

## Good Will to All Men

No matter who we are — no matter what creed, race, or nationality — all of us have had our lives touched and bettered by the gentle philosophy the Great Teacher brought to this world. Next Wednesday we celebrate the anniversary of His coming to earth. As all of us face the complex problems of a perplexed world in the New Year that comes to us during our Christmas vacation, none of us can resolve better for ourselves or for our world than to vow sincerely that we will live our lives in the ideals which the great religious leaders of the ages have given to us. To live honestly with ourselves, to think charitably of others, to treat all men as our brothers, to submerge ourselves in the service of mankind and the building of a better world — these are the virtues out of which Peace on Earth is fashioned.

J. ARTHUR NELSON  
Principal

## 40 to Graduate In January Class

### 19 Diplomas Are Given in Absentia

Of the 40 graduates receiving diplomas in January, 1947, 19 are being granted in absentia, largely to those passing successfully the General Educational Development tests.

Because of the small number of mid-year seniors, there will be no graduation ceremony; however, January graduates are urged to take part in the functions of the spring graduation.

Those graduating may obtain their diplomas any time after the end of the first semester.

The graduates receiving diplomas in absentia are Robert Bierman, Donald Booth, Richard Cohn, Robert Devereux, Edward Grey, Lee Hoppe, Clarke Kountze, Eugene Toulberg, William Henderson, Harold Irwin, Robert Hill, Stephen Davis, Harold Marer, Roy Ansel, Eleanor Wachter, Alfred De Petro, Ralph Doane, David Kraus, and Jean Jackson.

Those graduating at Central are Alvin Berger, Albert Cwirko, Kenneth Iske, Charles Mach, Elmer Novak, Richard Reeves, Betty Barrick, Siller Childs, Dorothy Chruma, Jeannine Hamilton, Eleanor Jensen, Barbara Long, Verona Long, Phyllis McAlexander, Jeanne Moreland, Betty Pangle, Helen Patane, Nan Scott, Erma Smith, Norma Wilson, and Neva Woodyard.

This week the Red Cross Council, aside from its regular activities, started to pack gift boxes to be distributed overseas.

Included in the boxes will be forms similar to the V-Mail letter, to be used by those receiving the gifts to acknowledge their receipt.

## Gilbert and Sullivan Opera 'Mikado' Acclaimed Success by Audience

As "The Mikado" left after visiting for two performances on December 13 and 14, at the Central High auditorium, once again the a cappella choir, under the direction of Mrs. Elsie Howe Swanson, earned the praise and acclamation of receptive audiences.

The Gilbert and Sullivan music was light and smooth, the acting natural, and the chorus work displayed well-trained, balanced voices that reflected great credit on Mrs. Swanson. The hilarious conduct of the boys and the vivacious gaiety of the girls developed the mood and style of the opera.

All the leads were outstanding. Douglas White gave his role of Ko-Ko a droll consistency that stole the show. According to Jake Rachman, he gave the role more giggles than even W. S. Gilbert ever bargained for.

Herb Kennedy put his own interpretation to the part of Pooh-Bah, the politician, and it was a sparkling bit of comedy. Pish-Tush, by George Hudson, displayed a well-developed voice; he interpreted his part with the air of a veteran.

## Girls Leave Central To Rejoin Fathers Stationed in Germany

Sue Kintner '48 and Margaret Ann Peterson '48 will soon be leaving Central to join their fathers in Germany. Both of the girls' families have all their necessary traveling papers, and are merely awaiting port call. Sue's father, Captain E. H. Kintner, is stationed at Erlangen, Germany, while Margaret Ann's father, Captain Clayton A. Peterson is stationed at Wurtzburg, Germany.

Sue will attend an American high school in Erlangen which at one time was an exclusive junior college. This school is one of six elementary and high schools established in the Erlangen area by the military government for the children of army men. Margaret Ann doesn't know what type of educational facilities they have in Wurtzburg, but she will either have a tutor or attend government schools.

When asked what the girls' families were going to take to Germany, Sue replied, "I think the thing my dad is looking forward to most is his favorite inner-spring mattress. He says the beds in Germany are harder than sleeping on the ground. We are also taking our car, living room furniture, linens and china, silver, and our bedroom furniture."

Margaret Ann replied, "Our family is taking all our household furniture and linen. We are leaving our car in the States."

Both girls agree that the most horrible ordeal of preparing for the trip was taking shots for smallpox, diphtheria, typhus, typhoid, and every disease that can be contacted in the European area.

"We had to go to Fort Omaha four times before we were through. Your arm gets so sore," said Sue.

Joan Muxen as Yum-Yum used her beautiful high voice to perfection in her many songs; her solo at the beginning of the second act, "The Sun Whose Rays Are All Ablaze," was particularly lovely. Jack Street's clear lyric tenor voice enabled him to play the part of Nanki-Poo with distinction and to capture the hearts of the audience.

Betty Morrill as Pitti-Sing and Mary Jane Smith as Peep-Bo, of the Three Little Maids, were outstanding in their parts, using their lovely voices and acting ability to advantage. Carrying both the serious and humorous parts of her portrayal of Katisha, Joan Byrnes displayed excellent vocal work in her solos.

The title role of the Mikado, played by John Campbell, carried out the humor of the part with the dignity necessary for the ruler of Japan. Neeban, the Mikado's attendant, Terry Young, also earned many laughs.

Staging of the opera, under the direction of Frank M. Rice, was beautifully picturesque. The costumes and decorations were unusually beautiful, adding to the charm of the opera.

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## Plans Underway for Tenth Annual Military Ball; Six Cadets Promoted

### Dance to Be January 17; Candidates for Colonel's Lady Selected by C.O.C.

By MAYER MOSKOVITZ

Plans for the Cadet Officers' club military ball to be held January 17 at Peony Park took another step toward completion last Friday when faculty chaperones and dates were announced.

Miss Marion Treat has charge of the grand march. Miss Maybell Burns, Miss Josephine Frisbie, Miss Virginia Lee Pratt, Mrs. Irene Jensen, Mrs. Helen McConnell, Miss Ruth Pilling, Miss Virgene McBride, and Miss Elizabeth Kiewit will serve as chaperones.

The colonel's lady will be chosen from the six candidates elected by the C.O.C. The girls in line for the honors are Jane Savidge, Nancy Porter, Mary Fike, Mary Ballman, Joan Weinhardt, and Beverly Lacy.

### Officers' Ladies Listed

The officers who are marching and their dates are Cadet Second Lieutenant Othol White and Marianne Sanders, Cadet Second Lieutenant Kenneth Patterson and Marilyn Parsons, Cadet Second Lieutenant Henry Byrne and Mary Ballman, Cadet Second Lieutenant Stanley Cooper and Geraldine Yawitz, Cadet Second Lieutenant John Mellinger and Jacquie Geilus, Cadet Second Lieutenant Walter Phelps and Fanny Shaw, Cadet Second Lieutenant Edwin Moore and Dorothy Fox, Cadet Second Lieutenant Herbert Kennedy and Joel Bailey, and Cadet Second Lieutenant Thomas Slack and Janice Carter.

Others are Cadet Second Lieutenant Mayer Moskovitz and Ronna Rimmerman, Cadet Second Lieutenant Donville Fairchild and Gwen Harding, Cadet Second Lieutenant Thomas Clark and Dorothea Bennett, Cadet Second Lieutenant Parker Branch and Marion Saunders, Cadet Second Lieutenant David Bollinger and Beverly Lacy, Cadet Second Lieutenant Eugene Rabe and Joan Weinhardt, Cadet Second Lieutenant Howard Vogt and Doris Henderson, Cadet Second Lieutenant Douglas White and Joan Muxen, and Cadet Second Lieutenant Marvin Hornstein and Roberta Rosen.

### Band Highlights Program

Cadet Second Lieutenant Martin Colton and Alyce Bezman, Cadet Second Lieutenant John Howard Smith and Nancy Porter, Cadet Second Lieutenant Robert Olsen and Marjorie Putt, Cadet Second Lieutenant John Townsend and Barbara Ludwig, Cadet First Lieutenant John Merriam and Nadine Dunn, Cadet First Lieutenant Donald Fox and Sally Willisie, Cadet First Lieutenant Harry A. Koch and Janice Redfield, Cadet First Lieutenant Congdon Paulson and Mary Fike, Cadet First Lieutenant James Kremers and Sally Rullman, Cadet First Lieutenant John Campbell and Judith Dorway, and Cadet First Lieutenant James Haggart and Jane Savidge complete the list.

The ball will be highlighted by a concert before the program by the ROTC band, led by Cadet Second Lieutenant Marvin Hornstein; and performances by the crack squad, led by Cadet First Lieutenants James Kremers and Congdon Paulson; and the silent platoon, led by Cadet Second Lieutenants Thomas Slack and Howard Vogt.

### Commissions Announced

Six cadets were commissioned second lieutenants in the final promotion order before the Military Ball. They are cadets James Dinsmore, Leonard Veitler, Jerome Freeman, Hugh Wells, Robert Warner, and Kenneth Johnson. These officers bring to 36 the number of cadets who will take part in the Officers' Promotion March, and the Grand March.

The officers have been practicing the promotion march and the grand march for the last two weeks. The

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ONE OF THESE GIRLS WILL BE THE LIEUTENANT COLONEL'S LEADING LADY: Top row: Joan Weinhardt, Mary Ballman, Nancy Porter. Bottom row: Jane Savidge, Beverly Lacy, Mary Fike.

## Mental Wizard Displays Talents

Elsie R. Bown, nationally known mental wizard, does not have to resort to tying strings on his fingers to remember errands—he simply doesn't forget. At an assembly December 17, Mr. Brown displayed his talents.

He recited a column of figures of four digits by memory backwards, forwards, cross-wise, and down.

Although telephone numbers, street addresses, dates, weights, and measurements are confusing to the average person, to Mr. Brown they are like ABC's.

Once he startled his fellow passengers on a short steamship trip by calling 157 of them by their full names, giving their street addresses and cabin numbers, after having just been introduced to them in a group.

"The Man with the Photographic Mind," as he has sometimes been referred to, not only performed such miraculous feats of memorizing, but also explained the method by which this same power may be developed by others.

## 'Seventeen' Will Offer Awards for Stories

"Seventeen" magazine is presenting awards totaling \$1,000 for the five best and most original stories written by high school boys and girls between the ages of 13 and 19.

These stories, which will be judged by six of "Seventeen's" editors, will be published in the June issue. The first and second prizes will be \$500 and \$200, the three highest runners-up receiving \$100 each.

All entries must be postmarked no later than December 31. Further information as to length, identification, and appearance of the manuscript may be obtained from the Register office.

## Type Winners Receive Awards

More winners have been announced for the December Competent Typist Tests. The following students have received their certificates: in Type VI Eleanor Jensen, 52 words per minute; in Type III Marie Scigliano, 31 words per minute; Donald Kroeger, Jeannette Gunderson, 40 words per minute; and Fanny Ciculla, 41 words per minute.

Lena Vinci, Betty Barrick, Doris Hanson, Thelma Goldstein, Rebekah Finer, Betty Edwards, Helen Barry, and Patty Readfeng were awarded certificates for typing 30 to 34 words per minute in Type II.

## Next Year:

School reopens ..... Jan. 6  
BASKETBALL:  
Central vs. Gothenburg Jan. 1  
Central vs. Benson ..... Jan. 10

## B. Neale Tells Exam Results

Miss Bertha Neale, head of the English department, has announced the results of the recent English examination which was given to all senior students at Central. The test, a college entrance examination prepared by the University of Utah, was given to determine the pupils' knowledge of English, and to determine whether or not they should take a special refresher course offered the second semester.

Out of a possible 100 points, Lyle McBride made the sensational score of 99. Others in the highest ten included Hubert Bath 91, Nancy Porter 91, John Merriam 87, Don Fox 87, Douglas Forbes 86, Bill Sykora 86, Joan Byrnes 86, Gwen Harding 85, and Mayer Moskovitz 85.

The median for the 356 seniors taking the test was 52. This average is much lower than the results in the years previous to this year. However, the median of those now actually taking English VII at the present time was considerably higher, being 62. A senior who received a grade of 42 or below must consider taking English or refresher English his final semester.

## Former Centralites in Playhouse Production

The current play at the Community Playhouse, "Soldier's Wife," by Rose Franken, stars three former Central dramatic students. They are Anabel Shotwell Alder '38, Pat Neevel '43, and George Devenney '42.

Anabel, who has the lead in the Playhouse production, participated in many expression department plays while at Central. She had a lead in the 1938 senior play, "The Poor Nut." Pat was an outstanding expression student and handled many parts in plays throughout her four years at Central.

George, who plays opposite Anabel in "Soldier's Wife," appeared in many department plays also.

## Xmas Tree Sent to Teacher

A Christmas tree decorated by the assistants in the nurse's office will be sent to Gilbert Barnhill, one of Central's faculty, who is ill at Immanuel hospital.

The tree which is trimmed with red and green tinsel has been in Mrs. Janet Dorway's office during this week.

Some of the assistants who trimmed the tree are Donna Karr, Marilyn Groff, Nancy Hiller, Afton Hunter, Beverly Dunlap, Roma Wistedt, Carol Peterson, Beverly Whitehead, and Mary Wallace.

## North High Choir Visits Central to Eat Noon Meal

Central High school played luncheon guest to over 275 pupils of North High school on Friday, December 13. The visitors feasted in the south lunchroom immediately after the completion of the regular lunch hour.

The Vikings were all members of the North choir and string ensemble, and had been practicing at the Joslyn Memorial for their twenty-first annual Christmas concert which was presented last Sunday.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

# Christmas Spirit Should Prevail

For centuries man has celebrated Christmas, a time which brings cheer and happiness regardless of existing conditions. Even if we are the materialistic monsters of everyday living, when this season comes we become human once again. The barber, the butcher, the traveling salesman, the rich banker—yes, all of us—are touched by at least a little of the Christmas spirit. We often wonder why this spirit cannot prevail the year around. Indeed, if we could bring about 365 days a year of Christmas spirit, the great problems of mankind would be solved.

If there was such a body as a Congress of Humanity to legislate and enforce laws for the entire world, it would be fitting to introduce to this assembly a bill entitled "Christmas Reform Bill of 1946." In this bill we would first propose that Christmas spirit be recognized the year around, not just a few days before and after December 25. Then, whether it be January or December, depression or prosperity, day or night, we would treat our fellow-men like human beings. It would further be proposed that this spirit of kindness and generosity be directed to everyone. Then White or Negro, Christian or Jew, rich or poor, every citizen of the world would be classified and treated under the same great common denominator—human being. Under this new law, the world would certainly glow with the marvelous and magic spirit of Christmas.

This proposal may seem too idealistic. But is it? Look at the great documents of history: The Ten Commandments, The Declaration of Independence, The Bill of Rights, The Four Freedoms. Each of these documents calls for freedom and brotherhood. Are they not synonyms for what we call Christmas spirit? Each one of them says in effect: "Let the spirit of Christmas be the spirit of humanity. Let righteousness prevail."

But there exists no Congress of Humanity. Even if there was, a proposal of such a nature could never be enforced. However, each of us can do our part toward the eventual realization of a time when our lofty principles will become common practices. Then we may help hasten the day when only Santa Claus' presence will distinguish Christmas time from the existence of Christmas spirit.

# Christmas Reading

No matter how old an individual may be, how sophisticated or experienced, one everlasting tradition of his life is likely to be Christmas. Especially is this true of high school students who are not so far removed from childhood that Christmas and Christmas stories are not a beautiful and moving part of their yuletide pleasure.

Favorites re-read and re-requested by college students, tots, businessmen, housewives, grandmothers, and teachers are stories and poems as familiar as Dickens' traditional "A Christmas Carol," the tale of the embittered Scrooge and his conversion to the spirit of Christmas; and Kate Douglas Wiggin's beloved "Birds' Christmas Carol," in which the impoverished, hilarious Ruggleses find a Christmas Carol. Clement Moore's "Twas the Night Before Christmas" and his "Santa Claus and the Christmas Mouse" have become so dearly familiar that their lyrics are as traditional as Santa Claus and his whole flock of reindeer. Burton's "Stewy Slinker," a man so mean he tries to hold up Santa; Molnar's "The Blue-Eyed Lady"; and Ruskin's "The Fourth Wiseman" are often in demand by college students.

Innumerable folk and fairy tales have each found a place in someone's heart—those such as "The Little Watchmaker" and "The Little Juggler," each of whose humble offerings before the holy altars outweighed a king's crown; "The Sandalwood Box"; "The Miracle in the Wildwood"; "The First Christmas Tree"; and "Little Wulf's Wooden Shoes." The lovely prose of Hans Christian Andersen lends itself to the beauty of the season in "The Little Match Girl" and "The Little Fir Tree." And, by the way, what finer gift could one give to a younger brother or sister than a volume of Andersen's fairy tales.

No Christmas is complete without the quiet reading of the Christmas story, itself, in the second chapters of Luke and Matthew. In addition some of the finest of Christmas literature is contained in the texts of the carols. In reading and singing "Silent Night," "Adeste Fideles," "Noel," and the other hymns that have followed us out of childhood; in reading and sharing our favorite Christmas stories with others, we may approach more closely the meaning of that childlike simplicity that is the essence of the Christmas spirit.

# Underground

silent nite, holy nite  
everyone's happy and gay  
their smiles are light, their faces bright  
cause vacation starts today.

MERRY CHRISTMAS, kiddies! Have you been down to see Santa Claus yet? We went down eight or ten times before he told us he couldn't bring us what we'd ask for (he said he was sorry, but there weren't any available males at Central) Santa let us in on a little inside dope tho'—he said he's gonna do his best to bring

- Bill Hinchcliff ..... a new line
- The Opera Cast ..... a round of applause
- The fellas marching ..... promotions
- Baa Billig ..... a girl to date
- Kellie Cuthbertson ..... a car to drive (or at least a bicycle)

Paulson and Mackie .... a big crowd of "Prom-goers"

Jack Lowe ..... enough peroxide to finish the job

Joanie Weinhardt .... a chance to dance with Sgt. McGrath

now for a little side-line, away from all this holiday stuff—we'd like to mention that the opera was a big hit in spite of the last rehearsal, (nothin' like having everyone forget his lines the night before the performance), and the cast party was even better - - - seen laughin', cryin' and singin' were Helen Wencel-Bud Campbell; Joanie Muxen-Jack Street; Doug White-Betty Morrill; Herb Kennedy-Aurel Reynolds; Pennie Parsons-Jim Robb; Jan Redfield-Al Heiam, and the rest of you orientals - - -

HAPPY NEW YEAR! As the clock strikes twelve and you all disappear into your corners, remember this poem and don't take anyone too seriously - - -

he kissed me Happy New Year  
he said he was all mine  
then he kissed another  
and repeated the same old line.

while we're on the subject, let's hear some New Year's Resolutions - - -

If at first you don't succeed, try, try again ....

Dick Gratton  
To get that man ..... Helen Holtz

To get a driver's license ..... Mary Ballman  
To tell a joke without interruption ..... Duke Merriam

To let her hair grow ..... Joanie Fike  
To pass the math exam ..... seniors

To lose those forty pounds ..... Marty Faier  
To make up her mind ..... Barb Hoagland

To stick to one girl ..... Donnie Bates

and so we bid you goodbye for two beautiful weeks of freedom, and one thing we hope everyone finds in his Christmas stocking is a wonderful vacation!  
Mickie and Bobbie

# New Irresolutions

- Gwen Harding.....To grow at least an inch
- Keith Cahill.....Do more dating
- Jacque Geilus.....To keep the resolutions I make
- Gene Rabe.....No more lamplighting
- Harry Koch.....Not to make New Year's resolutions
- Joris Devereux.....To get in when my father says to get in
- Tom Stocker.....Not to get posted more than once next term
- Jack Chedester.....To cut only sophomores
- Richie Rosenblatt.....To have a picture of Mary Ballman
- Jim Haggart.....To get up before 4 P.M. on January 1
- Carol McCready.....To sell a vice ticket with less than 5 stickers



Christmas cheer, everybody! With ol' St. Nick on his way we decided to get in the mood soooooo we wrote our column in tune to Jingle Bells—clever, don't ya' think?!

While dashing through the snow  
In our ear muffs and our cap,  
We knew our column—it was due,  
And we could not beat the rap.

So we grabbed our ink and pen  
And started out the winder—  
We saw a gal in royal blue—  
Her name was Pauly Leussler.

We did not stop for long,  
For we were feeling jivey —  
We found a purdy coral suit  
On attractive Barbara Leibee.

We found a little car  
And climbed upon the bumper  
There we found 'lil Maxine White  
In a bright wool scarlet jumper.

As we did hit the road,  
We noticed quite a sight —  
'Twas Peggy Menck in a checked, wool dress  
In colors brown and white.

And when we reached the house  
We got the presents out  
And standing there in a new red dress  
Jane Packer—she did shout:

Jingle bells! Jingle bells!  
Jingle all the way!  
Oh what fun it is to ride  
In a one horse open sleight.

Have a merry Christmas, people, and also a merry New Year 'cause it will only last two weeks, you know!  
Barb, Carol, and Tunky

# A Slight Revision of-

# Central Profile Busy Bennett

Dorothea Bennett

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house  
(You lucky people that have one)  
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;  
(that DDT certainly did do the trick)  
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,  
(You'd be careful with nylons too)  
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;  
(naive little souls that they are)  
The freshmen were nestled all snug in their beds,  
(you seniors should try that sometimes)  
While visions of pink elephants danced through their heads;  
(they shouldn't have had that last one)  
And mamma in her snood, and I in my cap,  
(what a touching scene!)  
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap, - -  
(as if their brains ever woke up)  
When all of a sudden there across such a clatter,  
(mamma must have dropped her false teeth)  
I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.  
(darn those loose springs)  
When what to my wondering eyes should appear,  
(was it a bird? was it a plane? was it Superman?  
No!)  
But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeers,  
(Santa must have lost weight)  
With a little old driver, so lively and quick,  
(Sounds like the date I had last Saturday night)  
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.  
(psychic, no doubt)  
He had a broad face, and a little round belly  
(someone should tell him about the new two-way stretches)  
That shook, when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.  
(that's a lot of raspberry)  
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,  
(sounds like the eager beavers in 149)  
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk  
(I don't go around with him)  
I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight:  
"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night."  
(no kidding, we mean it!)

"The rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air," describes the morning of December 7, 1941, at Pearl Harbor, according to Dorothea Bennett, editor of the '47 O-Book. People in Honolulu were so used to realistic maneuvers that everyone would jokingly yell "The Japs are coming!" On that fateful morning, the Hawaiians at first didn't realize that this was the "real McCoy." Dot explained, "When the smoke cleared away, we saw that the ships and planes had been almost completely destroyed, and we knew those bombs were real!" Dot's home was over looking Pearl Harbor where many United States ships were docked. As they stood in their front yard they saw history being made. The air was full of smoke and fire; the earth seemed to be shaking beneath their feet.



Dot's father was called to duty and was unable to notify his wife and daughter of his whereabouts for three days, during which Mrs. Bennett and Dot were frantic with worry. At last he returned with the news that all Navy families were to be evacuated to the coast. It wasn't long until Dot and her mother were on a British ship headed for the United States.

Upon their arrival, the Bennetts decided to settle in Omaha, since they have relatives here. Dot has attended Columbian Grade and Central High Schools. She began immediately to participate in activities and is a member of Lininger Travel Club, the French Choir, is secretary of the French Club, and an associate editor of the Register besides being editor of the '47 O-Book.

Although Dot likes Omaha and the many friends she has made here, she will never forget the interesting and exciting life she had in Hawaii. The fact that Dot lived on a Naval base with sixty marines doesn't help her forget Hawaii, nor does the fact that orchids grew in their garage. Dot has always liked to see what is beyond the horizon. She proved this at seven years old when she decided to paddle across the bay in a rowboat. She didn't get very far, for her oars slipped overboard, leaving Dot stranded a mile from shore. She had been drifting for an hour when her father came to her rescue and took her back to land.

This bay has played an important part in Dot's life. Out for a stroll along the shore one day, Dot came upon a wooden box that had apparently been washed ashore by the waves. She opened it and there, folded in three neat piles, was \$3,000. She ran home to show it to her father, who took it immediately to the authorities. The police later told the Bennetts that their seven-year-old daughter had helped in the capture of a counterfeit gang. The police had been following this group but deferred making any arrests because they had no actual proof against the lawbreakers.

Dot has no desire to be a lady detective, but would like to be a lady doctor.

Mary Ellen and Nancy

# We Wish You a



- M is for mistletoe you'll hang on the door.  
When stepping off the ladder don't fall to the floor.
- E is for the ease our vacation will bring  
With no lessons to do, we can do anything.
- R is for the ribbon we'll use on our gifts.  
Let's hope that this Christmas brings many snow drifts.
- R is for the rushing you will have to do  
To finish your shopping and your mother's too.
- H is for the Yuletide greetings from the Register Staff.  
Have lots of fun and many a laugh.
- C is for the candles on your dinner table.  
Get out of doing dishes if you are able.
- H is for the happiness that Christmas brings.  
With joy and good will among other things.
- R is for red, a Christmas hue.  
With silver and green it's always in view.
- I is for ice that will come in very handy.  
For your new skates it will really be dandy.
- S is for Santa—we need say no more,  
As his name's been familiar for many a score.
- T is for tinsel that is silver and shines.  
It will look pretty on all of the pines.
- M is for marvelous which describes your meal.  
Don't eat too much or bad you might feel.
- A is for the angels in the Sunday School play.  
Listen very carefully to what they say.
- S is for silly we're sure you will be  
On New Year's Eve about a quarter to three.

# Recordially Yours

By Richard and Orvel

The smash hit, "For Sentimental Reasons", has been recorded by the King Cole Trio (Capitol). Nat Cole deserves an "A" plus rating for his work on the eighty-eight and vocal. With Oscar Moore on guitar and Johnny Miller pounding a steady bass, this record leaves little or nothing to be desired. The latest results on the Downbeat magazine poll shows the King Cole Trio to be far and away the people's choice for the best musical combo. Oscar Moore is also playing in the race to determine the best guitarists.



Perry Como

Two old standbys have been given a refreshing new treatment by Herbie Fields and his orchestra (Victor). "Jealousy" and "Among My Souvenirs" spotlight this talented young musician as one of the most promising new maestros in the entertainment field. Winner of many national music polls, Herbie's clarinet has an exciting tone quality which commands attention. Field's styling is somewhat similar to that of Benny Goodman, and that is recommendation enough for anyone in our book.

Victor has just released Tex Beneke's rendition of "Anybody's Love Song" and "Uncle Remus Said". Artie Malvern does a stellar job on "Love Song" and is provided with a fine color background by the entire Beneke crew. On the B side, Tex, Lillian Lane, and the Crew Chiefs get together to tell the story of Uncle Remus from the Walt Disney production "Song of the South". Both numbers ably point out why Beneke and his outfit have become the tops in popularity.

The latest disc to come off the Artie Shaw bandwagon of hits is "Guilty". Another oldie, this tune is sung by Mel Torme and the Meltones, which is one of the finest vocal groups in the country. On the reverse side is "Anniversary Song", featuring the clarinet of Shaw. The latter number is from the Columbia picture, "The Jolson Story", which your reporters were fortunate in seeing at a special screening. If we might deviate from the usual platter chatter, we would like to recommend this picture to all. It is definitely one of the finest films in motion picture history.

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### Military Ball

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C.O.C. plans to practice one week during Christmas vacation and every day after that until the ball.

Web Feerman and his orchestra will provide the music for the grand march and the dancing. The grand march committee chairman is Cadet First Lieutenant Donald Fox. His committee consists of Cadet Second Lieutenants John Smith, Herbert Kennedy, Marvin Hornstein, and Howard Vogt. Tickets will be on sale during and after vacation for \$1.50 for couples and 60 cents for single spectator admission.

Cadet non-commissioned officers will usher for the ball.

### Former Opera Stars Welcome Proteges

Congratulations and the re-living of warm memories were in order Friday night backstage at the opera. Bill McBride, brother of Central's Miss McBride; Bob Petersen, brother of Jo Ann Petersen '47; and Lewis Wells, oldest brother of Hugh '47, and Pat '49 hurried to the dressing room to meet their respective namesakes, Ko-Ko (Doug White); Pooh-Bah (Herb Kennedy); and Pish-Tush (George Hudson). The boys, each of whom had seen war service, McBride as a captain in the army, Wells attached to the AAF as instructor, and Petersen in the Marine Corps had taken part in the last presentation of the "Mikado" in '38. In addition, Kermit Hansen and Central's Ed Clark, respectively Nanki-Poo and Ko-Ko in the '32 "Mikado," were seen backstage congratulating the leads.

Morris Lerner '33 was secretary to Senator Thomas of Idaho, and is at present a playwright in New York.

## Christmas Programs Given

#### Y-Teens

Last Wednesday, the Y-Teens had their annual Christmas party with lots of refreshments and entertainment.

The girls who participated in the intercity Y-Teens chorus on December 8 sang Christmas Carols. Mary Butera sang a solo.

Shirley Ebricht gave a humorous reading, "Pa Did It," by Edgar Guest, and Joan Spelic recited a special Christmas poem.

#### Colleens

The annual Christmas tea, presented by the Central Colleens, was held after school, Thursday, December 12, in Room 10. Ice cream, cookies, and candy were served to members of the organization and to the faculty.

Miss Amy Rohacek was the faculty chairman in charge of arrangements; Barbara Ludwig served as the student chairman.

#### Latin Club

The spirit of the Christmas season was duly initiated during the December 11 meeting of the Latin club. Neal Schneiderman and Ray Goodwin discussed the customs of the Saturnalia, the Roman Christmas. Then the 85 members present joined in singing "Adeste Fideles," "Silent Night," and "White Christmas." Following the entertainment, refreshments, cake, and ice cream were served.

The Inter-American club arranged the Bethlehem manger representation now on display in the showcase. El Nacimiento, as this is called in Spanish, is seen throughout all Spanish speaking countries the week preceding Christmas.

#### Central High Players

With the usual Christmas spirit, the Central High Players gave their annual Christmas party and held their formal initiation on Wednesday, December 18, in the old auditorium.

First the traditional formal initiation was held with officers and new members taking the formal oath. After the initiation came the entertaining Christmas party. Douglas White, vice-president of the Players, dressed up as Santa Claus and listened to many requests of the hopeful and anticipating Central High Players.

Doug proved to be a very realistic Santa after he was all padded up. Helen Peterson gave a beautiful dramatic reading and Lois Brown sang.

Following the program, members of the club and its sponsor and advisers went to Room 10 for refreshments.

Sandra Solomon, secretary of the Players, was program chairman.

#### Inter-American Club

Songs, games, and food were the highlights of the Inter-American club's Christmas party, held at the Dundee Presbyterian church, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., December 17.

Following the banquet, the club members gathered around for an informal sing consisting of Spanish songs, music, and carols. After this, the boys and girls took part in authentic Mexican Christmas games.

The evening of fun was brought to a close with the showing of a Spanish movie.

## Sykora Wins Honors In Editorial Contest

Bill Sykora won top honors this week in a national editorial contest sponsored by the Quill and Scroll society. The prize winning editorial was on the significance of Thanksgiving Day 1946. Presented with a creative writing award, a silver watch charm, Bill also is eligible to compete for the national award of a \$500 scholarship.

In the letter received from the society it was stated that Bill's editorial was always in the clear for a national winner, being so marked by three different judges. The judges also remarked that Bill thinks concretely under pressure and expresses himself clearly in effective journalistic style.



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