

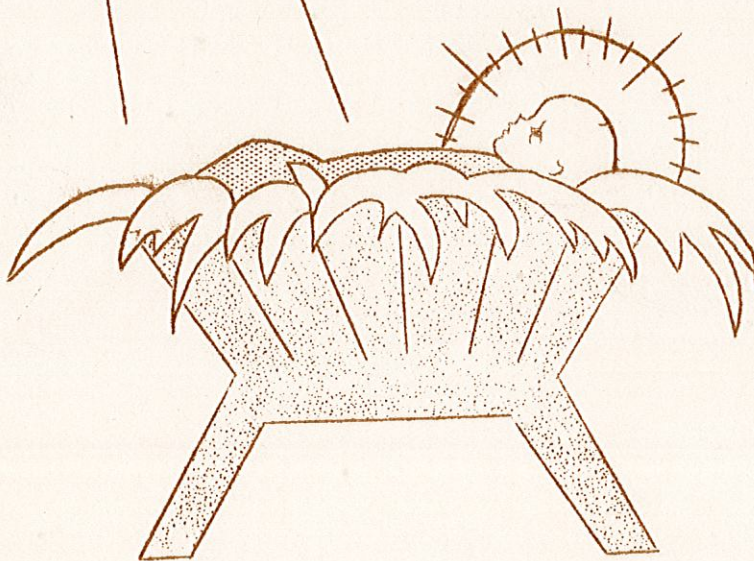


St Luke 2 -- 12, 13, 14

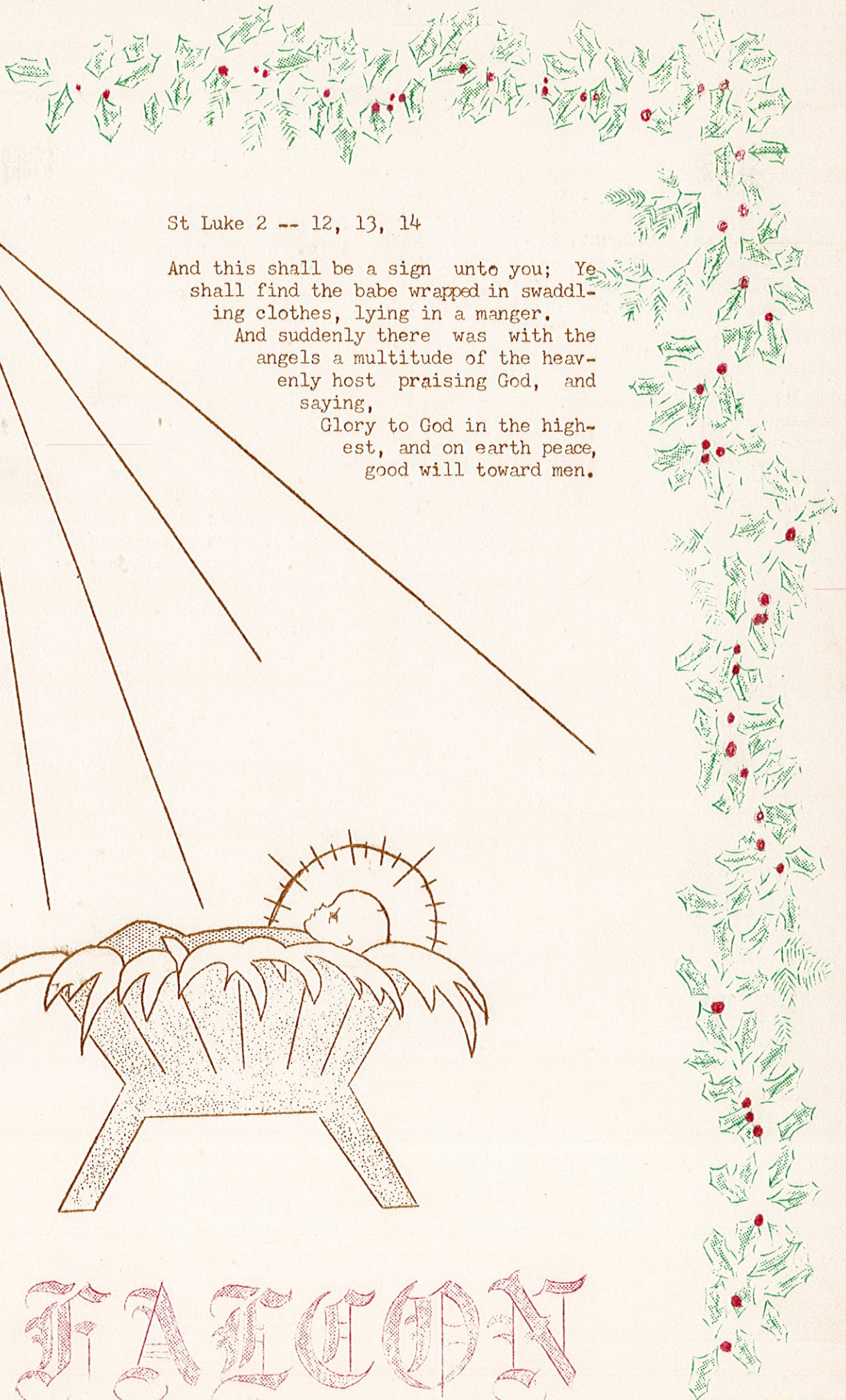
And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angels a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



FALCON



CHRISTMAS

Long before the Christmas season was celebrated as the day of the birth of Christ, it was apparent, however, that a festival was celebrated at this season.

Tradition prescribes Christmas Eve as the proper time for putting up the Christmas greens, and it was considered unlucky to bring holly into the house before that time.

Christmas time is a very beautiful season of the year. The customs that help to commemorate this gay holiday is what makes Christmas a gay and happy time. Some of the customs at Christmas time are the tree, Santa Claus, and stuffed stockings. The tree is a beautiful thing of wonder, with all the bright lights, colored ornaments, and winding festoons of silver and gold. The first Christmas tree is associated with St. Winifred. He hewed down an oak tree. The object of this was reminiscent of the pagan worship. Then pointing to a little fir, he told them that it was the holy tree of the Christ child. Wreaths were also ornaments used by the Romans.

Some churches today observe Christmas as one of the great festivals of the Christian year. Other Protestant churches are more and more tending toward a religious observance of the day.

Not enough of us think of Christmas as the birth of Christ; we think of our own happiness. If more people would give Christ a little more thought than wondering only about getting their trees decorated and worrying about buying everyone a present, I think Christmas would be a more joyous time. -M. Brunner

One way to fight juvenile delinquency would be to get the kids interested in bowling. That would get them off the streets and into the alleys.

"Mommy, Mommy! Little Johnny's on fire."

"Quick, bring the marshmallows!"

-P. Guadagno

STUDENT CRITIZES TEACHER'S SCHOOL SPIRIT

As students, we look up to the teachers for guidance and help in our daily school life. Teachers are always talking school spirit and if at an assembly we don't know the Alma Mater or Star Spangled Banner, we are sure to write it in the next English class. Before anyone criticizes or belittles someone else for not doing something, I think the criticizer should make sure he sets a good example.

Almost every teacher I have in my different classes preaches about school spirit, and most of them don't practice it.

For instance, in the last pep rally when we sang the Alma Mater there were many teachers just standing there like mutes. Some of them just moved their lips and some of them actually belittled themselves by singing. During a Falcon staff meeting, when I suggested this article, Mr. Raymond mentioned the fact that the teachers were not students of this school, and therefore, it was not their Alma Mater to sing. I soon had an answer for him because I can remember seeing teachers stand like mutes while the National Anthem was being played and sung by the students. If this is school spirit, I don't want any part of it. Let's see the teachers display a little more school spirit. Students in the lower grades look up to the teacher for leadership. If they see a teacher just standing there like a mute while the National Anthem is being played, they might think, "If singing isn't good enough for him, it's not good enough for me."

-Ronald Pelko

"Mommy, Mommy, why is Daddy running so fast?"

"Shut up and re-load."

-P. Guadagno

"She wears a set of false teeth!"

"Did she tell you that?"

"No, it just came out during the conversation."

HOCKEY TEAM LOSES TO LOWER MORELAND

On October 29, the hockey team ventured to Lower Moreland to play their first away hockey game.

The Falconettes lost their first game of the season by a 1-0 score.

Our girls were constantly hindered by offsides. The Falconettes were called for this foul more than any other and it was a definite factor in determining the final score of the game.

This loss was very disappointing to the girls for two reasons. It was the first loss, and they lost by only one goal.
P. Panfile

POTTSGROVE DROPS SECOND TO JENKINTOWN

The Falconettes lost their second game of the season to Jenkintown October 31, at Jenkintown.

The final score was 4-1. Center Forward, Eileen Pinder scored the only goal for the Pottsgrove team. It took much pushing for the Falconettes to score this one goal.

The hockey team played a good game of hockey. Jenkintown had a fine team with much experience. The Falconettes gained much from this game. They know now what the opposition is like. It was a pleasure to play a team who played the same caliber hockey that Pottsgrove does.
P. Panfile

FALCONETTES BLAST UPPER DUBLIN

The Falconettes took their 3rd straight victory October 17, on their own field. Our Pottsgrove 11 scored two goals and allowed Upper Dublin to score only one goal.

Susan Kozel scored the first goal five seconds after the game started. Near the end of the first half, Susan scored the second and winning goal for

FOR SALE

Two pair girls shoe skates: Size 4--\$10
Size 6--\$5. Phone FA 3-3284 after 4:30 P.M.

POTTSGROVE, SCHWENKSVILLE
Play to a Stalemate

In a rainsoaked football game between the Falcons and Schwenksville on October 25, the two teams played to a 0-0 tie. The rain made passing impractical and also made the footing sloppy, causing much fumbling and loss of yardage.

The rival teams could not penetrate deep enough into one another's territory to set up a score. --T. Cooney

FALCONS WALLOPED BY BRIDGEPORT

On November 1, in an away game with Bridgeport, the Falcons lost by a score of 33-7. The loss was the fifth for the Falcons.

Bob Wirag scored the lone touchdown and ran the conversion for the Falcons.
--T. Cooney

FALCONS EDGED 7-6 BY JENKINTOWN

On November 8, in the final football game of the 1958 season, the Falcons were edged out by Jenkintown 7-6.

Jenkintown scored early in the game and made the point after touchdown to make the score 7-0.

In the third quarter the Falcons scored a touchdown, with Bob Wirag running the ball. The try for the extra point was unsuccessful. Ironically this was the only conversion they missed all season.
--T. Cooney

Falconettes.

Late in the last half of the game, Louise Donis scored U. Dublin's goal.

The girls hockey team had just taken part in a pep rally before they went out onto the field. The girls were determined to win this game and in doing so, displayed wonderful tactics and team work.

The J.V. game was played to a scoreless tie.
P. Panfile

P. T. A. Meeting

Preceding the regular meeting, the Executive Committee of the Pottsgrove High School P. T. A. honored the faculty at a dinner at the Blossom Restaurant November 12.

There were 250 people in the auditorium at the P.T.A. meeting, which followed the group passed a motion stating that they would sell refreshments at all football and basketball games, and they would build a refreshment stand on the football field on approval of the School Board.

The organization also decided to donate \$100 for initiation of track construction and to buy equipment and supplies. Fifty dollars was donated for the purchase of a band uniform.

Miss Jessie H. Rosenberry, high school principal, then went on to explain the new report cards.

The group then went to the gym to view the gym exhibit put on by pupils of the high school. Refreshments consisting of cupcakes and coffee were served in the cafeteria.

-Tom Galloway

ALUMNI NEWS

Jay Wert, class of '55, who plays right halfback for the Berks-Mont Hockey Club, was one of the three girls selected to go to the Mid-East Finals. The teams were picked Saturday, November 8, at Wilson College in Chambersburg, Pa. Six full teams of 11 players each were present at the college. Jay and her three teammates are to play on the third team. The players were picked according to their individual ability.

Of the first three teams selected, the first team will start in the finals. The second and third teams are more or less reserve teams. It can be considered a great honor to be elected to serve on any one of these teams. The teams that win in the Mid-East Finals will go on to the State and then to the United States Finals where considerable recognition may be gained.

-P. Panfile

TWO PHS STUDENTS CHOSEN AS UN DELEGATES

A dozen high school pupils flew to New York City on November 13 as part of the Pottsgrove Optimist Club's Youth Week Program. Among the students were James Colasanti and Joan Weller, seniors at Pottsgrove High School. Other delegates were from other area schools.

Previous to the trip, the pupils were guests of the Optimists at a banquet held at the Blossom Restaurant. Guest speaker was George Walters, Spring City Burgess. He discussed Revolutionary War battles in the Pottstown area.

Early the next morning, nine private planes took off for Newark, New Jersey. From there the group was driven in buses to New York City. The buses had a police escort all the way to City Hall. Mayor Robert Wagner welcomed the boys and girls.

From the City Hall, they were taken to the UN dining room and later made a tour of the building. All in all, it was a very exciting day for the twelve pupils; a day that they will long remember.

-R. Coccie

F. F. A. DANCE!

A dance sponsored by the Future Farmers of America Club was held on November 12 in the cafeteria of our school. There were 250 pupils present at the dance.

Chaperons for the dance were Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Hockstetter, Mr. Donald Losch and Miss Jessie H. Rosenberry.

Refreshments consisting of cakes baked by the mothers of the F. F. A. members, pizza, and cokes were on sale. Records for the dance were borrowed by Richard Arms, Chairman of the committee.

The F. F. A. members wish to thank all those persons who helped in any way to make this dance a success.

-Tom Galloway

SCHOOL PICTURES

The individual school pictures were taken on Friday November 7, 1958. The pictures were taken by Mr. Pickar and are in black and white.

-G. Dunlap

SENIORS OF THE MONTH

Judy Slaby is this month's senior. She is 5'4" tall, has green eyes, and short, dark brown hair. She has taken the Business Education course in preparation for an office job upon graduation. Judy is business manager of the Falcon and a member of the Pottsgrovian staff.

Her favorite color is green, and her favorite song is "So Much." Judy likes to go to movies and dances and is often seen there with her girlfriend, Gerry Boyer. She can usually be seen driving a black and white Studebaker.

We wish her the best of luck in all she attempts in the future.

Our Senior of this month is Robert Basile. He is 5'3" tall and has brown hair, and brown eyes. Bob is active in school functions. He played quarterback on the football team, is a member of the varsity basketball team, and also plays baseball. He is a member of Student Council and is Treasurer of the Senior Class.

Bob can usually be seen wearing the very latest style clothing. His favorite color is blue.

Among his outside interests is dancing. He also plays the sax for the "Bel-Aires" and the "Paramounts."

Bob has taken the Academic course, and, although his plans aren't definite, he has college in his mind. We wish him success in whatever he attempts.

--Susan Kozel

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT CHORUS

Richard Kalwaic, a sophomore, has been chosen to represent Pottsgrove High School at the Southeastern District Chorus, April 16, 17, and 18, at Delhass High School, Bristol, Pennsylvania.

Senior high school pupils from the southeastern portion of Pennsylvania met in Plymouth-Whitemarsh High School, November 3 to enter the competition.

Representing Pottsgrove were Barbara Dimon, Doris Tatman, Kathy Fredricks, Carole Weaver, and Richard Kalwaic. The competition was keen, as many of the students from other districts have had professional voice training. Pottsgrove can be proud of the fine representation from these students. They tried and worked very hard. The students made new friends and the experience was challenging.

Richard was rated sixth out of 42 bass singers. This indicates that he has a good chance of being selected for State Chorus.

--J. Meade

P.T.A. Dance

Saturday night, November 22, 1958, the Pottsgrove High School P.T.A. held a record dance for students and their guests. The dance, which was held in the cafeteria, started at 8 P.M. and ended at 11 P.M. Prizes were awarded during that time for specialty dances. Teachers and members of the organization chaperoned the dance. --Carol Varady

Pottsgrovian Officers Elected

The Pottsgrovian Club elected officers for the 1959 Year Book staff.

Elected was Sophie Widger as Editor with Robert Basile and Brenda Kilmer as Co-editors. --S. Widger

ALUMNI MEETING

The new alumni officers conducted their first regular monthly meeting at John Bacciaglia's home on November 18.

Plans were made for a rummage sale at the Moose Hall. No date has been set as yet. Members talked over other activities for the coming year, but no definite plans were made. --J. Slaby

TONGUE TWISTER

"Swim, slim, sim, "shouted Sim's slim twin.

Throw three slow throws through Slim's shop.

(repeat three times rapidly)

11th GRADE MUSIC APPRECIATION CLASS

The eleventh grade music appreciation class meets twice a week in the band room under the direction of Mr. Roberts. The class consists of Sally Snell, Mary Ann Rozsas, Mary Ann Moletress, Pat Guadagno, Susan Kozel, Barbara Dimon, and Kathleen Frederick. The boys in the class are John Meko, Jacob Cepko, and Kenneth Knopp.

At the present time, we are listening to Beethoven's nine symphonies. We all enjoy the music and appreciate the opportunities and benefits of a course such as this one. --P. Guadagno

JUNIOR CLASS ASSEMBLY

On Friday, November 7, 1958, the Junior class presented its assembly in the form of a vaudeville show, which included a barber shop quartet, a pantomime, a piano solo, music by the eleventh grade dance band, commercials, and dance routines.

The show was a success. Factors leading to this success were the fine lighting control done by Carl Shaner and the use of curtains displayed throughout the entire show. --E. Pinder

HOMEROOMS PLAN CHRISTMAS PARTIES

On December 23, students of each homeroom will be holding their own individual Christmas parties.

At this time, everyone will bring Christmas gifts and enjoy some things to eat before going home for their Christmas vacation, which will last until January 2.

The Falcon staff would like to wish everyone at Pottsgrove High School a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

--M. Brunner

"Momie, a train just went by."

"How do you know?"

"I see its tracks."

--K. Millard

POTTSGROVE INTRODUCES NEW REPORT CARDS

Most of us were looking forward to receiving our report cards this quarter because of the changes in them. One change is a citizenship mark in each subject.

The major subjects, those that meet more than twice a week, are marked with the scholastic marks A, B, C, D, E, I. A shows that the student has done excellent work.

B shows that the student has done above average work. This should be the lowest mark that students desiring to enter college should receive.

C shows average work.

D shows below average work. This is the lowest passing mark.

E shows failing work.

I shows incomplete work due to unavoidable absence.

Each subject, major and minor, receives a citizenship mark along with the scholastic mark. When a teacher gives a citizenship mark, the things he takes into consideration are as follows:

1. Punctuality
2. Contribution to the group
3. Wise use of time
4. Leadership
5. Responsibility
6. Respect for the rights and feelings of others.
7. Care of the school and personal property.

The citizenship mark is one of the five scholastic marks A, B, C, D, E. These marks show the teacher's estimate of a pupil's scholastic achievements as well as his attitudes and general citizenship.

It is fairly certain that, if a student improves in his citizenship mark, he will improve in his scholastic grade.

--Mary Ellen Miller

"Momie, can I eat the raisens off of that brown sticky paper?"

"What paper?"

"The fly paper."

--Kenny Millard

THANKSGIVING DAY

In the United States and Canada, a day is set aside each year as Thanksgiving Day. On this day, people give thanks with feasting and prayer for the blessings they may have received during the year. The first Thanksgiving Days were harvest festivals, or days for thanking God for plentiful crops. For this reason, the holiday still takes place late in the fall after the crops have been gathered.

For thousands of years people in many lands have held harvest festivals. The American Thanksgiving Day probably grew out of the harvest-home celebration of England.

In the United States, Thanksgiving is usually a family day celebrated with big dinners and joyous reunions. Many persons travel hundreds of miles to spend the day with their parents. The very thought of Thanksgiving often calls up memories of old farmhouse kitchens and pantries crowded with good things to eat. Thanksgiving is also a time for serious religious thinking, church services, and personal prayer.

--Annette John

THE FIRST NEW ENGLAND THANKSGIVING

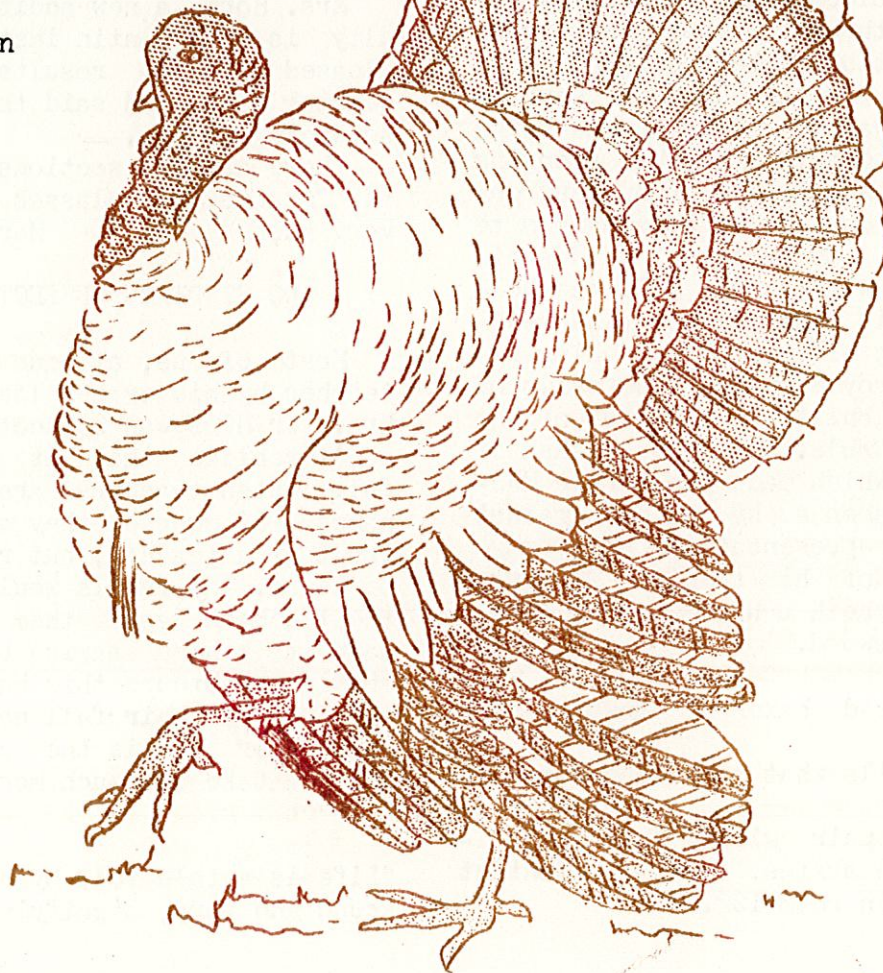
The first American Thanksgiving Day was celebrated during the second winter the Plymouth colonists spent in the New World. The first dreadful winter in Massachusetts had killed nearly half of the members of the colony, but new hope grew up in the summer of 1621. The corn harvest brought religious rejoicing. Governor William Bradford decided that December 13, 1621, be set aside as a day of feasting and prayer, to show the gratitude of the colonists that they were still alive.

--Annette John

TURKEY

T-eachers . . . giving out report cards.
U-rgent need for study halls.
R-apid traffic in halls.
K-athy walking Gump home.
E-ccentric they are not Seniors
Y-es, I don't want my report card--students.

--M. Moletress



SENIOR CLASS STUDIES MACBETH

The Senior Class has completed a histrionic study of Shakespeare's most poignant tragedy, Macbeth. The vivid explanations of Mr. Raymond manifest the essence of the Melpomene, therefore, permitting an enjoyable understanding of the drama.

The pith of Macbeth is the "deterioration of a noble character". A valiant and beloved knight, who brought victory and honor to his monarch, is prodded by the instruments of hell--three witches who kindle a spark of ambition. This spark augments itself into an inferno of aspiration, driving Macbeth to the murder of his king so that he may succeed him.

Lady Macbeth urged her husband to the summit of treasonable avarice, only to share his reign over the malice of an abused court. Their reward for the realization of a blood-wrought destiny was an insecure throne. They must wade through repetition of their original carnage, straining for the shore of security --to certify against their throne being ripped from beneath them by avenging hands. This succession of murders destroys Macbeth's mind and reduces him to a hated tyrant. Desperation guides him to the hellish witches, who fill the hollow shell of his mind with confidence.

When the son of the betrayed king returns to destroy Macbeth, the walls of invincibility built by the lies of the three hags crumble. Perhaps a flash of the nobility which made the former Macbeth can be seen as he battles against Macduff, the representative of revenge for the death of his family. The only monument to Macbeth is his own head aloft the avenger's sword. - Reinert

Why is a bread baker a most foolish person?

Because he sells what he kneads himself.

For sale--one pair girl's Chicago semi-precision shoe skates. Size 5. Contact Mrs. Wenhold in room 102.

HAMLET ANALYZED BY JUNIOR CLASS

The Junior Class of Pottsgrove High School is reading the play Hamlet by William Shakespeare. We find the play very interesting and get much enjoyment from it. We are almost finished and we are always kept in suspense just waiting to see what happens next!

Our teacher, Mr. Raymond, explains the play very well and, by doing this, he makes the play much more interesting.

Eileen Pinder

LATIN ADDED TO POTTS GROVE'S CURRICULUM

Latin is one of the new subjects added to our school's curriculum. Academic subjects are started in the ninth grade instead of in the tenth grade. Arrangements were made allowing tenth grade students to take Latin I with a ninth grade section.

Mrs. Horn, a new addition to the faculty is the Latin instructor. She is pleased with the results of the first quarter marks and said that the class is advancing nicely.

There are two sections of Latin class and I'm sure both classes enjoy the course very much. Mary Ellen Miller

DO STUDENTS RESPECT TEACHERS?

Most of us, at one time, called a teacher by his or her last name. The Mr., Mrs., or Miss was neglected. Some people don't realize that it is disrespectful. Often teachers are called by nick names. Of course, they are not said in front of a teacher, but rather so it can't be heard. The pupils wouldn't like it if the teachers gave them a nick name and said it behind their backs. Everyone should try to curb this habit and call the teachers by their full names. It sounds much nicer and is the correct way. It doesn't take too much more effort.

Janet Hoffman

"Life is a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing."

ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS.....

Rich S. June Lauer
 Lion Vanda Boyer
 Hub Cap Harry White
 Black-eye Jimmy Guldin
 Monkey. Judy Neiman
 Anything I get Rod Fazekas
 Choo-choo-train.....Rich Shaeffer
 --M. Brunner

CHRISTMAS

C-ute Dave Saylor
 H-appy Peg M. and Bob G..
 R-iot. Diane Merle
 I-rritable Certain Senior Boy
 S-hort Kenny Rhodes
 T-rying Basketball team
 M-asculine Dave Slaby
 A-ctive Cheerleaders
 S-incere Harry White
 --M. Brunner

THE LEGEND OF THE CHRISTMAS CANDLE

Long ago an old shoemaker lived in a cottage on the edge of a village. Although he was poor and had little to share, each evening he placed a candle in his window as a welcome sign for travelers.

War came, yet his light never wavered and somehow, in all the village only the shoemaker was at peace with the world. "But how can peace come from a candle?" they asked. "The candle is a symbol of peace," he replied, "because light and peace are one."

Christmas Eve came and the people, longing more than ever for peace, remembered the shoemaker's candle. Every village placed a candle in his window and on Christmas morning, as if by miracle, a messenger brought news of the war's end. The people thanked God and vowed that in remembrance they would always place lighted candles in their windows on the eve of the Christ Child's Birthday. --S. Widger

"BLUE CHRISTMAS"--Senior Class Dance

300 dance to music of Johnny Haas and his band in gym

On December 12, the Senior class presented the Christmas Dance. It was called, "Blue Christmas", and all decorations were in blue. The committees were ticket--Marlyn Hobbs, Joan Weller, Robert Basile, and Melvin Olock. Decoration committee --Gerry Harp, Sophie Widger, Ronald Pelko, Judy Slaby, Clara Falcone, Robert Coccie and James Colasanti. Janet Moore and Elaine Krigolo were members of the refreshment committee. The publicity committee consisted of Robert Mosera, Pam Hoffman, Donald Detweiler, Dave Slaby, Joe Morello, and Vernon Cheatham. --S. Widger

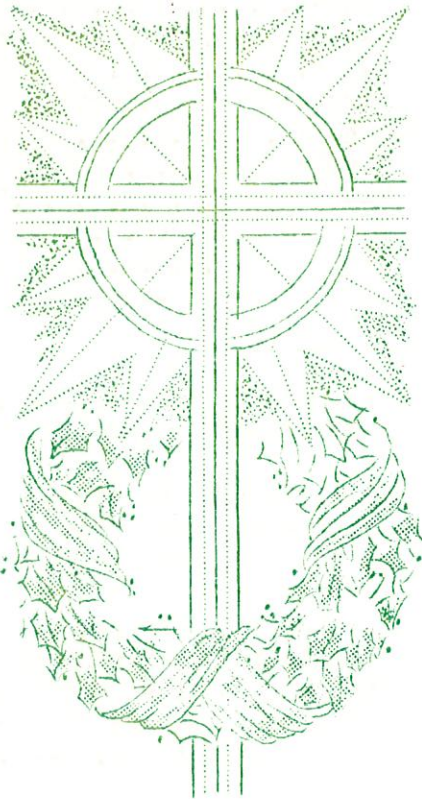
? ? PLANS FOR CHRISTMAS VACATION

Jake Cepko "Sleep"
 Kenny Knopp. "See Santa Claus"
 David Mettler. . . . "See what the other
 kids got for gifts."
 Marie Brunner "Wait up for Santa."
 Annette John "I don't know!"
 Don Detweiler. . . . "If it is cold enough,
 I'll go ice skating."
 Carol Varady. . . . "I'm going ice skating
 at the Hill School."
 Mary Ellen Miller-"Take a needed rest."
 --T. Cooney

WHO'S WHO IN THE ROMANCE DEPARTMENT

R-eal. Judy and Nick
 O-utstanding Susan and Mickey
 M-erry. Gloria and Bob
 A-dorable Janice and Steve
 N-eat Kathy and Gump
 C-alm Pam and Vernon
 E-legant. Sharon and Bob
 N-ew Linda and Teddy
 E-verlasting Pearl and Rod
 W-ishing Pat and Tom
 S-erious Dawn and Ronnie
 --K. Millard

THE BIRTH OF CHRIST



Long ago in Bethlehem,
Beneath a starry sky,
A Babe was born in a manger bare
While the angels sang on high.
The Three Wise Men, led by a star,
Their gifts to Him did bring,
They saw the star as it shone afar
And heard the angels sing.

For Him there was no room in the inn,
So in lowly stable, mid cattle's din,
Through destined by God to rule the earth,
Was born the Christ of humble kin,

The frightened Shepherds on the hills
Had seen the gleaming light,
And heard an angel of the Lord
Tell of the King that was born that night.

"Peace on earth, good will to men,"
Was echoed from the sky,
God gave His only begotten Son
That man no more might die.

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CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On December 16, the band and choruses presented a Christmas Concert in our auditorium. The program consisted of four renditions by the entire band, seven by the Junior chorus, and five by the Senior chorus.

The band and choruses played medley of Christmas carols, which was followed by various selections by each chorus. The Christmas Story was read by Mr. Robert L. Fisher, our supervising principal. The co-directors of the program was Mrs. Bixler and Mr. Roberts. --J. Morello

CHRISTMAS -- Be sensible

During the Christmas and New Year Holidays when you're enjoying your vacation remember what Christmas is really for and what it actually represents. Spend your vacation in a sensible manner but enjoy it to the fullest extent. By all means have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. --B. Saylor

A MODERN CHRISTMAS

The Holy Season of Christmas is rapidly giving way to a bustling time for gift buying and tree trimming.

From the three gifts given the Holy Babe on His birthday has grown a season of long gift lists and endless lists of cards to be sent. Millions, perhaps billions, of dollars are spent every year because of Christmas.

Many people decorate plastic trees because they can be used for many years, but they do not provide the excitement of waiting for Dad and Big Brother to drag in the evergreen tree. Almost completely gone are those who come in the house to proclaim that the big tree has been trimmed. Strings of lights have replaced the popcorn and cranberry ropes that once brightened trees.

A loving gift, presented to someone dear is a gesture befitting this blessed time of year, but let us hope that people remember also the Baby who was given the first Christmas presents and hope He can still be pleased with Christmas the way we interpret it today.

--K. Frederick