

Snow Forces School Closing



'Times' Celebrates 35th Birthday

Thirty-five years ago this month, December 22, 1927, the first issue of "The John Simpson Times" appeared for the students.

Rohleder names paper

The naming of the paper can be attributed to the then assistant principal, Mr. Glenn G. Rohleder, now retired. After conducting a school-wide name contest campaign, this name was selected in spite of the fact that it was not submitted by a student, because it was not only a dignified name, but also because it definitely linked the publication with the school.

Editors named

Jeanette Kochenderfer had the honor of being the first editor-in-chief, assisted by Dorothy Peat. Other editors were Martha Bueser and Dorothy Caldwell, literary; Elizabeth Krabel and Helen DeWitt, news; Jane Voegelé, and Judith Shook, exchange; Minnie Feniburg, Pearl Griffon, feature; Robert Fichter, James Skelly, sports; Evelyn Newbright, society; Janet Knott, music; Jack Honse, cartoonist; Robert Hughes and Eugene Linham, typists.

Reporters on the staff were Wilma Kegg, Helen Brown, Mary Anne Balliett, Charles Spetka, Anna McFadden and Richard Bowden.

Fike headed business

The business staff was headed by John Fike, assisted by Clare Bell, Ben Goodenough and Arthur Grosest. Keath Patterson was circulation manager.

Faculty advisers were Mildred I. McCally and Mr. Glenn Rohleder.

Mr. H. L. Creveling was principal of the school at this time, assisted by Mr. Rohleder.

Spirit of Christmas

by Jane Beal

In mistletoe, and holly bright
And softly chiming bells
In every flickering candlelight,
The Christmas spirit dwells.

In every joyous carol sung,
In kindly though which gives,
In every festive garland hung,
The Christmas spirit lives.
In every jeweled tree,
In tender care for others' needs,
In childish shouts of glee.

In prayer, in gift, in songs of praise,
In mercy which forgives,
In love which lights each Yule log blaze,
The Christmas spirit lives.

Gloria Swarn is Champion Pie Baker

Gloria Swarn, home room 200, is John Simpson's Home Economic department's new "Champion" pie baker.

Anyone in the ninth grade taking Home Economics was eligible to enter. Five of the girls out of the freshmen class participated. The competitors were: Linda Court-right, Pat Foster, Charlene Patterson, Janet Roy and the winner, Gloria.

The girls' problem was to bake a cherry pie following a given recipe and during this process to make an original change of some sort.

Mrs. Eleanor Lime, Mrs. Ruth Huck, and Mrs. Florence Grabler performed the duty of judges. They determined "what pie" on the basis of:

1. mainly . . . originality;
2. the crust;
3. the taste;
4. the appearance;
5. and the ability, to an extent, to follow a recipe.

Radio Programs Set

Mansfield Public Schools sponsor two radio programs each week over local stations. Each Friday at 7 p.m. on WMAN and each Saturday at 9 A.M. on WCLW, students and teachers can be heard.

On Saturday, December 22, the Simpson 9th grade choir, directed by Mrs. Rosemarie Barton, will sing over WCLW. On January 4, 1963, Mrs. Fern Linne, with three other Math Council members will discuss the mathematics curriculum.

Music Featured In Assembly Today

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

Under the direction of Mrs. Marie Barton, the following vocal selections will be presented by the 9th grade Girls' Ensemble, "Although You Are So Tiny"—French Carol, "Bring Your Torches"—Old French Carol, "Ave Marie"—Bach, featuring Miss Carol Meyer, French teacher at Simpson, as soloist.

The 7th and 8th grade Mixed Choir, under the direction of Miss Fannie Lew Eiler, will present "For the Beauty of the Earth"—Conrad Kocher, "Dona Nobis Pacem"—Traditional, "One Christmas Morning"—Spiritual, and "Go Tell It On The Mountain"—Spiritual.

Mile Pursley, 7th grade student, will be featured in a solo "Away In A Manger"—Martin Luther.

The string orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Robert Brashares, will play "Silent Night"—Gruber, "O Come All Ye Faithful"—Latin Hymn, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"—Mendelssohn, "Low! How A Rose E'er Blooming"—Practorius, "O Little Town of Bethlehem"—Redner, "God Rest You, Merry Gentlemen"—Traditional, "Gloria In Excelsis Deo"—French Carol.

The 9th grade Mixed Choir will complete the program with "Twas the Night Before Christmas"—Darby-Moore.

Pottery Featured In '63 Assembly

February 11th, students will assemble for a demonstration on Pottery given by John W. Patterson, in the auditorium at 2:30 p.m.

Mr. Patterson is a talented artist whose experience and background has led him from teaching to research to lecturing.

He has exhibited his work at the Dallas Museum of Fine Arts, Artists Mart in Georgetown, and at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D. C.

The lecture demonstration will include: Preparation of clay, throwing, actual making of the pottery, drawing up of the walls, shaping or forming of pot, finishing, final creation of the ceramic piece.

School Activities Canceled, Postponed Due to Weather Conditions

Heavy snows and cold temperatures have slowed down Mansfield's activities for the past two weeks, closing some factories and canceling virtually every social function and activity.

At John Simpson, the basketball game, Christmas dance, and the ninth grade elections were all either canceled or postponed.

Schools Close

The Board of Education announced all Mansfield Public Schools closed Friday, December 7th. This automatically postponed "The Holly Berry Hop" planned for that evening. Later it was cancelled indefinitely, and was to have been sponsored by the Girl's Athletic Association.

Monday, schools were dismissed at 2:00 P.M., because of bad weather. There were 265 students absent Monday, and 339 on Tuesday.

Unofficial reports of drifts twenty feet high were reported around town, and consequently, school buses ran neither day.

Games Canceled

Eighth and ninth grade basketball games at Lucas, December 11th, were also canceled, along with all after school practices.

Freshman class elections were postponed from the week of the 10th to the following week. Speeches were scheduled for December 10th, and the election the 11th. They were reset for the 13th and 14th of that same week.

Freshmen Nominees

Primary elections left three candidates running for each office. They are president—Judy Jefferies, Harry Waldman, and Terry Zimmerman; vice-president—Debbie Adkins, Dorothy Rawls, Terry Windbigler; secretary—Judy Heichel, Lynn Marvin, Audrey Shepard; treasurer—Patty Cash, Kathy Hergatt, and Bob Skartved.

All arrangements for the election were made by the Student Council.

Future Radio Operators Get Chance for Class

Plans are to have a class in Code and Theory under the direction of Jack Barr W8VTP and Charles Bookwalter W8QJF, for those individuals who are interested in obtaining an amateur radio novice license.

These classes have been sponsored annually and are held at the Red Cross Chapter House, 309 Park Avenue West, Mansfield, Ohio. This year's class will be held on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., starting with the organizational meeting on January 8, 1963. There is no charge for these classes, and individuals who require the necessary code and theory will be given their examination at the completion of the class, which will entitle them to their Amateur Radio License.

TESTS COMING

Between now and the next issue of the *Times* all Simpson students will be taking tests. These will assist them in understanding their abilities and interests better. It will help them plan their educational and vocational careers.

The tests are planned as follows:

- 7th—January 8-11—Iowa Skills
- 8th—January 13-14—Iowa Skills
- 8th—February—Algebra Aptitude
- 9th—February—Kuder Test
- 9th—February—Iowa Geometry

Legion Sponsors Annual Contest

"How Can I Help Preserve the American Democracy?" is the title of the annual essay contest sponsored by the American Legion and its auxiliary for this year's upper grades.

Realizing the importance of our educational system in developing patriotic belief in the students of today, the group annually chooses a subject pertaining to Americanism.

Upper Grades Eligible

All pupils in the ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades of all public, private, and parochial schools are eligible to enter with the contest closing January 4, 1963.

Each legion post will select one boy and one girl from each grade for local award citations, and those winners will have their themes submitted to the state contest. There will be 12 winners in the state contest—three from each grade, two of which must be a boy and girl. The third winner can be of either sex.

The state winners will be awarded an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D. C.

Graded on Content, Style

Essays will be graded on 90% for content and 10% for form and style. Originality, value of thought, sequence of thought, adherence to title and choice of subject matter are included in the contest. Form and style grading is based on choice of language, clarity of expression, sentence structure, paragraphing and mechanics.

Neither the writer's name nor any illustrations are to appear anywhere on the essay, which is to have a cover of plain white paper.

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

Flash!

Flash! As the dummy for this paper was ready to go to the printers, a reporter rushed in the *Times* office with the news that the Freshman class will hold another election to determine the winner of the offices for president, secretary, and treasurer.

Debbie Adkins is the only nominee for all offices, who received a majority vote, and will serve as vice-president for the '62-'63 class.

A run-off election will be held between Terry Zimmerman and Harry Waldman for president; Judy Heichel and Audrey Shepard, secretary; Kathy Hergatt and Bob Skartved, treasurer.



The Christmas Spirit

A long, long time ago, three Wise Men, exhibited a spirit unequalled in their search of a tiny Child and their beautiful welcome of Him whom God gave us to grace this earth. The men traveled miles for a glimpse of the Infant, and humbled themselves before Him. They gave Him the finest gifts they had—gold, frankincense and myrrh. Angels cheered them on their faith in God, a sublime peace entered their hearts.

The story of their courage is a beautiful example of Christmas spirit, and we should profit by it. That little Child's presence is in the hearts of thousands of people who need help today. Christ was born in meager surroundings, but the Wise Men did not worship Him because of that.

It is your duty to do a part in feeding, clothing, and sheltering the many destitutes that are His children. The crown received for your kindness and charity will be a real blessing and from it rejoicing and goodwill will steal to the heart with all its glories.

First Editorial Still Applies

EDITORS NOTE: The following editorial is a reprint from the first John Simpson Times, issued thirty-five years ago this month. It not only applied thirty-five years ago, but is just as important today.

Often on getting a drink in the school fountains, we encounter a large wad of gum. It is not only unpleasant to the eye, but it is decidedly unhealthy. The soft wad creates a very easy method for the transportation of disease germs. Not only in the drinking fountains do we find these objectionable wads, but under the desks, seats, along the stairs, railings, and in fact, any place that it will stick.

Gum, in the first place, should never be seen in the school building, but if a pupil wants to rid himself of some he already has, he should exert a little more energy and put it in a waste paper basket.

If everyone would use the receptacles provided for waste material, we would soon find John Simpson Junior High School a cleaner and neater school.



Story of Mr. Claus

Did you ever wonder where the legend of Santa Claus derived from? Well, the fat, jolly, old Santa we know was brought to America by the early Dutch settlers. Today, most children believe Santa rides a jet propelled rocket for the longest parts of his Christmas Eve trip. But the sleigh and reindeer version is still accepted by small children and sentimental grownups.

According to Greek legends, St. Nicholas was a son of the bishop of Lycia, a city in Asia Minor. When he was a young man he performed many miracles, and in later years became the patron saint of children. His fame spread throughout Europe, and children were told of the bearded saint for hundreds of years.

When St. Nick came to America, he was a much changed man. His thin, pale face was full and rosy. He traded his long, black coat for a red suit and cap trimmed with white fur. Instead of a white horse, this thin old man, now a fat and jolly fellow drove a team of reindeer.

In some countries, work is done by others. Italian children eagerly await the arrival of La Befana, an old woman who fills their stockings with gifts. Legend says La Befana has been wandering the earth since the birth of Christ, when she set out for Bethlehem with gifts for the infant Jesus. She lost her way, and has been searching for it ever since.

The old tale in Russia is different. La Befana, or Baboushka in Russian, misdirected the three wise men when they asked the way to Bethlehem. Ever since she has searched vainly for the Christ Child, holding a candle close to each child's face as she slips a toy under his pillow.

Santa's work in Germany was done by Krist Kind (Christ Child), who is portrayed by a little girl with blonde hair. Tante Aria delivers gifts from a donkey in other European countries.

The old Norse myth is the one mostly believed by American children. It is responsible for the belief that Santa Claus comes down the chimney to find the children's stockings and fill them with gifts from his pack.

Our Santa is a modern representation and adapts himself to new ideas very quickly. For sending messages, the radio and television come in quite handy.

The Same—Yesterday, Today, and Forever

by Jane Beal

It was long ago
When the Saviour came,
But His kingdom lives
And His love's the same.
Still our lives are blest
With the gracious light
Of the Christ of Love
Who was born that night.

Historical Aspects of Christmas

Scholars do not know the exact date of Christ's birth. For more than 300 years, people observed His birthday on various dates. In A. D. 354, Bishop Liberius of Rome ordered the people to celebrate on December 25. He probably chose this date because the people of Rome already observed it as the Feast of Saturn, celebrating the birthday of Saturn, as the Light of the World. The Christians of Egypt celebrated Christmas on January 6, and many members of the Eastern Orthodox Church still observe this date.

Many persons today write "Xmas" instead of Christmas. This form of the name originated in the early Christian Church. In Greek, "X" is the first letter of Christ's name. It was frequently used as a holy symbol.

For many years, people observed Christmas as a religious festival only. But they gradually adopted more and more customs unrelated to the church. In England, during the Middle Ages, Christmas became the merriest day of the year. Celebrations eventually became so rowdy that the Puritans in Eng-

land did away with the observance of Christmas by law in 1643. Colonists in New England copied the English laws. The blue laws of the Massachusetts Bay and New Haven colonies even outlawed mince pies. But immigrants brought with them Christmas customs from many lands.

Today, Christmas affects most industries because millions of persons buy products of all kinds as gifts. Stores attract customers in late October by decorating windows and show cases.

Many towns in the United States ship Christmas trees, although half the Christmas trees in the U. S. come from Canada. Sanger, California, is known as "The Nation's Christ mas Tree City," and people in Eureka, Montana, call their town "The Christmas Tree Capital of the World." Thousands of persons work all year manufacturing the lights, ornaments, and tinsel that decorate Christmas trees. Merchants also sell holly, mistletoe, pine cones, and evergreens as decorations.

Why Christmas Was a Day Late

T'was the night before Christmas and all through the world, not a snowflake was stirring, not even just one. Now this left Santa Claus with a great problem. There was no snow so all his reindeer went on strike. But it really didn't bother him this year, can you tell why? Should he go by foot, should he go by train, should he go by jet, or just bum a ride?

This worried him, so he asked his wife and she said, "If at first you don't succeed, forget it." So he did. But it didn't quite work out, for that night he had night-reindeer. He dreamed that the children all over the world were beating him up for not bringing their toys. He awoke in a shiver when he saw them hitting him

with toy clubs and shovels, and shooting him with last year's old broken popguns and water pistols. He sprang out of his bed and flew to the window, and as he threw open the old tattered sash, he looked at the new fallen snow and exclaimed, "O boy, let's go!"

All the next day he worried and wondered about the many letters he received, even one from the president of Santa Land. Now, that there was snow the reindeer delayed their strike for a whole year. So that night Santa jumped into his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle and away they all flew, like a jet plane. As he rode out of sight he yelled, "Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"

And so Christmas came a day late that year. (But as we always say, "Better late than never.")

Can You Imagine?

Judy Wallace keeping her mouth closed for a whole period?
Terry Zimmerman and Jeanne Hout going steady?
Carolyn Yirga gaining 50 pounds?
Bob Scartved getting an A in typing?
Carole Imler being 6'11"?
Jane Beal with platinum hair?
Cheryl Ernsberger not popping bubbles in Biology class?
Dickie Willis being a extrovert?
Richard Riegel without a straight pin?
Carolyn England without a boyfriend?
Harvey Bernot doing his French homework?
Jane Blankenship without makeup?
Barry Lohman being nice to his sister?



How to be Unpopular!

by Pat Simmons

Today I see what I can do,
To be unpopular.
I spill some ink on sister's dress,
And jump on Daddy's car.

And when I go to school today,
I have no homework done.
The teachers teach the lessons well,
While I am having fun.

Then, when we're asked our grades
to tell,
I say, "I got an 'F'."
So teacher asks, "What did you
do?"
I cannot tell just yet.

I think and think of an excuse,
While teacher's getting mad.
And then I found what I could say,
"I don't know how to add."

Why?

I wonder if Christmas morning,
God looks down from the sky
And, seeing the great preparations,
Is secretly heard to sigh?

The table all heaped to groaning,
The brilliantly lighted trees,
Gifts piled 'round in abundance,
Children all eager to please.

Cheer and good will and chatter,
Radiate like the sun,
Everywhere love and laughter—
Great joy for every one!

I wonder if God asks the question,
If He should be heard to sigh,
Why can't each day be like
Christmas—
Happy and peaceful? Why?

Submitted by Jane Beal

BIRTH-STONES

For pedestrains—the tombstone
For editors—the grindstone
For beauties—the peachstone
For borrowers—the touchstone
For architects—the cornerstone
For funeral directors—the coroner-stone

For cooks—the pudding stone
For the laundresses—the soapstone
For vampires—the bloodstone
For stock brokers—the curb stone
For shoemakers—the cobblestone
For motorists—the milestone
For physicians—the kidney stone
For beverage drinkers—the lime-stone

For artists—the mural stone
For astronauts—the moon stone
For swimmers—the sand stone
For nervy people—the gall-stone

A Cowboy's Christmas Prayer

I'm just a sinful cowpoke, Lord—
ain't got no business prayin'—
but still I hope you'll ketch a
word or two of what I'm sayin':
Ve speak of Merry Christmas,
Lord—I reckon You'll agree
here ain't no Merry Christmas
for nobody that ain't free!
here is one thing I'll ask You,
Lord: just help us what You can
o save some seeds of freedom
for the future sons of man!

submitted by
Renate Papenhausen

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Bulldog Rally
Tops Minutemen

The Simpson Varsity opened the 1962-63 basketball season with a come-from-behind 40-33 win over Lexington.

In the opening minutes of the game the Bulldogs displayed some fast ball handling and jumped in to an 11 to 10 first quarter lead. Neither team could find the range during the second quarter, leaving the score 18 to 15 at the half.

During the third quarter the Minutemen hit on five field goals and 2 foul shots, giving them a 27 to 24 edge over Simpson.

The Bulldogs opened up the fourth quarter by hitting on three field goals while Lexington hit on one, giving Simpson a 32 to 31 advantage. With only 1:28 remaining on the clock, Lexington came up with two big points to go into a 33 to 32 lead. In the remaining seconds the Bulldogs hit on a field goal and 6 out of 9 foul shots to give Lexington the short end of a 40 to 33 score.

	1	2	3	4	Final
Lexington	10	5	12	6	33
Simpson	11	5	6	16	40

TEAM BITS

BULLDOGS NIP UNION

The John Simpson Varsity Bulldogs won their second straight game on foul shots in the last minute of play by defeating Union (Savannah) 29 to 28.

"We lacked the aggressiveness of our first game and our shooting percentage was unusually low," stated head basketball coach Al Maccioli.

The only statistics on the game available are that both teams canned 13 field goals, but the dogs out-shot Union at the foul line 3 to 2.

NEW TIFF

Another basketball tiff has been added to the 14 game Varsity schedule. December 18, the Bulldogs will take to the home court for the first time this season to meet Wooster.

HOLIDAY
TOURNAMENT

John Simpson has entered into the Madison Holiday Tournament, December 27-28. Along with Simpson are Appleseed, Sherman, and Madison. All tournament games will be played at Madison.

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Locker Room Rumors

The following opinions and quotations are solely those of Junior Parr, sports editor and the *Simpson Times* Editorial Staff will not be held responsible for them.

Star Blames Teachers

One of Simpson's basketball team players (and the way he talks, their finest track star), it has been said, is slipping in his grades. Bob, one of the biggest clowns that Barnum and Bailey never got, claims the teachers are picking on him. We leave it to you!

Advice Given

There is a rumor going around the locker room that one of the basketball players was going to have his eyes checked because, during the games, he keeps running into walls. Having witnessed some of the collisions he has had with these walls, my advice to Harry is to have his head examined.

Bad Back?

It's going around that the big 180 lb. football player from 111 has a bad back injury. He claims it came from lifting too much weight. Another rumor going around says that Dan slipped on some ice, and didn't want to admit it. Now that it's out, don't worry Dan, it makes no difference to us.

The preceding comments have all been in fun, and are concerning three of the best natured locker room favorites.



Simpson Teacher
Delegate to OEA

Among the nearly 1000 delegates attending the 115th annual meeting of the Ohio Education Association in Columbus, November 29-December 1 were Mrs. Frances Theaker, John Simpson teacher, Mrs. Louise Sheets, Carpenter, and R. Y. Davis, Senior High School teacher, and president of the Mansfield Education Association.

Meetings were held in the Franklin County Memorial Building with the theme "Schools Come First."

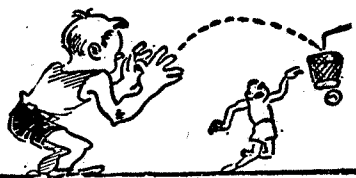
Receive flowers

The highlight of the meeting was a new feature from 1962—a banquet for all the delegates, with each one receiving the Ohio State flowera red carnation. The Reverend Robert Richards, Olympic pole-vault champion and TV personality, gave an outstanding after dinner speech, advocating more physical fitness.

Guiler, new president

Dickinson T. Guiler, West Carrollton, is the new OEA president and Harold Nelson, Columbus, was elected president of the Department of Classroom Teachers for 1962.

Mrs. Grace Janes, West First Elementary School, Mansfield, was re-elected for another term as a member of the Educational Council.



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FIVE STUDENTS RECEIVE ALL A's;
SEVENTH GRADE LEADS WITH HONORS

Five students at John Simpson Junior High School earned straight A's for the second six weeks. They were in the ninth grade: Jane Beal and Kathy Hergatt; in the eighth grade, Robert Bigelow and Jacob Zeiss; and in the seventh Danny Porter.

Others on the Honor Roll for grade nine were Linda Brandenburg, Carol Coleman, Lynda Davis, Erwin Diener, Lonnie Guegold, Linda Hill David Ireland, Marian Little, Barry Lohman, Clendon Parr, Charlene Patterson, Aldean Richard, JoAnn Roth, Danny Wentz, and Carolyn Yirga.

Honorable Mention

Vicki Forster, Judy Heichel, Cheryl Horning, Dave Ireland, Dorleen Jackson, Marsha Jones, Neil Lindhout, Sallie McCoy, Jalane Metz, Bonnie Morgan, Renate Papenhausen, Elinor Pfahler, Sandy Reip, Phyllis Shadel, John Skulski, Linda Smallstey, arry Sutton, Carol Withrow, Charlene Womack, and erry Zimmerman.

Eighth Grade Honor Roll

Kenneth Christman, Donald Cunitz, Ronnie Hamilton, Stacia Hinz, Jeanne Martinelli, Shirley Sampsel, Carol Schmucker, Pat Simmons, and Christine Sims.

Honorable Mention

Frank Ardis, Jr., Mary Jane Bare, Charlene Bottomly, Joanne Cahill, Larry Carroll, Judy Caugherty, Robert Force, Diane Green, Diane Hannewald, Gregory Hughes, Tom Meehan, Mike Mellick, Vicki Osborne, Robert Roth, Michael Smith, Carol Smucker, Judy Stahl, Barbara Stevens, Beth Stevens, Geraldine Stone, Sally Terman and Candace Varadi.

Seventh Grade Honor Roll

Kingsley Arthur, Laurel Gue-

gold, Paula Kiffner, George Klippel, Julie Rohn, Linda Schmidt, and Carolyn Starnes.

Honorable Mention

Muriel Allen, Dennis Baker, Roberta Berry, Jim Bosh, Gail Cline, Donna Cox, Lynn Evans, Russell Force, Stanley Gugich, Candace Hampton, Christine Herrick, John Hittinger, Becky Hoff, Mark Homesley, Barbara Johnston, Patrick McGinty, Wendy Michener, Jeanette Mixon, Barry Nangle, Sharon Patrick, Ruby Petty, Sue Soprano, Connie Schmucker, Mathilda Schuster, Gail Seiler, Roswitha Sikorsky, Thomas Stipe, Yvonne Terman, Susie Ungerer, Bruce Wallace, Dayle Wolfe, and Steve Yyatt.

Mistletoe is a plant which grows as a parasite on the trunks and branches of various trees.

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Little boy: What are shoes made from (out of)?

Salesman: Hide.

Little boy: Why should I hide?
Salesman: Hide! The cow's outside.

Little boy: Gee, Mister, I'm not afraid of any ol' cow!

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Witness to Tragic Fire Tells of Escape

Editors note: The following eye-witness account of the recent tragic fire at the Giant Tiger Discount Store, which caused the death of two employees, and caused a total of three million dollars property damage was told by Mrs. Frances Theaker, teacher at Simpson and a customer in the store at the time.

"Upon returning from the OEA Convention Saturday evening, I decided to pick up some pictures I had left at the store to be developed. It must have been around 6:30 p.m. when I arrived, looked over the pictures, and picked out the negatives of my uncle's 90th birthday party, which I left to be printed. I took my time, bought flashbulbs, new film, and then wrote out a check in payment.

Then I asked about toys, and was told they had all been moved beyond the Credit Desk. Receiving my package, I started down the aisle toward the toys. Some woman, whom I still do not know, tapped me on the arm, and pointing toward the rear of the store, asked, 'Doesn't that look like fire back there?'

At first I couldn't see it, then a sheet of flames shot upward, and I could see that it must have been burning all the time I was leisurely going about my business. There was no smoke, nor could I smell any fire. We both started for the door, and since I had paid I went through a check-out lane, saying, 'The store is on fire and I am paid, so I'm going through here.' The check-out girl said, 'Oh, that's just in the back of the store—they'll take care of it.' I did not linger. Many people were leaving, all rapidly, but very orderly, and I never did hear anyone yell 'Fire!' I marvelled how calm everyone seemed.

My first thought was to get my car out while I still could. Fortunately, it was parked ready to pull out, and was about ten cars down the line from the entrance to the store. As I began to pull out, I looked toward the store, so as not to pull out in front of some one, as cars were pulling out in all directions. I noticed that smoke was beginning to come out the door and there had been no smoke when I left the door. I pulled up to the roadway just as the first fire truck turned into the parking lot, and in a minute, I was turning into the traffic, when all the lights in the store went out.

Never, have I seen anything happen so swiftly and so horribly. There were so many children running around in the store, and I

did not see how any one could get out. I was so shaken that I pulled into a filling station, and told them I had to get hold of myself, before I could drive home. You could not yet see from there that the store was on fire, but they said they had smelled fire all day long. By now, fire apparatus was arriving, and traffic was piling up, so I went home, while I still could.

Mr. Cooper, assistant manager, who parished in the fire, had been instrumental in getting some math books for Simpson students at a discount. I am most grateful for so many having been saved. It was an experience that could have been so much worse for me, one I trust I shall never have again."

BOOK NOOK

Various and different books may be found in the John Simpson Library. These books are recent—the stories fresh and up-to-date. Some of the "newest literature" is briefly reviewed in the following paragraphs.

And the Waters Prevailed by D. Moreau Barringer

This is the story of Andor, a Stone Age youth, and of his discovery that his tribal land would someday be covered by the sea.

The Wicked Enchantment by Margot Benary-Isbert

A story of the present day interwoven with an ancient legend of a wicked tyrant and an evil enchantment culminates at Easter under a full moon.

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The Monster's Holiday

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house every creature was stirring even PEPINO THE ITALIAN MOUSE. You see it was the MONSTER'S HOLIDAY and they were having a JINGLE BELL ROCK at Bobby's house. BOBBY'S GIRL, RUBY ANN, was there and was crying because of the RUMORS of her seeing a SAILOR BOY. Bobby gave in at the saying, "I thought BIG GIRLS DON'T CRY so LET'S KISS AND MAKE UP"

After that episode the gang did the LIMBO ROCK. George yelled, "LET'S GO over to my house. I'm living RIGHT NEXT DOOR TO AN ANGEL whose name is LEA." "No!" shouts POPEYE. "Oh, HE'S A REBEL," says GINA. "Now stop fighting or you'll both be MISTER LONELY," breaks in Bobby. "Let's decorate the Christmas tree. I'll get the popcorn CHAINS.

"I get to put the TELSTAR on the top!" calls SHERRY. "Shhhh! the phones ringing."

"It's DESAFINADO telling Bobby to 'KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF MY BABY'" says George. "Wait Des, DON'T HANG UP!"

"He's probably saying ALL ALONE AM I right now anyway," GINA told him. "You TELL HIM!

They exchanged gifts. SHERRY got a CONEY ISLAND BABY.

Then it was time to end the party. "What about ESO BESO (That kiss) you owe me?" asked Bobby.

"I hate to be a HEARTBREAKER but SANTA CLAUS IS COMIN' TO TOWN so I've got to go." said RUBY ANN.

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The Calendar— History and Reform

To measure and mark passage of time has always been a concern of people. Early systems were based on the moon, sun and stars. Most primitive peoples recognized changes of the moon, and the four phases naturally led to the division of time into months and weeks. As early as 4241 B. C. Egyptians had established a year of 365 days, based on the passage of seasons, behavior of the stars, and the sun's shadow.

Under Julius Caesar, astronomers prepared the Julian calendar, 47 B. C., in which the 12 months were given arbitrary lengths, and every fourth year was made a leap year. This calendar is known as Old Style.

Since the solar year was eleven minutes less than the Julian years, eventually the Julian calendar became more and more inaccurate. Pope Gregory XIII in 1582 had the calendar revised—10 days were dropped, and centurial years were made leap years only once in four centuries. This new calendar, called Gregorian or New Style, was adopted at once in Catholic countries. In 1752, by Act of Parliament, it became official in England and the American colonies.

Today there is demand for further calendar reform. A proposed world calendar would have a fixed day for Easter and would make the calendar perpetual, that is, every year the same.

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FASHION FLASHES

by Terry Zimmerman

Ponchos and poncho shirts are really the latest! Dark printed shirts with three quarter-length sleeves or zippers down the middle are great for school or casual dress.

For dressing up, sport coats and pants with pegged legs are in very good taste. But if there is a very special occasion, wear a dark or light-gray suit.

No matter what the occasion, sweaters make an extremely neat apparel. They seem to be coming better looking with each new style on the market. And oh, those colors!

For winter, trench coats and the long wide-corduroy coats are snug and sharp.

Be looking for new flares in men's fashions. Pants with no cuffs and suit coats without pocket flaps will soon be on the scene. There should be a drastic change in hats and shoes.

Tips on how to dress: 1) Avoid clashing of colors. 2) Beware of over dressing. 3) Keep the occasion in mind. 4) Stay away from dull colors. (If necessary use a bright belt, tie or sweater).

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