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MERRY CHRISTMAS--HAPPY NEW YEAR



Xmas Xcerpts

Santa was the only one missing at the big Christmas party Saturday night. Wonder whether he got stuck or whether his reindeer balked?

Tinsel seemed to be the new hair ornament until a startling announcement came over the microphone putting a stop to it. And all the time we thought this was a democracy.

Two stags, one from Marshall and one from Tracy, caused a bit of excitement. Jean Thornley couldn't resist the red-head.

Many were decked out in their pre-Christmas presents [dresses]. Saddle shoes and swing skirts were there nevertheless.

Flash! Jan Jansil surprised us by playing a new piece [at least to him]. "Maybe" was the title.

Have you noticed what expert dancers the junior-high boys are becoming? Rudolph Marti and "Poofy" Herzog take the honor for being the best "jitterbugs."

Did you see Tommy Streissguth lurking in the halls? No, it wasn't his ghost - he just can't resist his old alma mater.

The center of beauty was the fifteen-foot Christmas tree. Its beautiful blue lights gave that romantic atmosphere.

Where were all the male polksters? Couldn't they keep up with the females during those hectic three old-time pieces?

Ice cream and cookies brought an end to a perfect evening and everyone went home with aching feet but happy hearts.

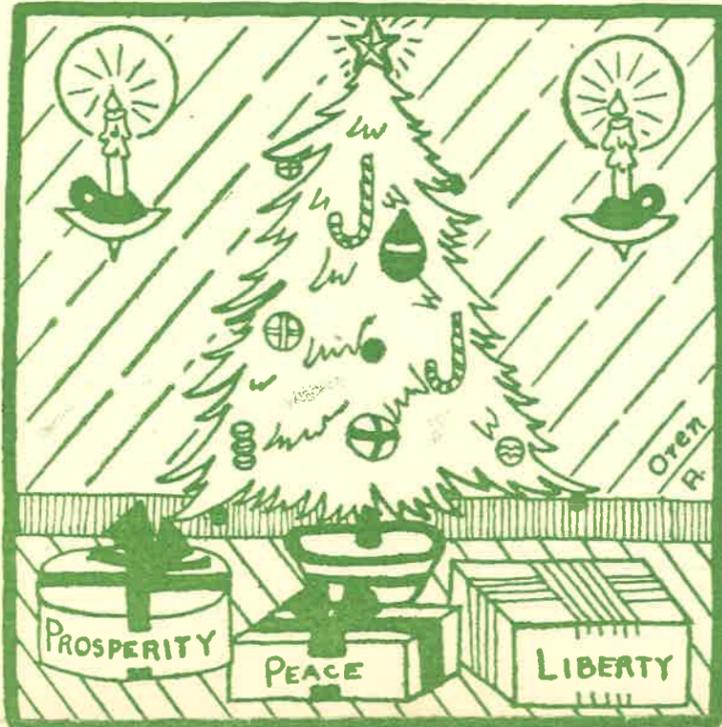
Hospitals Serenaded By N.U.H.S. Students

This year, again, the hospitals of New Ulm were serenaded by students in the German and Latin classes. This is a time-honored custom inaugurated by Miss Fisher. After the singing the students came back to the school and had a feed.

This year the Union Hospital donated a five-pound box of chocolates, and each student received a piece of candy at the Loretto Hospital.

Dr. Hammermeister, too, was serenaded this year; and though he was ill, he telephoned his thanks to Miss Fisher.

Here's what we get for Christmas



"God Bless Us Everyone"

Merry Christmas! Yet there never has been a time since the first celebration of the birth of Christ when there is less cause for rejoicing. In Europe there will be little of the Christmas spirit either in the spiritual or in the material sense. But in America hope and faith still abide. To all Americans this should be a very Merry Christmas. We have and enjoy so much that has been denied others. We have the right to think as we please, to worship as we like, to receive a fine education, to participate in government. This is liberty. War in all its hideousness stalks about us but we are at peace. Starvation, avarice and slavery make the Christmas lights in Europe burn low.

In spite of these conditions, America prospers. "Christmas," says Arthur Compton, "is the symbol of human progress, the keenest desire which is manifest in youth. It stresses charity to the poor, care of the underprivileged, a chance for all. It sometimes even conquers the hate of war."

Would that America might give to all the world the most cherished of all gifts, "Peace on Earth, good will toward men." But before we give such a gift, we must as individuals and as a nation first live it. Perhaps Tennyson expressed it much better in his prayer,

"Rise, happy morn, rise, holy morn,
Draw forth the cheerful day from the night.

O Father, touch the East and light

I know of no better Christmas message to you than the thoughts expressed in the following poem:

Will You

While you open Christmas parcels
Of gifts and sentiments of joy
And partake of your Christmas dinner
Think of other girls and boys!

Your world is calm and peaceful
You romp and run and play
While theirs is torn by bombing,
They hide both night and day.

They don't ask toys or goodies
Or games or books to read,
But bandages and medicines—
Just things they really need.

Let us hope that they as well
May be strong, the same as you—
That some day they may laugh and sing
And play the way you do.

May you in the security of your homes, cheery with the many advantages of our democratic way of life, dedicate yourselves to maintain the American way of life against all dangers. May you continue to enjoy a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Harry G. Dirks

The light, that shone when Hope was born."

W. A. Andrews

Personality Week To Be In January

"Personality Week," which will be held some time in January, is the topic of discussion at the Student Council meetings of late. Various activities have been suggested; however only one has been definitely decided upon. During this week two students, a boy and a girl, will be selected from each of the senior high school classes to discuss personality over the loud speaker. This will probably be in the form of a round-table discussion. Boys will discuss ways to improve prospective dates and the girls will discuss possibilities of changing for the better the personalities of the young men. The committee that is to arrange the talks and discussions is made up of Betty Dannheim, chairman, Marie Furth, Correen Merkel, Fred Iseli, and Allan Schmucker.

Needy Families Get Christmas Baskets

If you see any potatoes or apples rolling around the floor in Miss Steen's room, don't be alarmed. It's just that the seniors have started bringing their contributions for their annual custom of sending boxes of food to needy families at Christmas.

There are four senior home rooms and each home room is preparing one box. Each member brings some article of food. The seniors learned of these families through the local welfare board.

No other class has ever done anything like this. So three cheers for the seniors and more power to them!

Boys Organize Own Santa Club

The Broadway Home Work-Shop club is an organization of boys who are interested in working with wood or metal. It was organized a year ago by Garnet Stoltenburg.

This year the club is acting as a junior Santa Claus club. The boys intend to make toys and other articles of metal to give to the underprivileged youngsters of New Ulm this Christmas.

Cherubs, Christmas trees, acorns, and Santas—these are some of the ideas the members of the senior girls' art class have drawn for Christmas. A border of mother and child surrounded by angels decorates the walls of the art room. Christmas snow flakes by the eighth grade also cover a wall and the bulletin boards in the hall.

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New Ulm, the Christmas City

Have you ever come upon a community of less than ten-thousand people where the Christmas spirit is as prevalent as it is in New Ulm? Decorations, evergreens, parties, church services, and ideal Christmas weather make this city a veritable fairyland.

New Ulm is perhaps one of the most Christmas cities in Minnesota when it comes to decorations and beautiful gift displays in all store windows. This year the color scheme is such that it seems the reds, blues, and greens of firm signs are a part of the street decorations. Add to this the pride property owners take in adorning their homes and outdoor evergreens with colored lights and other Christmas trinkets.

Each year on Christmas morning churches of all religious faiths and beliefs convey the true Christmas tidings to New Ulm people. In an atmosphere of joyous singing by well-rehearsed choirs, soft organ music, and candle-bedecked altars, all Christians realize the true significance of "peace on earth, good will to men" in their own little community.

Being Minnesotans, all are privileged to have real Christmas weather. Snowcovered hills, crisp biting air, and clear starry nights make Santa's entry by reindeer-drawn sleigh true to tradition.

Scores of gala yuletide parties in New Ulm make Christmas vacations the gayest time of year for all. Everyone either gives or goes to parties.

New Ulm does not forget its shut-ins and poor while in this festive mood. Carolers visit hospitals and generous clubs prepare Christmas baskets.

If any Minnesota city deserves the title, "All-American Christmas City," New Ulm should certainly be the one.

Oren Abraham, art editor of the *Graphos*, deserves an extra present from Santa Claus for his two excellent, original cartoons, one of which was printed in the Halloween issue and the other of which appears in this issue.

Oren draws and sketches just for his own enjoyment and we are sorry to say he has no ambition to be an artist. However, anyone with such talent should be given credit for his work.

Maybe the "little man who wasn't there," "Yahooti," and "Santa Claus" live in the same place.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

And with it all kinds of unbroken resolutions. Here are a few seniors who have firmly resolved this: Muriel Nelson, more roller skating; Harley Meyer, study sloothand more; Fiddie Eggers, no more arguments in chemistry; Leona Buggert, no more slumber parties; Marie Furth, no more one-act plays; "Skunk" Newirth, no more schafskopf; Delores Johnson, quit romping the Trinity horses; This for LaVonra Wilmer too; Alan Schmeucker, more than an E in English; Harvey Johnson, not to be so opinionated; Howie Vormack, to date Jeanne Thornley; Marietta Malnberg, no more eating between meals; Carol Sandmann, cut down ads in the *Graphos*; Ray Weiss, perfect the rumba; Dick C'Malley, work harder for paycheck; "Bunny" Laudenschlager, never to miss G.A.A.; LaVonne Gohnast, get straight A's in journalism; Robert Kaping, make that escape from third-period assembly without being caught; Paul Brust, keep Verna Janni away from her girl friends; John Hedburg, make a hit with New Ulm girls; Dorothy Piechke, quit that Tarzan stuff in gym; Lorraine Hacker, grow her hair again; Follie Weiss, quit punching people in the arms; Verron Arridt, get the first new girl who comes in the new semester; Henry Hambricht, keep the Noon-Hour Club functioning; Effie Goodell, get a new pair of tennis shoes.

Weak B⁴ Xmas

T'was the week before Christmas when all through the school Not a student was studying or obeying a rule.
An alarm clock was set in the study hall with care. The fifth period seniors had put it there.
Six culprits were seated at the very last table; To keep them quiet Mr. Bassett was unable.
On their domes he did plant a very light tap, For their brains had decided on an undisturbed nap.
Suddenly from the hall there arose such a clatter He tripped to the door to see what was the matter.
There was Dorothy Oetting advancing like a comet; As she spied "Mousy" Bassett, she started to step on it.
The gloss of the wax on the newly polished floor Caused the loss of her dignity for evermore.
When what to her wondering eyes should appear But Bob Gerber astride a calico reindeer.
With that big strong hero, so clumsy and slow, She knew in a moment t'was her long lost hero.
Less rapid than turtles his pursuers they came, And he bellowed and beseeched and called them by name.
Stop Bosel! Stop Lippert! Stop! Lay off, I plea!
Can't you see Dorothy Alma is the only one for me? Then up to his side with a heart rending sob

Teachers Itineraries

Perhaps some of you students are wondering what the faculty of N. U. H. S. are going to do to celebrate Christmas vacation this year. We will start with Miss Kearns and Miss Westling; they are traveling to Duluth to their respective homes. Mr. Harman, Mr. Anderson and Mr. Grefe want to remain home and enjoy the serenity of the vacation. Since Mr. Hoefs is very ambitious, he wishes to stay home and shovel snow. Mr. Cernia, Miss Schaub, and Miss Born are going to spend their vacations in the metropolis of Minneapolis. Mr. Cernia wants to spend his time skating [on skates] at the Arena. Miss Lundé, Mrs. Ewy, and Mrs. Freitag wish to enjoy a merry Christmas at home and hope for a short trip. Miss Cloutier is venturing out into the cold to go to Somerset, Wisconsin, her home. Mr. Andrews is going to Minneapolis to play Santa Claus to Betty and Milner. Mr. Dirks is planning to act the part of a perfect Isaac Walton by going fishing with the fishing tackle he hopes to get for Christmas. Lucille Reinhart is going to her home to renew old friendships. Mrs. Bauer is going to enjoy Christmas with her son, Ralph. Miss Bruce, Miss Sogn, and Mr. Dahlmeier will go to South Dakota for the holidays. Mr. Fuller is being visited by his parents. Miss Johnson is traveling to Alexandria to visit relatives. Mr. Pfaender is going to stay home to catch up on sleep. Miss Steen is going to Walnut Grove and wants a

She blubbered,
"Now dash away, dashaway,
dashaway Bob!"
[can't next Xmas]

That's What I Want From Santa Claus

From here and there and everywhere Santa's helper managed to get a few students to confess to that "extra" gift they would like to get for Christmas. When some of them said, "Oh skis and etc.," he urged them to make their wants a little more personal. Some blushed and stammered and stammered around but finally gave him this lowdown: Leoris Kneest: "Some hints on how to keep track of dates.... in history." Could be that that date monger, Harley Wickland, could help her out. Jack Hertges: "A little raven haired dolly called Doris." Those "freshies" surely know what to order! Bob Gerber: "I want an automatic stopper to curb Ralph Freere's jabbering in history." Watch out, Ralph, the Blonde Comber is after your larynx. Teresa Pionke: "Among the other things I want is a key for the easy transcription of shorthand." Rumors show that one of the "other things" is that certain someone called "Buddina." Myra

Martin: "I'm not going to ask for much this Christmas - a 1941 Buick wrapped in celophane is all I ask from 'pop!'" Harriet Woelke: "I'd like my two brothers to come home from college for Christmas." Of course you never knew Farriet had brothers in college and neither did we. It must be a "brotherly" line. Carol Brust: "I'm going to send an S. O. S. out as a final call for some method of adding about ten pounds." Stuck around Miss Westling's kitchen over the holidays and you'll gain twenty. Martha Frederick: "Just a smile or an encouraging word from that shy, goodlooking sophomore boy, 'Frankie.' Maybe she'd better write for some "advice to the lovelorn." Buddy Fisher and Alice Becker: Just those two names are all that's necessary. Sandy Sandmann: "A bigger toboggan so Lorraine, Shirley and 'Poofy' and I will have more room." Now if Sandy had looked a little farther ahead into the future, he would have asked for a smaller one. Catch?

Jean and Joan Baier: "I wish they'd erect a street-car line from New Ulm to Courtland." Whata matter, twins, isn't the car-service fast enough? Ellen Brust: "A new heart that dashing Sleepy Eye Romeo M.W. has broken mine."

41' Mercury instead of her 39' Ford. Attending a music clinic at the U. of M. is Mr. Kitzberger's vacation plan. Miss Johnson, choral supervisor, is headed for Alexandria to be with relatives. Casselton, North Dakota, Miss Kittle's home town, is also her destination. Mr. Snowbeck will be visiting his parents at Fergus Falls. Trying to get some tranquility will be Miss Treadwell, who is spending Christmas with her mother at St. Peter. Miss Fisher, language teacher, will vacation in St. Paul. Miss Bruess, school nurse, is bound for Sleepy Eye and also St. Paul.

Won't they all be able to tell the tall tales about Christmas when they get back!

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All written tests and examinations are conducted under the honor system. Violations come under the jurisdiction of the Honor Council, composed of students elected by the different classes. Every student is expected to sign a pledge at the end of each test or examination conducted under the honor system:

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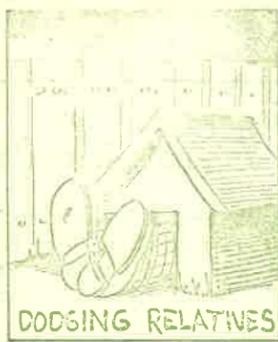
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COURSES OF INSTRUCTION:

Ancient Languages, Art Astronomy, Biology, Botany, Zoology, General Biology, Chemistry, Speech, English, European and American History, Political Science.



SLEEP



DODGING RELATIVES



STUDY (OH YEAH!?)



RAIDING THE REFRIGERATOR--o

In spite of determined pre-vacation resolutions to spend the forthcoming two weeks actually accomplishing something, Eddie Eggers will spend three-fourths of the time recuperating from the night before by making that indenture in the middle of the bed practically permanent; the soothing sound of melodious snores will mingle with snappy Christmas carols filling the Eggers' household with the usual Christmas cheer.

Mr. Harman will be "at home" in the super-modern dog house which he has been building in his spare moments because he will have had enough of his home, which will be literally overrun with relatives.

"Flea" Christiansen, the convalescent, will slump into the nearest arm chair and divide his time between "the new girlfriend" and his studies [????]

Although he struggles ferociously

against his irrepressible appetite, "Tiny" LeBert and the refrigerator will become inseparable.

A One-Act Play Festival was held at Jackson on December 4.—The Tattler, Windom

Several orchestra members of the Lake City orchestra attended the concert of the Minneapolis Symphony with Dimitri Mitropoulos as concert conductor. The Lincoln Torch, Lake City

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Eagle Cagers Resolve To Win In 1941

How About Starting At Gaylord Tonight?

Has Gaylord a good basketball team this year? This question arises now as the chief problem for Eagle fans to face because the evening of December 20 is here at last. It is on this night that the New Ulm Eagles travel to Gaylord to tangle and shoot shots at the hoop with the boys from this neighborly city. The "dope bucket" has spilt a little of its precious "dope" this way for the first time: Gaylord is on almost even terms with New Ulm in height; Gaylord has a "zone" defense; Gaylord has almost the same team that played in the district tournament at New Ulm last year. Some of the students from New Ulm have seen Gaylord play and they say Gaylord has a good team. These reasons alone should inspire you all to go to Gaylord and see this game. Follow the team; it helps them play a better game.

Into The Scrapbook

Lamberton

"Lamberton is tall and mighty", was the comment given by Ray Wieland, a past sports editor of the Graphos in his New Ulm Daily Journal column. Lamberton proved this by crushing the Eagles 42 to 24. The hotshots for New Ulm were Calvin Backer with 8 points and Bob Gerber with 7 points. Lamberton presented a "zone" defense that was almost impregnable, but the Eagles are improving. Keep a look out for the next Lamberton game.

Fairfax

The Fairfax-New Ulm game was a thriller in any way you could consider it. It was a fast-played game, it contained the right amount of shooting, and a close score of 29 to 25 in favor of Fairfax resulted. New Ulm proved to its followers that the spirit is still intact by coming back and nearly handing Fairfax a loss. A new star, "Buzz" Evans, handled the scoring honors for New Ulm by himself and netted seven points to the team's collection. New Ulm has one more game with Fairfax and is determined to show them that New Ulm has the better team.

Christmas At The Yokum's Bungalow

Sho nuf! Santee is comin to Dogpatch Christmas Eve. We is all gathered heah to gethah to welcome ol Santee in Pappy and Mammy Yokum's estate in the beaootiful snow-covered hills o Dogpatch. Ev'ybody's heah ceptin Mammy and Pappy. Por lil abewsed Pappy, who again sneaked a presarved turnip and eben on Chrismus Eve is bein' beatn up by Mammy in de woodshed!

Salomey, de pet ob de pahty, is poformin her one an only trick, that ob twistin her tail. Don't tell anebody, but Santee is brangin a sweet lil pink ribbon fo her tail. As ev'ybody sits glued to his box, a lil tinkel is heerd down in de valley ob Skunk Hollow. Santee is acomin up de mountain a-whippin his sway-back mule. Who should Santee turn out to be but Hairless Joe in disguise. He pulls up to de cabin an dumps his big brown bag on de flo. Out tumbled all de presents fo all de folks gathered at Mammy and Pappy Yokum's cabin.

There were pok chops fo Lil Abner, and Daisy Mae wanted Lil Abner; but Santee said, "No, u gotta wait for Sadie Hawkins Day." Santee gave Pappy a big jar ob presarved turnips, an he gave Mammy Yokum a nice new concob pipe. Santee Clause doesn't foget himself either. He brought a big new mahogany club along from the trees near Skunk Hollow. Fo Hannibal Hoops he left a bottle ob bright red toe nail polish. Next thing dat tumbled out vas some gravity fo Leapin McGulps an an eyelash curlur fo Cozin Delightfol. An last but not leest there vas a beg bottle of Kickapoo Joy Juice fo Injun Joe.

Students Present Vesper Music Concert Sunday

"Adeste fideles, laiti triumphantes." With voices blending in this traditional Christmas hymn, the two choruses, under the direction of Miss Johnson, opened the first vesper music program of the year last Sunday.

After two numbers by the combined choruses, the junior chorus led out with "O Leave Your Sheep," a French carol, and that beautiful composition of Franz Gruber's, "Stille Nacht."

Among the group of marches and overtures played by the band was "Hail Purdue" the pep song of Purdue University, directed by our own student maestro, Jack Rolwes

"Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming" by the senior chorus was followed by "How Far is it to Bethlehem?" and "Christmas Day is Here," an old French carol sung by the girls' glee club.

Gavert's "Sleep of the Child Jesus" by the chorus closed the vocal part of the program, and the band continued with several pieces. Loren Neisen accompanied by Mrs. Joyce Siebenbrunner, doodled "Sax-o-Doodle," and following a march, the band closed the program with Irving Berlin's "God Bless America."

Heroes' Resolutions

Harry Kennedy

Resolved: Never to hit another opponent until the opponent hits him first.

'Buzz' Evans—

Resolved: Always to break for the basketball and keep the ball to himself.

Huntley Prah—

Resolved: To sink more one-handers for the one and only.

"Flea" Christianson

Resolved: To kick the next guy back who kicks his sore out of action.

Calvin Backer—

Resolved: Make baskets for some "Steiny."

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