

## NINTH GRADE OFFICERS ELECTED

### Legion Sponsors Essay Contest

Realizing the importance of our educational system in developing patriotic beliefs in the students of today, the American Legion and its auxiliary annually sponsor an essay contest with Americanism as its central theme. This year the subject is "My Responsibility As An American Citizen."

#### Upper Grades Eligible

All pupils in the ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades of all public, parochial, and private schools are eligible to enter an essay for this contest. The contest closes January 5, 1962. Each Legion Post shall select its own winner (1 boy and 1 girl from each grade) for local awards. There will be 12 winners in the State contest. Three will be selected in each of the four upper grades (1 must be a boy, 1 must be a girl, and the 3rd can be either). These 12 winners are to be awarded an all-expense paid trip to the National Capitol in Washington D. C.

Other general information can be secured from all ninth grade English teachers.

#### Essay graded for Contest

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 the title, and choice of subject matter. Form and style includes choice of language, clarity of expression, sentence structure, paragraphing, and mechanics.

### Falconry Featured In '62 Assembly

"Falconry" is the topic of an assembly which will be presented on January 22, 1962. The program will feature Chuck Bindner—adventurer, naturalist, and explorer.

#### High in Medieval Times

Falconry is supposed to have originated in the Far East and spread west across Asia to Europe, where it reached its peak of popularity in medieval times. It persisted longest in Scotland, where many falconry terms originated, and in Germany where it is still widely practiced. Centuries ago only Kings and Emperors were allowed to use Golden Eagles in this ancient sport. The common people used hawks and falcons.

#### Live Birds Displayed

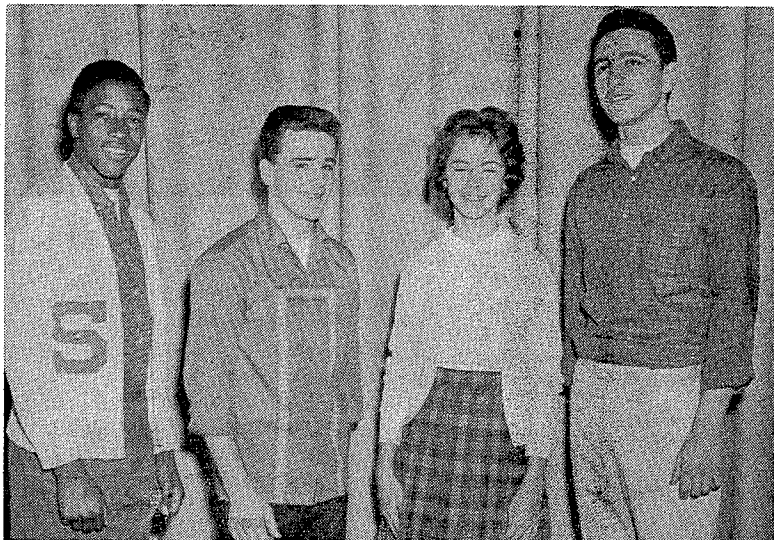
During the program, Bindner will display live birds of all these species without cages. This in itself is a master feat as many hours must be consumed training each bird to react normally to an audience. Bindner will explain fully how these birds are persecuted and how their protection can be controlled.

### Baskets Distributed To Needy Today

Christmas baskets were collected and are to be distributed today by the Student Council. Boxes were decorated and placed in the rooms by the homeroom representatives. These will be distributed to the needy families of Mansfield. Sally Linn is the General Chairman of the Christmas baskets.

The Student Council also sponsored the dress-up day today.

### Three Boys—Girl Lead Freshmen



Left to right: Erskine Braggs, Tedd Bare, Debbie Lusk and Ron Gonzales.

### SIX RECEIVE ALL A's; EIGHTH GRADE LEADS WITH HONORS

Six students at John Simpson Jr. High earned straight A's for the second six weeks. They were in the ninth grade: Keith Eberhardt, Jim Hannewald, Ronald Hetler, Fritz Schmidt, Terry Squire; and in the seventh grade Carol Smucker.

#### Ninth Honor Roll

Others on the Honor Roll for grade nine were: Tedd Bare, Barbara Barman, Linda Bauman, Linda Berry, Helen Bissman, Cheryl Bowman, Pat Chilcote, Becky Coleman, Barbar Fifer, Donna Faree, Larry Hepner, Ron Hough, Cora Jackson, Kathy Klippel, Glennis Lambert, Reva Lykins, Linda Meadows, Kathy Meister, Robert Miller, Barbar Oster, Nancy Prior, Bill Simmons, Robert Stevens, Glenn Ungerer, and Richard Wallace.

#### Honorable Mention

Jim Barnhouse, David Baxter, Shirley Beach, Greg Dalton, Jim Dorman, Sandra Evans, Ronald Frazier, Bonnie Hall, Charles Harpster, Walter Hunsinger, Dave Hutchins, Margaret Ingram, Leslie Jameson, Diana Kegley, Carol Klien, Don Leutz, Sally Linn, Francene Lohman, Debbie Lusk, Carol Michaels, Don Milhoan, Marsha Moore, Rocky Mosier, Diane Pershing, Kathy Snyder, and Toni Vaughn.

#### Eighth Grade Honor Roll

Jane Beal, Lavonia Bauman, Linda Brandenburg, Carol Coleman, Erwin Diener, Magdelina Diener,

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### Counsellor Awarded Honors for Bulletin

The Bulletin of the Home Builders' Association of Mansfield, under the editorship of Robert M. Jackson, counsellor at John Simpson Junior High School, has won first in its class and second among all builders' bulletins in the nation.

In this nationwide publications contest, entries were classed in six groups, according to size of the builders' groups they served. The Mansfield Bulletin was judged on three consecutive issues for June, July and August 1961.

Mr. Jackson, recently resigned as executive secretary of the builders' group.

The award was presented at the National Association of Home Builders' Convention December 3, in Chicago.

### Students Attend Youth Banquet

Seven students from Simpson attended the "Youth Appreciation Banquet" Nov. 15 at the Y.M.-Y.W.C.A. Representatives of other schools also attended. It was part of the national celebration sponsored by the Mansfield Optimist Club in connection with the nationally promoted Youth Appreciation Week.

After-dinner speaker was Mr. Harry Jones, TV announcer for the Cleveland Indians, who reminisced on past seasons when he was sports writer for the Plain Dealer, traveling with the Indians. He spoke to the group on the "plight" of the tribe and told of plans underway to improve the ball club. He followed with an informal question-answer period, wherein questions ranged over all phases of the game of baseball.

#### Representing Simpson were:

Walter Hunsinger - Audio-Visual Aids  
Dave Hutchins - Boys' Athletics  
Connie Bride - Girls' Athletics  
Kathy Meister - Instrumental Music  
Jim Smucker - Junior Red Cross  
Barbara Fifer - Simpson Times  
Terry Squire - Student Council  
D. Wayne Powell - Adult Sponsor

### Research on Words Project of Classes

Homerooms 106 and 112 have recently begun a study of our language through its various types of words. Dividing into five committees each, the groups under Mrs. Frances Channell's guidance, will finish their project shortly after vacation.

Committees are divided as to type of word studied. They include: New Words in Our Language; Words Made From Proper Nouns; Words From French, Spanish, or German; Tired Words—Those We Overuse; and Regional Words.

### CHOOSE BARE, BRAGGS, LUSK, GONZALES, IN CLOSE RACE

Ninth grade class of officers for 1961-62, elected in a very close election are Tedd Bare, president; Erskine Braggs, vice president; Debbie Lusk, secretary; and Ronald Gonzales, treasurer.

Final election of officers was held December 11, from the list of candidates who were winners in the primary election. A second final election had to be held for vice president and treasurer, as no one had received a majority. All winners were elected by a narrow margin. Candidates for president were Risa Nichols and Tedd Bare, vice-president, Susie Livensparger, Kathy Simon and Erskine Braggs; secretary, Becky Cornell and Debbie Lusk; and treasurer, Bonnie Hall, Susie Snyder, and Ronald Gonzales.

For a week before election, Simpson halls were plastered with campaign posters.

An assembly for all freshmen was held the day before election. Terry Squire, Student Council president, announced Clendon Parr, who acted as Master of Ceremonies. Each candidate then gave a speech, from which class members decided for whom to vote.

The new president was a member of the football team, is in basketball, and will be in track. His favorite sport is swimming.

Erskine is in basketball, football, and Glee Club. His hobbies are raising pigeons and collecting coins. Debbie is in Student Council, on Editorial Staff and is a cheerleader. Her favorite sports are ice skating and swimming.

Ron was in football and he is in basketball. His hobbies are swimming, baseball, and roller skating.

### Safety Urged By Superintendent

With the coming of earlier darkness during the winter months, W. W. Zinzer, Superintendent of schools, emphasized that proper precautions and proper equipment should be mandatory for all bicycle riders in their journey to and from school.

Mr. Zinzer stated the Ohio State Patrol indicated concern about lack of lights on bicycles and students and not observing proper bicycle safety precautions.

Concern was particularly being shown to those students who remain after school for extra-curriculum activities and who ride home during the late afternoon.

Indications are that the Highway Patrol will give attention to this matter and, as a consequence all students should observe safety rules.

This information was recently issued to all school principals.

### Assembly Features Music Today

This afternoon at 2:30, the music department of John Simpson will present the annual Christmas Assembly for the students.

Under the direction of Mr. James Woehraman, the following vocal selections will be presented by the 9th grade choir, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"—traditional, "To how a Rose 'Ere Blooming"—Practorius, "The Coventry Carol"—English Carol, "We Thank You Lord"—Bortuiansky, "Sleep of Jesus"—Gavaert, and "How Unto Bethlehem."

The 8th grade choir composed of seventy voices, will sing, "Go Tell It on the Mountain" Negro Spiritual, "What Child is This"—English Melody Greensleeves, "Silent Night"—Franz Grubart, and "O Come Little Children"—Schuly.

This is My Father's World"—Traditional English Melody, "Even Song"—F. S. Knowlton, and "Peace of the River"—Wood, will be sung by the fifty voice 7th grade choir.

Both the 7th and 8th grade choirs are conducted by Miss Fannie Lew Eiler.

The five songs that the Orchestra will be playing are to be conducted by Mr. Hamer Mitchell. There are: "Three Songs for Christmas" by Grundman, "December Waltz" by Herfurth, "To a Wild Rose" by MacDowell, "Christmas Festival" by De Lamater, and "Autumn Leaves" by Mercer.

Neal Lindhout, Vicki Day, and Linda Swalltey will play a Flute trio, No. 1 by Hook.

### TESTING BEGINS FOR STUDENTS

Early in January the Iowa Basic Skills Test will be administered to John Simpson students, by Mr. Robert Jackson and Mr. Edward Wallen, Counsellors.

This is a standardized test given all over the United States, and 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.



Editorials

Disease Cured by True Remedy

The entire nation of America is violently ill. We all suffer from a disease, but, happily, it is curable. We seem to have had a rather bad attack, because it's recurrent.

Our problem is a very acute type of eyestress. We have trouble seeing the Christ in Christmas. This is a particularly bad disease when a whole country is stricken at once.

The first symptoms appear around the middle of November, due to early TV and radio commercials. TV presents a particular menace as it is pictorial and audible. People begin to react and show early signs of failing by becoming submissive to sponsors' demands. The average commercial states that for Christmas giving no product but QXV will be desired. This at once acts upon the psychic of the audience. We all want to be remembered as the giver of a good, just-what-I-wanted gift. Mentally, we write down the person QXV would be absolutely suitable for. After at least one week of this, we will buy anything to satisfy our subconscious.

We are next attacked by a different type of germ. It is known as "False Atmosphere of Gaiety in Stores." By this time our resistance is down so that the new bacteria enter our blood rapidly. Uncontrollably, we begin to buy all our budgets will allow; if the mania has gone into the more advanced stages, we continue by charging when cash is gone. The fever increases as the date nears December 25.

Suddenly, the fever breaks on the day after Christmas. We have nothing left but a pile of bills.

We can stop this contagion if we really think it worth caring. The solution is simple—no wonder drugs are necessary. It's merely opening our eyes.

Seek the Christ in Christmas! Although other merriments are truly a part of the holiday, remember that Christ is the majority of Christmas.

Things Do Not Change

We make much of the different seasons and holidays and of rapidly passing occasions. We make much of the old year's ending and the New Year beginning, as though the stroke of midnight, by some strange magic, transformed the world and all the universe. But with all the changing times and seasons there are in the heavens things which do not change and are with out beginning or ending.

These are the things that cause the world to keep its balance and cause men to return to moderation, despite the strange beliefs, false teachings, and fantastic plans that trouble his present day generation.

Inspiration

In spite of the tensions, turmoil and universal unrest that disturbs the world today, *The Christmas Spirit* inspires us anew to hold fast to our way of life and our trust in God.

During this season of goodwill, the teachers and students of John Simpson, extend their heartiest wish to everyone for all that is good and all held dear.

May the glowing warmth of good health, happiness, and God's infinite blessings be with one and all during this Christmas and through the new year.

What Makes A Christmas Tree?

by Nancy Prior

What makes a tree so perky and bright?  
What is it that gives it its light?  
What is it that makes it right?  
To be in our room on Christmas night?

It's partly the tinsel that's perky and bright;  
It's partly the candles which give it light;  
But it's giving and sharing that makes it right;  
To have a tree on Christmas night.

Without the tinsel there's nothing bright;  
Without the candles there is no light;  
Without loving and caring it's only right,  
To be without a tree on Christmas night.

Prayer of a Student

submitted by Donna Adams

Now I lay me down to sleep  
With my undone homework in a heap.  
If I should die before I awake,  
These requests I'd like to make:  
Lay my English in my hand,  
Tell Mrs. Shultz I didn't understand;  
Lay my history at my feet,  
Tell Miss Craig it's got me beat;  
Lay my science on my chest,  
Tell Mr. Spring I did my best;  
Lay my report card on my head,  
Tell Mr. Blauser I'm glad I'm dead.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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Christmas Filled With Many Costumes

Children awaken on Christmas morning to find an orange or tangerine in their stockings, because long ago Saint Nicholas saved three lovely girls from being sold into slavery by tossing gold into the chimney where their stockings hung to dry. The orange fruit represents one of the lumps of gold.

During the holiday season the home takes on a festive note.

Mother uses her best China, linens and her sterling silver. Everything imaginable is brimming with greenery, and all sorts of candelabra hold varied color candles.

No other time of the year is more filled with beautiful customs and age-old traditions as Christmas.

Families have taken their cue from the season-so that nearly every home has its own particular customs.

The familiar candles in the windows are for decoration only during the present, but originally were used to help churchgoers make their way in the darkness.

Many of the old customs now have taken a modern trend. The Christmas table, once set for Santa's visit, now awaits the visit of close friends. Dickens' *Christmas Carol* is one of the traditions still read on Christmas Eve by many families.

The Christmas Star

by Nancy Prior

I know a story about a star;  
Which guided the wise men from afar,  
At this time of year, so long, long, ago;  
To the stable that night so humble and low.

Every Christmas I look before going to bed;  
Out the window to see if that star's over ahead;  
Some special day I hope that I'll see;  
My Christmas star looking down at me.

The Olden Times 19 Years Ago 1942

WMAN - advertised that they broadcast the latest war news.

There were lists on what the various amounts of war stamps and bonds will buy.

There are also "Down with Hitler" ads.

Also there was little coffee, little gasoline and you couldn't even buy bobby-pins. There were predictions of less food for Christmas. The homes could not be decorated with lights because of air raids.

The late H. J. Dotson gave the students a Christmas message.

Students were reminded to join the Red Cross, as in this way they could help win the war.

The eighth graders led both lists on the Honor Roll.

Miss Craig and Miss Eiler planned to stay home during Christmas vacation, while Mrs. Allen went to Fairmont.

CHRISTMAS

Mrs. P. A. Tate

Christmas in the grandest season,  
Full of Joy and mirth,  
Gay bells ringing,  
Children singing  
Peace, good will on earth.

Christmas is a bounteous season,  
God's praises let us sing  
"Glory in the highest  
To Christ, Our Lord and King."

Christmas Shopping

by Debbie Lusk

Dashing through the stores  
Buying gifts delight,  
Making myself poor  
Hoping things are right,  
I'll name my gifts to you,  
But promise not to tell,  
A little doll for Sue,  
Or Les a great big bell,  
I got Dave a cowboy gun,  
And Mike a bright toy horn.  
With these I hope they'll have such fun,  
And play with from night to morn.

HOLIDAY HAPPINESS

For people who are alone or for families who are financially needy, the enjoyment of Christmas may be limited. For these people, the full joy of the holiday season may depend on sharing with them. Such sharing is part of the *real* meaning of Christmas.

You can share your own Christmas with others in many ways. Most directly, you can open your home to them.

For example, many foreign students who are studying in this country would be pleased to be Christmas guests.

Do you know an aged person who will be alone at Christmas? One day spent in your home can provide him with many days of warm memories.

You can bring Christmas to people in their own homes.

Needy families can use gifts of food for Christmas dinner, toys for their children or direct financial assistance. Many church and civic organizations adopt such families during the Christmas season.

Decorating hospital wards are sometimes projects of different clubs or local organizations.

Entertainment programs bring some holiday happiness to hospitalized patients.

Groups can give toys to needy children through special toy shops set up at Christmas. Old and unused toys have been collected by fire stations with repairs being made by the firement for distribution to the needy.

These are a few of the many ways you can give a gift that goes beyond the act of giving.

Winter

by Helen Bissman

Nature's white beard has finally appeared.  
The wind and the weather are cold and severe.  
The bears are asleep at this time of year,  
And all the birds have cleared the frontier.  
Isn't it nice and sincere to hear  
That winter is again in the atmosphere?

English Classes Honor Christmas Season

Each year at this time teachers in the English department commemorate this season in their classes by presenting Christmas programs.

Mrs. Doris Smith's classes in 102 honored the season with a special program consisting of original contributions in the form of playettes, stories and poems. An emcee related the dramatic Christmas story while appropriate background music was being played, and then introduced those on the program.

A contribution was required from each student and extra credit was given for public appearance.

Christmas in 216, Mrs. Virginia Allen's group, devoted their class periods this week to programs consisting of original skits, stories, and poems.

All pupils participated in the entertainment.

The traditional story of Dickens' *Christmas Carol* is being presented in Mrs. Margaret Busler's English class, homeroom 105, during this week, with the following members portraying the different characters:

Ebenezer Scrooge—Gordon Foust  
Two Boys—Ron Nagel and Leigh Jackson  
Narrator—Gertrude Schwarz  
Fred, Scrooge's nephew—Harold Sexton  
Bob Cratchit, Scrooge's clerk—Jeff Schillinger  
Gentleman—Tom Meehan  
Marley's Ghost—Alan Maul  
First Ghost—Mary Jane Bare  
Fan—Geraldine Stone

Belle—Brenda Sell  
Second Ghost—John Trautman  
Tiny Tim—Larry Dotterman  
Mrs. Cratchit—Shirley Sampsel  
Martha Cratchit—Sally Terman  
Other Cratchit Children—Judy Caugherty, Carla Golder, Julia Massey  
Third Ghost—Charlotte Bottomley  
Two Men—Jerry Alexander, Larry Pruett  
Sound Effects in charge of Bill Gertel and Clinton Tossey

Mrs. Frances Channell's classes are presenting poems, Christmas traditions around the World, a play, and Christmas music in the form of records. The class also has decorated a tree to add to the spirit of the season in the room.

In Miss Margaret Maul's classes, a chairman was assigned to take charge of the Christmas program for each class. He made up the program to include poems, stories and songs, which he assigned to other students.

"What Christmas Means to Me," Mrs. Bernice Thoms assigned for the weekly paragraph to be written by homeroom 213. Following are selections written by two of the group:

Christmas Season of Love

by Carol Coleman

To me Christmas is the most sentimental time of the year. At Christmas, the world is alive with fun and festivity. The spirit of

Christmas weaves her web of love and kindness into the hearts of all mankind. Elves gaily prance on man's minds causing even the most evil to obey their commands.

Eventually, the hardest of hearts will melt under the influence of Christmas living. The simple joys of the year seem to blossom as flowers, throughout this joyous season. The fragrance of love floats over all the earth to promote generous giving.

Yes, to me the Yuletide Season is a time that can never be equaled in joy, love, fellowship, remembrance, and generosity by any other occasion. The most wonderful part of it though is the thought that it is celebrating the birth of Jesus.

What Christmas Means

by Jane Beal

Christmas is a time of rejoicing and a season of giving, but most important of all Christmas is Jesus birthday. It means to me a time of worship and joy. What do I look forward to? A sometimes dreaded Christmas program (if it is required to say a piece), a Christmas Eve service and Christmas morning the habitual exchange of gifts.

What has happened to the true Christmas meaning? Anymore, people have gone crazy!!! Stores have been having a wild race to see who can be the first on with Christmas decorations up and materials out. People! People! People! What are we coming to? Let's think it through clearly and keep our heads clear. If we are to keep Christ in Christmas, let's keep clear, cool, calm heads.



## Dedication Held For New Jr. High

John Sherman Junior High School, Springmill Road, officially joined the Mansfield school system as the third junior high, December 3, when 500 spectators observed the ceremony.

The cornerstone, of the million dollar school, was laid to mark its structural completion followed by the dedication of the building.

### Kennedy Heads School

Robert Kennedy, principal, and Wilbur Young, assistant, head its 39-member teaching staff. Six hundred and 94 pupils are enrolled in the 8th through 10th grade.

Rev. Wilbur Thomas, pastor of First Brethren Church, gave the invocation. W. W. Zinser, superintendent of schools, officiated at the stone setting ceremony. Burton Preston, president of the Board of Education, also spoke.

### Registries Placed

Yolanda Cox, vice president of the Sophomore Class, placed a student registry inside the Cornerstone.

Arlo Plough, Mathematics teacher and faculty co-adviser of the school's student council, placed the faculty registry, while Bruce McGinty, vice president of the Board of Education, added the names of board members and central office personnel, to the contents of the cornerstone. The Rev. Floscoe Layne, pastor of Apostolic Free Gospel Church gave the benediction.

### Band Plays

The John Sherman Band, under the direction of David Leyerli, played during the time between the dedication of the main building and the gymnasium, in which Dr. Frederick Staub, assistant professor of education at Ohio State University, and who was principal at Mansfield Senior High from 1953-55, was the featured speaker.

When the city's second high school is completed, housing changes will be made so that the third junior high school will contain 7th, 8th, and 9th grade students. At the present time, the 7th graders attend nearby Springmill Elementary School.

## Girls Sponsor Faculty Tea

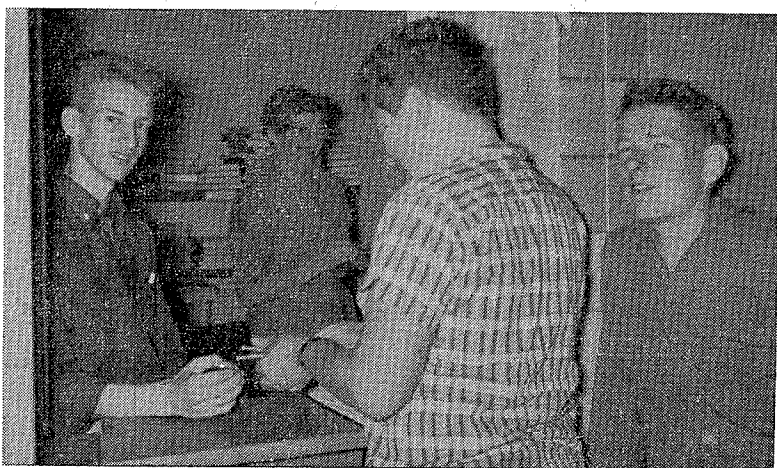
On Friday, December 15, the Ninth Grade Home Economics Class sponsored a Christmas Tea for the faculty and the superintendent of schools, W. W. Zinser.

The tea, "Deck the Halls With Holly," was held from 12:30 to 3:00 P.M.

Punch, Christmas cookies and other foods such as butter nut balls, date pin wheels, Christmas bells, spritz, and apricot cookies were served.

The girls which took part in decorations, serving and cooking, and making invitations, were Susie Alexander, July Baish, Shirley Beach, Pat Boner, Virginia Erndt, Becky Hildebrand, Dolores Hess, Ozella McCullough, Linda Meadows, Sharon Morgan, Janice Myers, Carol Norris, Cindy Smith, Kay Swain, Judy Thoman, Dolores Turner, Kathy Warga, and Paulette Waldman.

## School Store—A Busy Place



Bill Brauchler is selling some of the many articles in the school store to Jim Gertel and Willie Dechert, while Mrs. Mary Carothers looks on. Robert Miller is also one of the store helpers.

## The Gordons Present Bow Magic

The Gordons bring you "Bow Magic" in an assembly which will be presented on February 1, 1962, at 8:30 A.M.

They will present a fascinating story of the history of Archery. The audience will be taken back through the ages, to the days when the long bow was the standard fighting equipment of the armies of the world, when Robin Hood and his Merry Men roamed through Sherwood Forest and thrilled the people with their miraculous shooting, down to the present time with stories of big game hunting.

### Technique Shown

Following the history of Archery, the Gordons will give some simple information about the technique of the sport and will explain their equipment. Then, the spectacular part of the program will be presented with an amazing demonstration of bow and arrow shooting as only champions can perform.

### Modern William Tell

You may harbor doubts about the story of William Tell and the apple until you have seen these archers, who are among great living bowmen of the younger generation, demonstrate the power of an ordinary thirty pound bow when they shoot a balloon from an assistant's mouth. They will perform many other trick shots as well as those which demonstrate accuracy in the sport. Their performance is an inspiring event that will create a new interest in a revived sport.

## Girls Decorate Bulletin Boards

Bulletin boards in Mrs. Frances Channell's room 106 are probably the gayest in the building through the efforts of Betsy Rodgers, Virginia Diehl, and Vicki Dale.

## Visitor Takes Time To Stop

Barb Fifer

Mrs. Victoria Mwanjisi Mandara of Mpwapwa, Tanganyika, stopped at Simpson, November 27. Since she is headmistress of Mpwapwa Girls' Middle School, she was very interested in seeing our school system in action.

She told *Times* reporters that English is the medium of education in the upper grades at the government-sponsored school for girls ages 9 to 16.

The twenty-six year old teacher is interested in teacher-training schools, beside those for younger students. She has made special effort throughout her tour to watch schools and observe their part in the community. Mrs. Mandara, an English teacher, is also interested in the teaching of English as a second language, and institutes for the training of teachers for this purpose.

Her husband, Ramos Mandara, is now an exchange student at Bowling Green University. Mrs. Mandara's degree comes from the Makerere University College at Makerere. She has taught mainly junior-high age students.

Let's hope her impressions of Simpson, taken home to Tanganyika with her, are the ones we would like them to be.

George: "Do you enjoy dancing?"  
Bee: "No, It's merely hugging set to music."

George: "Well what is there that you don't like?"  
Bee: "The Music."

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## Classroom Briefs

### Music

The music department under the direction of Miss Fannie L. Eiler and Mr. James Woehrmann, has been busy getting ready for the Christmas Programs for P.T.A. and the all student assembly.

All students memorize the same songs and then the best is picked for the performance. They learn four-part songs and at the present time there are 70 in the eight grade group and 50 in the 7th grade.

Miss Eiler has been teaching some piano using dummy key boards to learn seasonal music by use of numbers.

Rhythm bands, where students make up their own rhythms, using the Autoharp and getting students ready for symphony concerts, by first hearing them and studying the composers, are all a part of the director's job.

Students will soon after Christmas begin work on the Spring Concert.

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### Math

All 7th and 8th grade math classes viewed the film, *Introduced to Fractions*, last week. This was a good preview for seventh graders beginning the study of fractions, and a basic review for eighth graders. This week, the film, *Decimal Fractions*, was shown to the same groups.

Home Room 101 is making a "My Geometry" notebook during this six weeks period.

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### Library

The library's collection of Christmas material in books, pamphlets and clippings, has been assembled for easy access.

Included in the material is information on Christmas customs here and in other countries, origins of Christmas symbols, plays, poems, stories, suggested decorations and hand-made gifts.

Students have been seeking this material for reports in their various classrooms and also for personal use, at home, and for church parties and programs.

## HONOR ROLL

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Magdelina Diener, Kathy Hergatt, Jeanne Hout, Marian Little, Barry Lohman, Sally McCoy, Aldean Richard, Jo Ann Roth, Carolyn Yirga, and Terry Zimmerman.

### Honorable Mention

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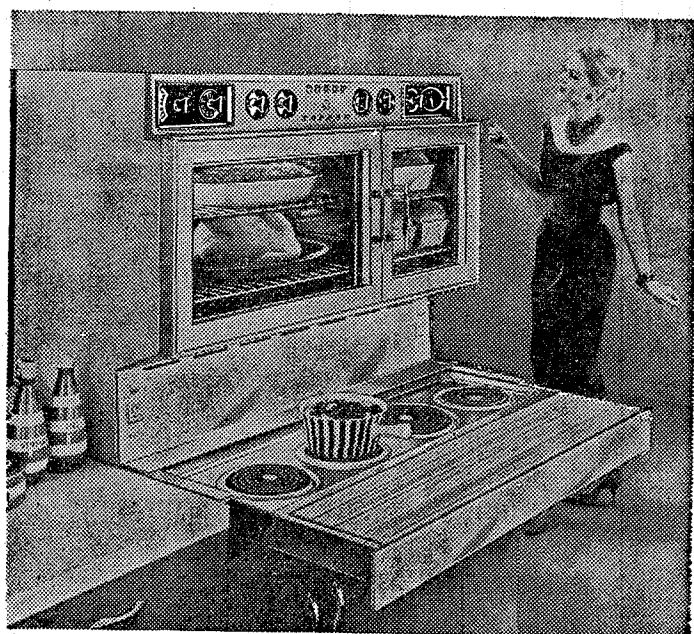
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## Christmas In Bethlehem, Mexico

During the Christmas season, when the thoughts of the civilized world turn to Bethlehem, many will wonder how the people there keep this great religious holiday today.

The appearance of Bethlehem is much different than it was at the Birth of Christ. Since then, men have built the great Church of the Nativity. In the square in front of the church, bishops and priests each dress in gorgeous robes on Christmas Eve. Turkish soldiers line both sides of the street to keep the way open for the procession to pass.

Next the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem arrives and the procession of priests, carrying banners and candles, meet him and they all enter the Latin Chapel. Religious services are held at this Chapel all night. At midnight a Mass is said by the Patriarch of Jerusalem. Next the people go to the Grotto of the Nativity. At first it was a natural cave in the limestone rock. Now marble slabs cover the floor and line the walls. Inside there are many portraits of Jesus hung on the walls and the ceiling is resplendent with thirty-two brass lamps.

At the end of the cave fifteen lamps hang. On the middle of the floor a bright silver star is inlaid. Around the star is this inscription in Latin, "Here, of the Virgin Mary, Jesus Christ was born." A little ways beyond this Place of the Star, is a small chamber called Grotto of the Manger. Here is a little altar place where the Wise Men prostrated themselves before the Infant Jesus. After these ceremonies are over Christmas morning, the people go back to their accustomed way of life.

The celebration of Christmas in Mexico starts on the sixteenth of December and ends January sixth. Everyone in the family helps to make Christmas toys. These toys will bring pesos to their pockets at the Christmas puestos (market stalls). In almost every city there is a puestos. On the night of December 16th the celebration of the Posadas begins and continues for nine nights, the last one on Christmas Eve. The name Posadas means inn or lodge. The significance is the inn at Bethlehem in the story of the Nativity.

The largest house is usually chosen for the Posadas. This begins by the recitation of the rosary led by the head of the house. It is led by two children carrying images of Mary and Joseph. They

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## The Tragedy

by Pat English

There was an old mouse,  
Who lived in a house:  
In fact, he lived in the basement.  
He paid no rent,  
His heart was content,  
The mouse who lived in the basement.

And then one day,  
A cat came to stay;  
With the mouse who lived in the basement  
They were not friends,  
And now the tragedy ends;  
The cat now lives in the basement.

## "The Origin of Our Christmas Carols"



The word, "Carol," has roots in many ancient tongues, which roughly means "a circling song dance."

In central Italy, the year 1223, St. Francis of Assisi set up a live manger near Assisi, in the Village of Greccio, in order to bring out the fact that the great Christmas festival was solely the celebration of Christ's birth.

This manger scene inspired men of talent to further humanize religion and thus the carol was born, wherein religious thoughts were set to folk tunes. One of our first carols was "Stabat Mater Speciosa," created by Jacopone da Todi, Italy. The definition of the title is "God Made a Little Thing."

Carols gradually sprang up wherever the Franciscans traveled. They entered English in 1224 and there, the carol reached its most enchanting simplicity.

Here are some of the favorite modern carols:

### The Winter Night

by Barb Fifer

The wind is cold as it whips through the bare trees. The sun, settling onto the white horizon, throws long blue shadows across crystal fields. A lone country road slices the meadows; it is useless to its makers now, all is diamond ice and white.

I am alone. The night comes and covers me and hides me in its robes. Cold becomes colder in the blackness. No stars dare venture forth; thick clouds race through their paths.

Not one animal, not a wolf, not an owl, comes from his den into the blackness. The world is mine alone.

There is no warmth in my fire. All fuel is too cold to burn. To try to keep warm is a silly struggle. All civilization's knowledge is useless to me now. Nature is titanic, all-powerful. There is no match for her fury. And man, his infinite self, can but cower from her.

**Adeste Fideles**—Until the 13th century religious songs were very solemn. This carol is the first of the informal, true carols. It comes from southern Italy and is credited to St. Bonaventure, although it is improbable he composed it.

**Away in a Manger**—Written from a tune by Martin Luther around 1500.

**God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen**—an English carol from around Cornwall about 1500. Its author is unknown.

**While Shepherds Watched**—Only the Psalms of David were sung in the Anglican Church before 1700. Nalrum Tate wrote this carol in 1703 to a tune from a Handel opera. It was recognized by the church.

**Joy to the World**—Written by Isaac Watts, his carol is to be a tune from Handel's Messiah. It was composed in 1719, following the common to "borrow" melodies from great composers.

There once was a young man from Leads,  
Who swallowed six packets of seeds.  
When a month had all passed,  
He was covered with grass,  
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## Newsboy Wins Eastern Trip

by Barb Fifer

"I was trying to win the gas-powered plane, but I won the trip," Jim Cunningham, 214, told *Times* reporters returning from New York City. He had been in the group of 485 Cleveland Plain Dealer newsboys who were awarded the excursion as the result of a subscription contest.

Leaving Cleveland Terminal on the evening of Nov. 17, the boys traveled in a 14 car train especially for them. They spent the night on the train, arriving in New Jersey early the next morning. Through a tunnel under the Hudson River, they rode to New York. During the day, they toured the United Nations building—Jim said it had "neat architecture"—ate lunch at an automat, saw the Army-Oklahoma game at Yankee Stadium, had dinner at the Piccadilly Room, took a trip on the Hudson to watch New York by night, and toured the Empire State Building.

Staying at the Hotel Gov. Clinton for the night, they had lunch at Bear Mt. Inn—a skiing lodge in the Catskills. From there the group went to West Point Military Academy.

When asked what project he is working on now, Jim replied, "I'm trying to win a trip to Washington, D.C."

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## Dedication Held For New Jr. High

John Sherman Junior High School, Springmill Road, officially joined the Mansfield school system as the third junior high, December 3, when 500 spectators observed the ceremony.

The cornerstone, of the million dollar school, was laid to mark its structural completion followed by the dedication of the building.

### Kennedy Heads School

Robert Kennedy, principal, and Wilbur Young, assistant, head its 39-member teaching staff. Six hundred and 94 pupils are enrolled in the 8th through 10th grade.

Rev. Wilbur Thomas, pastor of First Brethren Church, gave the invocation. W. W. Zinser, superintendent of schools, officiated at the stone setting ceremony. Burton Preston, president of the Board of Education, also spoke.

### Registries Placed

Yolanda Cox, vice president of the Sophomore Class, placed a student registry inside the Cornerstone.

Arlo Plough, Mathematics teacher and faculty co-adviser of the school's student council, placed the faculty registry, while Bruce McGinty, vice president of the Board of Education, added the names of board members and central office personnel, to the contents of the cornerstone. The Rev. Flossie Layne, pastor of Apostolic Free Gospel Church gave the benediction.

### Band Plays

The John Sherman Band, under the direction of David Leyerli, played during the time between the dedication of the main building and the gymnasium, in which Dr. Frederick Staub, assistant professor of education at Ohio State University, and who was principal at Mansfield Senior High from 1953-55, was the featured speaker.

When the city's second high school is completed, housing changes will be made so that the third junior high school will contain 7th, 8th, and 9th grade students. At the present time, the 7th graders attend nearby Springmill Elementary School.

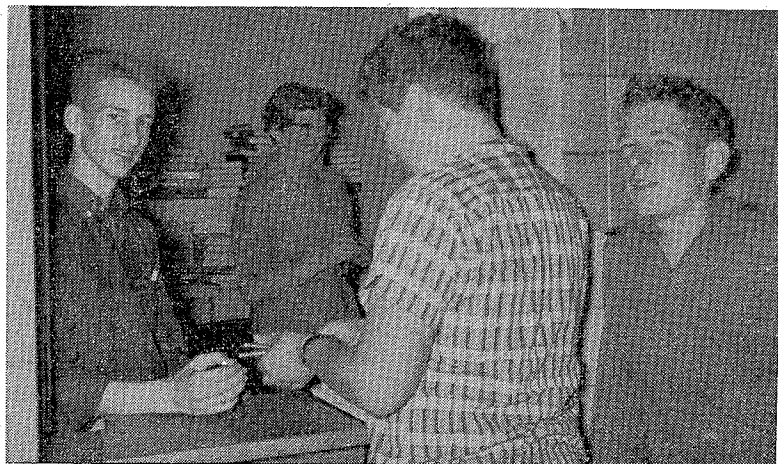
## Girls Sponsor Faculty Tea

On Friday, December 15, the Ninth Grade Home Economics Class sponsored a Christmas Tea for the faculty and the superintendent of schools, W. W. Zinser. The tea, "Deck the Halls With Holly," was held from 12:30 to 3:00 P.M.

Punch, Christmas cookies and other foods such as butter nut balls, date pin wheels, Christmas bells, spritz, and apricot cookies were served.

The girls which took part in decorations, serving and cooking, and making invitations, were Susie Alexander, July Baish, Shirley Beach, Pat Boner, Virginia Erndt, Becky Hildebrand, Dolores Hess, Ozella McCullough, Linda Meadows, Sharon Morgan, Janice Myers, Carol Norris, Cindy Smith, Kay Swain, Judy Thoman, Dolores Turner, Kathy Warga, and Paulette Waldman.

## School Store—A Busy Place



Bill Brauchler is selling some of the many articles in the school store to Jim Gertel and Willie Dechert, while Mrs. Mary Carothers looks on. Robert Miller is also one of the store helpers.

## The Gordons Present Bow Magic

The Gordons bring you "Bow Magic" in an assembly which will be presented on February 1, 1962, at 8:30 A.M.

They will present a fascinating story of the history of Archery. The audience will be taken back through the ages, to the days when the long bow was the standard fighting equipment of the armies of the world, when Robin Hood and his Merry Men roamed through Sherwood Forest and thrilled the people with their miraculous shooting, down to the present time with stories of big game hunting.

### Technique Shown

Following the history of Archery, the Gordons will give some simple information about the technique of the sport and will explain their equipment. Then, the spectacular part of the program will be presented with an amazing demonstration of bow and arrow shooting as only champions can perform.

### Modern William Tell

You may harbor doubts about the story of William Tell and the apple until you have seen these archers, who are among great living bowmen of the younger generation, demonstrate the power of an ordinary thirty pound bow when they shoot a balloon from an assistant's mouth. They will perform many other trick shots as well as those which demonstrate accuracy in the sport. Their performance is an inspiring event that will create a new interest in a revived sport.

### Girls Decorate Bulletin Boards

Bulletin boards in Mrs. Frances Channell's room 106 are probably the gayest in the building through the efforts of Betsy Rodgers, Virginia Diehl, and Vicki Dale.

## Visitor Takes Time To Stop

Barb Fifer

Mrs. Victoria Mwanjisi Mandara of Mpwapwa, Tanganyika, stopped at Simpson, November 27. Since she is headmistress of Mpwapwa Girls' Middle School, she was very interested in seeing our school system in action.

She told *Times* reporters that English is the medium of education in the upper grades at the government-sponsored school for girls ages 9 to 16.

The twenty-six year old teacher is interested in teacher-training schools, beside those for younger students. She has made special effort throughout her tour to watch schools and observe their part in the community. Mrs. Mandara, an English teacher, is also interested in the teaching of English as a second language, and institutes for the training of teachers for this purpose.

Her husband, Ramos Mandara, is now an exchange student at Bowling Green University. Mrs. Mandara's degree comes from the Makerere University College at Makerere. She has taught mainly junior-high age students.

Let's hope her impressions of Simpson, taken home to Tanganyika with her, are the ones we would like them to be.

George: "Do you enjoy dancing?"  
Bee: "No, It's merely hugging set to music."  
George: "Well what is there that you don't like?"  
Bee: "The Music".

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## Classroom Briefs

### Music

The music department under the direction of Miss Fannie L. Eiler and Mr. James Woehrmann, has been busy getting ready for the Christmas Programs for P.T.A. and the all student assembly.

All students memorize the same songs and then the best is picked for the performance. They learn four-part songs and at the present time there are 70 in the eight grade group and 50 in the 7th grade.

Miss Eiler has been teaching some piano using dummy key boards to learn seasonal music by use of numbers.

Rhythm bands, where students make up their own rhythms, using the Autoharp and getting students ready for symphony concerts, by first hearing them and studying the composers, are all a part of the director's job.

Students will soon after Christmas begin work on the Spring Concert.

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### Math

All 7th and 8th grade math classes viewed the film, *Introduced to Fractions*, last week. This was a good preview for seventh graders beginning the study of fractions, and a basic review for eighth graders. This week, the film, *Decimal Fractions*, was shown to the same groups.

Home Room 101 is making a "My Geometry" notebook during this six weeks period.

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### Library

The library's collection of Christmas material in books, pamphlets and clippings, has been assembled for easy access.

Included in the material is information on Christmas customs here and in other countries, origins of Christmas symbols, plays, poems, stories, suggested decorations and hand-made gifts.

Students have been seeking this material for reports in their various classrooms and also for personal use, at home, and for church parties and programs.

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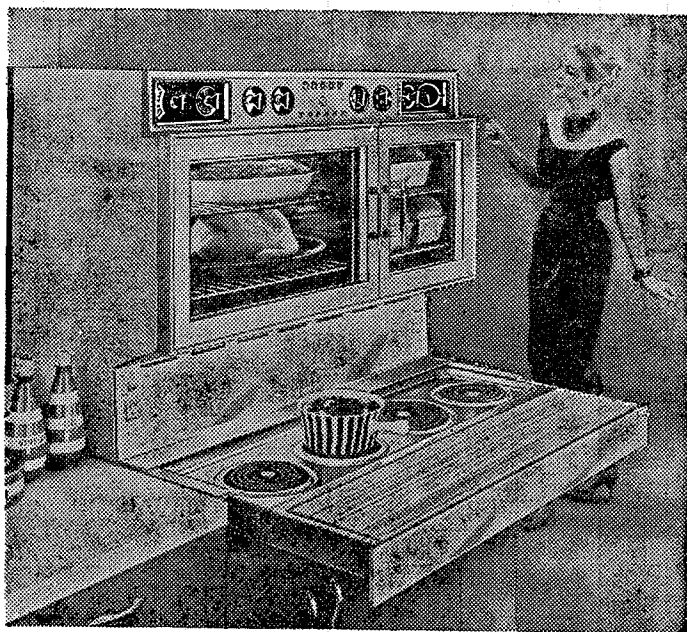
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# FLASHIN' FASHIONS

by Robert Stevens

The style of shoes will not change very much this winter. Shoes still have the pointed toe look. Black is still the predominant color in mens' and womens' shoes. Brown is the second leading color.

Suits this winter will have the continental look. These suits are doubled breasted and trousers for the suits are worn higher. The suits come in solid colors and there are also solid colors in ties to blend in with the suit.

Topcoats come with the zip-out lining. These coats can be worn in all kinds of weather. The quilted sleeve lining style can be worn with warmth all winter.

White is the most outstanding color in sweaters. Sweaters come in the zip front, the crew neck and the "V" neck style.

The new pancho shirt with the long tail and tapered body come in the new shades of yellow, green, orange and orchid.

Corduroy pants are here to stay. The corduroy pants can be purchased in the very popular belton style. They come in colors of charcoal, green, antelope and black.

The all-wool pancho pop-over shirt in bold plaids is outstanding. It comes in the hooded or regular style, and is a good outdoor sport jacket.

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by Helen Bissman

Hi girls! I'm going to tell you what's "cool" for the coming winter months that will keep you as "snug as a bug in a rug."

You all should know that plain, and basic outfits always look neat, no matter where you are, or what you're doing.

First, try knitting a big, bulky sweater and see what happens. Or buy wool material and assemble a culotte. They are easy to make! These are just a few money saving ideas.

For school days, jumpers, wool pleated kilts, weskits, ruffy blouses, shirts, plain pullovers or cardigans, knee socks, and boots or loafers are some sharp go-togethers. Tapered slacks, unusual coats, big warm hats, furry mittens, or leather gloves are IT for football games, sledding, and skating.

Remember that clean hair, clear complexion, and good posture never go out or come in as a fad. You must master these to be well liked and be noticed. Then fashion comes next!

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## Christmas

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march through the house stopping at each door until they come to one certain door. Here they are permitted to enter. In this room is an alter representing the scene of the Nativity; a hillside decorated with moss and green branches, a stable where stands an empty manger, shepherds and sheep, tree and house. All of these are miniature. The figures May and Joseph are placed in the stable. The manager in the stable still remains empty until Christmas Eve, the night of the Posades.

The first part of Christmas Eve is strictly a religious enactment. Then comes the social part. Next the party is invited to the patio for the breaking of the pinata. Inside the pinata there are whistles, toys, little figures, and candy. Each child is blindfolded and led to the pinata. He is then given three wacks at it. When someone breaks the pinata everyone scrambles to get the contents which were inside. Then, begins the celebration of the Posadas once more. It is the same as on previous nights and begins with the Procession. Only this night one of the children leading the Procession carries the image of the Infant Jesus in her arms. The Procession consisting of every member of the household, kneels before the alter, the scene of the blessed Nativity.

The father of the household then offers a prayer. The Father takes the Holy Child from the one who is carrying it and places it in the manger which has been empty for the past eight days. After this ceremony the party goes once again to the patio. The patio is gayly decorated with lighted lanterns and many flowers.

Festivities begin with breaking the elaborate pinata, and an exciting display of fireworks. Soon every one is in gay spirits once more. There is much dancing, singing, fun, and laughter. This is interrupted for the attendance of Midnight Mass at the church. When this is over the dancing and music continue, and keep on until dawn.

Christmas Day is very quiet in comparison to the activities up to this time. It is the time of friendly greeting and visiting, but no gifts are exchanged. Santa Claus is almost unknown in Mexico, instead Mexican children write letters to the Christ Child. They place their shoes at the foot of their beds on the Eve of Epiphany, January sixth.

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## Books Available Where Interest Lies

Some of the new books found in the John Simpson library would be of particular interest to those students studying French, while many other books can be enjoyed by all.

Some of those that are particularly interesting to French students are: *There is a Dragon in My Bed* by Sesyle Joslin. This book has useful phrases in French and English, for those who wish to speak either French or English.

*Voice Henri* by Edith Vacheron and Virginia Kahl. This book is about a little French boy named Henry. This book names the days of the week, and has a very good vocabulary section.

*La Danse* by Marcel Lobet is about dancing. It gives excellent illustrations on prehistoric or early dancing and modern dancing.

*Mon Petit Vocabulaire* by O. Chambers, is a little French book for French beginners. It gives words and illustrations of people, animals, etc.

French book about the theater. It tells about people like the Greeks and Latins, and how theaters began.

*The Rise and Fall of Adolf Hitler* by William L. Sherer, and *Hitler and Nazism* by Louis L. Snyder, are two books that tell about Adolf Hitler. The first book tells who Adolf Hitler was, and what he did. It is very well illustrated. The second book tells the truth of what happened with a record of Adolf Hitler and the Nazis.

*The Battle of Midway* by Erving Werstein, is a very popular book with boys. This book is the recreation for a small atoll in the Pacific that could have served the Japanese as their launching base into Hawaii and eventually the United States mainland. This is the story of the grave errors men can make in war and of the heights of courage men can achieve.

*Queen of Roses* by Ruth Adams, is a story about eighteen hundred coeds at Pasadena City College who cherished a secret hope that she would be chosen to reign as

Queen of Pasadena's fabulous Tournament of Roses, but at the Coronation Ball only one girl would receive the glittering crown. Ruth Adams Knight tells the story of candidates for Queen in a contest that challenged their friendship and changed their lives.

*Put Your Best Look Forward* by Glynne Hiller, it is a book about good grooming and a detailed calorie catalogue included.

## CHOSE SIMPSON TO MAKE ALBUM

John Simpson Junior High School has been chosen by the Jr. Red Cross to make Correspondence Albums depicting the life of a typical junior high student, to be sent to Mansfield's sister city, Dar Es Salaam, Tanganyika, Africa.

This work is to be carried on in English classes under the direction of Mrs. Doris Smith and Mrs. Lois McCullough.

The students will clip pictures from newspapers and magazines, draw pictures and make short stories to be pasted in the Album. These will be sent in late spring or early summer.

Mrs. Donald Pugh, founder of the Mansfield-Dar Es Salaam Friends Committee, and Mayor Robert S. Lemley just returned from a visit to that city filled with enthusiasm for its people.

While there Mrs. Pugh was the house guest of the mayor of the city and his wife.

She attended the State Banquet where she was presented to the Duke of Edinburgh, Queen Elizabeth of England's husband, at the Tanganyikan Independence Day Celebration.

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## YOUNG, OLD ENJOY TV COMEDIES

The most loved of the adult cartoon, of course, is the "Flintstones." to begin their season this year is "Topcat," "Calvin, and the Col nel," and the stubborn little "A vin" and his Chipmunks. You may like something like "Walt Disney's Wonderful World of Color;" featuring the "everfamous" Donald Duck starring with his uncle, Professor Ludwig Van Drake.

For human comedy, Thursday is the night. With "Ozzie and Harriet," "Donna Reed," "The Real McCoys," "Bob Cummings," "My Three Sons," "Hazel," and "Marge," but there's always Sunday Monday, Tuesday, etc. for a good laugh.

Animal comedies include "Mr. Ed," "The Hathaways;" and a few others. Other shows are: "Car 54 Where Are You?" "Dennis the Menace," "Dobie Gillis," "Re Skelton," "Father Knows Best," "Father of the Bride," and "Bachelor Father!"



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