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GAA To Arrange Yule Baskets

The familiar scene of filling Christmas boxes and baskets for the needy families of Pittsburg is scheduled to take place again this year.

Twenty members of the GAA and twenty boys, whom the girls are responsible to bring to do the heavier work, will be working at the Salvation Army Headquarters on the morning of December 23, the Saturday before Christmas, to fill these baskets.

Those who have volunteered so far are: Judy Timmons, Gretchen Glick, Vonnice Lundquest, Janice Glick, Betty Jo McClanahan, Margaret Marlier, Carolyn Buckley, Janet Decker, Jo Kincaid, Janet Opie, Pat McClanahan, Gertrude Naccarato, Georgia Arthur, Pat Thomas, Pete Mitchell, Pat Eakin, Bonnie Smith, and Shirley Robinson.

Music And Speech Classes Present Annual Assembly

The combined PHS chorus, consisting of approximately 100 students and assisted by the orchestra and speech department, presented the annual Christmas assembly Friday, December 22.

The program began with devotions by Suzanne Toussaint, followed by "Lord of Glory", "Hear My Cry, O Lord", "Csardas", "Sleigh Ride", and "Christmas Tide" played by the orchestra. "The Night Before Christmas" was presented by the speech class with Dorothy Case as the reader. The chorus then sang "Break Forth O Beauteous Heavenly Light", "O Bone Jesu", "Lo How a Rose E'er Booming", "While Shepherds Watched Their Sheep", "Today There Is Ringing", "Jingle Bells", "O Little Town of Bethlehem", and "Silent Night." Pat McClanahan, a member of the speech class read "The Littlest Angel." The assembly closed with the chorus singing the famous "Gallia," a motest.

Orchestra and band members were directed by Gerald Blanchard, high school music supervisor. Dramatic selections were supervised by Dan Tewell, speech instructor.

Letton, Lemon Win Trophy



Jane Letton and Letty Lemon brought more honor to themselves and PHS, when they defeated Springfield in the finals at the Coffeyville Debate Tournament December 8 and 9. They were victorious after defeating six teams to be eligible to compete in the semi-finals.

The teams they defeated were Springfield, Commerce, Winfield, Coffeyville, Wyandotte, and Muskogee. In the semi-finals they defeated an Ark City team.

Though this was one of the smallest tournaments thus far this season, some sixteen schools with over fifty-two teams were represented. This was not the only un-



Student Council Members decorate a large Christmas tree which stands in the main hall. They are, left to right: Richard Payton, Janet Opie, Basil Frank, Bob White, Frank Smardo, Jim Valentine, Marilyn Holcomb, C. A. Smith.

Christmas Greetings

Bethlehem has become the symbol of hope down through the past twenty centuries because Christ, the Messiah, was born there on Christmas Day. As humanity has approached this birthday of our Savior for the past two thousand years, one question has been repeated over and over. How far is it to Bethlehem, this citadel of hope? One poet has answered this question.

It isn't far to Bethlehem town!
It's anywhere that God comes down
And finds in people's friendly face
A welcome and abiding place.
The road to Bethlehem runs right through
Homes of folks like me and you.

May I conclude this Seasonal Thought with a wish for each of you. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
John L. England

Prepare Gift Boxes For Jr. Red Cross

Senior High and Roosevelt home rooms have been busy the past few weeks filling Junior Red Cross boxes to be sent to children overseas.

This year more than 150 boxes have been filled with toys, games, and personal accessories. Most home rooms filled at least five boxes.

All boxes have been turned over to the Senior Red Cross for later distribution to needy children in other lands.

Christmas Spirit Invades Senior High

The Christmas spirit displayed in PHS is like a bright jewel in the necklace December is wearing. Students report that even the teachers have been observed gazing wistfully at the sky and humming "White Christmas."

The halls resound with "And what do you want for Christmas," "Where's the Mistletoe," "You should see our Christmas tree," or "I'll see you at the Christmas dance."

Molecules of disinterest, worry, and criticism are being swept out to make room for the Christmas tree, home-room parties, general assemblies, and common good feeling.

The tree, which was beautifully decorated by members of the student council, seems to say with every bright light and furry branch, "Being a Christmas tree for around 435 students is quite some job, so I'll just stretch my branches a little more, shine a little brighter, and say Merry Christmas to all."

For the first time in many years some of the art majors are

arriving as early as 7:30 a.m. Since there is a cause for every effect, these actions were traced. It was discovered that PHS has the art department to thank for the beautiful scenes painted on all doors, and also the Christmas paintings in each home room. They have certainly done a wonderful job.

This week home-room teachers, besides taking care of usual home-room business and trying to teach their students a little something, have been confronted with the problems of decorating the rooms and planning for the Friday parties.

Miraculous things occur overnight. Where, once faded maps and pictures of "Little Eppie" hung, are bright pictures of Santa Claus or lovely snow scenes.

The Y-Teen girls are on the job school while the music department is spending extra time and effort practicing on the music for the general assembly.

So amid the gentle swishing of paint brushes and twinkling of lights, Christmas comes again to PHS.

Bell Becomes Sec'y of State, Hi-Y Legislature

"I thought it was a great honor to be elected Secretary of State and I wish that more boys from our Hi-Y group could have attended", stated Charles Bell on his return from the Hi-Y Model Legislature in Topeka.

Charles arrived at Topeka on Thursday, November 30, for a meeting of the four gubernatorial candidates. The four boys were taken on a tour of the Capitol, which included the House and Senate chambers, the Capitol's Library, and a trip up to the dome of the Capitol building, which Charles confided was a climb of 296 steps.

On Friday all the Hi-Y representatives from the various cities convened in the House chamber where they elected James DeGraffenreid, of Wichita, Governor of the fourth annual Hi-Y Model Legislature. After this election the representatives divided into the two houses and considered proposed bills.

That night a banquet was held in honor of the new Governor and afterwards a ball was held, also in honor of the Governor.

The final session of the Model Legislature began on Saturday morning and was dismissed at five in the evening. At this session, Charles, as Secretary of State, read the proclamations and resolutions to the joint houses.

Besides Charles, seven other boys attended this meeting. They were Francis Macheers, Harold Ray, Bob Hawley, Bob Bell, Winston Deacon, Gene Seifert, and Richard Payton. The group was accompanied by Mr. Jesse Sutton and Mr. John Biddle, sponsors.

Mr. White Goes To Washington

Mr. John White, PHS printing instructor and city commissioner, has just returned from the annual congress of the American Municipal Association held in Washington D.C., December 4 and 5.

In combined meetings of all the representatives, Mr. White heard speeches from such dignitaries as Senator Paul Douglas of Illinois, who spoke on, "The American Foreign Policy" and Representative Harry Cain of the State of Washington, who had as his topic, "Where is the Federal Government Leading the Cities?"

"Having dinner with Senator and Mrs. Andrew Schoepel, flying from Kansas City straight to Washington, were among the highlights of the trip," Mr. White reported.

Pennies Buy Stamps - Stamps Save Lives

Today Pittsburgers are helping to stamp out one of America's leading killers, Tuberculosis, through the purchase of Christmas Seals. These seals with their double-barred message of hope for the sick and suffering are bought yearly by thousands of people, who thus play an important part in this modern crusade for better health.

Tuberculosis has grown to be one of the most serious problems now facing the American citizens. It is no longer a local or state affair, but rather it is now the concern of the whole nation. This dreaded disease annually claims over 55,000 victims here in the United States. In the state of Kansas it caused a total

of 232 deaths in one year alone.

The American Christmas Seal campaign was first developed by welfare worker, Emily P. Bissell in order to raise desperately needed money for a Delaware TB hospital. This idea soon spread over the entire United States and has been used for this purpose of raising funds to fight TB since its humble beginning in 1907. Upon the issuance of the 1950 stamp this year America's TB campaign will be 44 years old and is still going strong.

Ninety-five percent of all money collected in this community will be spent for local anti-TB facilities and only five percent will go to the Na-

tional Tuberculosis Association. Besides being spent for chest clinics, X-ray units, and TB rehabilitation equipment, this money will be spent for medical research so that in the not too distant future an absolute cure may be found for this so called "white plague."

All this and much more is made possible through the purchase of Christmas Seals with their bright message of comfort to all TB patients and their families.

Pittsburgers may show their gratitude to the Tuberculosis Association for their fine work and unceasing efforts in behalf of better health for this community by supporting the 1950 campaign.

Carve A Name For Yourself But Don't Do It On The Desk

Joe Blow, typical PHS'er, leans back in his chair with a satisfied smirk on his face. He has carved a name for himself! Then he lays his bobby pin in the chalk tray and goes to his next class.

Yep, Joe Blow has carved a name for himself all right. So has a good population of the school as anyone can see by merely gazing at the nearest desk.

What's more, there are all kinds of offenders, from the timid beginner to the chronic offender, and the sura total of them all makes for some pretty ragged desk surface. But the saddest case is the habitual hacker who goes wild, unless he can carve up one of the new desks. Exhibit A—thats our boy, Joe.

Now picture Joe, ten minutes to go before deadline on that final English theme. He's finishing the last paragraph and ed yesterday. Also, Whomph... that little grove he carved English theme, Joe Blow, chronic carver, just got a taste of his own medicine.

Trouble is, it doesn't happen often enough. Here's the more... kiddles. Wieldin' that bobby pin isn't the way to carve a name for your self. Get to work, Joe. Put sent do... point down, boy, and give teacher a Xmas present—your promise that you won't be a Joe Blow.

Blooney's Christmas

A thin, vapor... cloud emerges from the general vicinity of the first floor lockers. If you look real hard, you can see a sprig of... well, adhering to his rather formless... And, if you look real close... even closer, you'll see that Mr. Blooney has a smile on his face.

Some wiseguy just asked who Mr. Blooney is. In case this is being read by other such uninformed students, here's the big secret—Mr. Blooney is the ghost of PHS.

He's the fellow, this Blooney, who causes people to forget their locker combinations, and sets the clocks back, and puts the ice on the front steps, and sees to it that the building is cold in winter and hot as blazes in summer, and Mr. Blooney is the boy that creeps in and pours those gallons of chlorine in the swimming pool.

In short, this spiteful spirit hasn't been too easy to get along with. But now, as we said, Mr. Blooney is smiling.

Wait! Hold on a second. We've just got a thought wave communiquing from Mr. Blooney. He says to tell you that he is fond as he can be of the Christmas tree in the front hall. Not only is it pretty, but for the first time in his matterless existence, he's been tickled! And he says to tell you that the scene in front of the building makes him just the proudest school ghost in the world! He's reforming, and he wouldn't change his haunting address for anything in the world. That's why he's smiling. You know what? So are we.

Seniors Have Personality Plus

SHIRLEY BOLINGER

"All I want for Christmas is a black velvet suit," dreamily sighs Shirley Bolinger, brown-eyed, fiery haired senior.

This cute little gal loves the school sweater idea, vacations, and when questioned about her plans for the ten day vacation, Shirley replied, "Oh work, sleep, and cross my fingers for a 'White Christmas'."

The good old box office Shirley's

main hangout. Her favorite pastime is "waiting for letters from the air force."

An active member of the Y-Teen Club and the mixed chorus, Shirley is just the type to sit around and endlessly day-dream while listening to soft sentimental music. "Dream a Little Dream" is one of her favorites.

"Not a shing, not a single shing, sosing," is one of her poetic sayings. Her favorite teacher is Mrs. Lewis. Almost any kind of clothes suit Miss Bolinger.

Next year Shirley plans either to work, or to go to school. And then—"just sit around and wait for Prince Charming."

JEANNE FREETO

Listening to records is Jeanne Freeto's idea of the "best way to spend spare time."

This striking brunette is definitely fond of cashmere sweaters, (with long sleeves) shiny hair, Stan Kenton records, suede loafers, and KU. (She plans to attend KU next fall.)

Outstanding in all school activities, Jeanne, as secretary of Student Council, is helping lead her senior class in their many activities. She is also president of the Treble Clef Club.

"Tenderly" by Ray Anthony, the color blue, and Mr. Nation are all favorites of this PHS'er who will always remember, "getting that coal bucket back from Columbus."

Jeanne plans to spend those soft, sultry afternoons shooing away flies at summer school during June and July. (Oh how terrible, Jeanne.) Then it's "off to Colorado" for the month of August.

TED MONTGOMERY

For the next four years Ted Montgomery's theme song will be

will leave for service with the navy.

Teddy, senior class president, has been prominent in athletics during his three years in high school. In football he thrilled spectators with his many long runs for touchdowns. Last spring he won honors in boxing, and also found time to play out for track. He took part in the class play in his junior year, and for three years has been an active member of the Hi-Y.

The Christmas vacation Ted plans to spend in making trips. He confessed that Mr. Nation is his favorite teacher and that writing letters is his favorite pastime. His leisure time he spends at the Pla-Mor.

This blond, blue-eyed guy likes "girls with a smoother line than mine," trips to Kansas City, good clothes, cashmere sweaters, brown eyes, children, The Booster, the song "Harbor Lights," and naturally—democrats.

MELVA OPIE

"Crumb, crumb, crumb!" Oh, oh, focus those goggles, shift them a little to the right and see if that blue-eyed brunette, from whose lips flowed those golden utterances, isn't that senior gal who can usually be found dating or messing around in the kitchen (Mrs. Mason's kitchen that is). Yes, you guessed it, it's Melva Opie.

A member of the Y-Teen Club Melva especially enjoys watching football or basketball games, typing, and cooking. This gal's pet peeves include moody people and poor sports.

The long hours spent in the cafeteria line will always remain in the memories of Melva who intends to spend her entire vacation reducing. (Silly girl.)

In the future she hopes to graduate, (?) work awhile, and then get married.

Christmas Formals Take Spotlight

Imagine, if you can, a room decked with holly and mistletoe and alive with beautiful girls in swirling net skirts, and taffeta that rustles as they walk?

Santa Claus called early on some PHS girls, who appear at holiday dances displaying new formals. Suzanne Toussaint will be all decked out in a royal blue corded taffeta, while Fay Wheeler will wear a strapless blue net with a full tiered skirt, to name a few fortunate sophomore girls. Another sophie, Coleen Recob, intends to dazzle everyone (probably will, too) with a new ballerina style strapless formal with a white satin top.

Champaign net has been chosen for formals by Letty Lemon and Barbara Landrum. When this was pointed out the two immediately put their heads together, and found (with a good deal of relief) that the dresses weren't alike. It seems that Letty's is full-length with a gold and silver bodice, and Barbara's is a strapless ballerina-length.

Pat McClannahan will appear at the most special occasion in her coffee-colored formal, while Rose Lucas will wear a breath-taking gown of black lace over pink satin and net.

Nona George will look delightful in aqua and black net with matching stole. Another black and aqua combination has been chosen by Dorothy Case.

Sally Allyn will be resplendent in a frothy white net strapless dress, trimmed with a cummerbund of cerise satin.

All the snow and beautiful Christmas decorations cannot dim the outstanding new styles to be seen during the holidays.

AN IDEAL GIRL

She never drinks,
She never smokes,
She never spends her dimes on cokes,
She doesn't like to stay out late,
She would rather sleep than have a date,
She doesn't smooch,
She doesn't pet,

Up And Down The Halls Of P.H.S.

SOPHOMORES ALL

Candidates for P. H. S.'s best looking boy... Jim Herlocker, Bob Remington, and Bill Willard. They probably won't have to take any tucks in John Van Deman's football suit by the time he's a senior. He weighed nearly 200 last fall... Jackie Hunt's face was really red last week after gym class. It seems that she was leaning on the door to the boys' gym, peeking through the keyhole, when the door opened and she went bounding through... Eight of our sophomores are making their marks as debaters in a fine way. One of these, Colleen Recob, won all her debates at the Coffeyville tournament... The Stroup twins always give the basketball scorers a rough time. They're really never quite sure if it's Louie or Larry who has made the points or the fouls... Prize Sophomore Nickname... Irene (Hope For) Moore.

SUPERLATIVES

TALLEST...Judy Hutchins...Bill Van Steinburg.
CUTEST...Nancy Simone...Jim Herlocker.

MOST ATHLETIC...Alberta Kiel Dale Anderson.

LITTEST...Vida Lucas...Don Curran.

SMARTEST...Suzanne Toussaint Bill Hagman.

PEPPIEST...Janet Decker...Bruce Burton.

MOST STRIKING...Carolyn Resler...Basil Frank.

MY TYPIST

My typist has gone on a holiday,
Mytypist has gone on a spree,
My typist hap none oh hyr haleday
O gring adq m! hyst to me.
Bling bac? oK &ring back,
Oh bynk b&ck my typist to mo,
tu mi,
Mrung bicqosceling Sack oh blyn
bac mg
t&pps tp m?
O derra.

NAMES OF MOVIES REMIND US

"No Way Out"..... When they closed the first floor hallway.

"No Man of Her Own"..... Miss Fintel

"Please Believe Me"..... Office Excuses

"Home of the Brave"..... PHS

"Annie Get Your Gun"..... Jo Ann McQueen

"The Men"..... Our Football Team

"Broken Arrow"..... Doc's baton, during orchestra rehearsal.

"Breaking Point"..... Chemistry Class.

"Best Years of Our Lives"..... Senior Year.

"Love Letters"..... Jim Peters and Carol Tanner.

"Edge of Doom"..... Government Classes.

"Kiss Tomorrow Goodbye"..... When you haven't studied for a big test.

"The Accused"..... The guys that went quail hunting.

"Father was a Fullback".... Vickie Smith

"Escape"..... The 3:15 bell

"Young Man With a Horn".... Don Johnson

"Twelve O'Clock High".... Lunch Hour.

"They Live by Night"..... Pat Eakin and Charles F'eterman.

"Stage Fright"..... Last year's Jr. Play Cast.

"Sealed Verdict"..... Debate Ballots.

"Red, Hot, and Blue".... After flunking a big test.

"Paid in Full".... Library Fine

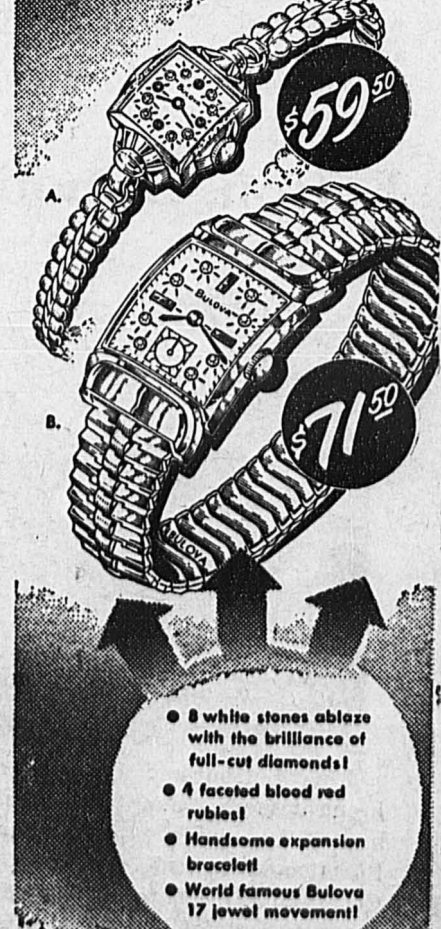
"It Happens Every Spring".... Graduation.

HERE AND THERE

The Christmas spirit has really hit P. H. S. With many varieties of Home Room decorations... The constant ringing of those little bells, attached to people shoe laces... Everyone talking about the Christmas formal dances... And all of us eagerly awaiting 11 days of vacation... Have you noticed all

that the steadies have been sporting?? If not, then keep your eye out for Gert and Herk and Bud and Vonnie... Everyone has been having twice as much fun at noon-time recreation lately. The big Decorated Christmas tree and that new record "I've Never Been In Love Before" have really made a hit with lots of the kids... Such a hit, that 5 seniors were tardy for fourth hour government last Tuesday... Then there was a senior girl called Gretchen Glick who caught her cute nose on fire while eating a freshly roasted marshmallow... Frank Smith, who still believes in Santa Claus, risked life and limb the other day to plant a star atop the family's TV aerial, so that Santa wouldn't get one of his sleigh runners fouled up there when he makes that jaunt the night of the 24th... Boy stood on the burning deck item - Gene Seifert was in the midst of his debate speech in Mr. Tewell's room the other day when the fire alarm sounded... Everybody else fled but Gene and the slavedriver, who continued to hold the stopwatch on his student, saying, "We gotta go on or we won't have time to finish"... Somebody's gonna get burned one of these days.

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TREES FOR CHRISTMAS

Mary V. Farnum

Proudly arrayed for all to see,
Whenever I see a Christmas tree
Shining with silver, glowing with
light,
Shaking its jeweled skirts with
delight,
I think of the pines on a hill I
know
And how sun and moon have help-
ed them grow.
O, they must be used to being
so fair,
For often they've stood with the
stars in their hair,
The sun's bright gold on their
branches has gleamed
And silvery moonlight has over
them streamed.
For years they have lived with
the clear summer rain
And its crystal balls on their
boughs have lain,
And times when a rainbow leaned
to the earth
They were bathed in color, given
new birth.
Do you wonder they're chosen as
Christmas trees
When always they've lived with
glories like these?
....Warp's "Christmas Messenger"

It Can't Be True

"Is somebody standing on here
with me, or have I really gained
that much?" moan the over-weight
as they read the scale in the girls
locker room.

It is really heart-breaking to
see the girls get on the scales
with the utmost confidence, and
then, after several seconds, get
off with an air of devastation.
Of course, a few favorite compan-
ions offer consolation. They too
are anxiously awaiting their turn
at the tell-tale scale.

There are a few girls that are
always lucky. They have a certain
air of distinction about them.
They've lost pounds when they
announce their good fortune after
stepping off the scales, there are
hearty handshakes, vigorous pats
on the back, and words of con-
gratulations. Naturally, these girls
are the ones that pass up those
delicious delicacies in the cafeteria
and Crowell's "Oh, it's really noth-
ing!" they declare, little realizing
the glint of starvation in their
eyes.

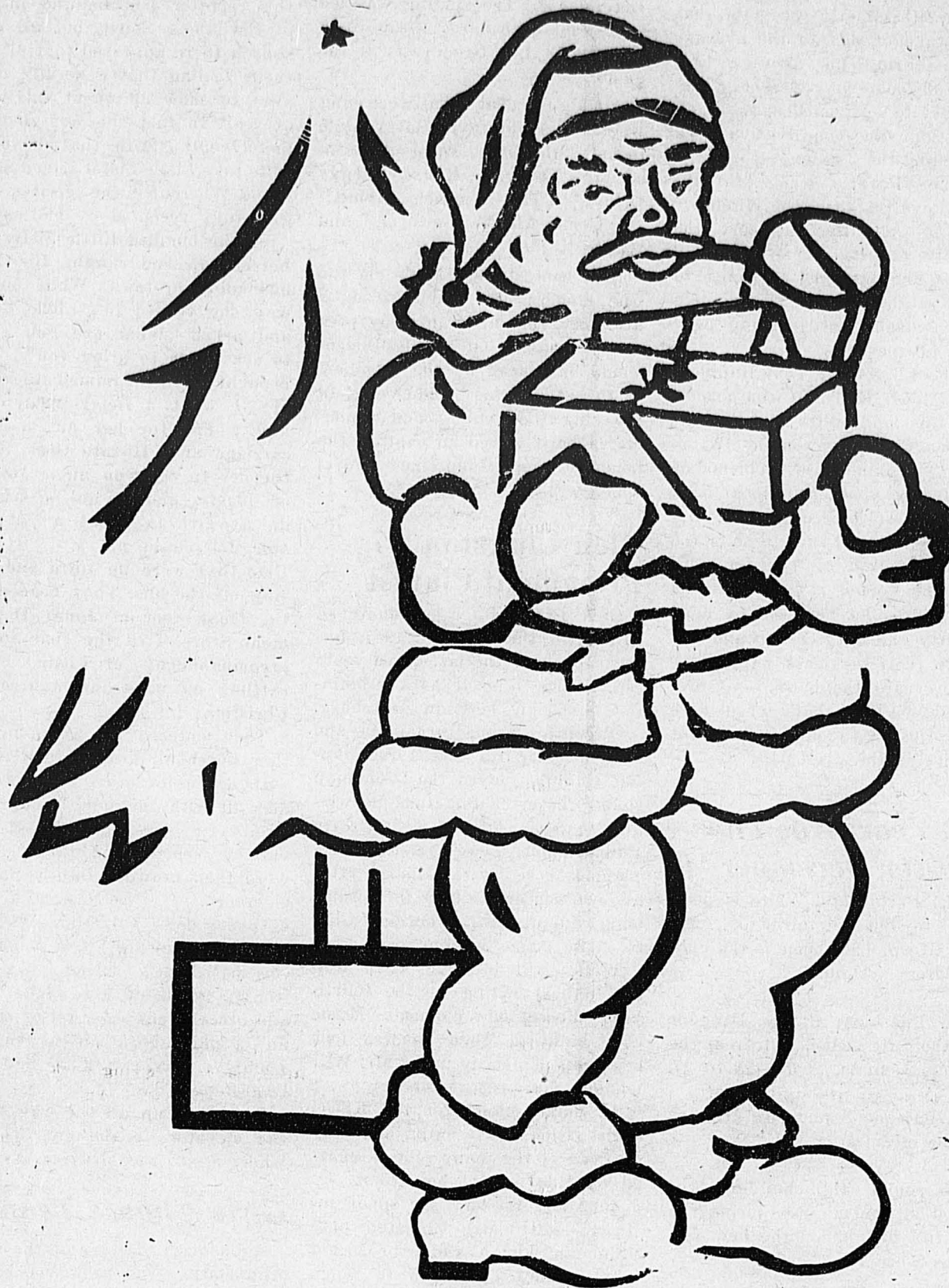
"Well," says the over weight
friend, "I'll start my diet tomorrow.
Truly, I will."

Bob Hawley was obviously reel-
ing out a heavy line to impress
the beautiful young girl at his
side.

"Those soft, lovely hands," he
whispered, "your warm lips. And
those beautiful eyes! Where did
you get those eyes?"

Jeanne Freeto "They came with
my head!"

A Very Merry Christmas



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Joe Reagan
Bobby Slaughter
Bill Willard
Bob Wise

Identify the PHS Mystery Miss

PHS has a "Mystery Miss." Each day she talks with students in the halls, walks with them to class, and eagerly waits with them for the 3:15 bell to ring.

She is a typical high school soph-
omore. With her, school, dancing,
dates, new clothes, and good friends
are all swell. Cold weather means
snow fights, ice skating, and
Christmas to her.

To win a complete debate tourna-
ment and to become an outstand-
ing upper classman are her burn-
ing ambitions. Singing in the soph-
omore double trio, and occasion-
ally a few solos of her own, helps
to fill her spare time - that is,
what time there is after debate
lectures, directing the junior choir
at church, and tinting pictures for
all the kids.

Sports really are tops. Practi-
cally nothing could keep her away
from the basketball games. She
enjoys playing table tennis and
volley ball and is looking forward
to being in Miss Messenger's gym

Although you've probably guess-
ed the name long ago, here are
a few more hints: her hair is
golden, and her eyes are blue.
She is approximately 5 feet 2
inches tall. Although she is not
a poet, poetry is one of her big
interests.

Look for her name in the ads.

Y-Teens Sell English Holly

During Christmas week Y-Teen
members sold twenty pounds of
English holly.

The sale was arranged by the
finance committee under the di-
rection of Carolyn Buckley, chair-
man, and Miss Stevens, advisor.
Money from the sale will go to
the club treasury to defray vari-
ous expenses of the group during
the school year.

The little moron's watch had
stopped ticking and he tried to
find the trouble. Finally he took
the back off it, went into the
works, and found a dead bug. "No
wonder it doesn't work," he said,
the engineers' dead.

Inquiring Reporter

If jolly old Santa would leave
an "Iyo" in the toe of your favor-
ite Christmas stocking this "night
before Christmas," just what would
you do with it?

Dottie Rossell "I'd eat it."
Janice Glick "Probably sit
on it."

Miss Marsh "Give it back
to him."

Marva Arbuckle "I'd comb
it's hair."

Letty Lemon "I think I'd
wear it to the Sunrise Dance."

Margaret Feagans "Oh,
donate it to the best debater."

Janice Burnidge "Dangle
it on a string like a yo-yo."

Marilyn Kazmierski "Clean
my teeth with it."

Joe Leaman "Well, why
not ride it?"

Miss Messenger "Take it
back to Switzerland."

Evidently those quoted were
terribly sleepy eyed when they ex-
amined that old stocking. Webster
says, "Iyo" an African
bass."

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Old Santa Brings
Birthday Cake

How would you like to find a
birthday cake in your stocking on
Christmas morning? Such could
be the case for Pat Sawyer who
celebrates her birthday on Christ-
mas day, and for Ramona Dray
who adds another year on Dec. 24.

When asked how she liked the
double celebration Pat replied in a
resigned sort of way, "I like it
because there's not much I could
do about it." She doubts if she
would change it if she could.

Pat admits that she misses the
pleasure of opening birthday-wrap-
ped packages, for all her presents
are decked out in the spirit of Old
Saint Nick.

Although Ramona's birthday falls
on the day Santa is filling his pack,
she has the double celebration on
Christmas Day. Her birthday gifts
are holiday-wrapped, but she likes
it that way.

Greetings of Merry Christmas
and Happy Birthday are in order
for these two PHSers.

Exchanges

In order to equip themselves for
an emergency to take over in case
"Mom" is sick, there are ten boys
enrolled in the boys' cooking class
this semester at Arkansas City
Senior High School. The class
started with sixteen but dwindled
down to ten because of failure and
loss of interest. (can't you just
imagine some of our so-called "he-
men" in a cooking class!)

Chanute High is now 100 percent
in enrollment in the Junior Red
Cross. (but they aren't the
only ones!)

The whole world loves a lover,
We think that they are fine.
That is, until we discover
One on our party line!

The Weekly Review
Hamilton, Ohio

Sing a song of sulphur,
A test tube full of lime,
Four-and-twenty beakers,
Breaking all the time;
When the lid is lifted
The fumes begin to reek.
Now, isn't that an awful mess
To have five times a week!

Ark light,
Arkansas City, Kansas

A factory worker was caught in
a big wheel, whirled around a num-
ber of times, and was finally
thrown clear. The foreman dashed
to him and cried, "Speak to me,
Chester, speak to me."

In a dazed voice the worker re-
plied, "Why should I? I just pass-
ed you 5000 times and you didn't
speak to me."

Hutchinson High "BUZZ"

Frustration---Trying to kiss a
girl that has the Hiccups.

The Prospector

And did you hear about the two
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in dead Ernest?

PURPLE and WHITE DEADLINE

The deadline for buying your
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the second semester in order to
allow everyone wanting an annual
to buy one.

Christmas Albums Appeal to Record Fans

The new Christmas records and
albums displayed at all the local
stores make terrific gifts for any
type of person. Just fit the music
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in one of these little shops with
the trumpets, ukes, and fiddles in
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Lady Of Fatima", A Phil Spitalny
special, are all top tunes that head
the hit parade of almost every teen-
ager. "Patricia" by Eddie Howard
is just the thing to present to a
Patty. Best seller is Perry Como's
and Betty Hutton's "Bushel and a
Peck."

A semi-classical friend's stock-
ing could be filled with Fred War-
ing's extra special "The Night

Before Christmas," "Smoke Gets
in Your Eyes," or selections from,
"Show Boat."

Albums "Merry Christmas" by
Bing Crosby, "The Night Before
Christmas," by Fred Waring, and
"Christmas Songs" crooned by Dick
Haynes could be played over and
over each Christmas and always
enjoyed by members of the family.

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Gregory Peck's "Lullaby of
Christmas" with supporting cast,
choir, and orchestra is an album
that would make the holiday per-
fect.

Miss Fintel: How dare you
swear before me!

Jim Webb: "I didn't know you
wanted to swear first, Mam!"

Grandmother Believed It— Now Authorities Give Facts

"Marry in haste, repent at leisure" . . . "Women and elephants never forget" . . . "The way to a man's heart is through his stomach" . . . all old maxims, but which are true and which false? In December issue of LADIES' HOME JOURNAL, Judith Chase Churchill presents the authorities' opinions on some of "Our Grandparents' maxims." For example: "Fright Makes Hair Stand On End." TRUE. This is a scientific fact. When you're "scared stiff" or have a "hair-raising" experience, the muscles around the roots of your hair contract and draw it into a more upright position. It's much like when cats and dogs "bristle."

"Growing Pains Are Perfectly Normal." FALSE. Grandma used to regard growing pains quite casually as something to be expected during a child's normal development. Pediatricians today don't dismiss them so lightly. They can be due to some disease condition of the body, a sign of mild rheumatism, vitamin deficiency—or possibly a forerunner of rheumatic fever or heart disease—and certainly not to be considered perfectly normal.

"You Have to Eat a Peck of Dirt

Before You Die." TRUE. Not, of course, at one sitting, or you might. But health experts speculate that the intake of dirt to the average person during his average lifetime of some sixty-eight years amounts to a good deal more, in fact, than the conservative peck claimed by the maxim.

"When Poverty Knocks at the Door, Love Flies Out the Window." FALSE. Actually, it's just the opposite—poverty tends to bind couples together, and affluence to separate them. For the divorce rate invariably rises during periods of prosperity.

"School Days Are Your Happiest Days." FALSE. Those who perpetuate this philosophy are the exceptions. Or they've completely forgotten the immediate problems of their early youth and look back through rose-colored glasses. Recent psychological surveys show the happiest period of life for both men and women is by no means their youth, but between the ages of thirty and fifty. Youth and age are, in fact, the least happy, the middle years the most—presumably because that's when were best adjusted to our environment and live in the present.

Speech Class Aids Benefit Ticket Sale

Nine members of the second hour Speech class became high-pressure salesman for a brief period Friday, December 1st. The occasion was the sale of tickets to the Mirza Shriners' Bowl Game held here in Pittsburgh, December 2nd. This charity game, which pitted the KSTC Gorillas against the Warrensburg Mules, was played to raise money for the crippled children's hospital in St. Louis.

In only one hour of selling the students' ticket sales totaled fifteen dollars. The top salesmen were Bill Sutterfield and Betty McClanahan. Other students who participated in this activity were Joyce Braden, Shirley Masey, Delores Stevens, Gloria Shultz, Margaret Marlier, Bob Self, and Dale Lewis.

The students were enthusiastic about the response of local businessmen and seemed anxious to be issued a similar assignment next year.

Class Officers Plan Year's Activities

The Senior and Junior class officers have held several meetings with their corresponding class sponsors and decided on their activities for the school year. These plans include the assemblies, parties and all graduation exercises.

The Senior class held its annual class party Tuesday, Dec. 12. Other senior activities in the future will be the Senior Play on Feb. 22 and 23, the banquet on May 5, Baccalaureate on Sunday, May 20, Commencement on Thursday, May 24. Date for Play Day and the class assembly will be arranged later.

The Junior Class activities planned are the Junior assembly for Jan. 12, the class party to be held sometime in January or February, the Junior-Senior Prom to be sometime in the Spring.

Ten Years Ago The Booster December '40

"The Purple and White is dedicated to the new principal, Mr. Finis Green. The theme is the public address system."

The Pittsburgh Purple Dragons won their first SEK tilt from the Chanute Comets. Score—28 to 27.

All but one Sophomore girl has had the measles.

The senior high building was cleared in two minutes during the first fire drill when the new fire alarms were tried out.

The Christmas assembly program consisted of a pageant directed by Miss Maude Laney, and musical numbers presented by the high school mixed chorus, which was directed by Gerald M. Carney, music supervisor.

THINGS THEY NEVER SAID

Pat Sawyer.. "No Gary, I'll walk home tonight, it's not far."

Carl Pingry.. "I don't approve of people going steady until they've graduated from High School."

Coach Miller.. "Now fellas, were calling off the Chanute game. I know your all interested in the Debate team and want you all to go the Coffeyville tournament and cheer for them."

Bill Coughenour.. "No, thanks, Rhode, I'll wait until next year for my football letter."

Mr. Huffman.. "Now class, I want each of you to be in as many activities as you can. Don't spend too much time on Biology. It pays to have lots of irons in the fire."



Merry Christmas
And
A Prosperous New Year
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Group Singing For Assembly Program

For the first time this year the entire student body of PHS held a community sing in the auditorium. December 1, The singing was led by Gerald Blanchard, Music director. Emma Lou Greer was at the piano.

Among the songs that were sung were these old favorites: "Jingle Bells," "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem," "Deck the Halls," "Peggy O'Neil," "The Marine's Hymn," "O Come All Ye Faithful," and "Silent Night."

In a contest held to decide the best singers, the juniors made a great showing and ran away with the title easily. Of course, this opinion is shared by the members of the senior class exclusively. In the sing the juniors and sophomores have vowed to capture the honor through supreme efforts which will be displayed.

Glen Clugston '47 Prominent Pianist

Glen Clugston, a graduate of PHS with the class of 1947, has been spending the last three years establishing himself as a prominent musician here in Pittsburgh.

Recently Glen, organist and choir-director for the First Baptist Church, played the "Schuman Piano Concerto" for Hans Schwiager, conductor of the Kansas City Philharmonic. Schwiager, who remained here in Pittsburgh after his own concert to hear this promising young artist, encouraged Glen to make music his career.

While still in PHS, Glen won the highest rating in the fourth year. Federated Women's Music Club audition. Then he was just beginning his study under Mr. Will Humble, his present teacher.

As piano soloist for the KSTC choir, Glen was enthusiastically received by the many schools visited on this year's choir tour.

Pittsburghers had an opportunity to hear Mr. Clugston play "Shuman" in a radio broadcast over KSEK, December 6, when he appeared with the KSTC orchestra in the annual concert.

During the Christmas holidays, Glen plans to attend concerts in New York. His ambition is to audition for the National Federation of Music Clubs Young Artist's Award.

To the editor of the lovelorn column:

"Six months after I became engaged to a young man I found he had a wooden leg...Shall I break it off?"

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Little Sister Sees Santa, Big Sis Expected to Recover

By Janis Burnidge

Up until last night after school this reporter had had no inkling of Christmas Spirit, but all of a sudden there appeared that ol' virtuous feeling that generally manages to show up about this time of year. In fact she was so completely enthusiastic that she offered to take Little Sister to see Santa Claus. Whereupon the services were gratefully accepted by mother.

So she bundled Little Sister and herself up and caught the local bus going up-town. While on the way she turned to Little Sister and asked "What are you going to ask Santa to bring you?" That brought forth an immediate volley of... "I want a Betsy-Wetsy Doll and a bed for her an' a baby carriage an' a Hi-Lite Cook Stove for her to cook on an' a toy set of plastic dishes, an' a tricycle an' a watch an' a ball an' a portable doll closet an' a..." By this time they were up town and getting off the bus. They headed for the front door of Jones Department Store. (All the time to the accompaniment of Little Sister rattling off what she wanted for Christmas!!!)

They entered the store or rather were bull-dozed into it along with dozens of other anxious kiddies all with the same thought in mind.....to see Santa!!! Our valiant reporter and Little Sister were then crowded into a packed elevator.... "An' I want a book of paper dolls, a Little Girl's nursing set, a sewing kit, a wash tub for my dollie's clothes, iron and ironing board an' a bead necklace and bracelet set an' a set of paints an' a paint book an' a Humpty Dumpty puzzle and a Squeegie Bug Book."

This kept up all the way up in the elevator to the fourth floor where Santa was situated. As they

stepped off the elevator, a worn out and befuddled young man who evidently was very hoarse, croaked in their direction, "Step to the end of the line to see Santa, please." They finally found the end of the line back down on second floor. The line moved a couple of feet every hour or so and our high-school friend was near the point of giving up and going home but Little Sister held on with a dogged determination. Finally after what seemed like hours they were next in line to talk to Santa. Little Sister all the while enumerating the things she wanted him to bring her.... "An' I want a pair of roller skates an' a jumping rope an' a doll house an' a toy sweeper an' a ice-box an' a pair of Bunny-hu? house slippers an'...."

"Well, well little girl, said Santa, you are a nice big girl, and I bet you always mind your mother and help her around the house don't you?" Our reporter awaited breathlessly Little Sister's answer to Santa.... No comment.... "Well, I'm sure you do.... Can you tell ol' Santa your name?" No comment.... "Well what would you like Santa to bring you for Christmas this year?".... No comment.... "Don't you want anything for Christmas?".... No comment.... By this time our frustrated Reporter looked as she wanted to tear her hair out by the handfuls or slink around the nearest corner in embarrassment. Santa couldn't get a word out of her and there was a hundred people waiting so Little Sister was dragged out of the crowded department store and taken home but to this day, this Booster reporter is still wondering about the complicated intricacies of Little Sister's mind.

Girls Choose Teams

A business meeting of the GAA organization was held Wednesday, December 6, at 3:15. This meeting consisted of adding points to individual point charts, a short talk on manners presented by Miss Messenger, and dividing the entire group into four separate groups for the basketball season.

Team I is composed of Mary Allen, Barbara Gudgen, Susan Hill, Rosemary Farabi, Vicki Smith, Georgia Arthur, Billie Cordray, Gretchen Glick, Mary Jo Kincaid, Pat McClanahan, Shirley Nelson, and Judy Timmons.

Team II includes Joyce Braden, Jackie Hunt, Nancy Simone, Shirley Kinsch, Virginia Warmbrodt, Joan

Bierd, Anna Gady, Janice Glick, Barbara Landrum, Melva Miller, Janet Opie, and Phyllis Wilson.

Team III has Janet Decker, Carolyn McCluskey, Betty Jo McClanahan, Carolyn Ressler, Pat Smith, Carolyn Buckley, Norma George, Carol Hawley, Jean Lundquest, Pete Mitchell, and Shirley Robinson.

Team IV consists Margaret Marlier, Colleen Recob, Gloria Schultz, Pat Sawyer, Mary Sue Wilson, Bobbie Chancy, Pat Eakin, Marilyn Kazmierski, Amy Manninger, Gertrude Naccarato, Pat Thomas, and Bonnie Smith.

There will be two basketball games every Wednesday evening with one game starting at 3:15 and the other starting at 3:45.

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To Neodesha For Y-Teen Conference

Eight Y-Teen girls and two sponsors started out at 6:30 to attend the Y-Teen Conference held in Neodesha, November 5, but due to icy roads one sponsor, Mrs. Ruth Lewis, and three girls, Winona George, Ann Bailey, and Jo Bayne DeNeve, had to come back after going nine miles.

The conference was held in the First Methodist Church auditorium. Miss Francis Foster of the Wichita Y-Teen office led the morning program. The theme of the program was "The United Nations Organization and How It Works." Several film strips were shown concerning the UN. In the afternoon group meetings the girls learned new songs and exchanged ideas with members of the other Y-Teen clubs. Approximately nine clubs were represented at the conference.

The Pittsburg delegates were Phyllis Peck, Jane Letton, Gertrude Naccarato, Carolyn Buckley, Janis Burnidge, and Mrs. Lillian Hood. The Pittsburg group received the Silver Seal Award for the outstanding work done by the club last year. This year the club is working for the Gold Seal, the highest award possible for a Y-Teen club.

It's On The Record

The truth is out, girls...the men have admitted it...and tests have proved it...women are better drivers than men.

The safety department of the Farm Bureau Insurance Company of Columbus, Ohio, has for the past sixteen years given safe driving lessons to 924,000 students in 1,900 high schools in the Northeastern states. The results of their tests show that the girls are quick-swirling net skirts and taffeta that This means that after the nerve impulse to stop, they were faster in moving the foot from the accelerator to the brake. In braking distance more than half the girls were faster than the boys, that is, they brought the car to a stop faster than did the boys.

For a total stop in a car going twenty miles an hour, the girls beat the boys by 1 foot 9 inches, a narrow margin which could be the difference of life, and death.

Other authorities have been courageous enough to cite the fact that women between the ages of 16 and 33 are less liable to traffic violations and accidents than are the men of the same age group. These calculations were made by A. R. Lauer, professor of psychology and director of the driving laboratory at Iowa State College in Ames.

Gridsters Honored

The third annual football banquet for PHS and St. Mary's gridsters was held in the Hotel Besse, Thursday evening, December 7, at 6:30.

Twenty-two of the twenty-eight PHS lettermen attended the banquet and were served a conventional roast beef dinner.

Co-captain Francis Macheers gave the welcoming address, and Carnie Smith, KSTC football coach, was the guest speaker.

A movie of the KU-Utah football game was shown.

Coach Rhode and Coach Spigarelli were unable to attend because of illness, but Pittsburg High was represented by Mr. Miller and Mr. Cunningham.

Delegates Report Y-Teen Conference

Girls who attended the Y-Teen conference in Neodesha, Kansas, Tuesday, December 5, presented the program at the general meeting of the club on Thursday.

The opening devotional music, played by Kathleen Rush, was followed by devotions given by Jean Lundquest. Gertrude Naccarato, president, gave a summary of the day's events at Neodesha, and then had the other girls who attended individual groups give reports.

Janis Burnidge gave a report on the Program and Music committee discussion, and Phyllis Peck reported on the Worship committee. Jane Letton and Carolyn Buckley both attended the Social and Finance discussion.

The program closed with all the girls singing "Peace to the River."

Know This And You May Win A Prize

These days Santa isn't the only glad giver of goodly gifts 'round Christmas time. The old boy is being equalled, maybe even losing out to his competitors, in the form of radio give-away shows. Since the Booster is always concerned with the welfare of the students it serves, here is a top list of timely tips to help you win that television set, or a trip to Cuba, or a college education.

Feature this scene, the family sitting around the fire, Papa with his pipe and slippers, Mama with her knitting, Junior listening to the

Socks, Money, To Western Germany



EIGHTY PAIRS OF SOCKS, all colors, sizes and shapes were the contribution of 200 Y-Teen girls of PHS, in their recent Christmas campaign, "Socks for a Foreign Friend."

The project is a special event during World Fellowship week. Each girl was asked to bring a pair of clean, used socks. After putting a quarter in the toe of one stocking and her address in the other toe each girl hung her contribution on a clothes line strung across the auditorium stage.

The stockings are to be sent to girls of high school age in a zone of Western Germany.

This Christmas sock campaign is a concrete way to promote World Fellowship by providing everyone a chance to get in the spirit of sharing with those less fortunate. It even has the possibilities of many new friendships through correspondence with those who have received the Christmas Sox.

radio. Then---the phone rings! It's "All or Nothing at All", that new radio quiz, and they're calling you!

Naturally, Papa spits out his pipe and loses his slippers in the mad rush for the phone, but when the MC asks Papa "Who wrote, 'Twas the Night Before Christmas?" Papa says, "Clement Moore," and Papa wins a television set.

This can happen, and will happen (maybe) if you kinda bone up on Christmas facts--like, for instance, the guy we call 'Santa Claus', the little French kiddies call "Pere Noel" (Father, Christmas to you uneducated jerks.)

And, the singer who popularized "Silent Night" was Mme. Ernestine Shumann-Heink. (Like to ask ya, where else would you find this gem but in the BOOSTER!)

If someone threw this one at you, "What Christmas decoration was once regarded as sacred and by whom?" You could tell'em right back, "The Druids, in ancient times, regarded mistletoe as sacred since it grew on the oak tree" and be right as rain.

Did you ask, "What Hollywood

actor is noted for his characterization of a major character in Charles Dickens "A Christmas Carol?" Why, that's Lionel Barrymore!

Well, kiddie-boo, now you're ready to answer that phone when it rings, and remember, you read it in the BOOSTER.

"I seem to have run out of gas," he said softly.

Her face, white and small, was turned up to his, her eyes glowing dizzily from beneath heavy lids. Her head swam.

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