

Concert Held Monday



Mr. Shultz directed the band at the December 11 concert.



The combined chorus groups sang for an appreciative audience Dec. 17. Honor chorus members wear robes. Girls glee and seventh grade chorus members are also in the group. Mr. Drake directed.

Gee, wasn't that a great concert Monday night, the 11th! Oh, what a crowd was there--probably over 500 people who applauded enthusiastically.

When it all started, all of us singers went on the stage and risers. This was some 150 students. Then Mr. Drake talked about the songs we were going to sing.

The Seventh Grade Chorus sang "Pin a Star on a Twinkling Tree", "What Child Is This?" and "Sabbath Prayer" from "Fiddler on the Roof." The student accompanists, Jill Domer, Tracy Wamke, Debbie McCleary, did great. The soloists, on "What Child Is This?", Paula Collins, Connie Panek, and Dave Norris, were greatly appreciated by the crowd.

The Girls Glee Club sang "Let it Snow" and "A La Nanita Nana". The accompanists were Brenda Hauck and Joy Carstens. It's great to have students who are able

to do this.

The Honor chorus sang "Alleluia", "Christ Was Born", and "Gloria". Cindy Luebbert, Sue Atwater, Kathy Allen, Carrie Welsh, and Jeane Hutchins sang so beautifully as soloists for "Christ Was Born". Once again the student pianists, Patti Weber, Karla Briles, and Steve Hatcher did a great job!

Now came another hit--the band, all 72 members. The crowd just loved them. They played: "Hosts of Freedom", "Chorale for Brass", "Castle of Dreams", "Balladair", "The Lighter Side of Christmas", "Vaudeville Favorites" and "White Christmas".

Thanks to Mr. Shultz for the band, Mr. Drake for the vocalists, and Miss Sloth, accompanist, everything went just great. Many thanks to all who participated in the concert. It turned out to be a hit.

Merry Christmas

Annual Home Ec Playday A Success



Thursday, Dec. 14, was the day when the annual Home Ec Playday at C.B. Vernon Junior High took place. The eighth grade girls were busy in entertaining the children with stories, songs, games, and even puppet shows. Mrs.

Borg said there were approximately one hundred children who attended one of the five classes. You can be sure that the girls were just as excited as the kids about the Playday and probably had just as much fun, if not more.

INDUSTRIAL ARTS

This quarter in industrial arts, everyone is required to make two projects, a sanding block and a card holder. After that they have a choice of many things such as a gun rack, a bird house, and many others. So far, most people are still on the card holder.

The first quarter we had drafting. The third quarter we will be working with electricity and motors. We will take some engines apart. The fourth quarter will be metal working.

Mr. Cahalan helps a lot. He hands out sandpaper, tells what needs to be done on the project and demonstrates how to use the tools and how to go about a project. Industrial arts is off to a good start!

7th ART STUDENTS

The seventh grade art students are painting with water colors. After Christmas the teachers will judge these painting. Five dollars will go to the lucky winner, and he will also have his paintings framed and titled. Then it will be hung in the school.

There are lots of different pictures being drawn. Some are houses, the moon and earth, landscapes, bottles and dishes, and animals. It will be interesting to see all the finished pictures.



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EDITORIAL:

CHRISTMAS IS . . .

Christmas means many different things to all of us. Here are some Christmas thoughts.

Christmas is--

- an array of stockings hung by the chimney
- the holy birthday of the Christ child
- a huge evergreen tree decorated with cherished ornaments that grow dearer with each Christmas
- untangling a seemingly endless string of lights for the tree.
- finding that the cookies and milk you left for Santa have disappeared
- hearing reindeer prancing on your roof Christmas Eve
- looking under the tree Christmas morning and finding Santa's been there!

CHOOSE PLAY CAST

Dramatics Club met and chose a play, "The Little Red School House". There were separate tryouts for boys and girls parts. Mr. Gaede helped cast the girls and Mrs. Larson helped cast the boys. Tryouts were in November. There were parts for eight girls and six boys.

Characters are Connie Panek, Valerie Kramer, Tracy Wamke, Sarah Bennett, Ann Winstorfer, Merlene Maltby, Mary Beth Ewing, Tamie McDonald, Dave Norris, Gary Campbell, Mike Freilinger, Joel Gaede, Matt Moeller, and Noel Smith.

The play will given sometime in January.

Girls BB Squads See Action



8th grade girls basketball squad



7th grade girls basketball squad

The eighth grade A and B squads played the Manchester girls at home on November 14. The B squad lost to Manchester 17-23. Kim Parman was the outstanding offense player scoring 11 points. The A squad won over Manchester 30-15. Patti Weber, Julie Schneider, and Pam Painter all scored 4 points. Laurie Klein had 12.

Manchester played Marion 7th grade A and B squads at Manchester, on November 14. Marion A squad lost by a score of 22 to 27. It was a very close game, and we only lost in the 4th quarter. The three scorers were Joy Carstens with 11 points, Kathy Welsh with 7 and Paula Pitzen with 4. Wendy Sievers, Vivian Klopfenstein, Laurie Van Gorp and Tami DeWoody were good defensive players. The Marion B squad won by a score of 24-22 in a double overtime. The highest scorers were Brenda Hauck with 8 points, Laurie Landis with 8, and Linda White with 4. The good defensive players were Amy Skilling, Leigh Murdoch, Jean Lange, and Debbie Miller.

On November 21 Vernon's eighth grade A team lost to Vinton with a score of 31-34. Laurie Klein and Julie Schneider were the scorers of the game. According to Vernon coaches, Carrie Welsh, Diane Dollinger, and Jeane Hutchins "played excellent defensive games." Vernon's B squad hit it off with Vinton with a score of 25-18. Twila Berg marked eight markers, while Diane Jellison and Pam Painter each tallied four and two markers. Rosalee Wells, Ondrea Fowler, and Cindy Von Ahsen played an excellent defensive game.

It was an exciting fast-moving game for the 7th grade girls on November 21. They

played Springville, and this was Springville's first game so it was a challenge for them. In the guard court were Denise Jackson, Debbie Miller, Tami DeWoody, Vivian Klopfenstein, Wendy Sievers, Laurie Van Gorp, Amy Skilling, Leigh Murdoch, and Jean Lange. The forwards that made the most baskets were Kathy Welsh, Joy Carstens, Lisa Mueller, Paula Pitzen and Brenda Hauck.

On November 28, the eighth grade A team played at Monticello. The final score was Marion--31, Monticello--23. Laurie Klein scored 16 points, Patti Weber scored 12, and Beth Edwards scored 3. Mr. Brainard said that Diane Dollinger, Michelle Hall, Carrie Welsh, and Gina Vernon were good defensive players. He also said that the team's excellent defensive game was the highlight of the game.

The seventh grade game with Monticello on November 28 was a loser. Monticello won with a score of 27-18. The most points were made by Paula Pitzen, Brenda Hauck and Linda White, two baskets each. Other baskets were made by Joy Carstens, Kathy Welsh, and Laurie Landis.

At Linn-Mar on December 5 the seventh A squad lost 28-21. High scorers were Joy Carstens--8, Paula Pitzen--5, and Kathy Welsh--6. Debbie Jackson, Jeane Lange, and Lu Ann Zundel played good defense. The B squad defeated Linn-Mar 18-8. Linda White scored 14, Wendy Sievers, Debbie Miller, Tami DeWoody, Amy Skilling, and Leigh Murdoch were good on defense.



Laurie Zundel and Leigh Murdoch played one of the early rounds of the girls ping-pong tournament.

There were 22 girls that went out for the girls ping-pong tournament played at noon. The four finalists were Julie Schneider against Carrie Welsh and Cathy Chase against Kim Parman. The winners were Julie Schneider 21-9 and Kim Parman 21-5. This led to the final game, which was held after school in the gym.

SCIENCE CLUB

The eighth grade Science Club recently had a meeting in Mr. Vaske's room. Fifteen eighth graders attended. Then the group discussed what projects they could do for the Eastern Iowa Science Fair, which is coming up in the spring. Good luck, eighth grade scientists on you projects.

DECORATIONS AT CBVJH

Santa Claus is one of the many decorations at C.B. Vernon Jr. High. Mobiles of Santa are displayed, also. Posters, pictures, and scenes are some of the decorations that show you Christmas is here. The home economics students have decorated every kitchen in their room. Christmas trees are also very much a part of the Christmas season.

Parman won with the score of 21-19. Did you know that last year Kim also won first and Julie was second, just like this year?

There are about 61 boys registered for the boys tournament which got underway December 12.

Boys Letter Club Meets

The Boys Letter Club is a group of boys from junior high who become members by getting a letter in football, wrestling, basketball, or track. Now this is the only way that seventh graders can get in.

They had their last meeting December 15. The meetings are once every two weeks. They have been discussing the possibilities of selling class pins to raise money, buy T-shirts for themselves, and rent a bus to go to the University of Iowa and see a wrestling meet.

New Policy Set By Wrestling Team



Tom Borst is declared the winner of his wrestling match

GIRLS LETTER CLUB

Girls' Letter Club met Nov. 28 to make future plans. A committee was assigned to plan a sledding party. Also, a poster committee was chosen to make posters for athletic events. Another group is deciding what to do with the \$300 we have from the poster sales.



Tim Ford has his Monticello opponent down but not pinned yet.

The C.B. Vernon wrestling team started a new policy this year of not keeping a team score during their meets. The rest of the teams think it's a very good idea, because the Little Indians have been on the warpath all season. Many of the young Braves have a very impressive season to date.

A total of 25 wrestlers have not been beaten all year, although a few of them have ties on their records. Some of the top wrestlers are Troy Hanes 6-0, Tim Ford 6-0, Scott Oglesby 6-0, Matt Moeller 6-0, Bob Bushman 5-0, Larry Klein 5-0-2, Kevin Lamphier 4-0, Tom Borst 4-0, Rick Offerman 4-0, Eric Bretthauer 4-0, Brian Hoffa 4-0, Bob Stiles 4-0, Terry Bruring 4-0-2, Jerry Goehring 4-0-2, Matt Bums 3-0, Jeff Peterzalek 3-0-1, Chuck Robbins 3-1, Larry Atwater 4-2, Jeff Donald 4-1, and Kevin Techau 2-0.



Mr. Meggers and his 7th grade girls have a little pep talk.



Eighth grade girls basketball action



Julie Schneider shoots



Seventh grade basketball action.

MENAGERIE ON DISPLAY



Part of the menagerie of toys for children made by the home ec girls is on display.

I bet the only place you have seen a lot of animals in one place is at the zoo. If you have been in the home ec room lately, you would know we have quite a zoo in there ourselves. Why? Well, the home ec classes are having a child care unit. We were supposed to make something that

would entertain a child. Well, it looks like there are quite a few little girls in the eighth grade, because most of them have the idea that after the child care unit they are going to take their animals home and set them on their own beds. Can you really blame 'em? I sure can't.

LIBRARY CLUB HOLD BAKE SALE

The library club made \$23.60 with their bake sale that was held on December 5 at the girls basketball game. This money will be used to buy pop for their Christmas party, which will be held at the next meeting, December 20. Cookies are being furnished by library club members. During the party they will be decorating the library. There will be a 50¢ grab bag and a brief business meeting.

Christmas Dance Held Dec. 15

The Christmas dance was held December 15. The admission charge was 25¢. The gym was gaily decorated with angels, Santas, wreaths, and one huge wreath which became the main attraction. Slow popular songs were played along with Christmas music. Refreshments were served. A large group of students thoroughly enjoyed the festivities.



Tim Stephan, John Schindler, Bill Rose testing for starch and sugar for 7th grade science.



Here Terri Daugherty, Jeff Downey, Mr. Vaske, John Kindervag and Leon Durivage examine the camera as part of Camera Club activity.

Honor Band Concert Held

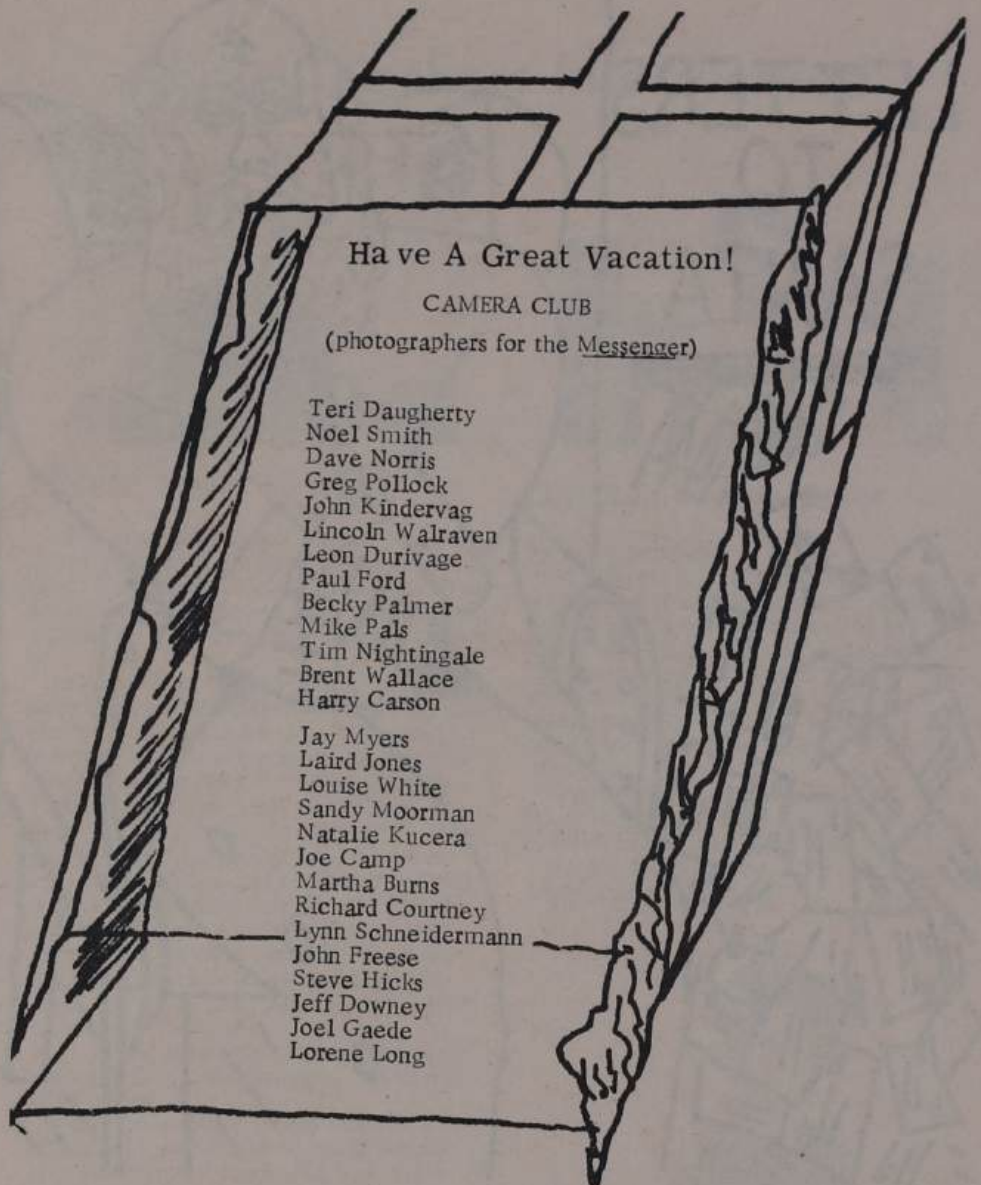
The annual Northeast Iowa Honor Band concert was held at Independence on Saturday, December 2. We were to meet at the junior high at 7:00 a.m. and leave at 7:15. There were ten kids going altogether, six from the high school and four from the junior high. Pat Weber, clarinet, Steve Hatcher, French horn, Karen Williams, oboe, and I (Valerie Grishaber) playing bassoon, were all going to represent Vernon Junior High in the concert.

We were all excited, sitting in the minibus, waiting for Mr. Shultz to arrive to drive us there. We waited, but he didn't come. Instead, Mr. Fowler drove up and announced to Mr. Wright, who had come to see us off, that Mr. Shultz was sick and wouldn't be able to make it. Soon we were riding along with Mr. Wright as the driver.

As soon as we got there we were to audition for chair seating. Your director was supposed to help you find the room for your instrument. We didn't know where to go because Mr. Wright had to leave. The high school kids knew where to go because a lot of them had been there before. They all left. We looked around. We couldn't see anybody that even looked junior high age. Finally we asked a man. He told us the junior high band was over at the other school. So we got all of our stuff and walked over to another school.

Although kids from all over northeastern Iowa were in the band, we had had the music to practice for four weeks. I still wasn't too sure of myself and even less so after I got second chair. Our director, Fred Nylene, the director at University of Minnesota, was a real nice guy. If we made a mistake, all he said was that he was sorry, but we had to do it again. We practiced all morning until noon, when we had a break for lunch. At 1:00 we started practicing again until 4:00. Every hour we got a 10-minute break. At 4:00 we took our things to the Independence High School and rested. We ate supper around 5:00. The meals were okay, but were about like school lunches except for the price. It cost \$1.60 just for supper!

Around 7:00 we tuned up and got a pep talk from our director. At 7:30 we played. We played four numbers: "Tally Ho", "Slovakian Folk Suite", "Essay For Band", and "Granite Rock". After we played, a jazz band played, and then the high school honor band played. It was huge. They were really great. The day went fast but I had a lot of fun.



Have A Great Vacation!

CAMERA CLUB

(photographers for the Messenger)

Teri Daugherty
Noel Smith
Dave Norris
Greg Pollock
John Kindervag
Lincoln Walraven
Leon Durivage
Paul Ford
Becky Palmer
Mike Pals
Tim Nightingale
Brent Wallace
Harry Carson

Jay Myers
Laird Jones
Louise White
Sandy Moorman
Natalie Kucera
Joe Camp
Martha Burns
Richard Courtney
Lynn Schneidermann
John Freese
Steve Hicks
Jeff Downey
Joel Gaede
Lorene Long

WE ASKED - THEY ANSWERED

We asked, "What would you do with a sterermhietas?"

They answered,
Mr. Barrow--Give it to all my students to work on.

Mike Hunter--Bury it.
Geri Tritle--Throw it away.

Mr. Fowler--Shake its hand and give it a cup of coffee.

Greg Albaugh--Kill it.

Mrs. Moore--I'd say to spell it right and say Christmas. (Have a merry one!)

Rick Palmer--Burn it.

Sandy Moorman--Take it home with me.

Mr. Drake--Put catsup on it and eat it for lunch.

Marty Klingler--Give it to Yermmy and let him eat it.

Dennis Enneking--Hang it from the ceiling.

Greg Bice--Mop the floor with it.

Charles Jones--Sell it.

Sterermhietas unscrambled is Christmas Tree.

We asked, "What do you want for Christmas?"

They answered,
Bruce Huebener--A whole bunch of stuff.

Larry Grekoff--A rubber duckie

Glenn Lovell--Santa's beard and a box of cookies

Jeff Hoover--An incubator.

Miss Ebersole--A locket, terrarium, and a pottery vase

Brian Papke--A record player

Greg Nolte--One size 15- pink basketball shoe

Kathy Rae--I want B.D.

Paula Pitzzen--I want C.A.L.

We asked, "On the first day of Christmas, your true love gave you what?"

They answered,
Lynn Thomas--Two Three Dog Night Albums.

Tim Polk--A hangover

Sharon Kewley--A parakeet in a birch tree

Jim Roth--A six pack at the party

Sheryl Cole--A pink tricycle

Susan Hahn--A big teddy bear

Kathy Allen--A day off of school



Mark Miller, Chris Burns and Bruce Winch dissect a frog for seventh grade science.



LETTERS TO SANTA



The "Live Letter Office" at Vernon Junior High has forwarded the following epistles to that jolly old man in the fur-trimmed red suit.

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring Mr. Messerli some shorter social studies units and Mrs. Borg some unbreakable sewing machine needles?
Signed,
Eighth Grade Student

Dear Santa,
How are you and those icebergs coming along? Is Rudolph's nose still red, or did he finally blow a fuse? Well, what I wrote to tell you was that for Christmas I want a strong, cute boy who wants a cute girl. By the way, when you stop by Mr. Fowler's house try to forget the paddles (you know, the ones for the rear end) and skip the exercise records for Mrs. Moore and Mr. Brainard. And Mr. Drake has all the staff paper he needs, but don't forget to leave him a stick for directing with (not spanking with!) Well, that's all I can think of now, but expect another letter from me soon.
Love,
Ann O. Nymous

Dear Santa,
Please bring Tony Carter 7 inches in height and 80 pounds because he could use the size. Do you know of anyone who would be willing to wrestle with Tom Borst; he could use the practice. Terry Bruring says a shirt would be fine; he has enough ties. The Ford brothers would like a new basketball. Could you bring Matt Moeller someone he could pin? Pat Jones would like someone not quite as tough as he's been wrestling. Troy Hammes would like a little more speed so he could at least feel the King Pin medal.
Thank you, Santa, for all your help and we'll be looking for you December 21st.
Thanks again,
The Wrestling Coaches

Dear Santa Claus,
Now for my special wish, I wish all the sick kids who would be sick during Christmas would get well and merry again! Merry Christmas!
Dave

Dear Santa,
Will you please send Mr. Vaske a brand new trick?
Signed,
Anxious

Dear Santa,
Please bring Mr. Messerli and Mrs. Dunn shorter social studies units. And also bring the whole junior high school an extra week or so of vacation.
Signed,
A Very Good Boy

Dear Santa,
I hope you will remember some of our poor teachers. I think they have been fairly good this year. I'd like you to bring Mr. Brainard some hair tonic, Mr. Cahalan some granny glasses, Mr. Vaske a book on

how to make funny jokes, Mr. Meggers some sex appeal toothpaste, Mr. Fowler some flowered bell-bottoms, and Mr. Taylor his old glasses.
Thank you,
An Admirer

Dear Santa,
Please send these people the following presents: Peggy Fredericksen--a year's supply of rubber bands, Laura Knapp--a St. Bernard, Peggy Kratoska--a sewing machine, Karla Briles--bubble gum, Connie Cullen--anything, Steve Hatcher--a mini-bike; Bob McDougall--some fingernail polish to send to Mr. Messerli, Dan Ford--a year's supply of shotgun shells, Mike Wheeler--a plane ticket for Keith Davis, Lynn Schneidermann--two aardvark snouts and three chocolate-covered nuggets.
Thank you,
A Friend

Dear Santa,
Please, please, please bring every student a blue or black pen inscribed with the words, "Take me to language arts class".
Gratefully,
Mrs. Larson

Dear Santa,
How are you and everyone? I've been so good this year, I know you will treat me nice by giving me what is listed below. Better put on your specs, cause here it comes: 100 rubber bands, 1 thumbtack (For someone who's been asking for it.), a nice bright, shiny apple for teacher (you might include a little green worm with the last order.), a calendar to keep track of how many more days until school's out, 15 pieces of bubble gum, a snow cap for my dear friend, Denny, and a roll of tape for some study hall mouth. If I think of anything else, I'll let you know.
Signed
Stu Dent

Dear Santa,
Well, it's that time of year again, isn't it? Now, would you please put a package of notebook paper in Janet Nibeck's stocking. She's always borrowing paper in English. Under Christy Marsh's tree have an alarm clock for her. Make sure it rings good and loud so she'll hear it in time for school. You can bring me the album "Catch Bull at Four" by Cat Stevens.
Say hi to your reindeer for me.
Blondie

Dear Santa,
I would like you to bring Dan Ford a paper, pencils, and a red pen. Also, please bring Luke Godar an English grammar book for Mrs. Johnston. Would you bring Matt Burns a hair clipping set? Tom Borst would like a ballet skirt to go with his shoes. Carol Andersen wants a picture of Mr. Vaske. As for me, I would like dancing, both creative and folk, abolished from gym class, a piece of tape for Joe

'Greetings'

All the merriment, all the magic, all the glory of Christmas comes now to the people of this community, like a wonderful package of gifts they can share and enjoy. The wrappings on the package glow with brightest promise—joyful music in the air, gleaming lights and gala decorations, fun and festivity, trees and greens and all the trimmings for a Christmas just brimming over with the good things and glad times that the season inspires.

Now that the long-awaited moment has arrived, what does this community Christmas package hold? The tag gives a clue. It reads, "Greetings, good will and good wishes—Merry Christmas!"

In the community, in the home, in business and social relations, the true spirit of Christmas begins and grows from greetings.

The greetings may be—as evidenced by this special Christmas Greetings Edition—an expression of good will and gratitude from business people of the community, who are sincere in their desire to impart special appreciation of their patrons' confidence and trust.

But whether it's a cheery "Merry Christmas" to a new acquaintance, a warm exchange of season's best wishes with an old friend or still deeper exchange of felicitations with a loved one, the holiday greeting embodies the guiding spirit of "Peace on earth, good will toward men."

Enchanting as they are, gifts, parties and other such gaieties are but the outer wrappings of the holiday package that means Christmas, with its message of fellowship, friendship and love.

McElligott's mouth, and a week's worth of spelling.

Thank You,
Miss Understanding

Dear Santa,
Please don't lose track of Steve Hatcher; he'll be in Olin by Christmas Eve. Dave Byse will be in a new home on 35th St., too. No doubt, you remember them both.
Concerned

Dear Santa,
I wish to request the following things. They are: a decreasing of evolution characteristic since my wife would prefer me to retain my few cranial hair follicles, smarter students--to remember that I prefer caramels rather than licorice, students not to ask what color of clothes they are wearing once they find out I am color blind for red and green (At least not too many want to ride in a car when I am driving; I wonder why!), the arrival of placement in our home of our daughter--VK, good health for all, and once again may there be peace on earth.
L.H. Barrow

Dear Santa,
This is not another of my monthly requests for a pacifier and the 1001 other items expected Christmas Eve, but is a hope for you to help a few friends with their urgent needs.
Please bring a red pen for Mrs. Johnston, a globe for Mr. Meggers, an "Indian Tomahawk" for Miss Sloth, more dictionaries for Mr. Ebertsch, some pieces of long chalk for Mrs. Taylor, a new tap dance routine for Mrs. Moore,

a megaphone for Mr. Drake, a moustache cup for Mr. Messerli, a set of jumper cables for Mrs. Dunn, a new romance for Miss Ebersole, a Doctor's Degree for Mr. Barrow, an infra-red light bulb for Mr. Vaske, horn-rimmed glasses for Mr. Taylor, an ankle grabber for Mrs. Simpson, some invisible inkspots for Mr. Gaede, a kitchen helper for all coffees and potlucks for Mrs. Borg, a baby boy for Mr. Brainard, a computer to correct papers for Mrs. Larson, a toy out-of-tune horn for Mr. Shultz, a couch for Mr. Steadman, a lumber stretcher for Mr. Cahalan, sergeant stripes for Mrs. Wood, a "slick-chick" for Mr. Miller, a quiet voice on the speaker for Mrs. Jacobs, a raise for Mrs. Grimm, automatic sweepers for Mr. Soden and Mr. Baker, and a flexible coupling for Mr. Fowler. Thanks, Santa, and please don't forget my pacifier.
Mr. Schley

Dear Santa,
I have quite a few requests to make. First off, I would like you to send Mr. Vaske a year's supply of graph paper. Would you also give Mrs. Simpson and Mrs. Wendell better health. Send Mrs. Wood a quiet eighth grade study hall, but she really doesn't believe in you. Send Miss Sloth, our librarian, a roll of tape for some certain eighth grade boy's mouth. Send Mr. Steadman an all-expense-paid mountain climbing trip. Mr. Messerli wants you to put Tom Borst in a guillotine. I hope this isn't too much to ask.
A Faithful Admirer



Eighth grade scientists measure heat differences in land and water.

