

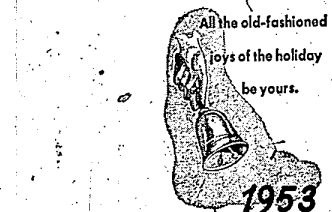


Each of you deserves a pat on the back for making this community a fine place in which to welcome the New Year.

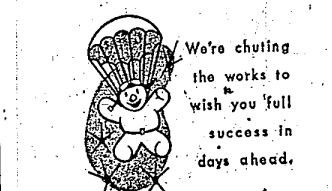
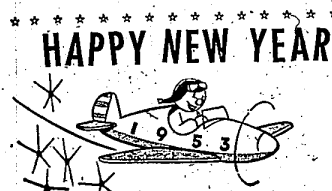
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Senior Highlights

There he goes into the drug store, he steps on the scale and breaks it at 170 pounds. Name—Lawrence Richard Kuhn, age 16, born January 26, 1936. His future reads, "California here comes in his brand new car." This isn't until after he graduates, of course.

Larry has hazel eyes and a brown brush cut. He stands 5'8 1/2" tall, his favorite sports are football and baseball. He enjoys eating anything his girl, Gloria Richard, cooks for him.

Picking up girls in blue, his favorite color, is his pastime. Larry's hobbies are repairing his car and woodwork. His favorite song is "Good Night, Sweetheart" and on television his favorites are "Ned Miller" and "I Love Lucy."

For a pet peeve, "Fathers that won't let their daughters go out every night," is top on Larry's list. He can always be seen with his buddies, Howard Goers, Gene Peterson, Milton Bailey and Ralph Gault, or any of the fellows around C. H. S.

Larry drives a '41 Mercury and his one and only ambition is to live in the forest like Bambi.

G. E.

We have another senior highlight for you this week and this time she's a real city gal. She's all the way from St. Theresa in Detroit where she attended school for three years. She's a real Amazon, five feet tall and weighs about 91 pounds. If you happen to hear some strange noises in the hall any time from 8:00 to 3:50 resembling "Mama's" "Because You're Mine", you'll know Mary Nolan is around somewhere.

October 22, 1934, marked an important date in this senior's life because it was the day of her birth.

Mary has a pair of the prettiest brown eyes and she tells me she even has a use for them — watching Robert Mitchum at the Redford Theatre. This little gal has black hair, which, by the way, goes nicely with the color red which she is particularly partial towards.

Mary gave a quizzical look when I asked her who her favorite teacher and subject were, but finally she caught on and told me Mrs. Van Praeg is the teacher who rates highest with her and typing is her favorite subject.

Mary has only one pet peeve but it's one that is quite capable of getting her temper up and that is when her sisters decide they want to borrow some of her clothes and they don't bother asking her. She's even different. She wants to be a traveling salesman, (whoops, I mean sales lady) when she graduates.

More than 100 college scholarships are provided by coal companies or coal associations.

A FEATURE

We Borrow Our Christmas Customs

Nearly two thousand years ago, a young Jewess named Mary, who was a descendant of the King David, received a vision that told her she would be the mother of Jesus, who was the Son of God. A few months later, with her husband Joseph, she traveled to Jerusalem, the City of David, to pay a tax which the Romans had decreed on all citizens of the land. Because of the crowded conditions of the town, Joseph could provide only a stable for his wife to sleep in that night. There her child, Jesus, Son of God, was born. Angels sang, shepherds worshipped and wise men brought gifts. The Messiah had come.

The time of year when this occasion happened is not definitely known, the only clue being the shepherds watching their flocks, but this ten months of the year. Therefore, people celebrated the birth, many different months; January, March, April, May, September, October and December. Finally in 340 A.D. the Pope fixed the date at December 25.

Holidays in December was an old custom, heathen festivals had been celebrated there for many years, now December would honor Christ. The old pagans had celebrated the sun's arrival at its southern limit, when it wheeled around toward the north and announced the end of winter; and the victory of the sun over winter and the storm god who were destroyers of life. Now December would be the birth of the Son, not the birth of the sun.

For 1,000 years the date was a religious holiday only, the church could not make it popular to all people. Gradually, the celebrations of Martinmas, St. Andrew's Day, St. Nicholas Day and the feast of the wise men were transferred to December 25. Combining all of these days with Christmas, the day became popular little by little. It became the best time in all the calendar for the giving of gifts.

Our list of borrowed customs is very long, but here is how a few of the most popular originated. The greeting "Merry Christmas" came to us from medieval England. The druids had the custom of hanging mistletoe and evergreen. As long as it did not touch the floor, it would bring safety, happiness, and good fortune to all in the room. Holly came to us from the Danes, who made the wreaths to represent the crown of thorns the Christ had worn, with the red berries representing the drops of blood that had fallen from his forehead. The apples that are in abundance in most households at Christmas time are what is left of the old myth of Iduna, the Norse goddess of youth and health who gave them to the gods to keep them young. The glided nuts and balls hung on the trees are symbols of the sun, while the trees originated in Germany, many claiming that Martin Luther adorned the first and then made a custom of it afterward.

Christmas carols date far back to the song of the angels "Peace on earth, good will towards men" that first Christmas. Christmas cards, however, are still quite new. In 1845 Sir Henry Cole sent the first to his friends.

From the Belgians we borrow the Christmas stocking, except in their time they used a shoe.

In the beginning of our colonies, many of these customs were brought over and used here, but the staid New Englanders refused to accept the customs, saying they were too bright and lively. For twenty years, it was against the law to celebrate Christmas in Massachusetts.

Christmas means day for Christ child, or his mass. How did Santa Claus come to play such an important role in this day? Santa Claus originated from the Patron Saint of the Dutch, Nicholas. The name changed; St. Nicholas, St. Nicholas, Nickas, San Claus, and finally Santa Claus.

These are the most popular of our Christmas customs and how they originated. As you can see, Romans, Teutons, Belgians, Germans, shepherds, wise men, French,



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Clarenceville G. A. A. Seeks New Members

The Girls' Athletic Association at Clarenceville High School will conduct an assembly for the ninth grade girls to show them how they can become members of this organization and the various opportunities afforded.

There will be a G. A. A. initiation in January. Any girl with 75 points, who is in grades nine through twelve, with a "C" average, is eligible.

BEAR DAMAGE

Ninety-six cases of bear damage were reported to the conservation department during the period from 1946 through 1951.

Nearly all the damage was done in the upper peninsula and was particularly heavy in Marquette, Delta, Luce and Mackinac Counties.

druids, Norse, Danes, Greek and Dutch, along with many more people, gave us our customs for the celebration of Christmas. They let us borrow their customs to use at Christmas, they shared them with us, so make sure you share at least one of these customs with someone close, even if all you share is a "Merry Christmas" vocally.

Trojan Cheerleaders Add Six Members

On Wednesday, December 17, six girls were added to the Clarenceville High School cheerleading squad. Girls from grades nine through eleven tried out.

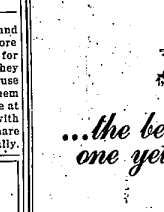
Three freshmen, one sophomore and two juniors were selected. They are Ruth Combs, Sharon Jenkins, Mary Padua, Karen Russell, Lela Benton and Patricia Storli. These girls will start cheerleading on January 13.



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