

Christmas is Celebrated in Many Different Ways

In the United States and Canada, Christmastime starts weeks ahead of time with many bright lights and gay decorations in stores, on lawns, and in homes while the mail is filled with Christmas greeting cards and packages. There are also family gatherings with a dinner that features turkey, chicken, duck, goose, or ham. To finish things off there is usually a special Christmas program given by a church or by a social group.

People in some areas of the United States still follow Christmas customs that early settlers brought from Europe. In Pennsylvania, people follow German and Swiss customs. Scandinavian customs live on in Minnesota and Wisconsin, and French customs are popular in Louisiana and Quebec. French Canadians, believing that it is unlucky if a cat meows in the house on Christmas Eve, feed their cats especially well on December 24.

In Great Britain, children hang their stockings by the fireplaces and hope that Father Christmas will fill them. The day after Christmas Day is called Boxing Day and on this day money is given to the milkman, postman, and others who served them throughout the year. An old English dinner includes brawn (headcheese), roast peacock, boar's head, and mutton pies. Mince pies came from the mutton pie which was originally baked in the shape of a manger. Plum pudding also originated in Great Britain.

In France, children put their shoes on the doorstep on Christmas Eve so Le Petit Noel (the Christ Child) can fill them with gifts. The French use mistletoe as a symbol of good luck. In southeastern France the whole family helps bring in the yule log, which must be big enough to burn from Christmas to New Year's Day. The French often set up a small Nativity scene in their homes. They enjoy Strasbourg (liver) pie and black pudding.

In Germany, some people have a Christmas tree in their home for each member of the family. They decorate the trees with lights and candy and often make their own gifts. On Christmas Eve everyone gathers for the Bercherung (ceremony to light the Christmas tree). Afterwards the children receive gifts and many enjoy roast goose for dinner.

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CHS Makes Recordings

On Saturday, December 11, at 9 a.m. the CHS band and girls' chorus left for Mitchell to record for KXON-TV. The station also invited Mitchell Senior High, Parkston, Tripp, and a vocal group from Dakota Wesleyan University to come and record. The program will be aired on channel 5 at 3 p.m. on Christmas Day. The band and girls' glee got together again on Wednesday, December 15, to record for radio station WNAX. This recording can be heard on Thursday, December 23, at 8 p.m. if your radio dial is turned to 570.

Tomorrow's new day, new year, new opportunities are too precious to waste on yesterday's failings.

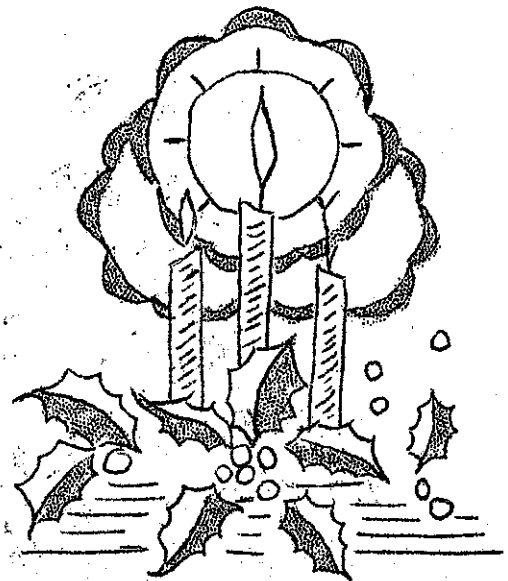
EDITORIAL

Soon another year will begin giving everyone a fresh new start and a chance to make '77 the best year ever. Our school needs change - I think everyone agrees on that point. But it is hard to agree on exactly what changes should be made. Although it took a while, the ineligibility list has finally been changed. One thing that needs change is the attitude of everyone in the school - everyone!! Kids complain of teachers being unfair and that they could care less. Teachers complain the students don't care if they learn anything. The only way things are going to improve is if we keep in mind we are all humans and everyone can make mistakes. If misunderstandings come between students and teachers we should try to settle them right away.

Neither the teachers or students are perfect. . . both have room for improvement. Inside, the students care if they learn and the teachers want us to better ourselves by school. Maybe if the students act more interested the teachers will act more like they are concerned and vice versa. Teachers should have authority in class but, maybe it would help if students could voice their opinion to teachers on how the class could be improved. Teachers aren't here because they have to be and kids aren't required to be in high school. We must have a reason for being here. It would probably help if the students search their own reasons for coming to school everyday. There is one semester left to this school year and maybe if everyone tries really hard, things could improve. What more can be done with a new year than to live it as best as you can?

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Editor's Note: If anyone has anything to comment on or suggestions for changes a letter to the editor is the way to sound your ideas. A lot of people read the paper! School board members all receive a copy of it, and probably most of them read it. A newspaper is an instrument of communication. Communication is the means of exchanging ideas. The newspaper is open to anyone who wants to tell others exactly how they feel. K.K.



MERRY CHRISTMAS
 — AND A
 HAPPY NEW YEAR!
 TO
 CHS STUDENTS
 STAFF AND
 FRIENDS!

FROM THE
 COMET STAFF!

The Comet

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CLASS NEWS

Seniors Kept Busy

by Vera Hoekman

Since the last paper came out, the Class 1977 has been kept busy listening to representatives from colleges, getting ready for the Christmas concert and studying for nine-weeks and semester tests.

Some of the colleges whose representatives have been here are Augustana from Sioux Falls, University of South Dakota from Vermillion, USDS from Springfield, and Sioux Falls College from Sioux Falls. For other activities there have been basketball games, wrestling matches, and the Betty Crocker Test. Also, for those who are in a journalism class, there is the big job of meeting newspaper and annual deadlines.

Sophomores Present Group Panels

by Rose Drefs

The sophomores were busy with the carnival. They selected as their candidates Connie Everson and Bob Blom. Their booths were the cake walk, the cork guns, and the stuffed animals. We made \$225.40 on total ticket sales.

In biology we have been dissecting frogs but have just about finished. In English we have been having panels but we are done now.

Juniors Study For Tests

by Denise Markus

Now that the carnival is over, with the Juniors coming out with third place and bringing in \$220.27, semester tests have been keeping us out of trouble.

This year with the semester ending before Christmas it adds busyness to our Christmas shopping and the usual Christmas preparations.

On the evening of December 16 was the annual High School Christmas Concert. A majority of the juniors (cont. in next col.)

had their vocal and instrumental abilities put to work.

Les Groeneweg, Ivan Brouwer, and Scott Muckey are putting their extra time and effort into helping the basketball team have a successful year.

With prom coming closer all the time the juniors have been making plans for prom, although the juniors seem to be having a money problem.

Anyone who wants a "Comet" frisbee contact a junior.

"In this class we don't tell it like it is. We tell it like it was."



College Offer For Juniors

Two students in the top 10% of the junior class are eligible to get the equivalent of seven semester hours, from Westmar College for free. The only expense is \$300 for room and board. Summer Session is from June 1 - July 21. Applicants must send their high school transcript and a letter of recommendation from their principal or counselor to Westmar College, Le Mars, Iowa, 51031. The offer is on a first come first serve basis with 25 students taken on April 30, 1977 application deadline. Any interested juniors should contact Mr. Anderson to see if they're eligible to apply.

Freshmen Win Carnival

After selling many tickets the Freshman class won their first school carnival. Mrs. Ewald Sprecher won the prize, a crock pot. We won with a total of \$298.00.

The Freshmen are keeping busy with their schoolwork. The guys are busy drawing and tracing. In English we are studying about myths and legends. The girls in General Business are learning how to find dollar cost and true annual interest rate. In Science we are studying about electricity.

by Suzanne Fisher

& Lynette Olawsky

See You Next Year!!!
Enjoy The Vacation!!!

Sagittarians Love Sports

by Wanda Oakland

"Say, that turtleneck sure is flattering. You should wear them all the time. Hides your double chin." Not a very pleasant remark, but to a Sagittarius it would be considered a compliment and said in a sincere manner. It may take him awhile to figure out just what he said to offend you, and even longer to understand why. He'll try to explain, but keep your cool. It gets worse. "Lots of people have a little flab in the neck region. The only time you can see it is from the side. Just don't take any pictures in profile." After explanation he'll go on his merry way.

Sagittarians are normally restless. They hate to sit or stand still. His love of sports and outdoors may bring accidents through reckless over-activity. But usually he recuperates with amazing swiftness.

The archer has a tremendous memory. He usually can remember what he said and where he was at least two or three years before, but at the same time he can forget where he left his coat.

Among the most unpleasant traits of some Sagittarians are a tendency to violent temper and a love of too much food and drink. His temper can flare up like a sky rocket if he's pushed around by people who abuse his friendliness.

The archers, with pleasant, sunny faces, are always willing to help, but sometimes their supposedly helpful remarks could lead



to some hurt feelings, which aren't intentional.

Sagittarians at CHS are:

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| Kim Van Roekel | Nov. | 24 |
| Dave Bordewyk | | 27 |
| Dave Buck | | 28 |
| Les Groeneweg | | 29 |
| Jeff Hamburg | | 30 |
| Larry Hoekman | | 30 |
| Todd Menning | Dec. | 13 |
| Cindy Baier | | 15 |
| Londa Groeneweg | | 19 |

Change in 2nd Semester Schedule

Semester time has rolled around and time has come for some students to change subjects.

Some of the senior's will be taking sociology instead of psychology. The seniors are also done with government and some will take economics under Mr. Kfuse. If they have four full credits they won't have to take economics. Another change is that sophomores won't be having driver's ed the last half of the year. Mr. Lanpher will have a studyhall with them and Mr. Wagner will schedule driving.

There will also be some new teachers. The administrators are interviewing people to take Mrs. Lindeman's position after Christmas. Since Mr. Behrend is leaving at semester break, Mrs. Barb Noteboom will be taking his position. Second and fifth periods will be changed around so Mrs. Noteboom can teach a half a day. The schedule will be handed out to everyone this week.

Limit On Activities?

by Kathy Kuyper

How much time do you spend on extracurricular activities? Many educators think students are spending too much of their school time participating in sports debate, going to state fair, and not enough time studying. South Dakota educators do not want to cut them out, just limit the amount of time for those activities. According to the Mitchell Daily Republic, The State Board of Education is suggesting that only grades 9-12 have extracurricular activities, with grades 1-8 having only intraschool activities. They are hoping this would save money and time available for classroom work.

Within the next month, a questionaire will be sent to various school systems to find out how much study time is really lost to basketball, debate, etc.. The school administrators are also asked to give their opinions on whether sports seasons should be shortened, schedules cut, or a limit placed on the amount of time a student may miss class for activities.

State Superintendent of Elementary and Secondary Education Thomas Todd doubts the board is going to consider eliminating specific activities, but limit the number of days that a student can miss because of those activities. Todd said the board believes instruction has priority but they also want to maintain a balance between activities and instruction.

Dale Evans of the state

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Freshmen Candidates Win

The '76 carnival is past and is now a part of the history of CHS. The carnival was fairly successful pulling in about \$850.15 earned by the classes from raffle ticket sales.

The program started the evening off with plenty of laughs and musical entertainment. Delwyn Vreugdenhil was the champ of the pie eating contest, eating faster than anyone else. (Maybe his pie tasted better than the others!) The program was well received by the smaller-than-usual crowd. All raffle tickets and money were turned in at 9 p.m. and the results were tabulated.

The stands were open until about 10 p.m. When all the candidates were dressed up and waiting for the coronation. The freshmen crock-pot went to Edna Sprecher, Clarence Buck won the sophomore \$25 certificate, Mrs. Dennis Vanden Hoek won the junior \$25 savings bond, and the \$25 cash from the seniors went to Mrs. Pete J. Millenburg. Harvey Millenburg won the Student Council clock-radio. Left-overs from the country store were raffled away to John and Ralph Engelland, Tom Heber, Mona Markus, and Pete Krull.

Debbie Groseth and Randy Dookendorf crowned Freshmen Lynette Olawsky and Tim Noteboom as the new carnival king and queen. The night was brought to a close after pictures were taken of the carnival royalty and the court.

Calendar of Events

- Dec. 29. Holiday Ball in Plankinton
- Jan. 3 School resumes
- 6-7 Stickney Double Header (basketball)
- 10 Regular meeting of school board
- 7th & 8th basketball game against New Holland on home floor
- 13 Wrestling match at Kimball
- 14 Boys' basketball game against Mt. Vernon on the home floor

"Please excuse me because..."

by Cindy Bultje

"Please excuse Archie for being late this morning. He didn't make it on time because he had to help load stubborn hogs." "Please excuse Walter this morning since we had trouble doing chores." Excuses like these are common in the farming community. There are many more in a metal file box behind Mr. Anderson's desk. Here are a few more: "Please excuse his tardiness since the power was off so milking was late." "He was late because his horse ran away." "Please excuse George because he had to plow." "He had to stay home and help with the livestock."

Some people bring in excuses that often have misused words such as: "My son is under doctor's care and should not take PE, please excuse him." "Please excuse Martha because she had strep throat."

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Ineligibility List Changes

The changed ineligibility list will go into effect the next nine weeks. There will still be a two week period, but after the next two weeks are added it will be a period of four weeks, then six weeks, etc. If someone wants to get off the ineligibility list he or she can. The student will have to talk to the teacher and make arrangements, so the responsibility is on the student. This should bring the students and the teachers together.

Summed up, the new list is more of a cumulative average of grades in a class and it gives the students a better chance to keep their names off the list.

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High School Activities Association thinks there probably is too much class interruption.

"Debate and track are among the big offenders," he said. "They can take the top students or a teacher out of class." He also said sometimes students have four track meets a week. The overlap of the girls and boys basketball season has been eased by a decision to shorten the boys' basketball season. Who knows?? The future could hold less activities and more studying!!!!



Teachers Don't Only Teach

by Bryan Bakker, Curt Wagner, and Dave Bordewyk

Some people think teachers' lives are only in school; but they have hobbies also. Mr. Graves likes hunting pheasants and deer. He also is an amateur carpenter since he put on an addition to his trailer.

Mr. Wagner says he hunts, "darn near everything." Mr. Adams' hobbies consist of duck hunting and listening to music of all kinds. Hunting, camping, and fishing are what Mr. Anderson does in his spare time.

Miss De Vries enjoys playing tennis and listening to records of all sorts. She also bowls regularly with a best score of 195. Ms. Nelson likes reading and macrame when she has time. Macrame is the craft of typing knots and making it into wall hangings. Miss Wagner likes sewing. Sometimes she plays guitar in the church. Hobbies of Mr. Leischner's are hunting pheasants and ducks, and fishing. In the summer he plays slow pitch softball.

Mr. Bartelt plays bass guitar in a group called Horizon. On weekends Mr. Reinesch bowhunts for deer. Mr. Hall works on his Pontiac and he is a gardener in the summer months.

Mrs. Lindeman sews most anything in her leisure time. Hunting, reading, and bowling, in which he has an average of 157, are some of Mr. Lanphers' favorite pastimes. Mr. Behrend's preferences are golf, fishing, and bowling.

As you can see there are different strokes for different folks when it comes to faculty hobbies.

Make Your Holiday Safe

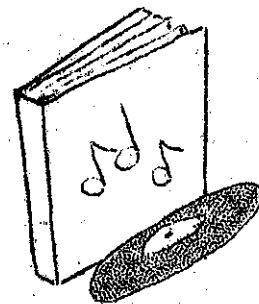
As you all know, Christmas is just around the corner. When you think of Christmas, what things come to your mind? Probably lots of snow and lots of holiday parties. Of course there's nothing wrong with a white Christmas, and parties are a highlight of the holiday season. But if certain precautions are not taken, the combination of the two can lead to disaster.

Icy roads and a drinking driver are a bad combination. Don't be fooled by the fact that you can "hold your liquor." Even though you're not drunk, your driving ability is impaired. The truth is that any amount of alcohol in the bloodstream slows down your reflexes. Icy roads are the
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second factor. Ice on the road increases your stopping distance greatly. Team this with a driver that has been drinking, and you've got a bad situation.

This doesn't mean that you can't have a good time, however, because you can protect yourself by following a simple rule---"If you drive, don't drink; and if you drink, don't drive." A simple rule-- yes, but one that can save your life. The C.H.S. Safety Council wishes you a SAFE and HAPPY holiday season!

Top Hits of CHS



Recently a vote was taken in C.H.S. of the student body on the popular singles on radio and the popular albums sold in music stores across the C.H.S. territory. They are as follows:

Singles:

1. Did You Boogie?
2. Still The One
3. Stand Tall
4. Beth
5. Rubber Band Man
6. Rockin'Me
7. You Are The Women
8. Theme From the Young and the Restless
9. This One's for You
10. Devil Woman

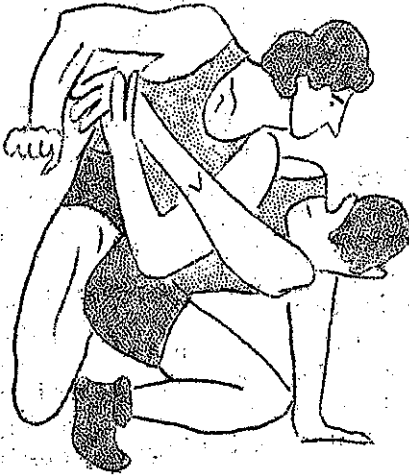
Albums:

1. Kiss - Detroit City Rock
2. Bee Gees - Gold
3. Eagles - Greatest Hits
4. Foghat - Fool for the City
5. BTO - Not Fragile
6. BTO - First Album
7. Aerosmith - Dream On
8. Sweet - Desolation Boulevard
9. Steve Miller - Fly Like An Eagle
10. Bad Company - Straight Shooter

PEACE ON EARTH IF
GOOD WILL TO ALL

SPORTS NEWS

Comets Chalk Up 3 Wins



Comets Place 4 in Tourney

The White Lake Invitational Tournament was held on Saturday December 18 with eight teams participating. Dave Holstein finished fourth in the 167 pound class, Brian Van Genderen third at 119, Dave Buck finished second in 112 pound class and Bob Bamberg finished second in heavy weight.

White Lake won the team championship with 197½ points with Lyman County and Woonsocket second and third with 121½ and 121 points respectively.

Corsica downed Delmont by a score of 78-46. Darwin Brouwer was the top scorer with 23 points, followed by Jeff Hamburg and Les Groeneweg with 16 and 15 points respectively. In the rebound department, Darwin and Jeff again led with 21 and 13 rebounds respectively. Delmont was led by Owen Goehring and Perry Fuernisa with 13 points and 13 rebounds, respectively. Corsica shot 46% with 33 of 72 from the field and Delmont shot 18 of 47 for 38%.

Corsica stomped Kimball in a C.B.H. Conference rivalry 82-38, Friday, December 17. Les Groeneweg led the Comets with 27 points and was followed by Mark Noteboom, Jeff Hamburg, and Scott Muckey with 14, 13, and 10 points respectively. Kimball was led by Scott Stevens and Gerry Picek with 12 and 10 points respectively.

Corsica tromped Platte 79-58 Tuesday night. Top scorer was Scott Muckey 17 followed by Les Groeneweg, Darwin Brouwer, Ivan Brouwer, and Mark Noteboom with 16, 14, 13, and 12 respectively. Les had the most rebounds with 15 followed by Jeff Hamburg, Ivan Brouwer, and Darwin Brouwer with 13, 11, and 10 respectively. Platte's top scorers were Tom Nachtigal and Kelly Meier with 24 and 15. Jeff Klosterman led the Panthers in rebounding with 8.

NFL Championship games scheduled for Sunday, January 2.
Minnesota vs. Los Angeles
Pittsburg vs. Oakland
Winners will advance to Super Bowl Sunday, January 16.

Future Looks Good For Corsica Team

by Bob Bamberg

On January 6-7 the big maroon machine travels to Stickney to participate in the Stickney tourney. Corsica plays Plankinton in the first game while Stickney takes on White Lake in the second game. Corsica, despite its one loss to White Lake by one point, is looking strong this year and I'm sure they should take an easy win from Plankinton. It's got to be CORSICA.

In the second game, things toughen up as Stickney plays White Lake. The Raiders are short for height this year and White Lake is running strong. I'll take WHITE LAKE.

On the second night, Stickney will meet Plankinton and, if all goes right, the Raiders won't lose twice in a row. I'll say STICKNEY.

In the next game the championship will be at stake between White Lake and Corsica. The Comets beat themselves last game and I don't think they'll do it again. I'll take CORSICA.

On January 11 Mt. Vernon comes to town with their basketball team. The Comets will be running strong so I'll have to take CORSICA.

See you next issue with more predictions from the Fearless Forcaster. Aloha.

GO BIG
MAROON

Quill and Scroll To Organize

The Quill and Scroll, under the supervision of Ms. Nelson will begin at the beginning of the next semester. This is an honorary journalism society which has granted a charter to the Corsica High School.

According to the Constitution, members of Quill and Scroll must be chosen from the students in the high school who, at the time of their election, meet the following qualifications: (1) must be a junior or senior; (2) must be in the upper third of their class in general scholastic standing; (3) they must have done superior work in some phase of journalism or school publications work, such as writing, editing, business management, or production; (4) they must be recommended by the supervisor or by the committee governing publications; (5) they must be approved by the Executive Secretary of the Society.

The Quill and Scroll seeks to encourage individuals' initiative in journalism, creative writing, and allied fields and to recognize and reward the individual achievements of students engaged in journalism activities.

Betty Crocker Test Given

Mr. Adams gave the senior class the Betty Crocker test which is sponsored by General Mills on December 8. The local winner will be announced some time in January, and there will be

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Cast Chosen for One-Act

In the last week of November Miss Wagner, Drama Director, picked four seniors to compete in the One-Act Play Contest in Gregory. Sandy Beukelamn, Kathy Kuyper, Dave Holstein, and Bob Bamberg were chosen. The name of the play is "Sham". It's a story about an average married couple, Charles (Dave) and Clara (Sandy) who are trying to live in a high class society. A thief (Bob) breaks into their home and finds that they have nothing worth stealing, and threatens to tell all of Charles' and Clara's neighbors and family that they are not as rich as they put on to be, unless they find him something worth taking.

The story is rounded out when a reporter (Kathy) interviews the couple to find out if they have been burglarized, like everyone else in their neighborhood. The couple realizes that if the thief does not take anything, the neighbors would realize that they are not really wealthy. So they give the burglar a painting of Cousin Paul.

This will be the first One-Act put on in CHS in two years so this quartet of actors and actresses will be trying for a good rating.

Holidays Busy Time for Mail

Are you one of those people who catch yourself running to the mail box to see if you received any packages, cards or letters in the mail? It's always a good feeling to be remembered on a special occasion with a letter or package. Now that the Christmas season is upon us there is an overflow of mail coming into the post offices lately.

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three winners in the state. Each winner will be expected to go into some sort of nutrition field.

The test was mainly objective type with one essay question. The test was sent to SRA (Science Research Associates) in Iowa City, Iowa to be corrected. There will be an answer sheet sent to each school for use with test booklets in nutrition classes.

This means a lot of long, hard hours for the workers in the post office.

Mr. John Starckenberg, an employee at the Corsica Post Office, participated in a short informative discussion on some facts about the Christmas rush experienced there.

The post office is not allowed any extra workers or hours with which to handle all the extra mail coming in the mail room these past few days. Mr. Starckenberg said that the post office was handling up to five times their normal mail load. The tasks that go along with sorting and distributing are rewrapping and re-tying. These tasks are increased greatly during Christmas. Another problem that arises is the zip codes that are transposed wrong and are usually sent to the wrong location.

The post office undertook a big job to service the area promptly during

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In Switzerland, young people visit nine fountains on their way to midnight church services on Christmas Eve. They take three sips of water from each fountain. A legend says if they do this, they will find their future husband or wife waiting at the door of the church. Some Swiss also believe that animals can speak at midnight on Christmas Eve, and that they kneel in honor of the Christ child.

In The Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg, people exchange gifts on December 6, St. Nicholas' Day. A man dressed in the rich robes of a bishop represents the saint. He questions the children about their behavior during the year, and promises to return during the night with gifts for the good children. The children fill wooden shoes with cookies and candy for the saint and leave them on the doorstep. He takes their goodies and leaves toys and other gifts. In these countries, December 25 is a purely religious holiday.

In Yugoslavia, children celebrate the second Sunday before Christmas as Mother's Day. While their mother sits quietly, the children steal in and tie her feet to her chair. They shout, "Mother's Day, Mother's Day, what will you pay to get away?" She then gives them gifts. On the next Sunday, father receives the same treatment, with the same happy results. The Serbs believe they will have bad luck if the badnyak (Christmas log) burns out, so someone stands watch over the log all night. They also serve roast pig in honor of Bozhitch, an ancient sun god whose name now means Christmas.

Asia. The people of the Phillippines call their favorite Christmas dish colacion. They make it by cooking fruit with various root sprouts. In each family, one or two members stay home to serve any guests who drop in. The others have their colacion in some other home.

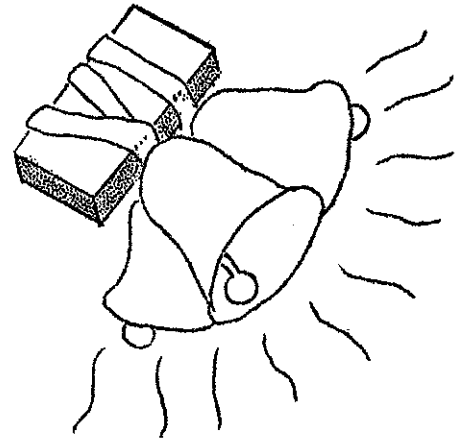
The Armenians eat fried and boiled spinach on Christmas Eve. They believe the Virgin Mary ate boiled spinach on the night before Christ was born. Their festivities last three days, including visiting and fun.

These are only a sample of the different ways Christmas is celebrated around the world.

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the Christmas rush, and now, with the rush gradually coming to a halt the postal people can enjoy the holidays as well. So when the old Scrooge pops up during those confused and busy days of Christmas, just think what the post office has gone through to make it a nice Christmas for you.

If you haven't bought your tickets for the Holiday Ball yet, you can call or stop at Karen Vreugdenhil's home anytime during the holiday vacation before December 29. The number is 946-5423.

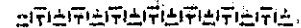


Happy
New
Year

Only a second from old to new,
a second and '76 will be through.

Let it commence, then
with your review,

of victories old; now new
goals pursue.



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The reason he wasn't in school was because he was late." "Please excuse Alice as she stayed home." These are some of the excuses that don't say anything. Here are some others: "Please excuse his tardiness since he didn't make it." "He was late this morning since he was home awhile this morning." "Please excuse Maude as she was missing from school Monday and Tuesday." "She plans to be out of school tomorrow."

Dentist, doctor, or eye appointments and oversleeping are some of the common excuses used. Whereas, there are also some uncommon ones, such as: "Please excuse Bill because he hit his head on the window." "He was late this morning since he had to wait for his brother." "Please excuse her yesterday because she had a bad cold" (ever heard of a good one?). "Joey was absent because his shoes got thrown out with the carpet."

Mr. Anderson's attitude toward some of the excuses is "There are some ingenious ones." Which one of these excuses is yours???

THE CHS
SAFETY COUNCIL
WISHES YOU A
SAFE AND HAPPY
HOLIDAY SEASON

