

TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS OBSERVE CHRISTMAS

Christmas was celebrated in the elementary schools of Cooper Township with suitable programs.

The Grassflat School presented their program of plays, carols, and an operetta on the afternoon and evening of December 17. An especially fine audience turned out for the evening performance.

The Grassflat teachers asked the COTOHISC to publish this message: "The success of our program was due to the untiring efforts of Miss Bickford in aiding us with the music. We appreciate her work."

This morning the upper grades of the Kylertown School presented two plays. "Mrs. Santa Comes into Her Own" was given by Mrs. Linder's room, while Mrs. Wasseen's pupils performed "The Man on the Street Interviews Christmas Shoppers." Children of the lower grades sang Christmas carols.

At Winburne the downstairs program was given by Rooms 3 and 4 last Friday afternoon before a large audience of parents and friends. Songs, dialogues, and pantomimes brought out the true meaning of Christmas.

On Monday afternoon the upstairs rooms presented an interesting program of plays, songs, violin and piano solos and piano duets. Following the usual custom at the Winburne School, the downstairs entertained the upstairs with their program on Friday morning, while the upstairs program was repeated for the downstairs rooms today.

The high school mixed chorus, under the direction of Miss Geraldine Bickford, presented "The Child Divine" as the annual Christmas pageant on Friday afternoon and evening, December 19. A disappointingly small audience witnessed the first evening performance of a pageant in the last ten years.

An artistic manger scene was the background for a number of beautifully-posed episodes done entirely in pantomime. Patsy Greenland portrayed Mary, Dick Couteret was Joseph, and Beverly Lundgren played the part of the first angel. Other angels were Elaine Mann, Marie Lundquist, Jean Gillette, Lois Olson, Rachel Schoening, Gail Houston, Bernadine Humenik, Barbara Lyncha, and Yvonne Leigey.

Shepherds were acted by Stanley Sones, Harry Merritt, and Method Starcovic; while Jim Palush, Ed Lucas, and George Whitton were Wise Men.

Shirley Josephson and Agnes Kuzilla narrated the story in well-chosen readings from scripture and song; and the chorus, robed in blue gowns, provided the musical background. Solo parts were sung by Jane Hummel, Althea Lucas, Janic Soder, Michael Moyle, Ronald Soder, and Steve Lucas.

Merry Christmas
and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS

In the different countries of the world Christmas is celebrated in many ways. Here are a few which seem interesting:

The Armenians celebrate Christmas Eve by eating fried fish, lettuce, and boiled spinach because they believe Mary ate spinach the night before Christ was born.

On Christmas Eve in the villages of France, the homes are the center of festivals, the holiday supper, and the burning of the yule log. At midnight church bells ring and each person lights his Christmas candle and hurries to church to celebrate the Noel.

At dusk on Christmas Eve in the German homes, the living room door is opened revealing a small tree ablaze with lights. The Germans put nothing but lights and candy on their trees; each person's presents are arranged in piles under the tree.

Plum pudding, a crackling yule log and carol singers are symbols of the English Christmas. The English celebrate on Christmas Day, not Christmas Eve like most of Europe.

In Finland the people serve rice pudding with one almond. They

HERE AND THERE AROUND COOPER

As was expected, the November attendance dropped to an average of 93.8%, due mainly to hunting season. Room 5 took over first place with an average of 95.71%, but Room 1 was close behind with 95.62%. Room 6 was low with 91.96%. December's averages promise to be still worse. Let's make a New Year's resolution to raise the attendance percentage.

A full-length movie entitled "The Enchanted Forest" will be shown this afternoon. It is a technicolor fantasy featuring both human and animal actors.

The latest Philadelphia Inquirer newsreel was shown after chapel service Monday morning, December 8. An interesting review of the presidents of the United States was featured along with current events.

The November COTOHISC overlooked an important news item: Mr. and Mrs. Albert Zinz became parents of their first child on November 2. David Albert weighed 5 lbs. 10 1/2 oz. at birth, but he has already grown to 9 1/2 pounds and increased 2 1/2 inches in length.

June 27 marked the arrival of a son, Charles Scott Dixon, for Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Dixon. Mrs. Dixon was school nurse in Cooper Township last year.

Physical examinations of pupils throughout Cooper Township in Grades 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11 have been completed. Between November 10 and December 11 Dr. J. L. Cornely made a total of 414 examinations, including 369 pupils, 26 teachers, and 19 other employees.

Dr. Cornely was assisted by Mrs. Henry Hirsch, school nurse, and Miss Vera Johnson, clerk.

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believe that the person getting the almond will be married before the next Christmas.

In Holland, Belgium, Italy, Spain, Poland, Rumania, Ukraine, Mexico, and South America, a procession plays a big part in the Christmas festivals.

United States and Canada celebrate in much the same way as Europe, and have adopted many of the customs of the countries from which their people came.

By Mary Lucas

WORTHWHILE PROJECTS REPORTED IN CLASSROOMS

Mr. C. T. Ardary's fourth period English class wrote Christmas poems and stories, some of which are being published in the COTOHISC.

The French classes have learned to sing several French Christmas carols. Under the direction of their teacher, Mrs. Robert Park, they sang them in assembly.

Senior English students in period two have received new literature books of a very up-to-date edition.

Mr. Harold Beveridge's freshman science classes have made plans for remodeling the kitchens in their homes. All fixtures such as furniture and other appliances were drawn to scale. The students also had to list materials used in remodeling and the cost of each article.

"In Partnership with Nature" and "Realm of the Wild" were two pictures shown in Mr. Albert Zinz's biology classes.

The chemistry students are doing experiments on iodine, chlorine, bromine, and flourine. Two movies, "Curiosity Shop" and "Arch Against the Sky," were shown to this class.

In the commercial department, Mrs. Raymond Larson reports that three office practice students, Audrey Netterblade, Laraine Rauch, and Connie Rolley, have passed the 40 words-per-minute Competent Typist test.

Mrs. Zanada DiCicco's Junior Business classes are studying a unit on insurance. In connection with this unit, the students are preparing household inventories of the contents of their own homes.

Typing I classes are learning to compose and type personal letters.

The junior English class taught by Mr. Lewis Lucas has been studying New England, Southern, and Transition poets. The pupils are also writing poems of their own.

Students of Algebra I have been making pictographs, bar graphs, circle graphs, and line graphs.

SENIORS LEAD YEAR'S SECOND HONOR ROLL

Seniors led the honor roll for the second six-weeks' period with seventeen names, or nearly one third of the class.

SENIORS

Connie Groe	Agnes Kuzilla
Audrey Netterblade	Gerry Schneider
Dolores Antosh	Paul Tarachko
Shirley Fleming	Dorothy Lutz
Connie Rolley	Mary Matsko
Iona Chelton	Shirley Josephson
Michael Moyle	Steve Lucas
LeRoy Nearhood	James Michaels
	Marie Zetts

JUNIORS

Shirley Nelson	Barbara Matsko
Betty Lisik	Bernadine Moslak
Ronald Soder	Charles Shadeck
Robert Prunella	Edward Antosh
Laura Biggins	Kathleen Rauch
Helen Josephson	Karlene Schwiderske
	Kenneth Soder

SOPHOMORES

Jane Hummel	Agnes Campbell
Bernard Kask	Marie Lundquist
Ronald Krollman	Jean Shifter
Maude Thomas	Lillian Bailey

FRESHMEN

Francis Kulbago	Mary Danko
Leonard Dahlgren	Mae Larson
Bernadine Humenik	Jean Moslak
Edward Lucas	Betty Palush
Beverly Lundgren	Louise Schwiderske
Lois Olson	Janice Soder

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The American History classes taught by Mr. John Deliman recently enjoyed two movies, "Life of Andrew Jackson" and "Problems of Frontier Life," which correspond to the unit on Westward Expansion which they are now studying.

Mr. Deliman's P. O. D. classes recently completed an interesting study of leisure time. Some of the pupils reported to the class on their hobbies or favorite ways of spending free time. Talks were illustrated with material brought from home.

Some of the large variety of topics illustrated were: making jewelry from seashells; collecting dolls, souvenirs, or records; reading; making Christmas wreaths; and making scrapbooks on football, baseball, basketball, post cards, magazine clippings, and movie stars.

Several interesting trends in ways of spending leisure time were noted during the study. Two movies, "Play is Our Leisure" and "Leaders in Leisure Time," were shown in class.

ELEMENTARY NEWS

KYLERTOWN GRASSFLAT

ON CHRISTMAS EVE

There will be people laughing and singing,
 There will be people with bells that are ringing,
 There will be children playing with toys,
 Big ones, little ones, girls and boys.
 There will be stockings for Tom and Dick--
 They are eagerly waiting for Old Saint Nick.

By Martha J. Zetts
 Grade 6

CHRISTMAS DAY

On Christmas Day there's sleigh bells ringing.
 Boys and girls are gaily singing.
 There's lots of fun on Christmas Day!
 We all like it. Hurray! Hurray!

By Niram Renoe
 Grade 6

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The Howard Folmar family have moved back to Drifting and Teddy and Howard have returned to first and second grades of the Kylertown School.

Mr. Chestney and Mr. Wineland from Provine Studio were back at our school Friday, December 12 to take pictures of pupils who were absent when the first pictures were taken. Group pictures of Room 1 and Room 2 were also taken. We were well pleased with the individual pictures.

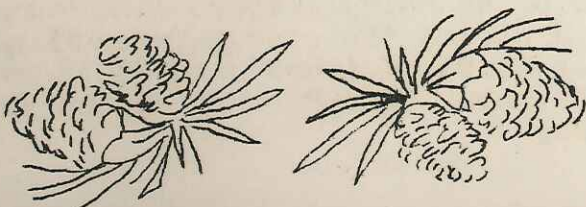
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Our Christmas tree in Room 3 adds much to the Christmas spirit. We drew names and it will be fun opening the gifts on the 23rd.

We were sorry to find our tropical fish had died over the week end.

Our Indian free-hand project turned out better than we thought it would. Several parents were in to see it.

Diane Hubler and Richard Jones had the highest average in the last six weeks for fifth grade. Nevin Larson and Betty Mickney ran close second.



Our annual Christmas Entertainment was given Wednesday, December 17. The program was as follows:

Christmas Carols

Room 4

Operetta "Santa's Vacation"

Rooms 1 and 2

Play "When Dream Wishes Come True"

Room 3

Play "Santa Up-to-Date"

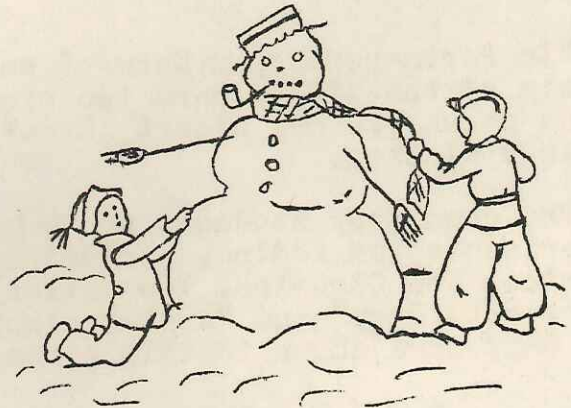
Room 4

Play "The Christ Child"

Rooms 1 and 2

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We welcome three new pupils to our school. John Bailey transferred from Winburne to Room 1 and his sister Connie Bailey to Room 3. Jennifer Hill transferred from a school in Jamestown to Room 2. Jennifer had attended our school two years ago before going to Jamestown.



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The following work was done by sixth graders in English class.

"The Secret of the Mansion"

by Julie Campbell

This story is about Trixie Bel-den and her two friends Honey and Jim. Honey and Trixie find Jim hiding in the mansion, which later burns down. You will find it very exciting if you read it.

By Naida Jane DiCicco

"Lassie Come Home"

by Eric Knight

This is a story of a big collie dog which almost died in trying to reach his master. After he came back they said he was their Lassie Come Home.

By Joyce Gormont

"Silver Chief"

by Jack O'Brien

He is a great dog of the North. He is a dog of the wolf tribe which is very strong. His mother and brothers were killed so he had to find a friend.

By Michael Moskol

ELEMENTARY NEWS

WINBURNE

December 1952 finds Grade One anxiously waiting for Santa to arrive. In printing class we printed letters to him. Then the most thrilling thing happened! Each one of us got a letter from Santa Claus last week. Who said that we have not been good this year?

We decorated our room for Christmas with a Christmas tree and drawings. The tree was very pretty with its colored lights and the angels we made with silver wings. We are going to take them home to put on our own tree.

Our room has been unlucky in getting chicken pox just before the holidays. Ten of us have had it now.

The last day of school for this year of 1952 was celebrated with a Christmas party to exchange gifts. All of us got lovely things.

In this time of joy we want to offer a special prayer for Mrs. Anderson, and ask that each of you remember her with a token of Christmas wishes in a Christmas card.

Pupils of Room 2 wrote the following items for the COTOHISC.

Santa Claus will be here soon. We want to have something for him, too. Santa Claus likes good things to eat. I will leave him some cookies and milk on Christmas eve. What are you going to leave him?

Alan Hummel
Room 2

Room 2 had a Christmas party on December 23. We made Christmas decorations for our room. We had a Christmas tree. Danny brought it for us. We brought things for on it.

Linda Warner
Room 2

We have some children missing because they have the chicken pox and they missed about 2 weeks. We feel very sorry for them. We hope they will be back soon.

Virginia Kreuz
Grade 2

Little Jack Frost will paint your windows. He will paint them with ice. Don't you think that will be nice?

Gary Fowler
Room 2

Room 2 has a Christmas tree. We decorated it ourselves. We also decorated our room. We made snow men, Christmas trees, and Santas.

Margaret Lutz
Room 2

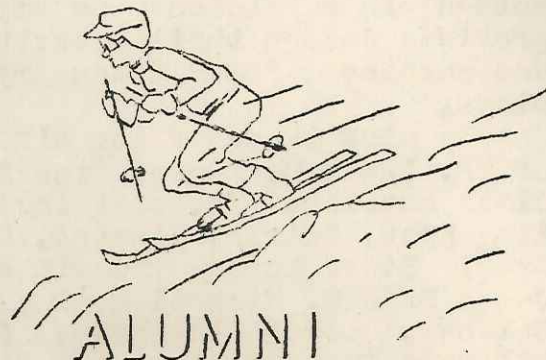
In Room 3 we have been busy practicing for our Christmas program, trimming our tree, and decorating our room.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The Seventh Grade at Winburne has decorated their windows with big red and green bells. We think they are real nice.

We had two plays for Christmas: "In Came Santa Claus" and "A Bandit Santa Claus." We had lots of fun getting them ready and presenting them before the other grades.

We hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



James Hanslovan '46 was married to Velma Valk of Hawk Run October 18. The couple reside at Kylertown, and he is working at a coal mines located in Frenchville.

John Little '49 was recently transferred from Fort Meade, Maryland to Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky to complete his basic training.

David Fetter '50 entered Lock Haven State Teachers College in September. He is majoring in mathematics and minoring in sciences.

Terry Coble '50 is in the shipping department at the Speedasale Products Inc. at Buffalo, New York.

Charles Josephson and Melvin Gruendler, both '51, are employed in the office postal department at the Chrysler Jet Plant in Utica, Michigan.

Florence Dahlgren '51 is working in the office of the Lee Metal Works at Philipsburg.

Margaret Leigey '52 started work last week in the J. H. France Refractories office in Clarence.

Alumni visitors during the month of December were Helen Mickney, Rita Hartle, and Donald Hoffman, '52 graduates.

SENIORS TO STAGE

"THE MOONSTONE"

"The Moonstone" by Wall Spencer has been selected by the seniors as their class play, to be presented January 30, 1953. The play is based on a book by Wilkie Collins, one of the most famous mystery novels ever written.

The "Moonstone" was an incredibly beautiful diamond, acquiring its name from its changing lustre which varied with the waxing and the waning of the moon. It was pillaged by Colonel Herncastle from a sacred temple in India.

As a sinister form of revenge, the wicked Colonel bequeathed this ominous jewel to his niece, Gloria Verinder, thus passing on to her the Moonstone's fatal curse. How this stone exerts its evil influence on Gloria's life, striking at the very core of her happiness, and turning her blissful home into a hotbed of suspicion and mystery provides enough thrills, excitement and suspense for a dozen mystery plays.

The play is under the direction of Mr. Lewis M. Lucas, the Senior Class advisor. The cast includes: Alma Kask, Shirley Fleming, Connie Groe, Steve Lucas, Melvin Beals, James Palush, Michael Moyle, John Zelenky, Leroy Nearhood, Louise Palinkas, Donna Earley, Jane Miller, Connie Rolley, Audrey Netterblade, Joe Rackish, and James Michaels.

CHRISTMAS

IS A JOLLY TIME

Christmas is a jolly time,
A time of joy and laughter
When old Saint Nick comes down the
flue,

And soot comes falling after.
The mystery is--How does he get out
of the chimney,

When it is fastened to the stove?
And he is fat, by Jove!

He walks about the house silently
And puts the presents under the
tree,

So when the children get up the next
day,

They'll find their presents and be
happy and gay,

He then goes out the door, I guess,
Because the chimney is a mess.

Outside are his reindeer in a row--
Rudolph is there with his nose
a-glow.

Up in the air they shimmy and shake
Until old Santa gets a tummy ache.
He has nine reindeer to pull his
sleigh,

But this year he'll use a car, peo-
ple say.

Why it is so I do not know,
But times have changed from long
ago.

By Ernest Force

IMPROVEMENTS MADE

IN HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

Since the last issue of the COTOHISC, many improvements have been made in the high school. Two new stockrooms have been completed in the basement, one for the cafeteria, and one for janitor's supplies. The coal bin has also been remodeled. A much needed and much appreciated bulletin board was installed in the typing room. Another one is expected to be installed in Room 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Shire of Winburne have donated a piano to the high school.

In the Grassflat School the new cafeteria room is complete, although tables and chairs are still needed. Arrangements have been made to install a system for heating water. The new lunch program will begin sometime in January.

JUNIORS MAKE HIT
IN MYSTERY PLAY

"Rough on Ghosts," a mystery comedy directed by Mr. Albert Zinz, was produced December 12 by the Junior Class.

The play, which centered around a search for lost treasure and a formula for speeding up the production of airplanes, was well acted by the entire cast. Kathryn Kreiger, as the Norwegian cook, and Joe Kellivosky, as the sissified playboy, earned special applause in their roles. Sound effects and special lighting handled by a large stage crew added to the eerie atmosphere.

The profit of over \$100 goes into the class fund for the Washington trip.

Total receipts to date are \$157.40 with expenses as follows:

Tax	--	\$27.77
Books	--	11.64
Stage Fund		6.00
Make-up	--	1.05
Total		\$46.46

DID YOU KNOW?

That cute freshman girl, Patsy Greenland, was heard to remark that she (quote) doesn't like boys (unquote)!

A certain junior boy was seen in front of the candy machine applying a very pretty shade of lipstick to his own lips. My, my!

A chic little junior girl and a tall, crew-cutted senior boy have recently stopped looking around. They like each other.

ANSWERS TO "GUESS WHO?"

John Zelenky
Susan Kirk

Steve Terry
Lydia Ostrosky

ZELENKY, SODER NAMED ON M.V.L. FIRST TEAM

Two Viking players, Norman Soder and John Zelenky, were named to the Moshannon Valley All-Star football team and were honored at a banquet given by The Progress at the Hotel Philips in Philipsburg on Wednesday night, December 10. Each member of the team was presented with a gold football.

The boys and their coaches saw movies of this year's Penn State-Purdue game and heard a talk by Earl Bruce, freshman coach at Penn State.

17 LETTERS AWARDED FOR 1952 FOOTBALL SEASON

Football letters were awarded to the outstanding Viking players on Monday, December 22.

Gridiron heroes who received letters were as follows:

SENIORS: Mike Moyle, Gordon Johnson, Morman Soder, Steve Lucas, Jim Palush, John Zelenky.

JUNIORS: Roger Anderson, Merle Fetter, Bob Prunella, Wally Conway, Ronnie Soder, Stanley Sones, Mike Starcovic.

SOPHOMORES: Mike Lucas, Bernard Kask, Harold Rauch.

FRESHMAN: Jack Holt

Cheerleaders receiving letters were: Shirley Simcox, Donna Earley, Pat Johnson, Doris Johnson, Betty Jane Lawrence.

Albert Yontosh, Ernie Force, and Method Starcovic received letters as managers.

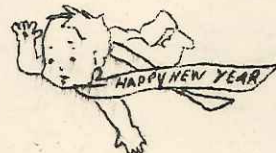
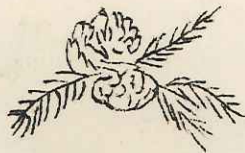
In addition to the first-team selections mentioned in the previous article, Jim Palush made the second team of the Moshannon Valley League. Mike Moyle, Roger Anderson, Merle Fetter, and Wally Conway made honorable mention.

PLATTER CHATTER

With Christmas but a few days away the beautiful strains of the old familiar Christmas carols can be heard coming from the phonograph in the auditorium.

The ever-popular "Silent Night" is a favorite along with "Winter Wonderland" and "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus."

Non-seasonal songs that rate high with students are "Glow Worm," "Be Fair," "Yours," and "Because You're Mine."



HUNTERS REPORT LIGHT DEER KILL

Deer season came to a close December 17, and many students who had high hopes of reporting a kill were disappointed. However, several boys were more fortunate. Wally Gruendler, Zain Harter, Steve Terry, Richard Couteret, and Gregory Zetts were successful buck hunters, while Mr. Deliman, John Zelenky, Maynard Folmar, Jerry Bradford, Jerry Howe, Jack Holt, George Hoffman, and Tom McGonigal shot does.

GUESS WHO? A SENIOR

Riding around in his Plymouth car, This handsome lad will probably go far.

He's at Louise's beck and call--
Could be he's riding for a fall.

A JUNIOR

A fashion plate from Kylertown,
Shiny black hair and eyes of brown,
This young lady's nice to know.
Her father can keep your car on
the go.

A SOPHOMORE

When it comes to hunting, this guy's
in luck.

This year he got a three-point
buck,

Was scared by a rabbit, and chased
by a bear.

Wherever there's girls, you'll find
him there.

A FRESHMAN

A freshman girl with long dark
hair--

Friends like her are very rare.

Her pretty voice and friendly way
Are assets which will make you gay.

AN EPITAPH

(Composed in Mr. Lucas's English
class by Joe Billy)

Here lie the bones of a man named
Joe.

His last name you need not know,
For here these bones for years may
lay

But will rise again on Judgment Day.
No name will get you through Heav-
en's golden gate,

But only the good deeds you have
done, small or great.

So I leave you this thought--I hope
not too late--

Your deeds, not your name, get you
through heaven's gate.

DEAR SANTA

Dear Santa,

I want a lot of things for Christmas, but most of all I want a new car. Gee! If I had a car I wouldn't have to get up so early every morning to catch the school bus. So please, Santa, if you happen to have an extra one around, it would make me very happy.

Sincerely yours,
Nancy L. Kizina

Dear Santa,

Please send me a book of answers to Mr. Zinz's biology questions.

Hopefully yours,
Mary Hahn

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a bigger dictionary this year. Last year's doesn't have most of the words we need in Mr. Ardary's literature class.

Sincerely,
Ruth Dimond

Dear Santa,

I am not asking for anything for myself this year. But would you please send Eddie Nelson a space-ship ticket that's good only for a one-way trip to the moon.

Yours truly,
Harold Folmar

Dear Sandy Klaus,

Wood u plocs bring mee an air plain to go to Samson, New York? There iz sumthing there I wood like vere much to sea. But keep this a ckret between u and mee.

If u don't have an air plain, a raindear will do. But keep the path cleer, sew I can get throu.

A frend,
Shirley Simcox

Dear Santa,

Please deliver to me the last-minute letters, last-minute reports, and all the things that seem to be kept till the last minute.

Patiently waiting,
C. T. Ardary

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like to have a dark-haired male that drives a grey Packard. What more could anyone want than a vacation from school and this special guy?

Your friend,
Betsy Lawrence

Dear Santa,

Mo has been a very dood boy for you. Now mo want you to bwing me a Twismus present. Mo wants a swed and a too too twain and a toy twuck.

Your friend,
Squeaky

Dear Santa,

Would you just bring me a surprise--with curly hair and about 5'9".

Hopefully,
Joan Gillette

Dear Santy,

Will you please bring me the ability to read two books at one time, and a secretary to make my book reports.

Leonard Dahlgren

Dear Santa Clause,

There is only one small item I want this Christmas. It is a 1953 Studebaker with a sunshade, spot light, undercoat, seat covers, radio and heater. I want a Studebaker because it will give me a lot of gas mileage, which I have reasons for.

Yours truly,
John Zelenky

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a "Mathematical Brain" to do my math.

Your pal,
Ed Lucas

Dear Santa,

Please bring each student that wants one a Model A Ford so they won't be jealous of mine.

Mrs. DiCicco

Dear Santa,

Send Room 4 a special machine to sign make-up slips.

Sincerely yours,
Maude Thomas

Dear Santa,

The only Christmas present I want this year is a French dictionary so I can translate my French letters without troubling Mrs. Park and the rest of the French II class. Thank you so much.

Althea Lucas

