

## The Christmas Wish

It was a cold, hazy day when Elaine awoke from her dream. A sudden chill crept through a crack in the west wall finding her body and sending goose bumps up and down her spine.

She jumped up from her bed of straw to check on her sick mother. She saw her lying in her bed shivering tremendously and quickly ran to her bed and pulled off her cover to drape over her mother. She then went to the fireplace and threw in the last of the kindling wood.

In her mind, the thought of Christmas Eve being tonight brought a great feeling of depression. She had but two wishes for Christmas and these were that her mother would break the strong ropes of illness and her father would return if he was alive.

He went to war four years ago and never returned. Before the war, they were a happy prosperous family, but since the disappearance of her father after the war, her mother's health slowly declined while taxes increased.

The wintry day drew to night, and Elaine started preparing their evening meal. She went outside to pick up some kindling wood from the white blanketed ground. Being weary of searching for wood and not

finding any, she looked up at the midnight blue sky with little candles burning brightly. She looked to the north and saw the Star of Bethlehem. Silently she made a wish and prayed that He would answer her.

Suddenly, a white-garbed man appeared in the distance coming toward her. A throbbing sensation came from her heart. As the stranger neared, she ran toward him with outstretched arms. Her father had returned! She embraced him tightly as if she'd never let go!

They went back to the house together, hand in hand, with love in their hearts never to depart again.

## The Spirit Of Giving

Danny was a boy who thought of no one but himself. He was selfish thinking only of what people could do for him instead of what he could do for others.

It was only a week until Christmas and Danny was waiting impatiently for all the gifts he knew he would receive. Even though Danny had a job, earning money on his own he decided it wasn't necessary for

him to buy presents for Christmas. After all he was only a boy in high school and no one ever expected anything from him.

Danny came home one afternoon to find that his brother, Bob, had been in an accident. Bob was badly hurt and it would take long months to the hospital for a complete recovery. Danny knew that would mean a lot of money, maybe even more than his parents could afford.

The Christmas Holidays were quiet, but when the family was assured that Bob would be alright they settled into the true Christmas spirit. When the presents were placed under the tree, Danny took but one look and knew that his gift was the rifle he had wanted for years. Danny was now ashamed that he had bought no presents. He knew his parents couldn't afford the rifle, his special rifle. Danny got up from where he was sitting and ran out of the house and when he returned he had gifts for his whole family and as he watched each one unwrap his gift he realized what a joy Christmas could be. Now he knew what people mean when they say, "It is more fun to give than to receive." And it truly is.

By,  
Carol Jean Alka

# Dr. Seat is Guest

Dr. Wm.R. Seat, a familiar figure in Washington for many years, was the guest speaker for Mrs. Lord's fourth period English class Dec.2. Dr. Seat, who is known for his lectures on historical figures, spoke to the class about such figures as Andrew Jackson and Henry Wordsworth Longfellow. Dr. Seat was able to speak quite vividly on the life and career of Jackson since he was raised near his home.

Adding his own personal feelings and supplying suitable routes to his lecture, Dr. Seat held the attention of the class.

This lecture is the second of its kind that this class has received, the first was a book review. The class enjoyed Dr. Seat so completely, that they enthusiastically asked him to come back again.



## EDITORIAL

### WHY HAVE A STUDY-HALL

The general idea of a study-hall is, of course, to prepare your lessons. But if someone were to walk in to the study-hall at certain times he would almost think it is a three-ring circus. Objects such as notes, paper-airplanes, bee-bee's, pennies and many other assorted items are seen flying through the air. Regular sewing circles form at the pencil sharpener.

Because of the large number of pupils in the assembly it is almost impossible for the teachers to make sure everyone obeys and studies. It is up to every individual pupil to see that he (or she) behaves. We are no longer 6 graders, and we should act our age.

Remember that the more you goof-off, the more time you waste. If you don't, you'll find that you have a lot more time for out-side activities.

# PEACE ON EARTH

### STUDENT POLL

If you could be anything other than a human being, what would you be and why?

#### Freshman:

John Miller: "A dog, so I could chase cats and be a pet to someone."

Rick Dobbyn: "An ant, because you can go anywhere you chose."

Brian Fields: "A falcon because they have no permanent home and can fly in any direction."

Steve Fitzgerald: "A rabbit so I could jump high."

#### Sophomores:

Sandy Noble: "I'd be a flower because everybody loves flowers."

Debbie Williams: "I'd be a VW because they can get in and out of messes quick."

Mike Walters: "I would be a dove because it stands for peace."

Lynn Woodall: "A gerbil because you can get out of trouble easily."

Sharon Yerkes: "I'd like to be a horse because it's so wild and free to go anywhere and do anything."

#### Juniors:

John Holland: "I would like to be a skunk, then I'd be the strongest thing in the world."

#### DO YOU KNOW IN 1960:

That Senator Homer Capehart presented WHS with a 50- star flag which had flown over the nation's Capital

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# Lights?

A very pertinent question to ask anyone when the lights happened to go out December 5 is "Where were you when the lights went out?" Students were sitting in their sixth period classes Friday December 5 listening to the usual ha-blah lectures, when suddenly the lights in the entire school began to dim. In classrooms where there were no windows girls were screaming and the boys, well. If one was to go out in the hall he could just barely see teachers who were trying to find out what was happening, students who were trying to escape anything that might be going on in their darkened classroom, or just students who were trying to escape. All one student could see of the other was his white pants.

In any case I'm sure that there won't be many more incidents such as this. But should anyone in the future look back and read this article the question that they may ask is "What were you doing when the lights came on?"



### SANTA SPEAKS:

'Twas the day before vacation,  
 And all through the school,  
 Every student was stirring,  
 And the weather was cool.  
 The ice skates were hung,  
 At home with care,  
 In hopes ponds would freeze,  
 So they could be used there.  
 The students were nestled,  
 All bored in their class,  
 While visions of school,  
 Were beginning to pass.  
 The teachers and students,  
 With nothing to lose,  
 Had just settled down,  
 For a long period's snooze.  
 When from the wall,  
 There arose such a clatter,  
 Everyone woke,  
 To see what was the matter,  
 When, what to our wondering ears,  
 Should be heard,  
 But a message over the intercom,  
 And this was the word,  
 From the top of the gym,  
 To the top of the hall,  
 Sent by Mr. Kinman,  
 And this was the call:  
 "Merry Christmas to all,  
 And to all a Great Vacation!"

by Julie Opell



"You're feeding him too much Geography!"

### SPEECH CLASSES TELL CHRISTMAS STORIES

Students in Mrs. Pate's speech classes have been giving some excellent Christmas stories ranging from three to 28 minutes in length. Some are children's stories; others are appearing before clubs and other organizations to answer requests for Christmas programs.

## Gifts

# FOR THE MAN IN YOUR LIFE



### The Bell

### A WARNING TO YOUNG SCIENTISTS

I shot a missile in the air,  
 It fell to earth, I knew not  
 where,  
 Until next day, with rage  
 profound,  
 The man it fell on came a-  
 round.  
 In less time than it takes to  
 tell,  
 He showed me where that miss-  
 ile fell.  
 And now I do not greatly care  
 To shoot more missiles in the  
 air!!!

# CHRISTMAS

## IS here at



# THE Wardrobe

## 23 Students in Exploratory Teaching

Exploratory teaching, introduced in WHS around 1955, involves twenty - three students this semester. There are fourteen students teaching at North Side School, eight at South Side School, and one in the Jr. High.

Mr. Wittenmyer, who is the head of the program, explained that exploratory teaching is offered for either one semester or two, and a credit is given for each semester's work. It is open to seniors who have better- than-average grades and who are responsible students.

The exploratory teacher, if at all possible, will be placed in the grade he desires. He is assigned to a class one period a day and to a teacher, who is called the supervising teacher. The job of the exploratory teacher is to assist the supervising teacher and to help slower students with their work.

The purposes of exploratory teaching are to interest students in the teaching profession, give students experience and information about teaching, and to help students decide if they have the qualifications and ability to teach.

The exploratory teacher is graded by his supervising teacher. Some of the points

## GIRLFRIEND BEWARE OF CLOSET

Dear Tilda,

I like this boy very much but he already has a girl. I talk to him a lot, but he still doesn't know I like him. He is about my age so there is not a problem here. What can I do?

Silently Suffering

Dear S. S.,

If you aren't shy, tell this boy you like him but don't go overboard. Make sure no one is around so you won't embarrass him.

Another way is to lock his girlfriend in the closet and tell him she moved!!!

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He is graded on are his poise, cooperation with the teacher, leadership, ability to work with children, and his versatility.

The whole program of exploratory teaching is summed up by a statement by Marc Opell when he said, "Exploratory teaching helps you know the younger generation."

## OVERHEARD IN THE HALLS:

- "I can't even hardly lift it."
- "Don't forget I live with you."
- "Burk's got it? What's he going to do with it?"
- "My sister's going to divorce me."
- "I won't walk you home because I don't trust you."
- "Don't buy no candy. It's got bugs in it."
- "Does that really turn you on?"
- "Hey you two! You aren't married yet!"
- "He called her two faced."
- "Oh! Happy late Birthday."
- "My fingers are all tangled up."
- "I told you I wouldn't remember until Wednesday."
- "He suddenly died after four months of marriage."

Teacher: Every day we breathe oxygen. What do we breathe at night?

Student: "Nitrogen!"

LEAVE-it-to  
Singer  
for Christmas



"What's new for tomorrow is at Singer today!"

## Diana SHOPS

Help us select "Miss Diana 69"

Qualifications:

- \* Must be H. S. Student
- \* Must present photograph of yourself to Diana by Dec. 12.

Rules


- \* Top 5 photographs selected will be voted upon
- \* Voting will be Dec. 18
- \* Voting boxes and photographs will be at store
- \* Everyone can vote- receive ballot at store

Prizes:

- \* Free Formal gown to winner
- \* Beautiful Trophy to be yours to keep

Bring in that photograph!

HAVE A "FUZZY" CHRISTMAS AT



Walters' Shoe Store

# W H S S P O R T S

In the season opener against Jasper Friday night, the Washington Hatchets were defeated by a score of 65-54.

The Hatchets led 7-6 and later led 53-52 after trailing 16 points. Rick Smith, a senior forward led the team in scoring with 17 points. Kenny Cornelius followed with 12 points.

Jasper's Wayne Bailey led both teams in scoring with 18 points.

The Hatchets fought back strongly twice but couldn't overcome Jasper's zone defense.

Washington is 0-1 for the season while Jasper is 1-0 for the young season.

The B-team has a record of 4-1 so far this season. Their only loss was to the Springs Valley Blackhawks.

David Able is leading in free throws shooting with 76% and he is averaging 11.6 points per game. Richie Wonder is the leading scorer with a 12.2 average. The leading rebounder is Bud Edmiston with 26 rebounds. In the assist department, Doug Lemmon has 10 assists so far this season.

In the Hatchets third game of the season, the mighty Hatchets came through with a 57-55 win over a tall Huntingburg team.

The Hatchets were led in scoring with Kenny Cornelius scoring 23 points. Neal Cannon and Lon McMurtrey came off the bench and scored 8 and 12 points each.

Washington connected for 25 of 56 field goal attempts for 44.6 percent from the field. Huntingburg hit a cooler 20 of 59 for 33.9 percent.

The win put the Hatchets at 1-3 games, while Huntingburg is 1-1.

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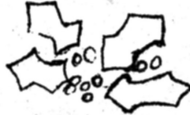
The Hatchets lost their first game on the road this season to Springs Valley by a score of 80-47.

From the field WHS hit 20-57 for 35.1 percent and Springs Valley hit 26-60 for 43.3 percent. At the free throw line WHS hit 7-19 for 36.8 percent and Springs Valley hit 28-45 for 62.2 percent.

Kenny Cornelius was high point man for the Hatchets with 13, and Rick Smith and sophomore Don Grannon added 12 and 10 points respectively.

The score by quarters was 12-17; 22-32; 39-53; 47-80.

Springs Valley also won the B-team game, but they had to fight off a Washington bid to win by a score of 35-33.



The Hatchets won their second game of the season as they defeated the Bloomington Panthers 53-47.

Bloomington hit 17 of 61 from the field for 27.9 percent while the victorious Hatchets hit 15 of 40 for 38 percent.

In rebounding the Hatchets hauled down 26 while the Panthers grabbed 35. Leading rebounders for WHS were Rick Smith, Don Grannon, and Lon McMurtrey with 6 each.

The Hatchets took advantage of the Bloomington fouls by connecting with 23 of 33 free throw attempts for 70 percent. The Panthers connected only 13 of 23 for 56.4 percent.

Lon McMurtrey, a junior guard, led the Hatchets in scoring with 13 points.

The score by quarters was 11-7; 30-19; 37-33; 53-47.

The Hatchets B-team also was victorious as they defeated their opponents by a score of 48-41.

The WHS Quarterback Club sponsored it's annual football banquet on November 14. The meal was served in the WHS cafeteria and the program followed the meal in the auditorium. The guest speaker at the banquet was Mr. Ray Webster, the assistant football coach at Franklin College and formerly a coach at Washington High School.

Football awards were presented to the outstanding players of the 1969 season. The Most Valuable Player award went to Roger Lemon; Outstanding Offensive Lineman--Denny Arney; Outstanding Offensive Back--Karl Klumper; Outstanding Defensive Back--Terry Buhr; Outstanding Defensive Lineman--Roger Lemon; Most Improved Player---Kevin McCall; and the coaches, Mental Attitude Award--Mike Mc-Lemore.

Washington won the preliminary 37-35 in a hard fought contest. The B-team has a record of 2-1.

Merry

Christmas



FROM

SHOE RANEYS STORE

The Evansville Reitz Panthers defeated the Washington Hatchets 57-50 to snap the Hatchets three game winning streak.

The Hatchets hit 17 of 61 shots from the field for 27.9 percent while the Panthers hit 21 of 48 for 43.8 percent. The Hatchets hit 16 of 20 for 80 percent from the free throw line.

Leading scorers for the Hatchets were Kenny Cornelius with 14 points and Rick Smith pumped in 11 points.

The Score by quarters was 16-10; 28-17; 38-30; 57-50.

The Hatchets B-team defeated their opponents 51-37 for their fifth victory out of six games.

CANDY IS BUGGED

John Dailey, a student in Mr. Walker's third period study hall recently had a tickling feeling in his throat. It was not caused by a cold, but rather by candy that he bought before class.

The candy was intended to be enjoyed during the study hall period. But much to John's surprise and to Mr. Walker's amusement, the first bite of the forbidden sweet was John's last. As he looked down at the candy, he saw that it was the home, sweet home, of several bugs.

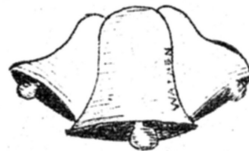
John quickly showed the candy to Mr. Walker, who placed the evidence on his desk. Some difficulty was

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PHYSICAL SCIENCE STUDENTS HAVE UNUSUAL EXPERIENCES



Keith Davis has a hair-raising experience while studying the effects of static electricity. Knowledge of static electricity is utilized in lightning protection, air pollution control, and safety in chemical and explosives plants.



experienced in keeping the evidence, however, for the bugs kept trying to escape.

Proper authorities were contacted while Mr. Walker was rounding up the bugs. After observing what was left of the evidence, action was taken. The old candy was removed from the machines, the machines were sprayed, and new, bug free candy was replaced, much to John's joy.



Loretta House, Sandra Miller, Janet Detty, test their horsepower on a Prony brake in an applied physical science experiment.

The Prony brake is the basis for some dynamometers used by automobile manufacturers in testing the horsepower of engines.



DRESSING UP FOR THE HOLIDAYS

**DONALDSON'S**  
TOGGERY



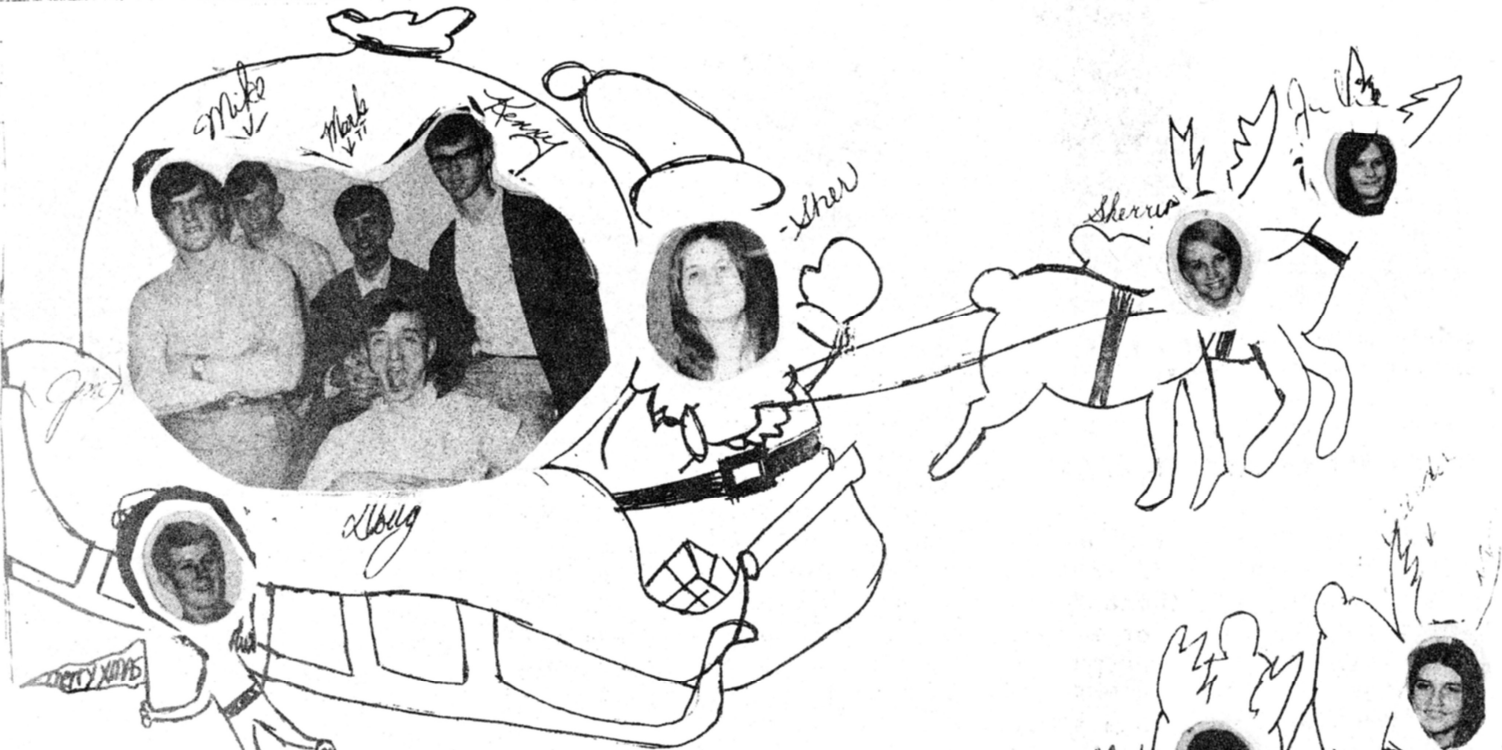
**TOP TEN**

1. Na Na Hey Hey Kiss Him Goodbye.....Sherry
2. Come Together.....Pep Block
3. Take A Letter Maria.....McDaniel
4. Something .....Everything
5. Leaving On A Jet Plane.....Bob Seat
6. Holly Holy.....Mistletoe
7. Cherry Hill Park.....East Side Park
8. Down On The Corner.....Rosco
9. Efi's Coming.....Doug Scott
10. Backfield In Motion.....Keith Davis

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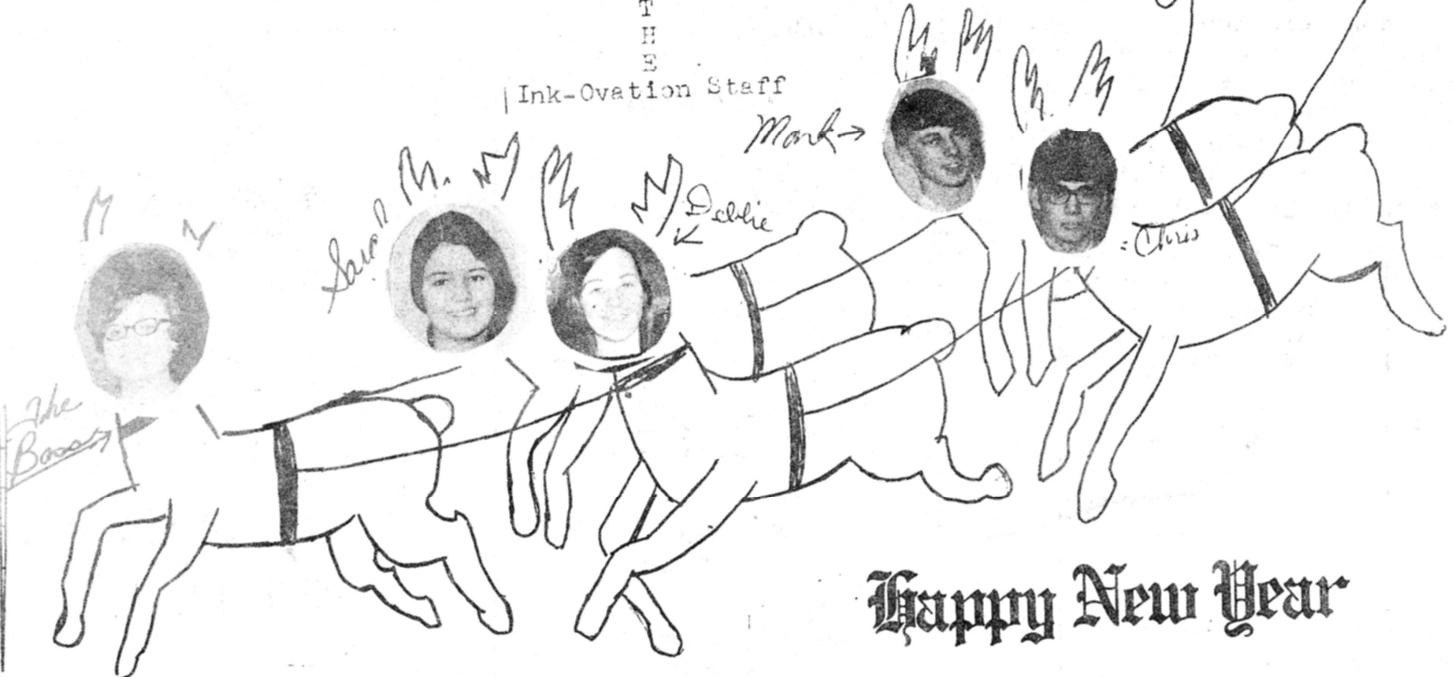
**PALMER'S RECORD SHOP**

# Merry Christmas



I want to take this opportunity to wish all of the students and teachers of Washington High School a Merry, Merry Christmas and a happy New Year . . . plus plenty of fun during your vacation!

THE  
Ink-Ovation Staff



# Happy New Year



Sherry Dixon and Brian Fields, king and queen of the slaves.

LATIN CLUB HOLDS INITIATION

The Latin Club held its initiation December 2, 1969 at the WHS cafeteria from 6:00 to 8:30.

A play was given by the Latin II's. The theme of the meeting was Neptune's Underworld.

The meeting was called to order by Consul Vernon Poland who started the auctioning of the Latin I's.

After they were auctioned off, games were played. Latin I's were divided into four groups. Three games were played to determine which team was the best. The three losing teams were punished.

The Latin II's dressed like gods and goddesses and Latin I girls were dressed in tunics with bloomers and six pigtails in their hair. The boys were dressed in tunics with leotards or long underwear and also wore their hair parted down the middle.

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday during school the Latin I's became slaves to their masters.

STUFFLE ATTENDS DISTRICT MEETING

Mr. Stuffle attended a district meeting of Indiana School Board and Indiana Association District of School Superintendents at Jasper on December 16. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss school financing, vocational education, and special classes for the handicapped.

Mr. Stuffle also went to Indianapolis on December 18 to a Statewide Superintendents School Board and Classroom Teachers meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss future financing of Indiana schools in 1970.

Mr. Stuffle also expressed his appreciation to the staff, students, and community for their help in making our year the successful school year that it has been. Mr. Stuffle also added, "I wish for all a happy holiday season."

LETTER TO SANTA

Deer sanny Claus, How ar e # you? Watcha DOB bringin' me for Crismas? Isur wood Like ta ave a knew #tiedy bar. An I #want yaxta no I;ve\* bin a bery good Liddle boy al yer. HONES. sew pleze can ci ave a TEDDY BAR. #ooO. I most fergoted. I be #\*gwad to weve ya a samwit- ch uner de twee. OK? An I;ii ava dadey qwean out44 dach chimwly. So's ya wont' git awl durty. so buy fer now , an I ope ta seq ya crissmass mornin.

WUV  
Widdle Tommy Tuddle

SCHOOL PRAYER

Now I lay me down to study. I pray to God I don't go nut- ty. While I learn this useless junk, I pray to God I do not flunk. If I die before next fall, Carry me up to the study hall. Lay my bones on my teacher's desk, Tell my teachers I've done my best!!!

by:  
Allen Reed

Solve all your gift problems, give a portable typewriter for CHRISTMAS from  
  
the WASHINGTON  
  
TYPEWRITER CO.  
  
301 E. Main St.

Season's Greetings  
  
Hagel's JEWELERS

We like to help Santa all we can. He doesn't know how low our prices are. And we back up every Honda and Yamaha we sell with factory authorized service and parts. Take a quick look. Wouldn't a Honda or a Yamaha fit under your tree nicely this year?  
**HINKLE'S**  
HONDA AND YAMAHA DEALERS





Tiny Tots is a new addition to Ink-Ovation this year. First grade or kindergarten pictures of this years seniors will appear in each issue throughout the year. The last issue of Ink-Ovation carried these seniors. (l to r) Don Collison, Brenda Lents, Chris Burris, Vicki Sturgeon, Mike Ash, Mark Fitzgerald, Bobby Burton, Emily Critchlow, Phil Dunbar, David Wright, Jim McPherson, Rick Shelton, Mark Opell, Douglas Scott.



Debbie Stuffle, a member of the Art II class, adds a final touch to the Christmas tree in the auditorium foyer. The Art II classes have been printing Christmas scenes on windows in the school. Shown below are the scenes painted on the attendance office's windows.

### "C" Team Cheerleaders



Shown above are our elegant and curvaceous "C" team cheerleaders. They are from left to right: Scott Jones, Denny Arney, John West, Gary Mattes, and Joe Kendall. (P.S. Notice the smoothly shaven legs.)

Friday, November 21, was the opening day of the Hatchets 1969 basketball season. Our first pep session demonstrated the student body was backing the team all the way.

Our magnificent senior cheerleaders (seen above) bounded out on the floor with Hatchet Locomotion as the first cheer. The student body joined in with exuberant enthusiasm. Before making their grand exit, they led the student body in Two-Bits.

The spirit stick was awarded to the mighty seniors and the Hatchet Doll went to the Varsity Club.

A  
MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
TO ALL!



## The Christmas Spirit

For the next eight days we would like to present to you a complete report on the "Days of Christmas". This will involve the eight days between the seventeenth and twenty-fourth of December. Your reporter will be John Allen, a student from the local university. We hope you will enjoy our programs.

December 17. There was quite a bit of action today, with the riot at the North Pole heading the list. Trouble mounted as a list of demands, made by Santa's little helpers, were turned down. Protesting, the Elves staged a strike at noon by not returning to work after lunch. It has been said that Santa and his helpers are to begin talks tomorrow morning after breakfast.

December 18. After eight hours of talks today, Santa had this to say, "The second day of talks were fruitless. Their demands are uncalled for and unjustified, there is no reason for this strike." This was the only statement Santa said he would make at this time. The Elves said they would make a statement at a later date.

December 19. Tempers flared to day as Santa put an end to the talk. Although there were no statements made, it is thought that Santa closed the talks because the Elves refused to go back to work. Santa tried to bring in outside help, but everybody refused to cross the picket lines set up by the striking Elves.

December 20. Violence broke out today when Santa Claus tried to break through the picket line. Refusing to yield to his demands, the Elves began to riot, causing a great amount of damage. The local police were called in to calm things down, but were met by armed Elves and angry reindeer. As night fell, the police were still fighting and suffering heavy losses in the process.

December 21. Santa was forced to seek outside help today when the violence became too great to be checked by the local police force. Santa Claus sent his representatives to Washington to seek help from President Nixon. In a news conference President Nixon said, "Santa Claus has come to me today for assistance in breaking up the riot at the North Pole. After considering this problem for many hours, I have come to this conclusion: Tough nuggies, let the fat man in the red suit work out his

own problems. If you think I am going to get this nation involved in another war, you're crazy". In reply to President Nixon, Santa's aid said, "I don't think Saint Nick is gonna leave Dick anything in his sock on Christmas."

December 22. The ice got thin today as things began to heat up. After being refused by the United States, Santa began to look to another source. As luck would have it, it turned out to be the Reds. They jumped at the chance to gain any ground in the North Pole. Both Russia and China sent troops to the North Pole. But the stubborn Elves refused to give in. The Reds suffered heavy losses without gaining much ground.

December 23. Things at the North Pole became extremely hot today as the Reds pounded the Elves for six straight hours. The Elves had everything but the kitchen sink tossed at them in a fruitless effort. The Elves returned fire, causing heavy damage with toy "pop-guns", "rifles", "tanks", and they even got a few with snowballs. But all was quiet by the time the sun had gone down.

December 24. As the sun broke over the horizon, there was peace and quiet at the North Pole. The Red army was gone, the Elves were back to work, and Santa Claus was back doing his bag. What had happened? As you may have guessed by now, those Elves were not dumb. After holding off for seven days, they (the Elves) ended it all in one night. Not being able to hold off any longer, the Elves were forced to surrender during the long cold night. After spending two days under attack by the Red army, the Elves ran out of food and men. Those who were not killed during the fighting were put back to work at the factories. But they were not making toys for the little kiddies this time, they were producing war goods for the Red armies. As it was put by the head of the Russian army, "It looks like we were successful at last in, how would you say it, doing away with Christmas."

P.S. What would other people do if we let them (Reds) do this to everyone they wanted. God Bless America.

by:  
David Steime1

### BETTER BELIEVE

Do you believe in Santa Claus?  
Do you believe in the Christmas cause?

In happiness in giving,  
Or in just the joy of living?

If you don't, you're in trouble!  
Reform on the double!  
Or you will have reasons to cry  
'cause Santa May pass you by!

So I trust you'll take heed,  
Put the beliefs in the lead  
Then Santa Your friend will be  
And visit your Christmas tree.

by:  
Virginia Elsay



A Problem's Wish

The world to me seems quite a  
mess,  
With wars, violence, and  
distress.

I don't feel safe to walk a  
street,  
For the fear of whom that I  
might meet.

The bomb, and college, and  
the air,  
Still more factor of despair.

To make this world a better  
place,  
Ask God to bless the Human  
Race.

by:  
Allen Reed