

# Merry Christmas

# The Hi-Times

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# Happy New Year

## Briefs Of The "Times"

by Francie Morris

LOOK OUT — for the surprise on second page!! Hope you like it.

With the joyous Christmas season all around us I would like to tell you of another holiday which is celebrated around this time but has nothing to do with Christmas but is often mistaken for the "Jewish Christmas." "Chanukah" (pronounced Hah noo kah, also written Hanukka or Hanukkah) is really the Jewish Feast of Lights or Feast of Dedication as Chanukah means dedication. It lasts for eight days and on each night, beginning with the eve of the first day and ending with the eve of the last day, one additional candle is lighted and a prayer said over it, and the candles of the previous days. These candles represent a miracle that took place in approximately 165 B.C. At that time the second great Temple was over taken by the Israelite's enemies and finally it was returned to its rightful owners, the Jews, it was so destroyed that only one can of the precious olive oil that had to be kept burning all of the time was left. This normally would last only one day and night but it lasted eight days and eight nights and by that time new olive oil was ready for use. On this holiday gifts are exchanged, parties held and games played. That is the only connection between these two holidays in December. Except for one more thing, they both are a time for rejoicing and remembering.

This week's third page features stories of Latin Club and French Club parties. Don't miss them.

Don't forget to give all you can to help "Share their Fare." This is your last chance to help. Let's dig deep and show the city that there is more than one school in South Bend that wants to promote world peace.

What's all the fuss about wrestling that Cat Tales is trying to stir up this week? Most of us know how corny it really is.

Are you keeping a scrap book of your past Riley activities? The Hi-Times is going to offer sets of past issues of The Hi-Times for the reduced price of 25 cents per set of 5 papers. These issues will be available the week following the issue of The Hi-Times. Orders for these sets of Hi-Times may be taken through home home by sales solicitors who will come to the room with the sets to be sold.

If certain numbers are desired, these orders may be placed with the room solicitors and paid for and the orders will be delivered to the home room at a later time.

The sale of these sets will be carried on by members of the Cub Reporters Club and the before-school circulation staff who fold paper.

A parting thought —  
HAPPY VACATION

## Christmas Seals That Were Sold Shown On Tree

Something new has been added as far as Riley's annual Christmas Seal Sale goes. A paper Christmas tree has been put up in the main hall and candles are up to represent the way the certain grades rank in seal buying.

As the paper went to press the Seventh grade candle was on top; next the Senior home rooms, Eighth Graders, Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors' candles were on the tree.

Yellow ornaments on the tree represent \$10 bonds received or on before Monday by home room 220 and home room 217, red ornaments were up for the \$5 certificates. Home rooms 110, 201, and 318 had received these bonds.

## Glee Club Sings Carols At City Banks

by Ethel Buntman

Sixty members of the Riley Glee Club under the direction of Miss Ruby Williams, have been performing their annual Christmas program downtown. All four South Bend high schools take part in this program and Riley took the stage Tuesday during the noon hour, entertaining at the National Bank and the First Bank and Trust Company.

The beautiful voices of the Junior and Senior glee clubs blended together to form an enjoyable Christmas program for the assemblies yesterday and today. The Senior Glee Club made an impressive entrance with their traditional candlelight procession. The Junior Choral group under the direction of Miss Kathryn Knepp with Beverly Bowers as their accompanist were in the balcony.

The Senior Glee Club's numbers included The Shepherd's Story, The Carol of the Questioning Child, and The Lute Book Lullaby. Soloists were Betty Ann Balint, Judy Johnson, Ann Baker, Janice Overmeyer, Larry Zeiger, and Robert Rideout. Aviva Weiss and Robert Stewart were the accompanists.

The concluding numbers on the excellent program was a group of traditional carols. The Junior and Senior groups sang together along with 150 Junior High singers for this last number.

## Last Chance!! To Help Council Help Share Fare

by Barb Buntman

"Share their fare?" "Why not buy a share in a foreign student's expenses?" These and many other similar quotations have been heard at Riley from Student Council members for the last two weeks. Today is the last day for this drive to earn \$650 so that a boy or girl of high school age might get to visit our country and attend our school. The money must be turned in to the Field Service office by January first so let's all try and dig deep this afternoon and spend our last dime (if we can) to get Riley a newcomer for next year.

Tuesday, Ursula Rappoth, an exchange student at Riley from Germany, spoke to members of assemblies 1 and 2, encouraging them to recognize the benefits received by bringing an exchange student from some European town to our school.

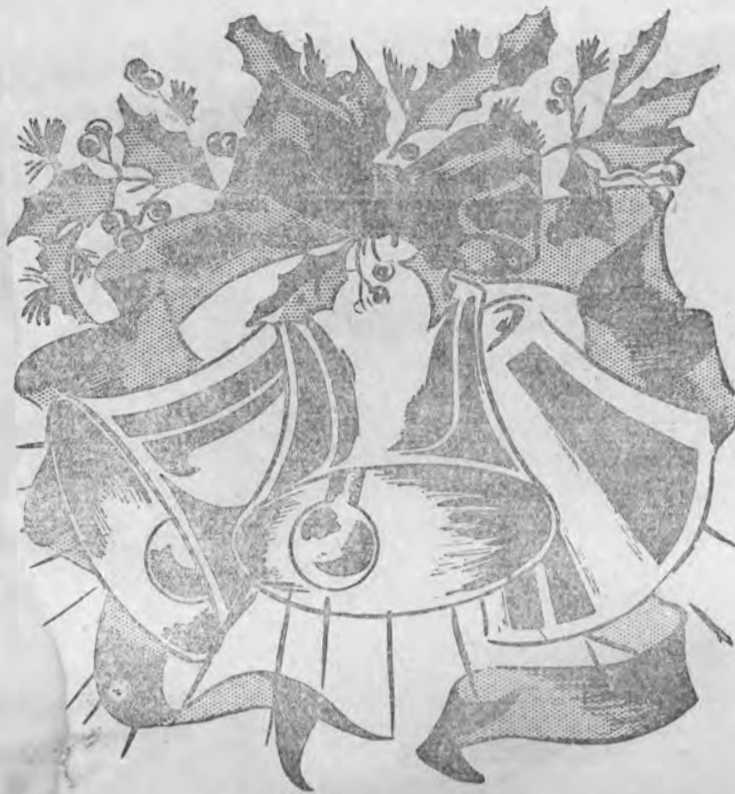
As the Hi-Times went to the press this week, \$240 of our \$650 goal had been reached. Shares are passed out to each student who donates a quarter but any Student Council member will be glad to accept anything that you have to offer.

**CORRECTION:** Debate Honors Bert Anson, Ted Noell Rank Among Top Ten State Debaters.

## On The Vacation Calendar

Friday, December 17	Riley vs. Brazil (There)
Monday, December 20	First Day Jewish Chanukah (See Briefs)
Monday, December 20	5 Shopping Days Till Christmas
Tuesday, December 21	Riley vs. Washington-Clay (There)
Thursday, December 23	Alumni Dance
Saturday, December 25	Christmas Day
Monday, December 27	8th and last day of Chanukah
Monday, December 27	Demolay Dance
Tuesday, December 28	Rainbow's "Santa's Mambo"
Saturday, January 1, 1955	New Years Day
Monday, January 3, 1955	School Re-opens

## The Christmas Bells Ring Out



"There are sounds in the sky when the year grows old, and the winds of the winter . . . when the night and the moon are clear and cold, and the stars shine on the snow, or wild is the blast and the bitter sleet that beats on the window pane; but blest on the frosty hills are the feet of the Christmas time again! Chiming sweet when the night wind swells, blest is the sound of the Christmas Bell." *Christmas Bells* by Anon.

Bells ring many times throughout the year and everytime that they do a different meaning goes out too! Sunday morning when the clapper strikes the side of the church bell beckoning all to come to worship, there is a reverence with which the bell sounds. No one will ever forget the "Liberty Bell" which stands for freedom in the United States and is a symbol to the world. Perhaps a more famous bell is the Christmas bell which has many different meanings to every person on the face of the earth. Hearing this bell during the "spread-good-cheer-weeks" of the year may mean forgetting old troubles with the neighbor, with the world, and most important of all with ourselves.

From The Hi-Times staff, salesmen, circulation, advertising, business, exchange, page editors, advisor, reporters . . . from all of us . . . to all of you a sincere wish from the heart — MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

—by Fran Morris, Ray Webster.

## Booster Club Plans Sock Hop To Raise Money

A sock hop will be held in Riley's gym by the Booster Club on February 3, 1955. This dance is under the chairmanship of vice-president Bev Betz and a committee of Booster club board members which include Bob Larracuenta, Jim Papp, Judy Jenks, Mary Timm, Bax Bauman, and Marty Boggs. Dennis Orosz, club president, has secured a band and the affair will be done up in fine Riley Sock Hop style.

This sock hop is being held to raise a treasury for the club because of yet it has no kind of money making affair. The money will go into the treasury and later will be used at tourney time or for obtaining a bus to an away game.

## Art Calendars Now "Milestone" For Riley Artists

During the past week at Riley there has been many sales of different things but out of these the most colorful is the sale, by the Art Department, under the instruction of Miss Mary Jane Day, of the 1955 Riley High School Calendar.

This project has been under way for 6 years but this year begins a milestone in Riley calendar making. Two colors are being used for the first time by the printing students at Riley under Mr. C. R. Bonham.

Each year the design has been different and this year it is the flower of the month.

The cover page is an outline of the state of Indiana and the zennia (state flower) by Judy Hawley.

January's Carnation is by Bob Walters while February's violet was drawn by Jeanne McCracker. March and April, the Jonquil and Sweet Pea were drawn by Dennis Orosz and Larry Paeg. John Miller and Linda Ramey drew the May and June flowers, the Lilly of the Valley and the Rose; July and August, Larkspur and Gladiolus were drawn by John Swartz and Wayne Huffman. Aster and Calendula drawn by Nancy Carpenter and Martha Boggs drew September and October, respectively. November's Chrysanthemum by Susan Lewis and December's Narcissus by Merwyn Krienke finish up the calendar which can be purchased from any of the artists or in the office.

## Best Surprise From Hi-Times

A surprise in the Hi Times does not occur very often but this week is different. Not only is it the last day of school before the long awaited by all, teachers and students alike, Christmas vacation but it is a special kind of a way to say "Merry Christmas" and "Happy New Year" and also to have a lot of fun on your respective vacations, from the Hi Times Staff.

By now you have all probably seen the staff's Christmas card to the school which is on the second page. WE are just beginning to wonder if it was worth all the time and effort. It took approximately 1600 strips of colored paper and 800 squares for the Christmas packages to supply the Hi Times with this little bit of color during the Christmas season. These figures do not include the countless hours of folding and pasting and pasting and folding.

Very early on every Friday that the Hi Times is printed Rileyites get out of their nice warm beds early so that they can fold our papers. This week they not only had to fold but they also had to paste. Among these workers are: Shirley Andrews, Sonja Lindbergh, Judy Mangum, Neil Cossman, Barton Brugh, Michael Craven, and Sandra Therries.

Others who fold during the morning are Shirley Howard, Judith Kinyon, and Carolyn Joseph.

This week's fancy idea began as just a seed in my mind which was "watered" by Mary Alice Mikel and grew bigger and better through the cooperation of Miss Bess L. Wyrick. We are quite proud of it and hope you enjoyed seeing it as much as we enjoyed making it possible for you.

Have a "swell" vacation.  
—Francie.

## Band Equipment Gets New Look, "Sparkling Gold"

"Wave the flag for dear old Riley, Hold her colors high." Those colors will now be held "higher" than ever because of something new that has been added to the Riley High School Band. A set of seven new drums was received this week in the band room and the colors — "sparkling gold" or gold flash.

The set of seven new drums includes two concert drums which are 8 x 15, four field drums and a bass drum. Chromium trim around the drums intensifies the gold and with the purple uniforms of the band and gold instruments they will be in fine "Riley" style.

A sixteen inch "Zildjian" cymbal and a Sock cymbal, used for modern music also arrived at the band's quarters this past week. The latter was the most expensive of all the new instruments which weren't cheap by any means.

The Music Boosters Fish Fry should take a lot of credit for all of the new things since it was from its profit that made them possible. This is the only way that the band and orchestra have to raise money except for their annual concerts.

## Hi-Y Hardy, But Profit Slight

The Thanksgiving Baskets passed on to needy families recently by the Riley Hi-Y were appreciated by all. The boys got together enough non-perishable foods to make up six baskets.

Pencils with the '54-55 basketball season schedule on them are being sold for 5c by the Hi-Y. Only a 2c profit is made but fattening up the treasury isn't a bad idea for any group, so it seems.

To help "Share Their Fare" the Hi-Y will donate to the Student Council project the sum of fifty dollars.

## "Ol' Man Scrooge" Should Leave No Bearing On "Real" Christmas Spirit

by Loretta Stante

"The very word "Christmas" has a magnetic effect on the people of all nations. To the smallest child it means the fulfillment of his fondest dream in the manner of toys and sweets. To the adolescent, Christmas brings the realization that it is just as important to give as to receive. To the adult, Christmas is the justification of giving presents to those near and dear to them whether they be their mother and father or the little boy across the street. The spirit of Christmas is actually the spirit of giving. Charles Dickens story "The Christmas Carol" puts a mean and ugly man at the top of "Santa's Left-out list"! Poor old man; not to know the real truth behind Christmas; the giving side of it!

God Himself set the pattern for Christmas by bestowing upon mankind His only begotten Son. We give only in proportion to our love, and God's gift to mankind is a gift of infinite value. In accepting God's gift on Christmas Day, we too, are expected to reciprocate His generosity. What greater gift could we give to Him than by worshiping His Son's birth. No matter where you may go or be, stop in at the church of your faith and give homage for the Birth of the Most Beloved."

A beautiful idea given to us by Father Michael Vichuras, Chaplain.

We of the "Times" staff take time and pleasure in wishing you and yours a "Happy Holiday."

## 'Twas The Night Before Christmas

by Vicki Moore

'Twas the day before Christmas... when all thru' the halls...  
 The Kids were hanging mistletoe up on the walls...  
 The coats are all hung in the locker with "care?"  
 But in another day they all will be bare...  
 The kids are all nestled all snug in their nests...  
 Dreaming about all the fine Christmas treats...  
 Bob in his sweater... and Bev in her blouse...  
 Had just spied in a corner, a wee little mouse...  
 When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter...  
 They sprang from their seats to see what was the matter...  
 They opened the window... and down fell the shade...  
 Then up jumped Don Priebe to rush to their aid...  
 The sun up above peered down at the snow...  
 And its reflections were seen on top of our "Moe"  
 When what to their wondering eyes should appear...  
 But Paul Castleman's "Bomb" which we all ought to fear...  
 He had just turned the crank to get it to start...  
 When lo and behold it all fell apart...  
 He sprang to his feet to the team gave a yell...  
 And out they all came... running pellmell.  
 They picked up the pieces and all shook their head...  
 Then replied, "No use in struggling... your old Nelly's dead!"  
 As they trudged down the street to haul "Nell" away...  
 They stopped in a huddle and all turned our way...  
 They lifted their hands and gave a big cheer,  
 "Merry Christmas" to all... we'll see you next year.

## "Peeker" Spies Gifts To Teachers

by Lory Stante

Do you know what I'm going to do? I'm going to peek into several faculty members homes and see just what they're getting for Christmas! O.K.? O.K.! (Any similarity to packages wrapped or unwrapped is purely coincidental!)

Mr. Schubert is going to find a little gadget to "drag" in all the late admits! Miss Kiel, (I think) would just love a Mexican Chiwawa while Miss Lauer's going to find in her package a whole new outfit (to be worn by her gym classes, of course!)

Wait a minute. Here's a switch. Let's stop and watch Miss Wyrick open her gift. Well, what do you know! A bright red skirt and blouse to match! Boy, what a switch.

Mr. Stewart would really be surprised to find a large, economy sized jar of the ever-ready, ever-fast-working Geritol Pep Pills!

Well, did I guess right? Maybe not! But it was fun, wasn't it? Merry Christmas from us to you!

## Joyous Customs

by Mary Mikel

Santa Claus, Christmas carols, Christmas cards, Christmas trees, candles and stockings are all symbols of Christmas, but did you ever stop to realize how these things came about?

In Holland it was a joyous custom to have some one dress up as St. Nicholas and present gifts to children. This is where our noted Santa came from. His prancing reindeer originated from the Norwegians.

It was a custom of the Germans to cut an old fir or evergreen tree and light it with candles. When they settled in Pennsylvania they brought this custom with them.

Candles in the windows are a sign that the Christ Child is welcome. People long ago used this sign to show Him He was welcome.

In Scandinavian countries everybody placed wooden shoes outside the door on the hearth on Christmas Eve. This signifies that during the years to come they will try to live together in peace and harmony.



Hi Y'all!

O.T.A.

Dancing to the Music of Tony Rulli on December 28th are these couples: Sally Gerber and Steve Brannon, Judy Jenks and Bill Waechter (Adams), Pat Nietch and Mike Wirt, Mary Lofquist and Jim Ainsworth, Judy Walters and Tony Herczeg (Alumni), Carolyn Diedrich and George Jena (Central), Marion Alford and Harry Dudeck, Carolyn Sarka and Jim Thompson (Alumni), Pat Kambol and Sam Kovacevitch, Cleo Kramer and Burnie Maurek, Mary Pittenger and Denny Hitson, Linda Holdren and Dick Hilde, Alice Torok and John Nevelle, Mary Mikel and John Miller, Connie Wallace and Jim Papp, Sharon Kint and Wayne Huffman, Ethel Buntman and Mike Haag (Central), Barbara Buntman and Dick Widmar (Central), Jolene Emmons and Dave Hanna (Alum.), Terrie Nelson and Frank Whitfield, Sharon Acheson and Neil Beckwith.

Mary Ann Feirrell: What did the chicken say when he laid a square egg?

Kathy Shilling: I dunno!

Mary Ann: Ouch! (Oh Brother!) O.T.A.

Welcome back, Tom Bohan. It's good to see your smiling face among all our other friends!! O.T.A.

Junior Prom preparations are in order and heading the committees as the "blueprint" is being drawn up are: Invitations, Pearl Cherpes; Refreshments, Sue Boyer; Grand March, Mike Hoffman and Sharlene Rollins; Prince and Princess, Mary Mikel; Tickets, Mike Bingaman; Music, Ray Webster; Checking, Bill Hawley; Publicity, Kay Anderson; Decoration, Sue Spitzer; Clean-up, John Szabo. O.T.A.

One day a little sardine was out learning to swim. Suddenly he spied a submarine, became terrified and ran home quickly to his mother.

"Mammy, what's that big thing out there?" he sniffled!

"Don't be frightened, Dear," his mother replied, "that's only a can of people!"



O.T.A.

Do you know what I heard? I'll bet you couldn't guess! Janet Priddy — yes — Janet Priddy said to me, "Didn't you know there wasn't any Santa Claus?!" Can you imagine that! Well really. Just don't let anyone else hear you saying that Janet or you might miss an awful lot of fun all on account of good ol' Saint Nick! O.T.A.

A little boy who had a step-father, met his real father one day. "How do you like your new father?" asked the boy's father.

"A lot and I think he likes me, too. He takes me out every Sunday in a row boat and lets me swim back!" answered the boy.

"Well isn't that kinda hard to do for such a little boy?"

"Oh, no," replied the boy, "that's not the hard part. It's tryin' to swim back in the sack he puts me in that's really hard!" O.T.A.

We want to wish every one we see "On The Avenue" A very Merry Christmas. Bye now—Lory.

Bobby Rice would have a happy Christmas if she could have another ring on her third finger left hand.

John Willis is going to a party with M. E. Burnie Maurek is just leaving town. (Why??) Jim Papp thinks just going out with his doll babe will be fun. (Agree Connie?)

What do you want for Christmas?? Maybe now you have a few more ideas on what you want that jolly, old fellow to bring you.



## Christmas Story Brings Thoughts For Happy Times

by Janet Priddy and Sue Blackburn

The Christmas spirit seems to have gotten into every one of our Riley students. Their thoughts have strayed from books, homework, and the everyday routine of classes. Christmas parties and that heavenly two weeks vacation are the center of conversation. Just how the Riley students are going to spend their vacation and what they are going to do in the hours of no homework (I'm sure this really bothers them) is what we would like to know.

Linda Holdren is spending a couple of days in Montpeior, Indiana, while the rest of the time she is looking forward to staying at home. (This I can't believe). Lucky Alice Gentry will be baking in the sun on those heavenly beaches of Florida. Sharon Achison like most of our Riley students is going to catch up on some last minute Christmas shopping and go to lots of "real gone" parties. Jim Anderson, Bill Cira and Bruce Fettel are all three looking forward to that Christmas dinner. Studious Richard Holderman says he will stay home and do his homework. (This certainly is a switch).

Richard Williams is going to rest up from English and Silas Marnier while Norman Baloun is just going to sleep every day throughout vacation.

Mira Elliott will try to keep from spending her shopping money on clothes. (Mira's father will appreciate this too, I'm sure).

Mary Carroll and Randy Wellington will spend most of their time ice-skating (if there's any ice) and opening presents.

It looks as if the Riley kids have big plans in store for the holidays coming up. We hope they don't overdue their fun; however, so that they will be able to be back with us on that dreaded Monday. Whatever they do we hope they have lots of fun and a very Merry Christmas.

## Santa's Helpers!

by Carole Land

Christmas Eve finds some of the Riley students high up on an icy hill at the cold North Pole helping Santa Claus to get ready for his long night trip. You might have never realized that a great deal of work goes into getting the Christmas party ready and off. But if you wish to know, climb up on my ice cycle and I'll take you there quicker than you can say "Snow Queen."

There sits Mrs. Sally Payton Santa Claus darning all the socks that will be filled tonight in the late hours.

Way back in the sewing room I can see Fred Odusch knitting little sweaters for the reindeer and Judy Johnston pressing Santa's suit.

In the work shop Warner Blackburn is polishing the bells on the sleigh and over in a corner is Suzie Carpenter checking the road map. Linda Block is winding up all the pretty dancing dolls.

Claudia Sailor and Denny Orosz are rechecking the list of good and bad children while Bev Betz is greasing Santa's clothes to make his trip down the chimneys even faster!

In Santa's bedroom Arlene and Marlene Morence are combing the gentleman's beard and helping him on with his boots.

Out in the shed is Bob Riddle brushing the deer teeth and Gloria Porter feeding and hitching them up to the sleigh.

Santa's watch says its time to "cut out" and so Ray Burlington and Carolyn Joseph hurry the big bulging bag to Santa's sleigh. And there he goes with shrills of laughter and "Merry Christmas." The tired Riley students return to the house happily satisfied with a job well done.

Now climb back up on my ice cycle so you can be in bed and asleep by the time Santa arrives at your house.



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## What Christmas Means To Me

by Toni Costello

Christmas is a glorious time of the year. It means so many things, a beautiful lighted Christmas Tree, glowing in front of the picture window and inviting everyone who passes to gaze upon its beauty, and telling everyone within the household that it is proud to shelter an abundance of beautifully wrapped Christmas gifts for each of them, and their friends.

Then I believe that Christmas is the one time of the year, that people forget their malice toward fellow man. How can we be angry with anyone, when there are so many wonderful things to look forward to? The hustling, and the bustling of Christmas buying, slippers for mother, a tie for dad, argyles for big brother, a sled for the younger one, a pipe for grandfather, and a shawl for grandmother. Then there is all the aunts and uncles, and cousins by the dozen and ever so many more, too numerous to mention.

About this time I am beginning to wonder what mother is planning in the kitchen. I know too well, that there will be cookies of every description, and it is quite possible that she will make one of her famous dark and rich fruitcakes, and of course the traditional roast turkey with chestnut stuffing, candied sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pies. Ummmm, I can hardly wait.

No one can forget the addressing of the Christmas greeting cards, for all of our friends. There will be parties and more parties, and of course the children looking forward to the big night, when Santa with his overloaded pack miraculously swoops down the chimney to pay the special visit. Yes, there are a lot of things to think about at Christmas, but the one thing that stands out in my mind, is the reason for all this fabulous celebrating. Do you realize that all these wonderful preparations and careful planning is brought about, because we are really celebrating the birth of Christ? As I sit here thinking of what Christmas means to me I cannot help but visualize the tiny babe lying in the manger, and the three wise men traveling many miles towards the star of Bethlehem to bring him, the rarest of treasures. For He was born the Saviour of mankind.

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## Students Pride In Owning Car

by Marcia Reader

Everyone at one time or another has sighed over a car. Whether it was because of the color, style, power, or just because it had a clean motor. All students have a certain pride if they own or drive a car. Maybe they bought it themselves or just bought the gas, but no matter what people in the older generation say, teen-agers for the most part take a special pride in driving carefully. Student drivers all have different reasons to be proud.

EUNICE MOORE is just a struggling young beginner in driving. She has a good motto that she says to herself before she steps on the gas pedal, "I not only want to protect my own life but others too."

"All signs should be read and applied" is DAVE YOUNG's feelings. He believes speed is the most dangerous, and that 30 m.p.h. is plenty fast enough.

RAY OMAN likes the power in his car and he knows how to control it.

"Keep your eyes on the road and on the other fellow," said KAY VOIGHT. She is proud of the good pick-up in her car.

"I drive as if everyone on the road is crazy," replied CAROLE LAND. She loves the smooth lines of her "Dad's" car.

MARIAN PISER who recently had an accident said, "Glue your eyes on the road and on the corners." We should all try and profit by her experience. A fractured nose and a wrecked car isn't any fun.

BOB RILOLE is glad that teen-agers cannot receive a license until they are 16. He doesn't believe they are adult enough under that age.

## LeCercle Francais

by Sally Gerber

Christmas season finds LeCercle Francais busily at work. The thirteenth was a day marked by all of its members. Early morning with Barbara Nykos, Sharon Ostot, Janet Gilchrist, Kay Million, and Chairman Nancy Geiger carefully arranged the Creche scene in the display window opposite 216. Each year during the last week of school LeCercle Francais contributes to the spirit of Christmas in Riley by displaying this scene.

After school is out a group of five will jam into Miss Kiel's car, journey to Sally Gerber's home and begin to peel onions for the Christmas dinner. Onion soup is our favorite, tears and all. A green salad, artichokes, French bread with Parmesan cheese, and a log cake are also included on the menu. Sally Gerber is chairman of this annual affair, with Barbara Selby as co-chairman. Barbara Basty, Billie Jean Wirt, and Kay Million will do all of the buying, and Sharon Ostot is in charge of the evening program. This will include a grab bag, telling the Christmas Story, and Christmas carols.

For their Christmas project the French Club and classes pooled their resources and sent a care package to a boy, sixteen years of age, in France.



## Saturnalia, Musicale Latin Activities

by Jo Ann Balough

The Roman Saturnalia, honoring Saturn, was celebrated in ancient times by the rustic population as a sort of joyous harvest-home, and was viewed by all classes as a period of absolute relaxation and unrestrained merriment.

This fete will be celebrated on December 17 by the Latin Club as an annual occasion. It will be held in the basement of the First Church of the Brethren. The members who volunteered to work on the entertainment committee were Lance Malling, Eleanor Coffman, Jean Mertins, Richard Holderman, Diana Walters, Sharon Shields, Jo Ann Balough, Pat Fisher and Dorwin Nelson. The general planning committee consisted of Lynda Frederick, Florence Burroughs, and Margery McPharlin. Barbara Drake, Pat Rhodes, Josephine Boxwell, Sharon Acheson, Jo Ann Nelson, Mary Ann Feirrell, Shirley Whiteman, and Norma Jean Vought served on the refreshment committee. Happily consenting to be on the clean-up committee were David Swihart, Roger Snyder and Nancy Titus.

Wednesday, December 15, after school in Mrs. Knepp's room, was the day of the presentation of the annual Latin Club Musicale. Given and planned by the members, the program consisted of the following acts:

1. Sharon Shields sang "Oh Holy Night."
2. Barbara Drake gave a reading.
3. Wayne Marvel played with an all accordion group.
4. Jo Ann Balough and Billie Jean Wirt sang German, Spanish, and Latin carols.
5. Mary Mangus played the piano.
6. Marilyn Keltner played "Birthday of a King" on the piano.
7. Richard Holderman played the accordion.
8. Ine Njihuis played the piano while her brother sang.
9. Bonnie Pettel, a trumpet solo from the "Song of Jupiter."
10. Eleanor Coffman, the violin.
11. Jean Mertins performed with a dance group.
12. An instrumental group, consisting of Bert Anson, Diane Fitch and Jim Talcott, played A Sonata by Paradisi.

After the program, the group chimed in and sang the familiar carols in Latin in order to get them in a Christmas mood for the holidays.

## Other Countries Celebrate Holiday

by Carol Strykul

Christmas is celebrated in all Christian countries as the birthday of Christ. The name Christmas comes from the early English term Christes Masse which means Christ's Mass. In most of Europe, the day is known as "Christ's Birthday." Scandinavian countries still use the pagan name "Yule Day", and Germany and Switzerland observe "Holy Night." The date for Christmas is most lands is December 25. It is marked by religious services by the exchange of gifts, and by merrymaking.

No one knows definitely when the Christmas festival was first celebrated. The date was probably chosen because the feast of the sun or winter solstice was a familiar Roman feast celebrating the victory of light over darkness.

December 6 is the day the Christmas season opens for the Austrians, Belgians, Bulgarians, French, Germans, Greeks, Hungarians, Italians, Dutch and the Swiss. On this date Santa Claus, also called Christkindly, Saint Nicholas or Sken Koll, comes with his pack of gifts for his children and often carries a good supply of switches for those who have been naughty.

On Christmas eve in the villages of France the homes are the center of festivities including a holiday supper and the ceremony of the burning of the Suche, or yule log. At midnite the church bells ring, the little children are in their beds fast asleep. Their little shoes are filled with sugar plums. This custom began when long ago children's shoes were filled with oats and placed on the doorstep for the camels of the three wise men who were believed to travel on Christmas eve.

Some of these customs are different from ours, but yet our customs are the most thrilling. It is for certain that everyone here in the United States has something to eat on Christmas, but there are places where poor hungry little children are starving.

Let us all be thankful for our God and for all the wonderful things we have. A Merry, Merry Christmas to everyone in the world.

## OFF the CORRIDOR

How to get the Library Christmas tree decorated was the question, and the answer was — have a party for the Library Staff. After seeing the tree you will agree with me that this indeed was a very good idea. Also in the Library is a lovely nativity scene made by Claudia and Dorothy Sailor which is just beautiful.

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Notice Miss Keil's huge paper poinsettia on her door in room 207.

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The 8th grade Art class made large Christmas windows. Doing very well in that class are Jean Hopkins, Mike Sargent, Barbara Hosinski, Sandra Brumley, Marilyn Petell, and Sharon Nesbitt.

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Glass wax tinted with vegetable coloring were used to paint the snow scenes in room 302. Carole Land, Alan Hubur and Linda Ramsey got into this act with the guidance and coaching of Miss Wyrick.

OTC

Christmas cards were the object in Miss Kopp's Art I class. Students that did very well were Lillian and Linda Portor, Ann Amerpohl, Maxine Bemis, Ramona Franklin, George Heyse, James Molnor, John Bodkin and Jan Sobierski.

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Heap on more wood — the wind is chill; But let it whistle as it will, We'll keep our Christmas merry still.

—Scott.

OTC

Seen in the halls are poems by unknown authors. One of the signs read:

650 is what we need  
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So forget your rent  
And give us a cent  
To plant a foreign relation seed.

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

That's all —Carole.

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## Reveled Gifts For Students

by Carole Land

Eight days before Christmas; Santa and his helpers hurry and scurry to fill up the sleigh with long wanted gifts for good students at Riley. I looked over Santa's shoulder as he checked off the names and if you keep this real quiet I'll let you in on some of the presents that will be found under the tree.

Don Preibe will be happy to know that he will receive a pink and blue rattle.

Eddie Fisher will be under Gloria Smith's tree.

\$650 will be found in the sock of Max Bauman. The Student Council can rest easy now.

Platinum frames for Jim Ainsworth's glasses will brighten up his sleepy eyes on Christmas morning.

Bob Larracuenta will be receiving a 10 years subscription for "Mad" comics.

A tricycle will be Roger Manges gift.

Connie Wallace will be glad to hear she'll have a new pair of red long johns for the winter months.

Dee Ann Doub will have her own telephone. Our good Santa knows she will be careful on the wires.

Rocky Rogers will be receiving that long wanted toot toot train.

Dorwin Nelson finally will have a blunder buss. Santa listens to all radio programs.

100 lbs. of dog biscuits will be gayly wrapped for Jim Papp.

Pearl Cherpes will happily rejoice at her mama doll.

Poor unfortunate Sam Samuels will only have a sock full of coal and sticks because he was a bad boy.

I hope I didn't ruin your Christmas by telling you what you're going to get. But try to act surprised for the Christmas "Spirits" sake.

## SNOW

by Dorothy Aldis

The fence posts wear marshmallow hats on a snowy day,  
Bushes in their nightgowns are kneeling down to pray —  
And all the trees have silver shirts and want to dance away.

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# CAT TALES Cagers Collide With Red Devils

by Bob Berebitsky

LAST SATURDAY NIGHT — a play was presented at the Gay-silver Teagarden Theatre.

As the curtain rose the two major characters met in a square shaped setting. The time was of a pre-historic period.

The two characters were named Ganya and Eric. Ganya had won the love of a woman named Campionatio. However, Eric also was in love with Campionatio.

Ganya was a good man — liked and respected. Eric was a villain — feared and unadmired.

Ganya and Eric — who hated each other — were meeting to decide once and for all who would have Campionatio.

Well built and swift, Ganya managed to catch the mammoth Eric off balance. Eric crashed to earth. Enraged, he picked himself up and grabbed a tremendous boulder. He hurled the rock at Ganya. The concreted mass struck Ganya on his head — and killed him.

Campionatio, however, still loved Ganya and could not bear Eric. She committed suicide so as to join her lover. Thus Ganya had won after all, despite Eric's foul play.

JONATHAN SWIFT — may not be my name, but the preceding satire demonstrates my feelings towards the "sport" of wrestling. I think professional wrestling is all a play — a poor play at that. It is a poor play, consisting of a poor script, poor directionship, and poor acting.

Last Saturday night a "wrestling match" was presented in Chicago's Marigold Gardens. The heavy-weight champion, Vern Ganya, met the Challenger — a gentleman called something like "Eric the Great."

Ganya took the part of the hero; Eric, the part of the villain. After a bit of scraping, Ganya managed to heave Eric out of the square-shaped ring. Eric seized a metallic chair (the kind the spectators are supposed to sit upon) and threw it at Ganya — knocking him unconscious.

Ganya was declared the victor due to Eric's unethical proceedings. To this writer, professional wrestling is but an inferior play.

In closing this dissertation, let me ask a question. Since this wrestling match was for the heavy-weight championship of the world why could not a word of the incident be found in "The South Bend Tribune"?

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## Riley Swimmers Bow To Culver In First Outing

by Dave Hands

Riley's swimmers traveled to Culver and suffered a defeat at the hands of Culver's tankers, 58 to 17, last Saturday.

In the 40 yard free style the foes took first and second leaving only a third for Riley taken by John Odusch. The winning time was :20.0.

The 200 yard free style was won by the military men with a time of 2:28. Smith of Riley captured third for the Cats. A Wildcat first was won in the 100 yard backstroke taken by Dave Hands with a time of 1:37.7. First in the 100 yard free style was also captured by Culver in 1:00 flat. Terry Beyer took second for the Riley tankers.

Emanuel Prathafatakis took a third in the diving event and again Culver took first and second. John Odusch tallied another third in the 120 yard individual medley. The winning time was 1:28.

The 120 yard medley relay was taken by Culver in a time of 1:12.3. Ron Rogers, Jim Smith, and Dave Hands took a very close second. Culver free style relay tied the pool record with a winning time of 1:17.

## Ringmen Defeat Harrison; Drop To Bears, Lions

by Jack Tully

Riley's seventh grade team traveled to Central where they dropped their first game of the season 42 to 16. The seventh graders were down 28 to 7 at the half. Riley made only 4 of 28 free throws. The team's leading scorer was Jerry Tooley with 7 points.

Riley's eighth grade team traveled to Lincoln, December 12 where they were defeated 48 to 32. The Kittens were able to score only two field goals and six free throws in the first half which ended with Lincoln leading 27 to 10. The eighth graders came back and played on even terms with Lincoln but their first half defeat was too great. Merle Boyer and Gerald Roper shared the scoring honors with 7 points a piece. This loss leaves the Kittens with a one win and two loss conference record.

The Riley seventh graders hosted the seventh graders of Harrison December 10, in the Riley School Gym. The Kittens overwhelmed Harrison by a score of 43 to 17. High scorers for Riley were Bill Nelson with 10 points and Jerry Tooley with 8 tallies. This win leaves the seventh graders with a three win and one loss record.

## Stewartmen Collect League Victory; Young, Anderson Pace Cats With 23

by George Horvath

Playing their first conference ball game, on December 9, Coach Charlie Stewart's basketball five

emerged with a victory at the expense of Mishawaka's Cavemen. The Cats burned the nets during the second half to win the tussle by a 74-61 margin.

Trailing by five markers at the close of the initial period and by three at the half, the Wildcats exploded in the fourth quarter to pull away from the Cavemen cagers. The Wildcats hit 25 out of 72 attempts from the field for a 36 percent shooting percentage.

A toss from the charity stripe by Fred Odusch late in the third period put the Cats ahead 50-49. Before the visiting Cavemen could gain a point, the Stewartmen reached the 59 point mark.

With a substantial lead, Dave Young was switched to center for the Cats and hit several hook shots going to the right or left of the hoop. Dave racked up 23 points for the Cats' cause as did junior, Louie Anderson. Fred Odusch banged away for a 17 point total for the evening.

Putting the final touches on a successful evening, Ron McElhenie hit a 40 foot shot as the final gun sounded. Ron scored five points for the Cats, Jack Hanks contributed four, and Marion Brown added two points on a pair of charity tosses.

## Mishawaka Deals Riley Bees First League Setback

by Ralph Williams

Coach Lenny Rzeszewski's B team played host to Mishawaka and found them to be impolite guests as they defeated the Cats by the score of 44 to 39 a week ago Thursday in the John Adams gym.

Riley jumped off to a 10-8 first period lead but lost it and left the floor trailing 18-14 at the half.

In the third period Mishawaka was red hot as they outscored the Cats 16-8 and stretched their lead to 34-22. In the final period Riley started clicking as they outscored Mishawaka 17-10 but their rally fell short as time ran out and they lost 44-39.

Coach Rzeszewski used the starting line up of Buzz Wintode and John Miller as forwards, Louie Yazich at center and Eddie Payton and Jim Ulrich as guards. Others who saw considerable action were Lyle Robinson, Doug Burns, and Jerry Starret. Eddie Payton and Buzz Wintode paced the Cats' attack with 8 and 7 points respectively.

The B team now has a record of 2 wins and 3 losses but stands to improve this record now that the team is starting to work together more smoothly and that the football players are starting to get their basketball legs.

## Wildcats Travel To Brazil; Meet Clay During Vacation

by Jack Tully

Riley Wildcats, with a win over the Mishawaka Cavemen, tangle with the Brazil Red Devils tonight at Brazil. The Red Devils

have posted one win against three losses. Brazil is paced by Fred White, a six foot five inch senior, and Dick Stewart, a six foot one inch sophomore. White is the Red Devils leading scorer and gets a lot of rebounds because of his height. Coach Harold "Babe" Wheelers starting lineup consists of Stewart and Bob Buck, (5'10") at forwards, White at Center, and Jim Hal (5'9") and George Willoughby (5'10") at guards.

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## Frosh Outscore Slicers; Succumb To Michigan City

by Louis Cass

The Riley Freshman cagers traveled to Michigan City and lost 33-20 on December 7 making only 20 per cent of their shots. In this game also the Frosh made only 8 of 22 free throws and did not make a single bonus shot. Dave Gunn led the sporadic scoring with 6 points while the other cagers could hardly find the hoop.

Motoring to LaPorte the Barnbrook men took the LaPorte cagers apart with a burst of scoring in the last half. Scoring 16 in the third quarter and 10 in the fourth the frosh pounded LaPorte into submission 43-31. Passing and cutting in the last half helped, was included in the praise of Coach Barnbrook. Don Herr and Dave Kramer scored 25 points between them. Herr getting 13 and Kramer 12.

This week the Frosh met Adams and Central on the Riley floor. Support the freshman team, these kids work their hearts out hoping to keep the great sporting tradition of Riley High.

Riley will tangle with the Washington-Clay Colonials, December 21, at Adams gymnasium. Coach Herschel Eaton's team lost to St. Joseph by one point, 44 to 43 in their last outing. The Colonials are led by Paul Tennyson (6'2") forward who scored 21 points against the Saints. The Colonials are steadily improving and should be ready to give the Wildcats a rough time. Coach Eaton's starting lineup will consist of Bob Romine and Tennyson at forwards, Dick Zoller at center, and George Leonakis and Ed Lange at guards.

The Wildcats put on a terrific last half splurge to down the Mishawaka Cavemen thus stopping the Cavemen's winning streak at four in a row. Riley now has a 1 win and 0 loss record in the E.N.I.H. S.C. The Wildcats are led in scoring by Louie Anderson with an 18 point average and Dave Young with a 13 point average.

Jack Hanks replaced Orvester Austin who hurt his leg in the first quarter. Coach Stewart's starting lineup will probably consist of Odusch and Ron McElhenie at forwards, Anderson at center, and Young and Austin or Hanks at guards. Marion Brown may see a considerable amount of action, also.

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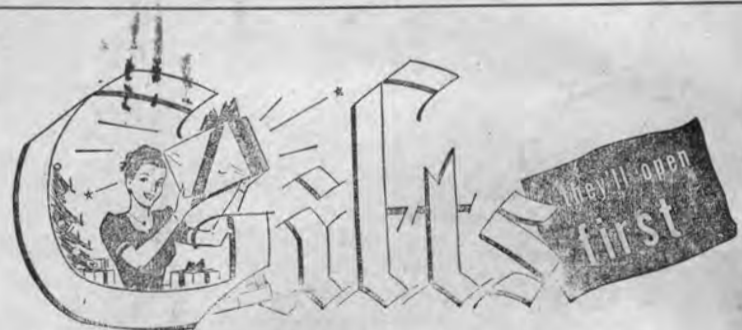
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