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# State Highlights

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## Weatherman Foresees 'Snowfall' for December 22



Bobby Gleason, Janet Hughes, Cathy Myers,  
Lois Fuller, Gail Hubbel, Linnea Taylor, Stevie Malone

## Christmas Formal Plans Completed

Aqua and gold, accentuated by white will be the color scheme for the Social Committee's Christmas Formal, "Snowfall." They have planned on having various decorations associated with Christmas, which will center around three large bells in the center of the room. As usual, the westroom and the stairs leading up to the ballroom will both be attired in Christmas decorations.

Music for the dance will be provided by Bobby Davidson's orchestra, and during intermission entertainment will be supplied by the Barberettes, a local girl's trio.

Chaperoning "Snowfall" will be; Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Pullan, Mr. and Mrs. Lee M. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Doubleday, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Scott, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Leonardelli, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Rowe, Dr. and Mrs. Roy C. Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Schoenhals, and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sack

Committees who planned the formal are: Gail Hubbell, Shirla Jennings-Decorations, Sally Reeves - Refreshments, Bob Herman-Tickets, Nancy Magas-Programs, Lois Fuller-Music, Joan Stiles-Entertainment, and Carol Neff-Chaperones.

Tickets are on sale in the upper hall for \$2.00 per couple.

## Newsletter Being Sent to Servicemen

The Hi-Y club has a very novel project for this year. The boys, sponsored by Mr. Weber are writing to all former members of State High who are in the armed forces. They already have many of the graduates addresses however if any readers know of any boys in the service please contact one of the club members so that their names may be added to the list.

In their letters the boys tell them about State High, their friends, and the general news of the town. This is one of the most worthwhile projects of this year and the whole student body should co-operate to make it a success.

## Services Held in Kanley Chapel

Mr. Frey and Mr. Sack are presenting an inspiring program for our annual Christmas assembly. Something new in the way of Christmas assemblies was tried this year. In former years it had been the tradition for the it had been the tradition for the Masquers Club to product a Christmas play for the assembly. This year the traditional play was replaced by the choir singing, recitations, and group Carol singing.

This was also the first time that an assembly of ours has been held on the new campus. Students walked over to Kanley Chapel for the eight o'clock assembly on Tuesday, December 16.

The choir, under the direction of Mr. Frey, sang the numbers, "Go Tell It On the Mountain," "Fanfare for Christmas," Bach Chorale, "Cantique de Noel," Lullaby on Christmas Eve," and "I Wonder as I Wander."

Annaliese Frey read "Keeping Christmas" and John Weber read

exerpts from "The Christmas Story," and "The Little Town of Bethlehem." A fitting closing was the whole student body singing Carols.

## I.S.C. Gives Party

For their Christmas project, the Inter-School Council sponsored a party for the children of the Kalamazoo Juvenile home on Gull Road. Ann Frey, Chairman of the Council's Social Service Committee, was general chairman of the project.

Talent from all four of the Inter-School Council schools entertained the children. Mary Ellen Walenta Nazareth acted as Master of Ceremonies. Penny Farr, who read a selection from Alice in Wonderland, and the State High Trio composed of Joyce Babcock, Nancy Watterworth, and Jean Hoag, who led the group singing, represented State High.

# Where Is Santa?

Somewhere amid all the tinsel and festivities, the spirit of Christmas is receding into the background. All too often the unselfishness of Christ and the sentiments of the wise men are pushed aside because Christmas like most of the rest of the world is becoming "big-business." A business carefully planned to begin the day after Thanksgiving with a succession of bargain sales and department store "Santas."

And what has happened to the jolly old beneficent man we call Santa? Where is he today? He's grinning happily from the Christ mas cartons of leading cigarettes. Good Old St. Nick . . . a man children are taught to respect, but what happens if kids try what Santa is so cheerfully recommending? The answer is obvious and somewhat tragic too . . . they're sent tearfully to bed without their suppers. This is the example Santa is setting today and these are the results. You might say this is all ridiculously far fetched, but it isn't funny to pick up almost any magazine and find pictures of Mr. S. Claus clutching a glass and drinking in still more Christmas "spirit." Santa used to be the essence of the spirit of giving, now he is the symbol of buying—a big difference brought about by big business who simply won't even miss a religious holiday when it can bring in the sales.

It is high time we rediscovered the values behind Christmas so that we can help put the words of "peace on earth, good will toward men" into meaningful ideals and worthwhile goals. Its time we re-established Santa Claus as more than a fat man in a red suit, and started carrying the spirit of Shristmas in our hearts 365 days a year. Its all there behind the tinsel. Take time out and look for it!

N.S.

## Christmas Spirit Invades State Hi

Plans are rapidly developing around school for many Christmas activities. The plans this year are being handled by the Friendship and Service Committees, under the leadership of Ann Frey and Carol Smith respectively. The plans include Christmas caroling, playing records in the hall between classes, and decorating the halls with pine and holly.

The Friendship Committee has planned for Christmas caroling on Thursday evening, December 18. The students wishing to participate will meet at school and be divided into two groups. If plans are not changed one group will carol at the State Hospital and then proceed to Bronson while the other group will entertain the members at the Home for the Aged and Fairmont Sanitarium. The groups will meet back at the Education building where refreshments will be served, and more caroling for fun.

Miss Lowrie has agreed to play Christmas carols in the halls to add a festive tone to blend with the pine boughs in the halls.

## State Wins Debate

The debate squad of State High won two victories over the visiting teams from Otsego on Thursday, December 11.

The Otsego squad, coached by Miss Barbara Baily, was composed of Wanda Horton and Joyce Kitsmiller, affirmative and Carol Leitch and Bill Wiswell, negative.

Glorie Wiess and Janet Snow debated affirmative for State High, and Nanette Slavin and Lyn Cassady composed the negative team. The squad is coached by Miss Betty DeYoung and is under the sponsorship of Mr. William Sack.

The squad will debate Ottawa Hills High School in Grand Rapids in Grand Rapids.

## Masquers Presents 'Little Women'

"Little Women," a play adapted by Sara Spencer from Louisa May Alcott's famous book, will be presented Saturday, December 20, at 2:00 in the Little Theatre.

Children of all ages and older people, too, find entertainment in this familiar story of four girls who grow into young ladies amid laughter, fun, and tears.

Bill Andrus and Ronald Drummond will handle all backstage work with the help of Bob Herman, Mary Lou Spitters, Carol Hackman, and Nadine Stace.

The cast includes:

|                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Jo .....          | Debby Parker      |
| Beth .....        | Mary Lou Spitters |
| Meg .....         | Mary Joy Sawyer   |
| Amy .....         | Penny Farr        |
| Marmee .....      | Shirley Standish  |
| Aunt March .....  | Barbara Rock      |
| Mr. March .....   | John Gibson       |
| Laurie .....      | Harper Atherton   |
| Hannah .....      | Carol Hackman     |
| First Girl .....  | Diane Doubleday   |
| Second Girl ..... | Harriet Howe      |
| Third Girl .....  | Dorothy Smith     |

Tickets are 25c and will be sold at a table in the hall during the week of December 15, or may be purchased from any member of the cast.

## Choir Plans Two Programs

Christmas is truly the time for music and fun. And keeping right in the spirit of things is our own State High Choir. Perhaps if you happen to be in the basement at 2:15 or so, you will hear our choir rehearsing for their Christmas appointments.

The Choir has two main appointments this year. The first is at Kanelly Chapel where they will sing before the entire school. The other appointment is a combined program with Central's, Paw Paw's, and Western's choir. This program is on Friday night, the 19th.

The choir will be singing such well knowns as "Oh Holy Night," "Gloria," and some of Bachs works. So once more on Christmas, Stat High's choir will be singing with voices on high . .

## STATE HIGHLIGHTS

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## Lair and Seb's Column

Needed—one map and compass for Martin Ball. He also could use a marked route from East Lansing to Kalamazoo. We understand Brooks Godfrey is supporting Miner Pie Company even more than Mr. Miner. Where are you getting all those pies Brooks?—Spices to WKZO and Len Colby for his radio broadcast of the opening basketball game. Reports are, that it was heard as far south as Ohio. We're sorry if the basketball team didn't like our last prediction, but what's the point in making a prediction if it isn't truly what you feel—Note to Basketball Team—if you can show us you deserve to be favored, we'll predict you as winner every time.—The Basketball team really looked good in the Holland-Christian and the Berrien Springs games.

Looks like Coach Detert's limited dressing plan was effective. Flash—State High has a new basketball star by the name of Don Neal, so let keep dropping in those buckets. There was quite a kickback on some of the remarks we made in the last issue's column. We're sorry if you boys don't like it, but every word of it was the truth.—The "S" club in recent years hasn't done as much work as "S" clubs in former years have. Check the records if you don't believe us.—We're sorry again if it did hurt your feelings though. The "S" club does put on the Spring Sport Banquet every year. Ask John if you really don't think this is work.—

PREDICTIONS—  
State High 56  
Portage 48

## Sportlights on Tom Johnson

The sports spotlight turns this week on Tom Johnson who has tried his hand at almost every type of sport activity, and with very good results.

When Tom was a freshman, he went out for baseball and basketball, and for his sophomore year, football, basketball, and baseball. In his junior year he made the varsity football, basketball, baseball and track teams. This year he was out for football and basketball, and plans to go out for baseball and track. Last year he set the State High high jump record and plans to better it this next year by jumping 6 feet.

Outside of all this activity he still finds time to do a little hunting, fishing, golfing, and tennis.

## Fricke Makes All-City

The all-city football team which was chosen a few weeks ago was made up of two men from State High, four men from Central, and five men from St. Augustine.

The first team line was: Jim Caswell—St. Augustine, and Ken Kelly—Central at the end positions, tackles Terry Perk—Central, and Don Hursh—St. Augustine, Guards Bob Boven—Central, and Roman Juzwiak—St. Augustine, and Bob Tudler—Center from Central. The backfield consisted of Tom Cronert, Quarterback from St. Augustine, Half-backs: Ken Fricke—State High, and Bud Hauschild from St. Augustine, and Fullback Dick Defreese from State High.

Ken Fricke was the only man to make this year's allcity selection who also made last year's team.

The All-Southwestern area team placed six men from Kalamazoo. On the first team from Kalamazoo were Bud Hauschild, Half-back from St. Augustine and Terry Perk, tackle from Central. On the second team were Ken Fricke, from State High

who was placed at the Full-Back position, Bob Fuller, center from Central, Roman Judwisk, Guard from St. Augustine, and from St. Augustine also was Don Hursh playing tackle.

In the class "B" All-State Honorable mention team was given to Ken Fricke.

## Reserves Expect Winning Season

In the first game of the season, our reserve basketball squad was beaten 35 to 40 by Holland Christian. In spite of being beaten the first game of the season, Coach Fred Stevens expects a good season.

The team this year is much younger than last years. There are 10 freshmen and 6 sophomores on the team—just the reverse of last year. The fact that the team is much younger will cause a little difficulty, but Coach Steven feels that the team has a good potential and will overcome such difficulty.

The Coach plans to uniform 12 men at "away" games and 15 men at home games. So far there have been few dropouts at practice and 28 men attend practice regularly.

## State Higher's Bag Deer

This year, some the State of Michigan's unluckier deer found themselves being whisked down the highway, tied to some hunter's car. A few of these luckless animals were in the possession of State High students.

The last Saturday of the season, Dick Tough brought down a 76 pound doe with a .22.

Al Glendening, one of the growing bow-and-arrow-hunting faction, went to Allegan for deer, but unfortunately came back with none.

Fifteen minutes after leaving camp on the second day of the season, Jud Baldwin got his buck, a 5 point animal weighing 143 pounds. He was 90 miles north of Grand Rapids.

Although he saw lots of tracks, Jim Sanderson didn't get his buck. But as a compromise, he shot a rabbit with number 1 buckshot he had planned to use on the deer.

On the last weekend of the season, Vern Ver Hage shot a small buck at Lewiston.

Marvin Balch almost got an 8 point buck at 30 feet within the general vicinity of Freeport, but it somehow got away.

At Fife Lake, Jerry Olvett killed an 8 point buck with a 30-30.

During Thanksgiving vacation, Ken Fricke knocked down an 8 point buck in Manatee with a 16 gauge slug. But the deer hopped up and left before Ken could do anything about it.

## Mustangs Play Cubs Friday

On Friday, December 19, Portage High will invade the Men's Gym for a basketball game with our cage team. It looks to be a real knock down and drag out affair.

Portage has a new coach who will be eager for a second home town win. Portage also has a lot of height which they use to great advantage in controlling the backboards. So far Portage has a 64-49 victory over Kalamazoo Christian.

Coach Arden Detert's boys have been drilling hard for this one and really will be out there trying. To match Portage's win State High in the Berrien Springs game set a new school scoring record in highest scoring games in the state.

The probable starting line up for State High's Cubs is Alan Howard or Al Wise at center, Ed Sutton forward, Don Neal, forward, Tom Johnson, guard and Bill MacConchie, guard.

Coach Ernie Kirkman's mustang quintet probably will be Kramer at center, Triensenberg, forward, Fletcher, guard and VanderVeen, guard. Elzinga, forward.



## State Hi Requests Puzzle Santa

Dear State Highers:

Year after year you're letter of requests are published in this wonderful news sheet so this year I decided to send my own little letter in so that I might be able to figure some of the requests you made.

First may I ask why does Joe Gillis want a one way ticket to Evanston, and why does he want one every week? Is college that desirable Joe? Oh well, you probably can't make any sense out of these requests then I can but still I want to show you what these letters look like when I get them. Here are some samples.—"Jolly old fellow, please give Sandra Shreve something of Tom's that Peg Yntema hasn't had. Libby Davis would like that handsome brown robin that keeps Bob Bob Bobbin around. Dave Goude-ward and Marty Ball want a postage stamp so they can send in for that weight reducing equipment so heavily advertised in all the more masculine magazines. Denny Lindvet would like to Patty cake, Patty cake, but Pat still likes that Broadway show Mr. Roberts better. Miss Stekette is now going in or out and advertising "She'd live to be Miss Brooks if only someone could find Mr. Boynton." Gail would like a dog faced boy names Joe-Joe but I guess Joe-Joes got too many Christmas carols (If you can make sense out of that you're a better man than I — Gungadin). Tom Johnson wants to steady Pullan's play first string on Detert's team. (boy that was a killer too) Also there's some Wise guy who's been after Carol's sing at Christmas time. There's been a rumor that Parker would like to with Parkes but alway's runs into Tub.

# Is There Really a Santa?

## Jobs, Parties, Trips To Fill Holidays

With Christmas holidays almost here State High students are planning various parties, trips and what have you. After closely checking on a few of these plans you reporter came up with following:

**Barbara Oakland** plans to party and play night and day (hmm—this sounds interesting) while **Lyn Cassidy** is going to crowd trips to Grand Rapids in with working at Mahoneys. Other industrious students who plan to work and earn some of that green stuff are **Donna Endsley** and **Judy Scott** at Leo's, **Julie Davis**, **Ann Carlton** at Mahoney's, and **Ann Frey**, **Rosemary Buckham**, **Norma Wheator** and **Janet Van Hoeve** at Gilmore's.

Then there are the more fortunate (or less industrious) who plan to journey around. **John Keyser**, **Joe Gillis**, **Al Hackman** plan to go to Chicago, and we also hear that some of the senior girls may possibly visit the windy city too. **Dick Wilsey** plans to visit in Detroit and **Nan Slavin** is going to Hawaii for a vacation. Must be nice, huh?

Of course there are always the clever students like **Carol Edgerton** who when asked replied . . . "Oh . . . nothing much (?)," and **Bob Britigan** who says "Everyone is going on trips but me. I'm going to the dogs." And with that we close hoping Bob and everyone has a Merry Christmas.

So please Santa before they all beome embarrassed solve that situation. (Egads I cannot even decipher that much less solve it) Then there are girls like Sue and Joan B. who are more interested in chemical formulas like H<sub>2</sub> O<sub>2</sub> (that's peroxide for those of you who don't know) than men. The two Judies, Scott and Bree are hunting for a copy of the new record hit "TAKES ONE TO TAN-GO."

And so my children now that you see my problem why don't you write clearly and distinctly next years so I can read your letters. In closing I have a little riddle . . . what did I say to Mrs. Claus when she heard a noise on the roof?? (you couldnt guess what I said could you?) Well I said "It's only the reign dear." HO, HO, HO, HO, HO, HO, . . .

Be seeing you, kiddies  
S. Claus

## Faith in Santa Still Lives

The following letter was addressed to and answered by New York Sun:

Dear Editor:

I am 8 years old.

Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says "If you see it in 'The Sun' it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus? They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith, then no poetry, no ramnce to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernatural beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia. in all the world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Clause! Thank God he lives, and lives forever. A thousand years form now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he well continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

## Their Anniversary Song

Now that 1952 is rapidly fading away we decided to take a peek in old Father Time's log book and see who the "steadies" were this past year.

"Champeen" record holders are:

Carolyn Buder and Clair Kirkpatrick—1 year, 9 months  
Rosemary Buckham and Wayne Carr—1 year, 2 months  
Sue Anderson and John Keyser—1 year, 8 days  
The other half of Mrs. Buders

daughters, Marilyn and Dave Balcomb 1 year

Sally Reeves and Vern VerHage—11 months

Sandy Shreve and Tom Terry—11 months

Judy Bree and Tom Ware—9 months

Lois Fuller and Matt Peelen—3 months, 13 days

Janet Hughes and Red Gemrich—1 month, 8 days

Congrats kids!!

## Inquiring Reporter

Last week, the following questions were asked of State High's students: Do you have a churinga, and if so, where do you keep it? We received an odd assortment of answers:

Ann Frey—Naturally, I keep it in our locker with everything else.

Ed Sutton—I hope not.

Lois Fuller—Yes, I ate it.

Vern VerHage—What's that?

Diane Pullon—Yes, I keep mine under my mattress.

Judie Lyon—Yes, I keep it in my secret drawer.

Penny Farr—I don't suppose so, but if I had one, I'd keep it in the cupolo on top of the Education building because it looks so lonely

Bob Herman—I might if I knew what it was.

Lyn Cassidy—I had one, but I'm giving it to Gordy for an Xmas present. I used to keep it under my bed.

Dave Swoap—No, my sister took it from me when she went to college. I did keep it in the garage so that it couldn't get away.

Jon Sebaly—Ya. Right behind my ear this morning.

Miriam Leimer—Yes, it took me to the Homecoming dance. I keep it in the icebox, so that it won't melt.

Coach Walter—Ya, I just bought one yesterday. I keep it under my hat.

Sally Reeves—Yes, I take it to bed with me, along with my teddy bear.

Helen Alman—Yes, I keep it in back of the clock on the clock shelf.

Mrs. Jarman—No, I'm sorry. Should I?

Joyce Leinar—I don't think so. If I did, I'd hide it 'cause it doesn't sound very nice.

Miss Crisman—No, but I sure wish I did. If I did I'd never let it out of my sight.

Mr. Cooper—I must have, doesn't it show?

Charles Maloney—I refuse to answer on the grounds that it might tend to incriminate me.

Larry Weisman—Ya. I carry one around with me every morning.

Now that everyone has answered this informative question, we will tell you that a churinga is "In Central Australia, a small tablet bearing designs kept in secret places and believed to represent the soul of an individual."

## Christmas Formal Prospectives

Next Monday you will expect to hear, "Remember only three more shopping days till Christmas," but in the homes of State High kids you're more likely to hear "Mother, what color corsage shall I get her?" or "Dad, I just have to have a new formal." Now what could these children be talking about? That's right—you guessed it—they're going to a formal. My but you're smart.

There are many different groups of people going to this dance. Among them will be returning alumnae, the steady couples, the S. H. girls with outside interests, and the S. H. boys with their outside interests (why not get together on this deal?) and then there are those, like us, who just ask someone in order to go.

The steady couples like Sue and John, Matt and Lois you'd expect to find. But we found some that might surprise you all. There is going to be Mrs. Gibson's son John with Barb Rock, and St. A's all-city end Jim Caswell with our fairhaired Joan Biljum. Barb Oakland will be with her Portage man, Don Johnson. The senior couples like Joanie and Bill Al Hackman, and Donna Endsley will spruce the party up a little bit. The juniors will be there in their usual strength with Red Gemrich and Janet Hughes, Dick and Catherine, Jean Morris and Ron White, and John Warfield and his girl Sue Casy (best not disappoint us now John). A couple of cute junior frosh combinations will be seen on the floor. Namely, Pat and Mary R. and Brooks Godfrey and Barb McBride. Among the underclassmen you'll see Dave Britigan with Nancy Everton while Dave's brother Bob sits home dateless. Jack Burke and Mary Joy Sawyer and Bob Beisel and Libby Davis will be there to fully represent the frosh class, and if you look hard enough you might see Al Wise and Carol Hartman doing a cute foxtrot.

Now that you've read this little bit of gossip you may all quietly go back to wrapping your Xmas presents. Suggestion to my fellow car moochers . . . use this column as a guide and you might find someone to double with at the big dance.

## A Mystery

This little reporter gets rather nosy every Christmas concerning a certain little man. You guessed it! He's Santa Claus. This year I decided to do something about my curiosity so the question of the week was: How old were you when you found out there wasn't a Santa? How did you find out? My answers were many and varied.

Ron Kilgore—Aw, some little kid told me. I guess I was in 3rd or fourth grade.

Jon Sebaly—I read it out of a book.

Al Hackman—I was eight and came downstairs and started giving my folks the devil for putting out presents when Santa Claus was suppose to. They finally told me.

Jiggs Harbour—I was 7. My sister told me.

Jim Elisman—I don't know about me, but we had to tell Gordy Berkhausen in 6th grade!

Barb Rock—I kept asking who ate all the food we put out so my folks finally told me.

Larry Weisman—says "I figured it out by the time I was in the 7th grade because I didn't see how Santa could reach so many guys—I was an ardent supporter of the Easter bunny though.

Nancy Magas—I never did believe in him—my stupid brother always told me everything.

Kay Peelen—Oh I learned fast. When I was in Kindergarten my dad was in the army so I had to help mother be Santa.

Sharon West—Sandy Shreve told me this morning.

Fred Waterson—I was 6 years old and took a little trip up in the attic.

Bob Herman—You mean there isn't one?

## A New Leaf

Once again State Highers are vowing to reform for the new year. Realizing that there resolutions will probably never last longer than January 2 this group of students were quizzed about their resolutions.

Don DeVries "I resolve to spend more time on school work and less time with the women."

Shirley VanValkenburg: "I resolve not to have to go to the office so often."

Bob Graff: "I resolve to get a new car, a wad of money, and give up girls."

Joan Biljum: "I resolve to stay away from the bottle (of tintair)."

Carol Hackman: "I resolve to keep my shoes on in all classes."

Char Pellowe: "I resolve never to 'break' a date again."

Jack Burke: "I resolve never to break up with a cute freshie."



## Service Committee Working With Friendship Group

Taking the place of the Red Cross Committee this year, a new committee, the Service Committee, was organized. Carol Ann Smith was elected chairman of this committee last spring when the heads of the other committees were chosen.

The Service Committee still works in affiliation with the Red Cross, but it also plans projects of its own and often teams up with other committees such as Friendship Committee to carry out school and welfare projects.

At Thanksgiving they were able with the help of the student body and the "Errands of Mercy" drive to send large boxes of canned goods to eleven needy families in Kalamazoo. Six chickens were donated by Kiefer's Poultry Market and six more were purchased from student's donations so that every family had a Thanksgiving chicken.

The Service and Friendship Committees, working together, are sponsoring Christmas Carol singing at Bronson Hospital, the State Hospital, and the Old Folks' Home. Students will sing at the hospitals on Thursday, December 18.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to: the administration for installing the new drinking fountain in the lower hall; Vickie Wenner and Ann Mallotte for their winning posters in the Exchange Club's poster contest; Collette Curtonius for drawing the Christmas Assembly program covers; the Service and Friendship committees for the hall decorations.

## Junior High Plans Cooperative Program

Mr. Jerse's and Miss Ebert's eighth grade homerooms will combine with Miss Gish's and Mr. Detert's seventh grade homerooms to present a Christmas program in front of the fireplace in the Rotunda of the Training School on Friday afternoon, the nineteenth of December.

The co-operative program will consist of a dramatization and a choral reading as well as the music which is to be furnished by the junior high school band and the carols sung by the students.

Further entertainment will be provided by Miss Betty DeYoung, who will read, "The Littlest Angel" to the assembled students.

## French Club Organizes Activities

The French Club planned a Christmas party for their last club meeting. There were refreshments and the exchange of gifts in the French style, of course. The gifts were laid under their Christmas tree by a real 'pere Noel,' Santa to a non-French student.

Heading this active club are Polly Allen, president; Colette Curtonius, vice-president; Julie Davis, secretary; Martha Braden, treasurer. Their treasury, by the way, is being helped along by the selling of candy at noon in room 206E. They plan to use this money to have a French Luncheon sometime in the Spring. During the club period they have a variety of entertainment, such as; slides, movies, contests and games planned by committees. If any one wishes to join this club next semester, a knowledge of French is a great asset.

# Christmas Carols From Many Lands

Following the restoration of Christmas in England, there were numerous songs in praise of the Feast, but very few religious carols. One of the few, however, that has become a favorite, among English-speaking nations is the ballad, "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night" (1715).

The hymn, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," (1840) was first only sung in the Methodist Church and then gradually became adapted by others.

Another English carol of the last century, is the song "Good King Wenselaus," (1866). This is not a Christmas carol in the strict sense of the word, but rather the poetic story of a famous miracle ascribed to Saint Wenceslaus, Duke of Bohemia.

"Joy to the World!" came from the pen of an English poet in 1748.

The Lutherans in Germany wrote new hymns for their own use, "Away in the Manger" is usually accredited to Martin Luther, although he wrote neither the words or music. It was very likely written in one of the German Lutheran settlements in Pennsylvania. (1885)

Some of the most famous American carols are "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (1893), "We Three Kings of Orient Are" (1857). Another famous American carol is from Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's poem entitled "Christmas Bells." He wrote it for Christmas in 1863, and the poem reflects the horrors of the Civil War. Another of ours is "Angels We Have Heard on High" (1937).

The well known Christmas song "O Holy Night" is of French origin.

Despite the devoted research of musical scholars, the origin of the beloved Christmas hymn "Adeste Fideles," is still shrouded in mystery. The original Latin poem has been accredited to a Franciscan priest, an English Catholic music dealer, and chapelmaster to the King of Portugal.

The Austrians are prided with the most beloved of all carols, a truly international Christmas anthem, "Silent Night, Holy Night," written in 1818.

## Coming Events

- Dec 16th—Assembly, 8:00, Kanley Chapel
- Dec. 18th—Carol Sing, 6:45
- Dec. 19—Carols in lower hall
- Dec. 19th—Game, 7:00 Portage, here
- Dec. 22nd—Christmas Formal, 9 to 12 in Walwood Ballroom
- Jan. 2nd—Game St. Joe - here
- Jan. 5th—School re-opens