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## Juniors Play To Capacity Audience

"Drums of Death", the junior class play, drew a full house both Friday and Saturday night, December 2 and 3.

Mr. Halligan, the speech director, said that the job was well done and the acting was above expectation.

The laughs were clocked at 130 compared to the 31 laughs clocked by Mr. Halligan in a Jack Carson movie on a recent Saturday night.

Tad Pirmantgen added humor to the play with his frustrated detections, as did Lois Neuwirth with "Isn't it odd". A mysterious atmosphere was created by Ralph Sunday and Lucille Kosek. Carolyn Held gave a spine chilling performance as the attempted murdering Dorothy Campbell, the young granddaughter of the missing Mr. Bailey. Donna Nelson, Betty Bockus, Rolly Olson, and Roger Fixsen played the straight parts in a creditable manner.

## Santa Claus Brings Good Cheer to Many

Our white-bearded, red-coated friend with the twinkle in his eye will bring happiness and cheer to many families again this year.

His family may call him "Dad", and his friends, "Leo", but he's Santa to hundreds of New Ulm boys and girls.

For twenty-five years Leo Schuck has played Santa Claus. During that time he has brought much Christmas cheer; in many instances, to two generations. It has been interesting for him to see the families grow. He has visited places finding one child asleep in bed; and as the years slipped by, he has seen more beds being added in the various homes; thus he noticed his pack becoming heavier and heavier.

For a quarter of a century this round, red and jolly fellow visited not only New Ulm but also all the neighboring towns as well as schools, libraries and hospitals. Santa has as his helper Vick Bierbaum, who has driven his sleigh through snow and sleet to bring toys to boys and girls on Christmas Eve.

Although his work is usually a matter of routine during this time, he has acquired many memories which he will cherish forever. This white bearded friend has cured many thumb-suckers, school-skipppers and has broken many children of their fear of Santa.

Santa recalls a heart-warming incident which occurred while visiting one of the schools in a neighboring [continued on page 2]

## Spanish Students

### Mexico Bound During Holidays

"Pul-eeze! That's my sore arm! I had another typhoid shot yesterday. They're going to kill me yet"—This is what the students who are going on the Mexico trip have been saying lately. Even Mr. Maiquez and Mr. Pfaender admitted that their arms were stiff; but now after having three typhoid shots and one smallpox vaccination, they are ready and raring to go.

Along with several pupils and faculty members from Redwood Falls, Cambria and the University of Minnesota, our group, including seven of the Spanish students along with Mr. Maiquez, Mr. Pfaender and Mr. and Mrs. Fier will leave on Friday, December 23.

Signs of homesickness should disappear after the big party that they will have at the Red Gable Courts in Muskogee, Oklahoma, on Christmas Eve. By the following Tuesday they will be in Mexico City itself, where they will stay at the Carmen Apartments. Big attrac-

tions are in store there for they will see a lot of the sights, including volcanoes, pyramids, and the big museums.

Bull-fights will provide a lot of that Mexican atmosphere. And by the time the students come back, they'll most likely be wearing some of the shiny silver jewelry from Taxco.

Ah! New Year's Eve at Acapulco. Can't you see our innocent little girls sitting in a big nightclub like "Ciro's" with their glass of—[?] Hauenstein's orange? It seems that Acapulco holds great interest for the group. And for good reason, as it's there that the travelers will swim in the Pacific and sun-bathe on the beautiful roof gardens. it's there that the travelers will swim in the Pacific and sun-bathe on the beautiful roof gardens.

Maybe now is the time to include some of the comments that the group made. Mr. Maiquez started [continued on page 6]

## Junior Play Cast



## Schaper Edits Football Review

"EXTRA; EXTRA;" read all about the 1949 football season in the "1949 Football Review" edited by Herb Schaper.

Most of you should have seen or heard something about the "1949 Football Review" by now. Herb spent many hours gathering material for the book. He did invest a sum of money too, taking into consideration he didn't know how good they would sell. But Herb made the "Review" very interesting and his investment proved successful.

Herb was sports editor of the "Graphos" and he also covered a number of football games for the New Ulm Daily Journal. Herb is now attending Mankato Teachers College.

This is what Herb had to say about the "Football Review". "It's my first one and the things that weren't too good will be improved if I put out another book after the basketball season."

If the administration approves, Herb is going to put out programs for each home basketball game.

Miss Kayser was presented a copy of the "1949 Football Review" to be kept in the Graphos files.

So congratulations to Herb for his wonderful book. May his further ventures in this work be just as successful.

## Newsy Notes

By Jo and Minnie

A special Christmas present will be given to the students when school closes Thursday, December 22, instead of Friday.

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Joe Harmon has an odd end!!

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Miss McLaughlin informed us that there about 12,000 books in the library, and about 425 new ones are added each year.

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TB seals are now being sold at the principal's office for one cent apiece. Get yours now!!

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If you haven't seen the trophy the football team won for being the South Central Conference Champs, go in the office and see it. It's on Mr. Lynott's desk.

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The junior and senior boys were informed on the merits of the National Guard at a movie December 12.

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The junior class is having difficulty surveying orchestras for the prom.

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Square dancing will be taken up by the senior boys and girls phy. ed. classes the last two weeks in the [continued on page 6]

## Members of North Central Association Meet in New Ulm

Representatives of 25 schools met in New Ulm on Tuesday, December 6, as members of the North Central Association. Member schools are currently making a critical study of the curriculum which will be the basis for changes in course offerings.

This is a voluntary association of high schools which agree to maintain standards which are established for the group and which are considerably higher than those normally maintained for high schools.

New Ulm has been a member of the association continuously since 1908.

Currently there are 118 of the more than 400 high schools in Minnesota which meet North Central standards. Other member schools in the area include: Hutchinson, Fairmont, Austin, Albert Lea, and Owatonna.

Graduates of North Central schools are eligible for admission without examination in all colleges which recognize the association.

## Style Review by Home Ec Girls

The Christmas theme carried out in decorations on the stage and in the cafeteria served as the background for the Style Review given by the 59 girls of the Senior High Home Ec classes, Friday, December 9.

Receiving the guests at the door were Mary Siefert and Clarize Traurig, dressed in formals the girls had made as their projects in Home Ec.

A representative from each class announced the name of the girls and described the garments. Representing the seniors was Marlys Kohn; the juniors, Dorothy Broste; the sophomores, Pat Herrian and Elaine Pecht.

Lunch was served for parents and guests, by Miss Westling's Junior High Home Ec classes.

The background music was played by Marilyn Bockus. Stage decorations were handled by Jane Lippmann, Edith Wilson, and Marion Wandersee. Mary Oppelt, Helen Havemeier, and Elaine Larson took charge of the table decorations.

There was also a display of Christmas gift ideas by the sophomore girls given in the cafeteria.

## Eagle To Represent "The Theater"

Understudies, directors and stagehands will all be represented in our 1950 annual. "The Theater" has been chosen as the theme.

The rating from last year's annual has just been received and the 1949 graduates can be proud of their 1st Class book. A few of the qualifications that the rating is based on are quality and interest of the pictures, suitability of the theme, and quality of engravings and material.

Once again the Eagle staff is making a plea for snapshots. Remember that the more informal pictures in an annual, the more it will mean to you later on.

## Boys Make Breakfast In Home Ec Class

Miss Westling's senior boys' Home Ec. class did their first laboratory work recently. They made a breakfast consisting of grapefruit, toast, and cocoa.

## Yule Vesper Concert Given By Students

The annual Christmas Vesper Concert was presented by the high school choir, orchestra, and girls' glee club on Sunday, December 18, at 4 P. M. in the high school auditorium.

The choir entered through the aisles of the auditorium singing as a processional "O Come All Ye Faithful." Under the direction of Miss Marie Carlson the choir sang four numbers. "Christmas Roundelay" by Marryott; "Shumm Shei" by Eimil Backer; "Go Tell It on The Mountain" arranged by Smith; and "God Rest Ye Merry Gentleman" by Shaw.

The Girls' Glee Club sang six selections. "As Lately We Watch" by Griffith featuring a soprano solo by Beryl Siebenbrunner; "Coventry Carol" arranged by Waring and Scott; "Lullaby For Mary's Son" by C. Wesley Anderson; "O Tannenbaum," "Gesu Bambeno," and "Carol of The Bells."

The choir then returned and sang four more selections—"Today There is Ringing" by F. M. Christiansen; "Lullaby On Christmas Eve," featuring a soprano solo by Faith Fischer; "A Joyous Christmas Song" by Hokanson; "While Shepherds Watched Their Sheep" by Jungst, featuring a mixed quartet—Beryl Siebenbrunner, Connie Muesing, Joel Tierney, John Kiefer—which sang the echo; "Silent Night" by Gruber, Tierney, John Kiefer—which sang the echo; "Silent Night" by Gruber, featuring solos by Faith Fischer and Joel Tierney; and "Let Carols Ring" by Black.

The choir then left the auditorium through the aisles singing as a recessional "Angels We Have Heard On High."

The high school orchestra assembled on the stage and played four selections, "Moderato from Military Symphony" by Haydn; "Moods Americans" by Gerald [continued on page 6]

## Author Autographs Wanda Gag Biography

"To the young people of New Ulm, who have a very warm place in my heart"—is the autograph written by Mrs. Alma Scott on the fly leaf in her biography of Wanda Gag, native of New Ulm, famous author and illustrator of children's books. This book, which can now be found in our school library, was the very first one autographed by Mrs. Scott.

Mentioning such familiar places as Turner Hall, where Wanda attended classes, Hermann's Heights, and the Stations of the Cross by the Loretto Hospital, Mrs. Scott has described Wanda's childhood and many of her experiences while attending N.U.H.S.

Pictures of Wanda at work, and many copies of her famous pencil sketches are scattered throughout the book. Especially interesting are the illustrations taken from her widely read book, "Millions of Cats", which show the liveliness and character of her drawings.

Mrs. Scott, formerly the librarian at the New Ulm public library has been living in Minneapolis with her daughters, Jane and Pat, who attended school here several years ago. She is now librarian at the U. of Minnesota, and was honored by receiving one of the Regional Writing Fellowships which helped to further her writing career. By exchanging many letters with Wanda and visiting her twice at her summer home in New Jersey, Mrs. Scott has assembled the material for this book.

### Santa Claus

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town. He had been told ahead of time that there was a little boy in this certain school who liked to skip school. So when he was finished asking the children if they studied their lessons, drank their milk and went to bed early, he asked if there were any school-skip-pers. There was a dead silence in the room, but immediately this little boy in the back row had courage enough to raise his hand. Santa, having much respect for the boy's honesty, told him he could win the respect of the children if he attended school daily. On coming back again the next year, Santa found that this boy had never skipped school again. This shows us that children put more faith in Santa Claus than any of us realize.

Santa has another unusual incident which he will long remember. While he was making his usual rounds, he brought Christmas cheer to a little girl sick in bed. Next door lived two children who had always been afraid of him. As he was going to visit the little girl, he noticed the two children next door looking longingly at him from the window, so he waved gently to them. The children, instead of being frightened at him as usual, forgot their fears and the little boy mustered enough courage to wait for Santa to come out of the house. Then he rushed over to him and took him by the hand and said, "Santa, aren't you coming to our house this year?" Santa was then very much pleased, knowing he had conquered the children's fear.

Because Santa is so busy calling on little folks Christmas Eve, his own family has its "Christmas Eve" the next day.

Having finished his rounds Santa can be found relaxing in an easy chair with an occasional tear rolling down his red cheeks. These tears express either happiness and joy or occasionally a bit of sorrow as he reminisces on some bygone Christmas.

He likes to bring happiness to those less fortunate than he is and all he asks is to be remembered in our prayers.

### Christmas In The Holy Land

By James Keckeisen

"The Christian people in the Holy Land think of Christmas in terms of worship and give thanks to God for His wonderful gift to the world. Thousands of them travel to Bethlehem to visit the manger where Jesus Christ was born. They look forward to that trip—some go on foot, some on donkeys and horses, and some go by car. They gather in and around the Church of Nativity, which is built above the manger. The bishops and the priests are there, and the crowds take turns at visiting the manger to kneel down and worship, though only for a minute. Those that are unable to make the trip flock to their churches to meditate and pray. The practice of Christmas decorations, Christmas trees, Santa Claus, gifts is almost unknown to them, although I think that behind the spirit of giving lies the true spirit of Christmas."

This account of Christmas in the Holy Land was told to me by Raja Mansoor who lived in Arabia until he was six years old.

### Seniors Take Aptitude Test

As a supposed help in vocational placement, the G. A. T. B., General Aptitude Test Battery, has been given to thirty seniors. The test consisted of a verbal aptitude test, numerical aptitude, spatial aptitude, form perception, clerical perception, eye-hand coordination, motor speed, finger dexterity for small muscles, and manual dexterity for large muscles.

The test was offered to all the seniors, but it was given to those who said they were not interested in further education and to those whose vocational plans were rather indefinite or incomplete.

After the tests were taken, the results were matched with vocational aptitude patterns to discover in what field each would do well.

The guidance department at high school is not, however, a placement bureau, but has helped to channel students through the United States Employment Office.

### Fitting Melodies

- Mary El'en Sisco and Eddie Metzen—For Ever and Ever
- Liz Furth—You Were Only Fooling
- Connie Schmid and Ceile Kosek—It's All Over Now
- Beryl Siebenbrunner—Who?
- Sharon Oswald to Vernie Walden—The Man I Love
- Mary Sahly and Kenny Biser—Till the End of Time
- Mr. Harmon—Don't Cry, Joe [losing 13 seniors]
- Bev Kuester—I'll Walk Alone
- Church Gerland and Carol Green—Pass That Peacepipe
- John Keifer—Oh! Johnny, Oh, Johnny, How You Can Love [sigh]
- Mr. Lynott—The Wise Old Owl
- Mike Pollei and LaDonna Heck—Night and Day
- Ginger Tyrell and George Sauer—Weddin' Day
- Rosemary Kuck—I'm Always Chasing—Rainbows
- Richard Wagner—Give Me 5 Minutes More.
- Robert Kornmann—I'm as "Korny" as Kansas in August
- Joel Tierney—I'll Take you Home Again, Kathleen
- Marilyn Bockus—So Far—[away, that is]
- Wally Eckstein—The Last Mile Home
- Mr. Tyrrell—Give Me Some Men Who Are Stout Hearted Men [for the wrestling team]
- Loretta Herrick and Gordon Schroeder—A Feudin' and a Fusin'
- Joan Bauermeister—Danny Boy!
- "Skinner" Weise—Little White Lies
- Spanish Class—Mexican Hayride
- Mary Oppelt—Hawaiian Sunset
- Zula Keckeisen—Lover
- Yvonne Christensen—Bewildered
- Jerry Dallmann and Donna Sandau—You Are My True Love

### Day Before Christmas

Twas the day before Christmas vacation began And students and teachers about the building ran. Their books into the lockers were thrown without care In hopes that assignments would be very rare Hurrah! Vacation begins! the teachers and students all sang, And the school's doors all closed with a tremendous bang. When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter Mr. Lynott jumped from his desk to see what was the matter. Tore open the window and threw up the sash, That he saw on the crest of the new fallen snow Gave the look of a snowball fight down below. And what to his wandering eyes should appear But a huge jingling sleigh which caused him to cheer. For it was loaded to the brim with the yelling Jr. High, And vanished from sight in the twinkling of an eye. Mr. Lynott learned back and sighed in delight "Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night."

Junior High Eaglet

### Did You Know

The custodians use about two dozen brooms a year together.

In case of fire, there are 17 alarms and 17 fire extinguishers.

Did you know there are 11 married teachers and 12 single teachers.

If you want to get tired in a hurry, walk the 71 stair steps from the basement to the third floor.

In case you want to wash your hands or comb your hair, there are 14 lavatories spread throughout the building.

There are 70 rows of seats in the auditorium.

Out of the 107 trophies and cups there are eight baseball trophies, one football trophy, 33 track trophies, 25 basketball trophies, 13 speech trophies, two gold trophies, and one tennis trophy.



By Connie and Marilyn

Now that Christmas vacation is almost here there will be quite a few evenings spent at home with the family. Telling stories has always been fun, especially at this time. "Told Under the Christmas Tree" is a book packed full of stories, poems and legends about the holiday season. Each story expresses in its own words and ways the age-old spirit of Christmas. Why not take the title's advice and tell these stories under the Christmas tree.

If you like basketball you're sure to like "Backboard Magic" by Howard Brier. Skip Turner was out for the sport in this large city; he was quite a good player but the others resented his playing. When the team was cut, Skip's name was on the list. He played with Hilchuck High and his team won the district and moved to the state finals. It is so realistic that you might even feel like yelling for Hilchuck High. It is a sure book to thrill any reader.

Now that the new year is arriving, the sports minded people are turning their thoughts to the various "bowl" games during the holidays. The one we think about the most is the Rose Bowl. C. Jackson tells the story of last year's game in Rose Bowl All American. The book takes us thru from Michigan's first game to the thrilling tournament in S. California. Intricate plays and analyses of games are given in such detail that the reader feels as if he were sitting in the stadium. The role of the radio announcer and his job adds some comedy to the story. This is a story of fighting—on the football field and within one's self, between teams, players and between conflicting ideas.

### Spirit of Christmas

By Alice Hindermann

"Oh little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie, Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, Silent stars go by. Yet in the dark streets shineth The everlasting light....."

"This light was shining while angels were heralding the birth of Our Saviour over the inn in the little town of Bethlehem 1949 years ago. An everlasting light it has proved to be.

Every year come Christmas Day we put aside all our little troubles and rejoice. We renew that first Christmas that took place in Bethlehem. The same carols are sung that were sung that night. We exchange gifts with our friends. The first Christmas we were given the greatest gift of all times, Our Savior. In exchange for this gift the Wise Men brought gifts to He'm

Yes, that light which shon in Bethlehem 1949 years ago is still shining in this dark world, bringing joy to all at Christmas.

### Aquarium Installed In Biology Department

"If the school board could see the students' reaction to the aquarium, they would know that the money was well spent," was a statement made by Miss Raverty about the aquarium just installed in the biology room.

It is made out of steel with glass all around and fluorescent lamps to keep the fish and plant life alive. The life in the aquarium includes goldfish, guppies, all kinds of tropical fish, and aquatic plants, and snails used as scavengers to keep it clean.

The sixth hour biology class helped unpack it and here is one of their comments; "It gives us something to look forward to, to see how the fish are getting along."

### An Angel Speaks---

By Elizabeth Furth

Choke! Cough, cough. Honestly David, I just can't sing again this year. We've been singing "Peace on Earth and to Men of Good Will" for as long as I can remember. I've caught such a cold from the draft of all those wings fluttering! Wonder when we're going to take off for Bethlehem? I don't know, I just don't feel up to it this year. Besides, I won't get my new jet-propelled wings till Christmas Eve, and I don't think I'll make it on the set I've got now. Hand me one of those throat lozenges, will You? Thanks.

You know, most people don't realize what big jobs we angels have. Why, all year 'round we have to keep the place up here running, besides looking after all our charges and keeping them out of mischief. And then every year when Christmas comes around, we're the ones who have to supply all of the "Noels" and "Silent Nights". Mother never told me it would be like this!

Now I understand why grandpa was always so tired around the Yuletide season. But he really could be proud of his singing career. He was one of the lucky witnesses of the very first Nativity scene! I remember his story used to sound something like this:

It was a cold winter night, When we got the call To follow the light, That was over the stall.

We arrived at Bethlehem a little after ten, And there were Mary and Joseph in a little old pen— All excited—and not that we blamed them,

For that was the night that the Christ Child claimed them. Along came three kings Who were admired with awe. Bearing gifts of gold and riches For the Babe in the straw. 'Twas a sight that brought in The shepherds from the hill; For even they could hear us sing, "Peace on Earth and to Men of Good Will".

Well, Dave, now don't you see too, why "gramps" was always so dignified? He had good reason to be. Listen! is that the bell? Golly, we better hurry or we'll be late for choir practice. C'mon, hurry up! You're almost as bad as some of those humans!!

### Eight Seniors Take Science Talent Test

Because of their skill, talent, and creative originality in science, two senior boys, Richard Wagner and Duane Anderson, took the three and one-half hour Science Talent Search Test for the Westinghouse Science Scholarships on Wednesday, December 21.

Before they could take the test they had to work on an original project by themselves and write a 1000 word essay on "My Scientific Project."

If Duane and Richard are among the leading 40 in the United States, they will get an expense free trip to Washington D. C. Here they will take a series of tests to determine the grand winner to whom the board of judges will award the grand scholarship of \$2800. The next award is \$2000. Then the next eight will receive \$400. In addition \$3000 will be given out in scholarships. By entering the national competition the boys are eligible for state awards also.

Six others took the test, merely for experience; they are Bob Schmidt, Joel Tierney, John Kiefer, Dianne Anglemeyer, Barbara Fritsche, and Martine Bakken.

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# SPORTS AT NU

## New Ulm Takes Opening Game At Sleepy Eye 50-46

The 1949 Eagles opened the basketball season with a win from Sleepy Eye, 50-46.

New Ulm held the lead throughout the game with a halftime score of 30-24.

"George" Sauer paced the team in the first quarter with five buckets, eleven points is all. Sweetman meshed two, while Tierney and Wiese made three free throws giving the Eagles a 17-8 first quarter lead.

In the second quarter Hugh found the basket with four field goals, Sauer added another and Don Boelter scored to give New Ulm thirteen points. Alt. Schieffert and Anderson of S. E. each scored four points in the second quarter, while Kuelbs made a free throw and a field goal for Sleepy Eye.

The last quarter saw the Indians making thirteen points, coming within four points of NU. Sweetman paced the Eagles in the fourth with seven points.

Sauer made twenty points in the game before he fouled out. Hugh was high point man with twenty one points.

## Wrestling Team Starts Season With Heavy Schedule

Twelve meets are scheduled for the wrestling team, supervised by Mr. Tyrrell, this year. Five of the meets will be here, with the regional at Litchfield and the state meet at the University. The sub-regional meet will be in New Ulm this year.

Only five of the wrestlers have had any experience in wrestling before but, Mr. Tyrrell said, "They are pretty young, as quite a few are sophomores, but several show promise."

Mr. Tyrrell also said that the kids are on their own: it's their job to make the year a success. They are the ones who must keep the rules, practice as much as possible.

The wrestling team meets twice a week with Mr. Tyrrell, and practices other nights when they can.

## New Ulm vs. Fairmont



Joel Tierney goes up for a shot while teammate George Sauer and two Fairmont players stand by.

## Basketball Interviews

### Don Boelter

Another player in his last year of high school basketball is Don Boelter.

Don's comments about the season were, "We can have a 'We can have a good season.'" Then he added, "We still have a chance for the conference, and the district? Well, we won't think of that until it comes." He also stated that he thought the reserve were coming, and they will really be able to help out at the end of the season.

One of the shorter players on the team, Don looks to Hal Haskins as his favorite, although Haskins is about half a foot taller.

Possibly another Gustavus prospect, Don has no definite idea of what he will do in the future. If he doesn't go to Gustavus he said he would probably work with his dad.

Basketball isn't Don's only sport, for he is on the baseball team, usually at short-stop.

Don started playing basketball when he came to high school, and has been on the first string for two years.

### George Sauer

Playing on the first string for the third year is Harlan "George" Sauer, a senior this year.

"George" got his nickname because of this favorite player, George Mikan, the Laker's star. When asked about the season this year, George remarked, "We can have a good season, always start in the cellar, and end up on the top. If we can keep on improving, we can have one of the best in the state."

This 6' 2 1/2" center has one ambition after high school, to keep on in basketball. He would like to go to Gustavus, then teach, also coach basketball.

An all-round athlete, George has played football until this year, when an injury kept him from playing. He also is a cinder man, specializing in hurdles.

## Levitt Gives Demonstration On Basketball Handling

A demonstration of the fundamentals of basketball was given on Tuesday night by "Bunny" Levitt at the high school auditorium.

An audience of boys from about the third grade on up listened to explanations of the different rudiments and asked questions about the game. Using Connie Schmid, John Heymann, Bill Fenske and Ernst Sauer as examples, Levitt showed the bounce, chest and baseball passes. He also showed the importance of right and left-handed dribbling, lay-up and distance shots. Levitt made his fam-

## Fairmont, St. James Take Conference Games from Eagles

Fairmont won over New Ulm 56 to 43, Friday night, giving the Eagles their second conference loss.

The Nessmen trailed throughout the game, never coming closer than four points to the Fairmont score.

Four free throws and a bucket gave the Eagles six points in the first quarter. Weinmen of Fairmont drilled four buckets while free throws by Boelter and Sweetman and buckets by Sauer and Weise brought the half-time score to 26-17.

The Cards pulled ahead with five buckets and three gift tosses, gaining a ten point lead in the third quarter.

New Ulm did most of its scoring in the fourth quarter with seven for Don and seven for George. Milbrandt and Patsche added six a piece for Fairmont. Two field goals and a free throw gave the Cardinals the thirteen point edge.

## Nessmen Lose To Southwest Team

New Ulm, in it's first home game of the year, lost to a rangy Minneapolis Southwest team, 51 to 45.

The Eagles made eighteen points in the first half; eight for Sweetman, two baskets by Metzzen and a bucket each for Sauer and Tierney. Two gift tosses ended the scoring.

Minneapolis Southwest led by six points at the half, three at the first quarter. Rawlings led the first quarter scoring with seven points, Hitch drilled six.

Hugh Sweetman chalked up fourteen points before he fouled out. Sauer made ten and Don Boelter made nine points for the losers. Hitch of Minneapolis Southwest, with his distance shots, gained fifteen points. Meyers had ten; Hammer and Rawlings both got nine points.

This game was New Ulm's only home game before Christmas. Two games are left, at Fairmont and Waseca. Both are conference games. The Eagles play seven home games and nine out-of-town games this year.

ous free throw and told how the gift toss can be made correctly.

While giving the talk, "Bunny" Levitt added interesting stories of various teams and plays. Several movies of professional teams ended the program. Among the teams shown were the Minneapolis Lakers, San Francisco and the comical Harlem Globe Trotters.

Mr. Levitt started his basketball career in Chicago by demonstrating free-throws between halves of the Globe Trotters' games. He stated that high school basketball was definitely improving, but that the game is not just a "game for the tall guys." He believes every team needed a short player as a play-maker.

Only about five-foot, three inches tall, Mr. Levitt said, I worked on my free throw especially because I needed something to protect me from those big guys—they were running all over me." He also stated that the best thing a high school hopeful can do is practice, as much as possible.

New Ulm's Eagles weren't quite "hot" enough to keep up with the Apostles from St. James in the first conference game, when the Eagles came out on the short end of a 49-40 battle.

The Eagles had a 7-point lead before Klaras sank a long shot to start things rolling for the Apostles. They continued to narrow that margin to within 2-points of the Eagles at the quarter.

The Eagles gambled on the Apostles' long shots and lost as Klaras sank three of them from out court in the second period. As the half ended St. James had a 24-18 edge.

The Eagles got within two points of the Apostles but they were left behind at the end of the third period, 39-30.

Scoring in the last quarter was even as both teams netted 10 points and the game ended, St. James 49, New Ulm 40.

Top scoring honors went to George Sauer and Klaras who each had 15 points; Buis and Erdman each had 13 points for St. James. Others scoring for the Eagles were Boelter with 11 points, Sweetman and Wiese with 6, and Metzzen with 2.

## Seven Meets On Gym Team Schedule

Twenty-three boys, one of the largest turnouts for the gym team, reported to Mr. Pfaender this year.

Four of the twenty-three are in class C, the advanced class. By the middle of the season, Mr. Pfaender hopes to have an entire C squad of eight members.

New Ulm will participate in seven meets this year, the first one Dec. 18 between Sleepy Eye, Fairmont and New Ulm. Three triangular meets between Fairmont, Worthington and New Ulm, one dual meet with Madison, the Southern Minnesota meet at Mankato T. C., the Northwestern and State meets at the University complete the schedule.

According to Mr. Pfaender, "If enthusiasm and hard work mean anything, it should be a successful year."

Gym Team members — Tom Christensen, Harlan Asleson, Rich Marquardt, Ron Glasler, John Wolf, Kenneth Clyne, Robert Dittrich, Sid Herrick, Charles Kaiser, "Juni" Ahndt, Art Fiemeyer, Arlon Gehrt, Noel Iverson, "Nubbs" Schwartz, Gerald Schroeder, Charles Scharf, Erwin Steinke, Wayne Veigel, Dick Veeck, Kenneth Rockvam, Ray Brey, Howard Hoffman, and Earl Terhoffer.

## "Christmas City"

Did you know that New Ulm is called the "Christmas Town"? Have you really stopped to realize just how beautiful our town is at Christmas Time?

Imagine yourself walking down main street with big, white snow flakes falling all around you. It is dark and all the decorations are lit. Doesn't it give you a good feeling? Doesn't it make you feel all happy and warm inside?

I don't know why, but seeing all the beautiful Christmas scenes, hearing the church chimes in the distance playing "Silent Night", and everything else that goes with Christmas always is a great inspiration to me. My troubles seem to shrink into the background and become mere trivials.

Yes, I think it is easier for everyone to be more generous and broad-minded at this time of year. I am only sorry and puzzled because most of us feel this way only around Christmas.



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Letter To The Editor  
 Junior Complaint

You are always complaining about not having any junior or sophomore news in the Graphos. We know of many juniors who have submitted articles for the paper. Yet we have not seen their articles printed. All we see is news done by seniors. Is the Graphos a senior paper or a school paper? We feel that our articles are just as good as anything the seniors can write. Why not reserve some space in our school paper for junior and sophomore writings. Also they should have recognition on the Graphos staff. Instead of complaining why not print!

TWO ANGRY JUNIORS

Bees Buzzin  
 by Beryl and Barbara

Did you know—  
 —that the members of the United States Supreme Court must supply their own chairs. It has been said that most of them choose for comfort.

—that the modern newspaper comic strip is over fifty years old.

How are you planning to share your Christmas this year? It certainly isn't hard to find ways to aid the needy. We can help by furnishing them with one good meal, distributing small gifts, or just by spreading good wishes and cheer. Let's all make it a point to do something worth while this Christmas and make it the best and happiest for everybody.

Attention!!!

The Girl's Triple Trio will be very happy to render their services to anyone who would care to have them sing Xmas Carols. They started on their Xmas cheer mission by singing for the American Legion Auxiliary last week.

We really never appreciate what we possess until we compare our "haves" with the

We'll Let You Know

—by Minnie and Jo

Did you know Bob Schmidt is a barber? He was cutting Gordie Schroeder's hair in second hour Social class.

Joel Tierney asked in Social, when discussing highways, why the road between here and Sleepy Eye couldn't be made straight. We wonder why!!

Why all the happy smiles, Janice Schroeder? It couldn't be that Blackie Glaser is home, could it?

Look Alikes

Kay Palmer and La Vonne Bolduan  
 Carol Green and Mrs. Strang  
 Georgia Karstad and Dorothy Lee  
 Yvonne Strate and Connie Marshall  
 Joel Tierney and Gib Schreyer [Trail Riders]  
 Raja Mansoor and Victor Mature  
 Evy Lindemann and Judy Canova [mouths, you know.  
 Arlon Schmidt and Mushie Wieland

Can You Imagine?

Sitting down to a glass of milk on New Year's Eve?  
 N.U.H.S. without traditions?  
 Kathy Fiemeyer dressed sloppily?  
 Jerry Dittrich tall and blond?  
 Jackie Keckeisen with long hair?

What do You Want for Christmas?

Raja Mansoor—Fitch's dandruff remover  
 John Kiefer—A mama doll  
 Shirley Lund—Toni Home Permanent  
 Mr. Olson—Two front teeth  
 Mr. Ness—Successful basketball season  
 "Duke" Galloway—Betty Grable  
 Connie Hoffman—Arthur Murray dancing



"haves" of others. That was plainly expressed at our first basketball game of this season. We, the students of New Ulm High School, should be very thankful for this wonderful building—Need we say more???

Here's wishing the faculty, the students, the Graphos staff, the custodians, and especially you the Merriest Christmas and the Happiest New Year you have ever had. You'll be hearing from us next year.

Big Wheels

by Donna and Kay

Name: Orval Marquardt  
 Nickname: "Patty"  
 Hobby: His relatives  
 Future Ambition: Owning a gas station in Africa  
 Remembered for: His confidence in himself.  
 Pet Saying: "Hi, muscles."  
 Ex Cur.: Football, intramural basketball, track

Name: Conrad Hoffmann  
 Nickname: Connie  
 Hobby: Coming to New Ulm  
 Future Ambition: To be a farmer.  
 Pet Saying: "Ya"  
 Remembered For: Rushing his new car.  
 Ex Cur.: Intramural basketball, F.A.A.

Name: Leon Fritsche  
 Nickname: "Lee"  
 Hobby: Certain girl in the junior class  
 Future Ambition: To be a farmer.  
 Pet Saying: "Man, Yes."  
 Remembered For: Hauling the kids to the field, in his truck for band practice.  
 Ex Cur.: Intramural basketball, music.

Name: Sanfield Dittbenner  
 Nickname: "Ditty"  
 Hobby: Playing ping-pong  
 Future Ambition: To be a professional golf player.  
 Pet Saying: "Oh, yeah."  
 Remembered For: His gold ability.  
 Ex Cur.: Football manager, intramural basketball

Name: Mary Ellen Sisco  
 Nickname: "Sisco"  
 Hobby: Paper Dolls  
 Future Ambition: Business School  
 Pet Saying: "I have to meet Eddie"  
 Remembered For: Her long-standing friendship with Eddie Metzen  
 Ex Cur.: Fri Le Ta.

Name—Joan Bauermeister  
 Nickname: "Joanie"  
 Pet Saying: "Jessum age"  
 Hobby: Keeping her fingernails in good shape

Christmas In Other Lands

By Helen Havemeier

It's snowing softly as I enter the church on this Christmas Eve, and I'm caught with the beauty of the scene—the lovely notes of "Silent Night, Holy Night" are drifting along with a glimmer of light through the open doorway. My mind begins to wander with the Spirit of Christmas.

We are approaching a foreign shore; it's France. We shout "Joyeux Noel" to Pierre and his wife as they decorate their house with holly and ivy.

But we can't stay for we have other countries to visit tonight. So off we go to Holland and Belgium where we see "Sinterklass" [St. Nicholas] riding a "Sleipner" [a white horse] to all the homes and giving the good children gifts. We hear him shout "Vroolige Kerstmis" as off he goes.

As we arrive in Germany the theme still holds—the enchantment of the Yuletide Season is everywhere. "Krise Kringle" [St. Nicholas] brings glad tidings and gifts of joy and happiness. Friend or foe—there is no difference now—they all are singing Christmas carols and wishing each other a "Fröhliche Weihnachten".

It's getting colder now so I draw my coat more closely around me; we are nearing the Scandinavian countries; in Norway "Julenissen" [Santa Claus] is bringing the gifts and wishing "Glaedelig Jul" to everyone; and as we hurry over the mountainous country to Sweden, it stops snowing and the stars begin to sparkle merrily. "Jultomte" [their Santa Claus] is invited to partake of Sven Svenson's festive meal. It is a very merry "Gowd Jul" that is being shouted this Christmas Eve.

In Finland we find "heavens" are being made—a framework covered with straw and decorated with attractive forms cut from colored paper to hang from the middle of the room, instead of Christmas trees; because here in this country evergreen is regarded as a symbol of mourning. If we stayed for St. Stephen's Day, December 26, we would hear the greeting "Houskaa Joulua".

"We must hurry for it's getting late" whispers the Spirit of Christmas. So on we go from country to country, and our last stop before going back across the Atlantic is Spain and Portugal. The children are going to meet the Wise Men; and if they can't find them, they return home and place hay on the window sill for their camels to eat. In the morning gifts will be found in its place.

Now back to America so we can wish everyone a "Merry Christmas" and watch Santa Claus sliding down a chimney and leaving gifts in stockings hung by the fire place.

Future Ambition: College  
 Remembered for: Her correspondence with Ada.  
 Ex Cur.: G.A.A., Fri-Le-Ta, Speech

Name: Constance Louise Muesing  
 Nickname: "Connie"  
 Pet Saying: "Times"  
 Hobby: Dresden art  
 Future Ambition: Nursing  
 Remembered for: Her boisterous ways  
 Ex Cur.: G.A.A., Fri-Le-Ta, Speech, twirling.

Name: Richard Grams  
 Nickname: "Schwarza" [Blackie]  
 Pet Saying: "What a blow."  
 Hobby: Motor Scooter  
 Future Ambition: Undecided  
 Remembered for: His "Charlie Atlas" physique  
 Ex Cur.: Intramural basketball

Name: Irene Ubl  
 Nickname: "Minnie"  
 Pet Saying: "Dang it!"  
 Hobby: Collecting beer bottles  
 Future Ambition: Go to Florida  
 Remembered for: Being the smallest cheerleader N.U.H.S. has ever had.  
 Ex Cur.: G.A.A., Fri-Le-Ta, cheering

Name: Gladys Williams  
 Nickname: "Hap."  
 Pet Saying: "Oh shoot!"  
 Hobby: Collecting pennies.  
 Future Ambition: Be a clerk.  
 Extra Cur.: None.  
 Remembered for: Her shy, quiet ways.

Name: Robert Galloway  
 Nickname: "Duke".  
 Pet Saying: "That don't cut ice."  
 Hobby: Going down town.  
 Future Ambition: Become a millionaire.  
 Remembered for: His corny humor.  
 Extra Cur.: Intramural basketball.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A "HAPPY" NEW YEAR!!

## O'Hara Speaker At FFA Banquet

Joseph O'Hara, Minnesota Congressman, was the guest speaker at the annual F. F. A. Parent-Son Banquet and Crop Show, Wednesday, November 30.

Mr. O'Hara pointed out in his speech the characteristics and fundamentals of the present farm price support plan. He also expressed his opinion on the conditions of some of the European countries which the committee, of which he is a member, visited last summer.

In his opening lines, Mr. J. M. Herrmann welcomed all the guests and parents. Toastmaster for the banquet was LaVerne Schugel, the state F. F. A. president.

Crop Show Awards were presented by Amos Hayes, Winthrop Agriculture teacher. Leon Fritsche received the Loving Cup for his seven prize winning entries. Last year this award went to Harlon Sauer.

Roger Ulrich was awarded a 17 jewel watch for his corn yield of 112 bushels per acre in the Leitschuh Minowa Corn Contest. Second place went to Kenneth Werner who received a Parker pen and pencil set. Third place and an Eversharp pencil went to Kenneth Gleisner.

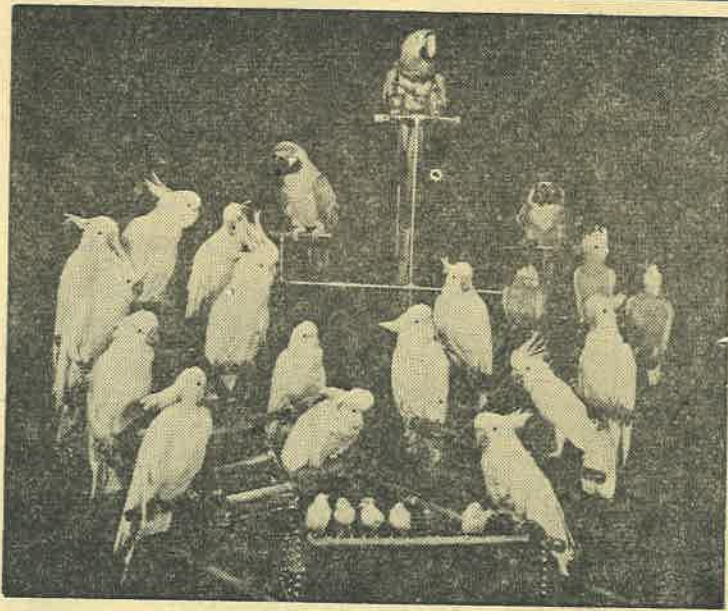
In the Pengilly Corn Contest, first place and an Eversharp pen and pencil set was awarded to Dale Oswald. Second place and an Eversharp pen went to Kenneth Werner. Third place and an Eversharp pencil went to Stanley Schugel.

Daniel Olstad, Leon Fritsche, and Ben Brunner received first, second, and third respectively in soybeans.

In oats, Leon Fritsche captured both a first and a second place with Verlin Goering and Lawrence Hipert taking third and fourth respectively.

In shelled corn, first place went to Leon Fritsche, second to Bob Grossman, third to Naynard Bakken, and fourth to Dennis Deopere.

In the potato division, Dennis



## Pamhasika Pets, Bird Show, For January Lyceum

The Pamhasika Pets, the greatest bird show on earth, will appear here at 11:00 a. m. on January 26. Under the direction of Mr. Raymond V. Roberts, this bird show was engaged at the Children's Theater on the Enchanted Island at a Century of Progress show in 1933. It went over so well that it was re-engaged in 1934.

Mr. Robert's trained canaries perform a spectacular show. Many unbelievable stunts such as riding a ferris wheel and merry-go-round, and doing barrel rolls will be performed. Among the performances of the macaws, gorgeous creatures from Brazil, and cockatoos, the greatest trained birds in the world, is a dance act in which six beautiful white birds waltz together. The birds' gym class do hair-breadth turns on horizontal bars. One of the birds, Little Billy, mystifies the onlookers by his great intelligence in adding, and subtracting.

Given as the finale of the show is the effective battle scene in which the American birds storm the enemy fort and even go so far as to fire a cannon ending in the American victory.

Pupils from some of the nearby rural schools will be invited to the program and shall be asked to have their noon lunch in the cafeteria as our guests.

## Junior High Shop Students Keep Busy

Silk screen painting is keeping the eighth grade boys busy in shop. They are carrying out the Christmas spirit by making Christmas cards.

The seventh grade boys are still working on their bird houses, while the ninth graders are constructing magazine racks and end tables.

On visiting the seventh grade shop class, two typical comments were heard. Robert Bodine said, "Shop work will help you when you grow up and we will have a lot of experience." "They have good tools and machinery and I like to work with them," remarked Harlan Asleson.

## Tape-Recordings of Christmas Concert

"Shhh! everybody. We're on the air!" So said Miss Carlson last Friday. Our choir has now reached the point where it prepares broadcasts for KNUJ. A tape-recording was made of Christmas songs by the choir and the girls' glee club, along with two selections by the triple trio. The program was broadcast yesterday afternoon. Those at home will hear several choir programs this week, including those of Dr. Martin Luther College, Mankato State, Sleepy Eye High School.

## Man In The Mirror

When you get what you want in your struggle for self, || | | | And the world makes you king for a day,

Then go to your mirror and look at yourself, To see what that man has to say.

For it isn't your father or mother or wife Whose judgment upon you must pass;

The fellow whose verdict counts most in your life, Is the man staring back from the glass.

He's the man you must please, never mind all the rest, For he's with you clear up to the end;

And you've passed your most difficult, dangerous test, If the man in the glass is your friend.

You may be like another and "chisel" a plum, And think you're a wonderful guy; But the man in the glass says you're only a bum, If you can't look him straight in the eye.

You can fool the whole world down the pathway of years, And get pats on the back as you pass;

But your final reward will be heart-aches and tears; If you have cheated the man in the glass.

Dale Wimbrow

frigerator-on-wheels, namely the "car" he used to have.

The Dramatic Club is another group that's going to get a lot of attention this year. You've already seen the results of the efforts of a part of the club in the form of a one-act play that was presented in an assembly a while ago. Another play is due to come up very soon, too, "I'm a Fool". [that's the name of the play]. The drama club is planning to produce at least nine one-act plays during the year; then, after they've all been presented, competitive eliminations will be held to determine the three best plays. These three plays will then be given at a public performance.

The speech department is never closed to newcomers; so if you want to take part in any of these activities, just see Mr. Halligan and he'll find a place for you.

Deopere, Verlin Goering, Eugene Thomas, and Vernon Gieseke took first, second, third, and fourth respectively.

Kenneth Werner, Lawrence Hipert, Leon Fritsche, and James Jorgenson took first, second, third, and fourth places, respectively, in ear corn.

The spring wheat first place winner was Leon Fritsche. Other first place winners were: Donald Ditrach, sweet clover; Kenneth Werner, buckwheat; Myron Sjostrom, barley; Kenneth Werner, alfalfa; and Dale Oswald, winter wheat. Dennis Deopere placed second in the buckwheat division.

The dinner consisting of chicken, potatoes and gravy, peas and ice cream was donated by the agriculture students and it was prepared by Anne Westling and her staff.

There were approximately 200 students, parents and guests present.

## Various Activities In Speech Department

Even though the Junior class play is over, the speech department is still buzzing with activity. The discussion club, for instance, is keeping itself quite busy providing entertainment and information for any groups that care to listen. The members boast, "Give us a little time for preparation, and we'll discuss anything." Whether or not they can live up to this boast remains to be seen; but so far they've done all right, having discussed topics like Federal Aid to Education, Federalized Health Programs, and the Brannan Farm Aid Plan. One of the groups' bigger moments was when some of them discussed Russian-American Relations over KNUJ. Usually the club discusses for an outside group about once a week.

The most specialized and competitive section of the speech department is just getting into full swing, debating the proposition of whether or not the President of the U.S. shall be elected by a direct vote. One of the distinctive features of debating is the great amount of preparation required before any subject can be intelligently discussed; and, as a result, a great amount of knowledge is obtained by the debater which he wouldn't have picked up any other way. "Never a dull moment" is the motto of the debate squad; and brother, there never is! If there is any morosness among the debaters, it's only because they miss Mr. Halligan's re-

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## Student's Lament

By Kathy Fiemeyer

'Twas two weeks after Christmas  
And schools bells did chime,  
And the hills to N. U. H. S.  
Kids and teachers did climb.

Oh, the students looked weary  
After all of their fun;  
But the teachers were joyful  
And gave much work to be done.

Beginning with our social class,  
A test to study for,  
Joe Harman twinkled his eye  
And said, "I've got much more."

Olson's class was a riot  
No different from always,  
His shouts and his hollering  
Were heard in the hallways.

And the problems in physics  
Are still mighty tough!  
Guess Raverly can't know  
How rough is this stuff.

Miss Steen with her memories  
Of plum pudding and duck,  
Tries to get back to English,  
But has pretty tough luck.

College Prep. has no more Santa,  
But Macbeth does take his place.  
Guess Kayser likes this better.  
I think it's a disgrace!

But the speech class is boisterous  
With Hap out in front;  
He is jovial and merry,  
But also quite blunt.

Oh, problems and more problems,  
We have plenty of them now,  
Wonder if Wuopio thinks  
We'll ever learn how.

The Navy and Mr. Ness  
Get along fairly well;  
But the kids like him, too,  
They think he's just swell.

In shorthand, I'm bewildered  
I can never go so fast  
Franklin's warning was: "Get 80,  
Or an 'E' at you I'll cast."

So this is after Christmas,  
Back again in the old grind,  
Maybe in a week or two  
'Nother vacation we'll find.

## Li'l Abner Polio Drive In January

"Li'l Abner" is going to work for the March of Dimes.

Thousands of booths featuring the famed cartoon character and some special "creatures" created by Al Capp will be used to raise funds to fight polio. The drive, sponsored by the National Infantile Paralysis Fund, runs from January 16 to 31.

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## Debate Squad In Oral Conflicts

Several months before the regional and state basketball tournaments begin another set of eliminations are held, testing, not the physical skills, but the mental agility of the contestants. This year the Region three and state debate tournaments will be held about the middle of February.

In late years New Ulm has had comparatively great success in the state tournaments; in fact, a few years back, Henry Krieger and company went to the national tournaments in California. In the last two years New Ulm placed third and fourth, respectively in the state.

This year the debate team has hopes of greater laurels—the state championship.

While at the same time celebrating the Christmas spirit, the debaters are sharpening their competitive spirits by engaging in oral conflict with teams from St. Peter, Tri-Mont High School, Blue Earth, and others.

Whether or not enough practical experience was gained or not, will be found out at the many tournaments that are scheduled all over the state in January.

It's Mr. Halligan's opinion that we have a chance of winning the state title this year.

