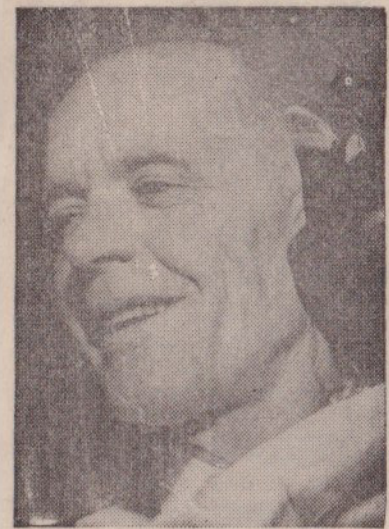


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MYNAH BIRDS

## Mynah Birds to Be First Lyceum of '53

Owen's Talking Mynah Birds, will be presented Friday, Jan. 16, at 10 A. M. by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Owen in the first lyceum number of the new year.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen have spent many years in training the Mynah birds. They have given over 1000 school programs in addition to performances for clubs, theaters, and radio and television programs.

The birds are natives of the jungles of Indo China, where they are known as the "Indian Greater Hill Mynah". The Mynah is the best talker among birds since it imitates the human voice so well. It has an orange beak, lemon-colored legs, and iridescent black plumes with white wing bars.

Because of his ability to sound like a human being, and the variety of situations created by the ability, the Mynah has in the past few years achieved considerable publicity. Mrs. Carveth Wells, wife of the famous explorer, and one of the well known owners of Mynahs, and her birds have frequently made the newspaper headlines.

The program will begin with a talk on the oddities and mysteries surrounding the birds, after which the demonstration will take place. In the demonstration the birds will talk, whistle, play games, and catch balls. Little time is lost during the demonstration because the birds respond quickly to voice commands.

A few comments made by people who have seen and enjoyed the program follow:

"Our group is still amazed and talking about these fine people and their birds."—Oregon State teachers college.

"The birds put on a show unequalled in the history of the club." Long Beach City Women's club.

"Pupils and faculty give it top rating for entertainment."—Southgate high school.

"Astounding! You have to hear and see it to believe it."—Rotary club, Studio City.

## B. English Students Again Change Offices

Now entering their third six weeks, the Business English girls again have changed business offices.

Janette Pollard is working at Harts; Lois Randolph, Barham-Green; Shirley Grimes, Junior high; Carolyn Garrison, Setens; Shirley Gidcumb, Myrons; Betty Toth, Saline Motors; Estella Crawford, school office; Janette Keedy, county superintendent's office; LaWanda Pierson, Kresges; Martha Wiley, Skaggs; Gracie Nemeth, broadcasting station; Shirley Kaid, Winnermans; Joan Glascock, Harrisburg dairy; Carolyn Hughes, Parkers; and Ramona McDowell, Robertson, Crecelius, and Ghent.

Barbara Fearheily, Agatha Phelps, and Joan Heffner are staying at school operating the office machines.

## HHS Group Wins Firsts At Du Quoin

Harrisburg, winning six ribbons, won first in dramatic and comedy reading in the speech meet in Du Quoin Saturday. Myra Burnam rated highest in dramatic reading, and Marjorie Zimmer in comedy. Eleven dramatic students from Harrisburg attended.

Students receiving awards were Myra Burnam, first in dramatic reading, and third in verse reading; Marjorie Zimmer, first in comedy reading; Sherry Hensley, fourth in comedy reading and fifth in verse reading; Shirley Dutton, third in comedy reading.

### Preliminaries Held

To decide the winners in the three event, dramatic reading, comedy reading, and verse speaking, a preliminary was held in the morning and a second elimination in the afternoon. All the contestants that won in the first two preliminaries were judged in the final round. Three Harrisburg students reached the final, but didn't receive votings; they were Mary Ann Humm, dramatic reading; Carole Thaxton, comedy; and Mary Lee Chamberlain, comedy. There were ribbons given to the first five places in each event.

### Entrants and Selections

Those that attended and the name of their selections are: dramatic, Molly Jean Brinkley, "Mary of Scotland"; Myra Burnam, "Futility"; Mary Ann Humm, "The Robe"; June Blackard, "Merchant of Venice"; and Marjorie Zimmer, Joan of Lorraine"; humorous readings, Carole Thaxton, "Jack the Giant Killer"; Mary Lee Chamberlain, "Abolishing the Heroine"; Shirley Dutton, "Kiddie Car Travels"; Marjorie Zimmer, "The Soul Call"; and Sherry Hensley, "The Old Homestead". Those that participated in verse speaking are June Blackard, Myra Burnam, Sherry Hensley and Nelson Edgings.

The students were accompanied and directed by Mrs. Lolo Eddy, head of the dramatics department at H.T.H.S.

Seven schools, Du Quoin, Carbondale community and university high, Nashville, Normandy, Sparta, and Harrisburg took part.

Sanction for this meet was secured from the State of Illinois Dramatics department.

## Kennedy and Norris Lead Latin C. Group In Christmas Carols

Familiar carols in Latin then in English with Richard Norris and Bob Kennedy leading the Latin club group, were sung at the annual Christmas party Tuesday. A few of the songs were Silent Night, O, Come All Ye Faithful, White Christmas, and Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.

Six members, Regina McCormick, Carol Wilson, Joan Willis, Connie Harris, Lucille Erris, and Joan Glascock, were in charge of the entertainment. Various games, most of which were in connection with Latin club activities, were played.

Refreshments were furnished by all the members. The girls all made either candies or cookies, and the boys furnished cokes. Miss Louise Rice was back after her long illness.

A discussion of the Roman calendar and the Roman numerals will be led by Shirley Josey and Martha Wiley at the next meeting, Jan. 16. Co-consul Connie Harris, will preside over this meeting.

## Zirconium is Subject Of Talk by Govan At Chemistry Club

"The wonder metal that blows its top, zirconium" was the subject of a talk given by James Govan at the regular Chemistry club meeting, Tuesday, Dec. 9.

The metal gets its nickname from the fact that it is highly explosive when in powder form, and must be handled very carefully. It burns far more violently than magnesium and is therefore used in incendiary bombs. It cannot be used in the manufacture of munitions as it is too dangerous when in solid bar form. It is classified as a rare metal, but is more abundant than nickel, copper, tungsten, tin, or lead, and is a vital component of television, radar, and radio sets. Also the new metal is used for super rockets, jet engines, and the key for atomic piles. The Atomic Energy Commission has announced that zirconium will make possible the harnessing of atomic energy for submarines, ships, planes, and industry.

### Price Was Exorbitant

When first marketed, the Atomic Energy commission wanted to buy the new metal by tons. Then, only about two pounds a week could be produced and its price was \$500 per pound. Today, hundreds of pounds a day are produced, and the price is only \$15 per pound. This development was made possible by Dutch scientists who escaped Holland before Nazi occupation.

Zirconium was one of the rare existing elements reported in 1789. Only the impure form was known until 1824. It was, however, very familiar in compounds, and it sold to jewelers at \$18,000 per pound.

Some manufactures tried to use it in signal landing flares or as primer for shells and cartridges, but to no avail. It was also used in penny torpedoes and firecrackers. Two main factors gave it an evil reputation, first, was the impurities contained in it, and second was that in its powdered form, even small impurities would lessen its resistance to corrosion, and as long as it was powdered, it was extremely dangerous. The theoretical solution to the problems was simple. Just melt it, remove impurities, turn it into solid ingots, turn it into plates, rods, and wires. This was easily done to the other metals, but with zirconium it blew up too often.

### Sold To Russia

The first sale of pure zirconium was the sale to the Soviet government, through the lend-lease plan in 1943 of more than two miles of zirconium wire. It was not known exactly what Russia wanted it for, but there was a good chance they used it in the manufacture of radio tubes because it could soak up unwanted gases in high vacuum equipment. It is now used in vacuum tubes for radios, radar, television, and electronic power devices.

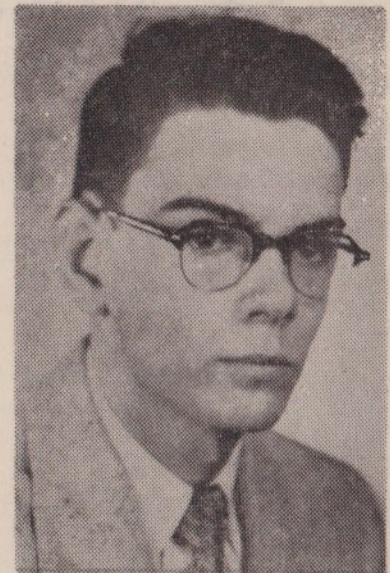
In the club's business meeting it was decided that roll call at future meetings would be answered by stating a current news event in science. Failure to reply with an event assesses a fine of five cents. Curran Jackson, club vice president was the first offender.

## What's Up

- Dec. 19—B.B. Marion, H
- Dec. 20—B.B. Johnston City, H
- First day of Christmas Holiday.
- Dec. 25—Merry Christmas!
- Dec. 26-27—Egyptian Holiday B.B. tournament at Mt. Vernon.
- Jan. 1, 1953—Happy New Year!
- Jan. 4—Last day of Christmas holiday
- Jan. 5—Back to school
- Jan. 9—B.B. Centralia, H
- Jan. 10—B.B. Marion, T
- Jan. 13—B.B. Benton, T
- Jan. 16—B.B. West Frankfort, T Lyceum

## Ronald Lee Announced Essay Contest Winner

Ronald Lee, HTHS senior, has been announced winner of the annual Fire Prevention Essay contest. Shirley Aldridge, Delyn Brannam, Bonnie Dunn, Carolyn Anderson, and Patricia Sayers, all seniors, received honorable mention. These names however are not listed in order of rating but were judged of equal merit.



Ronald Lee

## Polk 1 of 11 Sophs. Elected to Jr. NHS; No Seniors Elected

Charles Polk, sophomore, was the only person elected to the Junior National Honor society. Polk was one of 11 sophomores eligible for election this year.

None were voted into the Senior National Honor society this time, although 9 were eligible.

Eligibility rules require that a student must belong to the upper 10 per cent of their class with an average of 92 or above. This average included the second six weeks grades. Only seniors and sophomores were voted on. Freshmen and junior will be eligible in the spring after the fifth six weeks.

Teachers were given ballots with the list of names and were to give points to students for three traits. These were leadership, character, and service to school. They could give up to five points for each of these qualities for a possible total of 15 points each. A total of 210 points is required for senior or organization NHS admittance, and 175 for junior.

Officers of the senior group are Jerry Skaggs, president; David Wiley, vice-president and treasurer; and Catherine Klein, secretary. They are the only members at present. Junior officers are Martha Armisted, president, June Blackard, vice-president and treasurer; and Regina McCormick.

## Fredi Christman Wins Typing I "Auto Race" With Score of 73

"We're off to the races!" said the instructor, as the typing I classes began one-minute writings for one week.

Fredi Christman was the winner of the race with 73 correct words per minute. Second place was filled by Ann Brashear with a speed of 67; fourth, Carolyn Rander with 61, and fifth, Joanne Willis with 60.

Before a student could enter the race, he had to type a perfect one-minute writing with 20 words or more. When this was accomplished, he was given a car to put on the board. Each class had a different colored car. As his speed increased, his car moved up the track toward the finish line that was the goal set for the classes.

The class percentages which had cars entered were first hour—81 per cent, second hour—76 per cent, and eighth hour—75 per cent.

Others who typed 50 or above were the following: Martha Armisted, Shirley Josey, Donna Paul, Nadine Seibert, Geneva Lowe, June Josey, Shirley Karnes, Jean Keltner, Rhonda Jones, Kenneth Dunn, Eudena Orr, Billy Ewell, Katherine Clirre, Sally Russler, Mary Taylor, June Partain, Carla Cassell, Anne Ragsdale, Betty Partain, Jerry Haywood, Dorothy Traulstead, and Anne Funkhouser.

A prize of either a \$50 series "E" U. S. defense bond or tuition for one year to Southern Illinois university will be offered Lee in recognition of his essay entitled "Fire, Our Economic Saboteur."

In past years, however, the defense bond has been chosen by the winners.

The judges were Carl E. Walborg, Royal Liverpool Insurance; Charles L. Hobbs, American Insurance co.; and W. R. Sickafus, Aetna Life Insurance.

Members of all English IV classes took part in the contest which was held during Fire Prevention week. After careful consideration, Miss Bess Pemberton and Miss Velma Ogg forwarded the better essays to Robertson, Crecelius and Ghent, local insurance brokers who sponsored the contest.

This contest was sponsored in hopes of making the future citizens of America more conscious of the destructive power of fire.

Previous winners of the last four years are Bill Bob Brown, Martha Hancock, Don Williams, and Ed Lewellyn. Although they did not choose the scholarships, they have entered colleges.

### Fire Threatens Economy

Said Lee in his essay, "Fire, as it rages through Southern Illinois, is destroying not only our forests but our economy. There are far too few acres of forested lands as it is in our part of the state. Saline county alone falls short by 50,000 acres. We are generally considered the poorest part of the state, and poor land particularly needs forests. Fire is time and time again trying to snatch away this little that we have left. Thirty-one per cent of Illinois forests are burned each year. The most graphic illustration of this drastic loss would be a before and after scene, the former showing the attractive green verdure of potential raw material and the latter, a black, scarred and wasted plot of sterile ground.

Forest fires, indeed, are ruining Southern Illinois' economy. A green forest will draw tourists, be it for hunting, fishing, or general recreation, while a burned forest will repel them and condemn the countryside as a poor vacationing spot. Barren land will drive away industry, too. Wood using industries, and many industries do depend on wood, must be located in a region that supplies enough raw material without expensive importation.

### Everyone Should Use Caution

Everyone can help prevent forest fires, for statistics show that ninety per cent of all forest fires are man caused. Caution in the woods will do the most good. We all know the rules for using in the woods and, with this motive in mind, should use them.

Campers will help by drowning campfires with water or covering them with dirt before abandoning camp site. Smokers should make sure their cigattes are dead before throwing them away. Break your matches in two before discarding them, for you can't break a match unless its cool. These and many other rules are for you. Always remember, "Only you can prevent forest fires."

## Mrs. Harry Harper Gives Demonstrations

Mrs. Mary Harper gave demonstrations on different kinds of handicraft Thursday, Dec. 11 in Davenport gymnasium. She showed the F.H.A. samples of cross-stitching, hem stitching, knitting, and examples of Swedish weaving.

Mrs. Harper in her talk explained textile painting, dyeing, crocheting, and etching. She also showed patterns for stuffing animals.

Near the close of the meeting, Mrs. Ann Hoit, Mrs. Louise Cothran, and Mrs. Charlotte Baker, were presented Christmas gifts which the F.H.A. bought for them.

# A Merry Christmas

## David Debates

Well, here we are again to throw a few more jokes and debates in your direction. And by the way, if you don't like some of them, how about voicing an opinion in the direction of the Clarion room.

—DSW—

Thought of the week: To avoid falling hair, get out of the way.

—DSW—

**Air Pump:** You look hollow chested and thin. What seems to be the trouble?

**Inner Tube:** Income tacks.

—DSW—

To the poor Thespian initiates go our deepest sympathies. To cap off a meal of chicken, dressing, pecan pie, etc., they were fed worms, raw eggs, covered with corn starch, and given red "T's" to make them Thespians.

—DSW—

**Herman says:** He who is prosperous is not going steady.

—DSW—

Overheard from a group of sophomore girls: The only thing sadder than a man without a country is a country without a man.

—DSW—

Something new has been added. Miss Nance's eighth hour P.E. class has been taking swimming lessons. They hadn't planned on these lessons. It seems the roof split during a downpour last week right on a game of badminton.

—DSW—

Our Christmas dance tonight after the Marion game promises to be a very good dance with decorations, refreshments, a dance band, and a program. Admission is only 25 and 50 cents.

So let's all turn out and make it a success with our attendance. You know the interest has been lagging lately at some of the dances sponsored by the different organizations. If this isn't remedied, they may not have any more. See you after the game.

—DSW—

**Mr. Bauman:** That's five times you have failed to have your assignment, Dorothy Barnett. Have you any comment?

**Dorothy:** Yes, sir. I'm sure glad it's Friday.

—DSW—

Finally, at last, our Christmas decorations are up, and we have something to be proud of as students of H. T. H. S. in the way of Christmas spirit. In line with the Christmas season we are tossing poinsettias instead of orchids. So to the clubs and organizations that contributed to the decoration fund, poinsettias to you.

—DSW—

By the way, this vacation, one of the longest we've had in recent years, might be a good time to get that book report or outside reading done. Don't study too hard though and do come back Jan. 5.

—DSW—

Dinner guest: Will you pass the nuts professor?

Professor (absent minded i.e.): I suppose so, but really I should flunk most of them I guess.

—DSW—

And for you many FFA's who have been wondering why the cow got a divorce we leave you with a brilliant answer, she got a bum steer.

—DSW—

Gotta go now. MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL. See you in church Christmas.

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## What Does Christmas Mean

What does Christmas really mean to you? Do you ever stop to think of the serious side and real meaning of Christmas? Today, with all the commercials and high pressure salesmen, getting all the cards mailed in time, hoping not to forget anyone, and buying the necessary gifts, it is sometimes hard for us to give serious thought to what Christmas should mean to us.

Santa Claus with the youngsters is the highlight of their Christmas. There are thousands of children who never give any thought to the Baby Jesus, and many do not know the Christmas story, but instead they worry about whether or not they deserve enough for a visit from Santa. The idea of Santa Claus is good because it expresses the idea of giving, but there should not be so much emphasis on this tradition that all the real significance of Christmas is lost.

The Christmas season to many means only an expensive time of the year and anxiety for those end of the month bills. Instead of giving with the Christmas spirit, there is buying and giving because of feelings of obligation and indebtedness which is certainly not the idea of giving and sharing at Christmas time.

Usually, Christmas day is characterized by a huge dinner, company, toys, candy and wrappings strewn over the house, joy, and merrymaking. Is this the way Christmas day should be spent? To a certain extent—yes. We should all be merry over Christ's birthday and happy in the sharing of gifts, but the real meaning of Christmas should not be forgotten. Christ our Savior was sent to earth for the purpose of giving us a hope, a joy, and a faith for something more than our tangible vain lives.

It must be kept in mind that the true significance of Christmas rests more in the adult than in the child, and we as adults should realize that it truly is better to give than to receive.

## Miss Lovelace

Dear Senorita Lovelace,

I am a Mexican caballero. My gay senorita's burro won't go. She makes me geet off and poosh the darn thing. Every time I poosh el borro, hermando burro keeks me in the end. I am tired of geeting keecked. What must I do? Mucho gracias.

Hernandoro Quallestro  
Gombico Jalincio Fernando  
Tomeraz

Dear Caballero,

My advice to you is either turn the burro around or turn your face to him and he can't kick you in the end. Maybe you should try Ethyl gasoline instead of regular gas.

Miss Lovelace.

Dear Miss Lovelace,

One night about 7:30 a boy came and knocked at my door wanting to know if I would like to go to the senior play. I wasn't expecting him and there I was with jeans on and my hair pinned up. I accepted his invitation and got ready in 20 minutes. Do you think I should have gone with him?

Thoughtless.

Dear Thoughtless,

I suggest you buy a date book and calendar and see boys by appointment only.

Miss Lovelace.

Dear Miss Lovelace,

I have been having trouble with my girl friend lately because she's the athletic kind. When we're dancing she picks me up and takes off on a 40 yard dash. The other day I started to hold her hand and she gave me the "flying mare."

What am I to do?

I. Flyskyhigh.

Dear I. Flyskyhigh,

My only advice to you is to join one of the P.E. classes at H.T.H.S. and learn some of the holds of self defense.

Yourn alway,

Miss Lovelace.

## It's In The Book

Ge, I'm glad to know that all of you are glad to see me back again. You know, I used to be conceited, but now I have no faults at all. Quite an accomplishment, eh!

Well, looks like all the paper is about Christmas, so I'll get into the act. Got all your shopping done? Of course not. Christmas Eve is the time for that. Don't let all this get you down, just live it up.

The night was black  
His eye was blacker  
That's what he got  
For one little smacker.

I just heard Letitia Skaggs is now going steady. The lucky fellow is "Greek" Goodwin.

Jim Harris didn't think a nail would puncture his new mud-grip tires which are on his truck. Thursday morning a boy came into the restaurant and told Jim he had a flat tire, but Jim assumed the boy was joking. Several students saw Jim fixing a flat tire later in the day.

A Chinese delegate to the U. N. was besieged by reporters when he arrived in New York. One of the questions flung at him was: "What strikes you as the oddest thing about Americans?"

He thought for a moment, then smiled. "I think," he said, "it is the peculiar slant of their eyes."

A gentle Quaker, hearing a strange noise in his house one night, got up and discovered a burglar busily at work. So he went and got his gun, then came back and stood quietly at the doorway. "Friend," he said, "I would do thee no harm for the world, but thee standest where I am about to shoot."

Boys around school are complaining about working all day and spending half of their earnings for a box of shotgun shells when it takes only a couple of hours to shoot them up.

Just a small reminder although I'm not too enthused myself, in case you have forgotten, semester exams start Jan. 26.

Mrs. Helen Dunn's eighth hour English classes are starting their term papers this week. They are not supposed to exceed 2000 words.

A quiet room, the lights turned low,

A soft touch on my shoulder,  
A warm breath on my cheek,  
A little face next to mine,  
Who let the cat in?

Miss Alvina Shestak has found something new for her U. S. History students. Last six weeks she had them outline 50 pages of outside reading. This six weeks they have to outline or summarize 100 pages. Some students think that they ought to drop next six weeks before she raises it to 150. (They ought to take Psychology!)

You should have been along with me Dec. 5. That's the night I got my head bashed in. Here's the low-down: I was very careful as I got ready to cross an intersection. While waiting for my scouts to come back, (I sent them up the road to see if the way was clear), I put on my suit of armor. Just as I stepped from the sidewalk, a big 50,000 ton truck hit me. I got up and started to help the driver out of the wreck when I felt something hard and cold on my back. It was another truck. After I had crawled out the exhaust pipe, a thought struck me. Maybe it wasn't a thought, I was standing on a railroad track. (Get the tense of the verb "was") Whistling, I strolled down the sidewalk then something hit me. I was knocked unconscious for three days. When I awoke, they told me what it was—the clock had struck three—I was the second one!

I hate to do this, but I guess I'll have to leave all you lovely people, so with this I close.

P. S. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

# Canines Take 75-57 Win With Last Quarter Rally

The Harrisburg Bull Dogs, staging a last quarter rally, managed a 75-57 victory over the Benton Rangers. It was the Bull Dogs' second conference victory.

The Bull Dogs, leading throughout the half, were behind eight points in the third quarter. Then they tied the count at 47-47 as the quarter ended. In the final frame, the Canines pumped in 28 points to but 10 for Benton.

Harrisburg started the game in good fashion by grabbing an early lead, but looked ragged the rest of the half.

Harrisburg had leads of 7 to 3, and 13 to 8, during the initial frame, but trailed 16-15 when the quarter ended.

In the second frame, they took a lead, then trailed 24-22 before they spurred to a 35 to 32 half time lead.

Bailor sank five field goals and Rice hit for two field goals and a free shot in the first three minutes of the third quarter. The Rangers held a comfortable 45-37 lead at that point.

The Bulldogs then racked up 10 points while Benton was scoreless to take a 47-45 lead. The count was 47-47 at the quarters end.

### Wilmoth and Dalton Handicapped

Fred Wilmoth and Ed Dalton each committed four fouls during the first half. Joe Frederick's floor game was a big factor in keeping the Canines in the game. Wilmoth led the Canines with 25 points. Rice of Benton had 21. Don Wallace's fine playing will greatly bolster Davison's bench.

Davison started Taylor and Frederick at forward, Wilmoth at center, and Dalton and Ozment at guard. Benton started Eubanks, Rice, Taylor, Bailor and Mills.

The Bullpups also won a close tilt, with a 62-58 score. Benton led 16-13 at the quarter, but the Pups led 30-28 at half and 46-44 at the third quarter. Five Pups fouled out, and three Benton players.

"Well," says she, with her usual level-headedness, "here's only one thing to do—knock off the mayor."

With no shilly shallying around, I walk in the lobby of the Horning hotel and unlimbered my Thompson submachine gun and my newly perfected short range dart game and let him have 10,000 slugs in, as they say in Mike Hammer books, the guts.

He wasn't quite dead so I dropped a safe on him, then threw him off the roof. This last did the job. I am now the mayor of Harrisburg, but remembering that crime pays off in electricity. Note: Parker Midway, Burma Shave, and the Horning hotel owe me five (5) bucks (deer) each.

## Number, Please?

Can you guess who these people are? See how many you can get right then call the numbers that you don't know. 12 to 14 is excellent and you have a lot of friends; 10-13 is good and you're a friendly person; 6-10 is fair, but you better keep that smile on your face as you go down the halls; below 6 is poor—Do you walk in your sleep? Better brush up on personality and start using your phone right now. Call them and get acquainted.

- Eligible female—595J
- Eligible female—1214R
- Shy little freshie—801R
- A cute soph boy—1343R
- A jolly, Jolly junior—768J
- A witty senior—1311JX
- Versatile lass—1207W
- Good conversationalist—Co,24F4
- Dancing doll—431
- A considerate boy—307R
- 1953 Co-captain—1263M
- A freshie with a good physique—858WX
- A junior with dramatic talent—1145R
- An intelligent senior—554J
- A senior girl with a good personality—1433W

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## Defense Sparkles as Canines Win, 58-39, Over Eldorado Five

The Harrisburg Bulldogs breezed to a victory 58-39 over their county rivals—the Eldorado Eagles. The game was another fine performance of the Bulldogs sparkling defense.

The Bulldogs scored 23 field goals against the Eagles' zone defense, but it was the Canines' defense that made the big difference. The same defense held both Decatur and Herrin to only two field goals during the first half of both games. Jimmy Cochran scored Eldorado's only basket of the first half of the first quarter.

However, a great number of fouls were called on the locals, and Eldorado made enough free throws to keep the game interesting. Harrisburg had 27 fouls to 16 for Eldorado. The Eagles made 23 charity tosses to but 12 for the Canines.

### Entire Squad Plays

Jerry Taylor, playing a good game before he fouled out with only 2 minutes and 15 seconds gone in the second quarter, racked up seven points.

Joe Frederick, who played a fine floor game, was held to but one basket. Ed Dalton likewise played a fine defensive game, but he was also held to only one basket in addition to two free throws. Richard Gideumb played in the last light of the wreath.

Very quietly I lifted my hand and threw  
Off the patterns and thread till all of me showed.  
Then I slipped very quietly—he didn't see me,  
I tiptoed silently to the Christmas tree.  
I slipped a big shiny bulb from a limb  
And threw it with all my might at him.  
My Pa heard the crash and came running down  
And here come my mom, in her night gown,  
We captured the crook, knocked cold by my ball;  
We were all happy, but I was still sore from my fall.  
A question I ask before you start finding flaws.  
What in the heck happened to Santa Claus?

## Snowball Cookies

I'm not talking about the snowballs that you throw, but about cookies that would be perfect for the Yuletide season.

- Use the ingredients listed below.
- 1-2 C. of butter
- 1-1/4 C. of flour
- 1-2 C. of chopped pecan nut meats.
- Pinch of salt
- 1 t. of almond flavoring
- 1-4 C. of powdered sugar.

Mix these together and then roll into little balls and bake in a slow oven, but don't let them brown too much. After taking them out of the oven, roll in powdered sugar while still warm. Snowballs will give that extra treat for your Christmas parties.

**Leo Richmond**  
**Mobilgas**  
Phone 1188R

## Canines Win, 60-52, With Herrin First of Conference Victims

The Bulldogs pulled through for their first conference win of the season by routing the Herrin Tigers, 60-52, on the latter's floor.

Fred Wilmoth, playing his greatest game for the Bulldogs, paced the Bulldogs to a 29 to 12 half-time lead. The Canines played an excellent defensive game during the first half. However, Herrin put on a press in the last half which began to close the gap.

Wilmoth led the locals in scoring as he racked up seven field goals and eight charity points for a total of 22 before he fouled out with but 35 seconds remaining in the game.

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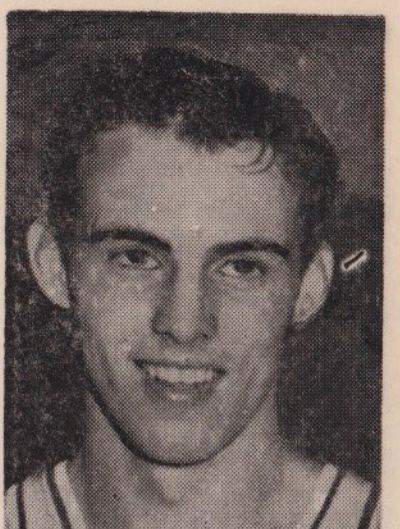
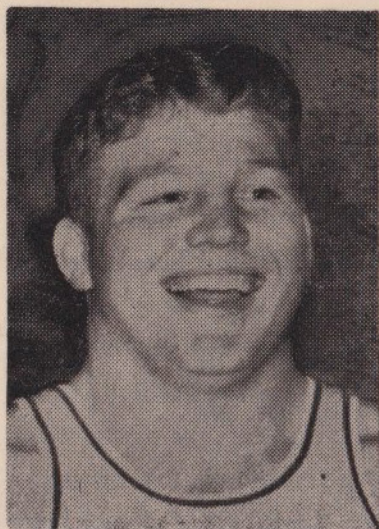
With her eyes half open, Carole Shain sleepily told me her resolution was to go home earlier on school nights. (Hear that, Norman?)

Smiling when she told me her resolution, Elaine Whiteside said she is going to be sweeter to the boys. (Could this by any chance mean J. R.)

Seeing Pee Wee Horning staggering out of one of the doors of H. T. H. S. with a pile of books so high you couldn't see over the top of him, I asked him why all the books and he informed me, "Why, I'm trying to keep up with my New Year's resolution to study harder." (Good luck, you'll need it.)

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## CHRISTMAS DANCE

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# Canines Take 75-57 Win With Last Quarter Rally

The Harrisburg Bull Dogs, staging a last quarter rally, managed a 75-57 victory over the Benton Rangers. It was the Bull Dogs' second conference victory.

The Bull Dogs, leading throughout the half, were behind eight points in the third quarter. Then they tied the count at 47-47 as the quarter ended. In the final frame, the Canines pumped in 28 points to but 10 for Benton.

Harrisburg started the game in good fashion by grabbing an early lead, but looked ragged the rest of the half.

Harrisburg had leads of 7 to 3, and 13 to 8, during the initial frame, but trailed 16-15 when the quarter ended.

In the second frame, they took a lead, then trailed 24-22 before they spurred to a 35 to 32 half time lead.

Bailor sank five field goals and Rice hit for two field goals and a free shot in the first three minutes of the third quarter. The Rangers held a comfortable 45-37 lead at that point.

The Bulldogs then racked up 10 points while Benton was scoreless to take a 47-45 lead. The count was 47-47 at the quarters end.

### Wilmoth and Dalton Handicapped

Fred Wilmoth and Ed Dalton each committed four fouls during the first half. Joe Frederick's floor game was a big factor in keeping the Canines in the game. Wilmoth led the Canines with 25 points. Rice of Benton had 21. Don Wallace's fine playing will greatly bolster Davison's bench.

Davison started Taylor and Frederick at forward, Wilmoth at center, and Dalton and Ozment at guard. Benton started Eubanks, Rice, Taylor, Bailor and Mills.

The Bullpups also won a close tilt, with a 62-58 score. Benton led 16-13 at the quarter, but the Pups led 30-28 at half and 46-44 at the third quarter. Five Pups fouled out, and three Benton players did likewise.

Dave Anglin was high scorer with 24 points. D. Weatherly had 9, Harrison 6, Seright 6, Price 5, Mitchell 3, R. Weatherly 3, Short 2, Wasson and Partain 1. McKenzie and Polk also played.

Box Score	fg	ft	tp	pf
Harrisburg (75)	3	4	10	4
Taylor	3	7	13	5
Frederick	8	9	25	4
Wilmoth	4	1	9	5
Dalton	2	3	7	2
Ozment	0	2	2	0
Hays	3	0	6	2
Wallace	0	0	0	0
Riegel	1	1	3	4
Gidcumb				

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Benton (57)	1	1	3	3
Eubanks	6	9	21	5
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Taylor	0	1	1	0
Johnston	1	1	3	2
Harben	0	3	3	3
Blalock	5	3	13	4
Bailor	2	5	9	5
Mills	0	0	0	0
Johnson	0	0	0	1
Phillips				

Totals 16 25 57 28  
Officials: Roberts of Murphysboro and Wilkinson of W. Frankfort.

## Defense Sparkles as Canines Win, 58-39, Over Eldorado Five

The Harrisburg Bulldogs breezed to a victory 58-39 over their county rivals—the Eldorado Eagles. The game was another fine performance of the Bulldogs sparkling defense.

The Bulldogs scored 23 field goals against the Eagles' zone defense, but it was the Canines' defense that made the big difference. The same defense held both Decatur and Herrin to only two field goals during the first half of both games. Jimmy Cochran scored Eldorado's only basket of the first half of the first quarter.

However, a great number of fouls were called on the locals, and Eldorado made enough free throws to keep the game interesting. Harrisburg had 27 fouls to 16 for Eldorado. The Eagles made 23 charity tosses to but 12 for the Canines.

### Entire Squad Plays

Jerry Taylor, playing a good game before he fouled out with only 2 minutes and 15 seconds gone in the second quarter, racked up seven points.

Joe Frederick, who played a fine floor game, was held to but one basket. Ed Dalton likewise played a fine defensive game, but he was also held to only one basket in addition to two free throws. Richard Gidcumb played in the last half and played a good game rolling up 11 points.

The entire Bulldog squad of 13 men saw action. Coach Ralph Davison started Taylor and Frederick at forward, Wilmoth at center and Dalton and Ozment at guard. Eldorado started Omohundro and Davenport at forward, Gates at center, and Mackovjak and Cochran at guard.

Harrisburg led 13-8 at the quarter, 24-11 at the half, and 40-24 at the close of the third quarter.

### Bull-pups Win

In the preliminary game, the Bull-pups won 46-40.

## Canines Win, 60-52, With Herrin First of Conference Victims

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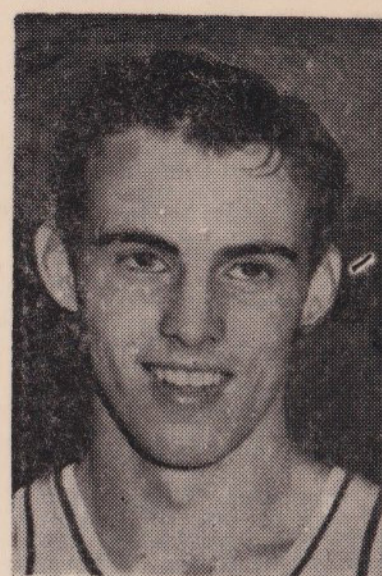
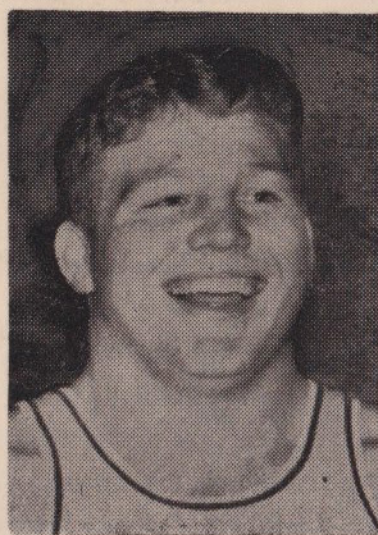
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The Bull-pups lost their second straight encounter to the Herrin Jr. Tigers by a score of 65 to 47. Herrin led at the quarter 15 to 9 and at the half 29 to 21. Then they romped ahead in the third frame, grabbing a 57 to 36 lead at the end of the quarter.



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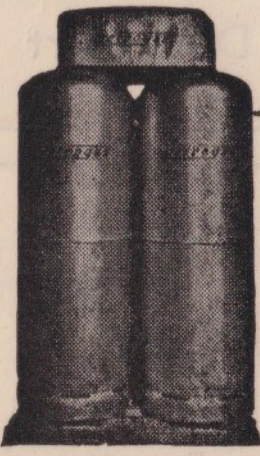
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## Sniffin' Puppy

The F.H.A. girls are packing and sending gifts to the World Friendship festival, an organization that distributes gifts to needy children throughout the world. Gifts such as good used clothing, school supplies, soap and toilet articles are being sent. Each F.H.A. girl contributed at least one article.

Betty Tolbert is chairman of the committee along with Phyllis Webb, Susie Grammer, Ann Davidson, Helen Brantley, and Mary Matthews.

Members of the Alumni association of Murray State college were entertained at a dinner meeting Tuesday, Dec. 9, in the H.T.H.S. homemaking department. A program from Murray was presented in which four members took part. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Cothran were in charge of the arrangements. At the same time a similar meeting was held in Effingham for the graduates there.

To work up competition to increase sales of T B seals, a chart has been devised by Sondra Howton and Maudene Cook. The chart will be used in all the English classes.

Carolyn Wilkins, who is a freshman here at H.T.H.S. is now living in Alton, Illinois. She moved there Dec. 3.

Evelyn White is now employed at the Midwest Drive-in as a waitress. Evelyn started work Friday, Dec. 5. She works at night.

Charles Womack, a junior, has been working at Ray's drugs as soda fountain attendant since the first part of November.

Harrisburg's second F.F.A. basketball team walloped the Eldorado's second team with a score of 16-7, Dec. 8.

Two students from the clerical typing class earned their 50 word certificate from the Sanford-Brown Business college. These tests are given for 10 minutes and are not accepted with more than 5 errors. The students were Irma Turner and Shirley Temple. Shirley typed 50 words per minute without an error.

After losing a few bushels of coal and two or three Ag boys, Jimmy Harris decided that he would build some new side boards for his truck. He is making them in the farm shop for his supplementary project in agriculture.

The Salvation Army's Rambling Road Runners, basketball team of high school boys, have a record of four wins and no losses. They are coached by Lt. John Kimmons, officer in charge of the local Salvation army.

The Pep club will appropriate a section at the southwest end of the bleachers at future basketball games. They will wear white blouses, purple or navy skirts, and their new regulation hats.

## Daffynitions

Well-earned rest—Christmas vacation  
 Industrious—Those working thru holidays  
 Pests—Freshmen  
 Ideal Christmas Gift—1953 Cadillac  
 Charmer—Boy with a convertible  
 Decorated—Harrisburg  
 Dreamer—One who thinks of swimming in December  
 Competition—Mary Ellen Polance  
 The thing to do—Get your Christmas shopping done early  
 Discouraging—Having low grades when you are taking only three subjects  
 Poet Laureate—Curt Miller  
 Lost in the wilderness—Advanced math class  
 Exciting—Sailors  
 Expectant—Wondering what Santa will bring you  
 Roamer—One leaving town for Christmas  
 Difficult—Boy who doesn't date  
 Optimist—One who expects to keep his New Year's resolutions

## A Christmas Wish

Look out the window, see that snow-

That means Christmas is getting close,

It also means that Santa is near, Loaded down with Christmas cheer.

But to my sorrow and to my woe I find that I have got no dough, But behind each cloud there's a silver crescent,

I wish I had it to buy a present.

I'll pawn my watch, I'll sell my gun

In order to get a little mon. A tie for dad, for mom, a bowl, These are really my biggest goals.

Little brother's wishes are few, All he wants is a pony or two, But since my finances aren't up to par,

I suppose he will settle for a toy car.

And then there's sis, she's easy to please,

I'll get her some long handles so she won't freeze. She'll be pleased, at least she should,

Because I did the best I could.

Then last, but not least, there's my best girl,

I'll get her a bracelet, or maybe some pearls,

It will take my last buck, but I know inside, That when I give it, I'll give it with pride.



## Clarion Quiz

By Joan Harding

- Secretary of Hi?Tri?  
Bonnie Gwin, Janette Greer, Ann VanBibber.
- Cute senior who is business manager of Keystone ads?  
Letitia Skaggs, Phyllis Robson, Dorothy Barnett.
- Visited her husband in Virginia over the Thanksgiving holidays?  
Dixie Foster, Gaynell Hudnell, Nettie Duncan.
- What well known orchestra recorded the famous song "It's In The Book"?  
Horace Heidt, Spike Jones, Buddy Marrow.
- Most eligible bachelor in H.T.H.S.?  
Cornel Wilde, Robert Taylor, Richard Bozarth, Richard Noel.

Answers: Janette Greer, Letitia Skaggs, Gaynell Hudnell, Horace Heidt, Richard Bozarth.

## Senior Spotlight



The spotlight shines this issue on Catherine Klein, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Klein, 204 North Webster street. Catherine is the second child in this family of four children.

Catherine, as all her friends well know, is a very energetic and busy person. During her four years at H. T. H. S. she has been outstanding as a leader. At the top of the list of honors which Catherine has received and well deserves is position as Co-editor of the Keystone. She was on the editorial staff last year. She is also business manager of the Clarion. Other activities include membership in the Hi-Tri; 2 council member; treasurer 3, 4; Chem club 3, 4, secretary; Latin club 3, 4; National Honor society 4, secretary; G. A. A. 2, 3; home room officer 2, 3; and home room spelling champion 3.

Outside of school, Catherine has hobbies in which she is engaged. Reading and sewing top this list. Her future plans are not yet complete, but she is definitely planning to enter college next year.

Catherine will be remembered by all as that friendly gal with a friendly smile and as one who loves a good time.

## Christmas Shopper Completes His List

Well, well, t'other day I decided that I'd better get my Christmas shopping did. So I opened my safe, got out my 12 cents (I'd been saving for this ever since last January), and went out to catch the bus to town. The bus was late as usual.

Anyway, I finally got to town and started my shopping. First on my shopping list was a new corn pad for my pore ole gram-mr's corn. She changes them once a year. I went to the drug-store to get it, and the clerk said, "I'm sorry sir, but we sell corn pads in boxes of 12, not one by one." I told him I didn't want one by one, I just wanted one, period. For some reason he threw me through the plate glass window, with orders to stay out. "Okay I can take a hint," I said. I'll just take my business elsewhere."

Well, next I thought I should buy something for my dear English teacher. I thought of several nice gifts for her, such as a gun with a special attachment for suicides, an air conditioner with a built in poison gas bottle, and a new car, guaranteed uncontrollable. Finally I decided to use an old bottle and just run it through a food chopper.

For my girl, I bought a bottle of "Evening in the Garbage Can," perfume.

Then, I thought I'd buy a nice gift for my boss. I bought him a pair of shoe laces and put a card on it reading, "Merry Christmas, boss! P. S. I need a raise."

Oh, yes, I can't forget my old pal, Uncle Seth. I decided on a new radio to help him keep up on the news. So, I went in to a radio store. They wanted \$12 for a little radio about 12 inches long. I decided to let him listen to Aunt Molly, she talks more and faster than a radio. I still had a penny of my 12 cents left over. I spent it on a piece of bubble gum for my own Christmas present.

## Do You Remember

When Anne Funkhouser put on the gloves with Danny Brown?

The time that Richard Gidcumb and Ronnie Riegel played tunes on the saw in Mr. Plumlee's room at Junior high?

The time Jody Stricklin was sent back from the third to the second grade on the first day of school by Miss Jeralds?

When the girl chased the boys in the fourth grade?

Those hard fought grade school games between Horace Mann and McKinley?

The tales of Pat Hermon about Charlie Berger and his gang?

The heavy crush Harry Boyd and June Blackard had on each other?

Tommy Golden continually being sent to Mr. Steinsultz's office?

When Billy Sutton lost his marbles to Miss Jeralds in the third grade?

The time John Shepherd had to stand with his nose in a ring on the blackboard and how close to tears he came?

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# Frosh Head Second Grade Period With Thirty-Five

Thirty-five freshmen made up the bulk of the honor roll for the second consecutive time. Following them was the senior class with 22, sophomores with 19, and the juniors with 10.

Entertained by the Rotary club Dec. 8 were the following: senior, Carolyn Anderson, 96 2-3; junior, Tom Cole, 96; sophomore, Doris Steinmarch, 96 2-4; and freshmen, Marilyn Geltosky and Norma McDonald, who tied with 96.

Mary Polance, freshman, and Jerry Skaggs, senior, again headed the honor roll, tied at 97 3-4.

Girls outnumbered boys almost three to one on the honor roll with 63 as opposed to the boys' 23. A total of 83 students made the honor roll averages of 92 to 97 3-4.

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| Polance, Mary Ellen, Fr.  | 97 3-4 |
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| Schneider, Dorothy, Fr.   | 95 4-5 |
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| Foster, Hubert, So.       | 95 1-2 |
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| Wiley, David, Sr.         | 95 2-5 |
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| Sims, Carolyn, Fr.        | 94     |
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| Simmons, Carolyn, Fr.     | 93 1-4 |
| Farrar, Judith, Fr.       | 93     |
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## Collection of Books Displayed in Library

A collection of novels, short stories and essays on Christmas is on display in the library. The old favorite, "Christmas Carol," by Dickens is the leading short story of the list. They are: Alden—Why the Chimes Rang; Crothers—By the Christmas Fire; Davies—Miracle on 34th St.; Dickens—The Christmas Carol; Dickens—Christmas Stories; Douglas—Home for Christmas; DuMaurier—Happy Christmas; Harte—How Santa Claus Came to Simpson's Bar; Harte—Stories of the Old West; Harte—Other Christmas stories in Luck of Roaring Camp; Locke—A Christmas Mystery; Lohan—Christmas Tales; Mason—Valley Forge Christmas, Paule—The Story of the Christmas Tree; Sawyer—The Long Christmas; Smith—The Santa Claus Book; Van Dyke—Story of the Other Wise Man; Wagenknecht—Fire-side Book of Christmas Stories; Wersner—Make Your Own Merry Christmas.

## F.F.A. Claims Points With Pest Riddance

The fox is considered the worst pest in Southern Illinois. The F.F.A. members tally a large number of points for a fox tail than any other animal during their annual pest elimination. The fox kills several chickens each year. He also kills game birds and animals. He is good for nothing except his hide and it is nearly worthless. Some counties pay a bounty for fox tails. For every fox tail brought in, the F.F.A. receives 100 points.

The next highest is the hawk. The hawk isn't quite so bad as the fox because he preys upon small rodents such as mice and rats. The hawk also kills game such as rabbits and quail. An F.F.A. member receives 75 points for each hawk head he brings in.

The crow is considered a pest also. He eats grain and doesn't do any good. The farmer sometimes has to put a scare-crow or a dummy in his corn field to keep the crows away. Crows are pretty plentiful around southern Illinois, but he is also a sly old bird and is sometimes hard to kill. Twenty-five points are given for each crow's head.

Statistics show that every rat you have around your barn or house costs you approximately from 10 to 15 dollars every year. The ag boys receive 10 points for each rat tail.

Mice tails and small bird heads such as the sparrow and blue jay and other small birds range from two to five points.

If they have earned enough points a number of ag boys will take a trip next spring with expenses paid.

## Ten New Members Initiated on Dec. 18 By Library Club

Ten new members of the Library club were initiated Thursday, Dec. 18.

Initiates performed for the benefit of the old members and provided fun and merriment for the party. The new members are as follows:

Donna Butterworth, Sammie De-Neal, Laura Johns, Margaret Bethel, Sandra Baysden, Sandra Howton, Jean Cook, and Tommie Mot-singer.

A Christmas collection was used to buy gifts for two servicemen who were former members of the club. Leather billfolds and other small gifts were sent to John Wasson, former Library club president, who is stationed at the air force base in Warren, Wyoming, and Walter Owen, who is stationed at the naval base in San Diego, Cal.

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