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ANNUAL CONCERT WARMS THE HEARTS OF MANY

In an atmosphere of Christmas splendor about 2,000 parents and friends came to enjoy the annual Christmas Concert given by the Band, Orchestra, and Choir, Wednesday, December 13.

Congratulations are in order for the three musical groups, but special recognition should be given to the directors, Miss Brueggemann, Mr. Hornig and Mr. Liska. The

soloists who rightfully deserve credit for their performances are Dan Becker, baritone vocal; Donna Laemerhirt, cornet; Gloria Suchow and Stuart Zellmer, violins; Betty Liska, cello and Alex Grouleff, piano.

As a prelude and during the processional Mrs. Von Holliday furnished organ music which consisted of Christmas favorites.

The large stain glass windows which were on stage and the scene of Christmas Carolers on the back drop of the field house were designed and painted by Mr. Ruud and his advanced art classes. Due recognition also goes to Mr. Ruud, and the janitors for the effective lighting throughout the program.

BOOSTER CLUB TO JOIN PEP CLUB ON DATE DANCE

Here's a note of reminder to all Pep Club girls and Booster Club boys. In case you haven't heard the Pep Club date dance is coming the week after Christmas vacation. January 12 is the big night 8 to 12 P.M. the time, and the fieldhouse the place.

The music will be furnished by the Squires, and admission will be \$1.50 per couple.

The decorations committee is working to carry out the wintry theme, "A Marshmallow World."

With the Booster Club joining in this year, the dance promises really to be a "bang-up" affair. So, guys and gals, better hurry to get your dates lined up — the time'll be here before you know it.

T'was The Night After Christmas

Boys and girls, here is your chance to make your Christmas vacation more enjoyable. The Rosa Mystica Sodality and Catholic War Veterans are sponsoring a formal dance, December 26 and you all are invited. Don't miss this chance to dance to the music of the Squires in the beautifully decorated SS. Peter and Paul gym.

French Club Dines In The Spirit of The Season

The French Club held a Christmas dinner Monday night in the cafeteria where a French meal with typical French courses was served. Between the courses of the dinner, traditional French Christmas carols were sung and afterwards French skits were presented by Betsy Dickerman, Nancy Hornigold, Mary Mead, Wally Nelson and Ted Olson.

...FORECAST...

Dec. 22—Christmas Dance
Dec. 26—Christmas Formal
Dec. 27—Shorewood (here)
Dec. 28—Waukesha (here)
Jan. 8—
School starts the New Year

Jan. 9—Marshfield (there)
Jan. 12—Pep Club Date Dance
Jan. 13—La Crosse (there)
Jan. 19—
end of semester
Marshfield (here)

CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY THIS P.M., THEN HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Before we say farewell to Lincoln High for 1950 and leave its portals to celebrate the Christmas season, we gather in the field house at 2:15 p.m. to enjoy the Christmas Assembly. Marilyn Bachtel will be chairman of the program, the theme of which is "The Spirit of Christmas". A reading "The Little Star That Lost Its Way the Night Christ was Born" will be given by Mildred Ashbeck.

The play "Christmas on Erie Street" written by Graydon Goss and directed by Jim Miscoil and Ed Oakes will be staged. Those included in the cast are Dick Becker, Janet Bird, Don De Karske, Betsy Dickerman, Bill Johnson, Carol Karsenboom, Ray Klappa, Sue Perrodin, Shirley Phillips, Charles Procter, Bev Randall, Jim Riley, Jim Smullen, Sue Starks, Janet Van Ornum, and Jim Wall.

The Choir and the orchestra will then present several numbers. The former will sing "Oh, Holy Night", "The Spirit of Christmas" and "Jingle Bells" after which the orchestra will play "Merry Christmas", and "Sleighride" followed by the audience singing "Oh, Come All Ye Faithful," "Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem" and "Silent Night".

Perfect Way To Start Vacation

School's out and a dance is on! Yes, the Demolay and Job's Daughters Christmas Dance will be held at the Masonic Temple on December 22 from 8 to 11 p.m. The music will be that of the latest recordings, and to make the occasion extra festive refreshments will be served.

Members of the two organizations sponsoring this dance want you to know that it is not strictly a date dance. You may come in couples or stag. The admission will be 15c per person or 25c a couple.

Come along with "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" to dance your way into a "White Christmas."

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The students of Lincoln High School express their deepest sympathy to Glenn and Judy Prusynski in the loss of their brother, David. Dave attended Lincoln High School in 1945 and 1946.

Mrs. Reinhart recently received a letter from Miss Talbot's sister saying how much Miss Talbot appreciates the mail sent from the Lincoln High School students.

Joyeux Noel, Felices Pascuas Frohliche Weihnachten, in other words a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year too, from the Lincoln Lights staff to the students of Lincoln High School.

The senior class is about to lose one of its members, Mike Felgen, who is joining the air force. He will leave for San Antonio, Texas, December 27 where he will specialize in the field of communications.

DEAR EDITOR

Why is it that some students must be in such a rush, so it seems, at noon when coming out of the cubby-hole? This is a question for which I would appreciate an answer.

Maybe they are hungry, but a few simple acts of courtesy would not take their lunch away.

Many times as I vainly try to edge toward my locker, I am either thrown against the not-too-soft lockers, pushed out into the hall, or hit on the head by some rude elbow.

It plants a sour taste in one's mouth toward the students who so nonchalantly perform these things. Is it that they lack manners, are ignorant of courtesy, or do they think that courteousness is outmoded?

Gifts Exchanged by Gamma Sigmas

Nona Neitzel's home was the scene of the Gamma Sigma Christmas party Monday, December 18. The program, which started at 7:30 p.m., consisted of several musical numbers by its members and the exchanging of 25c gifts.

After the program a sleigh ride was planned to take place during Christmas vacation.

Refreshments were served following the adjournment of the meeting.

Is There a Santa Claus?

Christmas is such a very special time of the year that instead of the usual editorial, we have used the words of one much, wiser than we to express the Christmas spirit. The following editorial in response to a child's letter, first appeared in the Chicago Sun in the year 1897.

Dear Editor:

I am 8 years old.

Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.

Papa says "If you see it in 'The Sun' it's so."

Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia O'Hanlon

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia whether they be men's or children's are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world

about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginia. There would be no childlike faith, then no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives, and he lives forever.

DRAMATICS CLUB PARTIES, GIVES TOYS TO NEEDY

Monday night, December 11, the Dramatic Club Christmas party was held in the music room and field-house.

The party began in the music room with a reading, "Twas The Night Before Christmas" by Phylliss Hammel and the singing of Christmas Carols by all members. Each one brought a small toy which will be given to some needy child on Christmas. After the program there was dancing and refreshments.

SENIORS JUDGE JUNIORS

This week the seniors voted for their "favorite juniors." The results are as follows:

Best dressed—

Roberta Bannes
Ed Oakes

Most talented—

Joan Duggan
Ronny Maxwell

Best looking—

Cynthia Lawless
Jack Peters

Sense of humor—

Beverly Kawalske
Jim Reader

Most popular—

Kathleen Daly
Charles Gurtler

Nicest Personality—

Pat Mertens
Russell Stimac

Most versatile—

Betsy Dickerman
Jack Crook

The Birthday of Christ

When Herod was the king of Judea, the Roman Emperor, Augustus Caesar ordered a census taken so he could tax his subjects. Every person had to register at the place where his family originated. Joseph, the carpenter, and his young wife Mary had to register at Bethlehem. In Bethlehem they found room at a stable because there was no other place available for the travel-weary couple.

That night while the world was sleeping, the miracle of the ages occurred as prophesied by the ancient prophets. A mysterious star in the East blazed across the heavens, symbolizing the birth of the Savior, of all Mankind. He was the King of kings, yet he had no magnificent earthly possessions. He was born in a stable with a manger for a crib even though he was the Son of God and deserved the riches of the world.

Nineteen hundred fifty years have passed into Eternity since that night, but Christmas remains the greatest religious holiday of all times. Each Christmas followers go to their churches to remember and celebrate that first Christmas so long ago.

NOON DAY SCHEDULE

SET FOR JANUARY 8

The Student Council has announced the noon day program which will start the first week after Christmas vacation on January 8. The teacher and student supervisors will be Mr. Ruud, Lyle Tenpas, and Jean Berg.

The noon day program is as follows:

NOON DAY PROGRAM

Monday—

Feature:

Basketball
Girls' Basketball
Alternatives
Ping Pong
Hand Ball
Knitting

Tuesday—

Feature:

Basketball
Dancing
Alternatives
Ping Pong
Hand Ball
Knitting

Wednesday—

Feature:

Volley Ball
Girls' Basketball
Alternatives
Ping Pong
Hand Ball
Knitting

Thursday—

Feature:

Basketball
Dancing
Alternatives
Ping Pong
Hand Ball
Knitting

Friday—

Feature:

Volley Ball
Girls' Basketball
Alternatives
Ping Pong
Hand Ball
Knitting

Tennis Shoes must be worn on the field house floor at all times.

Room 205 will be open as a study Hall.

Basketball may be played in the back of the field house every day. Room 148 will be the Knitting room.

One ping pong table is for girls and the other is for the boys.

This program is subject change.

After vacation the council sell red and white plastic covers. These covers will sell for 10c, having on them the F emblem, Red Raiders and symbols pertaining to our school.

"How Do You Earn Money For Christmas?"

The Christmas season is here and we have been very busy buying presents for our families and friends. But where does the money come from to pay for these gifts? When asked this question there were many different and varied answers.

Many students chose baby sitting as a method of earning "greenies". For instance, Gail Saeger takes care of a little boy every Saturday; Tom Coley states that he's a great baby sitter; Bev Kawalske, Joyce Newman, and Mary Romanski also do this, but state that they will take boys to girls any day. I wonder if Tom prefers girls to boys. How about this, Tom?

Setting pins seems to be a favorite form of work for some boys; such as, Larry and Jack O'Brien, Earl and Lawrence Heinick, Francis Shymanski, LaVerne Adams, Bill Casper, Bob Neitzel, and Bob Ironsides. Their place of work is split between the Labor Temple and Bowlmor.

Wandering from store to store on Friday nights you find Shirley Lietz clerking at Church's Drugstore; Jean Berg, Irene Haasl, and Joan Hillmer at Penney's and Jackie Feigen and Ariene Sandrin at Woolworth's. These are the girls who are so willing to help anyone when looking for or paying for any articles. Let's be courteous and cheerful to them and try not to get impatient, especially during the holidays.

Joyce Funk, Marilyn Buss, and Joyce Braem have part-time jobs at Johnson and Hill's where they make themselves useful by filing invoices. Joyce Funk also gets some money from her Dad, lucky girl!

Some people like John Thomp-

Is This You?

'Twas the day before Christmas
And all through the town,
All sorts of people were running
around.

It seems there were many
Who had lots to do,
Gifts to be bought, and other
things too.

A formal was planned, and so
to prepare—

The boys ordered flowers
The girls curled their hair.
Down at Ebsen's flower shop—
A lot of the boys are seen
Jim Ritchay is in quite a doubt
Was Joan's formal blue or
green?

A few more boys are standing
by,
You haven't asked her yet?
Oh my!

Will Jack or Don ask Gwen to
go —

How about an answer, we'd like
to know!

A Christmas gift is hard to find:
At least that's what we're told.
Just what will Sally finally get?
It will be something new-not
old.

A couple games we see in sight
During this vacation gay—
We hope to see all of you there
No matter come what may.
To cover all the things we'll do,
In these two weeks of fun—
Will take more space than we
can use
So MERRY CHRISTMAS
everyone!

son will not be able to buy presents
for anyone this year. You see, John
just paid for his American Observer
and his Christmas money (all
\$1.10 of it) has been used. Every-
one give to the poor!

Until next Christmas then,
"Don't Work too Hard!"

New Year's Resolutions

Virginia Allen—
Study Geography
Jackie Anderson—
Get to school on time
Joan Balzer—
Limit: three hamburgers a
week.
Bob Barton—
Never trust girls — especially
in Waupaca.
Pat Biot—
Be good
Ted Brazeau—
Do as little work as possible
Carol, Janet, Rita, Arlene, Lois—
Act like seniors, not freshmen
Jim Kroll—
Lay off girls
Frances Schvioni—
Go on a diet
Larry Swetz—
Follow the advice of Mr.
Nelson

What Do You Want For Christmas?

These students would like —
Margie Novack—
A nice big "spike."
Bob Torresani—
A cowboy suit
Jeannine Denniston—
A new nickname
Phil Greenway—
A big baby doll
Charlotte Henke—
What I want money can't buy.
Sheila Denniston—
My two front teeth
Snaz Bremmer—
I have what I like
Virginia Ashenbrener—
Answer book for geometry
Elaine Dallman—
Sewing machine
Dick Jung—
Well, all good things come
"in small packages."

Thespians Formal Set For February 3rd

It's time to start thinking about the Thespians Formal again. Initial plans are already underway for this dance to be held February 3, according to co-chairmen Ronnie Maxwell and Jeanette Gill. "Gypsy Caravan" is the theme chosen; however, as yet, the orchestra has not been chosen nor the price of admission determined. We'll keep you informed, though. Get that date now.

3,000 Seals Bought by Students

Miss Lynn reports that the students purchased the 3,000 Christmas seals which were allotted to the high school. This sale tops all previous seal sales at Lincoln.

THAT CHRISTMAS VACATION

I wake up, glance at the clock, and make a mad dash for the bathroom. Monday mornings always find me rushing about so. On my way to breakfast, I pull up short near the living room door. Then the thought strikes me—it's Christmas Day!

I look again at the clock and find it's only 5:50. It did look rather dark outside when I woke up at that. In an attempt to make breakfast quietly before everyone awakes, I knock over a chair, which awakens the whole house. Hastily donning robes, they come trooping downstairs, let out a shout, and dive for the tree. My quiet morning is upset.

Over the shouting, Christmas music can be heard from the radio — none other than "Your Boy Roy". After viewing my presents, I scramble for the phone and call my friend, Joan, who is awake, too. We decide to go skating in the afternoon. Half an hour later I hang up with practically my whole vacation planned for me. We will go skiing, skating, tobogganing, and of course we must go to see our friends and their Christmas presents.

After church, I eat a huge dinner, then manage to puff down town to the skating pond. My new figure skates are really swell!

The next few days are rather routine. I get up at 11:00 and eat until lunch, when I eat again. The rest of the day is spent in discussing the Christmas Formal at S. S. Peter and Paul. All of the next day is spent discussing our good time the night before. The family, looking exasperated, waits for me to finish using the phone.

New Year's Eve rolls around, and time for the party Joan and I had been planning for the past year, but still haven't any definite plans for. Everything goes well though — until the next morning. I have resolved not to do anything like this again — until next year, of course! When Mother calls me for church, I wonder why we didn't take her advice and end the party before 4:30.

I open one eye and peek at the clock. It's only 7:30. I'm about to turn over and go back to sleep when Mother calls, "It's Monday morning you know, so get up sleepy-head!" My two-week reprieve is over and now it's back to school once more.

LINCOLN LIGHTS STAFF



5th row, left to right: Baker, Dickerman, Hostvedt, Billmeyer, O'Brien, Harris, Duggan, Vreeland, Turner. 4th row: Witte, Mertens, Arendt, Braem, Miller, Hemmersbach, Neitzel, Shipinski. 3rd row: Trentel, Andreasen, O'Leefe, Smith, Tork, Rucinski, Landon, Russell, Kirschling. 2nd row: Spencer, Leue, Wandrey, Briselden, LeVon, Teske, Shipinski, Perrodin, Dickerman,icola. 1st row: Sharkey, Sherwood, Keller, Kelley, Procter, Taminga, Lundberg, Randall, Roeder, Machon.

RECORD BREAKING RAIDERS, WIN EIGHTH STRAIGHT

The Red Raiders of L.H.S. are out to get that goal of all basketball teams, a successfully undefeated season. At the rate the Raiders are going at present, they are apt to take a few scoring records along with them.

In a swiftly moving game played last night the Raiders soundly trounced an aggressive Nekoosa team by a tremendous score of 78-38. Led by the inspiring play of Jimmy Ritchay, the Raiders played an aggressive style of ball, using the tight press while on defense and controlled the ball for the better part of the game on offense. Ritchay started on his scoring rampage in the third quarter when he hit the hoop for a total of 14 points. He was the high scorer in the game, having connected for a total of 22 points. Gill and Gurtler had 14 and 15 points respectively.

Wednesday night's game saw the

return of Jack Turner to the Raider five as he made his debut playing a small part of the game, connecting for 4 points.

Bees Also Win

The Raider Bees, led by an inspiring scoring spree led by Tom Coley kept a tight hold on their win streak defeating the Nekoosa Jaycees by a score of 45-20. The Bees played their usual brand of ball, using a fine pass defense and a hard-driving offense, which paid off in the end. John Chadwick played a fine game at the pivot spot, netting 10 points, while Tom Coley was the high scorer in the game having accounted for 13 points on 5 field goals and 3 free throws. The Rapids five used the fast break and teamwork to an advantage in their successful try to win their seventh straight victory.

Guard Milkey led the Nekoosa attack, netting 7 points, while teammate G. Blackburn had 6.

RAIDERS TO PLAY WAUKESHA, SHOREWOOD DURING VACATION

The Red Raiders will be kept hard at work during vacation, practicing in preparation for their games with Waukesha and Shorewood, December 27 and 28, respectively. Our fellows have usually played one of the two teams here and one away. This year, however, the Raiders will meet both opponents on our home floor.

Both visiting teams are usually hard-fighting, high-scoring, having a defense to match that of the Raiders. So if you wish athletic entertainment in your spare time, take a trip to Lincoln Field House to watch the Raiders play ball.

High Scoring Raiders Win Two

Once again the Lincoln High cage "5" are making a successful start in Wisconsin Valley competition, winning their first four games by surprisingly high scores. Using a combination of a fast break on offense, and a tight press while on defense, the Raiders seem to hold their opponents powerless.

They trounced a Merrill team, picked to be fourth in the conference, by a score of 97-40, then soundly whipped a tall Wausau aggregation 63-22.

In the Wausau game, the Raiders had control of the ball the better part of the game, with Charley Gurtler netting 19 points.

Bees Successful; Win Three Straight

The Raider Jay-vees, having piled up three more victories to their credit, are unbeaten in seven games thus far this year.

In a game played last Friday night, the Bees defeated a slower Merrill team by a tremendous score of 56-13. John Chadwick led the scoring for the Bees with 11 points, and Rodney Anderson, Jiem Laramie, and Phil Greenway each connecting for 10. The Raider defense was terrific as Merrill managed to muster but three field goals during the entire course of the game.

A well balanced scoring attack, led by pivot man Chadwick, enabled the Bees to come out on the long end of a 38-25 duel with a fine Wausau five. The team is showing marked improvement in passing dribbling, and teamwork.

With defeat almost certain at halftime, the score being 12-7 in favor of Tomahawk, the Raider B-squad put on a final burst of speed which led them to their 7th straight victory. John Chadwick was high scorer, hitting the hoop for 15 points. Coach Dale Rheel substituted frequently with no apparent slacking of effectiveness shown, as the Bees held the Hatchets to only 3 points in the 2nd half.

Among those books that have unhappy endings is the family check book.

Raider Frosh Lose To Wausau 30-18

The freshman basketball squad lost its first game to a fine Wausau team. The boys played their usual style of ball, but didn't seem to connect with the hoop as well as in the past.

The first half proved to be very close, but the Wausau five used their greater height to an advantage and pulled ahead to win by a score of 30-18. Allan "Snick" Nelson led the Raider frosh scoring attack hitting for nine points.

As it looks from here, the frosh don't seem to have as much promising material as they had last year. Thus far, the better prospects seem to be "Snick" Nelson, Art Clark, Dave Doherty, and Whitey Ticknor.

G. A. A.

The Hit-Pin Baseball Tournament came to a close as the seniors downed the juniors in a "top-notch" game by a score of 21-14. The seniors had a well-balanced team thereby out-playing the juniors in the field as well as out-kicking them while at bat. Their brilliant team-work is what really has made them the "champs" they are today.

As for the present, Jeannette Gill has had her Toboggins, Skis, Sleds, Mistletoes, Snowmen, Snowshoes, Skates, Eskimos, Snowflakes, and Snowballs playing almost every night after school. Just in case you're wondering what on the earth the above are, they're G.A.A. volleyball teams organized and supervised by Jeannette and "Cobbie" respectively.

Now that vacation is here, wouldn't it be a good time to get those teeth of yours checked up and have your dentist sign the pink card? Why not help to make your class have 100% in the checkups?

Raiders Win Fifth Straight Defeat Tomahawk High 69-51

The Red Raiders of L.H.S. once again got back into the traces of a consecutive winning streak by defeating the Tomahawk Hatchets 69-51.

The Raiders played fast, aggressive ball in the first half, with Doug Gill setting the scoring pace. He garnered 16 points in the first quarter alone. Although the team slowed down considerably in the second half. Charley Gurtler began hitting and racked up 20 points during the entire game, being the high scorer. Gill also was hitting

ON THE SPORT SCENE with Jack O'Brien

It's a wonderful night for a basketball game, so we make the long trek to spacious Lincoln field house, the home of the Red Raiders. As the game gets under way, there is a tense feeling among the fans.

With the Raiders leading at the half, many of the spectators begin to leave their seats when they are practically bowled over by a group of young grade school students who will play during the half. "But what is this?" they will inquire. "Well," you reply, "this is the system used by many cities, which we have had since pre-war days. These young cage enthusiasts play in the city grade school league. In this way, our future Red Raider teams are built. By the time that these boys are in high school, the coaches will have a line on who are the best prospects, their abilities, faults, and other facts about them. Once they graduate from the grades, they will become members of the freshman team under the direction of Coach J. A. Torresani. As sophs they will either be raised to the B-squad or the varsity. You see, we are well prepared for the years ahead due to the foresight of our coaches and other civic leaders.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

A truly fine well-known sports figure at Lincoln High school is the 6'4" center of the Red Raiders, namely Charley Gurtler. Making his start in basketball while in sixth grade, he played in the city grade school league for three years, and in his last year of competition was the leading scorer.

As a freshman Chas played on the B-squad and was moved up to the varsity in his soph year, where he won his first letter. Thus far this year he is the team's leading scorer, having posted 74 points.

Although he excels in basketball he is also an active member of the football and track teams, having won letters in both.

His goal in life is to be a dentist (if some pro basketball team doesn't get a hold of him) and his main hobby is — of course, eating. Well, Chas, we're back off 100% and we hope that your ambitions will be fulfilled!

consistently with 19 points his final margin. The team whole looked very impressive. Coach Phil Manders substituted frequently, and although it slowed down at times, it was a thriller all the way.