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*For a Merry
Christmas
and a
Happy
New Year*

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DECEMBER 20, 1963

Seniors Sponsor Christmas Dance For Student Body

Silver Bells provided the theme for the annual Christmas Dance sponsored by the senior class. The affair was held in the high school gymnasium on December 13, 1963. Bob Eppeheimer and his band played various selections for this year's gala event.

The main entrance of the gym was decorated with a bark arbor and many decorated trees of various sizes and colors. The attraction of the evening was an eight-foot silver bell hanging from the center of the gymnasium. Smaller blue bells which enhanced the theme were draped from corner to corner of the room. Many silver and green trees, highly decorated and sprayed with snow, were located at various places around the gym.

All of the members of the senior class contributed in some way by rendering their services to the various committees. Many served on the decorating, ticket, and refreshment committees, while others brought many of the needed items for the decorating chores. Some members of the class contributed their talents through a series of singing announcements. Members

Council Presents John F. Kennedy Special Assembly

On November 22, 1963, the student body shared along with the nation the tragic news of the assassination of John F. Kennedy.

Pottsgrove High School, in honor of the late president, held a special assembly on Wednesday, November 27.

Mrs. Bixler played solemn hymns as the student body entered the auditorium. David Hauseman, president of the Student Council, opened the assembly. John Minnick read President Kennedy's Inaugural address. During the latter part of the address, Mrs. Bixler played the Navy Hymn.

Patti Harp told the purpose of the selections the band would play in President Kennedy's honor. The concert band then played one of the President's favorite selections, "Green Sleeves." After this, Patti Harp introduced Christine Lepperd. She read the tribute to President Kennedy, which he himself gave in honor of Dag Hammarskjold. She then led the student body in a few moments of silence. Richard Steltz, an alumni from Pottsgrove High, was here to play taps during the moments of silence.

David Hauseman read the "Thanksgiving Proclamation."

The band then played two more appropriate selections. "Battle

Championship Banquet Honors Teams, Coaches, Achievements



Retzlaff "plays center" to local lineup. Surrounding the Eagles' star from L. to R.: Mrs. Newton Hauseman, PTA President; Francis Winterbottom, Athletic Director; Leon Hauseman, Toastmaster; Jacob E. Dailey, Sup. Principal; Miss Jessie Rosenberry, H.S. Principal.

Editor Of Paper Publishes Freshman's Composition

Alice Elliott, a past winner of the Times-Herald Spelling Contest, once again revealed her talents. Shandy Hill, General Manager of the Pottstown Mercury, acknowledged an editorial Alice wrote on

A man so young, never to see the sunshine of another day, or to know what sorrow and love the American people feel for him. Why a man with so much to live for?

It has been said, although not in

Retzlaff Speaker At Honor Banquet 300 Guests Attend

A championship recognition banquet and program was held in the cafeteria of Pottsgrove High School on Wednesday, December 11, 1963, at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the affair was to honor the championship athletic teams for their victorious season. The cheerleaders also received recognition for their efforts this fall season. The following athletic teams were present: the varsity football squad, the junior high school football team, and the girls' hockey team.

This was the first time in the history of Pottsgrove High School that such an event has taken place.

P. T. A. Hosts Affair

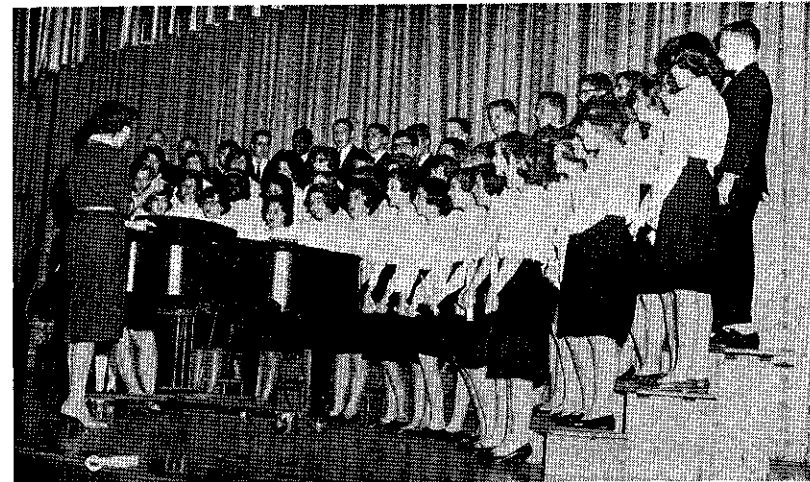
The banquet was under the supervision and direction of the Pottsgrove High School Parent-Teachers' Association. Mrs. Newton K. Hauseman, the president of the organization, was in charge of the program. Mr. Leon Hauseman, the immediate past-president of the P. T. A., was toastmaster at the recognition banquet.

Retzlaff Addresses Group

in the lobby first period every morning and also during floating periods. Mr. Boehmer's clerical office practice class took over the project of making the glitter studded tickets and the multicolor posters.

Hymn of the Republic," and "The National Anthem."
Mrs. Bixler played the Navy Hymn for the closing of the assembly while the students retreated solemnly to their classes.

Junior High Chorus



Mrs. Nancy Y. Bixler, Choral Director, leads the Jr. High Chorus through "Pin A Star" during Christmas Concert.

School Choruses Present Annual Christmas Concert

The junior and senior high school choruses presented the annual Christmas candlelight concert on Saturday evening, December 14, in the auditorium. The choruses, under the direction of Mrs. Nancy Bixler, sang several selections each and presented others as a combined group.

The junior chorus began the program with "Pin a Star on a Twinkling Tree" by Emig; continued with "Twas the Night Before Christmas," with music by Darby; and completed the first portion of the program with "Thirty-two Feet and Eight Little Tails," sung by the girls of the 8-D music class.

The senior chorus continued with

the "Jingle Bells Calypso" by Tellep, "Sleigh Ride" by Anderson, and "Christmas Party" by Lewis and Platt. They also sang the beautiful "The Christ Theme" from "Ben Hur," and "Do You Hear What I Hear?" by Regney and Shayne. A girls' ensemble contributed the carol "O Holy Night," closing the second part of the concert.

The junior and senior choruses performing together, furnished the most eventful performance of the evening. They sang "Good Night and Christmas Prayer" first, followed by the song that has become a Pottsgrove Christmas tradition, "The Little Drummer Boy," the

President Kennedy's assassination. The touching composition composed by the talented freshman was the result of a suggestion by her ninth grade English teacher, Donald Sabol.

Alice's editorial, which was printed on Thursday, December 12, stated as follows:

"At 1 o'clock Friday afternoon, November 22, 1963, the sky fell in over the whole nation. A black shroud of disbelief, shock, shame, disgust, and grief covered the minds of the people. There was no laughter; people stopped in their tracks. Everywhere the devotion of a man not before fully appreciated flashed over America and lodged itself in our hearts.

Perhaps this tragedy is not all meaningless. We ask ourselves, "Why? Why to such a man?" The incident repeats itself within us, like a nightmare, unreal. We are sorry for this family and his children who will have no father. We are grieved that such a disgrace should happen in America.

Coming Events

- Dec. 20—Third issue of the Falcon
- Dec. 23—Start of Christmas vacation
- Jan. 2—School starts again
- Jan. 13-17—Second Quarter Exams
- Jan. 31—Report Cards distributed
- Jan. 31—School Science Fair

third consecutive year in which the song has been performed as part of the Christmas concert.

William Heydt played several compositions on the organ. Linda Nettles and Patty Sands accompanied the choruses.

The student body heard a sampling of the following night's program on Friday, December 13.

relation to this, that the most exciting part of each person's life is the first five minutes after death—for then you know. Mr. Kennedy was deeply religious. He showed himself in his navy background to be a courageous warrior; to his family, a gentle father; to his country, deeply devoted; to his faith, deeply convicted.

Certainly in this life, there can be no meaning, only a constant striving and ever struggling toward each person's ultimate goal. He never gave up.

History has gone in circles, as men go in circles. Strong convictions are born and live on; the men who bear them die. Perhaps our President's death is not all meaningless. His memory is a tribute. We remember him as a profile. We thank him for the example he has set before the American people and pray that others will see fit to emulate this, the devotion of our martyred President."

Yule Spirit Shown By F.T.A. Club

The F.T.A. plans for the rest of the term include several interesting projects.

For Christmas the club will fill a basket with food for a needy family. The Pottstown Welfare Agency will see that it is given to one such needy family in the Pottsgrove area.

Mr. Dailey will discuss "teaching" with the club as he has done other years, and several teachers will be invited to address the group.

The club is also planning to ask a few undergraduate college students to inform them of campus life.

Groundwork is being laid for possible trips to nearby colleges. Additional plans are being formulated for conventions later in the year.

rete Metzian, well-known narrator of the Philadelphia Eagles professional football team, was the guest speaker at the banquet. After the dinner was served, he addressed the group.

Parents, Coaches Attend

Parents of the members of the teams and various groups represented were asked to attend. The sponsors and the coaches of the teams were also invited. The entire student body of Pottsgrove was permitted to attend the banquet in order to honor these teams. All faculty members and administration were cordially requested to be present.

Faculty members helped the women of the cafeteria to serve the food. Mrs. Virginia Snell, cafeteria manager, was appointed chairman of the preparations.

Elementary School Vies Nationally

Mrs. Sandra Burkert, elementary librarian, announces that the Pottsgrove Elementary Library Program has been selected as one of four to represent Pennsylvania in national competition for the Annual Encyclopedia Britannica Awards.

The cash awards totaling \$5,000 are given to the elementary libraries demonstrating the greatest achievement toward attaining the goals of the American Library Association.

The three award winners chosen from over two hundred national competitors will be announced during National Library Week in April, 1964.

It is a proud distinction which the Department of Public Instruction has authorized upon the Pottsgrove Elementary Library. All hopes are now directed toward the programs achieving a national finalist position.

Pottsgrove Tradition



The Senior Chorus sings "Do You Hear What I Hear" at yearly tree-lighting ceremony.

Tree Lighting Starts Annual P.H.S. Traditional Ceremony

Christmas is celebrated around the world in many different ways. At Pottsgrove, the faculty and students look forward to the annual lobby Christmas tree lighting by the student council and the singing of carols by the choruses. This is one phase of Christmas shared by all. In our midst there are members of the faculty and students who have enjoyed Christmas in other lands.

France and Germany—Mrs. Davidheiser was asked to comment about Christmas in Germany and France. In Germany she said that on the first day of Advent every house is decorated with a wreath made of evergreens. In the center of this wreath is placed four white candles, each one lit separately on one of the four Advent Sundays.

The idea of the Christmas tree originated in Germany. However, there real candles are lit on the tree which is decorated with apples.

Christmas Day is a happy occasion. Gifts are distributed early in the morning. The special and most beautiful part of Christmas is the Holy Liturgy which is a church service. Beautiful Christmas carols are sung by a choir and the congregation.

Italy—According to Mr. Murgia the official Italian Christmas begins on December 13, the Feast of St. Lucie. At this time the Manger is assembled and lined with cedar boughs. Usually, there is no tree.

On Christmas itself, Midnight or early Morning Mass is one of the highlights of the day. The next big event is spaghetti with chestnuts, almonds, and olives as side dishes. And, of course, the year's best wine is consumed in the celebration, saved for just such an event!

Mexico—Questioned about Mexican Christmas, Miss Earnestine Duran explained that their celebration begins nine days before Christ-

Classroom Capers

The Christmas spirit has really arrived at Pottsgrove with Thomas Bauer, Larry Monck, and Carl Chryst leading their ninth grade English class in the singing of Latin Christmas Carols.

The quietness of the library was shattered for a few moments when Donald Mayberry, a twelfth grade student in the Problems of Democracy class, walked into the library and asked, "Where's Sam Rayburn?" The librarian, Mr. Schafer, being a little startled at first, replied, "Why, he's dead!" After silence was restored, Donald found the biography of Sam Rayburn in its proper place.

Miss Hesser, the school nurse, was conducting one of Mrs. Flamm's senior girls' health classes when she threatened the health teacher, Mrs. Flamm, with a blue slip unless she stopped annoying her and started behaving.

The students in Mrs. Horn's Latin II class were rather surprised when they entered class and found Mrs. Horn on her hands and knees in front of her bookcase singing "Where Have the Romans Gone." Of course, she was only searching for a misplaced book.

John Minnick has come to the conclusion that his wild itching spells during his classes must mean only one thing—he's allergic to his teachers!

Between classes, Clifford Bealer has made a survey of the school's water fountains and found them either gummy or warm.

Mr. Radel made the announcement, "All male faculty members waiting on tables for the Champion-

Where Are The Men?

Enter room 202 the first period of a Tuesday morning and glance over the students. At first one might be inclined to think this group is the F.H.A. But no, it is the F.T.A. This group of twenty-four girls is Pottsgrove's contribution to the teaching profession.

Teaching is one of the largest and still increasing professions. Consequently, the F.T.A. should be complemented with some potential male teachers.

Not only does F.T.A. need boys, but the teaching profession is in great need of male teachers. Do you enjoy small children? If so, have you considered elementary education? There is, at present, a great demand for men in the elementary schools.

Although the need of males in elementary education is strong, this field does not, in the least, over-shadow secondary education. If one is a whiz in trig or just happens to enjoy a particular subject, he should consider a future job in a high school.

One may say, "But the women are doing a good job as educators, so why should we men become involved?" The answer, boys, is that, although we seldom admit it, we need you and your strong guiding hands.

Now, how can one learn more about this rewarding experience? The solution to the problem is found in room 202. Join F.T.A.! Once one joins F.T.A., he is not forced to become a teacher. The purpose of F.T.A. is to investigate the teaching profession and find out what it has to offer you and what you have to offer F.T.A.

—Sandra Moses

Pottsgrovians To Resolve For The Coming '64 Year

We roamed the halls of Pottsgrove High to bring these New Year's cheers. "We resolve to do our best to follow them through the year."

Gerald McGee: To quit working for Mrs. Hauseman; Robert Roeder:

Scouting the School

By Fred Jacob

With two champion units in the fall sports, the varsity club members really have their work cut out for them. They hope to raise enough money to purchase blazers for the hockey team and sweaters for the football players.

If anyone is puzzled over the laxity of the juniors in paying their class dues, this reporter has a theory—no one has told them of the advantages that paying their dues will bring them.

To stop coming late to school; Fred Raspen: To make the honor roll; Sherry Beacraft: To keep my hair the same color for the rest of the year; Robert Gregory: No more haircuts; Jack Hipple: To stop calling Mr. Winterbottom nose and a half (nose and three-quarters is his new title); Gregory Gresko: To quit beating my dog; John Strogus: To try to stop sleeping in Mr. Dori's English class; Joseph Heil: To stop swimming in an outside pool in the month of February; Donald Mayberry: To eat, drink, and be Mayberry.

Kathy Freeman: To stop going out with boys who are going steady; Jeffrey Crater: Leave my shoes on while driving; Kathy Ko-

candies, and various homemade items.

Toy-giving is an important part of Christmas in Germany. Most children, if they are bad, fear that good Saint Nick will leave a switch for them instead of a toy. Said Mrs. Davidheiser, "I never had to fear the switch for I was always good."

In France, Christmas is celebrated for three days. On Christmas Eve most families attend church after which they have a great feast.

During the Christmas season there, all the homes have in part the divinity scene on Creche as it is called.

As in many European countries, Christmas in France is celebrated mainly for the children. They receive small gifts and presents.

England — Mr. Dry, discussing the English Christmas, said that the opening of presents is deferred to December 26. The traditional pudding is served topped with custard. A penny is mixed into the pudding and the person who finds it in his slice counts on luck during the following year.

Costa Rica — When asked about the celebrating of Christmas in Costa Rica, Joel Lenko replied that the holiday is looked forward to with anticipation. As early as December 16, each home sets up a manger scene with Mary, Joseph, the baby Jesus, the Wise Men, the shepherds, and the angels as the principal characters. The people take great pride in these portals as they are called in Spanish, and many are very elaborate and decorated with beautiful objects.

Russia — Miss Dorin who was asked about Christmas in Russia stated that preparation for the coming of Christ is begun forty days before Christmas which is celebrated on January 7 and continues for three days afterwards.

mas. This religious ceremony starts with the countrymen's reenactment of the journey to Bethlehem where, at this time, a pre-planned "hotel proprietor" accepts these travelers into a home. Here the festival takes place with the climactic highlight being the breaking of the pinata. Ole!

Student Council News

The student council is still rolling. Along with it, rolls the responsibility of our school's problems and needs. Included are the suggestions of the students which are taken to committees. These committees have given the following decisions:

1. Campaign week, for ridding the school of outlandish clothes, was launched.
2. The school store committee is in the process of collecting information from other schools.
3. There is a possibility of placing candy machines in the cafeteria. This suggestion will be taken to the administration.
4. A plan for providing a regular time for homeroom representatives to report to homeroom has been submitted to the administration.
5. The council concurred with its committee on school lunches. It can consider a cold lunch platter only when the facilities for such a program have been provided.

Some issues which have recently been assigned to committees are:

1. The addition to the school's sports activity.
2. Suggestions for the cycle of homeroom periods.

wear white shirts and ties only." This left everyone wondering whether that's all he meant.

Kathy Donahue has been nicknamed "Chatty-Kathy" by her teachers because of her persistent talking and chattering in all her classes.

Some eighth grade girls, Karen Kohler, Shirley McCarty, Elaine Herrlinger, and Marie Delmuto, discovered to their dismay that Christmas cookies should not be baked for twenty minutes (unless one desires charcoal cookies.)

Mrs. Davidheiser wants her third year French class to accompany her to her evening psychology class. To study, Mrs. Davidheiser, or to be studied???

The day after Mr. Schneider, Mr. Dori, Mr. Murgia, Mr. Dibble, and Mr. Dry served as waiters for the Recognition Banquet, their stiff, sore arms hung limply by their sides.

—Susi D.



What the juniors don't realize is that their dues will help finance no less than 12 separate class expenses in their senior year. These will include financial help for the class trip and receiving the cap and gown rent free at graduation; which almost alone equals the \$10 paid in dues.

There is a list a mile long of students who neglected to order a yearbook until all the books had been claimed.

Did you hear about the Junior Historian's latest project? The club is tracing the genealogy of Jerry Egolf, and so far has actually traced his family tree back to the time of George III of England.

bear again; David Tosher: To keep my toe nails short so they won't catch on the inside of my shoes; Vicki Van Horn: Not to let Mr Conly read any more of the poetry I've written about him; Tom Karow: To keep my hair at a decent length; Ron Favinger: To gain 20 pounds; Linda Brendlinger: To be kind to Sherry Beacraft for the rest of the year.

Mr. Dry: I want to lose ten pounds and beat Mr. Radel; Marc Weitzenkorn: To stop sneezing when I look at the sun; Mr. Radel: I plan to lose five pounds to Mr. Dry's ten. "He can afford to lose more than me"; James Repko: To stop getting up before noon.

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Matmen Humble Pottstown Bow To Powerful Roberts

The Pottsgrove matmen ruined the debut of an inexperienced and out-classed Pottstown High wrestling team with a resounding 42-14 triumph. The December 9 meet, which was fought on the Pottsgrove mats, featured six pins and three decisions for coach Donald Hartman's boys.

Jim Duggar, Stan Davidheiser, and Eddie Bielecki each picked up the maximum six points for first period pins in their respective weights. Louie DelMuto, Ken Herb, and Gary Stultz also collected falls.

Decisions capped by Jim Guolden, 7-3, Jeff Gauger, 6-1, and Larry Banus, 5-4, rounded out the scoring for the Falcons.

Bill Shaner decisioned Tom Brunner 10-8 for the Trojans, Rodney Lukins benefitted from a forfeit in the 103 category, and Austin Ace felled Wayne Gregory for the lone Pottstown pin.

The JV's succumbed 33-30, however.

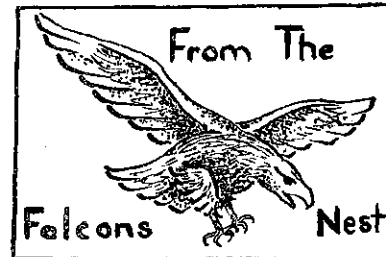
Roberts Triumphs

The December 12 47-11 loss to Owen J. Roberts indicates Pottstown in reverse, but actually the grapplers did much better than the score shows. Nearly every weight featured two well-matched wrestlers, but inevitably each Falcon made a fatal mistake, and the smooth Wildcat boys seldom failed to apply it to their utmost advantage.

The final count showed seven pins, a decision, and a forfeit for Roberts against one pin and two decisions for Pottsgrove.

Bielecki (95), Stultz (120), Brunner (134), Gauger (137), Banus (145), Herb (165), and Brile (unlimited) were victims of falls. Duggar (180), the Pottsgrove captain, pinned his man in 2:50.

DelMuto (112) gained a 3-2 decision in a hard-fought match, and Davidheiser (154) prevailed 8-2 without too much trouble for the other Pottsgrove triumphs. Guolden (127) was edged 4-3 in a heart-

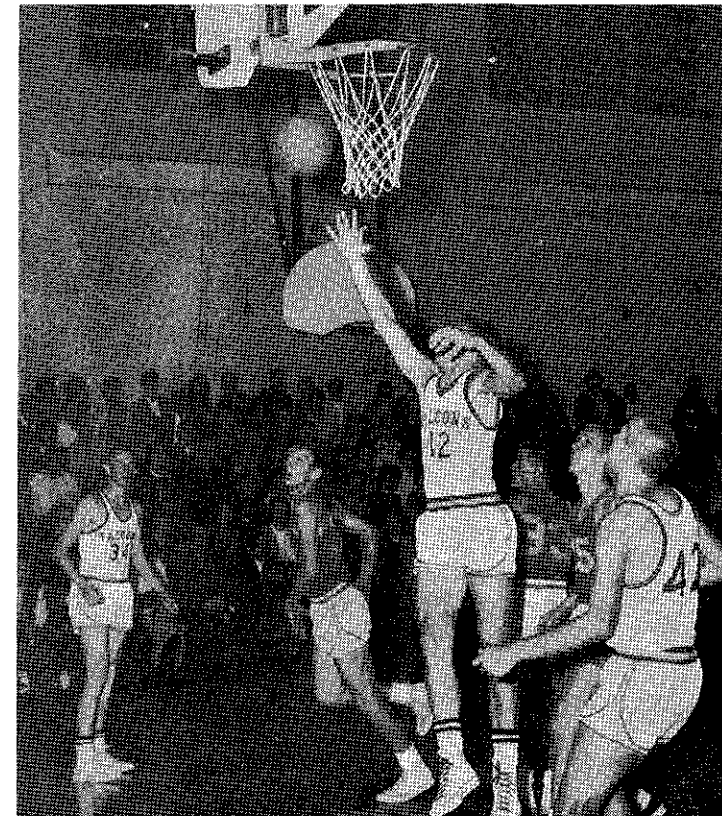


Now that the roundball season is swinging into high gear, a prediction or two might be in order. By the looks of things Coach Harris should have little trouble in keeping up with the championship trend. With burners like Pete Fredrickson, John Monck, and Ron Favinger how can he miss. These three leapers are getting much support from John Psota and that sparkling soph, Barry Neuman. Mr. Harris also has a few solid bench hands at his disposal. John Onufryk and Denny Daisy have been doing fine jobs as substitutes.

It's too bad that the Inter-County League doesn't include wrestling in its schedule. The Falcon grapplers didn't lose a single man from last year's squad, and if the overwhelming win over the Pottstown Trojans is any indication, they should have little trouble turning in a good record.

The football coaches recently held their annual meeting to select the

Pottsgrove Measures Pius 57 - 49 To Take Lead In Annual Series



Binczak drives for two points in a game against St. Pius.

Seasoned Veterans Return To Pottsgrove Hardcourt

A seasoned basketball observer would probably raise his eyebrows in interest gathering in his first glimpses of the 1964 Pottsgrove High School basketball team. Indeed, his reasons would be many—a veteran all-around center, proven in rebounding and scoring efficiency, two tall versatile and sure-shooting forwards, and in the backcourt a first-rate ball-handler and leader.

county league," was asked the coach to climax the interview.

"We'll hold our own," Harris replied evasively. "Upper Dublin is still the team to beat, and it will take a great deal of improvement on our part to take the championship from them."

Mrs. Flamm Plans

John Monck Leads Late Falcon Surge For Final Margin

Pottsgrove beat St. Pius X, 57-49, to take a one-game lead in the 1963 crosstown series. The game saw the Falcons lead by only two at halftime and improve their margin by a mere one point in the third quarter. But with John Monck scoring the majority of his 19 points in the final period, the Falcons wound up eight points on top. Ron Favinger scored 15 points and John Psota had 11 in this typical Lion-Falcon battle.

This series now stands at six wins for Pius and three wins for the Falcons. But Pottsgrove will have another chance to narrow the gap on the Pius home court on Friday, December 20th.

Pottsgrove Wins Opener

Pottsgrove High's Falcons opened their season with a 61-38 victory at Morgantown over Twin Valley's Raiders. Ron Favinger led the Falcons' scoring with 20 points. Also John Monck added 12 points and John Psota contributed 10 points. This was Coach Harris' first victory on this court and the Birds made it a formidable one with a 23 point victory.

Falcons Prevail

The following week the Falcons were at home against Owen J. Roberts. The result was a 61-44 victory and Pottsgrove's second straight triumph. Senior backcourter Pete Fredrickson dumped in 19 points to head the Falcons in the scoring department. John Monck tallied 17 points and Ron Favinger 14.

4th in Row

Pottsgrove's Falcons won their

breaking decision.

The Wildcat JV's also prevailed 29-11.

Falcons Toppled Again

The grapplers went down in defeat the following Saturday, 39-20 at Phoenixville. Four pins by Stultz, Banus, Davidheiser, and Brile accounted for the only Falcon scores.

In lighter weights, last year the team's forte, the Falcons took a drubbing; the points were 27-5 against them at the half-way point. Bielecki, DelMuto, Stein (127), and Brunner suffered falls, and the 95 weight had to be forfeited.

Hurting far more than the sting of defeat, however, was a leg injury to Jim Dugger. The Pottstown captain landed on the leg in a backwards flip, and was obviously in great pain. He is expected to be out for still another week.

Jeff Gauger and Dan Nace (165) lost 4-8 decisions in other matches.

Ironically, the JV's copped their first win, 29-24.

All Inter-County teams for the 1963 season, and, although it may seem surprising, only four boys from our championship team were picked. Ron Favinger was our lone man on the first string, while Ron Gustaff copped second team honors. Jim Dugger and Jim Basile received honorable mention.

It was observed in the last pep rally a few days back that many Jr. High boys refused to cheer. It seems to me that if they don't have enough pride in their school to participate in a function such as this, they aren't worth much to the school. Many of these fellows think that only the girls cheer, but I see nothing wrong in showing our athletes that everyone is behind them.

In case you are wondering why Mr. Rutter has been in a very good mood lately, just take a look at his JV's record. It boasts a 4-0 log and has had an easy time of every game.

isn't doing any handstands over the performance of his cohorts, however. "We are making too many ball-handling mistakes and not getting off enough shots," explains Harris. "Consistency in our play is definitely lacking."

There is no denying, though, that the potential for an exceptional team is definitely there. As Harris conceded when comparing the present unit with the 1961 championship team, "Yes, we were at the same point two years ago—inconsistent and in and out. But we continued to improve throughout the year which is what this team must do."

Harris is counting on three seniors and two juniors, Ron Favinger, Pete Fredrickson, John Monck, John Psota, and Rod Binczak, to carry the brunt of the work for him. "But the bench must come through, too, before the season is over," he admonishes.

"What kind of a performance do you expect from your starting five?" was an inquiry put to the coach.

"We can have an outstanding team if we regularly get consistent performances from some and outstanding performances from others," he advised.

"Favinger will bear the brunt of the rebounding, but Monck and Psota must help Ron more, especially when we meet taller teams; I am also counting on them to do most of the scoring and also do a good defensive job."

"In the backcourt, Fredrickson will be in charge and the person to whom we will look in the clutch," mused Harris. "I hope that Binczak can fill the bill as a hard-nosed defensive player who will also drive and score to complement Fredrickson," he added.

The inevitable stand-by, "How will the Falcons do in the Inter-

Falconette Squad

Try-outs for the '63-'64 girls' basketball team were held Tuesday, December 10, in the girls' gym.

Last year the girls held second place in Inter-County League basketball. The team lost their only game to Collegeville-Trappe by one basket.

Mrs. Flamm has high hopes for a successful season this year. The team will certainly be out for revenge when they meet Collegeville.

Since only one member of the varsity team graduated last year, the best part of the varsity team will be made up of seniors.

Seniors returning to the court are Sandra Ecker, Donna Strunk, Diana Bealer, Carol Norton, Marcia Kurtz, and Roberta Gephart. Junior members are Elizabeth Maylath, Kathy Dcnahue, Bonnie Hutt, Virginia Ackerman, Charlotte Lynch, Karen Yerger, Marcia Swartz, Linda Nettles, Lynn Holloway, and Carol Smith.

Sophomore members of the team are Charlotte Kay Van Buskirk, Susan Hauseman, Shawn Stein, Roxanne Miller, Vicki Curry, Sandra Mehlman, and Christine Lepperd.

Freshman basketballers are Janis Prout, Susan Lamb, Susan Nester, Heide Doerk, Barbara Dori, Pauline Fritz, Gladys Lynch, Cynthia Trout, Susan Rosen, and Sharon Spangenberg.

Late Sports Results

The Pottsgrove basketball team rolled to its fifth and sixth straight victories on December 13 and 16 over Unionville and Twin Valley respectively. The scores were 70-38 and 65-41.

The wrestling team lost a questionable decision to Spring-Ford, 23-21, before the Spring-Ford student body in a meet held also on December 16.

fourth consecutive victory when they met Owen J. Roberts the second time. The game, played at Bucktown, ended 53-37 with Ron Favinger showing the way with 21 points. John Psota had 11 points and Pete Fredrickson tallied 8.

The game got off to a slow start and the Falcons had some trouble finding the range in the first half. It ended with Pottsgrove on the top end of an 18-14 score. In the second half things were speeded up a bit and the Falcons were able to come off with a 17 point win.

In this Falcon-Wildcat series, the Cats have yet to manage a victory.

Junior Varsity Unbeaten

Coach Jim Rutters basketball quintet boasts a 4-0 record. With timely shooting and their uncanny full-court press, they have beaten off all opposition. Led by Dave Tilliger, Jack Hipple, Mat Plevyak and Ken Bauer the J.V.'s are off to a commendable start.

Holiday Tournament

Pottsgrove High School's basketball team will play in the Royersford Jaycees Holiday Basketball Tournament at Spring-Ford High School. Besides the Falcons, Downingtown, St. Pius X, and host Spring-Ford will participate. The games will be played on December 26 and 30.

Last year St. Pius won the tournament. The Falcons were last, being defeated by Spring-Ford and Downingtown.

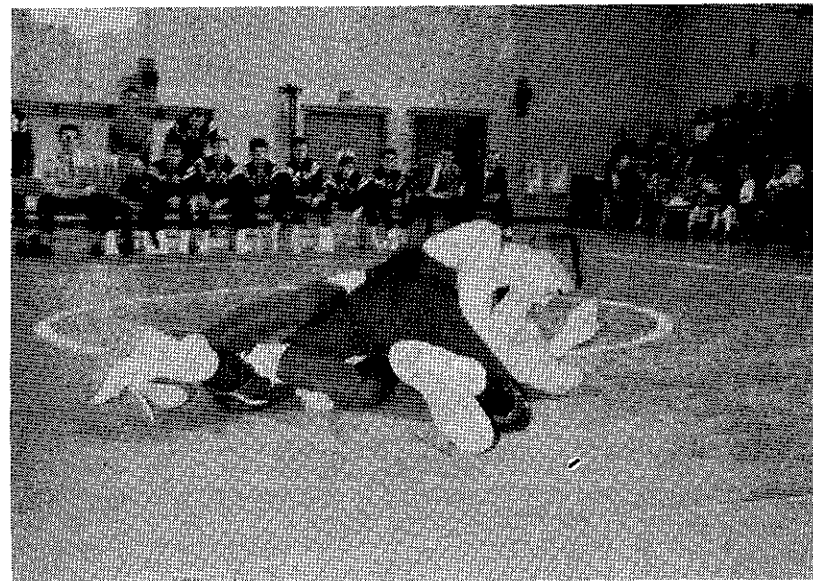
Coming Games

Dec. 20—St. Pius A
Dec. 26—Royersford J. C. C.	... A
Dec. 30—Royersford J. C. C.	... A
Jan. 7—Muhlenberg A
Jan. 10—Lower Moreland H
Jan. 14—Upper Dublin A
Jan. 17—Collegeville-Trappe	... H
Jan. 21—Schwenksville A
Jan. 24—Bridgeport H

Wrestling Matches

Jan. 3—Upper Dublin H
Jan. 8—Spring-Ford H
Jan. 15—Pottstown A

Falcons Top Trojans



Larry Banus works on Trojan grappler in match which Banus won 5-4.

The Saga Of Santa

In his 1600 years on earth . . . Santa Claus has grown a long, white beard, moved from a small village in Asia Minor to a toy factory at the North Pole, and changed from flowing robes into a red and white furry suit. He's gotten shorter, rounder, and much, much merrier.

The original Santa Claus was born in Patras, Asia Minor. Young Nicholas—instead of being interested in games and play—devoted himself to the Scriptures. Because of his remarkable boyhood, he was later accepted as the patron saint of children.

Being of very rich parents, Nicholas was able to share his wealth with others. He found particular joy in providing gifts for children, or the dowry necessary to start a needy young woman on the road to a happy marriage. His travels brought him to the large city of Myra where he was consecrated Archbishop.

St. Nicholas died on December 6, about 341 . . . but not before he had saved a ship from a threatening storm with his prayer, found a way to feed all the people of Myra during a famine, and deposited three bags of gold upon the doorstep of a poor merchant.

Washington Irving described the merry gift-giver as a tubby little fellow with a jolly manner who sped through the air on a reindeer sleigh.

From this interpretation came the basis for Clement Clark Moore's beloved "A Visit From St. Nicholas." Doctor Moore, Professor at a New York Theological Seminary, composed the poem for his children who first heard it on Christmas Eve, 1822.

"He was dressed all in furs from his head to his foot and his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot . . . he was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf, and I laughed when I saw him in spite of myself."

This was how Doctor Moore saw Santa Claus, and thanks to his vivid

Six Earn Places In District Band

Six bandsmen from Pottsgrove High School earned a position in the 1964 Upper Southeastern District Band. They will participate in the district band festival to be held at Spring-Ford High School over February 6, 7, 8.

James Powell, Robert Meko, Marilyn Shaner, William Sands, Nancy Bechtel, and David Swenk were chosen to play from 600 students who auditioned.

Cynically Speaking

V. Van Horn

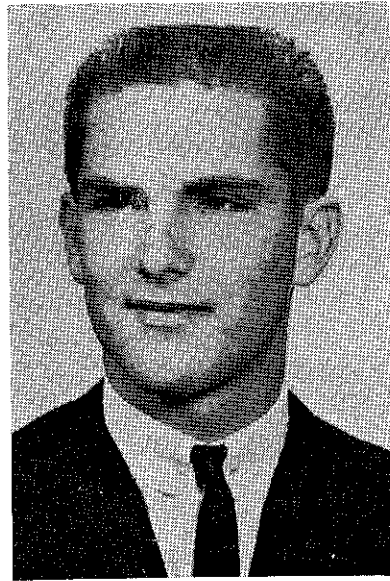
Come! Eat another macaroon!
Let every mart prepare in June!
O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
No wonder you're so very still,
No Christmas gifts to buy.
Peace on earth
Good will toward men
Till we hit
The norm again.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King";
In modern life I find a flaw,
No angels, only Robert Shaw.
Angels, from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;

Today we have another story
Angels in an airplane berth.
In fields where they lay
A-keeping their sheep,
Today just a power plant
Lying asleep.

A king might miss the guiding star.



DIANA BEALER



HOWARD REIGNER

Who's Who In P. H. S.

One of the highlights of Mrs. Flamm's varsity basketball team is the roving player, Diana Bealer. She has an ardent fervor for all of the girls' sports that Pottsgrove has to offer. For the past three years, Diana has played on the varsity hockey, basketball, and softball teams. She has been an active member of the Varsity Club and is also eligible for a gold award.

Diana, a member of the commercial course, is an honor roll student. She belongs to the school's Future Business Leaders of America Club. Diana is planning to choose her occupation from the business field, preferably in the line of secretarial work.

What most upsets her? "I am greatly angered when someone misspells my first name," she replied to this query.

Not only involved with school athletic teams, Diana also enjoys dancing, roller skating, and swim-

The last two weeks of August found Howard Reigner, a senior in the industrial course, sweltering at summer football. Howard trained vigorously with the rest of the hopeful gridiron candidates. Hoppe, as Howard is called by his friends, played linebacker on the Falcon's championship football team this past fall. In the game with Collegeville-Trappe, Hoppe received a coal-black shiner, resulting in his new nickname "Blackie." For his participation in senior high football, Hoppe won a Varsity Award, but he is not to be mistaken solely as a "one-sport man." Mr. Rheel, a senior high football coach, remarked of Howard Reigner to the effect "Howard seemed to make a 100 per cent improvement over last year. He played football with a vengeance which resulted in his spectacular performance this year." Last year Blackie participated on the baseball team, and this year, he expects to try out for either baseball or track.

In his remaining spare time

Junior High News Briefs

If you're passing through the lobby these days, you will be sure to see the cheery Christmas display in the main showcase. Mrs. Smith's decorating and design class has depicted a bright scene complete with elves. The project is called "Santa's Workshop."

Flower Club Makes Wreath

In keeping with the Christmas spirit, Mrs. Mogel's Floral Club has constructed their traditional Della Robbia on her bulletin board in room 206. The students made a wreath from evergreens and fruits which represents the piece of sculpture made by Della Robbia in ancient times.

"The Christmas Carol"

Reading Charles Dickens' "The Christmas Carol" has become a tradition in Mrs. Heffner's English class. In conjunction with this, the students are making a typical modern day menu for Christmas in "Old English." It will be complete from oysters and roast goose to plum pudding; all prices will be quoted in shillings and pounds.

Chess Contest

Mr. Burkert is sponsoring a chess contest among his club members. The leader at the end of the year will receive a trophy. At this stage the leaders are Randy Shoninger and Patrick Mihalik with records of 8-0 and 7-1 respectively.

Projects Started

All the scientifically inclined junior high students are also preparing their projects for the Science Fair on January 31.

Spanninger Plays

Mr. Hilton Spanninger, head organ instructor at Lamb's Music Store, presented an organ concert for the students at Pottsgrove to-

characterization, this is now children all over America have pictured him ever since.

The French remember him as Pere Noel, the Germans as Saint Nicolas who fills shoes with goodies, and the Norwegians as Kriss Kringle. To children . . . he is excitement, generosity, surprise and fun, all wrapped up in one jolly package. The Saga of Santa is one they never tire of hearing!

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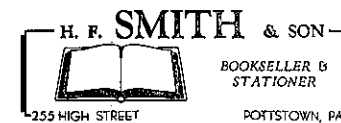
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Everything For Sports

Blackie likes to hunt, a proof of his outdoors spirit.

An honor-roll student, "Hoppie" is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Reigner residing at 104 Berks Street, Stowe.

Hoppie's future plans after his days at Pottsgrove come to an end are still in the planning stage. However, if Howard continues to excel in the future as he has in the years here, he will be a very successful individual.



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