



# Prospect of A Prosperous New Year Arouses Hope

Great volumes of hope are present in a world which is engrossed in a deadly war this Christmas.

A Central senior recently remarked that several of his buddies were now fighting and dying in Korea, and that he will probably be there next Christmas. Looking back at the year, however, one is able to see rays of hope that penetrate the darkness of the world.

The United Nations hasn't as yet made any notable progress towards halting the war. Yet, the U.N. was created by people with hope, and that in itself creates a brighter outlook for the desperate, hungry peoples of the war torn east.

Last November 4 brought three million more voters to the polls than did the election four years ago. Not only is that evidence that Americans are showing more appreciation towards their privilege of voting, but it means that there is a growth of the public's concern for the war, corruption and low morals in government, inflation and all the issues discussed during the election.

The United States is beginning to have hopes for Western Europe becoming less dependent on U.S. aid. There is a definite trend in Britain, West Germany, France and Italy for these countries have established their own defense against Russian aggression. They aren't entirely independent of help, but they show a start in doing things for themselves.

As people share Christmas of 1952 with one another, and observe the customs set aside for the holidays, they should have feelings overflowing with hope. For the peoples' spirit and attitude alone can help determine "the peace on earth and good will towards men."

# Festivity the Main Theme In Countries Around Globe

Here in the United States we think of Christmas as a season of evergreens and mistletoe, of gayly wrapped packages and colorful greeting cards, of hurried last-minute shopping trips, of carolers singing in the snow, of church choirs singing traditional songs and hymns, of roasting turkeys, of all sorts of cookies and candies, of little children trying in vain to "be good so Santa will come."

But what of other countries? Do the Germans, Italians, and Brazilians wrap presents and decorate trees as we do? Does Santa Claus visit the children of India, China, and Mexico? Nearly every country has some sort of celebration during the Christmas season.

In China the Christmas festival is known as Sheng-Lan-Lieh, the Holy Birth Festival. The Chinese call the Christmas tree the Tree of Light. No candles are used, but the tree is decorated with paper flowers, colored paper chains, and cotton snow flakes.

In Czechoslovakia the celebrations start on Svaty Mikulas Day, December 6, and end with the visit of the Tri Kralu (Three Kings), January 6. Svaty Mikulas, patron saint of the children, who supposedly descends from heaven on a golden cord, gives gifts to children who know their prayers well.

The Dutch also celebrate December 6; in Holland it is dedicated to St. Nicholas. The children place their wooden shoes filled with hay and a dish of water for St. Nicholas' horse in front of the fireplace as a sign that they are safe in bed.

But, in spite of their many different customs, people all over the world set aside Christmas as a time of good feeling toward everyone.

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# Merry Christmas



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# The

# Day

# After



# The Night Before !!

By now, you have heard about the "The Night Before Christmas," but what about the day after Christmas? Little has been written on this glorious subject. But I propose to enlighten you all.

To start the day, I rise and shine bright and early say about noon—into my trusty dog sled, shout and take off!! As I skim over the ground on my way to town to return the gifts I received the night before, I debate where to park? Surely there will be no one downtown today of all days. But lo! What's this? Everyone downtown? Well, I'll still be able to park conveniently—say about 50th and Dodge.

I hop out of the sled, put on my new snow shoes and trot down to Handy Dandy's to do my first errand. And just as I hand the lovely (?) scarf from Lena across the counter to the clerk and ask pleasantly, "I'd like to exchange this if you please," who should stumble in but—you guessed it—Lena! Need I go further? Let's just label this incident "Life's Little Tragedy" and let it go at that.

I now proceed to the sweater department with the power blue cashmere in hand from my one and only, Robespierre. Granted, he had no money, but did he have to bargain hunt, and get a "slightly irregular" one with three arms? Inexcusable is my word to him!

After fighting crowds for hours, I give up and retreat to my igloo. The next project is to de-trim the Christmas tree. OOPS! Down crashed the tree! Well, that's time saved.

I didn't want those old and outdated ornaments anyway! I must now dismantle it and take it outside to burn it. But I forgot one thing, there is a slight gale, and as I stand here and watch my precious igloo melt away, I have only one regret—Christmas comes only once a year!!!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!

# Crazy Mixed-Up Kids

Dear S. C.,

Well, I canvassed that ivy-covered hall of learning, Central High School, this week, and since all the little lads and lassies have been good (well, anyway as good as could be expected) during the past year, I'm forwarding their requests to you.

Because of the great conservatism of her request, I feel Marlene Taylor should have your first attention; and thus find a diamond solitaire in her stocking Xmas morning. By the way, Santa, this wish is shared by yours truly, too.

For the benefit of the Register, Phyllis Kaplan begs another typewriter for 149 as an aid in getting her stories in on time. Weigel, an aspiring sophomore, modestly requests that he receive a baby blue Cadillac convertible, but the demand seems to exceed the supply, for that's what Jane Laws wants, too. Ray Kelly is more practical: he just wants the gas; he already has the car.

One of Central's more conscientious students, Joy Ann Woods, would be pleased with a history course without work sheets, while Delores Castor says she'll settle for a history course without the history. A passing grade in algebra is all Lee Martin craves. Otherwise he's afraid he will have to take a one-way trip to the Siberian salt mines. Richard Hensen wants to find a box with Marilyn Monroe wrapped up in it, m m m m-boy!!

Bob Simonson isn't very hard to please; all he requests is a locker that mice can't get into. What's wrong Bob, been missing your lunch lately? Pat Burke hopes for a new pair of ice skates and a soft pillow to go with them in case she has a let down.

Merlyn Cronk says that he's a youth that likes to eat, and that a law against losing weight for wrestling would be his wish. Don Andrews, another star wrestler, wants a new letter jacket. Seems to me though, Santa, he has four or five already.

All Annie Hruska wants is a shot gun so that she can have a bangup time during vacation. Randall Bixler wouldn't mind having a sled with reindeer to bring him to school every morning. Move over Randall I'll join you. Ted Nittler is hoping for some long, unitchable, red flannel underwear to help keep him warm these wintery days.

Metty Christmas—Sappy New Year!

# Foreign Correspondent Greet us from Kremlin

'Twas the night before Christmas, and all through Moscow  
Not a creature was stirring, cuz 'twas snowing, and  
No stockings were hung by the chimney with care,  
For Santa thought it too cold to go there.

While all little noodniks slept in their beds,  
With nightmares of Uncle Joe stuck in their beds,  
Papa and mama were mired in thought,  
"Without any rubles, no presents are bought."

Downtown in a building behind Lenin's tomb,  
The Commissar (in charge of claiming Western  
nations) was filled with gloom.

"The Hamericians haf always claimed Santa Claus,  
The Roosians moost believ he is really one of uz.

So up jumped the Commissar, his face all aglow,  
"Tonight I'll be Santa Claus, snow or no snow!"  
Late that night, when all were in bed  
The commissar leaped into his Russian red sled.

As papa was sleeping he heard a great sound,  
And out of the bed he leaped with a bound.  
Are the secret police after me?" he worried,  
And into the living room he hurried.

In the room, standing by the fireplace,  
Was the Commissar, brushing snow from his face  
Boy, was the commissar ever dressed neat,  
With all his medals dangling clear to his feet.

And on his hat—for nothing could be neater  
Stood a picture of Stalin, our Glorious leader.  
The buttons were shining on his high-collar suit,  
And he was very military, even his boots.

He turned to the stockings, putting toys in each  
Brass knuckles, a blackjack, a sub-machine gun.  
"I vill gif all the kiddies the nicest of toys,  
Noting like an A Bomb for little girls and boys."

Then Commissar saw Papa, and jumped with a fright  
For he had many more stops to deliver tonight.  
He rushed out the door and ran to his sled,  
But Papa stayed a while before going to bed.

He thought to himself before he went up the stairs,  
"Even in Moscow there's someone who cares."  
To all you disbelievers—you should know it now—  
There is a Santa Claus—even in Moscow!

# Sounds Good Now, But Wait Until 1953!!



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We know you're going to break them.  
So give up and be through.  
Tell us now before New Years'  
What you resolve to do.

- Die Henkens: To reform. . . .
- Phyllis Rosen: To be sweet to Gary.
- Park Ames: To get a crewcut!
- Suzanne Festerson: To get to school promptly at every morning.
- Roger Taylor: To go to Vassar.
- Sally Berg: To cease my nickel contributions to Jones' gum fund.
- Kaywin Tomes: Never to take another trip to Chicago
- Bob Holsten: Not to have my voice tape recorded in lish class.
- Ellie Kooser: To go to a stag party.
- Phil Schragar: To resign my post in the Last Man's C
- Kay Jones: To sell an elevator pass to a senior.
- Roger Robinson: To stay away from those wild Years' Eve parties.
- Hank Pollack: To respect my elders, especially in A
- Bob Weigel: To give up women and become an out man.
- Jan Farrell: To just give up.
- Bennett Alberts: To challenge Windy Clark to a (of wits, that is).
- Elaine Resnichek: To try to get at least five hours sleep every night.
- Mrs. Crabbe: To find my bell and end the chaos in 149
- Steve Taylor: To grow.
- Ted Vahl: To carry a ready supply of gum.
- Lineve McKie: Always be prepared to answer the tions of roving second page reporters.
- Annie Lou Haried (after reading this): To swit switch to sports writing.

# Clubs Mark Festive Season

## Inter-American Club

Inter-American club members held their annual Christmas Party Thursday. The refreshment committee included Harold Friedman, Larry Hawthorne, Doug Ross, Ilene Sachs, Jerry Singer, Connie Tarascio and Suzanne Simons.

The program committee, made up of Nancy Barron, Lois Drew, Janie Fellman, Therese Kahn, Bob Meyer, Prudie Morrow, Sheldon Rips, Terry Wanson and Jim Taylor, planned a guitar solo by Prudie Morrow, a Christmas reading by Janie Fellman and male and female Spanish quartets.

## Outdoorsmen

Continuing the job of setting themselves up as a functioning organization, the Outdoorsmen adopted by-laws at their meeting December 8. Recreation was a movie, "Prairie Wings."

Don Rogers, chairman, announced members of the movie committee: Harold Peters, Tony Lang and Bill Reynolds. Conservation Week committee is composed of Max Bear, Dick Mosch, George Robinson, Kipp Buis, Eugene Kohn, Bill Ashley, Dick Vernon, Dick Churchill and Tony Lang.

## Colleens

Gay Christmas music combined with an unexpected bit of humor to complete the annual Colleen Christmas Party.

A sophomore girls' sextet started things off at a fast pace with the Carol of the Bells. Then into the spotlight stepped Park Ames and Jack Kelley. The former added hilarity in "The Cremation of Sam McGee," while the latter thrilled his audience with "O Holy Night" and Ave Marie.

Then Bob Foote as Santa Claus came rushing down the aisle cheering "Merry Christmas!" before Saint Nick discovered that he had lost something—his pants!

## Greenwich Villagers

Once again the Greenwich Villagers prove that artists can be equally at home at the tea table or at the easel. More than 100 guests, faculty members, parents and students attended the annual Christmas tea December 10.

Christmas tree ornaments, table decorations, hand-painted stationery, miniature furniture and other articles made by the art students were sold to the guests. Eggnog and cookies were served.

## G.A.A.

The annual G.A.A. Christmas party was held December 16. The party committee, headed by Mary Ann Naggs, included Susie Avery, Mary Lou Hiebenthal, Sue Lyon, Katherine Graves, Kathy Flynn, Janice Petersen, Pat Vogel, Sandy Scott, Joan Benedict, Mary McDonough and Pat Tuccitto. Committee members presented a skit, and all the girls played games and sang carols.

## Latin Club

At the end of each year the Romans had a holiday called the Saturnalia, and yesterday afternoon in Room 145 the Latin club celebrated this occasion with songs, games and refreshments.

Instead of a juicy test today before letting the Latin students out for school vacation, Miss Alderson is planning to show her classes colored slides that she took in Pompeii, and

Miss Pilling is preparing something for her Latin V class that she has insisted on keeping a secret.

## Central High Players

Santa Claus, bearing a large bag of lollipops, put in a surprise appearance at the Central High Players' Christmas party Wednesday, December 10.

Further entertainment was furnished by Nancy Tompkins singing "White Christmas," Joanne Braunstein reading "Prinderella and the Sincere" and Jerry Hoberman pantomiming "The Beanbag Song."

Following the entertainment, the players were served cake, ice cream, nuts and mints in the lunchroom.

## Junior Red Cross

Central High Junior Red Cross council was host to the Intercity council on Wednesday, December 17. More than 100 students from all of the Omaha public and parochial schools attended the Christmas meeting, last one of the year. Principal J. Arthur Nelson welcomed the group on behalf of Central High and extended the hospitality of the school.

Among Central's Junior Red Cross activities this month has been donating 14 novels for the Veterans' hospital library. Favors were sent to the Douglas County Hospital polio ward, a gift was sent to a convalescent child and many volunteers from Central worked after school and on Saturday at the Blood Bank.

## CAP Squadron Honors Ann Zimmerman '53

Ann Zimmerman (right) has been named Outstanding Girl Cadet of 1952 by the Omaha Civil Air Patrol squadron. Ann, who serves as a supply officer for CAP, was promoted to Cadet Captain. She also was awarded the \$375 Arthur C. Storz flying scholarship and received a letter of commendation from Lt. Colonel Earle C. Reynolds, the commanding officer of the Nebraska CAP wing.

Two other Central students also received promotions. John Speese '54 was made a Cadet First Lieutenant, and Wayne Simpson '53 was named Cadet Second Lieutenant.



## Kavan Wins Beauty Title

Central High alumna, Patsy Kavan '52, was winner of the 1952 Tomahawk beauty contest at the University of Omaha. Another Central graduate, Corinne Houser '52, was runner-up.

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