

## Good Will to All Men



Each of us—no matter who we are—no matter what creed, race or nationality—has had his life touched and bettered by the Gentle Philosophy the Great Teacher brought to this world. And during this Christmas Season, as we face the anxious events of the New Year, none of us can resolve better for ourselves or for our world than to vow sincerely that we will build our lives on the ideals which the great religious leader of the ages have given to us.

To live honestly with ourselves, to act charitably to 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

## City Council Has Meeting

Mr. Smith Discusses Problems with Reps; Five Schools Attend

A project, formed a year ago at the request of Superintendent of Schools Harry Burke, is now going full force. It is the Intercity Council, a group pledged to improve relationships between the pupils and teachers of the five public high schools.

At the last meeting which was held at Central, December 6, the Council, composed of five Student Council members from Benson, South, North, Technical, and Central, discussed, with Assistant Superintendent Leon O. Smith, the problems which had been submitted by the schools.

The students are aiming toward a stronger understanding between the schools by talking over such problems as the curtailing of property damage before and after sport contests, and reconsidering the dates of Christmas vacations so that students might have the opportunity of working at least one week before Christmas.

Central's representatives on the Council are Joyce Jensen, Marvel Anne Reynolds, Kaywin Tomes, Patsy Gordon, and Park Ames.

Student participation in school affairs is being increased by the interchange of ideas not only with Omaha schools but also with schools in Seattle, Cincinnati, and other cities. The assuming of responsibilities in the school by students is also being emphasized.

The Council, which meets at one of the schools the first Thursday in each month, will meet at North on February 7.

## What Became of Former Cellmates

Have you ever wondered what happened to the June graduates of 1951?

Let's take a look at a few of the statistics recently compiled.

Sixty-nine per cent of the graduates have continued their schooling. Of these 105 have gone to Omaha University, 47 to the University of Nebraska, 11 to Creighton University, 7 in Nurse's Training, and 72 to other colleges and universities.

The military service has claimed nine of the '51 graduates. Five former students are in the Navy, two in the Air Force, and one each in the Coast Guard and Marines.

Graduates working make up 25 per cent of the 1951 class; 5, all girls, are married; and 6 have moved from the city.

## Jr. Red Cross Gives Christmas Program

Children's Memorial Hospital will be the scene of a Christmas party, Saturday, December 22, given by the Junior Red Cross for the children. Tumbling, music, and favors will be provided for by the Central High students. Janice Farrell will be master of ceremonies, and Janet Schroeder is the chairman of entertainment. Dean Short will give part of the entertainment.

Because of an outbreak of measles, the party will not be held in the auditorium as was previously planned. Instead, the students will travel from ward to ward as troubadours.

The Central Red Cross entertained the Intercity club Wednesday, December 18, at Central High. There were over one hundred students from Omaha public and parochial schools. Principal J. Arthur Nelson presented the welcome from the school.

## Xmas Projects Liven Classes

Can you imagine making Christmas tree decorations out of crinoline, cookies, tin cans? Have you ever seen a real gingerbread house with coconut frosting? If these things seem impossible, a look into Mrs. Fern McCready's homemaking room will reveal beautiful, inexpensive tree decorations made out of objects that are never thought of as turning out so sparkly and effective.

Mrs. McCready's Homemaking I students made most of the ornaments and also constructed small trees out of crinoline stars placed on a candle. The ginger bread house was built by the Homemaking III girls, and it is an architectural masterpiece in cookies, cakes, and icing.

Aprons were sewn by the pupils of Homemaking I as presents for their mothers, and animals were stuffed by the Homemaking III class to donate to the children in the County Hospital.

Swedish embroidery on huck toweling, a very different and interesting work, is being done by some of Miss Alice Buffett's students in Homemaking III. Outstanding work was shown by Mary Counsell and Ann Zimmerman. Among others in this class who are knitting argyle socks, dusters, and scarves as gifts for their relatives are Peggy Rumel and Barbara Wise. Christmas parties are being given by her Homemaking I and III classes.

The homemaking department has done some outstanding Christmas work by making elaborate gifts and

## ROTC Prepares For Military Ball

Matthews and Hopley to Head Dance Committees

Preparations are now in full swing as the ROTC department plans ahead for the Military Ball, to be held on January 25 at Peony Park. Chairman of the dance is Second Lieutenant Dick Matthews and co-chairman is Cadet Second Lieutenant John Hopley. They have already appointed the various committees.

Handling tickets and invitations is Dick Dow, assisted by Eugene Simmons, Norman Veitzer, and Emmanuel Papadakis. The stage and decorations committee, headed by Alan Sharpe, includes Byron Blanchard, Donald Olson, Lee Albertson, and Art Tesar. In charge of escorts is Stanley Magid, with Harlan Rosenblatt and Bill Denny as assistants.

Members of the courtesy committee, headed by Lee Roberts, include Jack Lewis, Stanley Plotkin, Frank Tirro, Ronald Grossman, and Bill Martin. Music will be managed by Hal Snyder. On the grand march committee, under the chairmanship of Ray Harris, is Billy Denny, Howard Krantz, and Dave Haggart. Publicity will be handled by Lawrence Chapman, assisted by Jergen Barber, Emmanuel Papadakis, and Jack Seefus.

Senior cadets who are to march in the ball will soon begin to practice with their dates before school each morning in the gym.

## Former Central Graduate Selected Beauty Queen

Poise, beauty, personality, charm—these are only a few of the reasons Janet Langhammer was selected Tomahawk Beauty Queen at the University of Omaha last week. Janet, who graduated from Central in '51, competed with thirty-two other candidates.

Two other former Centralites received honorable mentions. They are Pat Cosford '50 and Anita Reznicek '51. The girls all modeled formal and street wear.

## Marer, Weigel, Sweiback, Ziegman Represent Frosh

The freshmen have chosen four of their class to represent them on this year's Student Council. They are Jerry Marer, Bob Weigel, Jerry Ziegman, and Eugene Zweiback.

The four boys will attend the Council's Christmas party and assume their duties as active members next semester.

## Students Dramatize Play

Dramatic work is featured in Miss Alice West's English I class; for on Friday, December 21, they are going to perform "The Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens. The pupils obtained a radio script of this play and will use it for their skit. Directing this sketch will be Teddy Dienstfrey and Judy Graves. The actors include Nancy Garraway, Muriel Green, Bill Watson, Reginald Cooper, Myrna Vlasnick, Jeanine Fischer, Roseanne Clark, and Jean Woerly.

Because Miss West's students were tired of the conventional evergreen used at Christmas, they decided to have a different type of tree.

They drew a tree of their own on the blackboard and added colored ornaments and put various gifts under it.

The school orchestra, one of the most important organizations at Central, rarely receives due recognition for the work it has done. Under the able direction of Noyes N. Bartholomew, the orchestra has played for all important school functions. It provided the colorful music for this year's opera, "The Mikado", as it has for many past performances. At this year's mid-term graduation, the orchestra will supply the music as it will for the June graduation.

Remember! Where there's music there's the school orchestra ready and waiting.

"Merry Christmas to You" has been expressed in a unique way by members of W. Edward Clark's classes.

The talented English teacher drew a Christmas tree on the blackboard of Room 337. Decorations ranging from an airplane to a gingerbread man were drawn by his students on the tree, and to these colorful decorations, the names of the various pupils were added. Mr. Clark intends to complete his Christmas masterpiece with a fireplace.

## 'Silent Night, Holy Night'



Top Row: Roger Burke, Dick Pfaff  
Bottom Row: Nancy Fulton, Shirley Kurtz  
Photo by Dwoisnik

## Senior Choir Forms Singing Christmas Card

Holiday Program Features Musical Christmas Scene, Narrative, Carols and Snow

by Corinne Houser

A musical Christmas card will illuminate the stage of the auditorium today. Adorning either side of the stage will be two living Christmas trees, issuing forth strains of familiar holiday music. Centering this festive atmosphere will be a huge holly wreath—all producing the dramatic effect of a gala Christmas card.

This will form the setting of the Christmas program by the a cappella choir under the direction of Mrs. Elsie Howe Swanson. Karen McKie will narrate, "What Christmas Means to Me," while the choir sings in the background.

Ever-popular Carols Presented  
Students will enjoy hearing their favorite carols presented with the characteristic professional touch of the choir. The group will sing such carols as "Silent Night," "Here We Come A-Wassailing," "Carol of the Bells," and "Angels We Have Heard on High."

In forming the two Christmas trees, the members of the choir will be arranged in graduated rows on ascending risers. Each will hold a flashlight covered with colored cellophane to create the impression of an actual tree with lights and the scene will be viewed through a transparent blue scrim. The beauty of the Christmas season will be brought out further with a scenic appearance of snow flakes falling in the background.

In keeping with the holiday spirit, many students gathered around the Christmas tree by the east entrance early this morning to sing their favorite carols.

Choir Gives Other Programs  
Members of the choir are helping to spread Christmas cheer by making other appearances during the holiday season. On December 16, a selected group of eight boys and eight girls entertained the Delta Kappa Gamma Chapter of a National Teachers' Sorority at the Fontenelle Hotel. This same group will again sing on the afternoon of December 23 at the Joslyn Memorial. On this particular date various musical groups from all over the city will present a Christmas program from 1:30 until 5:00. The program will be open to the public.

The whole choir is again scheduled to sing for the Kiwanis Club at the Fontenelle Hotel on Friday, December 21. The program will be broken up into three parts with a group of traditional choir songs, a concertized version of the opera, and a number of Christmas carols.

## Vis. Ed. Class Records Opera

Eighteen students under the direction of Miss Margaret Weymueller, handle the Visual Education department of Central High School.

Each student member of the department must be enrolled in the first hour Visual Education class where he is taught to operate and repair a Bell and Howell 16 mm movie projector, splice film, and run a tape recorder.

All departments of the school benefit by the Visual Education department, for they have at their advantage not only the use of the department's equipment, but the school's library of films at the Joslyn Castle.

The most recent big project undertaken by one of the student members was the complete recording of the opera done by Byron Blanchard on the school's new tape recorder.

The eighteen student members of the class are Richard Campbell, Tom Caniglia, Bob Chiles, Jerry Colnic, Don Dandy, Tom Eastlack, Don Filipic, Ophelia Henry, Leonard Lorkis, Gary Luse, Jim McElligott, Eugene Napier, De Rider, Sol Rosinsky, Jay Roth, Sam Scarpello, Bob Sogolow, and Charles Tanner.

## Future Features

- December  
21—Christmas Assembly  
Basketball - Central at Abraham Lincoln
- January  
7—Schools reopen  
9—Basketball - North at Central  
11—Basketball - Central at Soo City Central  
14—Activities Assembly  
18—Basketball - Central at Lincoln Central  
17, 18, 19—City Music Clinic

## Blanchard Earns First Class Radio License

If you happen to tune in on your amateur radio station, you might hear at least one familiar voice, that of Byron Blanchard. Byron has been working a long time with radio and has at last achieved his goal.

Last Thursday he received his amateur radio license, which enables him to have his own radio station. Amateur stations are not for broadcasting programs, but people who pass the special test and obtain their license may talk with other amateurs in the United States and all over the world by tuning in on home sets.

Amateur radio has no age limit, and girls find it a great opportunity to satisfy a favorite pastime of talking. In time of disaster, when other communication lines are not available, a radio hobby may play an important part in saving lives and doing other rescue work.

Byron is the first in the senior class to earn a license, and he is proud to be one of the thousands of amateurs all over the country who have achieved such a goal.

## Orchestra Accompanies Many School Functions

Have you ever strolled down into Central's basement and heard the soft strains of music floating through the air? If you have experienced just this before, you can rest assured it is only the school orchestra practicing for one of their many performances.

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## NROTC Exams Given on Dec. 8

"Attention to orders of the United States Navy! Subject: Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps scholarship tests."

These were the words that echoed in Room 215 of Central High School on the morning of December 8 as the Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps scholarship tests were given.

Any unmarried boy who will be between the ages of 17 and 21 years of age on July 1, 1952, was eligible to take the test. Centralites taking the examination were Billy Denny, Mury Franklin, John Hopley, Ed Hulac, John Jones, Bill Lincoln, Lee Meyners, Emmanuel Papadakis, Stanley Ploakin, Lawrence Ravitz, Sol Stiss, and Norman Vietzer. One Central graduate, Wayne Harris, also took the test.

A total of 52 boys took the test at Central at the same time that thousands of others were taking it all over the United States and its territories. The 52 boys represented Omaha high schools, Omaha University, Creighton University, and several outstate schools.

NROTC scholarships are considered by many one of the most valuable in the country. Winners receive four years of free schooling at any university in the country, plus regular navy pay.

The test took three hours and five minutes of actual working time, not including time for directions, and was a test of a boy's aptitude. It stressed heavily vocabulary and mathematics.

One of last year's graduates, Gary Fuller, received an NROTC appointment and is now attending Iowa State at Ames under an NROTC scholarship.

## English Students See Movies of Classics

English students have had the opportunity recently of seeing what they have been reading.

Movies of the famous stories that are studied in classes have been shown with the cooperation of the visual education department. Scenes from "Macbeth" have been shown to all English VII classes.

Also shown lately were films of the background of literature in England and Scotland.

The English department believes that the students gain much from seeing these movies after they have read the story, as it gives them a better understanding of the plot.

Other aids to understanding are record albums of "Hamlet" and "Macbeth."

## 'Mikado' Earns New Recognition

Some new things were done in connection with the presentation of this year's opera, "The Mikado."

The front page of the society section of the World-Herald was taken up with pictures of "The Mikado" cast, and other people connected with the opera. There was also an excellent story along with the pictures.

A World-Herald reporter took the pictures during the dress rehearsal, including the cast being made up and the stage crew putting sets, along with actual scenes in the opera.

This was the first time that anything of this kind has been done.

Another new idea, introduced by Byron Blanchard, was a tape recording of the entire performance. Byron, with the assistance of Robert Beck, set up the tape recorder and connected it with the school's public address system.

The Friday night performance was recorded from backstage and the choir heard the recording the next week. Mrs. Elsie Swanson plans to have it played again for more of the cast who haven't yet heard it.

## Sophomore Class Ruled By Marsha Waxenberg

Announcement was made today by the sophomore class counselor, Miss Josephine Frisbie, of the class officers for the coming year.

Filling the office of president for the second year in a row is Marsha Waxenberg, while the office of vice-president is held by Joan Kretschmer. The other officers include secretary, Anne Marie Hruska; treasurer, Mary Curtis; and sergeants-at-arms, Connie Little and Joyce Wright.

# Soldier in Korea Describes His Christmas Celebration

Dear Central Students:

Well, it's nearly Christmas and Christmas of course makes me think of home. It makes me remember that only a few short years ago I too was a high school student looking forward to those two heavenly weeks of vacation. You kids don't know how soft you've got it. You ought to be over here. We're having "tons of fun" planning our Christmas party.

It's going to take place on top of a rocky, snow-covered little hill. We cut ourselves an evergreen tree and mounted it in the most attractive foxhole. We weren't able to get any ornaments though—stores up here are all closed, worse luck; but one of the fellas donated an arm of his red flannels, and it makes a jolly red bow on top. Oh, we're crazy about our Christmas tree! We call it "Pete" for the fellow who went out and cut it for us. He had a little accident on the way back and isn't with us any more.

But let me tell you about our Christmas dinner. We've been rationing ourselves for several weeks so we can have a real blowout. First course, hot toddies—if we can thaw out the canned milk—and then vegetable soup. We've managed to save four cans among the twenty of us, and for dessert—you guessed it—rye crisps. (And there isn't any of us who really needs to diet.) But I'm being cynical and I didn't intend to be when I started this letter. Forgive me.

Just have a very merry Christmas, all of you. After all, that's why we're fighting over here—you can. And be grateful for what you have. You'll never really know until you have to go without it.

PFC JOE BROWN

[Joe Brown is an American soldier—any American soldier who will spend this Christmas on the battlefields of Korea.]

# Parent of Teen Age Students Evaluates Modern Christmas

Dear Central Students:

As we reach the Yuletide season, my husband and I are wondering if Christmas this year will mean as much to our children in high school as it did to us when we were teenagers. We wonder if the feeling of happiness and sheer joy of being here in America to greet the new year means anything to them.

We hope that they will stop and think for a moment of the good times they had during 1951 and give thanks that they are not on the other side of the Iron Curtain where Christmas will be celebrated with only fear and hunger. Our son can be especially thankful as this year ends that he is living here in freedom and comfort rather than on some desolate ridge in Korea. And we hope that our daughter realizes how fortunate she is to have all the little things that mean so much to young people, but which so many must go without.

One hears so often the remark that modern youth is spoiled by the leisure and security provided for them. But we believe that American boys and girls appreciate these things and are striving to prepare themselves for the job that will soon be theirs—the job of building and maintaining our foundation of freedom. Yes, we believe in our children—in their ambitions, their standards, and their judgment. And we are hoping, with Mothers and Dads everywhere, that our teenagers will have a very merry Christmas and that we may help them to make their dreams come true.

A MOTHER OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

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# 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 Yuletide greetings for you from the Staff;  
We've tried to bring you 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 quite 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 sick you may feel.

**A** is for angels in the Sunday School play;  
Listen attentively to what they say.

**S** is for silly we're sure you will be  
On New Year's Eve about a quarter to three.

# Same Old Story--

'Twas a week before Christmas,  
And in one forty-nine  
Everybody was rushing  
In confusion sublime.  
Mrs. Savidge was shouting,  
"We must have some news";  
And Jensen was grouching  
And singing the blues.  
The copy was short  
And the ads far too few.  
An associate editor  
Was home with the flu.  
Visions of Friday  
Danced through Don's head—  
A paperless Friday—  
He moaned, groaned, and fled.  
But the show must go on,  
And the Register too!  
So—Merry Christmas to all,  
And a Happy New Year, too!

# With a New Twist

'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 arose such a clatter,  
(mama 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 reindeer,  
(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,  
"Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good-night."  
(no kidding, we mean it!)

# And To You, Too!

To the man at the boiler who turns on the steam,  
To the manager of the basketball team,  
To the man who mimeographs our tests,  
To the doc who photographs our chests,

To seniors who like four o'clocks,  
To greenhouse owners who throw rocks,  
To those who despise home-cooked hams,  
To those who love surprise exams,

To those who thrive on three hours' slumber,  
To the zombies that ring our phone—wrong number,  
To those who hand in themes on time,  
To those who relish the alarm clock's chime,

To reporters who turned all their stories in late,  
To fellas who call for a last minute date,  
To the person who shuffles his feet during tests,  
To the classes who have Friday morning song fests,

To the girl who puts paint on in home room each morn,  
To the boy who, when calling for dates, blows his horn,  
To the milkman who rattles his bottles at three  
To the people who crowd into lines before me,

To the boy who snores in the second row,  
To the man who stops when the light says go,  
To the sailors sailing o'er the foam,  
And to the readers of this little pome (?),

Although we do not know your name,  
A happy Yuletide just the same!

# 'S Ain't Nick



The children of America have been deluded too long! Little hands have been called upon to write itemized lists (called letters) to some eccentric old coot with a bad case of five o'clock shadow who rides around in a "Little Orphan Annie Skyrazer" pulled by underpaid, over-rated inlaws of Bambi. And the number of insomniac brats with visions of sugar plums dancing in their little heads has increased at an alarming rate. Now, the time has come to "tell the kiddies!"

I decided to interview Santa Claus and get the real lowdown on his gift giving. . . I went home that afternoon to break the news to mother. Naturally, she cried pitifully as she hurriedly made me three pastrami sandwiches and threw my duffle-bag out on the porch.

"Don't cry," I pleaded, going out to get the duffel, which I hadn't packed yet. "Please don't weep," I implored. "I may come back," I cried with a hint of a smile in my voice.

It was then that I heard the strangled sob that escaped her lips. And . . . I . . . was gone . . . in a flash . . . and a Greyhound Bus. With my luck, I had gotten on Number 365478369683645 1/2 which, as everyone knows, stops at every hick town. After that, the journey progressed with no distractions. "This is going to be fun," I told myself. "Ha," I answered.

There were a few small mishaps (like Mother forgetting to put the pastrami in the pastrami sandwiches) but, on the whole, the trip was smooth. We were heading north and having more weather and climate all the time. I got off the bus, and whistled for a Yellow Dog sled, hopped on, and prepared to complete my mission and interview the symbol of Christmas from Maine to California.

After three weeks filled with unspeakable tortures of hunger, chillblains, and no place to get the Register, I found it . . . THE NORTH POLE! I collapsed at the foot of it, too exhausted to go further. I hadn't been lying there for more than a month and a half, when I woke up suddenly to find a Saint Bernard standing above me. He let me know by movements of his head and gruff barks that his name was Shaggy, he was fourteen years old, he had lived with Saint Nick for ten years, he simply abhorred Prancer, and he was a reformed Republican. Then he tugged at my clothing as if to say, "Let's go this way. It's awful cold out here; I know where there's a nice fire where we can toast marshmallows." Hesitantly, I followed him. He brought me to a house with eleven chimneys. I knocked timidly at the door. It was opened by an eccentric old coot with a bad case of five o'clock shadow.

"You must be Santa," I ventured.

"No, I'm his wife," came the reply.

This was astounding. I whipped out my Central Notebook and started taking notes. I sat down and listened intently. I had filled the notebook and three slightly used Style Books with her preliminary remarks, when she made the statement that may well change the destiny of the universe.

"So you see," said she, "It is I who have been climbing in and out of those hot chimneys while Santa just sits in Brandeis Toyland and promises things to kiddies."

"So the old man left you holding the bag," I said punnily.

She favored me with what is known as a cynical smile. Then she laid a finger aside of her nose and, giving a nod, up the chimney she rose. She sprang to her sled, to the team gave a whistle; then, like a true woman driver, ignored the Northern Lights and turned around and shouted, "MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!"

### Central Profile

# Mr. President

John Jones



Photo by Matsuo

grade and wheeling high, wide, and handsome on a bike (without a license) Johnny was stopped by a policeman and asked the usual question, "What is your name?"

"John Jones," replied the small redhead. The policeman didn't believe him and Johnny had to do some talking.

Mr. Ping-Pong could be another name for John. Tennis has always been one of his favorite hobbies, and last year he ranked seventh nationally in the junior division. He's won fifteen championship trophies for ping pong tournaments. Most sports rate high with John, especially baseball and basketball. After seasoning the reserves last year, he plays a smooth forward or guard on Central's up-and-coming 1951 varsity cage team.

You girls will do all right if you feed Johnny Sweden pancakes or banana splits, but you'll merit a one if you are small and trim with short hair and are lots of fun. John claims he'll be no bachelor. He seems to have a ticed girls for some time, for when he was asked to spell physics during a sixth-grade spelling match, he paused so long that the teacher asked him if he knew just what the word meant. As his reply, John drew in the air a well-curved shape. Deep-down he has always wanted to be a bathing beauty contest.

John's bulging schedule crowds in Hi-Y, Latin class and the position of secretary of the Student Council; and he has been made, appropriately, the mascot of the Titans. Being the eighth grade president of Saunders School, a county commissioner last year, a delegate to Boys' State, and a one-time member of the Junior Honor Society, have kept John hopping. He also finds time to write sports and serve as assistant sports editor on the Register. All this, and in addition he plays a hot piano and was in the cappella choir and the opera his sophomore year.

A future geologist hunting for uranium or oil and living up to the name of John Paul Jones, "Mr. President" has just begun to fight.

# Yumpin' Yuletide

Winter Wonderland ..... Vacation  
All I Want for Christmas ..... Ed  
Here Comes Santa Claus ..... Mr.  
We Wish You a Merry Christmas ..... Debate Club  
I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas ..... Weathermen  
I'll Be Home for Christmas ..... Alvin  
What Are You Doin' New Year's? ..... Howard Krantz  
I'm Busy Doin' Nothing ..... Barbara Bial  
Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer ..... Stan Mag  
It Came Upon a Midnight Clear ..... New Year's Eve  
Deck the Halls ..... Colleen Christmas Tree Committee  
I've Got My Love to Keep Me Warm ..... Anne Slater



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

# Book Worms Turn Over New Leaves in January

What should we ask?  
We've found a solution. . .  
"What is your New Year's resolution?"

Elaine Ehrenreich: To warn all people to lock their cars so their hubcaps won't be stolen.

Alfred Curtis: I know but I'll never tell.

Dale Peters: Not to make my spending money by smuggling Serutan to people under 35.

Pat Vogel: To have answers for the Register staff when they ask me questions.

Bill Seidel: I don't need any. . . I'm perfect!

Gretchen Andre: To stop hiding the unit tests from Wentworth Clarke on test days.

Bruce Hackett: To see Mrs. Savidge smile twice—all in the same class period!

Keilereg Enuj: Never to write a column like this again!

# Jolly Christmas Festivities To Highlight Club Meetings

The Inter-American club's annual Christmas party was held December 19 in the school cafeteria. An amusing program was given by the combo, a musical group of students consisting of Suzie Tate, Prudie Morrow, George Ling, Nancy Barron, Bob Meyer, Jerry Marer, and Jerry Ziegman with Darlene Monteaux as soloist. The program was planned by the entertainment committee headed by Jerry Ziegman, assisted by Nancy Barron, Kathryn Atchley, and Dean Short.

Before the supper a Spanish spell-down was held in which the contestants who had won the preliminary spell-downs in their individual classes participated. Spanish I contestants were Teresa Kahn, Lois Drew, Cyrille Silberman, Jerry Ziegman, Gary Anthony and Brian Baxter. John Imig, Carol McBride, Henry Pollack, Ann Strang, and Jim VanCamp competed from Spanish III, while Advanced Spanish students were Renee Krantz, Carol Okun, and Bill Nielsen.

In charge of food was Joan Kretschmer, who was assisted by Elaine Kelly, Suzie Avery, Rosanne Clarke, and Henry Pollack. The breaking of the traditional Mexican Pinata followed the supper after which Spanish Christmas carols were sung.

Again this year the case outside the main office is decorated in honor of Christmas by members of the Inter-American club. The beautiful Nacimiento (Nativity scene) was arranged by Scott Chiles, Ann Strang, Carol Okun, Carol McBride, Joyce Wright, and Tom Morrow.

### Central Players Stage Party

"And what do you want for Christmas, little girl." This was the general sound coming from Room 145, Tuesday, December 11, at the Central High Players' Christmas party.

The sound emanated from none other than Harlan Peckman in the guise of the jolly old gent from the North Pole. Harlan was decked out in Santa's usual trademark, the bright red suit, complete with black, shiny boots, and white whiskers.

Before Santa's arrival, the audience was entertained by Randall Bixler's magic tricks, Betty Steele's singing, and the dancing of Cynthia Zschau and Pat Burke.

### Chewing Gum Fines Given To Charity Organizations

Chewing gum in a class of Miss Martina Swenson means putting a nickel in an elaborately decorated "Gum Box." The proceeds will be donated either to the Good Fellows or used to buy a Care Package that will be sent over seas.

Mr. Claus gave a lollypop to all good little boys and girls, and after the program, everyone went to the north lunchroom where refreshments were served.

### French Plays Given at Party

Joyeux Noel!  
This was the call as everyone left the French club Christmas party, Wednesday, December 19.

The party was highlighted by four plays given in French. The French actors and actresses were Karen McKie, Dona Wells, Harlan Peckham, Annie Thompson, Frank Tirro, and Walt Newcomer.

Christmas carols were sung in French too and refreshments were served.

### Y-Teens Honor Teacher

Saturday evening, the Y-Teens will bring Christmas spirit to the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Gagnebin, an ex-Y-Teen sponsor who is now ill.

The girls and sponsors have purchased a small Christmas tree with bubble lights that may be used as a table centerpiece. The publicity committee and club officers have planned to carol at Mrs. Gagnebin's home, then present the tree to her along with their wishes of "Merry Christmas".

The tree was on display last Wednesday at the Y-Teen Christmas party in the ROTC room.

### Group to Visit Hospital

Beverly Jean Murray, Central High Y-Teen Service committee chairman, is the student director of a group of talented Y-Teen and HI-Y members that will entertain at the Children's Memorial Hospital.

The group, made up of members of all Omaha Y-Teen and HI-Y clubs, will present a Christmas program for the children, December 23 at 2:30 p.m.

For the program Miss Angeline Tauchen has an accordion and harmonica act, Suzanne Staley and Sharon Helms make up a dance team, Pat Baker and Beverly Murray are both giving narrations, Jacqueline Witt and Suzanne Staley are shepherds in a nativity scene and Beverly Murray is the mistress of ceremonies of the entire program.

### Seniors Model at Style Show

A style show at Kilpatrick's department store last week included four Central High seniors. Bette Bryson, Sandra Stevens, Marvel Anne Reynolds, and Ann Strang participated in the show on December 13 at 4:30.

## Cast Party Climaxes Opera Performances

Three performances of the comic opera, "The Mikado", were brought to a successful end with a cast party held in the House and Garden room of the Blackstone Hotel on December 8 after the final performance of the opera.

Due to the bad weather, many were unable to attend but those who did were rewarded with sandwiches, cake and hot chocolate.

The cast sang many of their choir songs, also a group of songs from last year's opera, "Sweethearts". They had an appreciative audience of hotel guests who gathered to listen.

A rendition of the opera that was a far cry from the original production was given. The train of little ladies turned into gentleman of Japan while the boys became a chorus of school girls, singing "Braid the Raven Hair." The leads also reversed sexes and Janet Page became the Lord High Executioner while Betty Steele was a Wand'ring Minstrel. Bob Knappe turned into Katisha and Bob Shawhan became an effective Yum Yum. Betty also joined with Dona Wells and Carol Tietgen to burlesque the parts of Nanki-Poo, Pooh-bah, and Pish Tush.

Mrs. Elsie Howe Swanson led the choir in their songs while Mrs. Corinne Nevins accompanied them on the piano.

Mrs. Swanson was presented with a gift of a matching ring and earrings by the members of the choir. Mrs. Mary Kern was given a compact and Mrs. Nevins received a handkerchief.

Along with the a cappella choir, the stage crew, the orchestra, Mr. and Mrs. Jensen, and W. Edward Clark were invited to attend.

## Students Aid Teachers in Correction of Frosh Test

"Santa Claus's Workshop" might well be the title given to Room 310 the past week. Sixteen busy "elves" worked feverishly for six consecutive days to assist Mr. Harold Eggen in the correcting of tests that had been given to the freshman class. These tests will be kept in the counselor's offices for reference.

In second hour library and study halls 215 and 235, Mr. Eggen asked for volunteers to help him. The following should be given credit for the job: Lynn Adams, Judy Avery, Betty Bryson, Pat Burke, Doris Carlson, Barbara Dunlap, Jaek Fullerton, Avrum Greenberg, Ernie Kalman, Elaine Kelly, Donald McKeen, Shirley Noodell, Judy Rosen, Larry Swanson, Art Tesar, and Judy Whittaker.

## Debaters Play Host At Beginner Match

This last week has been a busy one for the Central High debaters. Although Miss Marian Mortensen, debate coach, usually has her room humming with activity, this is the group's busiest season.

Central High was host for a beginner debate, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 11 and 12, given to provide experience for debaters in their first year. Tuesday, North High and Central debated with North students acting as judges. Undeclared in this contest from Central were Pat Baker and Beverly Murry.

Creighton Prep was the guest school on Wednesday, with twelve advanced Central debaters acting as judges. Bob Rasgorshok-Sandra Schreiber and Warren Zweiback-Murry Belman were the undefeated teams on the last day.

Last Friday night, the club sponsored a sox dance in the gym after the game with Benson. Warren Zweiback was the chairman for arrangements.

Next big event on the schedule is the Missouri Valley tournament, and the students are working hard to make a good showing in the contest.

## Crown Proves Dangers Of Alcohol for Biologists

One of the interesting sides of a Biology class, as was demonstrated by Edmond Crown, is the experimental side. Mr. Crown's classes wished to discover the effect of alcoholic beverages on the human stomach and mouth. They used beer, gin, and many other liquids, put drops of them on slides containing live paramecium cells, and waited until death came to the creatures.

Another attraction which has been added to the biology labs are the two new aquariums. These aquariums contain air-breathing fish from all parts of the world.

## Wood, Noted Cartoonist, Will Appear January 14

One of the most entertaining activity assemblies Central students will ever view will be presented January 14 in the school auditorium. The assembly will feature Bob Wood, noted cartoonist and chalk talker. He will display his ability for creating beautiful color chalk drawings of scenes while talking continuously. Now on display in Washington, Mr. Wood has some fifty water color paintings of scenes in the South Pacific, where he served three years as a United States Marine.

## Former Teacher Publishes Novel Yuletide Bells

Twenty years of continuous hard work and research by a former Central principal and educator, have resulted in a historical study of Custer's Last Stand, published under the title, "Shadows Fall Across the Little Horn." The author of the book, who has been gathering material in Wyoming pertaining to the historic battle, is Joseph G. Masters, a former Omahan and founder of the National Honor Society.

Mr. Masters secured most of his material from Sioux and Cheyenne warriors who fought Custer and from troops of the Seventh Cavalry Division. In order to get this information, Mr. Masters sat and talked for many hours with warriors and squaws who witnessed the battle.

Since every man of Custer's immediate force was blotted out there that day, it was many years before the Indian warriors were sought out for the facts, details, and movements that went on that day. Mr. Masters, who has access to several different Indian accounts, enjoyed talking to Indians and noting the emotions on the Indians' faces as he relived the great struggle.

Mr. Masters, whose book was published by the University of Wyoming Library, has been living on Bush Hill Farm near Smethport, Pennsylvania, for eight years. He devotes most of his time now to writing, reading, and experimental farming.

Dear Boys and Girls:

Ho, ho, ho, and a Merrreeee Christmas. Well, this year your jolly old, ho, ho, ho, Saint Nick has decided to ask you children, ho, ho, ho, to do him a few favors.

As you know, I'm not getting any younger or any slimmer, so I would appreciate it if everyone would take his chimney off the house and just leave the hole in the roof. This would also keep my suit much cleaner. (Mrs. Claus gets angry every year when my good suit has to go to the Dead-Cord Cleaners.)

Second, jolly old Saint Nick gets mighty hungry along about that time, and well, ho, ho, ho, cake and milk sure do hit the spot. Of course, if you'd just as soon leave cash—well, who am I to complain?

Next, the pack on my back gets heavier as the years go along, so this year I wouldn't have any Cadillacs, just Buicks and Pontiacs. As for all you folks who ordered mink coats you'll just have to talk to the government about it.

If you live in states such as California, Nevada, etc., you might just as well forget about me—I will bring two suits of clothes with me and catch my death cold going from one to the other.

You may just as well forget about Rudolph, too. The kid's gotta have his battery charged!

Well, now, ho, ho, ho, Merreee Christmas to all you dear, dear children—I'll see you soon.

Love,  
Jolly old Saint Nick, ho, ho, ho.

## Seniors Confused Over Choice of English Credit

If you've noticed puzzled faces around the halls of Central, they no doubt belong to seniors who have had a hard time deciding on their last semester of English.

The seniors have a choice of the type of English they may take including Creative Writing, English VIII, English VIII S, and English History.

English VIII is a study of English literature, and English VIII S is a review of grammar.

## Sheaffer Contest Rewards Free Trip to Washington

Is anyone interested in winning a \$250 prize plus an expense-free trip to Washington?

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