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STEVENSON SIGNALS:

Christmas Ball Dec. 17

BY PAUL PENDER

Although much has been written about the dedication and opening of Stevenson High School, in behalf of the student body we would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to those responsible for the excellent planning and execution of the move into the new facility. The difficult task of arranging the smooth transfer of more than 1300 students with new bus schedules, locker assignments, and so forth, was efficiently accomplished.

Mr. Murray Lyke, an electricity and speech teacher, seems to summarize the feelings of many in regard to entering Stevenson.

"Although it is much hard work, and will continue to be, I am glad to be in the new school and on a normal schedule. Equipment is coming in slowly and problems are complex in this respect, but we are fortunate to have what we do have."

The Student Council is work-

ing diligently on finishing the school constitution and setting up extra-curricular activities. On Dec. 17, the Council will sponsor a "Christmas Ball."

Being a student group without a school has generated a closeness among the students and the faculty. This has created an atmosphere of fellowship which is apparent by the support of all athletic contests, seldom found in older established schools.

Even at away games, the Stevenson rooters often far outnumber the "home team" crowd. With such enthusiasm backing the football team, Stevenson finished with a 6-1 record.

After losing the first two encounters, the basketball team, coached by Mr. Donald Iott, defeated Southfield High reserves, 68-64.

It is evident that if this spirit for our new Alma Mater prevails, Stevenson High will rapidly establish a tradition for excellence both academically and athletically.

ST. AGATHA ACCENTS:

Yule Spirit Hits St. Agatha

By MARY LOU MANGOLD

At a assembly Dec. 6, Father Reid presented awards for outstanding achievement to a number of students. Included were many first and second honor cards, Genesee Drama Festival awards for the Annetta participants, and certificates of achievement for girls who excelled in the Gregg Shortland Test.

The annual Christmas fair was held in the high school

lunchroom on Sunday, Dec. 5. One of the biggest attractions to the high school set was the dance from 2 to 4 p.m. All sophomores, juniors, and seniors from St. Agatha's and from the catechism classes were invited. Admission price of 50 cents included a record and a chance for the several door prizes.

The Christmas spirit has suddenly infected St. Agatha's. The latest meeting of the

senior class was devoted to such plans as a Christmas tree for the high school set, decorating the hall, and unique Christmas cards for the faculty. On Monday, Dec. 6, seniors were pleasantly surprised by peppermint sticks bearing St. Nicholas Day greetings from the senior home-room teachers. Sister Mary Edward and Sister Vincella, Freshmen, who volunteered to set up the chairs for the honors convocation, were rewarded with candy canes from Father Reid.

Sister Jane Marie, O.P., supervisor of the Dominican-taught choir, visited St. Agatha's on Thursday and Friday of last week. After two days of sitting in on classes and chatting with faculty and students, Sister commented favorably on the friendliness and cooperation of students she found during her stay.

Next Thursday, St. Agatha's will be inspected by another supervisor—Mr. Fox, from the University of Michigan accreditation service.

Senior girls took the Betty Crocker Homemakers' Test on Tuesday, Dec. 7. The test consisted of two parts—a multiple choice section dealing with problems and decisions faced by typical young married couples, and an essay question. Results will be announced after Christmas.

Friday, Dec. 3, was senior dress-up day. Seniors wore caps and gowns to Mass, and were excused from uniform regulations for the day.

BULLETINS FROM BENTLEY:

Alumni Coming Back

BY SUE DOWELL

All of Bentley is looking forward to seeing many old faces on Wednesday, Dec. 22.

This day will be set aside for Bentley's annual alumni day. A week from today graduates of Bentley are invited to tour the building, visit with teachers, and reminisce with each other. Refreshments can also be enjoyed by former students between 1 and 3 p.m. Seniors serve as hosts.

Not only is tomorrow Thursday but it also marks the first day of the 1966 General Food Drive. This year, students will be allowed to collect cans from Dec. 16 to 20.

When collecting cans no profit making business or retail stores are to be asked to contribute. No money may be solicited from students, homeowners, etc. Students may also canvass north of the railroad tracks and in the Nankin area which is located in the southern part of Livonia. If any member of a class does not follow these three rules, his or her class is subject to disqualification from the competition.

Three boys, one from each class, are acting as chairmen to the Cannon Food Drive. They are: Jack Horbanuk (Senior); Frank Elwell (Junior); and Bill Roberts (Sophomore). These boys are only three of the many students who will help the Good-fellows by collecting cans for the needy people of Livonia.

Bentley did its best. They said that they would contribute 2,000 Christmas Cards to our boys in Vietnam and they did. In fact, the students of Bentley collected around 2,500 and by doing so went over their quota mark. A big thanks is extended to all who expressed their concern for the job our boys are doing in such a distant place.

With the weather we are having now it's hard to walk in anything but rain. But if you use your imagination and enjoy good music you can, "Walk in a Winter Wonderland," on Saturday, Dec. 18; or Monday, Dec. 20. Yes, the Concert Choir's Christmas concert will truly bring to life your dreaming of that White Christmas. Be sure to buy your tickets soon.

PLYMOUTH HIGH NOTES:

Harlem Diplomats Due

By MARGARET RUDLAFF

Attention all you fun loving people!

Be sure to plan on an exciting evening of hilarious basketball Tuesday, Jan. 4 at 8 p.m. in the high school gym. The Canadian version of the Harlem Globetrotters, "The Harlem Diplomats," will exhibit their skills against the Plymouth faculty. Tickets for this exciting event may be purchased before and after school, during any of the three lunch hours or from any Pep Club member.

With the advent of a new season I would just like to welcome again those ambitious, agile cheerleaders.

The Varsity Cheerleaders include: Ruthie Peter '68 (Captain), Donna Cook '68, Sherry Tietz '68, Joanna Skeba '68, Pam M. Miller '68, and Carol Engstrom '67.

The J. V. Cheerleaders are: Eva Walasky '67 (Captain), Sue VanAntwerp '68, Brenda Hayes '68, Nancy Shales '68, Judi Utter '68, and Peggy Clyde '68.

The Swimming Cheerleaders are: Sue Camp '68 (Captain), Gayle Meyers '67, Kathy Butler '68, and Kathy Sinevick '67.

Seniors: All Christmas Card money must be turned in by December 17.

MERCY MUSINGS:

Top Student Honored

BY LINDA OEHLE

Mary Diane Bukowski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bukowski of 18188 Murray Hill and student of Our Lady of Mercy High School has been elected as one of the outstanding students of high school English in the country. The National Council of Teachers of English has named her a 1965 national winner in its annual Achievement awards competition.

Last spring a committee of English teachers from the high school nominated Diane to represent Mercy in the competition. The nation's schools nominated almost 8,500 students for the NCTE citation. Of that number, 837 finalists were chosen. They represent 620 schools from 50 states, the District of Columbia, and American Preparatory Schools Abroad.

The NCTE sends to all winners and runners-up scrolls of recognition and it honors their high school English departments with certificates of merit.

Two choral groups, the senior and junior and seniors, will make Christmas appearances on television. Under the direction of Leanne Teevens, choral instructor, the senior choral, composed of 105 singers from the junior and senior classes, taped a Christmas show on Dec. 5.

Entitled "The Sound of Christmas," the program will be shown on Monday, Dec. 20, from 10-11 p.m. and on Christmas Day from 1-2 on WJBK-TV on Channel 2.

The girls will sing "Drummer Boy."

CLARENCEVILLE:

Band, Choir to Perform

By GEORGIA MASSEY

The high school band and choir gave their annual Christmas Concert Wed., Dec. 15. Junior high groups also participated in the concert. The band played White Christmas and other numbers and the choir sang a number of Christmas selections.

Pep Club will have their initiation Thursday, Dec. 16. President Betty Schmidt installed the new members. This year we think we have a very fine Pep Club, who add a lot of pep to our school.

After a long wait the juniors received their class rings this week. This year the class chose round rings for the first time in our school's history.

We would like to congratulate Lynne Fouts who was the winner of the WKNR Wishbone Contest.

Larry Buchelt was chosen for All State Cross Country by the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association. He came in fifth with a cross country time of 10:20.

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