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Christmas

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New Year

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Miss Ask it Asks

THE QUESTION.

There is only one question in each person's mind at this season. How can you vary it? You can't! So we asked: What do you want Santa Claus to bring you for Christmas?

Mr. Byers: Better co-operation from boys and girls during Wednesday gym classes—a better disposition and more fun!

Miss Hunsberger: All the books that have been lost, plus some new ones. And a large workroom!

Mr. Pilarski: A new station wagon—any make—not only to haul my track team around but also the elementary basketball team—not to mention my "gang" at home: three girls and my wife. My poor old Ford has taken a terrible beating!

Miss Chapman: I would like to have Santa Claus bring me for Christmas at least six tenors who can sing at any hour of the day or night and especially at 8:00 a.m. without my having to beat them.

Mr. Wegner: Nothing for myself, but I hope that Santa Claus gives our returning backfield men some SPEED!

Mr. Holley: Many more basketball victories during '48-'49!

Miss Wolf: A whistle loud enough so when I blow it, people will stop talking.

Miss Fortin: I've thought and thought and thought and thought,

'Bout what I'd like for Christmas,
And as I gazed upon the wall
I saw that awful Macker-all.
And as I started in sheer disgust
I thought that someone surely must

Take that awful picture down
Before that man decides to
drown.

And now my plea turns earnestly
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TICKETS FOR THE RILEY GAME

Tickets for the Riley game, which will be held January 5, will be on sale TODAY in the office.

They also will be sold during vacation, during regular office hours.

The office will be closed all day before Christmas and the afternoon before New Year's

MERRY CHRISTMAS! — JOYEUX NOEL!

The Christmas Story

"And it came to pass, that in those days there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that the whole world should be enrolled . . . And Joseph went up from Galilee . . . to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem . . . To be enrolled with Mary his espoused wife, who was with child . . .

And it came to pass, that when they were there, her days were accomplished, that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him up in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

When Jesus therefore was born in Bethlehem . . . there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east and are come to adore him. And king Herod . . . assembling together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, he inquired of them where Christ should be born.

But they said to him: In Bethlehem of Juda . . . Then Herod, . . . sending them into Bethlehem said: Go and diligently inquire after the child, and when you have found him, bring me word again, that I may also come and adore him. Who having heard the king, went their way; and behold the star which they had seen in the east, went before them, until it came and stood over where the child was.

And seeing the star they rejoiced with exceeding joy. And entering into the house, they found the child with Mary his mother, and falling down they adored him; and opening their treasures, they offered him gifts; gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

—From the Gospels of Matthew and Luke.

BUON NATALE! — GLAEDELIG JUL!

FROEHLICHE WEINACHTEN! — WESOŁEJ GWIAZDKI!

BOLDOG KARACSON! — FELICES PASCUAS!

Who Will be Queen?

Christmas Seal Candidates

The annual Christmas Seal sale has been in full swing under the leadership of Mr. Herringer and the Hi-Y.

Each home room has chosen a girl to compete for queen of the Christmas Seal Campaign. The queen will be crowned today at the noon mixer.

The following girls have been chosen by their home rooms as candidates for queen:

- 102 Rita Klosinski
- 108 Dolores Miko
- 110 Irene Arelt
- 114 Stephanie Morris
- 116 Janine Banicki
- 117 Mary Jane Dobbelaere
- 118 Lorraine Sielski
- 119 Phyllis Dhaene
- 120 Alice Sabaj
- 121 Bernadine Jaronik
- 123 Frances Kopczynski
- 125 Barbara Tschida
- 126 Shirley Gwynn
- 201 Carol Guzowski
- 202 Jeanette Gorczyca
- 203 Betty Walorski
- 205 Geraldine Staszewski

Thanks, Loads

Y-Teen and Hi-Y Decorate School

A near miracle has actually happened. Washington has really been decorated for Christmas! All of this happened through the combined efforts of the Y-Teens and the Hi-Y. The two clubs got together on expenses and the putting up of decorations. Everyone hopes that this will continue as a yearly custom on the part of both clubs.

The following people gave up their own time Saturday morning and Monday after school to put up the decorations, etc.: Janine Banicki, Joanne Brezniak, Pat Bartkowiak, Pat Kus, Mary Ann Petrowski, Joan Nowicki, Renatta Kurpiewski, Fides Hojara, Jeanette Gorczyca, Barbara Hamilton, Louis Hauguel, and Joe Chrzan.

116 FILLS CHRISTMAS BASKET

All members of 116 may be proud of themselves. As a homeroom project, they made up a basket of food which was sent to a poor family for Christmas.

WHAT SOME FACULTY MEMBERS HOPE SANTA WILL BRING

(Recently, certain faculty members received inquiries from Santa Claus about a number of WHS students. The HATCHET'S Sherlock Holmes heard about it and herewith quotes from their replies.)

From Mr. Wright: Dear Santa: Thank you for the inquiry concerning Washington School students. It will be a pleasure to answer some of your questions and convey your suggestions to the students. Ed Kurpiewski needs a very large alarm clock. It may help him get to school on time and save his trying to convince us he was "ill." . . . I shall remind Jack Niedbalski of his promise to earn four credits next semester . . . Please Santa, bring a nice noiseless toy to Bill Yuhas. Then he can play in class and disturb no one . . . Yes, Virginia Eckenberger is a nice girl. I feel certain you can depend on her to use good judgment in the selection of her friends . . . The "Fearless Fosdicks" are rather harmless. They really are pretty nice boys trying to grow into manhood . . . "Baby Doll" is another name for Earl Miller. I am not sure how he got the monicker. So far as I know, he does not play with toy dolls . . . I've heard that Jim Zmudzinski plans to be a stage hand. He would much rather work on the stage than attend history class . . .

Has this been of any help?

From Miss Martindale: I hope you will bring Roosevelt Washington a "pocket-memory" bag with a zipper, that he may have a convenient storage place for all the things he should remember; that Willis James will receive a set of interesting topics for illustrative purposes in literature. He has practically exhausted the subject of girls; that Pete Smith will receive some sort of invisible "dispenser" that will enable other boys to acquire his poise and dignity.

From Mr. Halloran: I hope you will give a pair of roller skates to Leonard Deranek, so that he can cover more ground in the mechanical drawing room; several pairs of glasses for the boys that claim they can't see visible edges on objects drawn in mechanical drawing; escalators for the heavy boys that have to make the second floor and the mechanical drawing room; a couple of very low benches for the wood shop for the boys that insist on sitting down when they work.

From Miss Murphy: Please give Bob Cronkright a month's visit with the leading atomic scientists, so that he can learn "straight from

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CHRISTMAS

Again, we are approaching the anniversary of the birth of Christ. To some this anniversary has one meaning or significance while to others it has a different meaning. Many unthoughtful people have the idea that Christmas is a time for elaborate feasting, hilarious times, and unusual buying and presentation of gifts. The practice of exchange or giving of gifts has in recent years overshadowed the truer significance.

Let us on this Christmas anniversary remember Him who was born in a manger, lived on earth, and died on the Cross that we might have life more abundantly; let us exemplify and work for peace here on earth; let us be more considerate of other peoples, other countries, and other races; let us also be more tolerant of their religions and beliefs; let us not forget those that are less fortunate than we; let us not forget those that are shut in and those on beds of illness; let us on this sacred occasion banish from our thoughts all selfishness, all hatreds, and all those things which do not make for true Christian living.

May this Christmas be merry and joyful to all of you.

F. O. SCHOEPPPEL, Principal.

Good Start

Library Club Has 20 Members

The Library Club has gone into operation! The club consists of twenty members. The membership for this semester has been closed. All those still wanting to join should ask Miss Hunsberger next semester.

The first meeting of the club was held Friday, December 10. The members were taken through the library and the system of the library was explained. After the Christmas holidays the club will hold its meetings during sponsor hour every second Wednesday in the library.

The following people are now enrolled in the club: Anna Rose Szucsits, Rosemary Szabo, Loretta Taberski, Barbara Tschida, Florence Waggoner, Bill Yuhas, Geraldine Austin, Marie Ann Cholasinski, Adeline Ciesiolka, Betty Boosi, Dorothy Fleishaker, Marya Kania, Joan Pacholski, Clarine Payne, Dolores Perry, Josephine Przybylski, Mildred Sanders, Mae Sue Simpson, Mary Lee Singleton, and Patricia Kus.

Miss Ask-It

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To something I need desperately, My billfold, 'member, flew the coop;

Since then I'm really in the soup. Now if, by chance, you see it wanderin'

Coax it back and I'll stop blunderin'!

Now these two things will do the trick

When Christmas comes with ol' Saint Nick.

I guess you know I'm pretty blue —

Well, you'd be too.

P.S. We're sending a copy of the HATCHET to Santa Claus at the North Pole so he'll be sure to read this and pack his bag properly before he leaves Christmas Eve.

BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS!

WHAT SANTA WILL BRING —

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headquarters" that science is more apt to predict what will happen than to explain "Why?" . . . Bring Henry Woodard some luck in physics so he can earn that good grade his mother wants him to have (or bring him some "time" to study—that might do it!) . . . Please fasten to Ronnie Gadacz a new conscience that will torture him mercilessly whenever he does less than his best . . . I'd like Ed Rogers to receive a nice pair of gold-plated toothpicks to prop open his eyes in physics class . . . Jim Zmudzinski could use a volume discussing the relative merits of playing it smooth or playing it straight . . . May Eugene Csabi receive something to occupy his time and mind? He NEVER has anything to do in study hall—and of course he doesn't need to study . . . And may I make a request? Please send the HATCHET a dozen staff workers as loyal as Betty Ann Toth, Marie Schultz, Barbara Hamilton, Rita Reiter, John Petrou, Pete Smith, and Bob Sikorski. Could we use them!

From Miss Walsh: I wish you would bring Virginia Romanowski a dictionary so that she could learn how to spell "reciprocate" and like words, and wouldn't have to rewrite a whole letter to get around them by eliminating them . . . To every business education student knowledge of more words of the kind Virginia calls "high" words, for everyday use . . . To me a piggy bank so that I, too, can start assessing the gum chewers . . . To the Business Education Department a typewriter repairman all its own to put the typewriters back together as they break down . . . Every typing student a pair of kid gloves with which to handle the typewriters . . . Roosevelt Washington a memory aid so he will take his paper with him instead of leaving it on top of his desk . . .

From Mr. Myers: You probably remember when I sat on your knee in Woolworth's that time and you told me the things a good boy or girl should do . . . I find that few



FIGHT TB Buy Christmas Seals

of my friends qualify in every one of these rules so, . . . would you please bring them these "toys"? Bring Joan Badur some soothing throat medicine — she is such a quiet little thing. Bring Wanda Szymczyk an alarm clock to get her up on time and a string for her finger so she will remember to come to school if she hears the alarm. Bring Dolly Mae a mouthpiece that can't get lost. She worries so much over her present one. And please, please bring Lawrence Van Lake a cornet that can be played without practicing. And the wire recorder is so much fun and so revealing that we would all like one . . . Oh, yes, please bring a pretty girl to admire Don Jozwiak. He just doesn't have one at present.

From Mr. Covert: I want you to bring Melvin Lesniewicz — one girl friend, so he won't have to waste attention on so many girls; Pete Smith a watch with more

PANDAS BREAKFAST THIS MORNING

The Panda Club is having its annual breakfast this morning in the cafeteria. The menu includes tomato juice, orange juice, hot chocolate, sweet rolls, and marshmallows. All senior girls were invited to come. The cost of the party comes out of club treasury.

Gertie LeVan was chairman of the decorating committee. Also on the committee were Lily Benscics, Veronica Michalski, and Marie Gintert.

hours, so he will find a little time for his lessons; Betty Ann Toth an "A" in physics; Jack Niedbalski some ambition, so he can put his fertile mind to use; Jerry Szweda a beagle hound — for inspiration; Tillie James anything to keep happy except chewing gum: she has already chewed her quota.

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Why does Theresa Z. hurry from her foods class with her apron on? Is it because she wants a certain someone to see she can cook? . . . Why did Richard Williams come back to school so quickly? Could Pearl Swanson have something to do with it? . . . Which of the three blondes did Gene Kasper take to Rich's party? Come on, Kasper? How did you make up your mind?

Hey, Bernie! Who is that senior you are always looking at? . . . Rose Flowers and George Shire, what do you talk about every noon hour? Interesting? . . . What is this between Betty Tschida and Art J.? Pretty serious?

What do they do to the girls in the sixth hour gym class? That's what Miss Cooney asked . . . Casimer is trying to become one of the family already. Have you noticed how much he's been over to Lorraine's house lately? . . . Two great "buddies" like two great sisters. They are Willie Wills plus Margie Harris and Willie Gilkey plus Juanita Harris.

Baby Doll, why are you so anxious to meet M.L.P. of Oliver School? We didn't know you cared . . . Will Don Jozwiak, Ed Budny, and the Mejer twins ever forget those "Keep Off Sweaters?" . . . It seems that one certain Wednesday, Joan Badur and Wanda Szymczak didn't feel like dancing, so they took a little walk. Next, they were doing a little sitting—from 3:30 to 4:00 in detention hall. Double time.

Coach Sammy Wegner would like some nice senior boy or girl to will him a couple of good halfbacks and a good quarterback. Can somebody accommodate him? . . . The girls in the senior play are going to ask Mr. Casaday if they may use his costumes for the prom. Some of them are really nice! . . . It seems that Jean Olivet was so willing to take Lillian Szabo's and

A LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS

Going over the letter I wrote lately to Santa Claus, I realized I didn't mention anything about his bringing gifts to W.H.S. So in my next letter, this is what I shall ask Sana to bring:

A BOOK about "How To Get Your Man" for NANCY BADOWSKI to help her ensnare Smoogie . . . A TRICYCLE so that JOE SZUCSITS will be able to get around after his car degenerates (which isn't too far away) . . . A CLOCK for LILLIE BENC-SICS so she can time the time she spends worrying about getting her Civics assignment done . . . A SUIT OF ARMOR for MISS MURPHY so that when she's on hall duty, all the bumps will be on the steel, not on her.

A CALCULATING MACHINE to help BOB OGOREK do his algebra, so he can have more energy left to play basketball . . . A SWINGING DOOR for 116, so that the stream of button-losers, clothes-rippers, and ironing fiends won't disturb the students during home room period . . . A PLASTIC TOE for TILLIE JAMES who still complains of the after effects of soccer . . . A standing order of GUM for JOE CHRZAN, so he won't waste time mooching off someone else.

PAINT REMOVER for the Y-Teens. It will be very useful for them soon . . . A CHEMISTRY SET for GEORGE SHIRE, so that he can mix all the inflammable materials he wants to—all by himself! . . . A nice PLAIN TIE for MR. ROBINSON, who needs a change (at least his Civics classes think so).

A little DWARF for BETTY ANN T., to do all her worrying for her.

All I shall ask for is some nice white, flaky snow for Xmas eve.

"C" TEAM UNDEFEATED IN TWO STARTS

Again this year Athletic Director John Byers is continuing to coach the varsity "C" team. The

Joan Kilmer's picture at the Adams game, but could it be that a certain someone was sitting close to them and she also wanted his picture? . . . Becky Patterson finally made it! She has her first "A" in Civics! Her task was well-done!

team has looked good in winning their first games. They took their first from Riley by the score of 46 to 25. Sobczyk and Smith tied for scoring honors with twelve points; Bethel was not far behind with seven. The next game against Adams was tougher but our boys came out on top 19 to 14. Scoring honors again went to Sobczyk and Smith, with ten and six each.

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WHAT GIRLS SAY ABOUT BOYS

Why does it have to be like this? Why do the boys just want to kiss? No matter the face; no matter the name.

When riding along a road that's dark,
His strongest impulse is to park.
Maybe he likes the lipstick taste,
Or maybe he has some time to waste.

In the dark he sure looks queer,
With lipstick spread from ear to ear.

But don't worry; the boy you get will neck with you,
Because they know you want this too.

Norman Van De Sompele, 10B

8B NEWS

The eighth grade exchanged gifts at their homeroom party held this morning in Room 126.

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**Washington Nips
Red Devils**

Bill DePaepe with eleven points and Dick Strozewski with eight, two of them in the last three seconds, led the Panthers to their fourth straight victory and their first in NIHSC competition over Michigan City's Red Devils 36-35 on the Adams floor. Michigan City took an early lead and led at the end of the first quarter 13-12. Then early in the second period they reached a five-point lead and kept this margin till halftime, when they led 21-16.

The third period ended with the visitors leading 27-25. Then came the hectic fourth quarter. With a minute remaining and the visitors still leading 33-32, Ken McGowan hit on a one-hander to give Washington a 34-33 lead. But this lead didn't last long, for the Red Devils scored two free throws to lead 35-34 with only six seconds remaining. The Panthers quickly took the ball, passed to Strozewski and he did the rest. With about three seconds remaining, Dick shot a one-hander that flashed through the net, throwing the fans wild, and giving Washington a 36-35 edge.

Score by quarters:

Washington	12	16	25	36
Michigan City	13	21	27	35

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**Panthers Whips
Elkhart 42-37**

Displaying deadly skill in under-the-basket shooting, Washington's Panthers won their fifth game in six starts to date and heir second in NIHSC competition by defeating Elkhart's Blue Blazers 42-37, on December 16. The game got off to a late start; practically five minutes of the game had elapsed before Ken McGowan hit the game's first score. The first quarter ended with Elkhart holding a 5-4 edge.

Panthers Get to Work.

Then in the second quarter the Panther team hit for 16 point to hold a 21-12 halftime lead. In the last half, Elkhart gained two points in each quarter but this was not enough. The third quarter ended with the visitors trailing by 7 points 31-24, and as the final gun sounded the Blazers had gained only two more points on the Panthers, giving Washington a 42-37 win. Bill De Paepe again led Washington in scoring with 16 points.

Score by quarters:

Washington	4	21	31	42
Elkhart	5	12	24	37

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three. Willis James' Be Bops started off with a bang by winning their next three. Ben Stajkowski's Merry Maniacs have failed to win a game as yet.

The standings:

Team	Won	Lost
League Leaders	5	0
Capt. Don Wachowiak		
Celler Dwellers	3	2
Capt. Dick Fenimore		
Deadbeats	3	2
Capt. John Niedosick		
Be Bops	2	3
Capt. Willis James		
Shadracks	2	3
Capt. Jim Gostola		
Merry Maniacs	0	5
Capt. Ben Stajkowski		

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