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PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN

We are approaching a second war Christmas. Peace on earth is only a dim possibility of the future. Our lives are restricted by food and gas rationing, and our homes lack the gaiety and laughter of young men. Is it therefore to be a cheerless, thankless Christmas?

Let us count the blessings we know, even in the midst of war, as compared with those of a typical warring nation of Europe.

In Greece today, 500 die daily from lack of food in Athens alone. The disease rate runs very high.

The Readers Digest states, "In Athens today a good menu consists of a breakfast of herbs, tea, and a slice of dry bread; a luncheon of weeds from the garden cooked in olive oil, if one is lucky enough to get it; a dinner of vegetable soup, thickened with a teaspoonful of wheat flour; and a dessert of a fig or an olive. Dogs, cats, and rats are the only meat to be found. Three pounds of donkey meat, which tastes like kitchen soap, cost ten dollars."

"Unless more food arrives and the Red Cross kitchens are able to stay open, the entire race of the Greeks is in danger of perishing."

You know that Americans are not dependent on any food ships and 500 do not die of starvation each day. Our menus are more nutritious than those of the Greeks.

In the last war, we had gasless Sundays, heatless Mondays, meatless Tuesdays, wheatless Wednesdays, and porkless Saturdays.

There were no black out precautions, but on moonlight nights some towns went dark to save coal and preserve electric power.

After thinking this all over, let us on this Christmas be grateful for a strong and prosperous nation, visibly making progress in the struggle to preserve human rights and justice.

--Marshall Buehler

ARE YOU DOING YOUR SHARE

One year ago our government declared war on a treacherous foe in the interest of all humanity. It endeavored by this act to insure the four freedoms especially for us, the men and women of tomorrow.

Its soldiers and sailors cannot be victorious without the necessary implements of war such as ships, planes, tanks, guns, scout cars, and ammunition.

Our government needs money to finance these necessities. We students have a share in the responsibility of contributing toward our government's needs.

Thirty-five years ago the Wisconsin Anti-Tuberculosis Association declared war on one of our greatest peace-time foes, deadly Tuberculosis. It did so in the interest of national health, helping old and young alike to escape or fight the dreaded germ.

If this organization's scientific treatment and experimentation toward stamping out this health menace is to continue, we must support the Anti-Tuberculosis army.

We owe the fighting men of the nation our support in the purchase of war bonds and stamps; we owe the health of our nation the support which the purchase of Penny Christmas seals can bring.

Figures show that, especially among the upper classmen, the amount of money spent on war stamps in our school is shamefully small. We hope for a change of attitude during the Christmas season.

We help to spend it, so we must help to lend it.

--Howard Smith

TIME WELL SPENT

Was it worth it? Was it worth half of Mr. Radmer's fingernails plus the time, energy, and money spent on producing the "Nutmcracker Suite"? We think it was. Surely, it provided a joyous opening for the holiday season. It portrayed the frolicksome spirit of Christmas and the unselfish spirit of giving in a way that will always be remembered by the actors as well as those in the audience.

The students and faculty spent an average of two hours a school day and gave much of their leisure time for well over a month toward making this production a success.

After giving all their time to put on a successful performance we wish them the Merry Christmas and healthy two-weeks rest which they deserve.

--Tom Coldwell

UNWANTED "POLAR BEARS"

Why do some pupils persist in coming to school long before the doors officially open? They have been asked to stay at home until 8:20 in the morning and 12:50 at noon unless special suties admit them earlier.

Is it that they delight in shivering unnecessarily or do they deliberately wish to create trouble by attempting to gain entrance far ahead of schedule.

Surely schoolwork would be improved during the first hour in the morning and afternoon if these same people had not been thoroughly and foolishly chilled before entering the building. It is sad but apparently true that those who show undue haste in arriving seldom make the most of their time once they are admitted.

We must arrive on time, of course, but not so early that we are tempted to violate rules to gain entrance rather than freeze to insensibility outdoors.

--Violet Newman

NEWS

THE NUTCRACKER PRINCE COMES TO LIFE

As the curtain rose on the first scene of Tschaikowske's "Magic Nutcracker Suite" Thursday night, Dec. 17, it revealed a heavily decorated Christmas tree, its lower branches almost hidden by a large array of packages and shiny toys.

Father and Mother (Gordon Coon and Marcia Alexander, grade 6) were busy touching up the tree. Suddenly grandfather (James Knoll, grade 5) stumbled in, laden down with more gifts and especially gleeful about the Nutcracker, dressed as a prince that he had bought for Marie.

Much excitement accompanied the distribution of gifts. The baby (Bonnie Hegg, grade 2) exclaimed wildly about the toys. Tommy (Douglas Bates, grade 5) bit a toe off a candy fairy, while Johnny (Roger Patrick, grade 5) tried to grasp the nutcracker from little Marie (Beverly Schoenberger, grade 5) and tore off its leg. Marie put the nutcracker tenderly to sleep in her doll bed after making grandpa promise to have him repaired the next day. While singing she too fell asleep.

When the curtain parted once more, all the toys had become life-size and alive. The candy-fairy (Molly Schelevan, grade 6) minus one toe limped, pirouetted, then danced gracefully while the Chinese boy (Gordon Kessler, grade 6) struggled to disentangle his long cue from the branch of the big tree.

On a darkened stage a purple light appeared slowly, revealing motionless brown and green reed children standing on a river bank. At the first note of the dance of the Reed Flutes, a sprightly

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of the Reed Flutes, a sprightly wind fairy (Jean Pascoe, grade 6) rustled onto the stage from the rear, leaped upon a rock, and in song cast a spell upon the reeds, making them bend and sway according to her direction.

Following this scene, a lively march introduced the Mouse King Jean Hinz, grade four, followed by his savage Mouse Brigade. Then ensued a fierce battle between the gingerbread children and the mice. The gray tails of the mice switched viciously as they encountered the left flank of the grim, brown, gingerbread army. The gingerbreads appeared to be vanquished when to the rescue came a regiment of handsome tin soldiers, garbed in red and blue uniforms. The Nutcracker Prince Alfred Weigand, grade six, now very much alive, with a crutch under one arm and a sword in his other, led the soldiers.

The soldiers and gingerbreads had almost won when Marie, now fully grown Joan Buehler, grade six, appeared just in time to see Prince Charming about to be killed. She hastily killed the Mouse King, thus sparing the life of the prince.

Unwittingly she had broken the spell cast upon the Prince by the Mouse King years before. He revealed that the Mouse King was a cruel wizard who had condemned him to live as a nutcracker until a maiden showed that she loved him more than she feared a mouse.

Jubilantly the handsome prince promised to show Marie his wonderland and as he beckoned left and right his people, flowers of all descriptions and hues gathered about the happy couple.

Only then did the audience realize that this was all a dream, for the final scene disclosed all the toys back in their original places and Little Marie fast asleep with her head on the doll's bed.

The large cast, under the direction of Mr. Radmer included the entire fourth, fifth, and sixth grades. Ruth Markworth accompanied the children at the piano and supervised the work on scenery. Miss Last and Miss Usher assisted Miss Rom in the planning of costumes. Miss Brossard and Mrs. Krehnke coached the students in their parts, while Miss Chvala, Miss Butler, and Mrs. Anderson coached the dances. Miss Landaal supervised makeup. In charge of lights and stage properties were Bob Kauth and Marvin Neuberger.

--Patsy Hinz

SCOUTS WIN AWARDS

At a Court of Honor held by the Boy Scouts on December 14, merit badges were awarded to those who had passed tests in the various scouting skills.

Tom Coldwell won his award in cooking; Marshall Buehler in Chemistry, rocks, and minerals; Leonard Kroll in metal work; John Watson in gardening and metal work; Edwin Kauth in metal work; and Duaine Hegg in firemanship.

Verlyn Rayome was appointed assistant scout master; Marshall Buehler, junior assistant scout master; Tom Coldwell, senior patrol leader; and Ardin Rayome and Duaine Hegg, patrol leaders. John Watson and Jack Gleason will act as assistant patrol leaders.

A scout leader from Council headquarters at Wausau was present to give a talk. Color and sound movies on first aid and the winning of wings in the Army Air Corps concluded the program.

A hike was held on December 5, for the purpose of passing tests. Plans are now underway for a winter overnight hike at Christmas time.

--Marshall Buehler

WINTER CONCERT PRESENTED

Victory was the key note of the annual winter concert given by the band and chorus on the evening of December 7, under the direction of Don Radmer. Purchase of one war stamp admitted listeners to the concert.

"Argonaut," a lively march by Paul Weeks, opened the concert. Then followed "Grandiose" by De Lamater, "In Honor Bound" by Kiefer, "Old Vienna" by King, and "Major's Battalion" by Vander Cook.

Variation in mood characterized the selections sung by the Girls Glee Club under Mr. Radmer's direction. The opening number, "Now Praised be the Lord," by Bach, was of a serious nature. "Gardens" by Scarmalin, and "The Lamplighter" by Cookson were somewhat lighter in mood. The final number, a Ukrainian folk dance-song arranged by Kashetz and entitled "Griddle Cakes" was sprightly and entertaining.

The listeners caught themselves humming the familiar melodies as the band played Hildreth's Folk Songs of America. They enjoyed the novelty of hearing band members sing as they played Yoder's "Military Band." "On Wisconsin" by Purdy was dedicated to all the Port men who are in service. The vigorous "Marines March" by Chenette which concluded the program convinced the audience that our band can sing as well as play.

--Violet Reiman
Joyce Kessler

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student council meetings are hotbeds of activity these days. When the new cheer leaders appealed for help on methods and materials, several committees were appointed to help them. One committee is sponsoring a contest for new yells. The prize for each

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of the two best yells submitted by contestants will be a twenty-five cent war stamp.

A committee was also appointed to arrange for and obtain permission to hold victory dances every two weeks. It was proposed that admission be a war stamp plus a fee to pay for the band. Promoters of the plan suggested hiring an orchestra only one time in three to keep down expenses.

After treasurer Julia Jakubzak got the financial intricacies of the Halloween party straightened out she started on the hectic program of selling war stamps to flocks of grade school children and a few high school students.

Virginia Hamilton is ferreting out the names and addresses of members of our armed forces who formerly attended John Edwards High School. These names and addresses will then be posted on the bulletin board in hopes that many more students will correspond with the soldiers hereafter. Any such information which you are able to supply will be gratefully received.

--Tom Coldwell

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Do you ever wonder why your library is so orderly and always bears the proper holiday spirit?

Thank those "busy book worms" led by Marion Randrup and Miss Winarski.

At their last meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 1, they straightened up book shelves, dusted the shelves, dressed up the bulletin board in gay Christmas decorations, and wound up the evening of activity with their club song and refreshments at the drug store.

Plans for a Library Club play to be given sometime in January are under way.

--Corrinne Ashburn

Club News (continued)

Two new targets were made by the archers at their club meeting Friday, Dec. 4. Joan Alexander and Marshall Buehler drew and painted the target sheets.

Verlyn Ravome and Dale Palmatier scored the most bulls eyes. Students are working hard to improve their aim, for later in the year arrows will be given as prizes to the most accurate shooters.

--Alvin Romansky

A TRUE PERSIAN SPEAKS

Persian customs and costumes took on a real meaning on Tuesday morning, Dec. 1, when Mrs. Julia Schlemmon, daughter of a Persian physician at an American mission in Persia, told the students about her native land.

She modeled the veils worn by all Mohammedan women in Persia both indoors and outdoors until the government forbade the practice in 1936.

Among the beautiful handicraft objects which she brought along to show the audience was a large shawl woven of fine gold and silver threads with every knot tied by hand.

In her collection of necklaces and bracelets were some of mother-of-pearl bearing miniature paintings, many made with brushes of a single hair. There also were lacy bracelets of Persian filigree which she said had been made by very small children.

The speaker taught the listeners a lesson in citizenship when she admitted loving America so much that she was willing to go to extremes to become a citizen. She laughingly explained that the only solution to her problem after many futile attempts to become a permanent citizen was to snare an American citizen and marry him.

--Charles Schauer

SENIORS ENTERTAIN

The seniors entertained the students with a variety program Friday afternoon. The first skit revealed an outrageously tall woman (Dorothy Paulson) in the doctor's office appealing for help to become fat. Doc (Arthur Rezin) made her swallow the medicine which just that morning had worked wonders on his rabbits. She promptly grew fatter and fatter and was still swelling when the curtain closed.

The serious and comic intermingled in the costume skit which portrayed Washington (Alvan Hinkley) and Thomas Jefferson (Vernon Foth) together with Martha Washington (Marion Randrup) sitting on the banks of the Potomac viewing what to them was the future and to us represents the present. Jefferson and Washington shook their heads frequently over the present as dramatized by the other seniors but concluded that they need have no fears for the future, that the country would continue to grow and prosper.

The comic debate carried on by George Rezin, Dale Palmatier, Robert Kauth, and Gordon Hinkley and introduced by Verlyn Ravome convulsed the entire audience.

The judges decided that neither side had won on the issue, "Resolved that our high school should establish a parking lot for chewing gum," since both sides stretched things a bit.

MORE NEWCOMERS ENROLL

Recent additions to our student body are Clarence Griffin of Mather, Wisconsin, and the Haumschields from Pittsville, Wisconsin. Clarence enrolled as a junior. The Haumschields, Leonard, Robert, Clarence, and Joyce are in the first, third, fifth, and eighth grades respectively. We of the school welcome them.

--William Hamilton

FEATURES

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Santa Claus
North Pole

Dear Santa

We have made our Christmas list and think it would be generous of you to give Robert Kauth and Marvin Neuberger five tires, fifty gallons of gas, and two girls to enjoy themselves with on Christmas. We know that these boys have good behavior and don't think it is too great a sacrifice.

John Ferrellic would also like a new staff of teachers. He promises that he won't drive them into insanity.

We beg of you, Santa, to give Donald and Edward Rezin enough gas to get to school. They don't waste the gas and we are sure they won't miss school unless there is a good movie in a neighboring town or deer hunting season is on.

In the absence of Edward Rezin, Marvin Neuberger would like a new pair of lungs so he can play the trumpet solos alone.

Jack Lundquist and Charles Schauer want jobs so they can finance their book fines.

The Juniors, we are positive, would like a few more ace basketball players.

Bob Covey has reported that he wants a sledge hammer with which to break the lumpy sugar he has stored in the attic.

Chuck Bennett would like a nickel's worth of five dollar bills to buy a horse and buggy.

Miss Markworth would like a five week's vacation after the operetta.

Yours trustingly,
Sophomore Class
--Duaine Hegg
Patsy Hinz

It's funny but----

Every noon and night since the first snowfall there has been a scavenger hunt in Mr. Howard's closet. Objects of the hunt--pairs of boots that match.

Miss Markworth is said to be suffering from numb fingers. Mighty hard on the pianist, that Tschai-kowsky.

The treat was on Patsy, Monday night after the concert. It seems that her cymbal crash came in a bit ahead of schedule.

Maybe Gordon Dailey thinks that pencil balancing stunt will develop a lip for cornet.

We hear that the eight grade girl choristers had a sudden attack of cosmetics on the night of the band concert.

Chuck Bennett would like someone to press his navy pants.

Do you suppose Joyce Bennett's ring is so big that she has to wear it on a chain?

Mr. Radmer would welcome suggestions on how to spend his leisure time. "There's just nothing to do these days," he moans.

Puzzle

Rearrange the following letters to form common words or phrases. Answers on page 9.

1. O T T A E E R P
 2. R A N I
 3. L D A N R O
 4. A P J
 5. E N I R A M
 6. Y A N V
 7. R M Y A
 8. P I I T T L L E V S
 9. Z N R E I
 10. D S O B N Y B U R A W
- Bob Covey

OUR FIGHT FOR RIGHT

Along the coast of Pearl Harbor,
As the sun shone high above,
Flew a cheerful cub-plane pilot,
Rejoicing in peace and love.

'Twas the morning of December
seventh,
Nineteen hundred forty-one,
That this happy, flying pilot
Sighted planes of the "Rising
Sun."

He wondered for a moment,
Not realizing what to do;
He switched on his small cub radio
And called, "Commander of the
fighter crew"

"The Japs are coming to attack,
Some five hundred planes in all
And if you don't intercept them
now,
Pearl Harbor will surely fall."

Then the officer replied
In a rather joking way,
"Man your bee-bee gun, my lad,
And drive the fools away."

He no sooner turned his plane
around
When a Jap took careful aim,
And before he even realized it,
The plane was set aflame.

It was either life or death for
him
As he jumped from the flaming
door.
His parachute spread at the count
of ten
And he landed on the shore.

As he looked up into the hazy sky,
A sky of white and gray,
He saw the first destruction drop
On our good old U. S. A.

Once more our foes had struck at us
They strike from day to day.
But the Stars and Stripes will
never fall,
And we'll drive our foe away.

Then, fight on you gallant leather
necks

And you Navy boys of blue.
Christmas has once more returned,
So greetings to all of you.

To all you boys who have gone
across,
Should you be in danger or fear,
May Christmas bring you lots of
joy,
And VICTORY in the New Year.
--Spencer Newman

THE FIRST SNOWFALL

"The snow had begun in the gloaming
And busily all the night
Had been heaping field and highway
With a silence deep and white."
--Lowell

This is what happened to Fort Ed-
wards on the first night of Thanks-
giving vacation. As the people
awakened bright and early to pre-
pare their turkey for dinner they
saw that Father Winter had visited
them during the night.

After the turkey had been pre-
pared and all were seated at the
table revealing in its luscious-
ness, they noticed and admired the
works of Jack Frost on their win-
dow panes.

In the afternoon children went
outside to enjoy the first snow-
fall by staging snowball fights,
washing each others faces, and
making snowmen.

We are all "dreaming of " and
looking forward to a "White Christ-
mas", but, if we don't have one we
can look back with gratitude on a
beautiful white Thanksgiving.

--Violet Mae Reinan

PUZZLE ANSWERS

Operetta, Iran, Arnold, Jap,
Marine, Navy, Army, Pittsville,
Rezin,,
--Bob Covey

SPORTS

On the night of December 4, the John Edwards High School basketball team traveled to Pittsville to play Pittsville in an exhibition game.

At the opening of the game the Port players were rather dazed by the sight of three successive long shots dropped in by Pittsville from way out near the center of the court.

Then Port Edwards boys buckled down and began to show the pep and steam of which they are capable.

The game was quite exciting throughout. John Smith of Pittsville was high scorer for their team with six points. Jack Griffith and LeRoy Sigler were both high scorers for Port Edwards, Sigler scoring 8 points and Griffith 6.

The final score was 22 to 13; in Port Edwards' favor.

Box Score		
Port	F.	P.
Zdorkowski	1	1
Fairfield	1	3
Breese	0	0
Rezin	1	2
Griffith	2	6
James	0	2
Sigler	2	8
	7	22

Pittsville		
J. Smith	1	6
J. Redmond	1	3
H. Lonetree	1	0
F. Trachte	1	2
Lillmen	1	2
	5	13

--Bob Covey

ALUMNI DEFEATS PORT

On Tuesday, November 25, the Alumni and the High School basketball team met in what proved to be a very well matched game.

The scores of the two teams see-sawed back and forth through-

out the entire game. First the Alumni took the offensive and broke out into the lead. Not long after, however, the Port High players showed their determination to win by striking back with some points of their own.

Both teams played magnificently with Arendt making the most points for the Alumni. Homer Fairfield was high scorer for the high school team with a total of eight points. LeRoy Sigler was second highest in scoring for Port with four points. The Alumni defeated our boys, 23 to 15.

Box Score		
Port	F.	P.
Fairfield	1	0
Breese	0	2
Zdorkowski	1	3
Criffith	4	3
Sigler	3	4
James	1	0
	10	15

Alumni		
Oilschlager	3	6
Schultz	2	0
Eichsteadt	3	1
Arendt	1	12
Driscoll	3	4
	12	23

--Spencer Newman

PORT - RUDOLPH GAME

In the thrilling game between the Port Edwards "Sleds" and the Rudolph "Toboggans", and "Sleds" took first place with a score of 27 to 14. With good dribbling, passing, and shooting the Port team pushed ahead to victory. Griffith led our scorers with a total of eight points. Fairfield, Zdorkowski, and Sigler tied for second place, with each man scoring five points for our team.

The new cheerleaders made their second, flashy appearance.

--William Hamilton

