



# THE PIONEER



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### Three Girls Take Honors in Room Designing Contest Home Living Project Proves Popular

Last summer at the San Francisco Fair people waited in long lines for a chance to view a famous collection of miniature rooms. Colleen Moore's doll house has won acclaim on a cross-country tour. Here at Southwest the miniature rooms designed and built by members of the semester one-Home Living Classes have been almost as popular.

Three faculty members, Miss Ernst, Miss Nuebling, and Miss Reilly, who were requested to serve as a committee to judge these interesting rooms, have reached their decisions.

#### THREE TAKE HONORS

Honors go to Nancy McKee, whose nursery was judged the most artistic; to Lucille Emmons, whose model kitchen was judged the most practical; and to Roberta Burke, whose nursery was judged the most original.

The nursery designed by Nancy McKee combines the delicate shades of pink and blue. An infinitesimal crocheted bedspread adds to the artistry of the prize-winning room.

Lucille Emmons' kitchen, which won approval because of its practicability, employs red and white as the color keynote with a touch of black.

The most original nursery, which was designed by Roberta Burke, was complete even to the baby. The crib was fashioned from pipe cleaners. Blue gingham curtains were hung at the window; and toys were scattered over the floor.

#### OTHER NOTEWORTHY ROOMS

Mary Jane Edmunds succeeded in furnishing a modernistic bathroom. A miniature cellophane curtain adorned with gilt stars added a refreshing touch.

Although the girls outdistanced the boys in the contest, Frank Ruma's kitchen won honorable mention. The room, decorated in orange and blue, had an inquisitive little dog sitting before the refrigerator. Bob Baumgarten turned in a well planned bathroom in red and white.

#### CERTAIN HIGHLIGHTS

Mary Xinos added an original touch to her bedroom by pasting an outdoor scene on the window.

Virginia Weckherlin's kitchen contained a sink carved from a bar of soap.

Ruth Andel crocheted dresser and vanity scarfs in lavender and white for her bedroom.

#### Mrs. Livesay Reports On P. T. A. Convention

At the regular meeting of the P. T. A. on December 19, Mrs. Livesay gave a report of her trip to the Missouri State P. T. A. convention in Kirksville.

The mothers were entertained by Southwest music students at the close of the meeting.

#### News Flash!

A last minute news bulletin which will serve to discount all rumors that Christmas will not be celebrated on December 25 has come from Santa Claus. Says Santa: "Politicians may be able to change every other date on the calendar, but nobody's going to rush me!"

### Virginia Edmiston Wins First Award In Poster Contest

Ten posters have been submitted from each high school to the annual Christmas Carols Association Contest. Southwest's posters came from Miss Lodwick's Art 2 and 4 classes. Each poster shows a candle or the suggestion of a candle; for the subject of the contest is "Light a Candle" to encourage St. Louisans to place candles in their windows on Christmas Eve as an invitation to the carolers.

Word has come that Virginia Edmiston wins first award in the high school division.

In the Art 4 class, the posters submitted were those done by Jimmy Dreyer, Virginia Edmiston, Oscar Eoff, Harris Gerhard, Marian Happel, and Lorraine McAnally. The posters from the Art 2 class were those of Helen Evanoff, Betty Gene King, Marjorie Lugenbeel and Joyce Reifess.

The poster by Jimmy Dreyer shows a small green Christmas tree with a large red candle to one side of it and a cunning kitten beneath the tree.

Virginia Edmiston's poster has a deep blue candle in the center with angels in varying shades of blue and red-violet hovering above the flame.

Oscar Eoff's poster depicts an angel done in a pale blue-green against pale pink clouds. The words "Be An Angel, Light a Candle" appear beneath.

The poster by Helen Evanoff has a rich red-violet circular background with a large candle balanced by a star.

In Harris Gerhard's poster, a small boy in green pajamas with a red candle in his hand stands before a window which looks out on a wintry scene.

The poster by Marian Happel shows a sweep of angels with a star radiating from yellow to green, one ray of which touches a tiny brilliant manger.

The main figure in Betty Gene King's poster is a white snow man holding a green candle against a dark blue-green background.

Across Marjorie Lugenbeel's poster is a broad purple band, to the left of which are three white candles, and pale blue and purple houses along the edges.

The poster by Lorraine McAnally shows a green stippled Christmas tree, with a long bending jack-in-the-box in front of it.

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### Awards Committee Approves Pep Clubs' Jacket Insignia

The Boys and Girls Pep Clubs, two different organizations, have acquired a club insignia, which has been approved by the awards committee. This insignia is round in shape and has "Southwest Ranger or Rangerette" (as the case may be) written on it. Separating these two words and in the center is the Southwest Longhorn.

These insignia are to be worn on the jackets of the Pep Club members.

Although these clubs are two different organizations, they have organized yells and sit in one section during athletic games.

The Boys Pep Club has elected Eugene Oxman as its president and Robert Lee as its secretary.

Both clubs welcome new members. If anyone is interested in joining, please see Miss Murray, Miss Price, or Dr. Gottlieb.

### Southwest Sells 452 Christmas Buttons

From the sale of Christmas buttons at Southwest on December seventh and eighth, the Tuberculosis and Health Society received \$45.20. Money collected from the sale of buttons helps to prevent tuberculosis by providing meals for needy children who attend the open air schools.

Groups which sold all of the fourteen buttons they received are 5, 14, 20, 21, 22, 27 and 34.

#### Auxiliary To See Star-Times Plant

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Southwest Patrons Association will have a conducted tour through the Star-Times Publishing Plant on Twelfth and Delmar on Tuesday, January 2, at 1:30 P. M. Mothers and friends are invited to join this tour.

### Mr. Seidell Guest of Honor at Tea Given for All Faculty Members

The Home Living Class 1-6 gave a Christmas tea last Monday, Dec. 18, for all the members of the faculty. As a special surprise to the faculty, Mr. Seidell was the guest of honor.

Mr. Seidell, Doris Bott, and Alvin Coulter comprised the receiving line. Evelyn Meyer, Mary Xinos, Nancy McKee and Betty Funke served the tea and coffee. Margaret Cadenback and Marion Croften saw that the refreshment dishes were kept filled. Gerry Seener and her committee composed of Lucille Schneider, Eugenia Halechko, Joe Rafter, and Bob Baumgarten furnished the guests with salad puffs. Cakes were supplied by Mary Jane Edmunds and her commit-

### Auditorium Session Tomorrow To Feature Christmas Carols

Attention, Please! Attention, Please!

"Attention, please! Attention, please!"—how familiar that greeting! Mr. Dee's making the morning announcements had become a real tradition at Southwest, and so unvarying was his schedule that one could set a watch by his voice, which came over the public address system exactly at 8:30:7.

But now, it is feared that those days are gone forever, since the public speaking classes are furnishing a different speaker every morning. The supply seems inexhaustible. One never knows what to expect, a deep bass voice, a mellow tenor, a pleasant alto, or a quivering soprano.

Though the speech classes may need their morning workouts, speculation as to who the day's announcer is drowns him out. Students really miss Mr. Dee's voice, and hope for his return to the ether.

### "Pinafore" Nets \$600 In Two Performances

Southwest's premiere of the operetta "H. M. S. Pinafore", on December 14 and 15, met with decided approval from students, teachers and parents. Every seat at each performance was sold.

Nearly \$600 was made by this production, part of which will be used for the expenses of the performances. The remainder will act as a reserve fund to help in the purchase of band uniforms and in defraying the many unforeseen expenses that cannot be met by Board of Education funds.

### Commentators, Soloists And Music Groups To Participate

The theme of this year's Christmas program, to be given tomorrow morning, is "The History of Christmas Carols." Selected commentators will narrate the history of selected carols. After each history, singing groups or soloists will sing the carol.

The following boys are to be commentators; Tom Cresswell, John Cyrus, and John Iacometti. The histories of these carols are to be given:

Silent Night.

Oh, Come All Ye Faithful.

What Child Is This?

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear.

Angels We Have Heard On High.

As this issue of the PIONEER goes to press, the program has not been formulated in its entirety; but the following numbers will be included:

Ave Maria, to be sung by Dick Watkins and played on the violin by Mary Lou Bosche with an organ accompaniment.

Oh, Star Divine, by Tannhauser, to be sung by a group of boys and girls who tried out for solo parts in the operetta but were not selected.

This will be followed by a Star Ballet, by the Waltz Group.

Three Wise Men by the Boys Glee Club.

Cradle Song of the Shepherds by the A Cappella Choir.

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear by the sextet.

Oh, Holy Night, by Gerry Stutz, with all the music groups and the chorus.

### Parent Organizations For All Interested

To those who are interested in Southwest High School, the idea of becoming a member of the Patrons Association and Ladies Auxiliary is in order.

The membership of the Patrons Association is composed of parents now having students in Southwest, those who have had children at Southwest, parents whose children will start attending Southwest in the near future and anyone in this part of the city who is interested in children and Southwest High School.

The Patrons Association meets the second Thursday of each month in the school auditorium.

The purpose of this organization is to render moral support to the principal, advisers and students and to furnish material aid to the school along lines which are not School Board duties. In this capacity it has spent more than \$1200.00 for the benefit of Southwest and its students.

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**Tidings of Comfort**

"Peace on earth and mercy mild" - - -

Christmas Eve. Lusty carolers with red noses and flying scarves. A candle in the window. Snowflakes here and there. Brilliant stars flashing like jewels in the sky. "God and sinners reconciled."

The words of the lovely carol from the radio in the warm comfortable room. Dad laboriously trying to make that lopsided star stand right on the peak of the tree. Mother in the kitchen deftly slicing her dark, rich fruitcake. "Sis" attempting to sing "Silent Night" in German and winning an ungrateful "Pipe down" from her brother.

People downtown. Grownups taking their last chance to gaze in rapt attention at the colorful display windows. Children tugging at their parents' arms and shivering with excitement. A middle-aged man buying all the mistletoe from a flower vendor with his happy, blushing wife beside him.

"Merry Christmas, and God bless you!"

**On Your Mark!**

With the issuing of report cards just before the beginning of the Christmas holiday season, many pupils discover that a resolution cast in the direction of making better grades would prove extremely beneficial. By this time even the nu-jays realize that somehow or other one just can't fail for nineteen weeks and then pass the twentieth. It's as impossible as squeezing toothpaste back into the tube. Why not resolve to pass from the first week of the term clear through to the last?

Every Southwesterner has his own personal resolutions among which might come such good intentions as:

- (1) Exercising will-power enough to refrain from chewing gum especially in study halls. Neighboring students just can't concentrate with short, explosive pops vibrating all around them.
- (2) Attending the basketball games and "rah-rah-ing" the Longhorns to victory.
- (3) Ceasing the practice of "scrooching" in front of someone in the lunch-check line. This resolution will increase one's popularity and guarantee a longer life.

For the benefit of the subscribers, the PIONEER staff is going to make a resolution too. The staff is going to make an honest effort to give to the student body the finest, most enjoyable school newspaper in the city. That's a tough resolution, but by hickory, it's going to be kept.

There's a week left in the old year to get in trim for these good intentions. The strain of being angelic will be considerably lessened by a preliminary trial.

Will January, 1941, find you recalling or practicing the resolutions you made in January, 1940?



At this happy season when we sing "Joy to the World" may we all be truly grateful for the blessings we enjoy and may our sympathy also go out to the many of other lands for whom this holiday season must be one of great sorrow.  
C. H. Sackett, Principal.

May the experience of this Christmas season make us all more kindly, more sympathetic, more anxious to do the right thing. And may our good resolutions for the New Year result in conduct that will make our school one that we shall be increasingly proud of.  
N. B. Dee.

The Southwest High School Patrons Association and the Ladies Auxiliary wish to extend to the principal, assistant principal, office staff, faculty, custodians and the students and parents of Southwest High School a very Merry Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year.

**Hark The Herald Angels Sing**



**A Thought**

As I sit before my window  
And gaze into the sky,  
I watch the clouds go floating  
past;  
And with a happy sigh  
A silent prayer I say  
To thank our Lord Almighty  
For keeping us away  
From clouded skies, with buzzing  
sounds,  
Where terror reigns supreme  
And takes from mortals the right  
To sit and peacefully dream.  
By Jean Hill

**Do You Know That**

1. Christmas at one time was celebrated on December the fifth?
2. Santa Claus was first a native of Holland where he was known as Saint Nicholas?

**Xmas Etiquette**

- Q. If I were invited to a family Christmas gathering, would a present be required?  
M. W.  
A. An inexpensive box of sweets is acceptable but not necessary.
- Q. What would be a suitable gift for a boy friend?  
M. F.  
A. Handkerchiefs, necktie, scarf or maybe a pipe if he smokes.
- Q. What should I do if get caught beneath the mistletoe?  
D. B.  
A. Use your own judgment. Let your conscience be your guide.
3. There will be nine and a half days of Christmas vacation?
  4. C. W. R's will begin about two weeks after the holidays.

**FASHIONS AND FANCIES**

By BARBARA LANCTOT

Christmas 75 years ago! Huge petticoats, crinoline, and pantallettes were the height of fashion. A devastating civil battle was being fought—and the dark cloud of war overhung the Yuletide spirit. Ladies carried themselves with gentle dignity and unhurried decorum, and the ability to waltz beautifully was a true accomplishment. The boy that carried the school girl's books and treated her to chocolate sundaes was called her beau; and if he dared, he called upon her Sunday afternoons and sat in grave discomfort and elegance on the horse-hair sofa. There were heated discussions about the current book called "Uncle Tom's Cabin," and favorite songs were by Stephen Foster. The candles on the Christmas tree were beautiful but uncertain, and folks delved into grandpapa's trunk for the hugest stocking to be found for the fireplace. Weeks before Christmas were spent in baking luscious fruit cakes and dozens of rich crispy cookies. The Christmas holidays were a mad rush of sleigh rides, balls, taffy-pulls, and one

glorious evening at a judiciously selected play. But whatever the year; whether hoop-skirts or flared knee-length ones be the fashion; whether Stephen Foster or Benny Goodman dominate the music of the moment, Christmas remains the merriest of seasons.

**Snooping Suzy:** Leroy Brummel looks surprisingly healthy after his recent appendectomy. But we have heard tell of the glamorous nurses at the hospital who probably didn't deter his recovery. How is the blonde, Leroy? . . . A veritable knitting orgy has been in progress since the operetta has been in rehearsal. Sweater, mittens, foot-warmer, scarves, and even a kitten's rug are in various stages of completion. Jean Fitch, B. J. Funke, Delphine Wolfe, and Laurel Klug are only a few of the would be grandmas. . . . Anderson Stock turned an embarrassed scarlet when he folded up into a box of stage scenery back-stage and was discovered by Mr. Dee with his left leg deep in a confusion of the fore-mast deck. *Poor Andy!*

**An Expert Speaks**

Last year on the last shopping day before Christmas, I scurried downtown. "Oh, wonderful," I crowed, "only three items to get. First I'll buy the bracelet for Anne." It took fifteen minutes and a week's supply of energy to get to the counter. I debated a dozen times between two charming bracelets, and then became engrossed in a family argument going on under my nose. Eight-year-old Sonny and Mama were buying Teacher's Christmas present. Sonny wanted a huge red Cleopatra poison ring. Mama wanted a smaller green Cleopatra poison ring. Sonny won.

I purchased my bracelet and shrank from the idea of buying two more presents. I went home, took an aspirin and firmly resolved to do next year's Christmas shopping in September.

What? Is my shopping done? Of course not. I'm going downtown tomorrow.

By Jean Schwarting

**Let's Get Acquainted**

At last you're going to have a chance to get acquainted with old Santa himself. He evaded us all over town but we finally caught up with him at Stix, Baer and Fuller. When we approached him he was seated on his imperial throne in the toy department of Stix, Baer and Fuller. He was surrounded by inquisitive youngsters, some eager to confide their secret desires, others, a bit sceptical, staring in wide-eyed wonder at Santa in the flesh. But whatever the response, Santa always had a question ready, supplemented with a winning smile.

"Hello, little boy, what do you want for Christmas? A scooter? Fine, I'll remember that. Have you been a good boy, eaten all your spinach and drunk your milk as you should? You have, that's a good boy! I'll see you on Christmas, then."

Old Santa, alias Mr. Charles Rehl, outside of his north-pole habitat, hails from Wisconsin and came to St. Louis with the prospect of some radio work in mind. The other eleven months of the year he is a professional actor and director, also an extensive radio worker. He is a great traveler as all Saftas should be, for, as he told one of his young customers, "Santa must fly from the North Pole to the South Pole."

"This is the first time I have worked here," said Mr. Rehl, "and I find it very enjoyable. This suit is not so hot as it looks but I do often need a drink of water."

"No, I never tire of smiling," commented Mr. Rehl, "I was born with a smile, and I hope I die with one. I love the children and enjoy portraying this part for them."

But now more pressing matters, in the form of proud parents and their offspring, presented themselves, so we took our leave with his friendly wishes ringing in our ears, "By, 'by, children, and a Merry Christmas!"



## Christmas, 1939

The shrill insistence of sirens rent the air; all around people ran but not without destination. Even a little ten-year-old girl walking her dog in Trafalgar Square knew the meaning of this warning and she instinctively turned toward the nearest bomb-proof shelter.

All the London streets having been cleared, the occupants of the Trafalgar Square shelter settled down to patient waiting. There was a strained, expectant look on every face. Silence alone breathed until suddenly a muffled sobbing caught the attention of the inmates. Frowns appeared on every English face to see one of their own countrymen voicing weakness.

"Shep", the little girl mourned, "where is my puppy-dog, Shep? Why didn't you let him in?"

The frowning faces flinched under the accusing question. A stern-looking elderly man spoke up.

"Let us hope that your dog will be safe as we are, but we cannot let him in now."

"What is your name?" another voice queried.

"Celia," was the low reply.

"We'll all look for your dog when this is over," volunteered another.

"Will you bring him to me when you find him? You see, mother is working all day and father is away, so there is no one else to hunt for him."

"Yes, of course," impatiently ended the older gentlemen.

Soon the alarm had passed and everyone went on his way. Celia traversed and retraversed the distance from Trafalgar Square over the Thames footbridge to Waterloo Station, near which she lived, but to little avail. The dog couldn't have run far, yet he was lost to her.

A notice appeared in the paper: "Lost, one small black spaniel, name Shep, by Celia—; return to Waterloo Station."

But no Shep was returned. Days, weeks passed. Every day was spent in searching and every night there were prayers. Christmas was coming soon and St. Nicholas was solicited by a light-haired girl named Celia, who asked only for her puppy for Christmas.

Finally, it was Christmas Eve, and the residents of a gloomy rooming house in London sadly shook their heads when they came to a little stocking hung in the living room, lit only by the candles on the tree. However, they filled the empty stocking with candy and fruit and hoped that the good Lord would find a way to fulfill Celia's prayers.

Next morning all the children trooped down in their pajamas to claim their stockings with delight. That is, all except Celia. Who can describe the grief of a child upon realizing his fondest hope has been shattered! But this child, who had seen much of grief and disappointment gulped back the tears and smiled thanks for what she had.

The Sevens and Eights gave a private roller skating party at the Arena yesterday, Wednesday, December 20. Only the senior groups were present.

## Mr. Clark Confers with Pupils Needing Educational Counsel

Do you need help? Here, at Southwest, when any of the students needs help in solving his school or personal problems, he may go to Mr. Glynn Clark, who is the educational counselor. Mr. Clark may be found in the room at the north end of the library the first, second, seventh and eighth periods. Students may be excused from study periods to go there.



The purpose of Mr. Clark's educational guidance, in his own words, is: "To assist pupils in any manner possible—including the type of subjects to choose for different plans after graduation, choice of fields of work, whether or not to attend college, efficient methods of study, requirements

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for entrance into special schools or colleges, and to help a student find his strong points in order to develop them further.

"This service is not intended to replace the adviser's work, but to assist in it and to provide a place where pupils may talk over their problems individually and confidentially.

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## Hollywood's Best

Christmas holidays just ahead! This means free time and the pleasant prospect of spending that money found tucked into the toe of the Christmas stocking.

Recent releases which are rated *very good* by the Better Films Council are the following: **The Man in the Iron Mask** starring Joan Bennet and Louis Hayward; **Rulers of the Sea** with Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. and Margaret Lockwood; **What a Life** with Jackie Cooper and Betty Field and **Ninotchka** starring Greta Garbo and Melvyn Douglas.

In a "ten best" poll conducted locally, the following pictures led the list for the year: **Goodbye Mr. Chips**, **Dark Victory**, **Mr. Smith Goes to Washington**, **Wuthering Heights** and **The Women**.

When better pictures are made, it will probably be because Southwest talent has arrived in Hollywood. Happy New Year!

## CONTEST

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and other vari-colored toys beneath the tree.

Joyce Reifeiss' poster depicts a fantastic mother and daughter, the mother in a green striped dress and the daughter in a red striped dress, with a green Christmas tree behind them and a red candle in the center.

If you get a chance to see these posters, on display at the Public Library on Olive Street, by all means see them. Take a hint from these posters, also, and make sure that on Christmas Eve, YOUR candle is lit for the carolers.

## The Forgotten Man

Christmas dawned cold and bleak and everyone was happy—except the filling station attendant. Before dawn the "Forgotten Man" was scurrying around his tiny office in a sleepy attempt to warm it up.

The first customer rolled in two hours later. Full of Christmas cheer and spirits (ahem) he wished the filling station man, "A very Merry Christmas."

The morning dragged. Nobody came. His dinner arrived via the little brother and the bus. Fork poised over a tempting hunk of turkey, he stormed when the island bell rang. The island bell rings when the wheels of an automobile roll over the strip of hose across the driveway.

Back he went. The afternoon dragged. A confused lady wanted to know the way to Grand and Kingshighway.

Night descended with a blanket of snow. Scattered customers.

Midnight! Time to lock up. What a Christmas for a filling station attendant.

## PATRONS

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Its monthly meetings are a fine opportunity to renew old acquaintances and make new ones.

The Ladies Auxiliary, composed of the ladies of the Patrons Association, meets the first Tuesday of each month at 1:30.

The Patrons Association and Ladies Auxiliary idea is a good idea, but it cannot accomplish its best unless all of its members are active workers. Democracy, our chosen form of government, finds opportunity for practice in organizations of this type.

These two organizations are not only a means of helping the children of the school; they are a civic duty.

The school needs your assistance. Won't you give it? Come and join either or both of these organizations.

## New Name of Humor Column Still a Secret

The artistic temperament of the PIONEER'S artist prevents disclosing the new names for the humor column until next issue.

Southwest's Angelo de Raphael feels that he needs more time for designing a head worthy of the column.

## Have You Bought Your Season Basketball Pass?

## Eyes and Ears of the Corridor

### Petition

Dear Senator,

The undersigned would like you to introduce into the Senate a bill by which jokes told over 4003 times would receive \$30 every other Friday.

Signed,

The-Long-Suffering-Public.

(Ah, lots of money for the PIONEER.)

Isn't it a shame Christmas comes during the holidays?

Nu-jay: "If 'East is east' and 'West is west', where's the twain?"

Senior: "On the twack."

### Ain't It the Truth?

Love's not sweet; alas, it's bitter!

Woo a girl and then not git'er. Ride'er in your trusty Ford—Then comes a guy with an aeroplane—

Love, you say? Oh gosh, what a pain!

By Oma Atkinson

### Solloquy

"Gee, I wish I had a history that would repeat itself."

Glennon Bretz: "My car is waiting without."

Eleanor Carey: "Without what?"

Glen: "Without gas."

What's the matter with the public speaking classes? "Southwest's glib-tongued salesmen have sold but one elevator ticket to the nu-jays this fall," complained the Senior Treasurer.

The barber asked Edgar Zaharia if he wanted a hair cut or just the oil changed.

Mistletoe is explained as "a good excuse."

## CLUB DOINGS

This afternoon from three to five o'clock the Sevens will have a private dance in the gymnasium. A recording machine will supply the music. Members of the faculty, including Mr. Young, Miss Meyer, Miss Mesloh, Mr. Clark, Mr. Kottkamp and Mr. Kent were invited. Refreshments will be served in the lunchroom. Only pupils of the seventh semester will be admitted.

On Wednesday, December 13, a group of eleven pupils from Hanley Junior High School presented before the Southwest Latin Club a Latin play called "Nil Umquam Ruri Accidit" or "Nothing Ever Happens in the Country."

Before seeing the play, the club held its regular meeting and decided definitely by a two-thirds majority vote that the name of the club should be the "Forum." When the group of visitors arrived the club called a recess and chocolate and cookies were served in the lunchroom.

The play, under the direction of Miss Helen Gorse, was given first in English then in Latin. Mr. Sackett and Mr. Dee were guests of the Forum which constituted an audience of 45 or 50. The meeting was adjourned at 4:20.

The Southwest Chess Team played Maplewood on December 11 at Maplewood. The first time Southwest met Maplewood, Southwest was defeated by a thirteen to one score; this time the team lost by the narrow margin of six to eight.

Seven games are played in a meet; each game won counts two points; a tie counts as one point for each team. Ralph Rott, Nicholas Nauert, and Alvin Acton gained the six Southwest points.

The Sevens were called to a special meeting in Room 400 during the first period on Tuesday, December 12. By secret ballot, Tom Cresswell, Bill Booton, Edgar Zaharia, Gladys Hill, Jean Schwarting, Betty Cohen, and Bernice Hay were elected to represent their class at the Student Council meetings from January to June, 1940. From this group the Student Council president and the officers will be chosen.

These Sevens will be organized as a group next semester with their advisory in Room 400 and Mr. Baker as their adviser.

### 'Twas the Night Before Xmas

'Twas the night before Christmas; And all through the house Not a creature was silent, Not even a mouse.

The stockings were luxured with a great deal of care

And hung by the chimney to dry in warm air.

The children were rushing to dress for the dance—

To a hot jam session they soon were to prance.

And Ma in her formal, and I in top-hat

Had just called a cab, and waiting we sat.

While we were waiting for the cab driver's call,

We decided to wish — Merry Christmas to All!



# SPORTS

## BASKETBALL GAME, JANUARY 12

### Southwest Meets Soldan in 2nd League Battle

Basketball has again come to Southwest and Coach Gerber has announced the team.

On December 20 Southwest opened its league season against Blewett.

The team was hard hit because of the loss of six lettermen who formed the usual starting lineup.

The team is to be without a captain until the end of the season when they will elect him.

The members of the team are: Nick Bova, Bill Daly, Ted Derringer, Joe Eichner, Kermit Fales, Jack Haisley, Bill Marlo, Bob Marshall, Jim Moore, Paul Magoon, Linton Roberts, Jack Spenkoda, Lloyd Steinmeyer, Don Svoboda, Bill Treptow, Bob Treptow, Dick Warren and Al Westwood.

The league schedule for Southwest is as follows:

- January 12—Soldan.
- January 19—Beaumont.
- January 26—McKinley.
- February 9—Roosevelt.
- February 16—Cleveland.
- February 23—Central.

All these games will be played at the St. Louis University gym on West Pine just west of Grand.

### Basketball Passes Not Selling Well

"The sale of basketball season passes hasn't been moving as fast as it ought to," reports Mr. Chervenka, Southwest's league representative to the Athletic Council. "Of course, the season isn't very far along yet and no doubt many more passes will be sold."

The teams in the league are fairly matched and the season should close after many hard fought games. As this is Southwest's second year in the league it is probable that the team will make a better showing than it did in the first season.

Passes may be bought from Student Council representatives, any member of the basketball squad or from Mr. Chervenka in Room 112.

Come on, students! Why not buy a pass now and come see our basketball team go places in the league?

### NINETEEN FOOTBALL BOYS EARN LETTERS

Nineteen of Southwest's football squad were awarded letters by Coach Kittlaus.

They are: Gordon Bischman, Leroy Brummell, Harold Crocker, Leo Donati, Lyle Downing, Fred Fairchild, Charles Feeney, John Galimberty, Vincent Garegnani, Harris Gerhardt, Melvin Keaton, Fred Kleisly, Paul Magoon, Joe Messana, Bill Oehler, Linton Roberts, Vernon Schmiderer, Richard Warren and Edward Winkler.

### Southwest Loses First Game to Roosevelt, 25-15

Southwest opened its second year in interscholastic basketball competition on Friday afternoon, Dec. 8, playing Roosevelt High School at Roosevelt.

Roosevelt took the lead and held it. The Longhorns tried hard to overcome this lead but to no avail. The game continued in Roosevelt's favor and ended with the score, 25-15.

Toward the end of the game Lloyd Steinmeyer and a member of the Roosevelt team almost came to blows.

At the half the Roosevelt Rough Riders were leading by a score of 14 to 5.

The line-ups were as follows:

SOUTHWEST	F.	G.	F.	T.	P.
Westwood, r. f.	1	3	1		
Fales, r. f.	0	0	0		
Marshall, l. c.	1	0	1		
Moore, l. c.	0	1	0		
Marlo, c.	1	0	1		
Treptow, c.	0	0	0		
Steinmeyer, r. g.	1	1	2		
Roberts, r. g.	0	0	0		
Spenkoda, l. g.	1	0	0		
Gerringer, l. g.	0	0	1		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>		

  

ROOSEVELT	F.	G.	F.	T.	P.
Metzlar, r. f.	2	0	1		
Reed, r. f.	0	0	0		
Flachsbart, l. f.	0	0	0		
Luzicky, l. f.	0	2	0		
Haskenoff, c.	1	0	3		
Marrow, c.	0	0	0		
Boecler, r. g.	1	0	0		
Keller, r. g.	3	1	1		
Moore, l. g.	4	0	2		
Nelson, l. g.	0	1	0		
Stiger, l. g.	0	0	1		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>		

### Quiz

- Q. "What makes the street cars in Chicago so crowded?"
- A. "Passengers."
- Q. "What does one hat say to another hat?"
- A. "You stay here; I'm going on ahead."

## ZAHARIA'S COLUMN

MEET — Mr. William A. Gerber, basketball coach here at Southwest. Mr. Gerber was born at St. Paul, Minn., way up north "thar" where it goes to 40 degrees below zero. (Does he look like it?) Following graduation from a St. Paul grammar school, Coach Gerber attended Mechanical Arts High School at St. Paul. Normal College of Physical Education at Indianapolis was his next camping ground. He took his Bachelor's Degree at the University of Minnesota.

By September of 1924 he was physical instructor at Tower Grove Turner Hall here in St. Louis.

### A Variety of Experience

He can also be considered quite a man about town, having supervised physical culture at our elementary schools, as well as at Soldan, Roosevelt, Cleveland and Central High Schools, before coming to Southwest.

Football became part of his work while he was assistant coach at Roosevelt.



### Swimming Team Competing With District Squads

In a few weeks the Southwest swimming team will again enter into competition with other high schools in the district.

Coach Kent feels that with a year's experience behind them, the boys will make a better showing, but they will be competing with others with three years' experience. With this in mind the school should not expect too much.



The schedule for the team is not yet complete, but Mr. Kent is making it up as rapidly as possible.

The members of the swimming team are:

- Jack Buhler
- Ken Brinsa
- R. Brochmeier
- Dick Barnard
- E. Crawford
- Calvin Duke
- L. Tugua
- Bob Goldin
- W. Huckins
- Purdue Gould
- Melvin Karr
- Eugene Moore
- Bob Olde
- Frank Piskos
- Jack Seeler
- Mack Stone
- Burton Turner
- E. Tremayne

### Senior Survey

Seasons Greetings, seniors!

This is the time of the year when good will and happiness prevail. With mistletoe, holly, spicy odors of cookies and cakes, glittering decorations, and gifts of all sorts and shapes, we herald this Christmas and New Year.

Arthur Sommerville seems to be trying to collect a new "amorous" ornament for his Christmas tree. At this time of the year anything can "Hampton!"

Inquiring of seniors what they desire most for Christmas I discovered fur coats, cars and watches took the lead. Flora Hruby wants a phonograph. "Flora," sweet girl as she, Santa can't refuse.

Barney Steinger is so balmy about Tweed perfume, that he fairly eats any girl wearing it. Beware, you Tweed indulgers! Suggestions for gifts for seniors.

Dorothy Le Pique — a bib so that when she powders the "Le Pique" nose, she can't spill it all over her dress, as usual.

Andy Efthim — a dictionary to look up unknown words that he's curious about, and an "Andy" cane!

Vernon Kuellmer — some funny book, and new jokes for his column of nonsensical remarks.

Mabel Drane — a square meal, for she has been on a liquid diet. She had to "Drane" all of her food.

Charles Davis — a C. O. D. gift. Senior boys — lawn mowers to mow off those long bobs.

May your Christmas be a merry one, your holidays continuous fun, and your New Year full of happiness, good luck and prosperity. Inky.

### Xmas Shopping

The vain attempts of a flurried mother

To keep one eye on bobbing Brother

And choose between two gifts with the other,

That's Xmas shopping!

And Papa's famous juggling act That changes fiction into fact Cannot be overlooked with tact, For that's Xmas shopping!

### Betty Rascher Makes Her Own!

Betty Rascher, a sixth semester student, confessed a very original scheme for obtaining her season's greeting cards. She makes her own!

Betty collects last year's cards; and after cutting out pictures and verses, she reassembles and pastes them on stationery according to her own inspiration. Presto! She has unique Christmas cards at her command!

### Open Letter to Santa Claus

Dear Santa:

Please, oh please, Santa, bring Coach Kittlaus several new backfield stars; Coach Gerber, an experienced basketball star or two; Mr. Rush, a few good debaters and an eight-day week (two Thursdays); Mr. Monachesi, carton of cough drops, pop corn, candy, etc. E. Z.

### Good Times Ahead

Hi-ho away we go! So sing many Southwest students looking forward to journeys during the Christmas holidays. And are they to be envied!

How would a trip to Texas suit you? Lucky Nancy McKee is leaving December 20. Or maybe, if you would prefer a little more southern accent with your Christmas, Kentucky would interest you. Bernice Hay is looking forward to a lot of fun down there.

Another traveler, Jocille McIntyre, is leaving Christmas morning for Topeka, Kansas. She expects to be there in time for that delicious dinner, and is going to stay a few days. (To recover from the hearty meal?)

The West seems to have a strong pull around Southwest. This time it is Oklahoma. Lois Arbott is very much excited about getting started for the "wide open spaces."

The stay-at-homes seem to be in for a good time, too.

June and Jean Schwarting and other members of the Sub-deb Club are going to have a progressive dinner, Wednesday, December 28.

The A Capella Choir members are planning for a lot of fun at a roller skating party. Thrills and quite a few spills are in order for the day.

Upon inquiry, Charles Neighbors admitted that he was going to stay up Christmas Eve and "wait for Santa Claus." Tch!

Tch! He's getting to be a big boy now and someone ought to warn him so that he won't be too disappointed.

Pat Holston, Marcella Robert, Bill Eberle, Gareth Gish, and many other students have stated that sleep is definitely to be one of their main joys during the holidays.

Anyway you look at it, you'll have to admit that the Christmas holidays of Southwesterners are bound to be a success.

### SOCCER TEAM DOWNS NORMANDY KICKERS

The Southwest soccer team defeated Normandy by a score of 4 to 0 on December 12. Longhorn John Galemberli starred for Southwest, scoring three goals and being instrumental in the fourth. Galemberli was a guard on the Southwest football team.

### WHY NEWSPAPERS ARE LIKE WOMEN

1. They are thinner than they used to be.
2. There is a bold faced type.
3. Back numbers are not in demand.
4. Every man should have one of his own and not chase after his neighbor's. —Ex.

### ODE TO ST. LOUIS

In the city, as I wander Up and down the busy streets, Seems I'm always wiping, wiping Smoky matter from my cheeks.

When the winds are slow To the clouds the smoke won't go; It settles here and there And every person gets his share.

At the hour of two or three, Occasionally the sun we see. To me this smoke affair's no joke, For sometimes I nearly choke. By Paul Magoon