story is taken from the "History of Mansfield Public Schools" by the late Dr. John H. Bristol, Clerk of the Board of Education for many years. We thank Mr. John H. Eisaman, present Clerk, for his courtesy in lending us the history and the Seal of the Mansfield City Schools.)

## Robert Remmer

The earliest schools of Mansfield were maintained by private subscription and the spirit underlying their establishment can be traced directly to the Northwest Territory Ordinance adopted by Congress in 1787.

Schools were set up in cabins and vacant rooms then were very numerous. The schoolmaster carried a subscription paper to parents who agreed to pay a stipulated sum for each child for a definite period of time. The teacher received his pay when the term was completed.

The first teacher was Eliza Wolfe. Her pupils met for instruction in the blockhouse on the square.

## Used Paddle Books

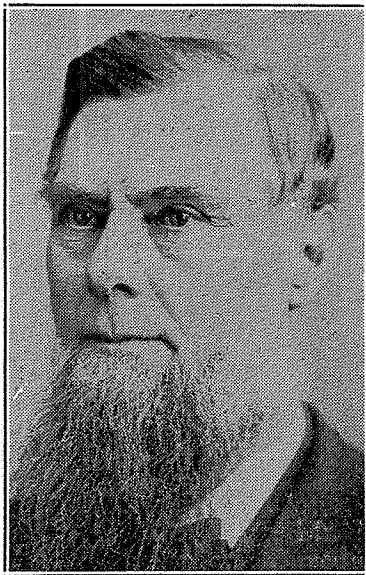
John Mull was a cripple who taught in a building where the I.O.O.F. Building is now located on the east side of the square. Later, in 1821, he moved to West Third Street where the parking lot is now. It is said that he maintained order by sitting on a high stool in the center of the room, armed with a switch long enough to reach every student. Books for teaching smaller children reading and arithmetic were large paddles which had the letters on one side and the multiplication tables on the other. These paddles were sometimes used for another purpose.

Where the Mohican Building now stands was a school operated by James Russell. It was the custom to bar the teacher from the building at Christmas time and require him to treat before he could enter.

## Demand Treat

Mr. Russell climbed to the roof hoping to get down the chimney, but a hot fire stopped him. Retreating, he was pelted with snowballs by his students. He finally surrendered and met their demand for two gallons of whiskey, in addition to cakes, apples, and nuts. (The account does not mention the age of the students.)

In 1818, though the town contained only 30 houses, the people decided to build a public schoolhouse. By subscription of the families, \$200 was raised to pay for it. The citizens couldn't agree on the kind of material for the building, but they placed the \$200 subscription in the hands of mechanics. They built a frame building which was used for more than 20 years. This school was called "The Big Spring Schoolhouse" because of the big spring at the northeast corner of east Fourth Street and Willis Avenue.



John Sherman was one of the first superintendents of the Mansfield Schools. Right: The Seal of the Mansfield Public Schools.



In March 1846 the town was divided into three school districts by the Town Council. Later this was expanded to six districts. Since school records prior to 1870 were burned in a fire in the old Hedges building on the square, little is known about the period before that date, except for records from private citizens.

## Grade Students

Placing of students in grades was adopted in 1855. A Board of Education consisting of three members, with the town clerk serving as clerk of the board, appointed Alexander Barlet principal of the high school and superintendent of public instruction.

From 1868 to 1872 four brick schoolhouses were built, one for each ward in the city. The first of these was built on the site of the West Fifth Street School (the street was West Bloom Street). It was ready for pupils in 1869.

The first unit, four rooms, of the Bowman School (now Creveling) was completed in 1886. The Marion Avenue School was built in 1884.

In 1870 at a cost of \$31,297 for the building, furniture, etc., West First Street School was opened in 1871 for grade and high school people.

In 1871 (way out in the woods) the seven acres of the Hedges School were bought and the first unit of the (old) building opened in 1872.

During the 1878-79 school year, there were 1,777 pupils enrolled with 36 teachers and one superintendent.

(From 1887 to the present in the next issue).

# A Family Gets Ready for Christmas

## Linda Greene

It was the day before Christmas and the Jones family were yet preparing for the Long (Sandra) Holladay (Delores). Wanda and Connie went to the Baker (Gloria) for cookies Mother had ordered.

In the Hall (Dorothy) the Young (John) children were hanging up Green (Paula) and red wreaths. Carol and her Friend (Linda) Joy were busy with the Shears (Joyce) cutting paper and wrapping gifts. They were quite proud of their Handwork (Donald).

That night the family attended the Little (James) Church (Patricia) on the Hill (Odell), all waiting and looking forward to Christmas Day.

Christmas morning Wanda was the first Human (Wiley) to awake. Her dog Scott (Larry) was impatiently waiting for his leash to be unfastened so he could wake up the whole family.

First he awakened Richard (Profit) who couldn't wait to see his gifts. He found that he had received a Workman (Leslie) set, a Barlow (Helen) knife, and a Shoemaker (Connie) kit. Connie and Wanda shared a Potato Head (Ruth) game and man-

icure Kitts (Judith). The girls were Luckie (Sandra). They got more clothes than toys.

Father had bought Mother a Hoover (Roger) vacuum and Mother had gotten him some Taylor (Minnie) equipment for his shop.

After they had all opened their gifts, they ate breakfast and dressed to go to Grandmother's house. There they had a family reunion and a big Christmas dinner.

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# Crystal Ball Gives Low-Down on Hobbies

## Pat Schillinger

To answer the requests that were stated in last year's Times Essay Contest, we have interviewed a few of the John Simpson students about their hobbies.

As I look into my crystal ball three names appear: Juli Belcher, Stella Loveland, and Richard Remy. I pick up my pad, find a pencil and then I'm off. After the interrogations, this is what I scratch down.

Juli Belcher of homeroom 106 has a very unusual hobby—collecting balls of string. She has been collecting string for about three years. Her largest ball is eight inches in diameter. Judi is really tied up in her hobby.

\* \* \*

Collecting salt and pepper shakers is Stella Loveland's hobby. Stella also hails from homeroom 106. She has been being peppered with pepper shakers for one year. In that time she has obtained 30 sets of shakers.

Richard Remy of homeroom 200A has been tasting stamps from various countries such as Africa, South America, Greece, France, and England. Along with saving these stamps, he has managed to collect 200 post cards from different parts of the world. All this has occupied about two years of Richard's spare time.

Eighth and ninth graders, we'd like to tell about your hobbies. How about giving us the information?

Teacher: "Johnny, give me a sentence with a direct object."

Johnny: "I think you are beautiful."

Teacher: "Why thank you. Now, what's the object?"

Johnny: "A good report card."

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# A Good Sport Is—

Kathy Michener

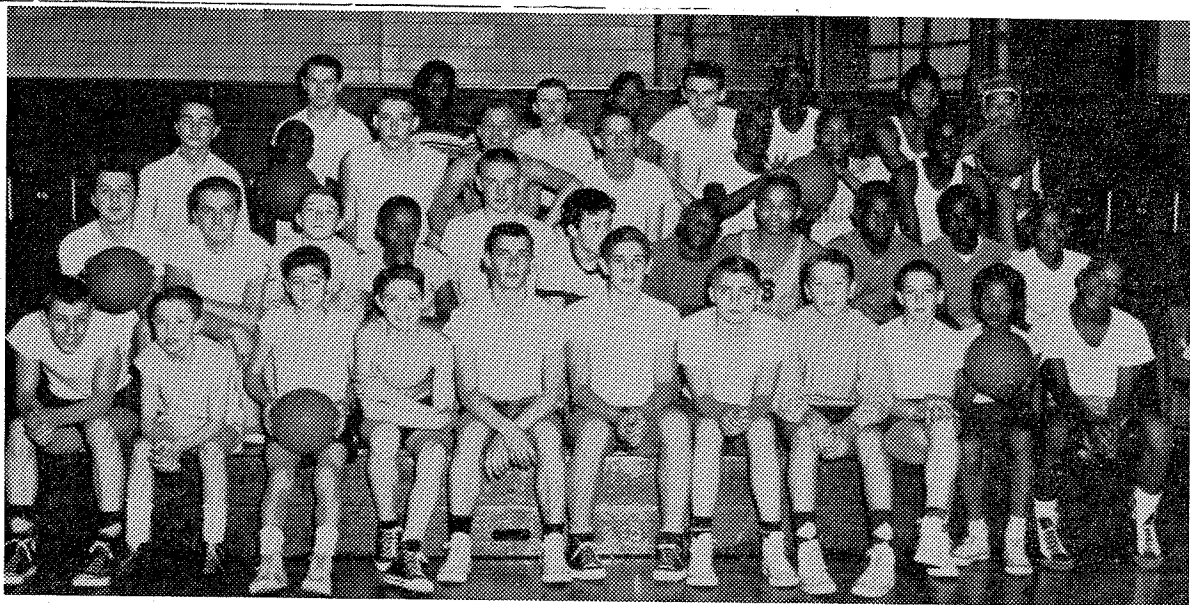
What is a good sport? This is a question that we students need to answer with sports events and other activities springing up everywhere.

Many of us students are under the impression that a good sport is a person that can lose in a sports event or a game of cards and not fuss about it. That is so. Only I feel there is more to it.

A good sport is able to win, as well as lose, in any kind of event or contest. He is helpful to other players and doesn't try to play the game by himself. When another player makes a mistake he doesn't laugh at him but helps him to correct it.

If he wins in a game of sports or a contest, a good sport does not brag about himself and how good he is. If he loses he doesn't accuse the opposition of cheating or he doesn't start a fight. Instead he tries to find out what he did wrong and congratulates the winners.

That, in my opinion, is a good sport. Are you one?



Ready to "do or die" are these members of the 1957-58 Basketball Squad. They will play 13 games during the season. Their coaches are Al Maccioli and Joe Romano.

## Basketball Season Brings New Hopes

Going into the Basketball Season with no lettermen, the Simpson Bulldogs hope to better their last season's record of eight wins and four losses.

The next opponent will be Union Rural team which plays here January 8 at 3:30 o'clock. Their team includes the following boys:

Curtis Williams, Hubert Adams, Carl Bricker, Gary McQua-

ter, Tom Duff, Fred Bocka, Bernie Cox, Dwaine Shoup, Charles Bowser.

The five Simpson starters are Robert Norris, Harry Fochtman, Gilbert Ray, Richard Brown, and Walter Jefferson.

Other teams on the Simpson schedule include Madison, Shelby Appleseed, Ontario, and Mt. Vernon.

In the noon-day basketball tournament, the following rooms have not lost a game: 110, 201, 22, and Library. Rooms 23, 115, 204, and 113 have been beaten once.

Eighth grade undefeated rooms are 102, 208, and 209. Defeated once are 104, 114, 212, 211, and 16.

Rooms 101, 205, and 214 are undefeated seventh grade rooms.

## Cheer Loud and Long; Make the Boys Strong

For the Basketball Season this year, the cheerleaders have worked out several new and different cheers. Here are a few of them:

Welcome, Appleseed! (or other school)

Welcome, Appleseed!  
Simpson welcomes you!

\* \* \*  
Yea team! Yea team!  
T-E-A-M (spell)  
Team! Team! Team!  
\* \* \*

This cheer is to be sung to the tune of **Short'nin' Bread.**

Simpson's team plays basketball,

Simpson's team plays basketball.

Get that ball! Dribble down the floor!

Come on, Simpson, raise that score!

Photo—Owens

## 'Twas the Week Before Christmas

Betsy Bissman—106

'Twas the week before Christmas, when all through the school Everyone was yelling and breaking each rule;

The teachers were screeching and pulling their hair, In hope that vacation would soon be there.

The students couldn't concentrate and think about math; All they could think about was presents and laughs.

There was Blauser in his chair, taking a nap, While Kennedy sat with a paddle in his lap;

He screamed and shouted and called them by name:

Now, Karen! now, Patty! now, Sharon! and Sue!

Come, Denny! come, Eddie! come, Polly and Lou!

Straight through my office, and down through the hall

Now go away, go away, go away all!

And he sprang from his seat, with the biggest sigh

That told me both principals knew the day had gone by.

And they flew to their cars and drove out of sight;

But I heard them exclaim, "Merry Christmas to all and to all a goodnight!"

## Sideline Slants

By Larry and Lynne



By the time this paper is in the hands of the readers, we will know whether the prediction made by many Ashland rooters was correct. They predicted that Ashland would beat Simpson by 6 or 8 points.

Walter Jefferson and Dennis Weightman seem anxious to start winning games for the Bulldogs. When asked how many points they thought they would make, Walsie said 100 points, but changed it to 10 or 12. Denny wouldn't guess.

Coach Maccioli feels that our team is coming along too slowly. He was quoted as saying he'd feel better if we were playing some team other than Ashland for the first game.

### Athlete-of-the-Month

Gilbert Ray placed in the spotlight this month. Coaches say that "for such a small guy, he's got what it takes to make a star basketball player." They should call him "Froggy" because of the way he leaps up to the basket to sink the ball. "Way to

go, Froggy."

"Yours Truly" would like to give recognition to the officers of the G.A.A. for the fine program they have set up this year. This includes their activity parties every other Friday afternoon and their new initiation plot.



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