

The Highlander

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Seniors, Teachers Choose Best Citizen '57



DAYS AND DATES

December 13- Swim meet at Plymouth-7:30
Proscenium-B 103-3:00
Rec. Board-6:45 in gym

December 14- Brown University-2:00
Proscenium-3:00 in B103

December 17- Assembly club-7:30 in little theatre
Future Secretaries' club-7:30 in upper lounge
Future Teachers in little theatre-7:30

December 18- Basketball at Southfield
Art club at 7:30
Rec. board-gym at 6:45
Proscenium in little theatre at 3:00

December 19- Swim meet at Hazel Park 7:30
Aquabells B 299 3:00
French club in little apartment 7:30
Proscenium gym 7:30

December 20- Proscenium in gym 7:30

December 21- Santa Stomp Maple room 9:30

December 28- Basketball here
Fitzgerold

January 3- GAA openhouse gym 7:00
Proscenium in little theatre at 7:30

January 4- Basketball here with Mt. Clemens

Social Clubs Plan Holiday Charities

The Birmingham social clubs planned many charitable activities for the Christmas season.

Members of Tiara are making gifts for children in an orphan home and are preparing a food basket. Recently they made cancer pads for the Red Cross.

KST is aiding the refugees of war-torn Hungary through CARE. The club is sending a \$50 package overseas.

DJFR will entertain the needy by presenting a Christmas party for the youngsters of an orphanage.

The members of Black and White are giving a large Christmas basket to a Pontiac family.

CTA gave 50 scrapbooks to the Sarah Fisher children's home. They are also preparing a Christmas basket.

FHS is sending a food basket and a Christmas tree to a less fortunate family. On Christmas eve CTA and FHS will carol at an orphanage.

Sampson Trippers To Attend Reunion

A reunion of the Chet Sampson girls will be held in the Grosse Pointe Memorial church, December 22.

Girls from both of last summer's trips will attend the banquet and see movies of the two trips.

Attending from Birmingham will be Lynn Griem, Bonnie Wasson, Sue McCombe, Sandy Bennett, Deanna Deer, Sue Schlachten, Linda Bliss, Carol Bain, Bonnie Braund, Pat Hogan, Carol Green, Judy von Rosen, Pat Henny, Mary Slater, Linda Stone, Sue Conway, Nancy Savage, Judy VanderPyle, Jane Bertling, Betsy Bauer, Mary Grux, Diane Richardson, Claryn



Brushing up on sales technique before the yuletide rush, Jim Fry, Jim Bain and Steve Hunter spread

Christmas cheer and earn Washington trip money at the same time selling Christmas trees.

The Christmas Story

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; because he was of the house and lineage of David:

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Gloria to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men.

Luke 2: 1-14

Miss DAR



BEVFORD

Teachers' Plans Include Journeys

For the approaching Christmas holidays teachers' plans include everything from exciting travels to do-it-yourself projects.

Basking in the Florida sun will be Mr. Lather, Mr. Stroko, and Mr. Battenhouse, while Miss Allen hopes to be doing the same in Jamaica. Mrs. Haro intends to do some skiing up North.

A tour of the South is planned by Mr. Nunn and Mr. Blaine is counting on a tour of the East. Anticipating a stay at the plush Conrad-Hilton hotel in Chicago is Mrs. Darling.

Other trips out of state include Mr. Lemle, Toledo; Miss Loew, Cleveland; Mr. Sloat, other points in Ohio; Mr. Trayer, Mr. Duris, Mr. Carlson, Pennsylvania; Mr. Ambrose, Chicago; Mr. Buell, Missouri; Mrs. Potter, Miss Young, New York; Mr. Delvero, Kentucky.

Traveling in Michigan are Mrs. Rodal, Frankfort; Mrs. Swart, Sault St. Marie; Mr. Carson, Lansing; Mr. Kersjes, Grand Rapids; Miss Bernecker, Saginaw; Mr. Cooch, Ann Arbor; Miss Holloway, Flint; Mr. Thumser, Fowlerville and Tecumseh; Mr. Goodrich, Albion; Mr. Sweeney, Mt. Pleasant, Mr. Runkel, Jackson; Miss Will, Harbor Beach.

Staying home for team practices are coaches Petrakis, Myers, and Parry. Mr. Clayton, Mr. Gault, Mr. Grothe, and Mr. Pappas will take advantage of the vacation to do handy man jobs around the house.

Hard at work in term papers will be Miss Louis and Mr. Angelocci. Mr. Ulrich will play the organ at

High Honor Award Goes to One of 3

By Chris Lewis

Recipient of the 1956 Miss DAR good citizenship award is senior Bev Ford.

This award is bestowed upon the senior girl best fulfilling these requirements as compiled by the Daughters of the American Revolution

1. Dependability: truthfulness, honesty, punctuality.
2. Service: cooperation, helpfulness, responsibility.
3. Leadership: personality, self-control, initiative.
4. Patriotism: unselfish loyalty to American ideals.

Each of these qualities is practiced by Bev every day. She is respected and admired not only by her class but by everyone in school.

She is an honorary member of the House of Representatives this semester, a member of National Honor Society and of Assembly club. Membership in these organizations shows her wide variety of interests and abilities. Besides these affiliations with academic and interest clubs, she is co-captain of the Maple cheerleaders.

Annually the winner of this coveted award is guest of the DAR at its state conference where she will compete with others for a 100 dollar bond.

Nominations for the award are made by all members of the senior class. The nominees were Bev, Paula Struck, Sue Tabor, Sue Polhemus, Mary Burkman, Sally Hanson, Sarah Hogan, Mickey Michaels, Nancy Olsen, and Jane Severs.

The three top nominees voted on by the teachers were Bev, Paula Struck and Sue Tabor.

Volleyball, which meets on Tuesdays after school, has over 40 girls taking part.

six church services.

Enjoying the holidays at home will be Mr. Berndt, Mr. Bostwick, Mrs. Cortright, Miss Price, Mr. Mott, Miss Paslay, Mr. Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. Richards, Miss Ferguson, Miss Stevenson, Miss Reid, Mrs. Ransom, Mrs. Hartwich, Mrs. Ladd, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Scrimgeour, Mrs. Nichols, Mrs. Hopkins, Mr. Steinhart, Mr. Tarrant, Mr. Hubbard, and Mr. Newcomb.

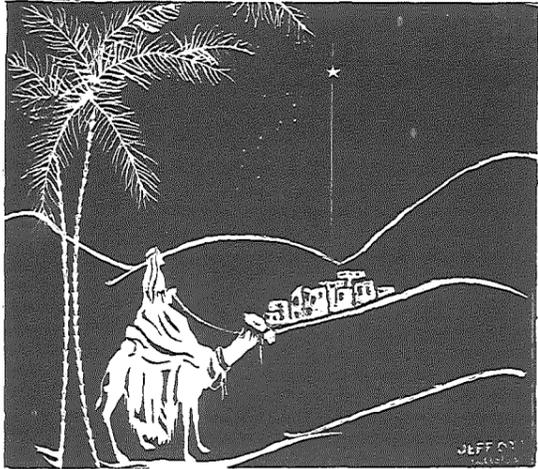
An alphabetized student directory of all students' names, addresses, phone numbers, and possibly homerooms, is being planned.

Season's Greetings



From

The Highlander



The Gift of Santa Claus

Recently there has been a revival of an old controversy as to whether or not to tell children about Santa Claus. Many authorities feel that children hold resentment against parents for having been told a fib. But is Santa a fib?

Santa Claus is the spirit of Christmas. He is the embodiment of the love, joy, and giving which are symbolic of Christmas. To a little three-year-old, Santa is the enchantment of Christmas; to the nine-year-old, he is the giver of happiness to the whole world and the secret you don't reveal to younger brothers and sisters.

Santa Claus is a wonderful concoction of the imagination to instill the spirit of Christmas in the young. When Santa's true identity is discovered, a child may not at first feel quite happy about knowing, but hasn't Santa's purpose been served? He has taught the child one of the most precious things a child can learn: To give with love to make others happy.

Why take this enchanting legend from children? It is one of the most priceless gifts a child can receive.



We Liked It Here

State's fall term is coming to an end. The student teachers are finishing up their work at Birmingham high school. It has been a pleasant experience for us.

We were impressed with many things during our stay here. The first was the building. Upon our arrival we saw the school as one with many wonderful facilities. It is a lovely school to teach in and a beautiful building to look at.

The most impressive thing was the students that filled it on that first day of classes. From that day on we began to know the friendliness of the students and teachers. This may not seem very important to you,

but to persons new to Birmingham high school, it has made our visit a most valuable one.

Along with this strong point of friendliness goes another which is unity. The ability of the students to work with one another for Field Day and during the variety show was spectacular. The largeness of the school has not taken away the willingness for participation by individuals.

Our impressions are good ones and lasting ones. We enjoyed our teaching here and wish to thank all of the students for helping us to have such a wonderful time.

Best wishes for continuing success throughout the school year.

From student teachers,

Barbara Jensen Ardith Casselman
Sharon Kangas Janet Rose
Jean Schade Burton Stern



Is Santa Commercialized?

Here comes Santa, but what is he wearing?

Yes, what is Santa Claus wearing? Is he wrapped in billboards and advertising displays?

"Merry Christmas", says Santa. "Buy Jumbo cigars for that man of your choice."

What has happened to Christmas and its meaning? Maybe our parents have something when they talk about the good old days. At least when we were children, we learned and respected the true meaning of Christmas. Families thought of how happy they could be rather than worried about how they were going to pay the bill at the local department store.

All Christmas spirit is lost in the wild jabs of a greedy mob in the mad Christmas rush which begins after Thanksgiving.

Why can't we have Christmas like the good old days?

Children laugh as they pull the taffy and string popcorn, and Mom and Dad wrap the little gifts that mean so much. Carolers, too, are heard, singing the beloved carols that warm everyone's heart at Christmas time.

Let's remember, we can't buy Christmas spirit!



Though we may not all be able
To give Christmas presents rare,
There are many things we may give
With a happy, cheerful air.
We may give kind deeds and wishes,
We may gladly do our parts
To help and share with others
The Christmas in our hearts.

Margaret Noble



By Jeff Ott

Winter is here. The trees are barren of their leaves, the ground is covered with the glistening new snow, and the nights are cold and frozen. A light wind blows the snow flurries around as people hurry along doing their Christmas shopping. Yes, Christmas is here again... a wonderful time of year, everyone happy and gay; everyone thinking about the Christmas trees gifts, stockings, and a big Christmas dinner! But wait, isn't the real reason for Christmas to celebrate Christ's birthday? This brings up the question for this issue of The Highlander. "Is the true spirit of Christmas being hurt by its becoming so commercialized?"

Mrs. Monzelle Clark, Every morning I hear this commercial on the radio, "Don't be burdened with bills next Christmas - join the Christmas saving club now." Isn't that what Christmas has come to mean to many people - a burden? I think we would do well to concentrate more on the religious meaning of Christmas. It should be a day when we can relax at church and at home with those who are nearest and dearest to us; when we can feel at peace with ourselves as well as with our neighbors.

Andy Hawley-12, No, the spirit of Christmas is merely changing. I'm not sure what the true spirit used to be, but it is now the spirit of getting gifts or getting a vacation or some other selfish pleasure, and therefore cannot be hurt by commercialization.

Bill Wiggins-12, No, everything in the world today is changing. Sixty years ago people were exchanging gifts that were less expensive than what was being given 100 years before. The world is keeping pace. People are old-fashioned if they think that Christmas is being commercialized.

Brean Deans-12, Christmas in recent years has become a contest, promoted by retailers, to see who can give the most expensive or the largest gift or the most of them.

Hely Heldenstein-12, The presents play a major part in celebrating Christmas, but the true spirit of Christmas is neglected somehow by over emphasizing the material part of it.

Connie Shroyer-12, Yes, it seems that too many people are putting more emphasis on, "What will I give?" Everybody seems to try to outdo the other person with their gifts and there's a feeling of "How much did it cost?" Instead of the love and thoughtfulness that should be behind it.

Sue Booker-12, It depends upon the family training one has had. Some lucky families have a truly beautiful Christmas, giving expensive gifts with a Christmas meaning behind them.

Patsy Sullivan-12, Yes, I believe it is, Christmas started by celebrating the birth of Christ, but has lost its meaning because of greed. The idea of, "What am I going to receive" has replaced the old saying "It is more blessed to give than to receive."



Dear Editor

Dear Editor:
Wouldn't it be a grand way to help carry out the Christmas idea if each classroom would have some semblance of Christmas? Even the smallest decorated tree, the image of a Santa Claus, or a manger scene would make the school seem more like the Christmas season.

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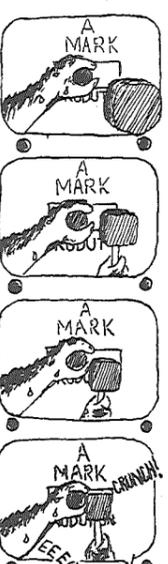
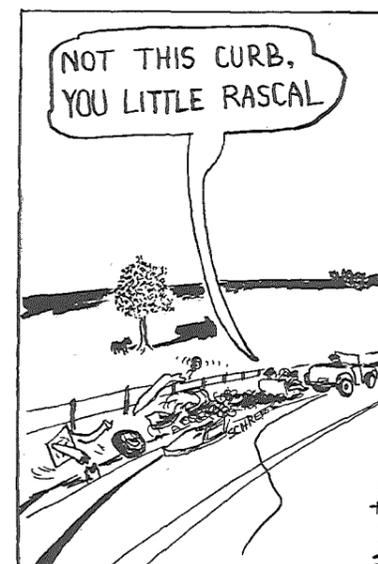
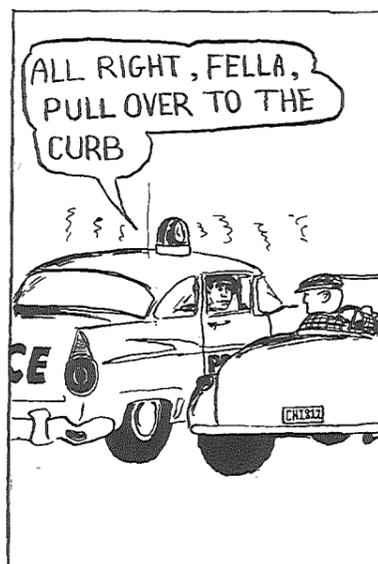
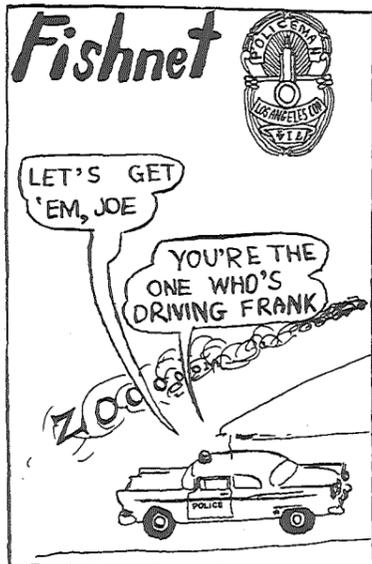
CONGRESS CAPERS

By Jan Lynch

Want to go to Europe, juniors? AFS is already accepting applications for next summer's exchange program.

Decking the halls with boughs of holly will be Sarah Hogan and her Christmas decorations committee.

Expressing best wishes for his speedy recovery, Congress will prepare a Christmas present for Mr. Miller.



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Campus, Class and Corridor

By Chris Lewis

Seniors are getting their pictures back, many planning to use them for Christmas gifts.

Mr. Grothe's PAL class is making a budget for newly married couples on \$4000 a year.

Mr. Newcomb's aquariums have fish in them for the first time this year.

Juniors who are interested in going to Europe through the AFS recently submitted application to Mrs. Darling.

Mrs. Clark is putting on a radio show early in January, using talent from the school.

Plans for the New-Year's Eve dance are being made by co-chairman Nancy Olsen and Jane Severs.

The sophomore class only sold candy to fatten the treasury.

Members of journalism classes and many others are sending Christmas cards to Margaret Davis and Ekhard Dorfmann, our exchange students of last year.

BUNA is planning a Christmas party as well as more serious undertakings for later on.

Driver training classes saw a movie of the Indianapolis 500 mile race.

Miss Allen's first and sixth hour classes are writing Piper copy.

Some English classes saw the film Abraham Lincoln.

Spanish club is planning a Christmas party with a Pinata. They are also going to sing Spanish Christmas carols at the old folks home.



Santa'd better bring Miss Reid and Mr. Bostwick each a trike so

the kiddies' three-wheelers will be safe.



Nancy Olsen

Many offices and responsibilities have been bestowed in Nancy Olsen, showing the faith and confidence of her fellow students in her ability.

In both freshman and sophomore years, Nancy proved her willingness to work by serving as class treasurer.

As a junior, she was chairman of the J-Hop decorations committee, treasurer of Pep club, member of Assembly club, and Congress representatives.

Heading her many activities this year is the office of Student Congress secretary and co-chairmanship of the New Year's Eve dance. Not only is she interested in school affairs; She represents her church youth group in the Birmingham youth council.

All these activities add up to make Nancy Olsen a popular, well-rounded girl and a sincere friend!



Jane Severs

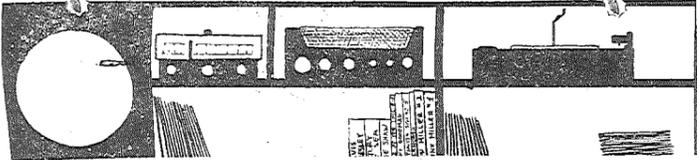
"Work eight hours, sleep eight hours, that leaves eight hours for fun." This has been Janie Severs' motto through her high school days.

The co-chairmanship of the New Year's dance is the big task which lies ahead for Jane. She is working very hard with city officials and the different committees to make this dance a success.

Her many activities include homeroom president for two years, vice presidency of Pep club, membership in Cicerone, Aquabelles, senior picture and class finance committees, and various committees of Student Congress.

The guest editorial, We Liked It Here, was written by the student teachers; Is Santa Claus Commercialized? Karen Koenig; The Gift of Santa Claus, Carol Moody.

The Record Rack



By Ted Schaefer

Let us take a look at the new holiday albums for this Christmas season. At the top of the list is a clever album by the De Paur chorus titled Calypso Christmas. If you are an avid Belefonte fan, you will probably enjoy Calypso Christmas. Many of the tropical Christmas songs are sincere and moving, while the others jump in the typical calypso style. The De Paur chorus performs the unusual numbers excellently.

The Spike Jones Christmas Spectacular is a better package than one might think on first glance. Surprisingly enough, it is not an album pitting Spike Jones vs. Christmas songs. His orchestra and chorus present 35 holiday songs seriously-almost. They still cut up slightly on a couple numbers. Practically all the familiar Christmas songs are contained in this album.

From the television production The Stingiest Man in Town comes the original cast album starring Vic Damone, The Four Lads, Basil Rathbone and Johnny Desmond. The musical production is based

on Dickens's A Christmas Carol.

Rockabye Your Baby comes from the new Jerry Lewis album, Jerry Lewis Just Sings. He is as unrestrained as a singer as he is a comedian. This characteristic with good arrangements give his singing an undeniable appeal. Among the standard selections on the LP are Birth of the Blues. Get Happy and A Shine on Your Shoes.

Everyone likes records for Christmas. Here are some popular gift suggestions: Calypso By Belefonte, High Society, Ella and Louis, Elvis and S'Wonderful by Ray Coniff.

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The name of the Lucky Girl of the Week has been selected from the school yearbook. If your name is not in the yearbook, you may get in on this contest by simply leaving your name at the HAIG SHOE STORE.

What'll They Do Next?

By Barb Shank

This week our friends ran into a little trouble at Northland Center on a Christmas shopping expedition. The first thing on their Christmas lists were crewneck sweaters for their men friends. So innocent and very adult, they entered the store and started toward the sweater counter.

As they were passing the perfume counter, they remembered a bottle of perfume was on one of their lists. A vial of White Satin was on display. So to get a good idea of how it smelled, one of the kids atomized a sizeable squirt on the coat of the woman next to her. This seemed to be a good enough way to test the product; and within five minutes, the kids were using innocent customers to test hairspray, perfume, and stick cologne.

Next on the list were the sweaters. But they were upstairs, and the escalator was coming down. So they clambered up the down escalator. Believe it or not, they didn't cause too much disturbance only just about knocking two people off.

They managed to get the sweaters after bumping into a pile of 25 boxes and knocking them all over. On the way over to another counter, they recognized one of their earlier acquaintances by the lovely but very strong odor of White Satin. They decided to be safe and take an elevator downstairs. But they got on an employees' elevator, crowded in with a huge assortment of soapsuds, dustrags, mops and brooms. This had been a pretty tiring trip, so they decided to come back and finish shopping the next night.

They went to the furniture department where they were supposed to wait for a friend. Here they sat on a bed with all their packages and the mattress slid off! At last, the friend arrived with their ride home. What'll they do next?

Alumni home for the weekend were Bill Appel and Bill Notta, Eastern Michigan; Bill Bolle, Ed Gierok and Jim Pryce, Michigan; Dick Phillips, Ferris; Mary Morrow, State; Sue Aldrich, Penn Hall; Ann Willett and Penny Todd, Stephens.

Ralph Hotchkiss is pledging Phi Delta Theta at Michigan.

Noel Stookey is planning to present an assembly here next semester.

A Cleaner Car Rides Better

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Corner Hunter And Forest



After Hours

By Brenda Whiting

Planning a progressive dinner before the Santa Stomp are members of Black and White club.

Bill Reilly was host recently at a date party. Those present were Ginny Huntoon, Ted Schaefer; Sue Clark, Bob Smith; Sue Riddell, Jack Douglass; Vicky Nunneley, Mike Nordstrom; Patsy Sullivan, Ron Jackson; Chris Lewis, Tom Kelly; and Bill's date Barbara O'Connor.

Plans are in the making for a winter sleigh ride to be given by Julie Smith and Grace Wagner for many of their friends.

Planning to attend the Chet Sampson reunion December 22 are Bonnie Wasson, Chris Lewis, Barb Abbott, Paula Struck, Jane Severs Betsy Bauer, Lynn Griem, Sue Schlachter, Sue McComb, Linda Bliss, Linda Stone and Judy von Rosen.

Did You Know That

The Highlander is printed by photolithography.

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The high school will lose three friends with the change of semesters. Pat and Tom Hogan are moving to New Orleans while California will be home to Bonnie Wasson.

Carol Green is having a luncheon for many of her friends in the junior class on December 23.

Marcia McFarland is having a small party on Christmas Eve. Exchanging presents will be Pat Henny, Pat Hogan, Carol Bain, Carol Green, Mary Slater, Sarah Blunt, Helly Heldenstein, Gay Grosser, and hostess Marcia.

Members and guests of KST attended a date party at the home of Bruce McDonald recently. Those present were Ginny Huntoon, Ted Schaefer; Di Howard, Paul Hogan; Ann Cope, Ronnie Russek; Sue Schlachter, Dave Muhltner; Sue Clark, Bob Smith; Mary Morrow, Howdy Willett; Sandy Helmrich, Dave Rider, and Bruce's date Barb Cueny.

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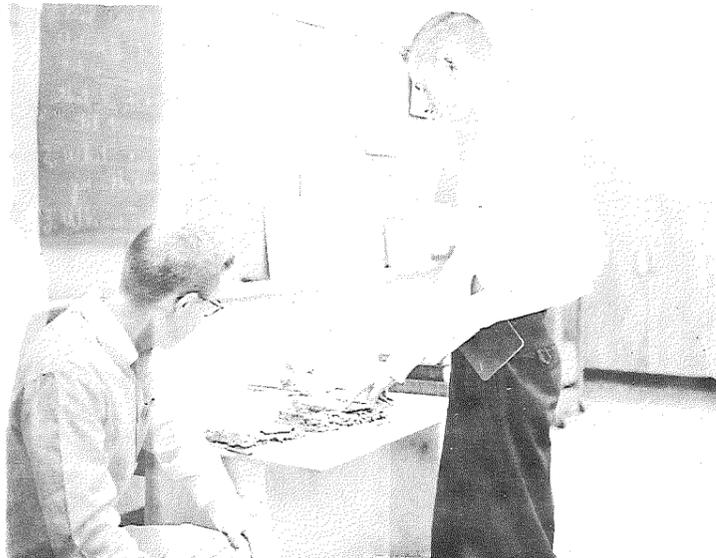
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"There must have been no such thing as graft in road building in those days!" Conclude Bill O'Toole and Steve Taylor when they study the structure of the Appian Way and realize that stretches of it are still in use after over 2000 years.

Road Project by W History Student Compares Modern, Ancient Highway

By Bill O'Toole

Did you ever wonder what a modern highway looks like compared to one of 2,000 years ago? Steve Taylor, a student in Mr. Blaine's world history class, did, and did something about it.

Steve constructed a cross section model of the Appian Way as compared to a cross section of a modern highway.

"I saw all the other projects that were being made for history, so I decided to do one," he said. "At home I had an encyclopedia which had the pictures I used as a guide."

Weighing a good 15 pounds and measuring six inches by two feet, the project took about three days, Steve says. Presently it is on exhibit in Mr. Blaine's display case.

The Appian Way model is laid on wood with ceramic clay forming the bottom layer. The succeeding layers are clay brick alternating with stones. The top layer is flat bricks. Along the sides are footpaths. A green-strand material such as the kind commonly found in Easter baskets was used for grass.

The modern highway looks much simpler. Small stones represent the gravel bed. Next are clay bricks with plaster on top to represent concrete.

The greatest of ancient Roman roads was built in 312 B.C. under Appius Claudius, who gave it his name, the Via Appia. The Appian Way, sometimes called the queen of roads, leads directly from the gates of Rome to Capua and on to the southwest coast of Italy.

With some exceptions, where it has been repaved, the road is still in use in its original form. This includes some 2,268 years of history, not to mention the heavy armor of the allied armies in their drive through Italy in 1944.

In construction of the real Appian Way, first, on a rammed and level subsoil, is spread a coating of lime-and-sand mortar. Over this, large rectangular or uncut stones, one or two feet high, are cemented in place with mortar. Next is spread a layer of rammed and leveled small stones. The fourth layer is a foot or more thick and consists of sand and lime mortar called the nucleus. The surface of the nucleus is crowned for drainage. On top of it, a layer of pentagonal stones is fitted and cemented into place, completely covering it.

Altogether Steve's project is an amazing comparison of how much the art of road building has advanced since Roman times. In those times it undoubtedly took many years, along with many millions of man-hours of hard, back-breaking labor to complete such a road as the Appian Way for travel using horses and chariots. Man has come a long way to the modern super highway of today, which carries billions of tons of travel every year. Steve concludes the Appian Way has the edge in length of time it has lasted, but the modern road has a long lead in tonnage carried.

Alumni News

By Vicky Nunneley

Greeting old friends at John Fairbairn's home recently were Nancy Stewart, John Groves; Ruth Ann Huffman, Tom Halsted; Pat Fuller, Jim Rennell; Carol Decker, Frank Mabley; Marg Bundy, Bob Emde; Sandy Heflin, Dick Griffith; and John's date Pooh Wagner.

Ed Gierok recently invited friends to a four-wagon hayride at his farm.

At Stu Laidlow's party recently were Julie Smith, Bob Rakich; Connie Shroyer, Bill Wiggins; Chris Lewis, Tom Kelly; Marie Lindquist, Buck Frederickson; Lee Carkner, Dave Ritchie, Paula Struck, Bob Guyer; Sally Schlachter, Nick Colbert; Ketten James, Ed Leavenworth; and Stu's date Ann Smith.

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Christmas Holiday Customs Told To Maples By Exchange Students

By Anne Lawrence and Keppy Patton

The exchanging of Christmas gifts has long been an American custom. Through the American Field Service it has become possible for countries to exchange students. Knowledge of their countries' customs and ideas is one great present that has been given BHS this year and last.

In Helene Heldenstein's country, the people begin celebrating Christmas in the first advent Sunday. "On the sixth December Helejin Kickleschen (Santa Claus) comes in the night and fills with candy and presents the plates we put in front of the open fire. The children believe that Santa has a monkey who carries his presents. They put some potatoes and carrots on the hearth to fill the monkey."

On Christmas eve the Heldensteins will have a large family dinner after each has found his present under the tree. "Real candles are lighted on the tree on Christmas eve and carols are sung. It is a very beautiful sight."

In Germany, Clause Parsch's country Christmas is celebrated December 24. The children believe the Christ child brings their presents and puts them under the tree. They then light the candles on the tree, already decorated with cookies and other ornaments. Later that night, after a dinner of goose or duck, they attend mass and a candlelight service in church. In Germany and Luxemburg, a large wreath is hung in the living room and a red candle is lighted in it on

Marg and Ekhard Receive Greetings

Christmas greetings are being sent to Birmingham high school's former foreign exchange students, Margaret Davis and Ekhard Dorfmann.

Planning to have a few of Margarets' friends wish her a Merry Christmas is Sue Tabor, Margaret's foreign exchange sister. Mr. and Mrs. Tabor, Mrs. Darling, Nancy Olsen, Paula Struck, Jane Mohler, Kem Hogan, George Miller, Byrant Hilliard, and Sue took part in making a record to send to Margaret.

A mother of a Birmingham student is sending several boxes of jello to Ek as it is his favorite desert. A definite decision has not been reached on the remainder of Ed's Christmas gift.

Many members of the journalism classes are also sending Christmas cards to Marg and Ek.

"Eat it and shut up," was the theme for a delightful dinner specially prepared and served by master chefs Mike Nordstrom and Mike Conroy to Vicky Nunneley, Steve and Christy Nordstrom.

The dinner consisted of olives, beans, tuna fish, and ginger ale for the main course, followed by doughnuts from the freezer to top off the banquet.

the first Advent Sunday, adding another on each Sunday after that until Christmas-eve.

On Christmas day, his family decorates the tree for a surprise and they open their presents. Later, they eat dinner and visit with friends and relatives.

On Christmas eve, Pai Natal, the Portugese Santa Clause will visit Tom da Fonseca's family and leave small presents in their shoes on the hearth.

At midnight, they go to a mass of the Cock.

In many countries of the world, as in Tom's country and Germany, and Luxemburg, Christian families will attend midnight mass to celebrate the birth of Christ.

From Tom, Feliz Natal E Bom and Nove; from Klaus, Frohliche Weihnachein; and from Hely, E Lascheht Chrischtadog! To you, Merry Christmas and a very happy new year!

Cheerleaders Get New Outfits

Something new has been added! The cheerleading outfits everyone's been used to seeing are no more. With the coming of basketball season, the cheerleaders are having a change of wardrobe.

This new addition is a white vest, replacing the white sweater which can be so uncomfortably warm in the gym. The vest will have a side zipper and will be worn over the baby doll sleeve blouse. The full pleated skirts will remain the same.

Money earned from selling Maple jugs will be used to pay for the outfits. Mrs. Herbert Flemington, Birmingham seamstress who is making the vests, says they should be ready in time for the Southfield game.

Radio Guild Plans Studio Dedication

Plans for the opening program and dedication of the school's new radio studios were made at a recent meeting of the Radio Actors and Technicians guild.

The program will be in the form of a day's broadcasting concentrated into a few hours.

Elected general chairman was Warren Hardy. Co-chairmen of programming are Don Nichols, Andy Hawley, and Jeff Ott. Other committee heads are invitations, Jean Spencer and Gail Christie; guests, Kathy Garrett; refreshments, Linda Kohloff; and publicity, Howie Davis and Ted Schaefer.

Guests from the administrative council, commercial and educational radio stations, board of education, teaching staff, and parents of students in radio speech classes have been invited.



Some Say We Will, Some Say No, But All Agree We Hope We Don't

By Tom da Fonseca

"We do not want war!" This is the general opinion of Birmingham high school students and teachers.

From 32 people interviewed, only five think that there will be a world war in the foreseeable future. The remaining 27 think that there will be peace, even though their opinion is that "little police actions" and "struggles for freedom" will keep people worried and in suspense.

Teachers found the question hard to answer, but many think that the United Nations and the President of the United States will do all that is possible to prevent war.

Teachers' opinions were much the same as students'. Mrs. Darling expresses big confidence in Ike and in the United Nations and believes 'we won't have a war in the near future'. Mr. Cooch says, "Conditions are ripe for a war, but I don't think we will have one. Mr. Newcomb expressed himself as believing "No war, just diplomatic bluff-calling and publicity - nothing else."

Mr. Wagner feels that there might be a war, but he thinks that problems will not stop rising all over the world and that the cold war will go on. Mr. Pappas says, "There is always a possibility, but I don't think we are in great danger now. Mr. Myers gave a very conservative answer (but he knows what he says) "Not near future. I think there better not be one!"

Mr. Kersjes thinks that there won't be a war and that Russia will disintegrate internally rather than by armed conflict. Miss Louis feels that there will always be a possibility of war until people learn to know each other. Miss Price has confidence in the United Nations and believes that "Ike will keep America out of war."

Steve Pew thinks that asking if there will be another war is the same thing as asking if he thinks the world will come to an end. Mike Conroy says that "if there is a World War III the fourth one will be fought with primitive sticks and rocks if there is anyone left to fight. Kem Hogan thinks that all Russian threats of war are pure bluff and John Foerster says that in case of war there will not be a loser.

Judy Merideth is of the opinion that nobody will start a real aggression. Connie Shroyer doesn't think there will be one because Russia is having enough trouble with Poland and Hungary. Dick Miller says that if there is to be a war it has to be in the next few years.

Another point of view might be represented by foreign exchange students. Klaus Parsch's opinion is that America won't start a war and that Russia is having enough trouble with the satellites. Hely Heldenstein believes that there will be a war because of the news she sees from the Middle East.

Andy Brodhun is convinced that "Powerful weapons make aggressor nations think twice", and Pete Brink thinks that only more "police action" will be taken because they are all too scared to shoot". However, Dave Ritchie asserts that "while the present Russian government is in power, the threat of war will be ever present."

Ran Hamner says, "I don't think there will be a war because Russia realizes that a third world war might destroy the world." Barbara Bond agrees because "Men can talk things over nowadays." In the spirit of this season, Bob Stephenson hopes that there will be peace and happiness throughout the world.

Chuck Gibson and Jon De Haan think war cannot be prevented both on account of the Middle Eastern crisis and Russia's desire to dominate the world. Colin Stewart disagrees because countries can't afford another war.

This reporter believes that we will keep out of war is the United Nations will stay united. He thinks that Jackson's would be appropriate in respect to the UN: "Our Union - it must and shall be preserved."

Winter sports for GAA are getting into full swing with girls playing volleyball, swimming, and bowling. The first Thursday of each month, GAA has an openhouse.

Girls, Boys Tie as Top Junk Toters

By Julie Hoover and Jan Lynch

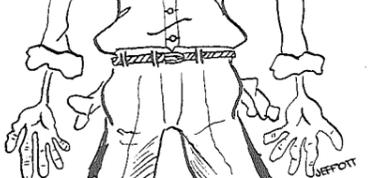
Amazing, the things women cram into their purses! But how many have noticed the articles Birmingham students are carting around?

Nearly all girls carry a comb, scads of kleenex, hair clips, and at least two lipsticks. Some insist that they can't get along without milk of magnesia pills, Bing Crosby pictures, diary, keys, stubs from Elvis Presley shows, perfume,



eyebrow pencil, hand lotion, Christmas list, and a Mickey Mouse club membership card.

Though boys don't carry purses, they fill pockets and wallets with as many odds and ends. Several were carrying back seat drivers licenses, nail clippers, dissecting equipment, a withholding tax state-



ment, one football cleat, chapsticks, and Dave Brubeck's autograph.

Almost everyone finds room for an activity ticket, a football-basketball schedule, driver's license, and an average treasury of \$3.37.

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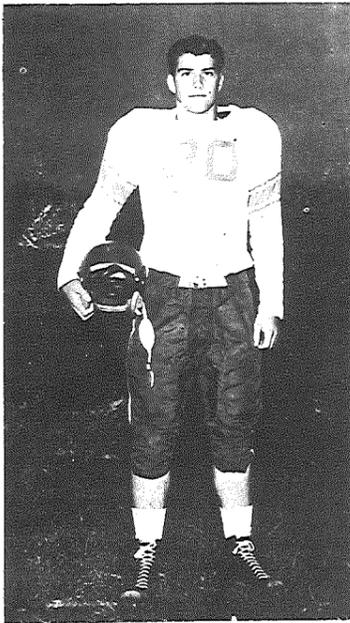
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IN THE STARRING ROLE



Bill Watkinson

Former Johnson Memorial award winner, Bill Watkinson won acclaim in football this fall at Western Michigan college.

Now a college sophomore, Bill was one of Birmingham's most outstanding athletes. Playing a rough tackle position, Bill was credited with being a mainstay in the line and helping to lead Western to a successful season.

Captain of the football team, forward on the basketball five, and a hard hitting infielder on the baseball team, are a list of Bill's achievements at Birmingham.



By Mike Conroy

Forward Bob Isbell led the Maples in scoring with 17 points against Cranbrook.

Jeff Boucher led the Maple reserves over Cranbrook's seconds racking up 15 points.

Former Maple half back Bill Wedge, now in the Army, is flying home from his base at San Diego for Christmas.

Tom Bechtel, Maple swim star, will spend Christmas vacation in Florida with former Michigan swim coach Matt Mann.

A basketball team consisting of Pete Ritchie, Dick Miller, George Miller, Frank Wilson, Bruce Epker, Ron Sandberg, and Jim McGuire is planning in class B competition out of Pontiac. Mr. Steinhart is coaching the team.



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Pete Sintz

Spirit, determination, and desire mark the qualities of Pete Sintz, Maple freestyle sprinter and breaststroker.

Pete received his varsity letter during his freshman year by compiling more than enough points during the season to merit a letter.

During his sophomore year Pete was awarded the coveted All-American honor as anchor man on the Maple championship and record-holding 200 yard freestyle relay team with Jay Lewis, Tom Bechtel, and Wayne Geggie.

Pete is a potential state champion in either the 50 or 100 yard freestyle or the 100 yard breaststroke.

He shares a record in the 200 yard freestyle relay and the 200 yard medley relays, and holds the record in the 40 yard freestyle and the Eastern Michigan League record in the 50 yard freestyle.

Basketball Greats Inspire Competition

By Jack Douglass

With basketball season getting into full swing, the Maples will be vying for many records set by former Birmingham greats.

Among the records being challenged are the high point total for a single game held by 6 foot 5 inch Barry Wall who scored 35 points against Redford Union in 1949. In comparison diminutive Don Dorrough, 5 foot 6 inch, guard racked up 34 points against Ferndale in 1954.

Back in the 1952 season in the East Detroit game, the Shams' Ron Kramer hit for 41 points for the single game record and probably a League mark.

The goal of every Maple cager is to follow in the footsteps of Chuck Murray, only player from Birmingham to make the All-State basketball team.

Highest freethrow percentage was established in the 1952-53 season by Tom Tracy with 70.2.

Jeff Ott led the Maples in rushing with a six yard average.

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Maples Wallop Cranbrook in Season Opener

Maroon Seconds Beat Little Cranes

By Paul Hogan

After getting off to a slow start in the first quarter Birmingham's reserve basketball team trounced Cranbrook's seconds 50-38 last Friday night.

The Maples offset an 18-7 Cranbrook lead in the first quarter when sharp shooting Jeff Boucher and Ed Busch fought them to a lead at half time of 26-23.

Birmingham's accurate shooting and good rebounding netted 24 more points in the second half to Cranbrook's 15. Boucher was high scorer with 15 points followed by teammate Busch with 14.

Coach Lew Parry's boys looked impressive in their first start, getting rid of the greenness and nervousness in the shaky first quarter.

Birmingham(50)	FG	FT	PF	PTS.
Ed Busch	6	2	1	14
John Dixon	2	0	2	4
Lary Kelly	2	2	0	6
Jeff Boucher	6	3	2	15
Bob Lovell	2	0	3	4
Meunchienger	1	1	0	3
Premo	2	0	1	4
Totals	21	8	9	50

Cranbrook(38)	FG	FT	PF	PTS.
Butzel	2	0	4	4
Story	5	0	2	10
Collon	1	1	5	3
Dudley	0	2	0	2
Angle	1	2	2	4
Levy	1	0	1	2
Gallogly	4	3	2	11
Vasu	1	0	0	2
Totals	15	8	16	38

Boys in Tryouts For Hockey Teams

By Mike Conroy

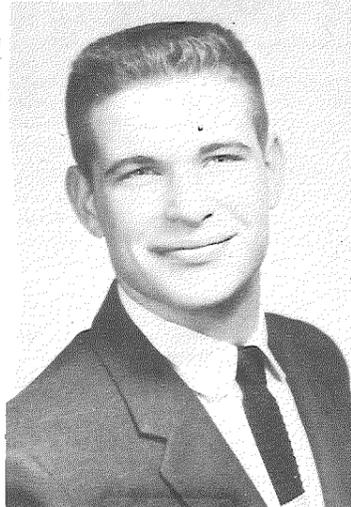
Tryouts for a long awaited hockey league in Birmingham were staged last Saturday morning at Eton rink.

Two leagues will be formed with one age group consisting of boys from 15 to 18 that will make up the junior league. Men over 18 will form teams and compete in a senior league.

Early Saturday morning Eton rink was crowded with would-be hockey stars eager to show their talents.

Coaches were told to pick the boys they thought had the best potential. Four boxes were placed on the blue lines of the rink and the boys wove in and out of the boxes with the puck and finally took a shot at an open net, with coaches watching carefully.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



John Foerster

Big Center Earns Anderson Award

By Mike Conroy

The Lt. John D. Anderson Memorial award, presented each year to the member of the football squad who best combines scholarship, improvement, and value to the team was awarded to maple center John Foerster at the Fall sports banquet recently.

Highly respected by team members and coaches alike, John was a stand out in the center of the defensive line for the Maples this year. "His co-ordination finally caught up to his size" says line coach Parry. His co-operation with the coaches and fiery competitive spirit on the field led to winning the award.

The recipient of the Lieutenant John D. Anderson Award last year was Jim Traa, All American and All State end.

Trapper is now attending Bullis Academy near Washington. He is playing football for his school.

12 Maple Runners Earn Varsity B's

By Bob Smith

Earning varsity letters in cross country this season were 12 runners whose honors were announced at the fall sports banquet recently and at the lettermen's assembly last Friday.

Earning letters were Lynn Benn, Bob Benson, Dick Boyd, Tom Fontaine, Rich Riley, Gary Schack, Bill Landis, Steve Hunter, Tom Thorson, Bill McFarlen, Phil Ingraham, and Jay Stark.

Isbell Uses Height To Drop 17 Points

By Bill Wiggins

Paced by Bob Isbell and Tom Kelly, game co-captain, the Maples won their first decision over a weak Cranbrook basketball team last Friday night here 47-36.

Coach John Petrakis used this game as an opportunity to test the depth of his team, using nearly every player.

Although many shots were taken, scoring was kept to a minimum during the first two periods, with neither team able to cash in on field goals. At the half the score was 21-20 with the Cranes ahead.

The third period was a different story. The Maples came to life both defensively and offensively.

Despite the efforts of Bernie Harris and Charles Grube, Cranbrook captain, the game ended 47-36 after an uneventful fourth period.

With the playmaking of Tom Kelly and the rebounding and scoring of Bob Isbell, the Maples took the lead 37-29 and maintained a safe margin.

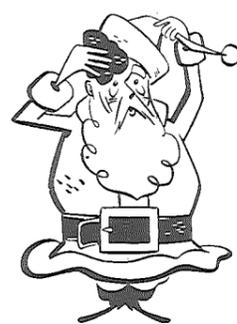
High scorers for the Maples were Bob Isbell with 17 points, Tom Kelly 11, and Dave Ritchie eight.

For Cranbrook, Charles Grube had 16 points, and Bernie Harris nine for high scoring honors.

Birmingham (47)	FG	FT	PF	TF
Kelly	5	1	1	11
Peckheiser	0	1	2	1
Roe	0	2	3	2
Isbell	7	3	3	17
Ritchie	4	0	5	8
Stephenson	2	0	2	4
Evangelista	0	2	1	2
Gibson	1	0	1	2
Total	19	9	18	47

Cranbrook (36)	FG	FT	PF	TF
Harris	2	5	2	9
Crowley	1	0	5	2
McCaul	0	2	4	2
Klein	2	2	0	6
Grube	5	6	3	16
Moyer	0	1	2	1
Total	10	16	16	36

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