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The editors do not feel that this is the season of the year to comment on different items, so they have decided on the more appropriate following:

A
 Merry
 Christmas
 And A VERY
 Happy New Year

The
 Staff



Grouchy Replaces Santa In Xmas Job

Very few people know about the time that Santa Claus didn't make it, but now it can be told. Only the names have been changed to forestall possible libel suits.

Well, in this particular year I'm talking about, Christmas fell on a Sunday. You ask what difference that made? Well, this is not to be spread around, but Friday night is Santa's night for "living it up," and even the fact that it was also Christmas Eve did not deter him from his usual routine.

He consumed an almost unbelievable quantity of spaghetti and wine, and towards eleven o'clock it became obvious that he was in no condition to make his traditional. His eyes had become glassy, and he was muttering such things as, "Bes' toys ev' made. Bes' reindeer ev' seen." There were tears in his eyes.

Grouchy Is Summoned

Now the only other person who could drive the sleigh was Santa's brother, Grouchy Claus. Grouchy was not very high on the North Pole popularity list. There was nothing really wrong with him; he read the right newspaper, he saw his dentist twice a year, and he even kept his fingernails clean, a must so few of us do. He was, however, very stingy. He allowed his red suit and shiny black boots to get into a scandalous state before he would spend any money for a new outfit, and he never contributed to any charities. Therefore it was with great trepidation that Santa's Little Helpers (Local 105) sent for Grouchy.

They briefed Grouchy on the situation, and after Santa's shares in the North Pole Realty Company, Inc., were signed over to him, he agreed to take Santa's place.

Everything went all right for several hours, except for the fact that the stockings were not filled as generously as usual because of Grouchy's frugality.

Then something very unusual happened. Grouchy arrived at a very large old house. It looked so gloomy that the reindeer would not stop very close to it, and Grouchy had to walk quite a way to reach it. Since he was not the type of person who likes to go down chimneys, he entered the front door.

He Overhears An Argument

As he passed the parlor, he heard a man and woman arguing. At one point, the man raised his voice, and Grouchy heard him say: "That girl has more clothes than she needs already! If she wants some new ones, she'll have to get a job. After all, she owes her poor mother and father something; look at all we've done for her. Later on she can marry some reliable young man that we approve of, but now she's got to get some work, and pay us back for all our years of sacrifices."

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Christmas

It's Christmas time again. Our community is alive with spirit. The student body of PDSHS is looking forward to the long vacation that lies ahead. Of course for most of us, weather permitting, the forthcoming vacation will consist of ice skating, touring the various season parties, going skiing, having snowball fights and just plain tiring each other out.

By the time January 3 comes around (heaven forbid) everyone will be in condition to take another week to rest. For many reasons, unfortunately, this idea cannot be entertained; the more logical is the Board of Education.

Getting away from wishful thinking and back to reality, we should all try to think of the seriousness of Christmas. The Christmas tree, the gifts, the turkey dinner — these are all nice, but have you ever stopped to think about the true meaning of Christmas? It's purely spiritual. If you do nothing else, go to your church on Christmas Eve and you'll be showing the true Christmas spirit. See you at church.

Student Of Week

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in which she plays the clarinet. Last year she won first clarinet in the All-State Band, and this year in the All-State Orchestra. Cherry is vice-president of the G.O., and is now planning the Christmas Assembly.

She belongs to many clubs, is secretary of Retort, and is a member of Clio, Celerity, and Red Domino. Academically, Cherry stands seventh in the senior class with an average of 1.40. Because of her high scholastic average, she is a member of Circle.

Cherry has been on the Steering Committee for three years and last year was on the Nominating Committee and the Scholarship Committee. She was co-head of the prizes for the Carnival, and is on the Student Council.

Sportswise, Cherry was last year a member of the Junior Varsity Tennis Team, and this year of the Varsity Hockey. She also participated in intramural volleyball and basketball.

Even with all her school activities, our Student of the Week finds time to sail and travel outside school. After graduation, Cherry plans to go either to Middlebury or Wellesbury College, and would like to major in science.

Although Cherry is in numerous activities and organizations she manages to be active in all of them. For this reason, along with the fact that she has a wonderful personality, Cherry is very popular with the whole student body and the faculty.

The attractive winter scene on display in the library's showcase was painted by Sirje Helder, homeroom 206. Congratulations on a job well done!