

EDITORIAL

Once again it is time for Kris Kringle to grive with his sleigh full of presents.

Probably many people are too busy to think about the Christmas spirit although most of them think they have it. Receiving gifts which one did not want but taking them in a sportsmanlike way is a narrow idea of that spirit. The holiday spirit should rise above these standards.

The Christmas spirit should be mingled with New Year resolutions, which about the time have been decided upon with care. That spirit should involve wanting to give as well as to receive. When you give, do not buy some unwanted gift, because you did not like the one given you last year.

Do not think only of your friends who will probably get you some desirable present, but also of the children down whose chimney Santa Claus will not come. Maybe one of their brothers and sisters has tuberculosis where you the father or his or her care to come from?

In the next apartment perhaps there is a cripple who lacks medical care. There are many organizations to which you can send your pennies where they will be put to good honest work.

DO NOT forget other people at Christmas time when you are happy and contented.

WE NEED YOU

If you have a bit of news
Send it in;
Or a joke that will amuse—
Send it in;
A story that is true
Or something that is new.
We want to hear from you.
Send it in;
If it's only worth the while,
Never mind the style—
Send it in;
—Safety Education.

(This also applies to the Latch-Key!)

This is the last publication of the Latch-Key this year. The next number will be published January 11.

STUDENT COUNCIL.

No person will be allowed to go upstairs to the gym from the main hall until he has paid admission. He must get a ticket if he leaves the gym or pay his way back into the room. This is the method planned by the Student Council for handling the basketball games from now on.

TEAM BUYS SWEATERS.

Each member of the football team has bought a sweater. They are blue with a big white "F" on the front, and white service stripes on the sleeve.

The Library Corner

By Eleanor Perry

With Christmas near thoughts turn to Christmas stories. In the library there are many for all ages.

"On Christmas Day in the Evening" by Grace S. Bloomington is a charming story of how a happy family celebrated peace in a small New England town. It is full of the Christmas spirit from beginning to end. Miss Bloomington is famed for her "Red Pepper" books, including "Red Pepper Dreams" and "Red Pepper." Some of her other books are "Lights Up," "The Twenty-fourth of June."

"Christmas Stories" by Dickens is a book of mostly supernatural happenings. It includes "A Christmas Carol," a ghost story of Christmas. This, which is probably the best known, is about the three spirits, Christmas past, Christmas present, and Christmas future, who visited Scrooge. This story also contains the famous "Fezziwick Ball" and "The Christmas of Tiny Tim." This book contains "The Chimes," a robin story of some bells that rang an old year out and a new year in; "The Cricket on the Hearth," a fairy tale of home, and another well-known Dickens story, "The Battle of Life"; and "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" and "The Tale of Two Cities." "The Blue Bird" by Maeterlinck is perhaps the most beautiful. It is certainly the most picturesque and the most fanciful. It is the story of two children who started out to find the bluebird, happiness and, after a series of adventures, find it at home. This is a child's book, but it is enjoyable for "children up to ninety."

"The Birds' Christmas Carol" by Kate D. Wiggins is the most appealing. It is an interesting story of Carol Bird, a crippled girl, who in her short life gave upness to everyone, especially the poor Ruggles family. It is one of those delightful children's stories that catch and hold the fancy of all. "The Old Peabody Pew," by the same author, is a very interesting Christmas story. Miss Wiggins is known for "Mrs. Wiggins of the Cabbage Patch," "Rose of the River," and any others as interesting.

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BOYS GIVE REPORT ON FLINT CONFERENCE AT ASSEMBLY

Dean Parker and Philo McCutcheon, two of the three boys to represent Farmington at the Older Boys' Conference, spoke before the assembly last Wednesday. Philo narrated the events of the trip while Dean reported on four lectures they heard. The conference was held at Flint December 30 and December 1 and 2.

Henry Otis, the third member of the party drove as far as Pontiac, and the boys went from there to Flint by bus. There were general sessions each day at which the boys heard lectures. The assembly broke up into discussion groups and topics of interest were discussed. The First Baptist Church served meals. Saturday afternoon was their afternoon to which noon off and the fellows attended a show.

Two of the four lectures reported on by Dean were given by Charles W. Gilke, dean of the Chaple University of Chicago. The first was a talk comparing lives to foothills and mountains. "Although," he said, "the foothill stands out the mountain is the really important thing." The foothill was compared to youth. "The real thrill," Mr. Gilke stated, "is the feeling of something worthwhile accomplished."

The second talk compared lives to the battleship Oregon. This ship was loaded with Welsh coal which gave a great deal more heat than ordinary coal. By saving this coal in the proper time, this ship was able to do more damage to the Spanish fleet than any other two American ships.

If young people, Mr. Gilke went on to say, "use up all their energy or 'Welsh coal' for useless things, they will not have it when they need it for worthwhile things."

The other two talks were by Dr. W. G. Spenser, president of Hillsdale College. The first was based on "To him that hath shall be given, and him that hath not, what he hath shall be taken away."

Dr. Spenser's second talk was on friendship. "The three kinds of friends," he said, "are sentimental, moral, and utilitarian. The three qualities of a friend, as enumerated by Dr. Spenser, are faithfulness, tenderness, and possession of high ideals. Christ was given as an example of a perfect friend."

LANGUAGE PROGRAM IS GIVEN BY TWO CLASSES

A language program was given by the Latin and French classes, Friday afternoon under the direction of Miss Miel, language teacher.

Songs were sung by both classes. "Adeste Fideles," "Tantum Ergo," and "Silent Nox" by the Latin group and "Il Est Ve le Divin Enfant" and "Ave innoce de Noe!" by the French students.

Verses from the Bible were given in English, Latin and French.

Hedwig Schonen read a well written paper on "Saturnalia and our Christmas." This compared the ancient rites observed in honor of the god Saturn to our Christmas.

James Hogle acted as master of ceremonies.

MISS HYDE SPEAKS

Miss Hyde gave a talk on "Appropriate Clothes" at the meeting of the Girls' League, Thursday. She spoke for a few minutes on clothes appropriate for school, dress, etc., and why such clothes are suitable. Then the sewing class met on a ten-minute play, illustrating the points brought up by Miss Hyde. "If for Girls" was read by Miss Hyde.

The questions on social usage placed in "The Latch-Key" box by the girls were answered by a committee consisting of Kathryn Reding, Dorothy Talbot, and Emma Ische.

HAVE MATINEE PARTY

A matinee party was given in the gymnasium last Friday for the purpose of instructing those who did not already know how to dance.

Winifred Sealey played the piano and there was a good attendance, although the boys were in the minority.

As this affair was so successful the Social Committee will probably sponsor more of them during the year.

The seventh and eighth grades are to have a party this Friday at 1 o'clock. It is to be held in the kindergarten and seventh grade.

There is to be a play and a committee has been appointed to arrange it.

Christmas Program To Be Presented Friday

A Christmas program sponsored by the P. T. A. is scheduled to be given Friday afternoon in the gymnasium for the grade children.

The main part of the program will be a story, "Why the Chimes Rang" by Miss Campbell, first grade teacher. After the program refreshments are to be served.

Later the teachers plan to take their pupils back to their respective rooms where they will have a separate Christmas tree and presents.

THREE NEW RULES IN EFFECT THIS YEAR

Three new rules for boy's basketball have gone into effect this year. These are being printed in "The Latch-Key" to acquaint the public with them and to aid people in understanding the rulings of the referee.

The first rule, which has to do with the dribbler, states that the man carrying the ball must watch out for the defensive man. The object of this rule is to force the dribbler to look for someone to whom to pass. The referee may call a foul either on the dribbler for charging or on the defensive man for blocking according to the way the particular play looks to him.

The second rule is concerned with the tip-off. When a held or jump ball is called, the tipper may bat and catch the ball. If there is a repeated hold-ball, and the same man on the next tip catches and holds the ball, the opposing side is given the ball out of bounds. This rule has for a purpose the prevention of stalling.

The third change also is aimed at stalling. When a team holds the ball back in its own court and a man on the opposing team comes to the key, holding the ball, apparently blocking him, the ball is called held even if the opposing man has not touched the ball.

PERSONALS

Joseph DeVriendt will be the driver of the new school bus beginning with the New Year. Mr. Hall has continued to drive through this week.

The School Garage has been completed and the school bus was housed there for the first time last week end.

The tennis courts are being flooded and preparations are being made to make them into a skating rink for the younger children of the school.

Professor Cowden, State School Inspector of Lansing, visited school Friday and made an investigation of many classes. Mr. Cowden was here to see if this school should be again put on the list of school where graduates are eligible for University entrance without examination.

The American Literature class has set aside Mondays for reports on current literature. Myra Kilbom has reported on "Red Rock," Jimmy Hogle, "Lord Jim," Winifred Sealey, "Mistress Anne," and Eleanor Perry, "Sorrel and Son."

Lewis Maas, president of the Freshman class, who was out of school a week because of flu, came back Monday. Due to his illness Lewis was unable to play in the Walled Lake game.

FACULTY

Miss Lois MacKellar, English teacher, spent the week end in her home in Ypsi.

Friday evening, Miss Henton, fourth grade teacher, will attend a Christmas program in the charge of her sister. On Saturday, Miss Henton and her sister will motor to their home near Traverse City.

At a faculty meeting Monday afternoon Mr. Crawford gave a report of the Principals' Convention in Lansing which he attended Thursday and Friday.

Mr. Crawford, principal, Mr. Brethour, coach, and Mr. Henton in Ann Arbor Saturday morning to attend a conference of coaches and principals. At this meeting the new basketball rules were discussed and interpreted. While there they saw the U. of M.-Penn. game as guests of the University.

GIRL SCOUTS HAVE SUPPER

The Girl Scouts had a pot luck supper last Tuesday in the lunch room.

A short meeting was held before supper and games were played afterwards.

WALLED LAKE DOWNS IN FAST GAME

Walled Lake High School's basketball team defeated Farmington 22 to 18 Friday on the Walled Lake floor. Farmington's passing was poor and the team had a hard time finding the basket.

During the first quarter neither team scored any field goals. The real scoring was started by Walled Lake, with a long shot from center at the start of the second quarter. During the quarter Walled Lake tallied four baskets and Cox one for Farmington, ending the half 9-4 in Walled Lake's favor.

In the third period Farmington and Walled Lake each scored three baskets, making the score 15-10 in favor of Walled Lake.

The lineup was as follows:

Name	P.P.F.G.	To
Turner, F.	0	0
Otis G	3	1
Schwem G	2	2
Cox, G	1	0
Lapham, F.	1	0
Subs:		
Drake, G	2	1
Measell, G	0	0
Total	8	5

Mr. Baker said that "the boys teamwork was poor."

TEACHERS' WANTS FOR CHRISTMAS PROVE VERY NUMEROUS THIS YEAR

The teachers' wants for Christmas are very numerous, especially by Mr. Rohrer's and the Brethours.

Mr. Rohrer wants more typewriters with letters on the keys for the use of the Journalism class. He would also like a strip of round trip tickets to New York. Mrs. Brethour says she could use a new dustier. Mrs. Brethour says he wishes someone would be kind enough to give him a carton of gum, preferably "Spearmint." Mr. Brethour also wishes Kris Kringle would bring him a bushel of miscellaneous apples which would last until July.

The coach wants a sled suitable for the slide. Mr. Baker wants a sled too, but students think one sled will be enough for both. Mr. Eaton says he hopes Santa Claus doesn't forget to bring musical instruments to the High School students, especially to the Freshmen, as it is his wish that they be the first to complete the band. Miss MacKellar wants dictionaries for her English Literature class.

The lunch room wants more trays. The students also have their wants. Jimmy Hogle wants a velocipede for Christmas so that he will not be late for school so often. Roger Blaine and John Lindstrom are wishing for more stamps. Carl Drake hopes St. Nicholas puts his seat and desk so he can sleep more comfortably during school hours. Kathryn Banfield wants a book of romance.

MEETING DATES SET

The dates for the meetings of the Home Economics Club have been definitely set for the first and third Thursdays of the month. The first meeting of the month is to be held outside of school, and the second is to be held in school during the extra curricular period. The next meeting to be decided at a recent meeting of the club, will be held at the home of Ethel Hill.

Each girl decided what she would like to make and these will be discussed one at a time. Plans were also made for serving refreshments.

GIRLS PASS TESTS

Seven "Tenderfoots" passed their test at a recent meeting of the Girl Scouts. These tenderfoots are an almost entirely new group of Scouts. There were also ten to pass the second class test and three to pass the first class test.

Carols were sung at the opening of the meeting. After the work, plans were made for a pot luck supper and games were played.

TO FURNISH TOWELS

Towels are to be furnished free to visiting athletic teams and to our teams on receipt of a fee of five cents. The Hi-Y is to bear the expense of this service. This arrangement was decided at a recent meeting of the Hi-Y officers. Plans for an assembly program were also made.

A Christmas tree and trimmings have been donated to the kindergarten by Mrs. Humphry.



The Good Will

of our patrons and friends is one of our most valuable assets. The spirit of the season brings to us renewed appreciation of old associates and of the value of new friends. May your Christmas be happy and success attend your New Year, is the cordial wish of

George K. Checketts

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Farmington, Mich.

Wishing

All Our Friends

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Very

Merry Christmas

We have enjoyed serving you during the year now drawing to its close

Earl Vivier

Staroline Gasoline and Oils

"Staroline Gasoline Is Better"

To Our Many Friends

We wish to express our appreciation of the fine business we have enjoyed and to wish you all

A Merry Christmas

Boston Shoe Repair Shop

Grand River Avenue

Next to A. & P. Store Farmington

WISHING YOU A

Merry Christmas

and A

New Year

We appreciate the opportunity of serving you everyday in the year

Good's Service Station

Grand River and Division