

A Merry Christmas

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A Happy New Year

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Newsense

by Doreen Dendievel

'Twas the night before Christmas—And all through the house—Not a creature was stirring—Not even a mouse—But I was because I was writing my annual Christmas letter to Santa Claus—And just in case you'd like to know what my letter contains I enclose it here—

Dear Santa Claus, I would appreciate it very much if you would drop the following in my Christmas stocking this year: For JAMES McKNIGHT, the early bird, an alarm clock so as to mark "finis" to his continual tardiness; a set of new fingernails for ARNOLD JONES because his perpetual biting prevents any from growing; a home for stray cats for JOAN WAGNER who has the annoying habit of bringing stray cats to school; a bottle of "Stay Put" hair tonic for RICHARD KIRKUP'S unruly locks; so many dozen roses for MR. BRENNAN, (They're his strongest weakness); a real live airplane for air-minded WILKENSON (SYLVENUS to you, Santa); a white rat for BUELL KINGSLEY to take the place of the late Minnie; a permanent wave for STEPHANIE KUREJWO who was compelled to wear a kerchief to school to cover her hair setting; a private secretary for MR. HAREN to help in his General Business Training; for CHRIS McKENNA who is continually swinging at people, a pair of aluminum plated handcuffs; and last but by no means least a herd of cows for HELENA ADAMS whose cow bells are continually ringing.

If you'd drop these small items (including the herd of cows in my stocking or down their respective chimneys on Christmas Eve I'd be very much obliged and I'm sure the receivers of my well chosen gifts would be also.

From a very egotistical editor Doreen Dendievel Now for the news of the last ten days... ROGER DITTING, while playing soccer, bumped his head on one of the goal posts... I bet he was thinking of IRENE HOPE... The special interest TEDDY SHERMAN has seems to be MARY FASANO... So BILLY TISDALE is between two fires... In case you want to know, the fires are JEANNE ROSENBERG and SALLY REDFIELD... I wonder which will be put out first... CLAIRE GIBSON and DICK WILLIAMS have been faring pretty well together since a recent party... WANTED: A muzzle to put on a certain boy in 7B to protect the traffic officers... Is there anything between RUTH SCHOLL and GEORGE QUISENBURY?... I wonder and other people do, too... WALTER GOLDEN is a "most desirable young man" to HAZEL COKELET... JUNE RIVERS has admitted on several occasions that she loves to be addressed as MRS. RUSSEL BECKLEY... The list of honor students in MR. GARDNER'S homeroom are all girls... What's the matter, boys?... Won't those brains function properly?... Did I hear someone say, "What brains"?... Why was CATHERINE OATES so interested in who CHUBBY HENDERSON was taking to the school dance?... DANNY BRIMM reports that his homeroom could be compared with the inmates of a morgue... Nice homeroom... 'Tis said that HAZEL KIRK, a homeroom reporter, has positively no sense for "smelling out news... To whom it may concern; Please be undaunted by apparently unsurmountable difficulties... And now... knowing nothing else better to do, I close this column with my season's greetings to you... A happy new Christmas and a very merry year... I mean... A very Christmas year and a... Oh! what do I mean?... So-long... The Editor

First Round Match In Ping Pong Over

Volley Ball Tournament Lead Held by 9B, 8B, 7B

The girls' ping pong tournament is under way with approximately fifty contestants. The winners of the first round matches are: Anne Ross, Paula Read Claire Gibson, Birdsall Smith, Doreen Dendievel, Catherine Oates, Mareen Williams, Peggy Seamen and Marie Lang.

All first round matches were to be played by Thursday, December 16, 1937. The girls must win two games out of three.

Volley Ball

The noon volley ball teams have started their tournament. The "Panthers" have won two games against the "Little Streaks". The scores were: 8-12 and 28-39.

Nine of the interclass volley ball games were played on Wednesday, December 8, 1937, and Monday, December 13. The participating teams, the winners and the scores are as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Teams, Winners, Scores. Rows include 9B vs. 8B, 9A vs. 8A, 7A vs. 8A, 8B vs. 7A, 8A vs. 9B, 7B vs. 7A, 8A vs. 8B, 7A vs. 9B, 7B vs. 8A.

The games were played in fifteen minute halves. The timers and scorekeepers were: Miss Fett, Catherine Oates, Carolyn Hammett and Stephanie Kurejwo.

The girls all participated in the vote for their team captain. They are: 7A, Mary Farnsworth; 7B, Anne Dekay; 8A, Mary Caruso; 8B, Aldona Kasper; 9A, Myrtle Webster; and 9B Virginia Costello. These girls will receive twenty-five points.

The 9B, 8B and 7B teams are all tied for the lead.

Christmas Parties Planned by Rooms

Many parties have been planned to celebrate Christmas by all homerooms. Miss Avery, Miss Atwater, Miss Palmer and Mr. Hulbert have homerooms who have planned to have parties. In Mr. Hulbert's room may be seen an original arrangement of Christmas bells over the said pedagogues' desk. Miss Thorn's homeroom doorway has been decorated attractively by its inmates, Miss Carey's homeroom has a wreath over its door and Mrs. Brazeau's home room shows the Christmas spirit.

The people in Mr. Rycek's, Mr. Markel's, Miss Armer's, and Miss Kinne's homerooms have all planned parties. Also a good time will be had by the people in Miss Mac Laren's and Mr. Brubaker's homerooms.

The Christmas spirit has invaded the third floor and preparations for parties are underway. Mr. Brennan, Miss Mandigo and Mr. Allen all report that their homerooms are planning parties but the plans are in the hands of a committee and seem to be secret.

Mr. Gardner will have a party with a grab bag probably. Mr. Haron hasn't decided yet but he thinks his room will have a party too. Miss Hansen's class hasn't decided what its plans will be.



by George Levine

Question: Do you believe in Santa Claus?

Frank Woolley: "You bet my Pop's Santa Claus suit I do."

Jack Lordi: "It's just a myth to me."

Claude Kougoulsky: "Of course, don't you?"

Bob Walters: "Well, I've not quite decided yet."

Marcia Williams: "I've heard of one who lives in a town in Illinois and he's real!"

9B Schedules Basis Of Senior High Programs

Miss Farlinger has planned a program for the Senior High School with each of the 9B pupils. These schedules have been sent home for the parents comments and approval. In cases where they have not been returned, changes cannot be expected, as Mr. Merrill has the program for Senior High School based on these suggestions.

Council Tea Dance Is Social Success

The Tea Dance last Thursday turned out to be very successful, socially and monetarily. The receipts totaled \$35.50 which means that the Council made a profit of \$9.30.

The expenses of the dance included \$8.00 for refreshments. This figure was kept so low because of the contributions of cake from many of the school children. The orchestra was paid \$15.00 and the decoration committee paid \$2.75 for additional refreshments. In view of the profits, the Council did not have to draw upon its resources and the balance of \$15.00 remained in the treasury.

Story of Christmas Told from History

by Anne Ross

Why Christmas? Why do we give presents to each other, decorate trees, and have a holiday? Oh, that's easy, you say; but the answer is not as plain as it looks! Believe it or not, Christmas was established centuries before Christ was born! Of course it was not called Christmas, (meaning Mass of Christ) but the first day of the year used to be what is now December twenty-fifth. Feasts and merrymaking were carried on to see the new year in and the old year out just as we do on New Year's Eve. Even today, Christmas is not really celebrated on the day that Christ was born; it is the day He was baptised! He is supposed to have been born on the twenty-eighth day of March, but all of the old records disagree; some say He was born on April twelfth; others say that His birthday is on May twentieth, January sixth, or November seventeenth.

At first, this day was one for silent prayer and fasting; then, over three hundred centuries after His birth, it became a feast day. It gradually grew and grew until we have what is known as Christmas today. Christmas gifts are unknown in many countries, however, and Christmas trees are much less known.

Many people, when they think of Christmas, think of trees, Christmas cards, and all the presents they are going to give and receive. But Christmas is a holiday established for a certain purpose too, and we ought to remember that first of all.

Teachers Plan Varied Christmas Vacations

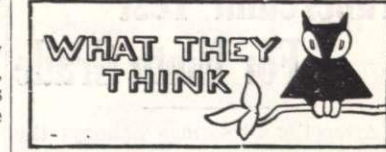
As is the usual custom every year most of the teachers are going away to celebrate Christmas.

The Adirondack Mountains are going to be visited by Miss Palmer and Miss Armer. Miss Atwater is going to spend Christmas day in Syracuse and the rest of the vacation at Kings Ferry, N. Y. Miss Kinne will go to Cooperstown, Albany, and Elmira. Miss Fett is voyaging to her home in Staten Isle. Miss McLaren shall go to Saulte Ste. Marie, Michigan. Mr. Brennan is going to the Pocono Mountains and Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania. Mr. Gardner is spending his vacation up in Lake George to do some shooting. Mr. Markle shall go home to Pennsylvania to visit his family. Mr. Cramblet is going to New York State Vocational Association Convention in Buffalo. Miss Avery is planning to entertain several guests from Massachusetts and New York City on Christmas day and Sunday. (Did you know that she just loves to cook big dinners?) Then she expects to go to Chicago and stay until the New Year.

Notre Dame Defeats Army Team 10-4; California Downs Princeton, 18-12

Ray Elliot and Vincent Natale Are High Scorers; Goldscher, De Meo, and Collings Also Excel

On Tuesday, December 7, Edmond Caputo's Notre Dame squad defeated Vincent Natale's Army squad by a score of 10-4. Ray Elliot was high scorer for the Notre Dame team. He scored four points to equal the high score of Vincent Natale who was the leader of the Army when it came to making points.



by Nancy Cruse

Question: Do you think it a safe procedure to decide upon your future career in the senior year of high school?

When you are in the ninth grade you choose a subject or course which you think you can do and enjoy. In most cases the subjects which you choose fit in with the career you are planning. If you wait until the senior year of high school you might have taken a course which will not have been the one for the type of work you wish to do.

It might be possible for you to take a course, after the senior year, in the work you are interested in. In most colleges and training schools, however, you need certain subjects to register. You might not have had these subjects.

Some underprivileged children may have a chance to help their family by deciding on their career early enough to choose the right course. They may not be able to go to a training school but they could do some commercial work instead of turning to domestic jobs.

"Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town"

by Jeanne Rosenberg

"Forth the merry youngsters go, Over the dazzling fields of snow, Their happy voices fill the air, And all of them without a care, All muffled up in red and green, These present a happy scene!"

Yippee! 'Tis Christmastide, my dear children and all must be well on the North, fest, east, and south frontier! Gee, I'm so excited, I can't talk crooked. I mean, straight. I'm scared-scilly, I mean, silly, that Santa Claus might very meanly come and go without remembering me!

In the olden days, Christmas was rather a sacred holiday. Now it means time for turkey stuffing, presents, vacation, merry greetings, and what-ho, and what-not! Mamas will get dolls, from adoring daughters, Papas will get trains from admiring sons, who will, after Christmas, "sorta borry 'em!"

To make up for the serious poem above, (or is it?) Her's somepin' at'll make your blood tingle, your feet sway, and start everyone a-truckin'! Tune of "Santa Claus is comin to Town!"

"Better not cry, Better not pout, Better not sulk, Better not shout, Santa Claus is Comin to Town! Better not fib, Better not fake, Just better swing, And syncopate, Cause, Santa Claus is Comin to Town!"

He'll hear you ask for mink coats, He'll hear you say, "A ring?" So doncha ask for mink coats, Better have it out with swing! Better not let yourself be kissed, By one who ain't on the regular list, Cause, Santa Claus is Comin to Town!

CHRISTMAS PARTY The girls volley ball party was held final volley ball games were played. The Misses Marks and Kidney were the honored guests. The girls yesterday in the lunchroom after the joyed the punch and sandwiches.

The second game of the day was played between Victor DeMeo's Southern California squad and Ralph Goldscher's Princeton team. Princeton defeated Southern California by a score of 18-12. Goldscher was high scorer of the Princeton team with nine points, while Collings and Vic DeMeo scored six points each. The line-ups for the two games described above follow in the same order:

Table with 3 columns: Notre Dame, Pos., Army. Rows include R. Marro, E. Caputo, R. Elliot, A. Wanzor, E. Wenner, V. Natale, E. Cipriano, E. Pennetti, J. Barrett, G. Younger.

Alternates for Notre Dame were S. Ahern and E. Cherry. The alternates for Army were Ward, Younger and Bohn.

Table with 3 columns: S. Calif., Pos., Princeton. Rows include D. Collings, H. Allington, V. DeMeo, P. Caruso, J. Biro, T. Natale, H. Hooper, R. Goldscher, B. Picone, J. O'Day.

Junior High Defeats Sophomores

Friday, December 10, the Junior High first and second teams played the high school Sophomores' first and second teams respectively. The two second teams played the first game and this contest was won by the Junior High with a score of 16-7. C. Hewitt, J. Tassoni, R. Dendievel, and J. Barrett scored the baskets for the Junior High second team. The line-up follows:

Table with 3 columns: Sophs., Pos., Junior High. Rows include Cipriano, Henderson, Poole, Cumo, Prudenti, Hewitt, Barrett, Tassoni, Natale, Wright.

The first team of the Junior High made it a clean sweep by defeating the Sophomore first team by a score of 28-22. Vincent Natale and Nick Fasano were the high scorers for the Junior High. Natale scored six baskets and Fasano scored three goals. Francis Doyle was the high man for the Sophomores with eight points to his credit. Below are the line-ups:

Table with 3 columns: Sophs., Pos., Junior High. Rows include Murray, Chinek, Doyle, McKenna, Dell, Morrison, Poole, Natale, DeMeo, Goldscher.

There were no alternates for the Sophomores. Alternates for the Junior High were Fasano, Gloucester and Caputo.

Three Library Pins Given to Students

To become a member of our school library staff is an honor. A student who is chosen for this position must have a pleasing personality, neat appearance, a scholastic record which is above the average, and the reports from their classroom teachers must indicate their work is outstanding. After they become members they are required to continue this high standard of efficiency. All study periods are devoted to working in the library. Home work must still be done as their scholastic record cannot drop.

As a reward for their excellent work and cooperation the senior staff members will be awarded pins at a staff party in the library this afternoon. When you see a student wearing a pin bearing the inscription "Ex Libris" you will know it stands for excellency in not only school work but in social attitudes as well. Helen Davis, Rose Smiles, and Germania Bruni will receive the pins.