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The Christmas Spirit

Once upon a time there was a little boy named Tommy. He was a very polite boy who had a great personality, but Tommy had a problem. He was ugly, and because of this he had no friends. Every day after school, Tommy would run home crying to his mother because all the kids laughed and teased him since he was so ugly. This went on for a long time. And instead of getting better looking, poor Tommy just got uglier.

Then around Christmas time, Tommy began to feel a change in himself. The change was not in his looks—it was something inside him. He wasn't sure what it was and it scared him a little. Then Tommy began to notice a change in people around him.

The kids who used to laugh and tease him were now, suddenly, very friendly toward him. This made Tommy happy, but it also made him curious about what was going on. So Tommy went to his mother and asked her about this new feeling within himself. His mother looked at him and said, "It's the Christmas spirit, Tommy." Tommy said he understood but he really didn't.

Bewildered by what his mother had said and by the feeling, Tommy began to ask about the Christmas spirit. Tommy heard many answers but none really answered his question.

It was now almost Christmas and Tommy was wondering if he would ever understand the Christmas spirit.

It was now Christmas Eve. Snow was all over the ground and the feeling became stronger than ever within Tommy. It was a wonderful feeling, but Tommy still didn't know what it was all about. Whatever it was, he wished that it would never go away.

Tommy woke up Christmas Day and saw all the wonderful presents he had received and he was very happy.

Tommy thought that now Christmas was here and that the feeling he had would go away with the passing of Christmas. He also thought that he would be laughed at and teased just as he used to be. But Tommy was wrong. Through the Christmas spirit, Tommy's classmates had realized and seen him as he really was—a polite and nice boy with a pleasant personality. Now Tommy has many friends and is very popular because of the Christmas spirit. by Jim McPherson

C. O'Bryan

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

It's Christmas time,
And that's the time
To give all joy and love.
It's Christmas time,
And that's the time
To thank God who lives above.
by Lewis Schnarr



Christmas to Me



What is this day, this special morn
When all the world is gay?
This is the day when Christ was born--
It's known as Christmas Day.

Now Christmas comes but once a year,
And when it does, you'll know,
For people then are filled with cheer,
And the air is filled with snow.

Christmas means gifts to show forth love
To families and to friends,
But giving thanks to God above
Is how Christmas began and ends.

by Sally Heyen



This Is God's Plan

Feathery flakes of white,
Sifted down from a heaven of
love,
Bring a message of peace
To you and to me.

They fall individually and
Come to rest in a blanket so
pure,
Making the ground a
Wonder of God.

Men come and live individually,,
But must learn to live together
In the splendor of the world so
That mankind will please God.

Men and the snow come
From heaven to create
One effect on the world.
This is God's plan.

by Gilda Loudon

HO, HO, HO!



WOODY
HATCHET
says,

"A very
Merry
CHRISTMAS
and a
HAPPY
NEW YEAR
to all of
you good
boys and
girls."

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Christmas Time Draws Near

The day of the birth of
our Lord's son is again draw-
ing near. All of the frivolous
chores have been completed:
The lights are hung; that
special little tree is up and
gaily decorated; and the gifts
are wrapped and hidden under
beds or in closets.

If only the joy of Christ-
mas morning could be carried
throughout the year! At this
time, children are seen with
their faces all aglow and the
proud parents, opening their
gifts, are brought to tears
by the unexpected. Everyone
seems to be bursting with
love and goodwill for his
fellow man. The joyous sounds
of carolers may be heard from
the streets, or the shriek of
a child, the victim of a well-
pitched snowball.

The joy of Christmas ends
abruptly. A new day dawns
and one lies awake in his bed
thinking how the world would
react to Christmas 365 days a
year.



by Don Brawley

Nothing Compares To Christmas

The word "Christmas" means
many things. It means a beau-
tifully decorated evergreen
tree, a bright shining star,
gaily wrapped boxes, a "winter
wonderland" inspiring Christ-
mas carols, the gleam in a
child's eyes, and the luscious
aroma of a turkey baking.

Christmas is all these
things to me, but yet I still
wonder about the less fortunate
people who may never know the
warm feeling one gets inside
on a Christmas Day. For these
people, Christmas is just an-
other passing day.

Nothing could ever compare
to the feeling I get as I
walk down a snow-covered walk
and gaze upon the brightly
illuminated rows of houses or
when the family is gathered
together on Christmas Eve to
open their gifts.

I am very grateful that I
live in a land where Christmas
is so very important.

by Barbara Perry

MURALS, pictured on pages 1
and 8, painted by art stu-
dents, have added Christmas
cheer to the cafeteria this
month.

Popular Music - No Meaning?

"Teenagers' popular music has no meaning. It's just a lot
of noise." These are often opinions of the older generation,
but they are not fair.

A couple of years ago, some teenagers would also have
agreed that the music lacked meaning and sounded as if it had
been written, played and sung by a group of jungle creatures,
but this cannot be said of much of the popular music today.

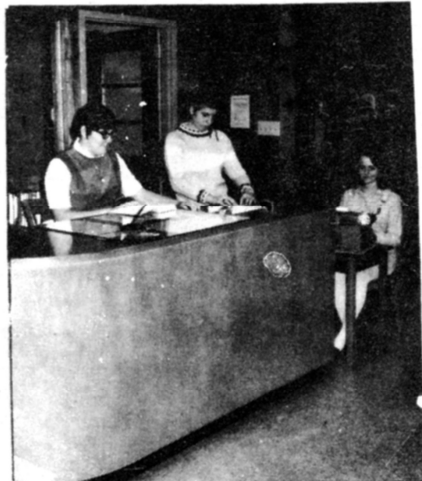
Some of the young recording artists have found purpose in
their songs and are trying to relate what they feel to their
listeners. These songs have meaning and they make one
think as he listens to the words.

Now that this has been said, several are probably trying
to think of a popular song that has meaning. One such song
is "Abraham, Martin, and John," by Dion. This young artist
sings about Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King, Jr., John
Kennedy, and Robert Kennedy. He sings of what these four
fallen leaders have done for the people. Dion sings, "They
freed a lot of people, but still they died young." This
story relates so much in just a few lines.

Even though some popular songs have meaning, there will
always be someone saying that today's popular music is mean-
ingless noise, but those who listen to it and find the mean-
ing will know this is not true.

Library Assistants Aid Entire School

Operation of the library requires much work to keep it running so efficiently with the heavy usage it has. Miss Mary Knowles, librarian, does much to make the library operate smoothly, but she needs help and this is where student assistants are important.



JANET FERGUSON, Mary Fitzgerald, and Sandy Taylor (left to right) perform their duties as library assistants.

These 24 students volunteer their services and perform several duties in the library.

The assistants work at the desk, type, circulate books, shelve, take attendance, dust, straighten, work in the periodical room, monitor, and some work in the library after school. So that each student gets experience in the various duties, a system of rotation is used.

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STUDENTS CHOOSE VOCATION

Students in Mr. David Chamness' citizenship class are picking a vocation of interest to them and reporting to the class on their topic.

In citizenship, students are taught things good citizens should know. The three basic units studied are culture and environment, economics, and the basics of government.

State Counselor Explains Rehabilitation Program

Mr. Michael Ballard, a counselor for the State Vocational Rehabilitation Program, was here last Wednesday. Mr. Ballard talked with seniors who have physical problems and explained the state's vocational rehabilitation program to them.

Writing Stressed For Sophomores

For the first half of this six weeks, sophomore English classes of Mr. David Chamness will be divided into two groups.

Those who did not show progress in the recent study of punctuation will be reviewing this again.

Other groups will be writing research papers in the library.

Later this six weeks, all students will be writing precis and making outlines.



Student assistants are: Linda Davis, Sharon Roach, Charlotte Slaven, Mary Dhue, Judi Rayman, Venita Smith, Pat Czirr, Nancy Godwin, Charlotte May, Kathy Theroff, Tena Billingsley, Alan Cavitt, Linda Craney, Janet Ferguson, Carol Slaven, Jane Taylor, Sandy Taylor, Becky Chestnut, Mary Fitzgerald, Kathy Foster, Grace Allison, Eva Purcell, Patty Petty, Debbie Swain, Elizabeth Dowling and Sarah Gabhart.

"These students are doing a great service for the school," says Miss Knowles.

Student assistants are on duty at all times to assist in any way.

Reading Class Receives New Books

Mr. George Cropp's reading class has received new books published by the Service Research Associates. These books are designed to guide the student step by step along the road to more efficient reading and are set up approximately at the sophomore reading level.

Senior English classes are taking reading for a two weeks' period, beginning with period six. It is hoped that a schedule can be arranged so that all juniors and seniors will have had at least two weeks in the reading lab before the end of the school year.

The last class which spent two weeks in the lab increased an average of 134 words per cent increase in comprehension, and 15 per cent in vocabulary.

FRESHMEN GIVEN MENTAL ABILITY TEST

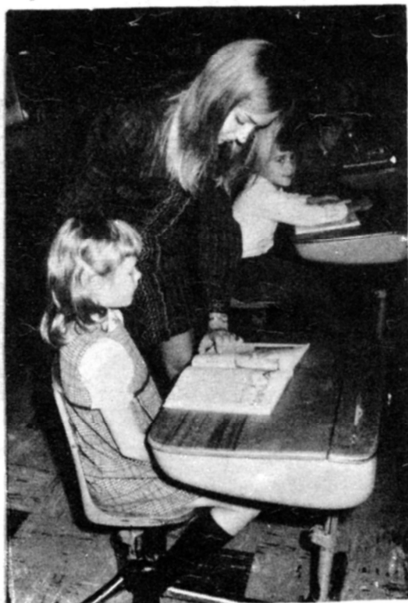
All freshmen were given a mental ability test week before last. Test will be used for counseling purposes and to help students in planning their future programs in school.

Science Experiments Open Knowledge Fields

Mr. Henry Sims' physics classes have been using liquids to magnify forces. By using gas and fluid pressure, a piece of wood can be broken with very little muscle power.

Physical science classes are studying radiation effects and detection instruments. Steve Seat has developed films that were exposed to radiation. Students are using geiger counters and cloud chambers to locate cloud tracks of radiation and dosimeters to measure the amount of radiation received.





SIX SENIOR CADETS AID
NORTH AND SOUTH GRADE TEACHERS

Deborah Price, cadet teacher for the third grade at North Side School is shown as she helps pupils of Miss Marylyn Seamon who are having difficulty with their reading.

Other seniors who are doing cadet teaching are: Ann Weaver, Gilda Loudon, Becky Bateman at North Side; Kay Potts and Mike Osha at South Elementary.

A cadet teacher assists the teacher by doing small tasks, such as grading papers, reading to students, and any other assistance needed by the teacher.

CHOIR AND THESPIANS
PRESENT 'CHRISTMAS CAROL'

"The Christmas Carol," a two-act operetta was presented by the choir and the Thespians last Wednesday.

The story was about Scrooge, an old hermit who despises Christmas and everything for which it stands.

On Christmas Eve, Ebenezer Scrooge is visited by the three ghosts of Christmas. After this meeting, he becomes a different man who loves the true meaning of Christmas and thinks about giving and not receiving.

The main character, Ebenezer Scrooge was played by Mike Hardy.

Joys and Pains For Christmas

Joys are:

Finding out where parents hid the Christmas presents.

A turkey with three drumsticks

Going to the Holiday Tourney

Having no homework over Christmas vacation

Opening presents

Getting a letter from Santa Claus

Getting the two front teeth wanted for Christmas

Going caroling

Sitting on Santa's lap

FRESHMEN BIOLOGISTS

START MICROBE GARDEN

Odor of decaying food has been strong in Mr. Roy Wachter's biology class this week. Freshmen students are growing various types of bacteria and fungi in what is termed a "microbe garden". After growing and examining the growths under a microscope, students made permanent slides of their findings.

Freshmen students have also started an experiment concerning spontaneous generation. Another interesting experiment has to do with

Pains are:

Having no Christmas stocking

Thinking that there is no Santa Claus

Getting a stocking full of switches instead of candy

Having homework to do over vacation

Not having a white Christmas

Overeating on the holidays

Knowing everything you got before you open the presents

Vacations seeming to end before they begin

Catching Mommy kissing Santa Claus

Going back to school on January 6

FUTURE TEACHERS

TO GIVE CURTAINS TO LOUNGE

At the last meeting of Future Teachers, members decided to donate \$20 for student lounge curtains.

diffusion with eggs placed in hydrochloric acid to remove the shell, then left in solution until the cell membrane of the egg becomes rubbery.

*For The Men On
Your List Shop*
CONNAUGHTON'S

*Merry Christmas
And A
Happy
New Year
To All*

*Make This
The Best
Christmas Yet
With Shoes
From
Walter's
Shoe Store*

Hatchets Start Winning Streak

Springs Valley fell to the Hatchet squad 67-58 with all 15 Hatchet players seeing action on the first home game of the season. Washington led the entire game with a fourth quarter margin of 20 points.

Fred White, 6'5" senior, dominated the boards by pulling down 21 rebounds for Washington.

Junior guard Ken Cornelius paced the Hatchet scoring with 19; Worrell added 16 and Pershing came off the bench to tally 13.

Bob Lane contributed 16 points in the Blackhawks' losing effort.

STONECUTTERS CHOP HATCHETS THREE POINTS

The Bedford Stonecutters put down a late fourth quarter rally to defeat the Hatchets 67-64, their first loss of the season. The Hatchets record is now 3-1.

With 4:35 left to play, Washington was down 9 points. The Hatchets' press and two free throws by Cornelius with 18 seconds left on the clock put Washington ahead 64-63. Bedford scored from under with 11 seconds remaining and a foul was called on Chambers. The shot was missed and rebounded by the Hatchets. On a fast break, Worrell was called for palming the ball, giving Bedford possession with a one-point lead. In an attempt to regain the ball Washington fouled. Bedford iced the game, 67-64, with two free throws in the final second.

Pershing, starting his first varsity game, led the Hatchet scoring with 18. Three other Hatchets contributed double figure tallies: White 15, Cornelius 14, and Worrell 13.

Winston and Ikerd led the Stonecutters with 27 and 18 respectively.

FRESHMEN HAVE 4-2 RECORD

Freshmen Hatchets have been soundly defeated in their last two outings. Before losing to Vincennes and Jasper, the little Hatchets had a four game winning streak, downing North Knox, South Knox, Mitchell, and Huntingburg.

Leading scorers are Terry Buhr and Richie Wonders with 10 points per game with Don Grannon contributing 9 per game.

Coach Larry Cobb's freshman squad has a full schedule this season, playing 18 games and competing in the SIAC Freshman Tourney.

REITZ OVERPOWERS HATCHETS

Twelfth ranked Evansville Reitz overran the Washington Hatchets last week to bring the home record to three wins and two losses.

The Hatchets started the game in good standing as they led the Panthers most of the first quarter.

The second quarter was a different story as the Panthers gained a large lead. The game ended with Reitz having a 26 point advantage, 71-45.

FORMER WHS COACH GREETES FRIENDS AT EVANSVILLE

Head coach of California Poly at San Luis Obispo, Stu Chestnut, greeted WHS friends in Evansville last week end.

Chestnut, former Hatchet coach, left WHS six years ago to accept the coaching job at Cal Poly. His team the Mustangs, tangled with the Evansville Aces Saturday night in the stadium.

Merry Christmas

GIFT IDEAS:

Musical Jewelry Boxes
I.D.'s
Linde Star Rings
Billfolds
Cameras
Radios

Hagels
JEWELERS

B Team To Play In Barr-Reeve Tourney

Hatchet B-team will play South Knox at Barr-Reeve High School next Monday to compete in the B-team holiday tourney.

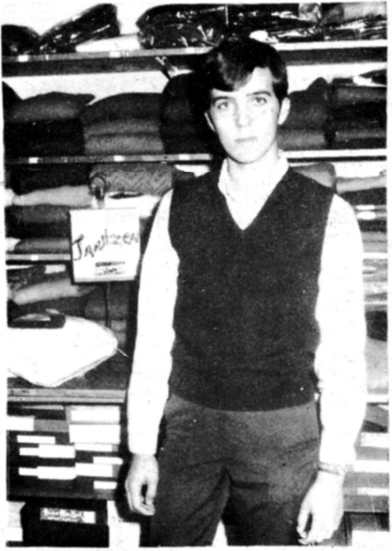
This will be a one day tournament beginning at 12:30 in the afternoon when North Daviess plays Barr-Reeve. Washington will play South Knox in the second game at 2 p.m. The losers will play at 7 p.m. and the winners at 8:30.

HUNTERS FALL TO HATCHETS

The Hatchets defeated their third opponent of the season as they romped over the Huntingburg Hunters 74-56. Doug Worrell was high point man for the Hatchets as he netted 16 points. Fred White added 15 points to the winning effort.

Washington was plagued with errors throughout the game but their good shooting brought the victory.

Winter Special



DONALDSON'S
TOGGERY

Senior Girls Take Betty Crocker Test

All senior girls in home economics have taken the Betty Crocker Homemaker Test. This is a nation-wide test given every year to seniors. It is approved by the North Central Association and the National Association of Secondary School Principals has also placed this activity on the approved list of national contests and activities.

The test included 90 multiple-choice questions and one essay question. Individual state and national winners will be picked. The national winner will receive a \$500 scholarship.

DRAPES TO BE FINISHED SOON

Drapery fabric ordered for the art gallery has arrived. Home economics classes are working on the drapes and hope to have them finished in the near future.

CLASSES HAVE CHRISTMAS TEA

A Christmas tea and social hour was given last Thursday by the Home Economics I and II classes for teachers and parents of the home economics students.

BETAS GIVE RECEPTION FOR HONOR STUDENTS

Beta Club sponsored a reception for honor roll students on Tuesday of last week in the school cafeteria.

Students enjoyed punch and cookies furnished by the Beta Club social committee. Records were played for entertainment.

The reception was given to congratulate honor roll students, and to encourage them to make the honor roll in order to be eligible for Beta Club.



LANGUAGE CLUBS BECOME FESTIVE

Walking by room 201, one might notice a brightly decorated present with a big red ribbon, a sparkling Christmas tree, mistletoe, fragrant pine and Merry Christmas wishes. This is the work of the French Club members. The French Club also has a bake sale Saturday morning and afternoon. Their Christmas party was held Saturday night from 7 to 10 at Chris Gwaltney's house. Christmas caroling was a part of their agenda. Some of the carols were Un Flambeau (O Make Haste, Jeanette Isabella), Je Est Ne (The Holy Infant), and Les Cloches de Noll (The Bells of Christmas).

The German Club will have a party at Sherry Mattes's house from 8 to 10 tonight. Refreshments will be served and games will be played.

The German Club has been selling Christmas trees at Osha's Greenhouse as a money making project for later use.

Christmas carols were sung in Latin at Monday's meeting of the Latin Club. Vernon Poland told about the Saturnalia, a Roman celebration at this time of year and discussed the carry-over of some of their customs in present-day celebrations.

RADIO CLUB LEARNS IMPORTANT OPERATIONS

The WHS Radio Club is a small group of students interested in Citizens Band and amateur radio. At their weekly meetings, the club sets aside time for code practice, an important part of acquiring a ham license. Three members presently have ham licenses and three have Citizens Band licenses.

When more of the members acquire ham licenses, the club can apply for membership in the American Radio Relay League. This will allow them to contact other schools on their radios.

Mr. Eugene Jones, sponsor

of the club, commented that any person who is interested in becoming a licensed radio operator could benefit greatly by joining the club.

At their last meeting the club elected officers: President, Richard Schue; Vice President, Robert Seat; Secretary, Robert Schue; Treasurer, Phil Moore; Business Manager, Alan Cavitt.

A model constitution was reviewed and plans were made to draft the club's own constitution.

Trained members are often a very valuable help in communications and even life saving in disaster areas.

FNA ENTERTAINS CHILDREN

Future Nurses sponsored a party for underprivileged children last night at the home of Sheryl Clifton. Each member was responsible for inviting and taking one child. Gifts were exchanged and games were played.

Karen Sommers read the poem "'Twas the Night Before Christmas." Refreshments were served and the children returned home.



THE GANG IS ALL
HERE
AT THE

Wardrobe

"WHERE WE SPOIL GIRLS"

Remember When....

Santa Claus was the center of your life. . .you learned all the words to "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer". . .Santa Claus appeared at the theater and you were about the first one there. . .you put cookies under the tree for Santa. . .you used to wonder how Santa got in when you didn't have a chimney. . .you got a "little ill" on Christmas candy. . .you used to want to put the Christmas tree up a month before Christmas. . .you learned the names of all of Santa's reindeer. . .you stayed awake on Christmas Eve to see if Santa's reindeer really could fly. . .you got the funny feeling that you wouldn't receive any gifts because you weren't on your best behavior all year. . .you sat and cried because you didn't get everything you asked for. . .

TV TEACHER VISITS CLASS



Mr. William Ausbury, U.S. Government and Economics TV teacher, is shown as he speaks to Mr. Kenneth Gray's government class.

Mr. Ausbury spoke to this class and to Mr. William Vaughan's government class last Thursday during fourth period. The classes asked him any questions they wished to have answered and he told how the program is done.

SPEECH CLASS STORIES
SERVE MANY PROGRAMS

"O come, O come, Emanuel!" is one example of Christmas stories given in Mrs. Leila Pate's speech class. A variety of interesting and unusual stories has filled the class with a new Christmas spirit.

Speech students have been determining the grade they think the speaker deserves and writing down comments and pointers of the speaker. The slips are then given to the speaker the next day to help him find his "weak points."



FILM IS PRESENTED

"Voyage of the Brigantine Yankee", a National Geographic film, was recently shown to the student body.

The color film, which has been shown on television, is about a ship "The Brigantine", and its voyages around the world.

The film is part of a series of educational films to be shown in cooperation with the Aetne Insurance company and Student Council.

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PIZZA HAVEN

Murals Give Cafeteria
Holiday Spirits

The two murals, pictured on the front page, were completed by art students and placed on the walls of the cafeteria, adding much beauty and Christmas spirit for all.

Winter scenes are displayed in the art gallery this month by art students, Donna Ricks, Debra Waltz, Becky Grimm, Vicki Littell, Terry Shields, John Wathen, Bob Burton, Dennis Boger, and Steve Schroeder.

These artists' pictures are for sale with the picture and the frame sold together. The student gives 20 per cent of his profit to the art department for a gallery fee.

One picture from last month's show ("Alley Cat" by Donna Ricks), was sold.



*Merry Christmas
And A
Happy New Year*



THE SPORTS - MART
"Everything for the Sportsman"

Consider Reindeer

by Vicki Green



At Christmas time, everyone begins thinking about the usual things connected with this holiday. Most of the children are filled with talk of Santa Claus.

Has anyone ever stopped to think, though, where Santa would be without his reindeer? Let's think for a moment of their duties on Christmas Eve.

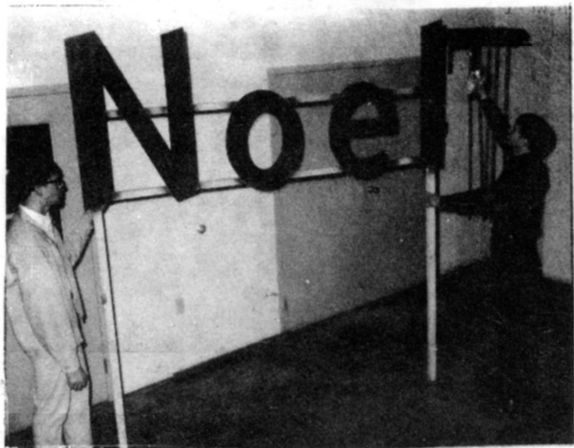
As Santa prepares to make his deliveries, the reindeer must be hooked up to the sled. Then, Santa jumps in with his big heavy bag of toys, and they take off flying through the air. Not just any reindeer can do this job of pull-

ing Santa's sled. It takes much experience to stay on the course as snow swirls around and the wind blows strong and cold. These reindeer know how important their job is and they never rest until the last present is delivered.

By the time all presents are delivered, these poor reindeer have flown all around the world and landed on many, many rooftops. Finally, they go back home to the North Pole and rest up for another year. Just as Santa, they have completed their task for another year.

TO SHOW some Christmas spirit, Jim Risch and Roger McDonald, students in Mr. Charles noble's third period metals class, made a Noel sign. These boys also donated the Christmas tree which is in the cafeteria.

Projects such as this give boys an opportunity to use the skills taught in class.



B TEAM cheerleaders Chris Burris, Diana Gharst, Diane Wininger, Emily Critchlow, and Martha Pridemore presented a skit at a pep session before the Bedford game.

Christmas Has Different Meanings

To children, Christmas may mean many toys, like a doll, a train set, trucks, and a miniature kitchen, or items like a sled, a basketball, skates, or a bicycle. And one cannot fail to associate children with Santa Claus.

To a teenager, Christmas can mean records, clothes, a camera, cologne, a watch, or going caroling at a nursing home, perhaps, and returning with the thought that one has made a few people happy who may never see another Christmas.

To middle-aged people with children, it means anything they need or want and having the pleasure of giving more than receiving. It means shopping for loved ones and a big Christmas dinner with relatives not seen for years.

To elderly people, Christmas means being showered with loving and thoughtful gifts from children and grandchildren and being very grateful for their families.

Christmas does mean many different things to different people, but to all, it first should mean the birth of Christ.

by Julie Tharp

SCHOOL TO HOST FOUR TEAM TOURNEY

Washington will host Terre Haute Garfield, Brazil, and Mitchell in the Holiday Tourney January 3 and 4. Mitchell meets Garfield in the first game at 7 p.m. Washington tangles with Brazil in the second game starting at 8:15 p.m.

Following the consolation game Saturday night, winners of games 1 and 2 will compete for the championship trophy.

