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Why the Chimes Rang Is Christmas Play

A very dramatic and inspiring play entitled, "Why the Chimes Rang," will be witnessed by the student body at our annual Christmas assembly, today, directed by Sally Nash and Claudia Koonz.

Medieval Germany provides the setting, and story is centered around the title. The cast consists of: the brothers, spoiled, selfish Steen, played by Sandy Farrish; and kind and generous Holger, played by Lilah Gasch. Bob Bialozier, the Uncle; Alice Riemer, the Old Woman; and Judy Sydanmaa, the Angel.

Several voices of the choir, under the direction of Mr. Cleworth, will furnish the musical background singing parts of "The Hallelujah Chorus."

Plays, such as these, emphasize the theme of putting "Christ back into Christmas."



Local Paper - Power Gives Scholarships

Consolidated Water Power and Paper Company has announced that it has established three Merit Scholarships, which are to be provided in cooperation with the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

The scholarships will provide a four-year course for outstanding American boys who reside in any of four states, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, and Illinois.

To win one of the scholarships, a boy must qualify in the National Merit Scholarship test, and plan to study chemistry, chemical engineering, civil engineering, personnel administration, marketing, forestry, physics, accounting, or business administration. The scholarships winners may attend any college or university in the United States which offers the subjects they plan to study and which will accept them as students.

Through the new scholarship program, Consolidated plans to broaden its assistance to higher education, and for each scholarship it establishes, the National Merit Scholarship Corporation will set up a second scholarship. Thus, the rewards to students are doubled.

Jr-Sr Poll Taken

The Wisconsin committee recently sent out questionnaires to all junior and senior high school students throughout the state.

There were two main questions: the age for purchasing beer and the point system regarding drivers that are sixteen to eighteen years. The opinions of the state's youth on these problems is to have direct influence on the way they are handled by state, county, and city legislatures.

The upperclassmen of Lincoln voted to keep the statewide age limit for purchasing beer at 18 years of age, and to prohibit local governments from regulating it further. As their main reason for this, they decided that raising the age would encourage more law-breakers among youth, who now drink beer.

The same students voted overwhelmingly that licensed drivers under 18 years should be included under the same laws and the point system as drivers over 18 years of age.

Have you forgotten that you owe me five dollars?"

"No, not yet. Give me time, and I will."

Xmas Concert Success; Large Crowd Attends To Enjoy Festivities

This year the Christmas Concert was held in the fieldhouse on December 19. The choir, orchestra, and band did a splendid job, and were well received by their audience.

The band, under the direction of Mr. Hornig, opened the concert with "Panis Angelicus," by Franck-Harvey. "Impressario Overture," by Mozart followed. The third selection was the Second and Third Movements of the concerto for trumpet. Trombonists Linda Kortkamp, Dave Grothe, and Jim Fey played the solo parts in "Andante," the second movement. "Allegro," the third movement, was played by cornetist Nancy Natwick. This was followed by "Fugue in G Minor," by Bach, and "Toytown, U. S. A.," a novelty, by Ventre. For their final selection, the band played "Christmas Rhapsody," by Long.

Smith: "I keep hearing the word 'idiot.' I hope you are not referring to me."

Jones: "Don't be so conceited. As if there are no other idiots in the world!"

"Mountain Majesty," by Yoder, was the first number played by the orchestra, under the baton of Mr. Liska. The next selection was, "Hail, Star of Heaven," by Edward Grieg, followed by "Farandale," by Georges Bizet, the "Gesu Bambino," by Pietro Yon. Irving Berlin's "White Christmas," was the next song. A novelty, "Toy Trumpet," by Raymond Scott followed. The last selection of the orchestra was LeRoy Anderson's "Christmas Festival."

The choir opened their part of the program with the traditional processional marching in with lighted candles, and singing, "Oh Come, All Ye Faithful." Their opening song was, "Oh, How Beautiful the Sky." Experimenting with something new this year, the choir did the beautiful "Christmas Story," with narrations. It included such old favorites as, "Silent Night," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," "Away in the Manger," "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," "The First Noel," "O Come All Ye Faithful," "We Three Kings of Orient Are," "Joy to the World," and "O Holy Night," with Mary Ann Schnabel soloing.

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FORECAST...

January 7:
School starts again
January 8:
Wisconsin Dells here
January 11:
Stevens Point here
January 15:
Marshfield there
January 18:
Eau Claire there
End of Semester
January 19:
Antigo here
January 23:
Point here
Wrestling — 7:30
January 25:
Merrill there

Charity: A thing that begins at home and usually stays there.

The man who throws mud is losing ground.

Happy Holidays

Christmas is a wonderful time of year. It brings gladness to the hearts of all and makes everyone feel more generous and full of good cheer. What Christmas would be complete without a Christmas tree, presents, and good old Saint Nicholas.

However, don't forget the real purpose of Christmas, which is to proclaim the birth of Christ. It is a time to show our devotion and feelings toward God. Another very important part of Christmas is the quiet place of worship with the choir voices resounding.

Have a joyous Christmas, but don't leave Christ out of it!

- M. A. E.

As I See It

Dear Editor:

In a recent assembly, Mr. Ritchay expressed the views of a few students who wanted more and larger Pep Assemblies. I wonder sometimes if we deserve any at all! What has happened to our school spirit? We have excellent teams, fine cheerleaders and the support of the faculty. But when there is a Pep Assembly - and we asked for more - no one yells. Oh sure, we make noise and go through the motions, but nobody really yells! That's why we have Pep Assemblies to yell and holler, to show the team we're behind them 100% - win or lose.

To most of us, Pep Assemblies are just time off from school, or time to talk to our friends. They are more than that, and are more than just yelling. At our Pep Assemblies, we can learn cooperation. We have cheerleaders - follow them, cooperate, yell when they want you to, and not when you feel like it. And when someone is talking, be respectful, listen, it's for your benefit, not theirs, no matter if it's Mr. Ritchay, or one of our fellow students.

As a freshman, I was, as others, amazed at the Pep and spirit of the Student Body. But through the years it has melted and dwindled to nothing.

I know many will disagree with me - but what about the rest - what do they say? Let's really yell at those assemblies. Make the rafters ring. We can do it - it's been done before. Cooperate - I am sure in the future we may have more and possibly longer Pep Assemblies

- A Fellow Student.

Klub Korner

The *Swing Shifters*, practice once a week to play for us at the dances after games, the recent dance was after the December 14, Wausau game. New members of the dance band this year are Don Burt, Vern Gumz, Eugene Tepas, Herb Weiss and Jim Morzinski.

Some of the members of the *Geography Club* attended a forum entitled "Blossom Time in Ireland," on December 4. A sleigh ride is being planned for after the Christmas holidays.

The *Debate Club* attended a tournament at Merrill on December 15.

The *Ahdawagam* has one-third of the annual in the hands of the printer. According to Mr. Bird, this is the finest job they have ever done in the history of the annual.

To highlight the December meeting, the *Math Club* had a Christmas Party which featured the initiation of new members. The chess and checker games are coming along fine. They also plan on forming a basketball team.

Girls' Glee Club (Belle Cantos) is busy preparing such songs as "The Blue Room," and "If I Loved You," both from musical shows.

Boys' Glee Club (Orpheus Club) is working on Negro spirituals and songs of the sea as well as hits from musicals.

The *Art Club* has been making Christmas decorations for the coming concert.

Christmas spirit will be established with a stained glass window as a backdrop, and gold stars strung on black thread from above.

The Music Parents Association is working on the other decorations.

The obvious is that which is never seen until someone expresses it simply.

Circulation Manager Echo Galbreath
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Quiet, Please!

Have you ever wondered just what goes into the themes that people have to write when they are caught talking in study hall? Well, I just happened to find one lying on the floor by the teachers' desk in room 205, and I couldn't resist. I had to read it . . .

"Why I Should Be Quiet
In Your Study Hall"

The reason I should be quiet in your study hall is quite obvious, the teacher might slap a theme on "Why I Should Be Quiet in Study Hall" on me. My mother always told me that all good little boys should be seen and not heard - that is why I shouldn't talk in your study hall. And when I ask my neighbor a question he probably don't know the answer anyhow - that is why I shouldn't talk in your study hall. There are many other reasons of importance that I should not talk in your study hall. One of the most important one is that if I talk too much, the person next to me might wake up. Another reason why I shouldn't talk in your study hall is because Christmas is coming, and if I am not a good boy, Santa Claus won't bring me anything for Christmas, and that would make me feel very bad. Another reason is because the two girls in front of me are always talking and if I talk they could not hear themselves talk, and for a woman not to be able to hear herself talk would be a very bad thing. Another reason why I shouldn't talk in your study hall is because I might get laryngitis, and then I won't be able to say anything in my 5th hour study hall. Another reason why I shouldn't talk in your study hall is that I might be writing too many 500 word themes and become subject to writers' cramp.

Although it's a pleasure to talk in your study hall, I have decided (with the aid of six other themes), that it's easier to be quiet.

Stamp Club Needs
More New Members

The *Stamp Club* is now affiliated with the United Nations Stamp Club. However, the club is in need of new members. So, if anyone is interested, the group meets every other Thursday and you can join by contacting Bill O'Garra.

Q. When is a tower bell like a story?

A. When it has been tolled.

LHS Scientists Begin
Their Year's Projects

Junior Academy of Science is now in full swing. The members and their project are as follows: John Ristow, making an x-ray machine; Marvin Johnson and Lee Husting, working on ecology and chemical analysis of a trout stream; Sherry McNamee, food bacteriology; Cynthia Loock, bacteriological and chemical agents and growth; Murray Hostetter, chemical fungi; Mary Murtfeldt, chemical analysis of bisulphite of liquor; Claudia Koonz, radioactivity; Bob Suchoski, transistors; Wayne King, catalytic agents; Garry Michaels, organic metabolism; Sandy Kruger, cosmetics; Jim Scott, inorganic and organic synthetics (dyeing); John Ebsen, spectroscopy; and Dave Smith, electro chemistry.

At the end of the year these students will go to Central State College and present their projects in a talk. The three winners of the first will present their projects again at Lawrence College, when the winners will be chosen.

"Mikado," 57 Operetta

This year's operetta, "Mikado," is a farce comedy by Gilbert and Sullivan. The setting is in Japan. Lord High executioner is faced with the problem of killing someone or losing his own head.

The cast announced by Mr. Cleworth and Mrs. Timm are as follows: Dixie West - Yum, Yum; Mary Ann Schnabel - Peep-Bo; Janean Schade - Pitti Sing; Lavonne Loomans - Katisha; Dave Kaufman - Ko Ko; Gene James - Nanke Poo; Merle Owens - Pooh Bah; Sam Chell - Pish Tush; Barry Honstein - Mikado; and James Schneider - Noble Man. Along with solos, there are many duets and trios.

"Mikado" will be presented on February 27 and 28. It is under the direction of Mrs. Timm and Mr. Cleworth.

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The narrators were Chloe Schoechert, Susan Neitzel, Merle Owens, Mary Ann Schnabel, Dave Kaufman, Jim Schneider, Bill Lukes, Judy Bates, and Judy Eberhardt.

The choir closed their portion of the program by singing "The Shepherd's Story," with Dixie West and Dave Kaufman soloing, and Judy Bates, Susan Neitzel, and LaVonne Loomans doing the trio parts.

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Delores Timm Rates Outstanding at WS

One of the most outstanding girls on the Whitewater State campus is Delores Timm, a freshman, who hails from Wisconsin Rapids.

While still in high school, Delores was active in various organizations, including Chemistry club, Pep club, 4-H and the National Scholastic Radio and TV Guild. She was president of the Future Business Leaders of America. In 1956, she was awarded the GAA "Best Athlete" trophy.

Delores has received two scholarships. One was a state legislative scholarship, and the other was awarded to her by the American Federation of Teachers. Last year was the first year that a scholarship of this type was given in Wisconsin Rapids.

Delores' outstanding record has, by no means, been thwarted since she entered college. A business education major, she maintains a 2.3 average. She is a member of FBLA, LSA, and WAA. In her "spare time," she works as a cashier at the college cafeteria.

Sports are her hobby, with tennis and bowling heading the list.

— Royal Purple.

Clean-Up Campaign

The Student Council has launched a campaign to better the appearance of our school. Prevalent throughout November, it has been under the direction of John Kingdon, Chairman, and his committee, consisting of Barbara Brauer and Sue Whitrock.

The campaign has been effective through posters and announcements which have solicited our help in closing lockers and putting waste paper in the proper containers.

Paper cups have been placed by all of the water fountains in school for the depositing of gum.

A paper has been passed out to the homeroom teachers to get the signatures of those students who wish to have locks taken off their lockers. In this way locker doors will be closed and this will create a better impression of our school to our visitors.

On December 19 there was a Locker Clean-Up. This project was under the direction of Eugene Tenpas and Paul Murgatroyd.



John Ebsen Plans Career Out of Stars

by Ed Hilgard

"Tell me why the stars do shine." John Ebsen knows the answer to that familiar question and will know the answers to other star mysteries in the near future.

John, a senior at Lincoln High School, became interested in astronomy when he was a junior.

He began by reading pamphlets, books and magazine articles from which he has maintained a vast accumulation of knowledge on stars.

John is mainly concerned with the constellations (stars to you) in his study. The first mystery that he will attempt to solve will be the evolution of the star. That is, he will try to find out how a star is formed and its different stages of development.

This will be accomplished by a telescope, spectroscope, and a camera. A spectroscope, by the way is an instrument used for obtaining and examining a band of colors, or spectrum, of a ray from any source. John plans to have his equipment in operation by the middle part of this summer.

His telescope will contain a six to eight inch mirror lens, and will have a magnifying power of 2-300X. He plans to make the telescope himself as he has sent for various parts already.

The camera, which will be a modified 35 millimeter camera, will be purchased already made.

John has worked out several ideas which he will present to the Junior Academy of Science next spring at Stevens Point.

Star gazing has developed into more than just a hobby, it has turned out to be his future vocation. John plans to attend the University of Wisconsin, where he

will obtain a doctor's degree in astrophysics. Astrophysics are a branch of astronomy that deal with the stars.

John plans to work his way through college to obtain a bachelor's degree. After that he plans to work part time in an observatory, and also part time teaching, until he obtains his master's degree, and doctor's degree.

Wise Why's

L.H.S'er's are busy as usual this week. Dick Getsinger has really been causing some excitement. Did you see Judy Kurtz, when she came to school Monday morning with Dick's ring on?

Jim Arendt sees Bonnie Basuener every 5th hour — Mr. Carlson says they would make a grand couple.

Mary Murtfeldt has been writing letters left and right; has Pete told you how he likes the Air Force, Mary? Barb Sandman is also in the letter writing business.

Betty Fancher is still interested in Port Edwards and Jim Sigler.

Joe Hagen doesn't seem to like girls — now how can that be?

Larry Schara has a big interest in Assumption High. Does anyone wonder why?

Did everyone hear about Deon Staples slumber party? Joanne Radloff really needs her sleep and can't stay up all night! This was proven to her the next day.

Binnie Westfall is always "receiving" friends from Marshfield. Yes, the people from Marshfield are very nice, aren't they, Binnie?

Sandy Peterson and Mary Benke don't care for riding to the game in a truck, do they? But, since Alan decided to come along everything turned out fine.

Barb and Glen can usually be found on the 3rd floor at noon, right across the hall from John and Sandy.

Dixie West did a wonderful job of showing good sportsmanship at the Pep Initiation. She led the group in a can-can dance, and a cheer.

Donna Joling saves a seat for Alan Blik on the bus every morning. This all started last summer.

I hear Muriel Bunde's got a class ring — Phil Miller's, to be exact!

Sherry Bialozor has had a Point class ring for three months. His name is Marv Worzella.

Junior Popularity Poll

Most Popular Boy:

Dave Benbow

Most Popular Girl:

Karen Radloff

Typical Teen Age Boy:

Farney Bouton

Typical Teen Age Girl:

Judy Bean

Best Couple:

Jim Fey and Brenda Bushmaker

Best Dressed Boy:

Den Crowns

Best Dressed Girl:

DeeAnn Crowns

Best Dancer Boy:

Bill Heger

Best Dancer Girl:

Jenny Pomainville

Best Artist Boy:

Keith Cumberland

Best Artist Girl:

Bev Knoll

Best All-Around Boy:

Ken Hill

Best All-Around Girl:

Linda Brenner

Best Leader Boy:

Jim Fey

Best Leader Girl:

Marsha Ellis

Best Looking Boy:

Dave Vallin

Best Looking Girl:

Muriel Bunde

Best Scholar Boy:

John Kingdon

Best Scholar Girl:

Claudia Koonz

Best Musician Boy:

Sam Chell

Best Musician Girl:

Nancy Natwick

Thoughts for Today

Let no pleasure tempt thee, no profit allure thee, no ambition corrupt thee, to do anything which thou knowest to be evil; so shalt thou always live jollily; for a good conscience is a continual Christmas.

— Ben Franklin.

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An optimist sees an opportunity in every calamity; a pessimist sees a calamity in every opportunity.

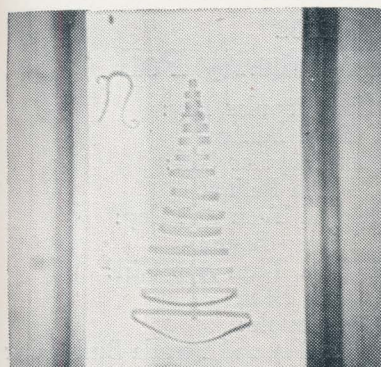
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Peace is the short interval when nations toil to pay the costs of past and future wars.

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Somehow, not only for Christmas, But all the long years through, The joy you give to others, Is the joy that comes back to you.

— James Greenleaf Whittier.



Students of Lincoln high were busy this last week decorating thier doors for the annual Door Decorating Contest sponsored by the Student Council. Shown here are the efforts of the students of Mr. Miller's room, upper left; Miss Hemming's room, upper right; and the art room, lower picture.

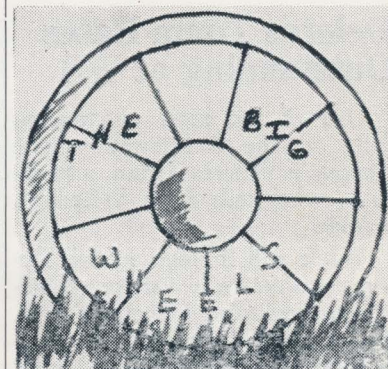
202 Has Best Door; 121, 205 Tie For 2nd

Each year the Best Dressed Door contest is sponsored by the Student Council. All homerooms are asked to participate. This year the doors were judged by the council members and three art club members. Those on the committees were John Ristow, John Kingdon, Larry Brennan, Jane Applebee, Karen Radloff, Sherry McNamee, student council representatives; and Keith Cumberland, Collette Disher, and Phyllis McCarthy from the art department.

The doors were judged Monday, December 17. The winner was Miss Ritchie's room, 202, with 205 and Miss Hemming's room, 121, tied for second.

Miss Ritchie's door was decorated by a large old-fashioned lamp with a background of houses and snow. 205 had a church scene with large choir boys on either side. Angels can be seen flying about the doorway of 121. There are also fluffy clouds and golden stars on a blue background.

There were some exceptionally good doors this year, and all the students participating worked very hard.



Here's what some of the "wheels" want for Christmas!

- Tim Lattimer — "A day with Elvis Presley."
Karen Searles — "My class ring found."
Dennis Jaecks — "A year's supply of razor blades."
Tom Plunkett — "An 'A' from Miss Ritchie."
Peggy Justeson — "A Santa Claus with brown eyes and dark, curly hear."
Lanny Anderson — "A hi-fi."
Paul Danielson — "Santa Claus to come to our house."
Margaret Peterson — "Another word for valuable, splendid, and rich."
Mary Hesterman — "A doodle-boop."
Roger Schill — "A real nice girl."
Pauline Bengert — "A Nash to give to a certain someone."
Helene Tyrrell — "A certain boat to come sailing home from Japan."
Darla Huchthausen — "A red wagon to hook behind my Crosley to haul the gang in."
Sally Nash — "Another white hair."
Lloyd Chambers — "I've already got it. My two front teeth."
Mary Kelley — "A white Christmas."

Chuckle Chuckle

Father: "When Lincoln was your age he was making his own living."

Son: "Yes, and when he was your age, he was president."

Etiquette is learning to yawn with your mouth closed.

In his second year Latin class, Mr. Paulin was telling the girls about the characteristics of different languages.

"For example," he said, "German is a language of scientists, and French is a language of lovers."

Then Joanie Krapfel added, "And Latin is a language of the dead!"

Frantic Chemist to boss: "We can't conform to these specifications, we've combined trillium, Chlorophyll, irium, phosphate, and K29, but there's no room left for toothpaste."

Irate wife to husband: "I'm not trying to slant another argument, this is the same one."

Temper's short —
Shopping lists long,
Nothing fits right —
Everything's wrong;
But here's what I say:
"It's fun anyway —
IT'S CHRISTMAS!"

HAIRCUT OR?

Customer: "A haircut is \$1.25. How much is a shave?"

Barber: "Thirty-five cents."

Customer: "Okay, shave my head."

Somebody's father: "Do you give a guarantee with this hair restorer?"

Barber: "Guarantee! We give a comb."

The cooing stops with the honeymoon, but the billing goes on forever.

"Wanted: A secretary — Who looks like a girl — thinks like a man — acts like a lady — and works like a dog."

Two matronly ladies to travel agent: "We'd like to get completely away from civilization, near same nice shopping center."

Get The Story . . .

The reporter yelled into the phone to his editor. "This storm is something awful. The wind is almost 100 miles per hour. The rain blinds you. The flood is high and rising. Boss, I tell you, this is no fit night for man or beast!"

"Great!" shouted the editor. "I'll send two photographers over to cover it."

— Bret Harte Jr. High,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Q. What can cross a river without moving?

A. A bridge.

Passenger: "Which end of the car do I get off?"

Conductor: "Either one. It soaps at both ends."

Office secretary, on phone: "He's out to lunch now, but he won't be gone long — nobody took him."

For Cosmopolitans

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year is a greeting heard 'round the world at this time of year. Here is that greeting in four different languages:

German: Frohliche Weihnachten und ein gluckliches Newjahr.

Latin: Ferias Laetos et laetus annus novus vobis.

Spanish: Felices Pascuas y Ano Nuevo.

French: Joyeux Noel et Bonne Annee.

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa:

Just my annual letter, but this time I have something special that you should know. We've moved since last Christmas and this is a reminder not to miss us when you stop at all the homes in Wisconsin Rapids. I've been a very good boy, and for my biggest Christmas gift I'd like an electric pogo stick — the kind that is red, white, and blue with a horse's head in the top. Please don't forget me.

There will be cookies and milk left for you when you stop by.

— Glen Householder.

Dear Santa:

I can't print very well, so I'm having my sister write this for me. I hope you have been watching to see how good I've been all year. For Christmas I want a Hi-Fi set, a new car, money for guitar lessons, and some more money so I can buy Kath a Christmas present.

— Lanny Anderson.

Dear Santa:

A very good girl,
I have been.

I've minded Mom well,
And learned discipline.

Santa Claus,

Your are so kind,
Please don't think
I'm out of my mind.

I would be happy
If you would bring,
Just this one,
Marvelous thing.

Well, you see

It's as simple as this:

I would like a
Date with Elvis!

— Sandy Farrish.

Dear Santa Claus:

Mom's always yelling
"Get off the line,"

But now I could tell her
"No, it's all mine."

Dad's always yelling —
"I'm expecting a call"

If I got this for Christmas,
It wouldn't bother him at all.

I could call Jean

To hash over Friday night,
And we could talk about Johnny
And Bill's appetite.

I could talk for hours

And hours you see,
Without everybody
Yelling at me.

For Christmas I'd like a

Private phone,

It'd be all my own —

Then they'd leave me alone.

— Lois Karsseboom.

(She'd call Ken)

Dear Santa:

What I want for Christmas can be summed up in two words. Driver's license. You haven't any idea how well we get along together. There is only one thing I don't understand though. If we get along so good together, why are we always parted?

— Willie Fey.

Christmas Fantasia

It was the *Night before Christmas* and Santa's workshop was a very busy place. Some of the little elves were frantically trying the various *Silver Bells* and *Jingle Bells* on Santa's sleigh to make sure they were in good working order, while others were teaming up the reindeer. *Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer* would lead the way with the eight other famous deer following. Soon, *Jolly Old Saint Nicholas*, appeared and as he climbed into his toy-heavy sleigh, he shouted, "Giddap," and was off!

It was a *Silent Night*, with a light snow falling and it really promised to be a *White Christmas*. The first stop would be *Christmas Island*, where all the children know *Santa Claus Is Coming to Town*. His first duty was to *Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly*, so everyone could get the true Christmas spirit. The *Holly and the Ivy* really put a spark in some of the dingy old buildings. Santa went from house to house, and at one was greeted by *Frosty, the Snowman*, who kept saying, "Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow!" Here *Comes Santa Claus* would have been heard on every street, had the town been awake. Santa brought *Joy to the World* everywhere he went.

At one particular home a piece of paper was put on the fireplace, and on it was written a note from a typical 6 year old. It read, "Dear Santa, *All I Want for Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth*."

When *Christmas Morn Is Come Again*, and as *I Hear the Bells On Christmas Day*, I sometimes stop to think how lucky we are to have such a wonderful person like jolly old Saint Nick, who brings *Christmas Joy* to the hearts of so many boys and girls all over the world.

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Women have many faults,
Men have only two;
Everything they say,
And everything they do.

Cards, Carols Build Up Christmas Cheer

With the most beloved time of the year, Christmas, approaching, our interests again turn to those age-old customs which are so important a part in the American way of keeping Christmas.

One of the more recent developments is that of greeting cards — for a profit. It is thought that in 1843, a shopkeeper used his business acumen to devise a new method or drumming up his sales. The result was a little card with a Victorian scene of a family gathered about the massive feed board, accompanied by a phrase such as, "Here's Christmas come again," or "To my friend, many sweet returns." The shopkeeper sent a few of these to his friends, putting the rest up for sale in his store. By word of mouth, the idea of sending written cards of greeting and good will caught on like wild-fire, starting the first going Christmas card business.

Carol singers, scenes of Bethlehem, and "over - the - hills - and - through - the - woods - to - grandmother's - house - we - go" cards are still popular, whereas, the once prominent bird pictures, along with all the frills of lace and gold edging, now seem to have died out. Their steady emphasis has been put in its proper place — on Christmas itself. Now, prevailing over unwanted ostentation, like the spirit of love and fellowship has stepped to the forefront, becoming by far the most important feeling in the cards.

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A much older tradition is that of Christmas carols, dating back 2000 years. "... And suddenly there was with the angel, a multitude of the Heavenly Host praising God and saying:

'Glory to God in the highest.
And on earth peace,
Good will toward men.'"

This is the first carol — one that inspired the shepherds in their fields to trudge through the freezing winter night to do homage to the mother and her child in the Bethlehem manger. And, says Luke, they went away praising and glorifying God.

So began a tradition followed for nearly 2000 years. Each year we continue in the age-old custom, lifting our voices in commemoration of the wondrous event which changed the destiny of the world. Whether they be songs of solemn-

nity, or those of mirth and joy in rough, homespun verse, carols will always have a place in the keeping of Christmas — a glorious and heart-warming outpour of the love existing between man and his God.

Do You Believe

by Nancy Natwick

Do you believe in Santa Claus? Without thinking, perhaps 99% of you will say a quick "Of course not!" and let it go at that, wondering all along how old I really think you are. But, I would be willing to bet that, all of you really do believe in him and just don't want to admit it.

Maybe your mother and father told you at the age of seven or eight that there really was no such person. It might have been hard to believe at first, but upon closer observation (plus a few trips to the department store) you could see how this was possible, since Santa often changed in looks during the noon hour.

But what of the spirit of Santa Claus? Does not the idea of sharing gifts and cards with parents, relatives, and friends awaken a great enthusiasm within you? What about Christmas trees, carols, bells, snow, tinsel, and holly? What about all the holiday parties we go to, the enjoyable vacations we have, and the many opportunities for fellowship with friends, neighbors, and acquaintances that come our way? This fun and enjoyment is made possible mainly because it's Christmas.

All of these elements belong to the fun side of Christmas, typified by that red cheeked, white bearded, fat, jolly old elf, Santa himself. What would Christmas be without him?

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Geometry problem:

Given: I love you.

Find: Do you love me?

To prove:

1. I love you
2. Therefore I'm a lover
3. All the world loves a lover
4. You are all the world to me
5. Therefore you love me.

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Bride to groom, going down the aisle after the ceremony: "There, now that didn't take too long, did it?"

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Football coach said to players as a shapely blonde walks past the bench: "There goes the school's leading pass receiver."



by John Leuenberger

After emerging victorious over Antigo in their most recent conference game, the Lincoln High Red Raiders have remained in undisputed first place in the Wisconsin Valley Conference. The Red Raiders have a record of three wins, and no defeats.

Only two other teams have played three games, Rhinelander and Marshfield. Both are holding down second place with two wins and one loss each. Marshfield tied for second after beating Point by four points. Stevens Point is currently in fourth place.

Judging from the standings at the present, the race for the championship may be tight. The Raiders have certainly exhibited a fighting spirit and strong desire to win after trailing in three straight games and then coming back to win.

By the time this column is printed, the Raiders will have played two rough non-conference games against Wausau and Menasha, both highly rated teams.

The next conference games are on January 8 and 11, against Point and Marshfield, respectively. After the lapse during Christmas vacation, Coach Al Duhm has stated that the good teams will get better, and that the games will not be so close. It seems that the Raiders will develop into one of the better teams.

Balanced scoring among the starters, Fey, Wilson, Sampson, Johnston, and Lattimer is a point in favor of the Raiders. With the strong reserve team also helping out when called upon, the Raiders should come out on top in the games, and in the conference.

Grapplers Win Bouts

The Lincoln High wrestling team grappled out a 21-20 victory over the D. C. Everest team of Schofield, Saturday afternoon, December 1, in Lincoln Fieldhouse.

Bill Winch, 112 lbs., and Darrell Bassuener, 165, pinned their opponents, while Jackson, 120, Wittenberg, 128, and Ron Virjinski heavyweight, outscored opposition.

Lee Husting wrestled to a tie, while Wally Jackson, Alan Bassuener, and Lanny Anderson were beaten.

Raiders Nip Hodags

Coming from behind in the last quarter, the Lincoln High Cagers nipped the Rhinelander Hodags, 58 to 54, on Tuesday, November 20, at Lincoln Fieldhouse.

Playing their second game of the season, the Raiders showed signs of inexperience, but came through when the chips were down. The game was close all the way, with Rapids holding a 25 to 23 lead at the half.

The local boys fell behind by as much as six points in the third quarter, but fought back to victory. Farney Bouton, "Skip" Wilson, and Tim Lattimer lead the rally by getting good shots off the fast break, with Jim Fey and Tom Johnston getting the rebounds.

Johnston, with 17 points, lead the Rapids scoring attack.

B's Rally in 2nd Half To Sting Merrill, 61-31

The Lincoln High B team won their third straight game by defeating the Merrill Bees, 61-31, at Lincoln Fieldhouse, Friday, November 30.

The Raiders got off to a poor start and found themselves trailing at the end of the half.

The second half was somewhat different, as the Raiders scored 47 points in the last 14 minutes.

Ken Hill led the team with 16 tallies. Dale Knuteson and Brenner each scored 10.

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Have you noticed how the boys playing basketball seem always to be looking toward the back of the fieldhouse? Well, if you have, it's quite natural, for the girls' athletic association is having another tournament.

At present the girls are just finishing hit pin, that all-involving sport. The seniors are the champs this year and the juniors are co-champs. Sharon Mortimer, Nancy (Toots) Case, Phyllis McCarthy, Gail Pivinski, Carol Van Stedum, and Pat Shegonee are the star senior players.

If you happen to be wandering through the fieldhouse Monday, beware of flying balls, for volleyball starts at that time, and when the girls give the ball a mighty whack, it's time to duck for cover. Heading volleyball this year is Jane Applebee.

After Christmas vacation, basketball, badminton and ping pong will be starting.

B's Rap Rhinelander

The Rapids Bee team defeated the Rhinelander Bees decisively in the Fieldhouse on November 20.

The Bees started slowly and led only 25-22 at half time, but in the third quarter, they broke the game wide open by some hot shooting, and they led at the end of the third quarter by 49-30. The second string played the entire last quarter. The final score was Rapids, 58, Rhinelander, 40. Ken Hill led the Bee team with 17 points and second high scorer for Rapids was Dale Knuteson.

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B's Topple Antigo After Hard Game

The Red Raider B's played what appeared to be their hardest, and what was their lowest scoring game of the season so far.

The B's, undefeated this season, have consistently scored between 50 and 60 points per game, and have completely dominated the games. At Antigo, however, the future varsity was stymied, and it looked as if they were going to suffer their first loss.

Trailing in the closing minutes of the fourth quarter, the B's began a flurry of stealing balls, intercepting passes, and taking advantage of other mistakes made by the rattled Robins, to take the lead and increase it to nine points as the game ended.

Raiders Edge Antigo

Our Lincoln High Raiders won their third game in a row, Friday night, December 8, by defeating Antigo 61-55. Tim Lattimer and Tom Johnston paced the Raiders with 18 and 17 points respectively. Sampson scored 12 points, Fey 9, Wilson 3, and Hill 2.

In their last three games, the Raiders have been behind at some time. Then they have fought back to win.

For Antigo, Guy Grignon led his team with 20 points, while Bob Kubeny, a speedy guard, scored 15 points and was a thorn in the Raider's side all night. The score by quarters was 13-12 Rapids' favor, and at half time it was 31-29, Antigo. At the third quarter it was 44-43 Rapids, and at the end of the game it was 61-55 in Rapids favor.

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