

STRANGE EVENTS HIGHLIGHT CENSUS TAKING

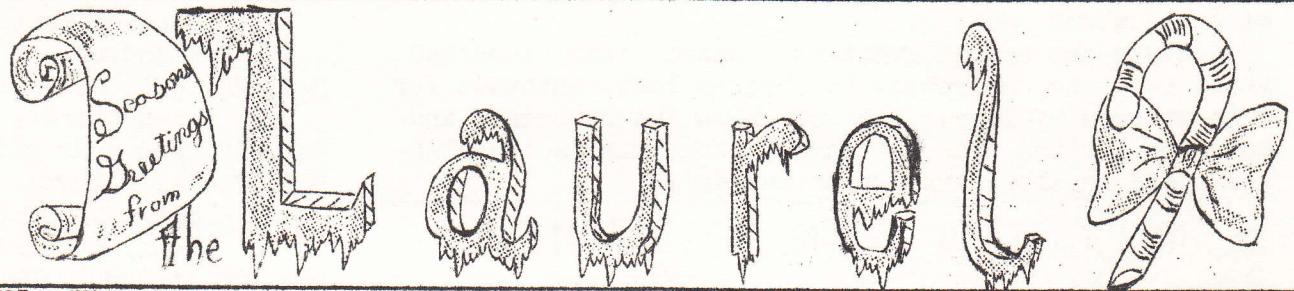
(Bethlehem--Dec.25) Pilgrims continued to stream into Bethlehem today as the time for the census taking draws nearer. Traffic was snarled and many late-comers found themselves with no place to stay.

Meanwhile, pilgrims from as far away as Nazareth took shelter in barns and stables throughout the village. A strange unidentified light was spotted several times in the sky above Bethlehem during the night and several shepherds reported hearing strange singing in the foothills

where they had been keeping their flocks.

A detachment of the king's border patrol reported that three wealthy travelers from the East had been apprehended on the outskirts of the town.

One family of pilgrims, Mary and Joseph of Nazareth, were blessed during the night with the birth of a son, Jesus. The young couple had taken refuge in a stable outside of the town where they were visited by many friends and well-wishers. The couple belong to the royal house of David.



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SENIOR MERITS SECOND PLACE

Barbara Brooten has received word that her qualities of leadership as exemplified in her entry to the Elks Leadership Contest has merited for her a second place.

Betty Fitchner and Barbara were the only seniors to enter.

This youth contest is conducted annually on the local, state, and national levels. Those entering prepared brochures of newspaper clippings, letters of recommendation, and other material to give proof of leadership in school, church, and community.

First and second awards of cash prizes are given in both the boys' and the girls' divisions.

TOTS, TEENAGERS ON STAGE

The house lights will dim on a warm Christmasy setting in Brown Gym when the stage lights focus on the St. Thomas School depiction of "The Littlest Angel." The evening's entertainment will be introduced by a Christmas story by Grade One.

The Academy students have been preparing several carols which will be presented with a Nativity Tableau.

Members of the tableau include seniors Alice Baurnefeind as Mary, Robert Shively as Joseph, Leo Kaschak and Joseph Webb as the shepherds, and Yvonne Falk, Janice Hutchins, and Sharon Scharff as angels.

Approximately the same program of carols will be recorded by radio station KVNI for programming near Christmas.

Accompanists for the performances are Marilyn Gross, Judy Gehlen, Mary Ann Mertens, and Marilyn Roche.

The program is scheduled for 8:15 P. M. on December 19.

SNOWY THEME

FOR DANCE

The juniors, luring their schoolmates to a pre-Christmas social, decorated the gym in keeping with their theme of "White Christmas."

Christmas trees, candy cane prizes, bells, and snowflakes seen through soft lighting combined to make the hall a cheerful setting.

Money realized on the dance will be used for a spring Prom.

SUPPOSE IT HAPPENED HERE

Just a few days remain before Christmas will again be celebrated throughout the world. Just for a few moments let us imagine that this is the year long appointed for the coming of the Messiah. Christ is to be born right into our own midst, here in our town.

Everything looks the same, except that huge banners and posters noting the date and place of His birth are seen everywhere. Great publicity has been given to the whole affair on radio and television and people have flocked to our town by the hundreds to see the Christ Child and give Him the adoration due Him.

When the great moment arrives the crowd goes hysterical with joy and one by one file past the birthplace of the newborn Babe.

Because the actual event is nearly two thousand years past is no reason to become less enthused for this miracle of love. Let us have the reverence and devotion for the true meaning of Christmas as the shepherds had on that first Christmas day.

FOUR LIGHTED CANDLES SIGNIFY THE "FULLNESS OF TIME"

The Advent Devotions in which all students have been participating may be better understood with some explanation.

The custom of the Advent wreath began about the sixteenth century among the Protestants of Eastern Germany and was soon adopted by Catholics. The wreath has no direct connection with the liturgy of the Church; it is not a sacramental. The ritual contains no special blessing for it and the Church has never officially proclaimed its symbolism.

The Advent wreath is exactly what the word implies, a wreath of evergreens. It is either suspended from the ceiling or placed on a table. Fastened to the wreath are four candles representing the four weeks of Advent.

Every Sunday of Advent one more candle is lighted until all four candles shed their cheerful light to announce the approaching birthday of the Lord.

CHRISTMAS, NOT XMAS

--Mary Anne Mason

Xmas!, the sound of it doesn't ring clear
It's Christmas, not Xmas as we often hear.

Now Xmas will do if material's the thing;
But let us remember--that Christ is our king!

He, though born in a stable was adored by angel throng;
So remember CHRISTmas--for Xmas is wrong.



NOT A DULL MOMENT IN SIGHT

When in the course of human events it becomes necessary to draw up a calendar concerning the important events that are to take place over the holidays, you can count on "The Laurel" to come through with a beauty.

Here are some tentative dates;

Dec. 22 School's out and Academy beats big Rathdrum.

Dec. 24 Christmas shopping starts.

Dec. 25 Open your gifts!

Dec. 26 Fall thru' ice with your brand new iceskates.

Dec. 29 Attend DeSales dance.

Dec. 31 So sleep tonight.

Jan. 2 Break first resolution by going back to school.

Any of the above dates related to what actually happens is purely intentional.

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NEW CLUB FOR GIRLS FORMED

A vocational club for girls recently held its first meeting under the moderatorship of Sister M. Cornelian.

The newly formed club is divided into two groups, those who are interested in learning about the religious life and those who will pray for vocations.

The club has decided to meet the first and third Mondays of the month. Members have suggested visiting different places such as Sacred Heart Hospital.

Members are still invited to join.

JUNIORS VIEW RESULTS OF PSAT TESTS

Scores from the PSAT tests taken by juniors in October were recently returned to the school.

Those juniors ranking above the 90th percentile nationally in the verbal section are Patsy Berrey, Mary Ann Mason, Pat Nessler, and Judy Romans.

Ranking in the same high group for the math section are Jim Bombino, Rick Hofmeister, and Christine Mihelich.

Christine received the unique distinction of ranking in the 99th percentile in the verbal and the 97th in the math.

CANDID CAMERA CAPERS

The photographer from Dorian's Studio has come and gone, and the 1962 LeCoeur is in the making. As staff members, several senior boys were privileged to accompany him, observing his artistry, and supposedly helping to catch the right scenes and activities as he moved through the school.

It is rather surprising and terribly unnerving to watch these pictures being taken. The vast array of teeth and dimples displayed was next to phenomenal and the assortment of limp expressions was as varied as the day was long.

Another interesting aspect of photographer accompanying was the many strangers who were discovered posing as students and trying to get in on the pictures. For instance, there was that handsome kid in the white letter sweater who kept insisting that he was Don Wiley. Everybody knows Don wears a blue letter sweater.

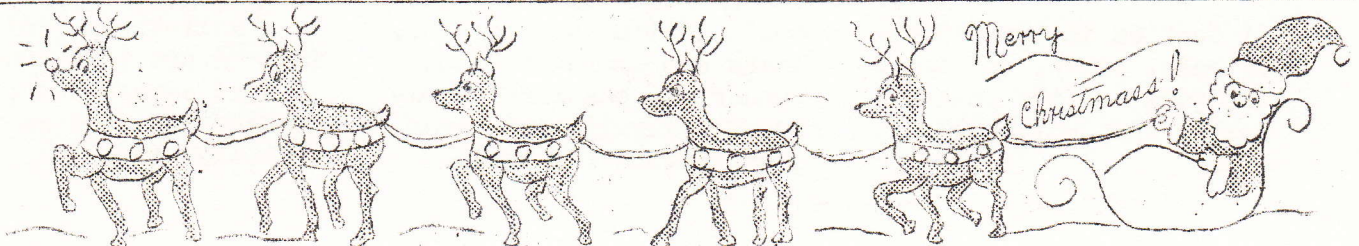
When finally the photographer had finished all his allotted shots, he naturally fell victim to an assortment of sick wise-cracks such as: "Are you sure you had film in the camera?" He bore this hail of sad humor very stoically and then, just as he was leaving, stunned us all by muttering nonchalantly to himself as he went out the door, "Oh darn, forgot to take the lens cap off the camera."

SECOND PERIOD HONOR ROLL NAMED

The sophomore class again lead the school with seven top honor students when the second period reports were issued. They are Diane Wachter, Judith Gehlen, Mary Kiernan, Kathryn Kryger, Joan Nephew, Barbara Scharff, and Pamela Peters.

Other first honors go to seniors Nancy Kenck and Betty Fitchner; juniors, Judy Romans and Christine Mihelich; freshmen, Jay Snyder, Brent Curtis, Gary O'Connell, Catherine Palmer and Philip Rassier.

Meriting second honors were seniors Kathleen McFarland, Pat Roche, Kathleen Burke and Alice Bauernfeind; juniors, Mary Ann Mertens, Mary Ann Mason, Jo Ellen Holzer, Marilyn Roche, Linda Jacobs and Lorinda Wachter; sophomore Roland Betit, and freshmen Beatrice Betit, Thomas Cope, Linda Copeland, Marilyn Gross, Tracy O'Day, Michael Cronquist, Michael Susalla, Catherine Andrews, Linda Larson, Ann Matson, Kathleen McMurray, Carol Peplinski, Linda Roberts, Pat Selzler, Ann Sonnichsen, and Linda Walters.



WEEKEND BRINGS MORAL VICTORY

A mere two points prevented the IHM Academy Panthers from breaking into the winning column Friday night when Academy lost a heart-breaker to Priest River, 48-46.

IHM played by far the best game of the still young season as the score was knotted 24-24 at the half and several times through the third and fourth quarters the lead changed hands. Todd Gustafson found the Priest River court to his liking as he poured 33 points through the nets to lead the Panther attack. The Spartans ball-control tactics undoubtedly were the key factor during the waning minutes of the game as they prevented Academy from tying the score and going ahead.

Saturday evening the Panthers played host to the Lumberjacks from Saint Maries, and again played up to their potential as they gave the Loggers a run for their money. However, their best efforts were not good enough as St. Maries took the win home 43-39. This game was more of a team effort than that of the previous evening as no one man scored more than 15 points, although Mike Boughton got 12 and Todd Gustafson made 11.

After a stunning 49-24 defeat by Priest River, the Academy J. V.'s managed to put down a small but lucky St. Maries team 41-36. Things weren't too good for the home team in three of the four quarters but they managed to win on a third quarter rally.

The Academy J. V.'s have a 2-4 win-loss record this season and they hope for a third win, when they meet Rathdrum on December 22.

PLANT SPECIALIST VISITS CLASSES

For the second consecutive year, the Idaho Academy of Science, has sponsored a program by arranging visits of recognized scientists to Idaho High School.

Through this program, Dr. Alvin Aller, assistant professor of science from the University of Idaho recently spoke to four science classes. Professor Aller lectured on "Plant Distribution in Idaho" which was made identifiable by colorful slides.

The purpose of this program is to stimulate student interest in science through direct contact with recognized practicing scientists. Last year Dr. Peter Freeman and Dr. Philip Dumas visited the school under the same program.

The faculty, alumni, and students extend their sincere sympathy to Mrs. William Hanses (Bernadine Batchelder '54, Richard '57, Joan '55, and Gary '59 on the death of their grandmother; to Mrs. M. Jes-sick (Mary Frances Siek '45) on the death of her mother.

LAURELS TO:

Mr. Garvey, Roger Brooks, Kenny Koss, Kenny Koep, and Frank Ryman for bringing in trees for the decoration of the Academy buildings.

To all the students who assisted in the window washing project.

To Duane Primozich, Dennis Dimeling, and Bob Riplinger for clearing the snow.

To the many students who assisted their teachers in decorating the school and the bulletin boards.

FAMOUS LAST WORDS

Mike O'Connell: Have you seen my rubbers? I think I left them here last year.

Roger Brooks: Why my deportment has always been one of my best grades!

Pat Neeser: How come it's always me?

Drill Teamer: What two left feet?

Rita Hultner: I'm sick of these gum fines!

James Bombino: Is this a test or just a quiz?

Rosemary Hansen: I think I lost my Christmas cards.

Junior Girl: But this is the length they're wearing skirts now.

Tracy O'Day and Wilma Eichhorn: What snowballs?

Bob Shiveley: But wait until you see us at the intramurals.

UPPERCLASSMEN HEAR FATHER

Recently juniors and seniors were honored by a visit from Father John Hunthausen, a spokesman for Carroll College situated outside of Helena, Montana.

Father Hunthausen spoke to the group on the background and opportunities of the college. He explained the various courses, athletic program, facilities, and expense of attending this school.

Father also stressed the importance of attending college at these crucial times and the necessity that it be a Catholic college if possible.

PRAYERS OFFERED

For the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Sodality Prefect Don Wiley presented a spiritual bouquet to the Sisters.

This is the patronal feast of the Sisters and of the Academy.

N.E.C. ATTENDED BY FACULTY

Several hundred priests and sisters from Montana, Idaho, Washington, Utah, and Oregon met for the Annual Northwest Catholic Educational Convention in Seattle, Washington.

The convention opened Sunday at Seattle University with discussions on the current problems in secondary education.

Tuesday, the N. E. C. was held at the Olympic Hotel in Seattle. Delegates from public and Catholic schools in the northwest met to recheck the evaluation reports of the schools.

On Wednesday, guest speakers addressed the delegates with timely topics such as team teaching, teaching by television, teaching machines, and superior and talented student projects.

I.H.M. Academy has met the standards of the Northwest Educational Association for the past twenty years.

CAN YOU DO THIS?

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Members of the senior shorthand class merrily joined in the Yuletide spirit as they judged the masterpieces of the Typing I class.

For the past week, the usual business-like keys have hummed happily producing angels, snowflakes, snowy steeples, and candy canes.

The three grand finalists of the Christmas derby are Kathy Giesa with her modernistic Santa Claus, Mary Anne Mason's wise kings in dimension, and Anna Mae Hill's tiny, thumbsucking cherub.

Although the male members of the class produced no winners, it is just because the senior girls couldn't be partial.

GET YOUR HOLIDAY READING HERE

Once again the library has been expanded with the arrival of many new volumes which promise to interest almost every type of reader. A few representative volumes are mentioned here.

One of the new arrivals is "The Naked Communist" by W. Cleon Skousen. Students who viewed the recent anti-Communist rally on television may remember Mr. Skousen as an outstanding speaker. In this book he uncovers the truth about Communism and its influence on many of the current events including the U-2 affair and the Cuban and Congo crises.

"Knute Rochne" by Francis Wallace is, of course, a biography of the immortal Notre Dame coach which also includes much additional information on some of his famous players.

"A Nun With a Gun" by Eddie Doherty tells of the work of Sister Stanislaus, a nursing Sister, and her efforts at Charity Hospital in New Orleans.

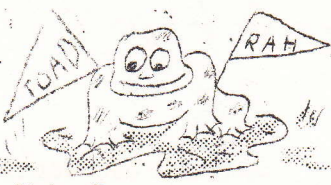
RACISM IS ESSAY THEME

An essay written by senior Pat Roche was recently selected to represent the Academy in the contest sponsored by the Josephite Fathers.

These priests are the missionaries to the American Negro and had as their theme "What is Racism Doing to the Catholic Church in the United States."

On May 1, 1962, the announcement will be made of the five \$1,000 scholarship winners from the entire country. These may attend any Catholic college of their choice.

FEUD FOR THOUGHT



—Bob Shively

As I was walking down the street the other day in the good company of T. Gustafson, I suddenly remembered that a Press Club assignment was due that day. My mental anguish must have reflected on my fair (hakkaff) countenance, because my good companion inquired what my problem was. I informed him that if I didn't get my assignment in, I was a deceased fowl (dead duck to you). And then Tiddle, that kind soul, showed his mettle by offering me his services.

"You can write about me," he volunteered. "Tell the truth about me and use somebody else's name."

"Aha!" I cried, "a brilliant scheme. But I believe I'll just tell a few lies about you and put your name on 'em.

And that's exactly what I'm gonna do.

Gus (as he is affectionately called by his friends) behooved himself to come into existence on May 28, 1943. Of course, at that time, he didn't have any definite plans for the future, so he was content to sit back and accumulate for a while until that fateful date when he decided to attend IHM. Many tears were shed that day but Toad could not be swayed from his decision.

Gundle-plat (who has more names than Hawaii has pebbles) has graced Academy basketball courts for three, long, heart-rending years and is currently engaged in torturing Coach Nielsen. We don't know what we'd do without Trundle. (Probably win) His ideal in life is to be able to foul out of a game in 5 minutes of play, and if he tries as hard as he did against Post Falls, he just might do it.

Well, Gunderson, we wish you the...uh...best of luck in the future. But I've got just one question... What the dickens is your real first name?

JAY VEE'S TAKE ONE,

LOSE THREE

The first season play saw Academy win over a much taller Kootenai team 31-24 and then drop a thriller to Mullan 37-36. Academy lost its chance to put the game into an overtime when Don Anderson missed a crucial free throw.

The Jayvee's couldn't hold Newport down as they romped to a half-time lead of 32-17. The second half was play neck-to-neck with

each team scoring 13 pts.

A strong Post Falls team invaded Brown Gym next and commenced to beat the Jayvee's with a strong bench built around their tall forwards. Academy lacking in height, did all they could to stop the consistent scoring of their opponents but to no noticeable avail. Final score was 76-28 with no one of the first five hitting the double figures.

SEASON OPENERS ARE LOSERS

During the last week of November, the Panthers invited the CdA J.V. team to scrimmage in hopes of improving their offensive punch before meeting the Kootenai Warriors.

The cagers hopes were dashed when they handed down the season opener 66-44. Coach Nielsen stressed poor team work as the Panthers worst opponent.

With this in mind the Academy five challenged the Mullan Tigers next.

The Panthers began to shine leading at the first quarter by 12 and at the half by four points. Then Mullan made an overpowering comeback finally defeating Academy 66-48.

Coach Nielsen congratulated Todd Gustafson for his fine defensive job, taking over 50 per cent of the panther rebounds, and scoring 18 points.

PANTHERS BOW

NEWPORT, POST FALLS

Friday, December 8, the Academy took to the road for a game with the Grizzlies of Newport, Wash. They encountered rough going, however, as they were downed by the Newport squad 61-16. The Panthers had a bad night all around, hitting a mere 7 per cent of their shots.

Saturday evening, IHM entertained a strong Post Falls team. The Panthers could do little against the red-hot shooting of the Trojans, and absorbed the loss, 94-36. High both nights for the Academy was Mike Boughton with 5 pts. Friday night and 9 Saturday.

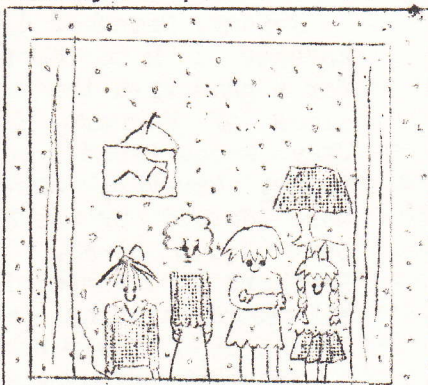
ALUMNI NEWS

Dr. John (Pete) McMillan '49 and Agnes McDonell were married at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church in Bremerton, Washington on November 4. Jane McMillan '48 sister of the groom was one of the bridesmaids.

Paying their Alma Mater a visit during Thanksgiving vacation were Tom Holzer '61, freshman at Carroll College and Susanna Weinmann '61, student nurse at St. Patrick's Hospital in Missoula, Montana.

Claudia Wayne '57 and Walter Melior of Bonners Ferry were married at St. Thomas Church on Dec. 11. Claudia is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Wayne. (Mary O' Neill '30).

Jack Russell '60 is home from the Navy on leave and will be here for the Christmas holidays. He will report to San Francisco the first week of January.



"Whose idea was this White Christmas--I want to go home to Mother!"

AROUND BOARDER-VILLE:
by Mary Tanguay

GANGUAY FOR TANGUAY



--Mary Tanguay

Dearest Old Gentleman with bowl full of jelly,

It's been such a long time since I sat on your knee, stroked your fluffy white beard, told you what I wanted for Christmas--a whole year. Oh, and I really know how busy you must be ringirg those bells on cold street corners, sitting complacently in department stores while MaMa's little snookums tweeks your nose and wants to exchange last year's presents, not to mention all the snow shoveling at North Pole. You must be so busy that I decided to write you a letter so that all your deliveries in Coeur d'Alene on Christmas Eve will be delivered to the right places.

The Sisters would like their usual--an economy size bottle of red and green tranquilizers. They asked me specially to ask you not to wake the pigeons in the belfry because last year you caused quite a racket and they didn't settle down too well after that.

The boarders would like you to install an escalator for the house because they are simply wasting away to nothing running up and down the stairs.

You have a special request from the student body--to drop a ton or two of North Pole snowflakes on the Academy, preferably on January 2.

Well, snow is falling lightly...bells are ringing and am I glad it's Christmas! Huh...what do I want? Humm...ahhh..."a partridge in a pear tree."

Merry Christmas to you and Mrs. Claus.

Respectfully yours under Mistletoe,
Mary

HAVE WE AN AMERICAN CUSTOM?

The Christmas customs observed each year are a collection of ceremonies gathered from many nations over a period of many centuries.

The Christmas tree came from Germany, the Yule log and habit of singing carols on Christmas Eve originated in England, and St. Francis of Assisi is accredited with the custom of the Christmas crib. The sending of Yule gifts started in ancient Rome and the countries of Northern Europe. The more recent custom of sending greeting cards was initiated more than a century ago.

Christmas has been celebrated in many ways throughout the centuries. From early Church history when almost every Church celebrated it on a different day to medieval days with its great festivals and traditional boar's head to Puritan England where it became a day of fasting and finally to today with all its pagan commercialism.

No matter who one waits for, Santa Claus, Saint Nicholas, Father Christmas, Kriss Kringle, or Bonhomme Noel, Christmas is still one of the gayest, happiest, and holiest days of the year.

SENIOR GIRLS TRY FOR HOMEMAKER

Ever try studying for a homemaking test? Recently, the senior girls were privileged to compete for the Betty Crocker Homemaker award by means of a test.

On the scene were several girls exchanging helpful notes they dug out of mother's recipe books. For example, who knows the number of tablespoons equal to a cup? In such a test one would expect a recipe book to give some help but never would one think they would have to interview an insurance salesman in order to answer a question. After all, it isn't every day routine to figure out the best insurance plan for Bill and Jane.

Forty-five minutes and 125 questions later, Part II of the test challenged the homemakers into writing a little essay timed for 10 minutes.

Some glad day, the girl with the best results will receive the Homemaker of Tomorrow award--proof of the pudding the winner has talent for this popular feminine indoor sport of homemaking.

EVER SINCE TIME BEGAN...

Undoubtedly all are awaiting that day of traditional celebration--New Year's Eve. What is it about this day that so entices your imagination? Is it the cheery greeting of friends and neighbors or the friendly little get-togethers?

No, it is the wonderful prospect of once again going through the ritual of wasting four sheets of paper and a perfectly good pencil for something you never expected to keep anyway--New Year's Resolutions.

Now here is a simple solution, mainly because it is the brainchild of a simple mind. Take ten faults which you need to improve (that is eradicate) and resolve to work on these. Do this at the pace of ten every year and it is guaranteed you should be faultless by 1987.

COOKIES ARE THE BIG THING

The girls in the Home Ec department are planning an unusual Christmas party. Their item of admission to the party is to bring something they have made themselves that is a family edible tradition.

Cookies in the shapes of bells, stars, and trees are part of the season's baking and eating plans, too.

SALES GOING UP!

There is the bell and they're off! Freshman II is again leading-- this time in the sale of Christmas cards. Following up are the juniors and sophomores with Freshman I and the seniors in last place.

But how will the race end? That's up to you. There are more of those wonderful, beautiful, colossal, magnificent cards just waiting for you!

SNOOPY

--Lorinda Wachter

Is it here?
Is it there?
Seeking all day long
Climbing, crawling, pushing,
mauling
All to no avail.

Through cobwebs to the
attic
Through mother's jewelry--
all her rings
I looked and looked and
just found things
That I have seen day-in
day-out
So I retired to sulk and
pout.

Again this year like all
the rest
My wasted time turns out
the best
On Christmas morn when I
awake
My "I'm surprised" is not
a fake!

SHOW-BALL



--Patsy Berre

A ball of snow flies
through the air,
It's hurled by a boy as if
to dare
The helpless girl to use
some sense
And practice the art of
self-defense.
She throws one back like
she knows she must
And hits him square to
his great disgust.
She'll always wait till
he gets her back
For all girls know--it's
a well-known fact
That before it's done, she
must scream and run
To keep her name as the
weaker one.