

Traditional aud telling Christmas story in music and scripture set for Tuesday

"Early on the day before Christmas (next Tuesday) and all through SW," senior members of A Cappella Choir will be heard in the halls singing favorite and familiar carols.

Then at 11:15 a.m. in the auditorium, the choir, with the combined music groups and orchestra, will present their traditional Christmas program of sacred music and carols, with Rich Gephardt reading the Christmas story, according to St. Luke. Narrator for the program will be Alan Antoine.

The orchestra will open the program with a medley of Christmas carols, while the audience sings. Boys' Glee, accompanied by soloist Sandy Britton, will sing *Beautiful Savior*. Girls' Glee will be joined by Junior Girls' Glee in *Gesu Bambino*, with Judy Van Fossen as soloist. Then Mary Bonacorsi will accompany Girls' Glee as they sing the *Shepherd's Christmas Song*.

Soloist Donita Thompson will sing *Coventry Carol* and Lyn Wiesehan, *Ave Maria*. Other soloists will be Bery Bays singing *Sweet Little Jesus Boy*, Laura Robinson singing *I Wonder As I Wander* and Judy Mandeville contributing *O Come Emmanuel*.

A group made up of Carol Spellmeyer, Linda Dembeck and Bev Smith will offer *The Holly and The Ivy*. Then Barbara Robinson will do a Christmas reading. Sam Lirely, at the organ, will furnish much of the background music.

For the eleventh consecutive year, A Cappella Choir, the Glee Clubs and Orchestra will close

the program, in a grand finale, with Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus*; while, for the first time Advanced Chorus joins them. Earlier in the program Advanced Chorus will sing *O Holy Night* from the balcony.

Thanks to Mr. Young and Mrs. Markman, two new features have been added to this year's program. Mr. Young has in-

cluded the clergymen from the churches of each of the SW students to attend the program and Mrs. Markman reports that her art classes have made a brand new backdrop which will depict the Nativity Scene.

As you leave the aud, the choir will *Wish You A Merry Christmas*.

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What's in the wind

- Tomorrow . . . Cagers meet Vashon at 3 p.m. at St. Louis U. gym.
- Monday . . . 8:30 p.m. . . . Choir sings on KETC-TV.
- Tuesday . . . Christmas aud at 11 a.m. At noon Christmas vacation begins.
- Dec. 26 . . . basketball Christmas tournament opens.
- Jan. 2 . . . back to school.
- Jan. 7-10 . . . CWR's.
- Jan. 11, 3 p.m. . . . basketball vs. Soldan at St. Louis U. gym.
- Jan. 13 . . . night basketball vs. St. Louis U. High at their gym.
- Jan. 14 . . . senior luncheon in cafeteria . . . that night Lettermen's dinner for lettermen and their dads. At 7:30 p.m. PTA meeting.

to prepare a talk, she will deliver a four to six minute speech on the subject she drew.

Two will emerge victorious from this competition, Amy explains. Next will come zone eliminations, then State, Regional, Sectional and finally, National.

"The National prize is certainly worthwhile — a \$4000 scholarship to the college of the winner's choice," comments Amy.

Dramatics 1 to present play at nujay aud today

Today, the third period, the freshmen will see a play, "A Christmas Promise" by Helen Louise Miller, produced by Dramatics 1-23 under the direction of Miss Gould Meenach. The play was presented to the PTA last Tuesday.

The setting is the living room of the Collins home. The family consists of Mr. and Mrs. Collins, their teenage daughter Patty and son Greg. Girl-shy Greg (Don Stuckel) is a woman-hater . . . or at least he thinks he is!

Wanting Greg to attend the annual Junior Cotillion at his high school, his mother (Sue Ingebritsen on the Tuesday show; Pat Russo on Friday) promises her next-door neighbor, Mrs. Spencer (Carol Streich-

Three Tracks Nujays to start new system

"One of the serious problems in American public schools is the great difference in the learning ability of our pupils. A teacher has a hard time giving enough attention to slow-learning pupils; and, therefore, has to take time from the fast learners." This is a quotation from the letter Mr. Philip J. Hickey, Superintendent of Instructions, sent this month to parents of children in the elementary schools.

Beginning in January, Mr. Hickey pointed out, students will travel on three separate "tracks" in high school. Those scoring high in reading, lan-



Some of the senior members of A Cappella Choir who will carol in the halls Tuesday morning.

Kuehn wins first place in Xmas poster contest

First prize in the Public High Schools Division of this year's Christmas Carol Poster Contest was awarded last Saturday to Margaret Kuehn of Miss Boedeker's art 3 class.

Featured in Margaret's composition is a white stylized, modern Christmas tree. The stiff, extending branches hold sparkling candles of white with red-orange flames. A row of ornaments on the bottom branch of the tree spells out the word GIVE. "The lettering was beautifully and carefully done. Margaret worked hard, even taking her study period time so that she could meet the deadline," commented Miss Boedeker.

Nikolette (Nikki) Jakovac, of

Mrs. Markman's art 4 class, won honorable mention. Vocal point of Nikolette's poster is a turquoise candle with an amber flame. Behind the candle is the shadow of a dark brown building to contrast with the light brown background. White letters spelling the word GIVE line the left margin.

Eight others from SW entered the contest. They were Shiela Fletcher, art 1, James Morris, Karen Duchek, Linda Boeser and Ed Schlottach, art 4, all members of Mrs. Markman's classes; and Shirley Ballowe, Georgia Dunlap, Carolyn Butler of Miss Boedeker's art 3 class.

Entries were judged in 11 groups according to grade and type of school. The contest was open to public, private and parochial schools.

Entertainment for last Saturday's presentation ceremony was furnished by O'Fallon Technical High School A Cappella Choir, singing a series of Christmas carols.

The posters entered in the contest may be seen in the main hall of the central library, Fourteenth and Olive Streets, where they will remain throughout the holidays.

13 SW essays to be published in '58 anthology

Thirteen SWerner's essays will appear in print in the 1958 edition of the national essay anthology, "Young America Speaks."

Semesters two and seven, with four apiece, will have most contributors. Participants for the twos are Carol Duncan, Barbara Livingston, Catherine Zulauf and John Baker; for the sevens, Georgia Lampros, Marilyn Prichard, Mary Ann Leontsinis and Carole Treichel. Other SW winners are James Caleshu and Judy Mandeville, eight's; Janice Watson and Marilyn Ashe, five's; and Patricia Bauman, one.

The secretary of the association, Dennis Hartman, sends his congratulations and hopes we will think of the anthology as our book, made possible by our interest.

SW has topped its own record for the number of essays accepted this year with the 13 entries. In '52, '54 and '55 there were nine.

guage and arithmetic tests when they leave the elementary school will take a program of study including four years of English, three years of social studies, two years of mathematics, a laboratory science and a foreign language.

If the pupil makes "average" scores on the test, he will follow the Track 2 course in which he chooses his own "curriculum." He may choose the "College Preparatory Curriculum" and take about the same kind of work as a Track 1 student. He may choose business education, industrial arts, home economics, or a fine arts curriculum, with certain courses to fit that curriculum.

Pupils making below "average" on the test will follow the Track 3 course. This course will not be too hard for him and will meet his learning needs.

If a Track 2 student does very good work in high school, he may move into Track 1. A Track 3 student may work into Track 2 or maybe even Track 1 with very superior work. On the other hand, a Track 1 student who does not do his work may be moved to Track 2 or even to Track 3.

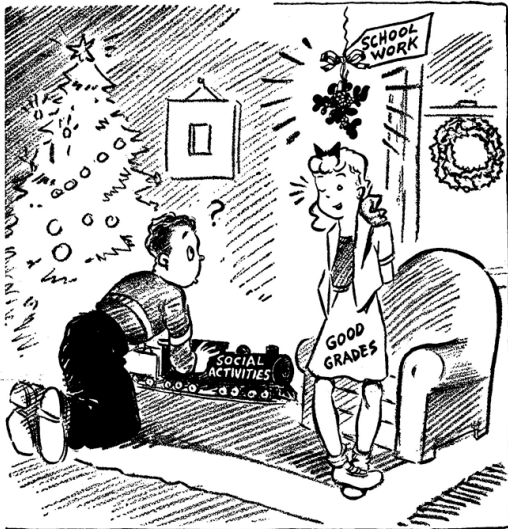
"All this means that we expect our children to work hard at getting the kind of education they ought to have," Mr. Hickey's letter concludes.

er) that Greg will be happy to take her wall-flower daughter to the dance.

Meanwhile, Patty Collins (Ann Hanson on Tuesday, Nada Klumeyer on Friday) makes a date for him with Jeff Ramsey's (her boyfriend) pilly cousin. (Jeff to SWerners is Bob Mathews.

Meantime it happens that Mr. Collins' boss and his daughter are snow-bound in the city and can't return home for Christmas. Naturally Mr. Collins (Jim Garner) promises that Greg will take her to the dance.

Now Greg has three dates for the Christmas dance! Amid laughter, the freshmen will watch Greg wiggle out of his problem of promises and they will learn who he really does take to the dance.



SW Santas help St. Nick in city stores

by Linda Boesser

Merry Bobbi Randall, the only girl in her trig class, reports that it is "just another class" to her. That's what she said.

Christmas shoppers take note: Be sure to buy all your Christmas trappings from Santa's SW helpers, Marvin and Paul Koenig, who sell trees at the Hampton Lions' Club tree lot; Jack Palmer, who sells them at the St. Louis Christian Orphans Home; Linda Hoyt, who sells wreaths and artificial trees and Brenda Boyce, who sells ornaments and lights.

And now for the embarrassing moment of the first basketball game. A SW player in the "B" game with O'Fallon took a shot at the wrong basket. Fortunately, with real skill and forethought, he missed the shot.

Happy new papa, Mr. Dripps, announced the arrival of his second son on Dec. 1. Young Donald Andrew Dripps weighed in at seven pounds, eight ounces.

New and neat are the shaggy boy sweaters SW gals have adopted. Tana Lalumondiere is seen wearing a gray cable-knit pullover, Jan Gerheuser, a beige one, while Cecelia Barnard has one in a deep shade perhaps best described as charcoal green. Babs and Rita Anderson, Pat Hase and Carole Hahn are also seen in these sweaters with the hand-knit look. They're really popular—even the boys are wearing them.

Year—There will be a reward for the best sentence submitted beginning with the word "year."

CONFIDENTIAL FILE: Thru our underhanded sources, we learn that Sue Naylor is an official member of the Smokey Bear Junior Forest Rangers.

SNIPS* Loretta Clark, Sharon McCormick, Pat Matheny, Fred Grabe.

*Want to See Name in Pioneer. (Fooled you! Betcha thought we'd say "Prom")



Hope your Christmas'll be merry
Full of fun and good cheer,
And here's Season's Greetings
From all on the "Pioneer."

Wanted . . . one green tree

by Tony Browne

Recently I went to a small Christmas Tree Stand to buy a small Christmas tree.

"I'm interested in buying a tree," I told the beaming salesman. "Surely! Now, here we have a beautiful white Christmas tree for only . . ."

"Uh, couldn't I have a regular, old-fashioned green Christmas tree?"

He looked as if I had asked for the moon, gift-wrapped, delivered to my door.

"A green Christmas tree? Gee, I don't know that I've ever seen a green Christmas tree. Now, ask me for a white, or red, or blue and I've got it. But a green one . . ."

A second salesman came over. "Whassa matter, Charlie?"

"Gee, Joe, this guy wants a green Christmas tree!"



WHAT SHATTERED YOUR BELIEF IN SANTA CLAUS? (Asked during the sixth lunch period.)

Diane Thomas: I put cookies, candy and milk out for Santa and when I snuck downstairs for a peek, my mommy and daddy were eating them.

Margaret Ahrens: I heard rumors around school and then went home and made my mother confess.

Sandra Schaefer, Elaine Tietjens, Betty Middleton: You mean there isn't one? How could the Pioneer spoil my Christmas this way!

Martha Manley: I discovered one of my presents hidden in a closet. I aggravated my mom until she finally told me the truth.

Madeline Bequette, Nancy Steinmann, Jane Crawford: When I discovered that the Santa Claus in Maplewood had a beard that could be removed, because I removed it.

Barbel Holtmann: When I peeked into the living room, I saw my mom decorating the

"Do you have to be different?" Joe asked me.

"Well, I've always had a green Christmas tree since I can remember. It doesn't have to be big. A small green . . ."

"Are you sure you wouldn't like this blue one? Or this nice purple one over here? Or this one? Or this?" Joe pointed to a whole row of rainbow colors.

"But I want a . . ." But Joe and Charlie were huddled in a corner, gesturing wildly. Finally Joe came over.

"Now you got Charlie all upset. Please buy a white, or red, or blue, or . . ."

I am a determined guy. I bought a white tree. And a can of green paint.

I now have a green Christmas tree.

tree and putting the presents under it, instead of Santa.

Janet Ker: I told him I wanted a baby sister for Christmas and when he didn't bring me one I demanded an explanation.

Pete Ditrapani: When my mother used my money to buy my own Christmas present, I knew then.

Claudia Bay: When I saw mommy kissing Santa Claus . . . only Santa had his beard off and he was my daddy.

That Christmas feeling

A four-year old girl spoke in wide-eyed anticipation of the doll she wanted Santa to bring her this year. And her teen-aged sister suddenly realized that she herself had lost something very dear, the excitement that used to go with Christmas.

But was it all loss? Of course, as one grows up, Christmas is no longer dolls and plastic dishes or fire trucks and guns. Now we are able to understand the real Christmas, the soft and yet brilliant glory of that fateful day, 1957 years ago.

Though in some ways we resent growing up, we can't deny the happy, glowing feeling as the choir, in massive voice, sings the Christmas story. We can still enjoy presents, but now we add the association of the three wise men giving to the Christ-Child.

In this vein we feel sorry somehow for the tots who do not yet have the real Christmas in their hearts.

Help for integration ills

1957 will soon slide into the pages of history leaving behind a record of strife and prejudice, not only in Russian satellite countries and the Middle East but in the United States as well.

As cases in point, consider these. The U.S. government had to send troops to Little Rock to prevent racial violence. Is this something to be proud of?

Thirty-seven citizens of Chicago were injured one Sunday afternoon in that city's worse race riot in years. Is this something to be proud of?

The Pennsylvania State police had to guard the home of a Negro in Levittown, Pa., against his heckling neighbors. Is this something to be proud of?

In 1958, will these acts be repeated? Racial violence could become history and prejudice would cease if everyone, both white and colored, remembered and observed the principles behind the Declaration of Independence.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

season: "Santa and the Satellite." This and Jan Pierce's "Christmas is for Children" are good seasonal recordings.

'White Christmas' still a favorite

by Amy Bolton

"I'm dreaming of a White Christmas . . ."

Turn on the radio these days and you hear the familiar strains of "White Christmas" as it is interpreted by any of your favorite singers. Many songs have been written since Irving Berlin penned this beautiful song, but none can take its spot on the Christmas Hit Parade.

Pat Boone, the Ames Brothers, Paul Mikkelson and Mario Lanza all deserve full stockings from Santa for their albums featuring the beautiful Christmas songs. For Christmas with a rock 'n' roll beat, try the controversial Elvis Presley "Christmas Album."

Buchanan and Goodman (Flying Saucers) have done it again! They have made such a hit with their novelty records that they have now recorded a new one appropriate to the

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Seniorinos at last Oswald R. Zorch reveals 'Big Break'

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas . . . (Everybody's dreaming of a white Christmas . . . white Cadillacs, white ermine, white cashmere . . .) Just like the ones I used to know (home was never like this) Where the treetops glisten (Dad, you can't sprinkle trees in the winter) and children listen, to hear (Oh, that's smart — "to listen to hear") Sleighbells in the snow (a flock of 'em flew over that time)

Chorus: Boom a-lacka, boom a-lacka, boom a-lacka, boom. (One more time) Boom a-lacka, boom a-lacka, boom a-lacka boom. May your days be merry (So you get your finger caught in your locker door and get A

periods for littering the hall) and bright (OK officer, I'll confess, just get that bright light out of my eyes) And may all your Christmases be white (But I want a gray and white stripes with my number on the back like all the rest of the fellas).

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Helpful Hints for the Homely at Christmas Time . . . Have your friends been bothering you lately? Do you get that urge to kill? Join the Fry A Friend Club. You, too, can be an honored guest at the weekly friend fries. Don't delay—join now!

Here it is! According to the Bureau of Standards and Statistical Research for the Development of Interscholastic Missiles, under the guidance of Oswald

R. Zorch, our tabulations reveal that there are only 13½ days until graduation. Oops, pardon me, Oswald, did you deduct the lunch periods plus the time for passing over the time for sleeping in class? Oh, no, not this again. Sorry, we'll have to reveal this information to you in the next and (sob) final issue.

Want to get away from it all? Here's how. Get a cyclotron and be the first kid on your block to be the ONLY kid on the block! Think of the fun as you watch your friends split into smithereens!

With these pleasant thoughts we leave you. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Xmas comes early to 110 SW families

Christmas arrived early at the homes of 111 SW students. These SWerners gave their parents the welcome gifts of 4 A's or more as early Christmas presents. More homes of three than any other semester were made happy, with 29 of them acting as early Santas. Next came 22 sevens.

Here they are, the 111 studious super students:

Semester eight . . . 5 A's—Judy Mandeville. **4 1/2 A's**—Linda Boeser, James Caleshu, Joyce Vierheller. **4 A's**—Brenda Boyce, Virginia Burrs, Pat Fremon, Roberta Randall, Sandi Schrand, June Shankland, Mary Lou Shanahan, Susan Sparberg.

Semester seven . . . 5 A's—Sandra Evaneck, Nancy Heyl, Susan Jones, Dave Markel, Larry Mocerli, Susan Naylor, Mary Jane Paxson. **4 1/2 A's**—Marilyn Mantle, Lynda Nagy, Richard Pinckert. **4 A's**—Jay Baldwin, John Bauer, Ron Cole, Georgia Lampros, Art Meyers, Barbara Moeller, Carolyn Utz, Marilyn Prichard, Barbara Robinson, Judy Sievers, Doris Smelser, Bette Tappella, Donita Thompson.

Semester six . . . 5 A's—Penny Hartzell, Sandra Ince, Mary Ann Schmidt, Ronald Schowalter. **4 1/2 A's**—Joan Vosbrink. **4 A's**—Phyllis Duffett, Barbel Holtmann, Sue Ingebritsen, Marilyn Spiedock.

Semester five . . . 5 A's—James Carothers, Diane Krauss, Wayne Shannon, Roxane Speros. **4 1/2 A's**—Marilyn Ashe, Patricia Bauman, Kay Farthing, Nada Klusmeyer, Jonnie Muench, La Donna Woods. **4 A's**—Marge Connelly, Jane Fox, Bruce Geiger, Dorothy Gerber, Ann Hanson, Robert Hoffstetter, Carole Hughes, Valerie Rudolph, Janet Selig, Janice Watson.

Semester four . . . 5 A's—Laura Carmichael, Jim Merod. **4 1/2 A's**—Marcella Milcic. **4 A's**—Bonnie Bills, Tom Homan, Arthur Loeschner.

Semester three . . . 5 A's—Fred Brinkop, James Cook, Barbara Eaton, Carolyn Ehrman, Bill Grana, Ruth Huebner, Jerry

Traveler

Beincke going to JAMCO meet

Dennis Beincke, a five of Mr. Dodson's advisory, is going traveling during his Christmas holidays. The home office of the Junior Achievement has asked him to be a delegate to JAMCO (Junior Achievement Mid-Winter Conference) to be held Dec. 26-29 in Des Moines, Iowa.

On Christmas night he will leave St. Louis by train for Des Moines. At the convention, like all conventions, he explained, there will be meetings with reports explaining how to promote sales and take care of production and company operations. And, of course, there will be social doings, such as parties and dances. About 50 delegates from the St. Louis area will attend.

A Junior Achiever for three years, Dennis is currently serving as president of Wag-Jac, the company sponsored by Wagner Electric. His company, to which Jordann Eggers and Roger Hall, both semesters 7 also belong, manufacture hurricane lamps to sell.

At the J.A. Talent Show, last

Johnson, Kenneth Velten. **4 1/2 A's**—Linda Dummeyer, Grant Fults, Steve Goldman, Elaine Higeman, Joan Lowry, Marcella Morgan, Mary Ryan. **4 A's**—Berl Bays, Tom Berkeley, Douglas Bickerstaff, Rosalie Boneau, Barbara Brewster, Georgia Dunlap, Kathy Featherstone, Kathleen Lewis, Connie Neatherton, Lois Oliver, Verena Scharer, Dot Sydow, Gwendolyn Whitworth.

Semester two . . . 5 A's—Norman Lemme. **4 1/2 A's**—Barbara Barrow, Carol Lee Duncan.

Semester one . . . 5 A's—John Fall, Alan Rawizza. **4 1/2 A's**—Carolyn Baum, Patricia Baumann, Carol Bittner, Mary Schoenbeck, Susie Spiedock. **4 A's**—Nancy Coburn, Bill Roch, Kenneth Roth.

SWerners travel coast to coast during holidays

"Ladeez and Gentlemen..." (Friends, this is your favorite announcer Medwick R. Durrow, coming to you from Madison Round Garden with the most thrilling event of the season. In a 24-hour long program, we are bringing to you an on-the-spot report of what the world-famous SWerners are doing over Christmas Holidays. The program has already begun, so by whispering into our mike, I'll try to relate to you the events already covered.)

California bound

Right here on this very stage we were going to have Jim Heyd, but unfortunately he had already left for the Rose Bowl Game in Pasadena, California. Those enthusiasts whose motto is "A rabbit a day keeps the doctor away," Dick Kimerle, Dave Behrens, Walter Ashbridge and Tony Browne were on the program to demonstrate their skill at taxidermy. Future Olympic champions Shirley Oswald, Bobbie Randall and Dottie Timmons will prove their prowess on ice.

Out Texas way

Now that you're up to date, we return you to the announcer on stage. Come in Osgood B. Zlich! Ladies and Gentlemen, standing in the wings we have several world famous travelers. Come on out and take a bow, folks! Graham Havener will travel to Dallas, Texas and Bill Arthur will vacation in the Ozarks with his cousins. Well-known geographer Harold Funke will go to Michigan to study the land while visiting his grandparents.

School Daze

His breath sends signals

Miss Reilly's English lit class was deeply immersed in Chaucer's amazing powers of description, and a few lines were read about one of the characters, the Summoner. He was described in perfect detail, even down to his diet.

"Now," asked Miss Reilly, "if the Summoner walked into this room, how would you recognize him immediately?"

Barbara Anderson, semester eight, volunteered that his horrible face would be recognized easily.

"Yes," pursued Miss Reilly, "but how else would you be able to recognize him?"

"Well," blurted Barbara, "he ate garlic and onions."

summer, Dennis traveled to Indiana University where he won first place with his satirical monologue. He has also served as chairman for the Mississippi Valley Conference.

Summing up his activities in Junior Achievement Dennis says, "There are many and terrific advantages for those who work on Junior Achievement."

The Inside Story

Reporters probe Santa's secrets

by Marilyn Mantle and Susan Naylor

"Santa, could you bring me a doll that cries real tears this year?" asked the tiny little girl as she gazed up trustingly. After a quick glance at her Mommy, Santa wrote on his list "One crying doll for Karen," and another youngster went away dreaming of Christmas eve.

Then he turned to greet the next child, "when what to his wondering eyes should appear," but two Pioneer reporters about to climb on his lap.

Santa, who has been visiting Sears and Roebuck for the past five years, smiled down. "Don't tell me you're going to ask me what I want for Christmas?"

Saint Nick had been busy that

day talking to 150 St. Louis youngsters about packing his sack with the train, nurse kit, or baby brother to be left at each house when Santa makes his rounds. A few of the young sophisticates queried testily as to the whereabouts of Mrs. Santa and Rudolph and the other reindeer. Mrs. Santa, they heard, it still supervising the work at the North Pole, but she'll be down for Christmas eve. Rudolph's taking care of the reindeer down in the basement.

"I got this job through the personnel department," Santa told us. "The manager called me and asked if I would be Santa, since I lived in the neighborhood. Of course, I accepted."

This jolly man, Mr. H. E. Randolph, a retired real estate broker, spends most of his time on his farms in Colorado, Missouri, Illinois and Indiana.

After Santa assured us that our Christmas eve dreams would come true, we took our candy canes, bid him "goodbye" and fought our way through the throng of busy shoppers.



Pioneer reporters Naylor, left, and Mantle surround Santa.

Diane Fridley will spend her holidays practicing up on her horseback riding for the shows in the spring. Frank Westerman, Dick Strader, Fred Marty, Dennis D'Amico and Bruce Geiger are attempting to travel to East St. Louis in a 1929 Model T Ford. Among those planning to "doctor their empty wallets" are Jerry Timpe, Linda Shields and Pat Hase.

Starting early

Just a moment, ladies and gentlemen! To my right are two young ladies asleep. I believe it's Wilma Leithausner and Gail Schrand. Well, I guess since that's all they're planning to do during the holidays, they've started early.

Friends, I'm afraid our time is running out. Wait, we have a message from a gentleman in the audience. Yes, sir, we'll read it right now. Here it is: "Hello, I'm Gary Duecker and I'm a party doll. Hi, Ho, Pioneer!"

Yma gets 'em all shook up

by Barbel Holtmann and Carole Hughes

"Barbel, when you finish applying that eyelash curler, let's go up to the toy department."

"Don't be juvenile, Carole! Let's look at something interesting like records."

"My goodness! I've never seen so many people in a record shop in my life. What kind of records did you say your sister liked, Carole?"

"Well, she has a peculiar taste in records. But come to think of it, she has a peculiar taste in most things."

"I know just what you mean. My bratty sister went out the other day and actually bought a record called 'Magoo on Hi-Fi.'"

"Well, my sister likes Yma Sumac."

"Who in the heck is Emma Summuck, Carole?"

"Not Emma Summuck, Barbel, but Yma Sumac. She's an Indian type Julie London."

"And your sister likes her? I can understand your brother-in-law liking her, but your sister?"

"Let's listen to her anyway, Barbel."

"Oh miss, miss! Yes, you with the hair on your head. Could you open one of these cubby holes for us?"

"Barbel! I'm embarrassed! Gracious, the way you act!"

"Mmm, my but this looks interesting. Five little buttons on the right hand, three little ones on the bottom and two big knobs. And what's this, a needle?"

"Carole! Carole! What's the matter? Are you sick? I hear a low moan."

"Oh shut up! That's Yma Sumac singing."

"Psst, Barbel. There's something wrong here!"

"Speak up, Carole. I can't

hear you over that moaning Indian."

"Barbel, that's not Yma Sumac, there's something wrong with the record player. Barbel, you're not helping much by fainting. I've got the record off now. Come on, hurry. I'm going to buy a Christmas present for my parakeet."

Slightly used cars delight of SW Sams

by Jim Caleshu

Although the new '58 Detroit chrome wagons are out, there are a few SW Sams who wouldn't give them a second glance.

Like most teenage boys they like cars, only they like their's slightly used. Two in particular, Jerry Hirsch, a seven of Miss J. Mueller's advisory and Perry Gaines, a five of Mrs. Kelly's advisory are firm believers in the axiom, "They don't build them like they used to."

Jerry's pride and joy is a black, four door 1934 Oldsmobile with white-walls and a continental kit. This refugee from a hearse factory is very easy on the pocketbook, says Jerry. Even if it wasn't it would still be cheap since he paid only 40 dollars for the car.

Perry's heart belongs to two . . . cars, that is, Model A Fords, vintage '31 and '29. The '31 is a yellow and black two door sedan with only 75,000 miles on it. A four banger, auto talk for a four cylinder engine, pushes this relic to almost 80, downhill, that is. His other possession was once a truck until the termites ate the wood and made it a station wagon.

Cagers vs. Wolverines tomorrow in league play

Tomorrow afternoon at 3, SW will meet the Vashon Wolverines at the St. Louis U gym. After losing their first league game to Cleveland, the Longhorns will try to get even with a win.

The Steers will participate in the Christmas Tournament again this year beginning Dec. 26 and ending Saturday, Dec. 28. There will be 16 teams in the tournament and all of the games will be played at Hadley.

Since it will be over in three days, the process of double elimination will produce a winner by Saturday night. The games will be played in two sessions, doubleheaders afternoon and night. The losers of the first game will go into the consolation bracket.

Webster, 69—SW, 59
The Steers were handed a 69-59 loss by Webster Groves last Friday at Webster.

Don Spencer and Gary Gruenewald each dumped in 20 points.

McBride, 60—SW, 57
McBride, a strong team, was forced into overtime Dec. 11

Palmer, Gebhart make All-District high school team

National attention during the last month has been focused on college football and the selection of the most outstanding players for the All-American football team. This is done every year by such publications as *Look* and by such organizations as AP, UP and others.

But closer to the hearts and interest of St. Louisians and SW'ners is the annual selection of the All-District football team, composed of the city's most talented products of prep play.

The *Post-Dispatch* and *Globe-Democrat* have picked SW Co-Captain Jack Palmer as the best end of this area. He was also elected for the Public High League All-Star team. "The All-District teams are chosen by sports writers and coaches, while each team



All-District fullback, Bill Gebhart

Champs' pictures to be seen in hall

Two new sets of composite pictures will soon be seen in the "Hall of Fame" opposite the office. They are of the two championship teams at SW, our football and tennis teams.

The individual pictures which make up the composites were taken at the Vincent Price Studio and paid for through

by the Steers at the Hadley gym. The final score was 60-57, with SW on the short end.

It was a close battle throughout the game as shown by quarters:

Micks 10 17 10 17 6 60
Steers 11 15 11 17 3 57

High pointer was Gary Gruenewald with 19. Jim Graves, hitting 9 out of 10 from the free throw line, had 13 markers.

Cleveland, 65—SW, 48

The Cleveland Dutchmen, with the aid of Ron Yanker's 32 points, defeated the Steers 65-48 Dec. 7 at St. Louis U gym. Cleveland has won eight straight from SW in previous years.

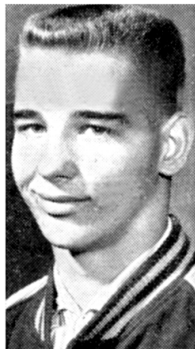
SW hung on Cleveland's heels through the first half, but fell behind and stayed behind at the opening of the third period.

Don Spencer was high-man with 15 markers. Jim Graves shot a hot 5 for 7 from the field and one free throw for 11 points, which Gary Gruenewald also had.

SW, 69—O'Fallon, 45

After getting off to a slow start, the Steers won an easy victory over O'Fallon, 69-45, at their opening game Dec. 3 on Roosevelt's stage.

The Cagers led throughout the contest as Gary Gruenewald hit for 31, Al Berving for 16 and Don Spencer for 13.



All-Star end, Jack Palmer

in the PHL votes on an All-Star team, composed only of players on their opposing teams," Jack explained.

Bill Gebhart, the other co-captain, was selected as fullback on the Post's All-District and PHL All-Star teams. To both players these honors came as a "complete surprise."

G-Man George Galakatos is on the *Post* and *Globe's* All-District second teams and the PHL All-Star team. Guard Jay Baldwin also was elected to the *Post's* second team and the PHL team.

Other players receiving honorable mention on All-Star PHL team were Rich Green, tackle; Bruce Geiger, halfback; Rich Witte, linebacker; and John Meyer, tackle.

"These boys were certainly deserving of the honors they received. May they have many more," smiled Coach Jim Kenny.

the Athletic Fund.

Coach Kenny of the football team said that the pictures will be put up before the end of the semester, so graduate lettermen can see them.

Both pictures will be arranged the same way, with individual photographs of the players

An Editorial SW salutes its great teams

by Bette Tappella

This has truly been an outstanding semester in the history of SW sports.

Not only have our tennis and football teams walked off with the PHL championships but they have also compiled outstanding records that will long live as a monument to their skill.

The tennis championship trophy, now seen among the other SW laurels in the corridor trophy case, was earned by the brilliant record of 40-0.

The football team can boast of an equally glorious PHL record, that of 8-0, and also they allowed no opponent to score a TD. This record has never been equaled in the PHL since records started being filed 12 years ago and will probably remain the acme of football achievement for many years to come.

But not allowing any TD's and winning the League championship was not enough for our Steers . . . they had one more goal in mind . . . and they again emerged victorious! On Thanksgiving day SW won its first city title and by thus doing brought more honor and glory to SW High.

We of the PIONEER staff join with the entire school in thanking Coach Close and his championship tennis team and Coach Kenny and his championship football team for gaining such outstanding momentum in the field of sports and for putting the name of Southwest High School where it belongs . . . in the ranks of CHAMPIONS.

New shop man originates club for boy bowlers

When Mr. White, SW's new shop instructor, came here this semester, he brought with him an idea from O'Fallon—that of a boys' Bowling Club.

When he made this idea concrete, many boys replied enthusiastically and now the SW Boys' Bowling Club has a membership of 60. The new officers are Ron Graves, president; Glen Hoffmeister, secretary; and Frank Karsznia, treasurer.

The club meets on Tuesday at Arway. There are 16 teams, each consisting of four members who bowl three games apiece.

Vince Italiano claims the high average of the club with a 178 after five weeks of competition. The highest competitive game bowled so far is 224 by Dave Twist.

Dues of 10 cents a week are being collected to pay for trophies, which will be awarded at the end of the semester.

PUBLIC HIGH LEAGUE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT at Hadley Dec. 26 through Dec. 28 TICKETS AT THE DOOR

around a picture of the trophy won.

Shooting Stars

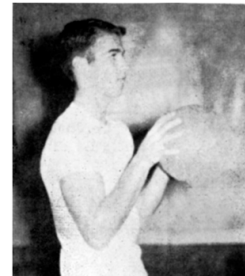
Guard Berving, no. 13, old hand at basketball

Who is this cager star? He weighs 170 pounds, stands 5'11", is a seven, his position is guard and his number is 13.

If you guessed Al Berving, you were right. Al started playing basketball when he was a one on the B-team. His third semester he continued playing on the B-team but half-way through the season he was transferred to varsity, where he has been ever since.

About the team's chances, Al stated in his usual low monotone voice, "If Gebhart and McDowell get well and back in the game, our chances will be much better."

Basketball isn't Al's only interest: he likes the outdoors, especially if he has a gun in his hands. Besides hunting and his studies, Al has time for



Al Berving . . . he has played basketball since his first semester.

only one girl whose name starts with a C, as in Cyrilla.

After he graduates next June, he plans on going to college, where he will study chemical engineering. After that it's back to high school for Al, only this time he will be the teacher. The subject? Naturally, chemistry.

Buchholz competes again

Cliff Buchholz, a one of Mr. Merchant's advisory, competed in the United States Indoor Junior and Boys Tennis Tournament at the 138th Infantry Armory on Dec. 1.

In the quarter-finals of the recent tournament, Cliff beat Herb Fitzgibbons of New York in a singles match, but lost to

Francisco Castillo from Michigan. Castillo went on to take the singles title as boys' winner, an honor for which he received a trophy.

In the same tournament, Earl Buchholz, Cliff's brother, was upset by Rod Susman in the semi-finals, but later teamed with Chuck McKinley, junior singles title winner, to take the junior doubles crown with a 6-1, 6-4, 6-1 triumph over Gerald Dubie and Ray Senkowski of Michigan. This win marked Earl's fourth straight indoor doubles crown.

Then Cliff teamed with Frank Froehling of St. Louis and played in the boys' doubles, but they were beaten by "Champion" Castillo and Herb Fitzgibbons. Cliff is rated the number one player in his class in the whole Missouri Valley and is well on his way to fulfilling his ambition of winning the National Boy's Championship.

On Dec. 16, in a radio interview, Bill Talbert, Davis Cup coach, said that Earl, Jr. (Cliff's big brother) is the best prospect he's seen for a future Davis Cup Team.



THE HEAT IS ON!!
Still leading in the basketball tournament is Carolyn Hughes' team with a perfect record of 9-0. The team of Salle Eschrich and Dale Schoenbeck are tied for a close second, with eight wins and only one loss. A 6-3 record ties Charlotte Webster's team and Marilyn Prichard's for third. If at the end of the tournament, ties are not broken, it will be necessary to have play-offs.

On Nov. 19 GAA was host to a basketball team from Soldan who won a heartbreaker from SW. The final score of this game was 17-16 and Carol Hahn scored 8 of SW's 16 points. On Nov. 22 Soldan was again victorious by a one-point margin, 34-33. Judy Mueller's outstanding performance was scoring 23 pts. This game was played in the Soldan gym. "Our girls made excellent showings in both games," said Miss J. Mueller, "but the breaks were just against us."

IN RECIPROCATON for an invitation last spring, the SW Girls Bowling Club invited the McKinley High club to bowl at Arway on Nov. 22. SW girls made use of all their bowling skills, winning three out of four games by a grand total of 263 more pins than McKinley. Barb Steber had high game with a 167. Pat Critchfield walked off with two top honors, 308 for high doubles and a 154 high average.

Twiehaus possible skating champion

Another possible champion, a roller skater, is enrolled at SW. He's John Twiehaus, a two of Miss Kronlein's advisory, who started skating 14 months ago at a rink in Alton, Ill. It wasn't long before John entered the Illinois State Meet and now he plans to take part in this year's Midwest Regional competition.

John receives his lessons free . . . the instructor is his mother, a roller skating teacher at the Arena. He takes proficiency tests once a month to check on his progress. On Oct. 27 he passed two of these tests, the bronze medal dance and the two-bar figure test.

Nineteen hours of practice a week and twice as much during the weeks just preceding competition is his training schedule. His hard work and determination should help him realize his ambition, that of becoming a world champion.