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## Greetings Sent To Students And Faculty

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! It has been many years since the three Wise Men first bore gifts to their King. The present brings us a great need, to dedicate ourselves to the spirit and tradition of a custom as old as Christendom. The Christmas spirit bespeaks the finest traits of human character, the traits of unselfishness and affection. How much the world needs more of these characteristics! When we read of the strife and selfishness and hate of nations and peoples of these nations, we should deem it a privilege to live in a country where we may still say "Merry Christmas" and "Happy New Year." As never before let us keep the Christmas spirit warmly alive and with it all that it means to us. May you, the students of New Ulm High School, continue to foster and cherish the ideals of our democratic government and the privileges it gives you.

To you students of New Ulm High School, I wish the merriest Christmas and the happiest New Year ever. May you never have to undergo the trials and tribulations of your fellow students in foreign countries. May you prosper not alone in the material things of life, but in knowledge and in the esteem of your friends. May this be the happiest Christmas ever.

Harry G. Dirks  
High School Principal



- December 12—Midnight Brigade Program
- December 13—"Fly Away Home," Junior Class Play
- December 14—"Fly Away Home" Junior Class Play
- December 15—High School Chorus Concert
- December 16—Christmas Dance
- December 19—Ben Ferrier Lecture
- December 22—Christmas Home Room Program
- December 22—Christmas Vacation

## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE



## Pinocchio, John Silver Captivate Audiences

Pre-school children, grade school children, high school students and parents were taken on an adventure with Pinocchio on Wednesday, December 6, in the high school auditorium. This adventure was a Rufus Rose marionette production of the story of "Pinocchio."

In the evening John Silver and his fellow pirates took hold of an audience of high school students and adults. Some of the favorite characters were John Silver, Jim Hawkins, Capt. Smollet, and Ben Gunn. A revue of interesting stage and circus performers was also given. Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire "tripped the light fantastic." Ringside seats were then obtained inside the big tent of a circus. Here Oscar the seal did a balancing act, walked the tightrope, and played "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" on a trumpet. "The man on the flying

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Here is the linoleum cut which was selected as best by popular vote of seventy-five made by members of Miss Born's Related Arts class and sophomore Home Furnishings classes. The cut was made by Bernice Schultz, a sophomore from Courtland.

The Home Furnishings department is now selling reprints of these blocks in the form of Christmas cards at the price of six for twenty-five cents. Any color of ink may be used according to the preference of the customer.

A display of the cards manufactured by the classes may be seen in the display case in the high school library.

## JOSTEN WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Announcement was also made Friday that Jack Minium had placed first in the contest sponsored by the Josten Co. of Owatonna. His essay entitled "How Does Art Benefit My Community" was selected as the best one submitted by members of the senior class. Second and third place were rewarded to Ray Wieland and Jeanette Peterson, respectively. Jack was awarded with a bronze medal in recognition of his work.

## Juniors Star in Class Play "Fly Away Home"

### Production Scheduled For December 13, 14 In Auditorium

On Wednesday and Thursday evenings, Dec. 13 and 14, the stage of the auditorium will be transformed into the living room of the Masters' summer cottage at Provincetown, Massachusetts, at the presentation of the Junior Class Play "Fly Away Home."

The cast consisting of thirteen members is as follows:

James Masters, a hearty, handsome engineer of 45 with a manner of geniality, is portrayed by Harvey Johnson. Nan, the Masters' children's mother is a well-bred, pretty and pleasant woman. This role is portrayed by Leora Schultz. Armand Sloan, the professor whom Nan wishes to marry, is played by Eddie Eggers. Mr. Sloan is an enthusiastic fellow, full of impractical ideas. Linda Masters, the older of the two girls is a serious, dreamy sort of girl with a motherly instinct to "mother" the other Masters' children. This part is portrayed by Jeanne Wolfram. Corey Masters, portrayed by James Neuwirth, is the eldest of the Masters' children. He has a keen mind and is known as "The Great Debunker." Buff Masters, the role being portrayed by Colleen Milliman, is known as the "Great Truth-teller," full of high spirits and good natured. Harmer Masters, the youngest, says little but reads a great deal. This character is portrayed by Vincent Hayes. Johnny Heming, a character portrayed by Alan Schmucker, is a kind, honest and serious-minded boy. Tinka Colingsby is a pretty, slender, "sweet" child whose part is taken by Marie Furth. Penny, a middle-aged nursemaid of the Master's children, is portrayed by Carol Sandmann. Maria is a Portuguese girl whose dark good-looks fascinate Corey. Lucille Tanke takes this role. Gabriel, a large powerful portuguese is portrayed by Donald Geisler. The role of taxi driver, a nondescript man without energy, is portrayed by Albert Ochs.

"Fly Away Home" is the story of the Masters' family. Nan, the mother, has been separated from her husband for several years. She now plans to marry Mr. Sloan. She writes to James telling him of her plans, and he arrives at the Masters' cottage at the same time as Mr. Sloan. At first the Masters' children prefer the Professor's modern ideas to the more serious hold on life that James has. They finally decide, though, that James is the better of the two and Nan and her husband are reunited.



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### SEASON'S GREETINGS

As this is the last issue of the **Graphos** before Christmas, the **Graphos** staff would like to take this opportunity to wish every student, every teacher, and all of the people working in our high school—superintendent, principal, office workers and janitors—the very merriest Christmas and continued prosperity and success during the new year.

### THIS YULETIDE SEASON

Each year just shortly after Thanksgiving, gay decorations begin to appear in our stores; city streets and homes are dressed up in gay-colored lights and garlands for the Christmas season. Santa Claus makes his appearance, and the little children are all agog with ideas of what they want for Christmas.

For older folks it means buying those gifts for Mother and Dad, brothers, sisters and the rest of the relatives. Even though it is quite a job, or seems so, gift-buying really is a pleasure; it becomes more of a pleasure when the giver can see the happiness the gift brings to the recipient.

Gladness is also brought into the hearts of the less fortunate of our citizens by the untiring labors of such organizations as our own Santa Claus club and ladies' sewing clubs. If it were not for these men and women who give up hours of their leisure time towards this worthy cause, many children in our city would not be able to enjoy Christmas and the holiday season.

During the past two or three years, we in the United States have been experiencing prosperity once more. Let us hope that it continues for many years to come. But let us be thankful on Christmas morning and all the year around that we live in a democracy untainted by the greed of some dictator or one of the many "isms." We should be thankful that we, as American citizens, are able to enjoy the Yuletide season in a democratic manner, giving gifts to our friends and spreading good cheer everywhere we go. Contrast this with Europe, where citizens travel about with the fear of being jammed into air-raid shelters when the wailing sirens sound, not knowing whether they will have a home to go to on Christmas Day or even a family to give gifts to.

Truly, we in America have everything to be thankful for.



We hear that Ted Melzer is quite a "slop" [lucky, to you] shot at pool.

That was some break LaVon Leonard made in social science class during a discussion of the foreign situation. With clenched fists she insisted that they give the foreign countries the money, but leave the men over here!! Another chuckle from social class: Malleable is anything that can be sent in the mails.

A walking bottle of "Evening in Paris" [it just couldn't be a substitute] is stalking the halls in the person of Orchie [aromatic] Herrian.



"Pete" is back in school after being on the sick list for three months. Welcome, Wayne.

You just won't believe it, but the senior prexy is wooing D.M.L.C.'s "Frenchy."

We've heard something about several benefit parties. Someone whispered it. Someone was probably jealous about not being invited.



We certainly wish A. Gruzke would make up his mind.

## Student Council High Lights

The eighth meeting of the New Ulm High School Student Council was called to order by President Olsen on November 27, 1939.

Helen Thiede asked the council for permission for the eighth grade to conduct a class party Wednesday, November 29, 1939 to be held in the lunch room. Permission was granted.

Reservation was made for the **Graphos** to hold the first card party after Christmas vacation.

Carlyn Case received permission for the Fri-Le-Ta to hold a candy sale at the first home basketball game.

Plans were made for a school dance to be sponsored by the student council. Jerome Brey, Dick Graves, and Ordell Herrian were asked to contact the Wurlitzer man to see about the use of some new records. Florence Robertson, Carlyn Case and Irma Schwartz are on a committee to listen to these records in the old gymnasium after school. A committee was elected to take charge of a refreshment stand.

## Inquiring Reporter



As a rule, high school pupils, after seeing a show, game or any other form of like amusement, trek [or shall we say meander] toward some eatery.

For this interview, we have questioned the leading "stomach-filler-uppers" in this community.

Our first stop is at the "Latch"—Are you with me?

Q: Do you think the kids that come in here are too noisy?

A: Well—they are at some times [especially in groups], but one word or look from us will quiet them down.

Q: What is their favorite dish?

A: Cokes—but definitely. They try to make it a point to vary the flavors.

Q: When we questioned them about their most steady customer, they hurriedly replied—"Chris."

After we had our delightful [?] little chat, "Mike" Meidl asked me to put this comment in the paper. "If you guys are going to smoke, I wish you would please learn to hit the ash trays."

Next stop is "Sloppy Joe's" [More commonly called the PALACE LUNCH]. Much to our surprise, the favorite order of the gang is a glass of water. When the kids have money, they usually buy hamburgers. [Sloppy has been trying to figure out whether he makes or loses money on his ketchup].

Q: Who is your most steady customer?

A: [With a big smile in Naomi's direction] Naomi Johnson.

Q: Do you think that the high school bunch that comes in here is too noisy?

A: VERY MUCH SO!!!!

Any comments?  
Yea—"They're a bunch of noisy brats, but we like to have them here anyway."

Strolling to the library—we spotted the "Maid." We couldn't let this place go un-interviewed so here tis!

Q: Are the kids too noisy when they come in here, Earl?

A: No, I guess not—just average.

Q: After asking the most steady customer at the other places interviewed—I think it's only fair that you should tell me who yours is.

A: Oh, sure—no trouble at all. [Pause for a little trip to the credit box] Without a doubt, it's Marian "Chris" Christiansen.

Q: What seems to be the favorite dish?

A: Let me see—Yea, I guess it's malted whips. [Doesn't it make you hungry?]

Comments:  
Pretty good on the whole—as well as the half.

Eibner's is our next stop.

A sweet little blonde named Marion walked to take our order, so we thought we could interview her as well as anyone...

Q: Groups too noisy?

A: No—not especially.

Q: What dish do you think is most popular around here?

A: Small double chocolate marsh

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Q: Who do you think your most steady high school customer is?

A: Two boys—Stu. Groebner and Bob Plagens.

Goodbye for now,  
Liz.



# Lamberton Overpowers Eagles in Last Minutes

## Rally Fails To Help; Lambs Win Tussle By Four Points

Led by a pair of sharp-shooting forwards who, it seemed, couldn't miss, the Lamberton Lambs went over New Ulm Friday to the score of 27-23.

As the opening whistle blew the Lambs started a rampage and led all the way until in the 2nd half the Eagles came back and forged ahead. The rally was short-lived and the Lambs went again into the lead, a lead held to the end.

The Eagle defense was led by Orch. Herrian and Jim Gerber. Lamberton won the preliminary 30-12.

## Frosh Essay Receives State Recognition

Inez Just, freshman in New Ulm High School has been awarded honorable mention for her essay on the topic, "Youth's Health Security" according to a letter received by Principal Harry G. Dirks last Friday morning. Inez was one of one hundred and two entries made from junior high schools all over Minnesota.

The contest was sponsored by the national committee sponsoring the sale of Christmas seals and the subject dealt with the fight against tuberculosis and the Christmas seal as one of its weapons.

Inez is new to the New Ulm school system, being a member of the freshman class. She lives on Rural Route 2, New Ulm, and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tonie Just. Robert Leary, Junior wrote the Senior high school entry which was submitted to the state contest. Jack Minium wrote an entry which was too long to conform with rules. However, the essay was so good that he very likely will deliver it over some Minnesota radio station in the near future.

## Students Produce Holiday Programs Nov. 29, Dec. 22

In keeping with the season, a Thanksgiving play was given before the assembly by Mr. Harman's advisory group, on Wednesday, November 29.

"Turkey Red" was designed to show the spirit of Thanksgiving and the joy of sharing with others.

Seraphina, the negress, played by Allen Gutzke, seemed to make a hit with the audience. Other members of the cast were Muriel Hillesheim, Dellores Johnson, Marcella Kassuelke, Florence Hegler, and Lorraine Hogan.



## Eagles Take Winthrop

With Olsen and Herrian acting as the big guns in the attack, Coach Bassett's team advanced on and completely surrounded the Winthrop squad. Leading the Winthrop counter-attack was Sommers, forward, who tipped in ten of Winthrop's 24 points. Of the eighteen men used in the game 6 left the floor via the foul route, 3 from each team.

The only casualty on the Eagle squad was suffered by Don Veigel, who had his nose broken. Of the five extra men used, the outstanding substitution play was made by Glenn Christiansen, who in his first game, played with confidence and coolness.

The New Ulm Daily Journal last Monday announced their choice of men to fill positions on the All-City football team. Of the 31 men mentioned, 12 are members of the N. U. H. S. squad.

### First Team

D. Schapekahm—L. T.  
G. Olsen [co. captain]—R. E.  
R. Kennedy—L. H.  
Ray Weise—R. H.

### Second Team

F. Backer—L. G.  
O. Herrian—R. G.  
D. Schroeder—R. T.  
V. Arndt—Q. B.  
H. Kennedy—F. B.

### Honorable Mention

H. Pollei, O. Sievert, Rolly Weise

On Tuesday, December 19, the boys from Coach Bassett's former "Sea of Adventure," the state champion Mountain Lake squad, will play N.U.H.S. in the new auditorium gymnasium. Of the state champion squad, five boys will return this year, which means that the Eagles will have quite a tussle on their hands.

The high school gym team has been working twice weekly under the direction of Mr. T. Pfaender. From all indications, Coach Pfaender and Capt. Wolf think that this will be a good year for them.

## Music Furnished By Records At School Dance

"You don't need an orchestra to have a swell time at a dance." This was certainly proved by the many favorable comments made after the Thanksgiving dance sponsored by the Student Council. Approximately three hundred students attended the dance.

## German Classes Plan Caroling And Xmas Party

For the fourth consecutive year, the German students under Miss Fisher will sing German and Latin Christmas carols at the local hospitals. The group will meet at the High School on December 17, 1939, and will then proceed to the Loretta and Union hospitals.

Following the caroling, a party will be held in the cafeteria. Lunch is to be served, after which Miss Fisher will show films on her travels through Europe, California and other points of interest.

This annual event is much appreciated by the hospitals as well as enjoyed by the students.

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## Dream Of Junior College Might Be Realized

Perhaps the dream of New Ulm educators will materialize next fall with the possible opening of a Junior College in connection with the high school.

At the last meeting, of the Board of Education on December 4, Superintendent Andrews was authorized to inspect other Junior Colleges in this part of the state. Some cities having Junior Colleges connected with their high schools are Albert Lea, Tracy, and Worthington.

If plans mature, the second floor of the Emerson building was discussed as a site for the College. This could be remodeled at little cost. Only one class would be added the first year and probably a second the second year.

Junior College work would cut university work for students and thus be a distinct saving. It would also aid rural students immensely.

Superintendent Andrews will report to the Board as soon as he finishes his investigation.

In the event that a Junior College is set up, the question must be put before the voters and must carry by a two-thirds majority.

## Program With Springfield Here Dec. 8

With George Olsen acting as master of ceremonies the first of the interschool exchange programs was given by the Drama Club of Springfield High School.

Martin Schmack played a trumpet solo accompanied on the piano by Nodren Sanders, who later played a piano solo. Following this, Russell Medcraft's one-act play entitled "His First Dress Suit" was presented.

The play was directed by Helen Thornburg and Floyd Seifert acted as stage manager. Jane Sullivan played the part of Mrs. Harding, the understanding mother, while Denis Pieschel was the "problem" child, Teddy Harding. Lois Vogel and Warren Potter took the parts of Betty Harding and Johnny Drake.

### Pinocchio

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trapeze really flew through the air with the greatest of ease." Last but by no means least, the circus clown entertained the audience with his humorous antics. The program became serious, with music created by the "greatest concert pianist and composer of all times." A Hawaiian dance by native girls closed the entertainment.

After the show, Mr. Rose brought a puppet before the audience and demonstrated the mechanics of operating these puppets.

## Christmas Party Planned For Fri-Le-Tas

The Fri-Le-Tas were entertained at a splendid program Wednesday, December 6, after school. This program was put on by the sophomore class members. It was the first of the series of meetings in which each class puts on a program.

The program was completed with a piano duet, "Over the Waves," by Kathleen Bartl and Geraldine Veigel.

The Fri-Le-Tas exchanged names for their annual Christmas party which will be December 18, right after school.

## Behind Closed Doors

Headed by Correen Merkel and Myrtle Sallet an entire drum major team is being organized. At the present time it consists of Sue Heymann, Shirley Loose, Carol Kemske, DeLoris Pitzner, Helen Higgs, Deloris Stein, Ann Kruger, and Helen Pivonka.

Another group of Junior High girls has been rehearsing and will soon add to the ranks of the drumming section. The new drummers are Dorothy Windhorn, Dorothy Peters, Ellie Mae Hanson, Shirley Gutzke, Margaret Edborg, Grace Leary, Donna Murray, Gretchen Iverson and Marion Engeldinger. These groups meet Wednesdays after school.

Plans are under way to have the entire drum major team perform in a body before the assembly.

Eight debate teams are rapidly completing the second round of intersquad debates. The leading teams have been rewarded by a trip to Mankato to meet six debate teams from there. At the present time the two leading teams of intersquad competition are Hilary Koreis and Jack Minum and the Krieger brothers, Henry and Harley.

The declam group met with Mr. Sutherland for the first time Thursday the third period and began preliminary preparation of their selections for the Siegel Trophy Contest, usually held in the latter part of January.

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## P. T. A. Meets

The December meeting of the P.T.A. will be held this evening at eight o'clock. Reports will be given by the delegates who attended the state P.T.A. convention in Mankato in October. The theme "Keep the Home Fires Burning" will be discussed by several members.

Caledonia Barnell and a cast of characters from the advanced speech class will present a play, "Dust of the Road." The cast is as follows: Peter Steele, Ralph Brueske; Prudence Steele, Marion Dietz; Prudence Steele's uncle, Stuart Groebner; a tramp, Robert Plagens.

Christmas carols will close the program.

According to plans made at the last meeting of the F.F.A. a series of basketball games has been scheduled between the team from the local Chapter and the teams from Madelia Sleepy Eye, Springfield, and Lake Crystal. The local team is coached by Mr. Dahlmeier and managed by Stuart Groebner.

Harriet Woebke, Mary Jane Marti, and Dorothy Ann Dirks are three new members of the extemporaneous speaking club, which meets Tuesdays the fourth period.

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Students in original oratory are working at top speed to get their orations in shape, so that two of them may be selected to deliver theirs at the Brookings tournament, Friday, December 15.

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