

Christmas Candlelight Service

The annual Christmas Candlelight service will be given Thursday, December 22, 1949, at eight o'clock in the High School. Both Juniors and Senior High School choruses will present several numbers. Harper Calloway, tenor, will sing "Sweet Little Jesus Boy." "Carol of Drifting Snow" by Dougherty, "Beneath a Southern Sky" by Rich, "Birthday of a King" by Neialinger and "Carol Noel" by Peter Wilhouskey are the numbers of the senior high chorus. "O Holy Night" will again be the honor solo.

The junior high chorus will sing "Christmas Hymn" by Praetorius, "Yuletide Night" a Bohemian carol, "Christmas Song" a Suilian hymn and "Kyrie Eleison" a Yugoslav carol. They will also sing the "Chorale from 'Christmas Oratoria' by Bach. Doris Burkins, soprano, and Dorothy Mowery, alto, will sing two fragments from Handel's "Messiah."

As a climax the choruses will combine and the sixty members will sing "I Saw Three Ships."

ASTRONOMY STUDIES ARE REVEALED BY SHIRLEY RANKIN

Shirley Rankin representative of the seventh grade, reports about the field trip taken by the seventh grade on November 30 under the direction of Mr. Luther Weaklim, Science teacher. The purpose of the night observation trip was to study the constellations.

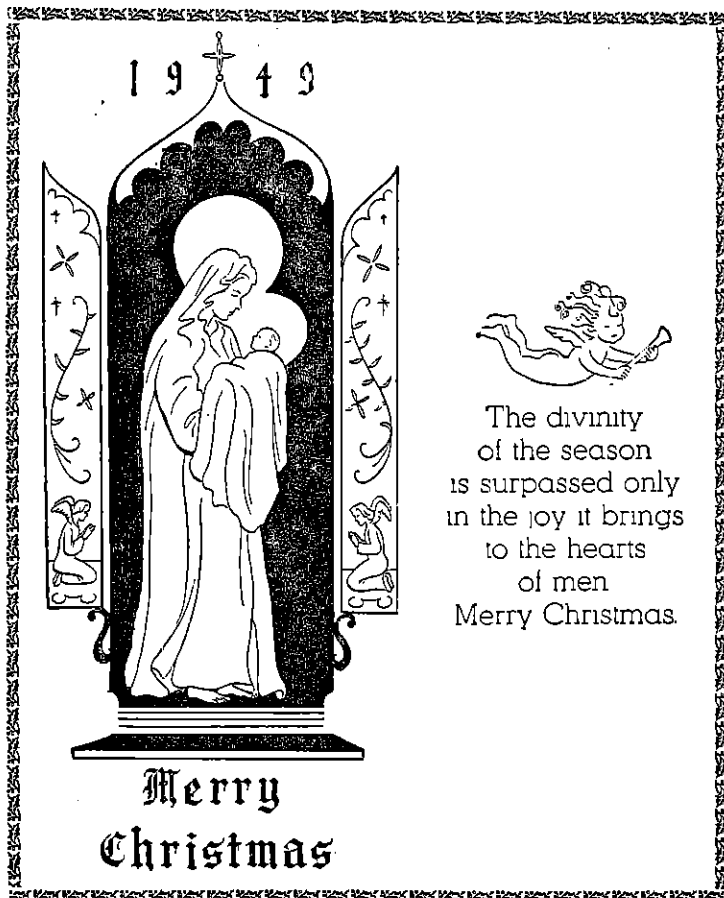
The night of our observation trip, the moon was in its first quarter and it looked very pretty. Some of the constellations I saw were the Big Dipper, The Little Dipper, and Draco. Some of the stars I saw were Betelgeuse and Vega. I learned how to spot out Orion the constellation. The star I saw in the sky last night for the first time was Betelgeuse, which is red in color.

When we completed our observations, we had a few refreshments, cocoa, pretzels, cookies, ice cream, and toasted marshmallows. While we were waiting for the refreshments, we sang a few Christmas carols and Norma Ressler played the piano. After the refreshments, we went outside and played games until our parents came for us.

Senior Class Play Profit Is Reported As Good

Saturday, November 19, the Seniors presented a very excellent mystery-comedy "Stranger In The Night" which told us Bonnie Sheaffer was the unsuspected murderer.

The exact income is unknown at present but is estimated at approximately \$200.



The divinity
of the season
is surpassed only
in the joy it brings
to the hearts
of men
Merry Christmas.

A Story of Christmas Celebrations

Christmas was formerly called "Christes Masse", which means the mass of Christ; it is the English name for the day on which the birth of Jesus Christ is commemorated. In the latter part of the fourth century Chrysostom speaks of it as of great antiquity. Theaters in the Roman Empire were ordered closed on Christmas as early as 400, but the day did not become a legal (court) holiday until 534.

A difference existed in the Early Church as to the day for observing Christ's birth; the Eastern church celebrated the sixth of January, while the Western church observed the twenty-fifth of December. The Eastern church gradually adopted the latter date. Strange as it may seem, among the factors that determined the selection of the month of December was the prevailing custom of celebrating heathen festivals about this time of the year!

Many customs of the heathen festivals were transferred to the Christian holiday. The use of holly, mistletoe, and the yule log are of pagan origin. In ancient times mistletoe was regarded by the Druids as a sacred thing when it grew on the oak tree — which seldom happens with the European variety. It was supposed to help in cases of old age infirmities and was called "wood of the holy cross." In mythology, Balder, the sun god, who was held to be invulnerable, was shot to death with an arrow made from mistletoe. The tradition of kissing under the mistletoe came from the celebration of the pagan "Saturnalia", which was a feast for Saturn.

Some people believe the Christmas tree has a pagan origin. They say that a palm

with twelve shoots, one to represent each month of the year, was carried in a festival in Egypt to worship the goddess Isis. But the Germans, from whom we took our custom of a lighted tree, say that Martin Luther, one Christmas Eve, put a number of small lighted candles on a little fir tree, saying as he did so: "This tree is a symbol of the Christmas sky in which the stars are shining—it is a Christmas tree."

Every Christian country has some Christmas customs of its own, and there are many curious beliefs and legends connected with the happy festival. Our Santa Claus comes to us from Holland; only there he is called St. Nicholas and drives a white horse instead of reindeer. The Dutch children clean their wooden shoes, fill them with oats and hay for the white horse, and awake the next morning to find their shoes filled with candy and toys. The children of Belgium put carrots into their shoes instead of oats and hay. The French Santa Claus is called Pere Noel, which means Father Christmas. On Christmas the children get their shoes filled with candy but do not get their presents until the New Year.

100% Enrollment in Red Cross at West Lampeter

West Lampeter can be proud of its 100 per cent enrollment in the Red Cross! The high school contributed \$24.68 to the fund, this enrollment entitles the school to 9 issues of the Red Cross Magazine.

The We La Hi Teen Club, under the direction of Miss Bigler, is making dolls to be sent to Red Cross members who will then distribute them to blind children in hospitals.

Martha Rex to Represent School at Band Festival

The Southern District Band Festival program for 1950 includes many modern numbers. The festival will be held in York Catholic High School on January 5, 6, and 7, 1950, West Lampeter's representative is Martha Rex who will play 3rd flute and piccolo.

A novelty number "Jingles All the Way" is a medley of familiar singing commercials. Other numbers are "Bobby Sox Suite," "Broadcast from Brazil" and "Stradella" overture.

8th GRADERS LEARN ABOUT THE "VALLEY ON THE MOON"

By E. Leachy and E. Harnish

The eighth grade science class went to the Franklin and Marshall College Observatory on Monday evening, November 28. Mr. John Cavanaugh, our guide, showed us photographic slides of the moon with its craters, of the sun with its spots and clouds, and various star constellations.

We learned that there is a valley on the moon called the Valley of the Alps that was caused by a meteor that just grazed the moon, and it looks like someone took his finger and scratched across it. We also saw photographs of sunspots and the clouds that shoot up to as high as 3,000 miles. The distance from the earth to the moon is 238,000 miles; the diameter of the earth is almost 8,000 miles; the diameter of the moon is almost 2,200 miles. The craters on the moon were made by meteors that struck the moon.

The various astronomer's instruments as well as the telescope were explained. The telescope is a refractor which has

Rifle Club Enters League

This club is composed of 24 members. Eight old members returned.

The activities to date have been routine—fring! Some of the new members have shown good progress to date.

Officers: Pres.—John Burkholder; Vice Pres.—Ray Wells. Sec.-Treas.—Ronald Landis.

Starting January 11 the club will fire six matches in league competition. Other teams in the league are Mount Joy, Manheim Twp., and Ephrata High School.

Christmas Dance Held By We-La-Hi Times Staff

A Christmas dance was held in the school gym on December 17th. It was sponsored by members of the We La Hi Times Staff and the Senior Class.

Decorations were in keeping with the season and refreshments were served. There was dancing to the band under the direction of Bob Weston. Everyone present enjoyed themselves and had a good time.

Library Club Attended Conference

The Library Club officers, Joanne Stoner, president, June Hess, vice-president, Evelyn Kline, secretary, and Phyllis Williams, treasurer, attended a Library Conference at Millersville on Friday, November 4, 1949. Mrs. Maloney was among the speakers of the afternoon, who spoke about the different kinds of library work. Following the speeches there was a social hour during which refreshments were served. The Library Club from Manor then presented a play.

The members of the club have planned a Christmas party and have exchanged names.

There are two books in the Library which you might enjoy reading. These are "Black Magic" and "The White Sail".

Backboard Magic
Howard M. Brier

Skip Turner, a small town boy, was appointed by Coach Barker to play forward on Hillchuck High's basketball team. The other boys resented his playing first string. How he got his chance to play for Hillchuck High, how his team battled against heavy odds to win a district play-off, and moved into the state tournament is in the story *Backboard Magic*. If you like basketball you'll be sure to like this book.

The White Sail
Sara Wave Bassett

Lorna Newcomb and Scott Mendell came to Belleport at the same time to forget past memories. Scott became attracted to Lorna and told her about Downey, a member of his crew, who looked at a picture of his fiancée before each mission. Then Scott had looked at it and found himself falling in love with it. As Scott continued to talk with Lorna, it became clear to him that there was some connection between Downey, Lorna, and the picture Downey carried.

In this story of love in a New England town, Miss Bassett has woven several of her familiar Belleport characters.

Report Progress on WLHS Year Book

The work on the Year Book is progressing very nicely. Most of the copy work has been done and handed in. The art work has been started and will be completed soon. With the aid of Miss Straley in the work in general, and Mrs. Barr in the art department, the Year Book of '50 should prove worth the time spent.

Juniors Held Bake Sale

The Juniors recently held a bake sale which was very well supported. Their income amounted to \$21.78. They say if interest continues in the Bake Sales, they will proceed to have more of them.

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EDITORIAL

Watch Your Manners!

Have you ever stopped to think about your manners? Many times we are so occupied with our own self importance that we fail to recognize the good in others. We cannot forever go through the world without offering the other fellow a helping hand. Yet, a little bit of kindness, a bit of courtesy, will go a long way in making some one else feel as though other things in life matter too. It doesn't cost you a cent to say, "thank you", or to say, "please", or even to be a bit gracious.

Courtesy and politeness can be cultivated. It is something that one must practice. But when it becomes a part of you, it will reflect culture and training.

Your manners (or lack of manners) will place upon you a certain stamp. It should be part of your education in West Lampeter. A great many people think that courtesies are unnecessary, but they are necessary and do help.

Watch your manners!



"... Oh, No—You Take The Bed! We Don't Mind At All... No, Really We Don't..."

SCHOOL PIANISTS



Gloria Holzhauser

As accompanist for the Senior High Chorus, Gloria proves to be a very competent piano player. She is a very active Senior and wants everyone to know that POD is her favorite class.

She has many extra curricular activities. Some of them are Exchange Editor on We La Hi Times Staff, Class secretary, patrol member, assistant photography editor on Yearbook Staff and Gloria was also a fullback on the hockey team.

Gloria is full of fun and has many outside interests — particularly in Hanover. She definitely prefers double dates. Gloria is very much interested in Social Service Work and hopes to enter nursing after graduation.

Doris Burkins

Doris, pianist for Junior High Chorus is a very outstanding member of the Freshman Class. She is always ready for a good time and has a keen sense of humor. Doris enjoys her studies and plays the piano as her pastime.

Her interests are well rounded and she enjoys a variety of sports. Basketball, baseball and swimming are a few of them. Doris has proved to be a very capable Jr. High cheerleader. She also has great abilities in acting.

Along with her likes, Doris has a few dislikes, namely the piano in room 9 and the new lockers at the end of the hall — "they just don't hold everything."

Doris hopes to go to college to study music.

THE POETRY CORNER...

My Only Wish

On Christmas Morn I'll rush to see—
If Santa Claus has brought for me—
The one thing on my Christmas list—
I do so hope he hasn't missed;
A big blonde doll with eyes of blue—
And he must have broad shoulders too;
In short, I want a man; do you?

Impossible!

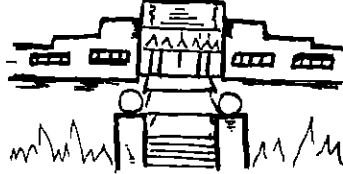
It doesn't seem the same to me—
Although we have a Christmas tree—
And I get lots of presents, too,
That really thrill me thru and thru;
But as the years go by I dread
To think of that stout man in red;
The one who in my thoughts would come,
Down thru the chimney, round as a plum;
And place my toys 'neath the lighted tree,
Then gaily laugh and away he'd be.
But now it's different, some way, it's new,
I realize now and it makes me blue
To know that a round man such as he,
Could never climb down our square chimney.

NEW BOY

It was New Year's Day. Snow covered the ground, and Donna hurried to the house next door where a new family had just moved in. As she opened the gate, she realized that a small child was playing in the yard. When she stopped to help make the arms for his snowman, she got a better look at the blonde curly hair and blue eyes, which the child with the thread-bare coat possessed. The little boy explained that he was alone because his family had gone to town to get food.

Donna decided to wait with little Karl until his family returned. At supper-time she took him to her home and fed him. That evening while they waited for his family to get home, Karl told Donna of a long boat ride and of being in an airplane. She listened, thinking that he had imagined these things. He also told of airplanes dropping bombs which killed his sister. Then he fell asleep.

It was about eleven o'clock when the phone rang and the police chief asked if she had seen a small boy with long blonde curls and a pale thin body. Yes, this was Karl. He explained that Karl's parents had come from Europe, and having lost all sense of time, gone to shop on New Year's Day. They lost their way, and were taken to the Police Station by a farmer, who found them warming themselves in his barn. Yes, the little boy was an English refugee. Donna could hardly believe the story, but she was happy for she had been the first American friend of little Karl. To Karl and his



ALUMNI NEWS

Pat Keener ('49) now attending Gettysburg College has been chosen as one of the fifteen candidates for queen of the yearbook. She represents her sorority. The queen and her court are being chosen by Fred Waring.

Pretty gowns, high collars and many people. These things were seen at the wedding of Betty Wolf to Lloyd Henry ('48). They were married on December 17.

Beatrice Rex ('42) was married to Fred Kuehner on October 8. They were married in Chicago, Ill., and are now living in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Rust is Favorite Color

An added attraction to sweaters this year is the small square scarf tied about the neck in a square knot fashion. These scarfs are plain, stripe or gayly colored.

The popular shades of winter coats remain green, maroon and gray. As for the style, the fitted coat rates high. New fall colors are different shades of brown with rust being the prominent shade.

Teen-agers go for velveteen and dresses trimmed with velvet. All these extra attractions add to a more stunning outfit.

parents, New Year's Day will always mean a day of being a friend to all.

RUMORS and HUMORS

We had a hard time finding any gossip this month; it seems everyone wants to keep what they know under their hat; however, this is what we find:

Nancy Fisher distributed papers on the school bus saying, "Please come in to see me sometime" — Ken Funk, the bus driver said he was interested.

Wonder why Lydia Myers is rushing Glenn Rineer.

Why do some of these boys have to go deer hunting? There are plenty of dears around here!

It looks like Evelyn and John have competitors. Are we right about that June and Chuck?

Why do all the eighth grade girls have a crush on Bobby Hudson?

If you have been wondering why Larry Mellott always hits the girls here is the reason. Larry says it is always better to give than to receive.

Does Dick Kauffman always make it a habit to go around kissing the girls?

Marilyn Quinn may be small but she is mighty; just ask her sister Flossie.

Wonder why the Varsity Basketball players like to get weighed every Monday? Could it be the lollypops the nurse gives them?

We always knew that French fashions and names were outstanding. How about it, Pat "Pillsbury" Dusel.

Wonder why Janet Mowrer got those sharp glasses? Must be to watch a certain Sophomore a little closer.

We may be getting back on the news, but since when is Delores Smith going with Bob Brubaker?



F. F. A. NEWS

The F. F. A. Garden Spot Chapter held its annual Corn Husking Bee, October 6, 1949, in Marvin Miller's barn. The group traveled from the school in three large trucks to the cornfield where they hucked corn for one hour and a half. Then everyone climbed into the trucks and rode to the barn. There the boys and the invited F.F.A. girls played games and ate light refreshments. The group then returned to the school in the trucks.

The first educational trip was taken on October 22 when the chapter traveled to Pennsylvania State College and toured the educational buildings and grounds. The afternoon was spent watching a thrilling football game at which time Penn State defeated Boston College 37 to 14. We all learned something on this trip and enjoyed the football game.

Members of the tenth grade agricultural class visited the Red Rose Experimental farms on October 26. They learned new methods of broiler raising.

The annual Leadership Training Conference was held in the Y.M.C.A. auditorium at York on October 26. All officers from our chapter attended. Mr. Wayne B. Rentschler gave training in parliamentary procedure followed by panel discussion by respective officers. In the evening a banquet was held for the officers.

The following boys were initiated into the Greenhand at our regular monthly meeting held on Nov. 3. Richard Woods, James Hess, Norman Leaman, Paul Hess, Kenneth Rankin, Donald Rohrer, Edward Gove, Earl Eisenberger, and Donald Rutt are the new members.

Our chapter participated in our annual Fall Scrap Drive. Eight boys drove trucks in a general canvass over Lampeter and Strasburg Townships. We collected a total of 7,800 pounds of paper and 1,302 pounds of iron for a total income of \$67.50. We wish to thank everyone for contributions of metal and paper in this drive and all of those who helped make this drive possible.

Richard Findley was a delegate to the Interstate Mills Producers meeting held at Philadelphia on November 21, 1949. In the morning and afternoon sessions reports were given and the business session was carried on. A banquet was held in the evening at which time Clinton P. Anderson, senator from New Mexico, reported on progress of Interstate in that state. Richard reported that the trip was very educational and helped him learn more about the Interstate activities.

There are four boys competing from this chapter for

GUESS WHO ?

This tall blonde Sophomore is known by all the students at West Lampeter. He spends all his spare time studying his academic curriculum. Art seems to be his most difficult subject. He is a Booster Club member and a bass in the school chorus. This summer he played baseball with Quarryville. He is now a star on the Lampeter Varsity Basketball Team. He plays forward. He is also the resident of the Sophomore Class. If you have not guessed his name, look for it, as it can be found upside down somewhere in this paper.

WHICH DO YOU LIKE THE BEST?

Which do you like best — a double or single date? That was the question asked several of the students. Here are some of the interesting as well as humorous answers that were given.

Evelyn Kline — She prefers the double date. "I won't have to do as much talking," Evelyn says.

Dennis Beacham — He goes for single dates, then he's sure of not being bothered.

Janet Mower — "A little of both. Sometimes it is more fun with four than just two."

Claude Doner — "Single—but, don't ask me why."

Annabelle Wenger — She likes either one, depending on where you're going.

Arlene Nagley — She enjoys double dates because it proves more interesting.

Vernon Lefever — "Any kind — just so I get a date!"

Ardis Groff — A single date is the one for her. You can go where you want to and won't have to wait for the other couple to decide.

Vincent Pietsch — The one for Vincent is double dates, he also likes single ones, depending on how long you've known the girl.

Ruth Trimble — Double dates takes her vote because you can carry on more of a conversation.

Gerald Binkley — He likes both. It all depends on the girl he is with.

Nancy Fisher — Nancy's favorite is the double date so she can talk privately.

Ronald Landis — Single is definitely his choice. He declares the other couple might be a "pain in the neck."

Nancy Rentschler — "The more the merrier," says Nancy, her pick being the double date.

8th GRADERS

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an 11-inch lens.

After coming down from the "dome", refreshments were served and we went home again knowing we had learned something new.

the Keystone Farmer degree, which is the highest degree a boy in school may receive. The four boys are, Marvin Miller, Harold Rohrer, Reuben Harnish, and Richard Hess. They are judged on the basis of FFA and other activities, supervised farming program, and leadership.

A LIVELY PEP MEETING



WLHS Pep Meeting has plenty of variety when members of the varsity squad aid the cheerleaders. Left to right — Loretta Gochenauer, Darwin Eckman, Shirley Smith, Donald Aukamp, Helen Howry, Patsy Shell, Dennis Beacham, Lydia Myers.

F H A NEWS

The FHA has been working on some money-making projects. They sold Christmas accessories and seem to have made a nice profit. Their roller skating party was quite successful and also brought the club a profit.

The FHA Christmas plans include a Christmas party with the FFA which was held Dec. 12 in Music Hall. They played games, served refreshments and exchanged gifts. The FHA girls will again help some needy family by sending a package or money at Christmas.

The Home Economics room is this year's FHA project.

The borders and drapes are being designed and made by the domestic art class.

What the WTHS Faculty Wants for Christmas

Did you ever wonder what a teacher would like for Christmas? Just to satisfy your curiosity a poll has been taken. This is what we found out:

- Mr. Adams—30-30 rifle.
- Mr. nyder—4 new tires.
- Mr. Finkelday—just wants 7 victories.
- Mr. Seyler—would like a trip to Bermuda.
- Mrs. Maloney—House and new cherry convertible (that's all).
- Mrs. Weaver — five room Dutch Colonial Home.
- Mr. Weaklin—car, any kind.
- Miss Brodbeck—trip around the world.
- Mr. Zuch—wants his two front teeth.
- Mr. Ryan—television set.
- Miss Bigler — '49 Oldsmobile.
- Mrs. Mowery—white Christmas.

What Percentage of Our Students Work?

In a recent poll taken at West Lampeter High School we found that out of an enrollment of 350 students from grades seven to twelve only 3.1 per cent had part time jobs after school and on week-ends. Here are some of the students and where they work:

- Dorinda Howry, Watt & Shand; Charles Bachman, Pontz Food Store; Arlene Nagley, Watt & Shand; Mary Ann

THE WLHS POLL

Here we are with another poll — the topic is "What Time Do You Think the Average Teen-ager Should be in on Week-days and Week-ends?" My what answers we got!

Ed Appel says on week-ends be in, in time to bring in the milk.

Mowery Frey said about 12:30, then it's getting early again.

Jim Musser thinks that about 11:00 during school days and on week-ends depending on where you go.

Mr. Zuch said that eleven and midnight should be right for most people.

Ken Eidemiller said in time to get up the next morning for the school bus.

Helen Howry doesn't want to say.

Don Dunlap said he thinks you should be home before you fall asleep or you run out of gas.

Lydia Myers thinks about 10:30 during the week and 12:00 on week-ends.

Diana Lyberger said anytime is alright as long as you can stay awake the next day!

Miss Straley said if you have a lot of homework to do you better be in by eight and eleven or twelve on week-ends depending on what you do.

Bunny Holton says before the moon rises on week-ends.

We asked Mr. Adams his opinion and he says about ten during the week and with one exception to twelve on week-ends.

This is only a few of the students and faculty who have given us their ideas. What do you think?

GOOFY PEOPLE

Stopping a few of the students in the hall I asked them a simple question, to which I received the following answers.

The question happened to be concerned with, "What do you do at night before retiring?" Oh well, ask a silly question, get a silly answer. For instance—

Eva Kauffman — Removes make-up and puts up hair thus looking beautiful and fresh the next morning.

Richie Weaver — Feeds his rabbits. At bedtime?

Jack Ferick — Studies from supper till past bedtime. Poor boy.

Anna Mae Herr and June Hackman — Both are taking their daily exercises for reducing. It's bringing results too. Believe me!

Glenn Bowman — "Nature Boy" Bowman enjoys his fresh air walks just before retiring.

Chuck Bachman—Has a few nights with homework and other nights he has nothing to do. Or has he?

Bunny Holton and Betty Landis—Just stuff themselves full of all the good food that can be found. (So I'm told).

Gloria Holzhauser—Usually turns off the radio and cleans her glasses. Just how practical can one get?

Well, I suppose everyone does crazy things at crazy times but just be sure you never get caught doing such goofy things or you'll end up with my brother Napoleon.

ON CHRISTMAS EVE

As I was going through the hall of W. L. H. S., I overheard some students as well as faculty members talking about what they were going to do Christmas Eve. This is what I heard:

Bob Duvall is going to hunt albatrosses with a certain someone holding the bag.

Doris Burkins thinks she is going Christmas caroling about 2:00 a. m. and get home at 5:00 a. m.

Fred Hess thought he would court his girl.

Jim Musser laughed and said he would like to decorate a Christmas tree because his mother thought he was too little before.

Mrs. Maloney is going to celebrate her second wedding anniversary and also her birthday.

Ed Appel is making a bear trap so he can catch Santa Clause.

Edith Harnish would like to be with her dream-man.

Delores Smith is going to stay and see Santa Clause for the first time.

Mr. Snyder will be trimming Jimmy's Christmas tree.

Mazie Herr would like to take reducing exercises so she can eat a lot on Christmas.

Miss Straley is going Christmas caroling and she would like to open her gifts. I wonder why?

Harper Calloway wouldn't tell. He said it's too good.

Shirley Smith and Dorinda Howry are going rabbit hunting.

Hunt, Garvin's; Nancy Rentschler, Penneys; Ronald Eckman, Ken Funk's Service Station; Edith Kreider, Charles Department Store; Gloria Holzhauser, Penneys; Doris Ressler, McCrory's Five and Ten; Donald Eckman, Wise Jewelry Store; Elizabeth Weaver, Penneys; Loretta Gochenauer, Hull-Houghton Drug Store; Jackie Skethway, Greens Five and Ten.

Junior High Cheerleaders

Junior High cheerleaders were chosen by the varsity and junior varsity cheerleaders. Those who were selected are Doris Burkins, Norma Frey and Beverly Eckman. They will cheer at all the junior high games which are held immediately after school.

CHRISTMAS

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Year. We got the idea of hanging up our stockings from Italy. The Italian Santa Claus is called Befana, and she rides on a broomstick. She fills the stockings of the good child with gifts, but the stockings of the naughty child is supposed to get nothing but ashes. In Germany just before Christmas someone strangely attired calls at the houses and inquires if the children have been good. He carries a large bag and throws nuts about if they have. If they have not been good, he leaves switches to be used in punishing them! The man is called "Ruprecht."

In England Christmas has always been one of the greatest of festivals. During the Middle Ages the merrymaking lasted over a number of days. Wandering musicians called "waits" went from house to house singing Christmas carols underneath the windows. The yule log first became a public ceremony in England in 1577. A great log, sometimes the whole trunk of a large tree, was brought into the house with great ceremony on Christmas Eve, laid in the fireplace, and lighted with a piece of wood carefully saved from the last year's log. This yule log was supposed to burn all night; if it went out, it was considered a sign of ill luck that would govern the ensuing year.

The Christmas dinner was a tremendous affair. First there would be a whole roasted boar's head on a great gold or silver platter, then a peacock roasted and put back into its own beautiful feathered skin. After that, goose, chicken, roast beef, mince pie and plum pudding would be served, along with every delicacy that could be found in the markets.

Yes, many of our Christmas customs are of pagan origin but we have used them for so long that they have lost their original meaning. Old heathen gods and goddesses are today completely forgotten as we worship our Lord and Christ. Christmas today is a time of happiness, of exchanging cheerful greetings and presents.

ANSWER TO GUESS WHO

Ed Appel

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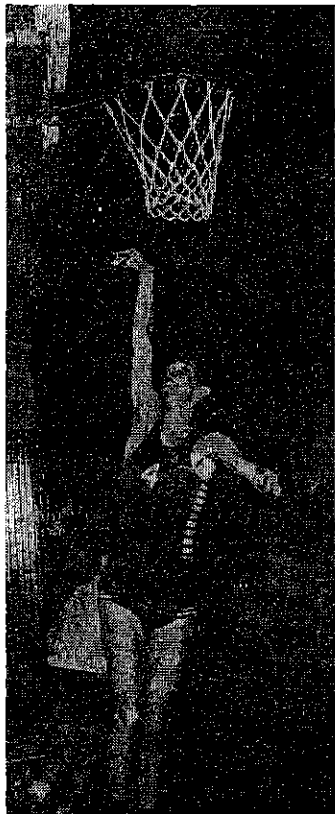
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Ed Appel tosses one thru for a score.

A Christmas Dream

'Twas the night before Christmas when all thro the tenement, not a character was stirring not even Roy Roger.

The hosiery was hung by the flue with delicacy in hopes that Santa would soon arrive, maybe.

The young ones were all tucked in their bureau drawers while visions of Frankenstein monster danced thro their gray matter.

With Ma in her clouché and I in my be-bop beanie we just settled back to watch Milton Berle.

When all of a sudden we heard on the roof, the crashing and gashing of jet-propelled sleigh skimming to a stop.

I awoke with a start in time to see a fat little man leaving packages for our family. When he saw I was awake, he left quickly and mysteriously and as I listened bells came to my ears. But I may have been dreaming, yet it seemed as clear as day that he called out "Merry Christmas and Good Night."

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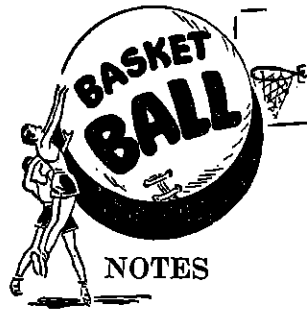
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Season Underway

Immediately after soccer season closed basketball tryouts and practices were held. About thirty fellows came to practice and later the squad began scrimmaging among each other and therefore developed many plans which Coach Finkleday intends to use in the current season.

With much spirit and interest the basketball team will show the fans a good brand of basketball so, show your old school spirit, boys and girls, and come out to the games and cheer the boys from W.L.H.S. to victory.

This year you will see these boys holding down a position on the team.

Bob Duvall, Eddie Appel, Jack Ferich, Vern Lefever, Milt Hershey, Gerald Binkley, Ray Graybill, Glenn Rineer, Dick Hess, Darwin Eckman, Skip Mentzer, Gene Herr, Paul Miller, Dennis Beacham, Tom Reinhart, Paul Rhineer, Jack Heagy, Donald Aukamp and Larry Mellott.

Although the Blue and Whites dropped the first game, an exhibition with East Hempfield, the team showed much offensive power with Eddie Appel leading the scoring column with 16 points.

East Hempfield "froze" the ball in the last 30 seconds giving Mr. Finkleday's boys no chance of scoring any points. The horn blew and E.H.H.S. came out on top of a slim margin, 33-31.

The Jayvees also dropped their game as East Hempfield sewed the game in the bag in the last quarter and went on to a 22-12 victory. With more support from the students the teams promise a high mark in

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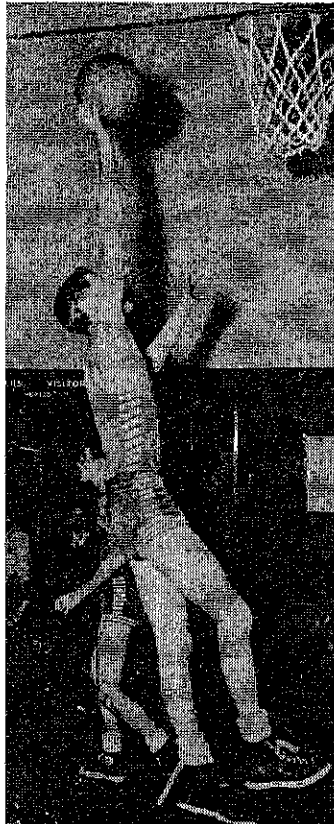
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Topple Upper Leacock

After losing a close decision to East Hempfield the West Lampeter team wrapped up a win when Upper Leacock H. S. traveled to W.L.H.S. November 29 to be defeated by a 32-23 margin.

Bob Duvall held top honors with eleven points in this non-league meeting.

Trailing, going into the 4th quarter by one point, the Blue and Whites put on a brilliant rally. With the fans and students showing much enthusiasm and sportsmanship, combined with the spirit of the team, the bell rang with Lampeter on top.

The J-V also won by a 30-24 margin with "Skip" Mentzer piling up nine points for W.L.H.S. J-V high score.

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showing lots of spirit, the team will show their ability to win. Keep it up!

Junior Hi Cagers Open

Much participation was shown when Junior High practice started. Between 30 and 40 came out and Mr. Snyder started different plays and patterns for the younger stars as soon as all were settled. The squad was then cut to a smaller number.

The squad consists of the following: Bob Eshleman, Donald Barley, Donald Dunlap, Kenny Gochenauer, Clair Ressler, Howard Shaub, Parke Rhineer, Ronald Mentzer, Elwood Graves, Charles Callo-way, Donald Lefever, Lloyd Gochenauer, Allen Yuninger, Donald Duvall, John Leed, Robert Howry.

The Junior High schedule:

Jan.	6—Manor	Home
	13—Manheim Twp.	Away
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