

District Footballers Named

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CHRISTMAS CONCERT . . . The combined district choirs perform at BAC.

Photo by Frank Hunt

BAC HOSTS FIRST MUSICAL

Four NE Choirs Celebrate Season

"A Gift of Song", a Christmas program involving the combined high school choirs of the North East Independent School District, was presented Friday, December 8, at 8 p.m. in the Virgil Blossom Athletic Center.

The program, involving 175 students, is marked as a first time combination of the four choirs of MacArthur, Lee, Churchill and Roosevelt High Schools. It is also the first musical presented at Blossom Center.

Admission was free and opened to the public. The MacArthur girls' choir served as ushers for an estimated crowd of 750.

"A Gift of Song" was divided into five parts: "Behold the days come . . ." "Thus did the Angel sing . . ." "And there were Shepherds . . ." "Behold there were Wise Men . . ." "And of His kingdom there shall be no end . . ." Included in these divisions were such traditional songs as *Gloria Patri*, *Oh Come, Oh Come Emmanuel*, *Away in the Manger*, *While Shepherds Watched*, *We Three Kings* and *O Holy Night*.

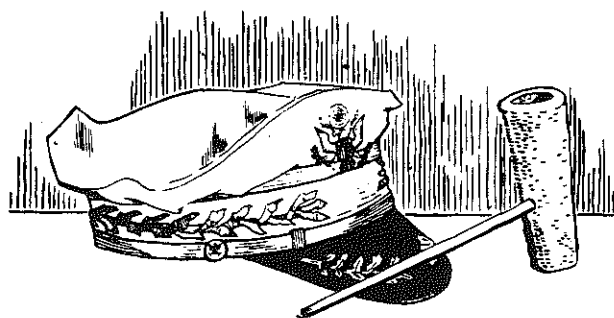
Eight girls from each of the four choirs sang the echo in *While Shepherds Watched*. These same girls sang the second choir from *Gloria Patri*.

The program was narrated by MacArthur senior James Bibb. MacArthur's Nancy Rumble, a member of the 1967 All-State Orchestra, accompanied the choirs on the oboe.

In spite of only one full rehearsal, "the Christmas program was a success," commented Mrs. Flood, MacArthur choir director, "and it is hoped that this combination of choirs will become a tradition in the future."

The directors of the other school choirs are Churchill, Mr. Art Winden; Lee, Mrs. Olive Dunn; and Roosevelt, Mrs. Mary Ann Winden.

Brahma



Tales

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Foreign Students Guests On AFS Week Panel

"... and we don't double date." These were the words of Lu, our foreign exchange student from England, in a panel discussion on Wednesday of AFS Week, November 4-8.

Also included in this panel of foreign students from Lee and Roosevelt High Schools were Maggie Landson from Norway and Alberto Mazerato from Italy. These students were asked questions about themselves by Seniors Mike Burk, Becky Bartlett, Ron Wong, and Robert Zimmerman.

When asked what he found different about America from what he had expected, Alberto replied, "I thought to see the cowboys and Indians," and when Maggie was asked what most of the people in Norway did on a Sunday afternoon she replied, "You can see people crawling

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"The Imaginary Invalid" Scheduled For February

The Imaginary Invalid, Kathy Couser and James Webster are cast the star-crossed lovers, Angelique and Cleante. Others forming the twelve man cast are Bob

Tentative date set for the presentation is in February of next year. Arranging it around numerous speech contests is the drama departments scheduling difficulty at this time.

The title role of the imaginary invalid, Argan, will assume life through the talents of Senior Bruce McGill. Foreign student Lu Jeffery, who made her acting debut on the MacArthur stage in *Aladin*, will portray Argan's impish servant, Toinette.

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CONCERT POSITION . . . The band features the timpani in a jazz selection entitled "From This Moment On."

— Photo by Glenn Cunningham

Band Rates First Division

For the sixth straight year MacArthur Band received a First Division rating at the Marching contest held at the Harlandale Stadium on November 30.

17 4-A bands competed in the regional University Interscholastic League (UIL) contest. The bands were judged primarily for their marching ability. They were also judged on an inspection of instruments and uniforms. The Brahma Band received a First Division award in both areas.

In preparation for marching contest, the band members were evaluated and screened on a basis of experience and ability in march-

ing and playing, which resulted in the band being paraded from 96 to 80 marchers. This helped to add to the precision and manageability of the group.

The November 30 exhibition included a precision drill which used a step-two routine and gave a kaleidoscopic effect. The show music consisted of the "MacArthur Fight Song", "Strike Up The Band", a fanfare from "Dynamic Drums", "Tyrannosaurus March", "Tea for Two", "Five Star General", "Loch Lomond", and a jazz concert selection entitled "From This Moment On."

Mr. Fred Junkin, one of

the UIL judges, complimented the MacArthur Band by saying "a great show by a great band." Other UIL judges were Mr. Ray Bostich of Laredo, Mr. William Skelton of Port Lavaca and Dr. William Wendtland of Houston.

Mr. John Pearson, band director, commented, "We were plagued by bad weather which meant little time to practice, but everyone gave 100% of that Brahma effort and we came out on top. I'm very proud of the band."

Other bands that also received First Division ratings were: Winston

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Editorials

Screams for help emerge from a young girl, who was being kidnapped by two men. Several witnesses stood by as this heart-breaking scene took place.

A policeman was seen being assaulted by a criminal in a shopping market parking lot. The policeman was knocked to the ground and the man got away. There was quite an audience to see this barbaric action, yet no one helped, no one really cared.

Apathy All Around

These two staged assaults were shown on the Huntley-Brinkley News Report Monday, December 4. The purpose of this program was to reveal the reactions of people who witnessed these horrifying situations. The results were startling.

A man who was questioned about the kidnapping he had just seen denied even being a witness to it. Another gentleman, who was at a lunch counter at the time, was asked if he had seen what had just taken place. He replied that he had. When asked why he rendered no help to the young girl, he stated, "I hadn't finished eating."

Are we things or beings? Does the little toy maker come in every morning to wind us up, so we can go merrily on our way, not noticing or caring what goes on around us, like a horse with blinds only seeing what lies directly in front of us? Is it apathy, indifference or just plain laziness?

L. R.

Albee's Polysaturated "ALICE"

Gold, when swallowed in large quantities, proves to be most difficult to digest. And in like fashion, Edward Albee's play, "Tiny Alice," drives the mentally inadequate young viewer from the theater (specifically, Trinity University's Ruth Taylor Attic Theater) nursing an overloaded cranial digestive system. Louise Moseley, the director, must now have a tough alimentary canal indeed, if it may be assumed that she lacked one at the onset of the controversial Dallas Theatre Production.

Gene Leggett plays Julian, the protagonist. A Catholic lay brother, Julian is innocently drawn into a plot which intensifies the emotional conflicts that previously had born him to a mental institution for several years. His ideals shaken under mental and physical stress, he dies in pitiful submission to concepts alien to his philosophy.

Wealthy Miss Alice comes alive through the body of Judith Davis. Buxom and brutal, Alice seduces the harmless Julian, marries him, and on their wedding day leaves him alone, wounded, to bleed to death.

Don Davlin, an emaciated Peter Lorre, portrays Butler, the sarcastic butler. Butler claims the most touching gesture of the play as he briefly kisses dying Julian's forehead, then leaves the luckless lay brother in agony.

Perhaps as absorbing as the performance itself were the reactions of the audience. Nervous giggles dominated, while gasps of excitement and chokes of obvious embarrassment ran a close second. Some people never returned, after the first intermission, to see the second and third acts.

Is "Tiny Alice" worth the time and money needed to see it?

Yes, if one intends to see the play through at least twice. At any rate, one must come to see her on an empty mental stomach; "Tiny Alice" is very rich.



Counselor's News

Three former MacArthur students will be on campus December 20 and 21 to talk to students. Colleges represented will be the Naval Academy, the Air Force Academy and Texas A&M. Joe Ylitalo, who is a senior at the Naval Academy, Dale Tietz, a freshman at the Air Force Academy and Bob Maddocks who is a senior at Texas A & M, will be on hand to answer questions students might have.

The Counselor's office has received many scholarship announcements this month concerning qualifications and deadlines on scholarship applications. Miss Augusta Boyle urges all seniors with scholarship deadlines in December and January to check the Counselor's bulletin board next to the Attendance office.

Ex-principal III

MacArthur's former principal for the past six years, Mr. Ben B. Harris, has been hospitalized for the past month. All MacArthur students and faculty are concerned about his progress.

It has been suggested that Mr. Harris would welcome cards or letters from students who knew him. This would be one way for the student body, individually, to express their wish for a rapid recovery.

Address mail to Mr. Ben B. Harris, Room 339, Santa Rosa Hospital, San Antonio, Texas. In the meantime, get well, Mr. Harris.

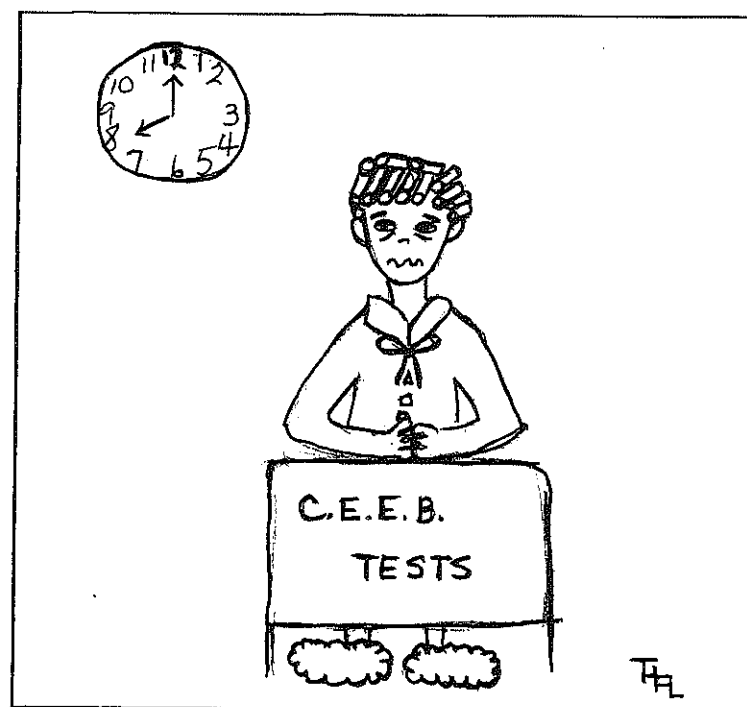
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Looks like they could make it at a decent hour . . .



Mona Liza

By Liz Rubinstein

Have you ever experienced a school convention?

The weekend of November 30, December 1 and 2 at Texas Womans University, Denton, Texas, staged the annual Texas High School Press Association Convention. Along with students from Robert E. Lee and Thomas Jefferson, I, representing MacArthur's *Brahma Tales* traveled on a Greyhound bus to reach our destination.

Once arriving, we went through the usual process of registering and settling down at our hotel. To our surprise there were students from Harlandale to greet us at our place of rest. This began the exciting three day convention.

The first evening we had a surprise birthday party for one of the students from Lee. After immersing ourselves in cake, coke and balloons, we dressed for the zaza party was next on the

agenda. Crowded in one room we revisited Italy as we devoured an enormous amount of pizza.

As the sun rose, so did we. Conventions are not only for pleasure, but for learning too. Friday there were classes all day until about five o'clock. We learned about new techniques for the school newspaper, annual or photography staff. Association with staffs from other schools made me realize what was lacking at my school and what was good about my school. At MacArthur, I feel, there is a definite lack of interest in the journalistic field. In comparison with other schools the same enrollment as Mac, we come up with 17 journalism students and other schools total at least 50.

After intense study all day, they turned us out to attend a dance scheduled for journalism visitors that evening. (Continued on Page 8)

Across the Desk

Christmas is a holiday of love, of giving, of happy rejoicing with family and friends and, wishfully, of "Peace on Earth." The stage was set some 2,000 years ago with the birth of Christ who gave himself to mankind because of his great love of us and all our human frailties.

And yet today there are those who would take the Christ out of Christmas, substituting an X-mas. This is an unfortunate by-product of the commercialism that has crept into this holiday, a "should-be" religious celebration of the anniversary of the birthday of the Christian world. And even more unfortunate, there are many persons who are much more concerned with receiving than giving, with the cost factor value of gifts exchanged rather than the thought and friendship value of gifts made by hand and given in love.

The only things you will be able to take with you when you leave this world are those things you have given away and have done for others. The idea here is away from material gifts in the direction of gifts of ourselves, of deeds and action of love toward others. Let's try this unselfish giving of ourselves, our love and understanding of our friends and enemies for a truly happy Christian Christmas.

Possibly this effort on the part of a few individuals might snowball to nations and ultimately result in "Peace on Earth" for all the people and nations of the world.

Small Talk

Don Algren, president of V.O.E., says "Bring clothing, toys and canned goods up to the V.O.E. room 608 anytime before first advisory." The items will be distributed to a needy family in San Antonio and also sent to Vietnam. Children's clothes are especially needed to be sent to Vietnam. They will be given to Greg Milliger's mother, who will send them.

The V.O.E. project this year to raise money for sending contestants to the convention in Ft. Worth this spring is selling Judson's candy. The sale began December 12.



The Roosevelt game marked the preview of Mac Arthur's new spirit jug. Mr. Wayne Lanzen and Mr. Paul Hesson were responsible for making the new spirit jug to replace the one that was in poor condition.

The spirit jug, which took approximately three weeks to put together, is made of tin and fiberglass. Mr. Hesson designed the plans for the vessel and Mr. Lanzen put it together, using materials from his air conditioning firm, Walco.

The spirit jug is blue on the top and white on the bottom with three blue X's signifying Mac spirit.

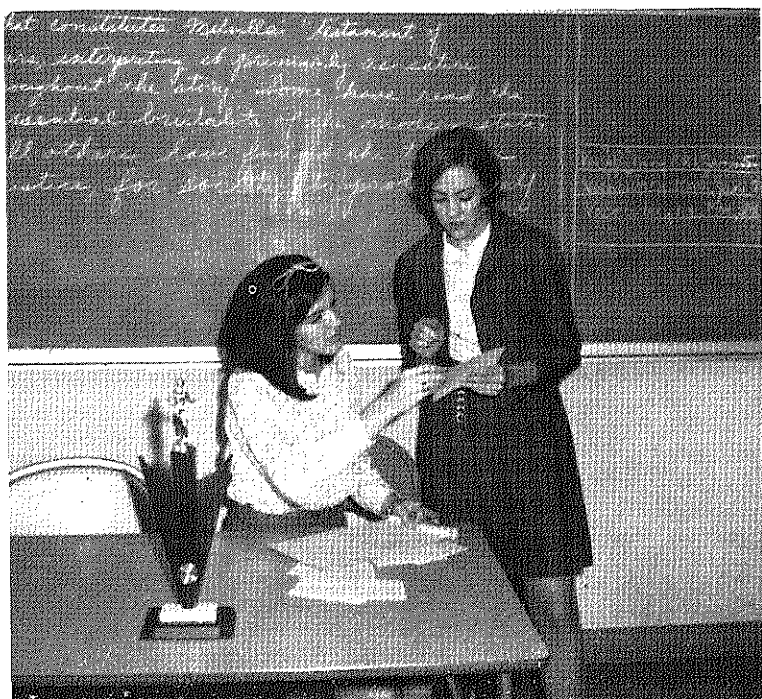
Girls' Debate Wins

First place was claimed by the Girls' Debate Team December 1 and 2 at the Churchill Invitational Debate Tournament.

Kathy McHugh and Margaret McCracken, the regular girls' team, debated the issue that Congress should set uniform regulations to control criminal investigation proceedings.

Of the sixty-eight teams participating in the tournament, 3 represented Mac Arthur—The girls' regular, the girls' novice team of Zia Gipson and Pat Carlson, and the boys' regular of James Bibb and Chris Caran.

Mrs. Gartman, debate sponsor, encourages anyone interested in debate to contact her in room 512.



DO YOU AGREE? . . . Kathy McHugh and Margaret McCracken discuss future debate plans after winning Churchill Debate Contest.

'Blue Heaven'

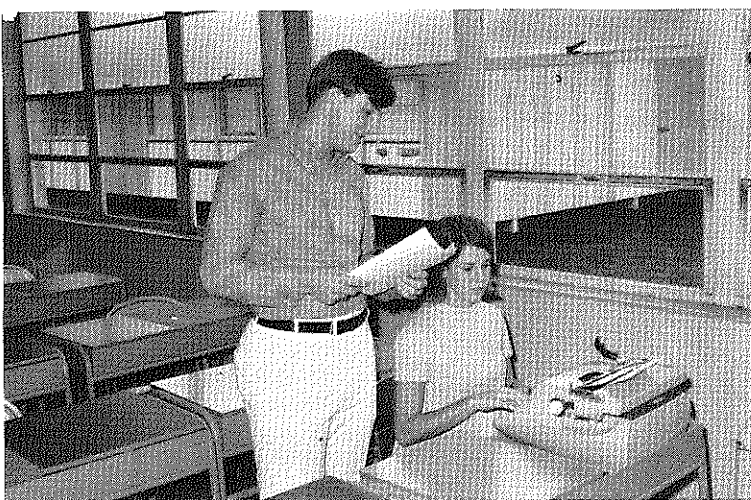
To Be Theme

"Blue Heaven" will be the theme of the annual Blue and White Ball to be held December 21 at the Sheraton Motor Hotel.

The ball is an annual event given by the Lassies under the sponsorship of Miss Neal Tankersley and honoring the 1967 Brahma Football team.

Announcement of the Band and Football Sweethearts and awards for the Outstanding Lassie, Brahmadora and Bairn will be made. The grand march, made by the football team seniors and coaches and organization officers and cheerleaders will be highlight of the evening.

Blast off time is eight o'clock with music provided by Mr. John Pearson and the Stuarts and entertainment by Senior Brahmadoras, Becky Bartlett, Patti Moos, Jody Holder, Leslie Shafer and Mary Beth Watson.



REPRESENT FBLA . . . Mary Roberts and Steve Ryan were named Miss and Mr. FBLA at their annual banquet.

FBLA Names Representatives

The honorary titles, Miss FBLA. She will now go on to and Mr. FBLA, have been awarded to Mary Roberts, secretary, and Steve Ryan, chaplain of the MacArthur Future Business Leaders of America Chapter.

Applicants for MacArthur's Miss and Mr. FBLA were interviewed and chosen on the basis of their responsibility and job positions held.

Fearless Leader of the Week



HORSE SHOEING

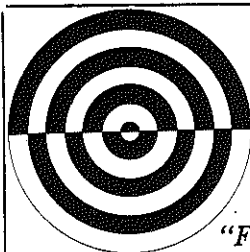
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A Merry Christmas

Seasonal Traditions... England... Hanukkah

By LU JEFFERY

All is silent. It is early in the morning and the little girl is straining her eyes to see the clock as it ticks in the darkness. She is aware of the excitement of... Christmas morning. As her eyes become accustomed to the darkness, she catches the glimmer of something silvery at the end of her bed. With expectation she empties the "stocking" (for her, it is an overflowing pillow case) of its gaily wrapped parcels and boxes. Has the letter which she sent up the chimney to Father Christmas been answered? Maybe there's a teddy bear, a doll or a musical box. No perhaps there's a cowgirl outfit with guns, spurs, a truck, a train set or a squiggly green monster.

She dons her dressing gown (or shirt and leather chaps) and rushes down to breakfast, clutching the new panda (or brandishing her six shooter). Breakfast is quickly dispensed with and the table is littered with the family's Christmas cards. She bounces around amongst the chaos and maybe wonders a little at the apparent

calmness and lack of enthralled excitement of her elders.

That was the kind of Christmas morning which I remember the best. Now that I am older the whole pattern of the day has changed. Instead of receiving all the presents in the morning we wait until the afternoon. In the morning we go to church, probably having already attended the Midnight Service on Christmas Eve. I always hope that it will be a white Christmas, and that all around the house the fields will be covered with an unspoiled blanket of white snow.

Gooseberry Fool

We return for a "help yourself" brunch of a large ham, tongue salad, pickles, followed by perhaps gooseberry fool, lemon soufflé or a cream-covered trifle. There are guests—usually relations or close friends who have come to spend their Christmas with us. A family occasion.

L Queen's Speech L

After everything has been tidied away it is usually three o'clock and time for the traditional "Queen's

Speech" which is watched on television throughout the country. It is a message of goodwill to all her people.

Then comes the time we have all been secretly waiting for — the grand present opening. Everyone congregates in the drawing room and under the decorated Christmas tree there are always unbelievable mounds of odd shaped parcels and gifts. Being the youngest it is usually my job to give out the presents, and when at last they have all been opened, we agree that my mother, in the name of Santa, didn't let us down —

even though she perhaps bought one sweater, but later saw a nicer one and bought that, and later saw an even better one then reserved and bought that too — and in the end decided to give them all and let us share them out between us!

Even though it is a little past four o'clock, it is time for tea. In comes the trolley laden with a freshly made pot of tea, hot mince pies and a rich fruit cake which has had time to "mature" for several weeks and has been coated with marzipan and covered in a thick layer of chunky white icing. If

anyone is hungry after that there are always boxes of nuts, dates, figs and tangerines.

The house becomes quiet once again as the members of the family each go their separate ways—usually upstairs for an inevitable "siesta", or for the more energetic — a horseback ride in the crisp snow.

In the evening the Christmas spirit is rekindled as the family gathers for Christmas dinner in the large dining room. The whole house is decorated with berried holly and ivy, dried fruits, flowers and seeds sprayed with gold and silver, and colorful paper flowers mixed with Christmas roses and glistening baubles.

The traditional meat is served with the trimmings of bread sauce, sage and parsley stuffing cranberry jelly, and similar vegetables to those of your Thanksgiving dinner. Next comes the Christmas plum pudding. It is served with a sprig of holly in the top and brandy is poured over it and lighted. When the cheers and the flames have died down everyone pokes his share in search of hidden sixpences which may have been cooked in the pudding. A perfect ending to the mail would be to hear the carol singers chanting a merry tune under the lamp in the porch. They, also, would like some hot mince pies to keep out the cold.

ON WITH THE HUNT

It is time for sleep—otherwise, how shall we be able to get up in time for the Boxing Day Meet—a traditional meet of the huntsmen and foxhounds on the day after Christmas?

I hope that some of the feeling of an English Christmas has been conveyed to you in this story. I shall miss it, but I know that I am very, very fortunate in being able to experience a new way of celebrating Christmas—for me this year been an important part of it will be "Christmas in this celebration, one of the Mexico." I hope that "ya'll" gayest of Jewish Holidays. have fun. Merry Christmas!

Plight For Freedom

By LIZ RUBINSTEIN

Hanukkah, the first recorded fight for religious freedom, has been celebrated since 165 B.C. by the Jewish people all over the world.

Hanukkah is the Feast of Dedication and the Fast of Lights, which falls on the twenty-fifth day of Kislev. Because of the difference in calendars, the Jewish religion following the lunar calendar, this holiday has no set date in December. It might come as early as December 1, or as late as December 27 as it does this year.

This holy day traditionally last for eight days. It marks the rededication of the Temple by Judah Maccabee in 165 B.C. after his victory over the Syrians, who defiled his sanctuary.

After this battle the Jewish people returned to their sanctuary to rededicate it. In order to do this the Ner Talmide, the Eternal Light, must burn for eight days and nights.

A legend grew that only one bottle of pure oil was found for the Eternal Light. Normally lasting only one day, it lasted this time for eight days, Nes Gadol Hayah Sham, a great miracle happened there. This gave them time to procure more oil.

Given as the traditional reason for celebrating the festive for eight days, the

probability is that, like Christmas, it was based on an earlier primitive festival that was held at this time of the year. It should be brought to mind that the Christmas and the secular New Year holidays are celebrated over a period of eight days.

Both Christmas and Hanukkah occurred about the time of the winter solstice, the shortest day of the year, at which the primitive people had traditionally lit fires as symbols of their hope that the days would grow longer and the sun stronger. Both Christianity and Judaism exalted the original meaning of these occasions. Christianity commemorates the creation of spiritual life through the birth of Jesus; Hanukkah signifies the birth of spiritual power through human freedom.

On this festive occasion candles are lit throughout the holidays, one on the first eve, two on the second, and so forth, until eight are kindled on the last evening.

During Hanukkah gifts are exchanged with friends and family. It is customary to receive a gift every night. Ancient games and traditional foods have always been an important part of this celebration, one of the Mexico." I hope that "ya'll" gayest of Jewish Holidays. have fun. Merry Christmas!

Christmas... then and now

By MARK MAXFIELD

'Vesele Vanoce!' Bohemians. 'Linksmu Kaledu!' Lithuanians. 'Sarbatorei Vesele!' Rumanians. 'Merry Christmas!' Americans.

Yes, the Christmas season is here again for better or for worse. Some people will be caught in a frantic do-or-die last minute rush to purchase Christmas presents for skeptical relatives. Skeptical relatives will be buying presents while thinking, "I sure hope that the presents I get are as expensive as these."

Other people, however, will be capable of discovering that the historic traditions of Christmas are more worth observing than the worry and hurry of a "modern Christmas."

A study of American Christmas traditions reveals that customs of the present are actually a conglomeration of the customs of ancient peoples. The Winter solstice, a holiday of the more primitive peoples, united with the Jewish Feast of Lights, the Scandinavian Yule, and the Roman Saturnalia festivals to form the basis for our present Christmas observances.

Since the early Church found itself unable to abolish former customs entirely, it did the next best thing; it took over certain customs in agreement with Christian morals, "christianized" them after purging them of their worst features, and in-

corporated them into the Christian observance of Christmas. Our present tradition of giving presents at Christmas time is derived from the Roman 'Saturnalia'. This custom along with the tradition of bringing an evergreen tree indoors for the purpose of decorating it form the mainstays of an 'American' Christmas.

A highly commercialized society has nearly spoiled the traditions of the Christmas season in America. One can't help but think that a particular 'something' has been lost over the years to a quickly moving society... A society that moves too quickly to stop and think.

December 25 is important in history. In 1492 Columbus' ship, the "Santa Maria" was wrecked. On Christmas day of 1786 Shay's Rebellion broke out. December 25 of 1849 saw the famous San Francisco fire ravage the "Golden Gate City"!

Another thing happened on December 25. Christ was born. Remember?

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Santa's Mail Bag

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Which reminds me, one of the marginal benefits attached to my office is the power to declare national holidays. I wonder if I might also rearrange them.

The reason I say this is, I hope, fairly obvious to you, Santa.

THE LORD HELPS THOSE WHO HELP THEMSELVES. And I have a feeling you do too.

If I were to help myself by moving Christmas back to November 6, would you also help me by using your pull to swing a few more votes my way?

Your having done so would be greatly appreciated, and who knows? McNamara left a bit of a hole in my cabinet.

A man like you, Santa, could get along famously with the public, and I'm so very hurt when Americans don't appreciate all the truly great things I do for them.

I guess I'll be hearing from you sometime during 1968, so don't bother to write back. I think we understand each other.

Lindy Johnson

Dear Santa:

I've been very good all year, as you know. But I have a rather unusual request to make. As you might have guessed by now, Santa, I have a reason for everything I do.

Would you mind not bringing me any gifts this year? Don't think I won't appreciate all you've done for me, but I'd rather "sit this one out."

You see, you've given me presents all my life and never one present have I given you. In fact, I haven't even seen you!

But how about a little business deal, Santa? Would you like to have five bucks to pay for that newest reindeer? I'll bet you could use some doe as well as any reindeer? (male? Sorry about the puns, but I can't help myself. They get to be a habit. They also sleigh me.)

Back to the business deal.

Until recently I had an agate thumb-stone. You know, one of those little polished affairs that, when stroked, removes all libido from the stroker.

My thumb-stone worked very well, but it fell from my grip one day and shattered. Since then, sexual impulses have dominated my life.

Could you find me another thumb-stone, Santa? Five bucks for a little rock. Now how about it Santa?

Basil Kurdkin

Dear Santa:

Surprised to hear from me after that Bolivian scrape? You're probably not, you old rogue!

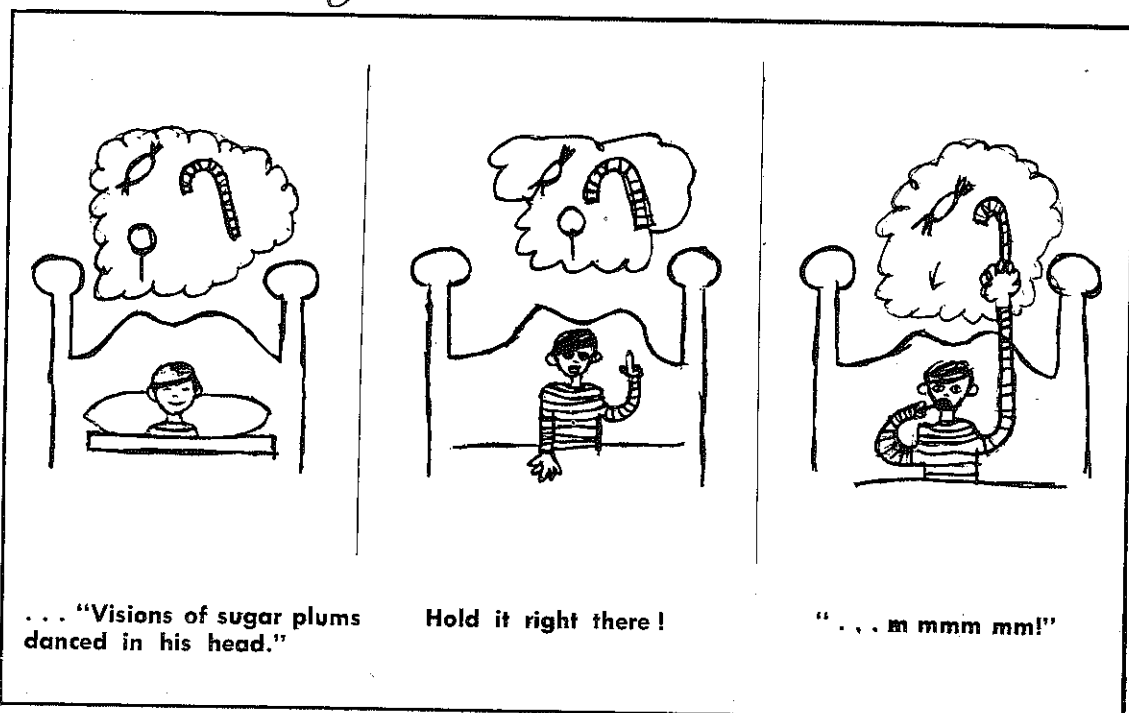
The fools. They think they've killed me.

The body photographed by the newsmen and cremated by the incompetent soldiers was that of an abominable snowman I befriended high in the Andes. It's odd how after a shave and a haircut almost anyone resembles me. (You should have seen him before the haircut!)

Now I'm in France. Most people who see me think it's Charles DeGaulle they see, thanks to those make-up techniques you once taught me.

Do you think DeGaulle is the one who is really raising all the trouble about those American dollars? Not a chance. It's me.

But I think my little joke begins to tell on poor Charles. Attempting to explain to himself the reason he never remembers his (my) speeches, he's gotten the idea that



Santa's Mail Bag

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he suffers from schizophrenia. Probre cito! He is too proud to tell anyone but his wife, and the only reason I know that is that I impersonated her last night. (It might interest you to know, Santa, that DeGaulle talks in his sleep and has very cold feet.)

I won't bother M. DeGaulle much longer though, because I'm eager to see how my Everitt Dirksen disguise looks. After Ev, I suppose I'll imitate Mao Tse Tung, or maybe General Westmoreland.

Which brings around the purpose of my letter.

For Christmas, could you find me an authentic Eisenhower jacket? I need one badly for my proposed impersonation of Gen. Westmoreland. And besides, can you imagine Charles DeGaulle buying an Eisenhower jacket? Such behavior would be out of character, undignified.

Also, and this is just between the two of us, I presently live in the Louvre. It simply wouldn't do for people to see DeGaulle checking in at a \$3.00 motel each night, so the Louvre was my only alternative.

Would you mind including a very large can of Plaster of Paris with the jacket? At this moment I'm intrigued with the idea of mimicking the sculpture, *Victory of Samothrace*.

Che Guevera

Churchill, Robert E. Lee, Highlands, Oliver W. Holmes, John Marshall, and McCollum High Schools. For the first time in 25 years the Alamo Heights Band failed to receive a First Division in the ratings.

Also participating in this contest were ten 3-A bands. Only three received the top ratings. Bands are classified not on their ability, but on the size of the school.

The next UIL contest will be in sight reading and concert music at Sam Houston High School on March 21, 22 and 23. Since the band was awarded a First in marching and inspection, they are in a position to win sweepstakes, if they also receive a First in sight reading and in concert music.

Mr. Biggs—a new finger painting set.

Mrs. Jones—a new miniature lineotype set.

Mr. Keils—a new pair of tap shoes.

Mr. King—more original jokes from the Bopsey Twins.

Mrs. Steele—a new T. V.

Mrs. Flood—a Santa outfit for Snoopy.

Coach Mosley—a magnetic basketball.

Miss Tankersley—a box of curl free.

Coach McManus—a new job—forging.

Bob Huffman—more Ultra-Brite for his sex appeal smile.

Alan Wilson—a new thumb stone.

Zora Speert—an already finished annual.

Mr. Finch—an erector set.

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Youth Group Plans Ski Trip

By PHYLLIS SWARTZ

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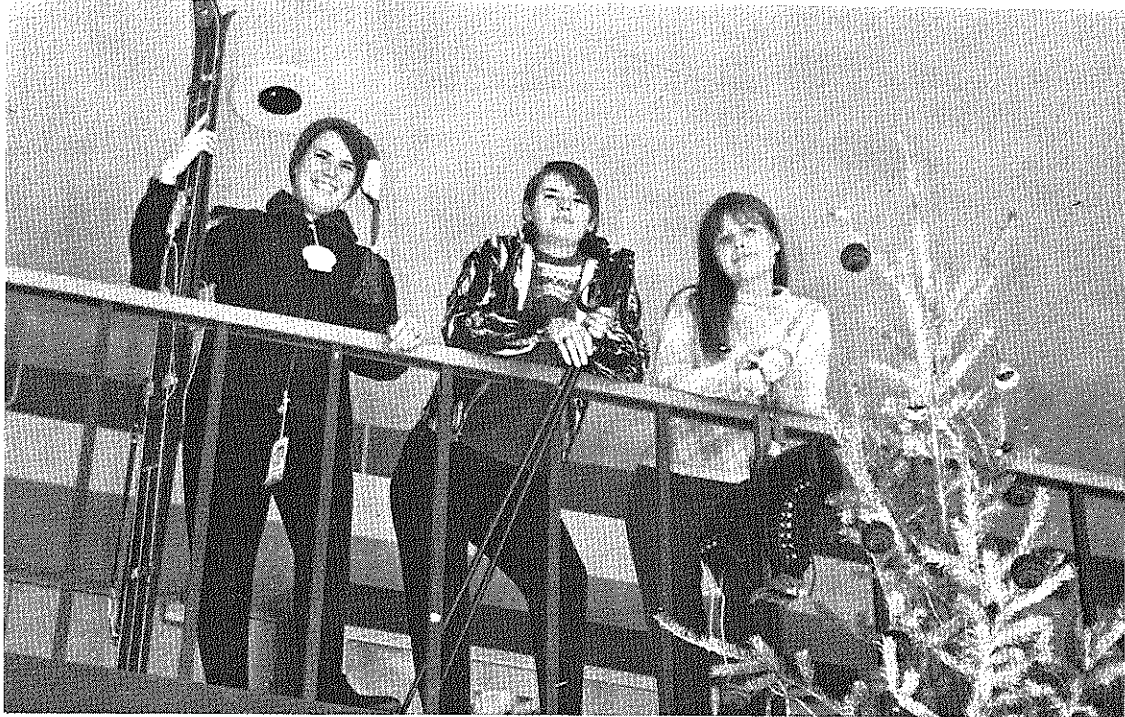
The ski trip, sponsored by Town North YMCA will leave on Tuesday, December 26 at 6 a.m. and arrive in Riudoso, New Mexico, Tuesday evening.

Tom Purdy, trip director and Executive Director of the Town North YMCA said, “only 30 young people will be able to make the trip.” Mr. Purdy will be accompanied by three or four adults.

Sandy, Linda, Cindy and Ray will be skiing, sled rid-

ing, swimming, dancing and having the time-of-their-lives at the spectacular Sierrra Blanca located on the beautiful north ridge of the 12,000 foot Sierra Blanca Peak in the Lincoln National Forest. The base of the lifts are 16 scenic miles from Riudoso, New Mexico. Three high speed T-Bars and the 8,000 foot Poh-

lig Gondola serve many miles of trails for the beginner, intermediate and expert skiers. Good luck—and break a leg—ha ha!



BREAK-A-LEG — HO HO HO . . . Cindy Ince, Linda Rollins and Candy Compton anticipated the ski trip they will be taking to Ruidoso, New Mexcio, December 26-30.

— Photo by Glen Cunningham

Council Slates Door Adorning

“Deck the doors with boughs of holly, fa la la la la.”

Glitter and paste will be flying as the MacArthur Student Council once again presents their annual door decorating contest.

Each advisory has formed a committee of approximately four or five “volunteers” to plan and put up a door decoration for their door. The Christmas spirit will prevail as wreaths, ribbons, colored paper, and perhaps even the traditional “boughs of holly,” will “deck” the doors.

The three main categories, which include most humorous, most beautiful, and spiritually oriented, will test the imagination of even the most “brilliant” committee. The decorations will be

judged December 18 to 21 by Mrs. Virginia Flood, Miss Marla McCarty and Mrs. Emily Griggs.

“A big, beautiful, gold trophy with your name engraved will be the grand prize,” according to Mike Burk, SC president.

Christmas is almost here and to brighten up the last days before the holidays the Student Council has set up a blue flocked tree in the foyer of the auditorium.

Each year the SC presents the school with a tree and members of the council do all the trimming and lighting.

Dan Wheelus and Robert Williams headed the tree committee this year, and the tree was set up Sunday, December 10 at 2 p.m.



SANTA'S COMING! . . . Students in Mr. Finch's advisory decorate their door in preparation for the contest.

FACULTY PHANTOMS REVEALED!

PHANTOM LINEUP

| Player | Ht. | Wt. |
|-------------------|-------|-----|
| Joe Bill Fox | 5'7" | 150 |
| Bobby Jack Price | 6'0" | 190 |
| Wesley Davis | 6'0" | 200 |
| John Porter | 5'11" | 170 |
| Billy Joe Moseley | 5'10" | 225 |
| John Kramer | 5'9" | 190 |
| Gene Smith | 5'10" | 170 |
| Joe Salisbury | 5'7" | 175 |
| Sydney King | 5'9" | 175 |

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UNLOADING . . . Unidentified but willing students help juniors unload oranges for the orange sale last Saturday. Proceeds from the successful project went to the American Foreign student Club.

Snow's 'Sno Joke

by Liz Rubinstein

With great anticipation, kids of all sizes, shapes and ages begin dreaming of winter and the little snowflakes it brings (I don't mean the kind you get rid of by using Head and Shoulders) since the beginning of summer, precisely June 21.

As the end of June slowly passes July crawls by, August is pure torture and September is unbearable. Finally comes October and November. Up North they already have snow but we southerners have to wait to December, and maybe even January!

At last the eventful day comes. All bundled up with the new long john, and the new ear muffs and the new booties that we got for Christmas or Hanukkah whatever the case may be, we scamper outside for that first savory taste of snow. That's the only way to test the snow for a good year, just like thumping a watermelon.

Now that we've found that this is a good year for snowflakes, we start building our Alfred. He's our snowman named after our dear beloved dog that passed away four years ago. Soon the neighbor friends come to join in. I never really liked them except their father had the funniest hat and corn cob pipe you ever did see. That was their contribution to Alfred.

Now that our iceman was finished, it was time for the snowball fight. Now I could release all the inner aggressions any normal five-year-old would have. Mine have been suppressed somewhat because of my child psychoanalyst who keeps telling me I really don't have any problems at all, except in my imagination. Being an expert in this field, I realize that my problem stemmed from my mother. She always wanted to feed me spinach to be strong like Popeye. Didn't she realize I wanted to have the sleek look like Olive Oil???

Anyway . . . back to this snowball fight. Our side was really ahead. They got two of our men while we got three of theirs. One of ours didn't count 'cause it was Alfred, Jr., and he's a bad shot.

Now that we had our fill of snow for the day, that's what our mommies said. (I think mothers have a union around here cause once one says something they all join in).

Slowly we tromped into the kitchen, removed our snow-covered boots and coats and went to sit by the warm fireplace.

After a cup of hot chocolate, with a marshmallow on top, we all cuddled up by the fire and went to sleep with dreams filled with swimming, picnics and playing on the beach in the hot sun.

Vocational Classes Gain Experience



IT'S FREE! . . . Gary Ingleman, a student in an electrical trades class, returns to Mrs. Schmidt her mixer which was repaired free of any charge for labor.

Ring a ling a ling. "Hello — Electrical Trades, Mr. Caldwell speaking."

"Your *what* is broken? O yes, I see. Your doodad is broken and you want us to fix it."

"Well, now, uh, just what did this doodad come from?"

"O yes. Well, I should have known—your thingamabob. *UH HUH.*"

"How did it break?"

"Your baby brother ate it — oh ho. Likely story!"

"O no ma'am. I didn't say you were lying. That was just a little joke."

"Yes, ma'am."

"Now Miss, this is neither the time nor the place to get nasty. We'll be happy to fit for you. Just bring it by anytime between 8:30 in the morning and 3:30 in the afternoon and we'll see what

we can do. The labor is free, you know. You just pay for the cost of your doodad."

This young lady is really on the doomaflachy — I mean the ball. She must have heard somewhere that the Electrical Trades and Refrigeration classes at Mac Arthur fix small appliances and large ones, too, at no cost labor-wise. The customers are only required to pay for the cost of the parts used.

Mr. George Ronay's Refrigeration classes fix air conditioners, freezers and, fittingly enough, refrigerators. His boys gain "very valuable experience" by working on these items and the practical experience gained is practically indescribable. He said that, by actually working on these

machines, "My students learn important facts first hand and therefore know what to expect the next time they tackle one."

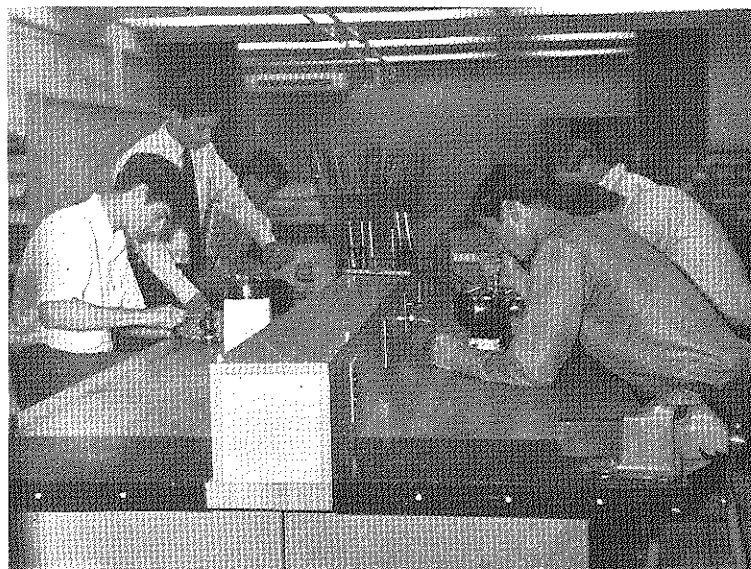
In Mr. Tom Caldwell's Electrical Trades class down the hall, small appliances are repaired. Don't be surprised to see a "Modern Maid" vacuum cleaner staring you in the face as you walk by some afternoon. When asked what kinds of things his classes repair, Mr. Caldwell said, "Anything that is small and is an appliance."

So, if your night light starts flickering just when you're sure you see a dirty old monster, bring it in the next morning and they'll fix it for you—if the dirty old monster doesn't fix you first!

In addition to vacuum cleaners and night lights, radios, food blenders, electric mixers, can openers and biscuit warmers are no problem for Mr. Caldwell's classes.

Anyone may bring anything in at anytime and when he gets it back, he will swear (watch that) that it is brand new. The boys in these classes do professional work that could not be equalled by a craftsman—and they do it for free.

So, if your baby brother eats your doodad off of your thingamabob, get on the doomaflachy and bring it to the MacArthur Refrigeration or Electrical Trades classes for a professional repair job that will cost you practically nothing, yet will last and last—at least until your baby brother gets hungry again.



SCAPEL, SCREWDRIVER, HAMMER . . . Pat Torain, Ray Raven and Richard Ormond, busily repair appliances while Gary Engleman, Tommy Caldwell and Ronnie Powers do likewise.

MUSIC HAS SOUL, BEAUTY, SOOTHING POWER... SO SHUT AND PLAY !!!

Students will no longer see the band outside marching in the mornings. The band has moved inside and concert season has begun.

Although Mr. Pearson no longer uses his megaphone, he has no trouble being heard during practice. The cartoon above depicts a typical bandroom scene, says Steve Gates.

Senior Steve Gates is the originator of many such cartoons about the band. The cartoons are enjoyed not only by the students, but by Mr. Pearson as well. Many of the drawings are being put into the band's scrapbook.

The change to concert season is welcomed by some, but most are indifferent. One member made the comment, "I prefer concert season because now we come to school at 8:30 a.m. instead of 7:30. I enjoy the extra hour of sleep." Junior Roger Lewis, bass section leader, said, "In concert season we concentrate more on the music and we have a chance to spend more time in developing our playing ability."

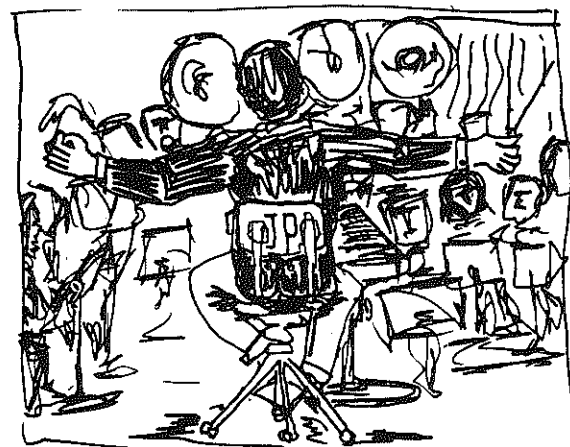
At the close of the annual band magazine drive it was announced that this seven state area the MacArthur

Band sold more magazines than any other High School band. Mr. Pearson added, "This was more than any other band in our area has ever sold."

The individual prizes from this drive were awarded week before last. The prizes ranged from a tape recorder to stuffed animals. The high salesman was

Nancy Rumble and runner up was Marilyn Browning. At the same time band letter jackets and sweaters were received.

The band will be giving various programs throughout the year. A Christmas concert will be given Dec. 18 at 7:30 p.m. for parents. The band will also give a concert for the student body on Dec. 21.



By Steve Gates

Miss Wright Interprets For Guatemalans

Endorsing the controversial concept, "three day weekend" an absence from classroom duties was recorded for Miss Pam Wright, Spanish teacher.

With ten Guatemalan teachers visiting schools in the city, Miss Wright, employing Spanish comparable only to the fluent United Nations' interpreters, performed the service of translator for the district while conducting the Guatemalans to Roosevelt High School and Garner Junior High School, November 17.

The Guatemalans observed the American History classes of team-teachers, Mrs. Edith Speert and Mr. Allen Sefcik, in the morning hours.

Completing the Friday agenda, Miss Wright introduced the instructors to several more history classes at

Imaginary Invalid

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Rodney, Tom Butters, Beth Wheelus, Pat Carney, Bob Rountree and Monique O'Brien.

The first MADD (Mac Arthur Drama Department) production was *Aladin*, the annual children's theatre presentation. Plans for the rest of the year include *Antigone* under consideration as the spring production, *The Medium*, which may be used as the UIL contest one-act play, and an English styled reading night, which would include two one-act plays presented by the drama classes and readings from contest material.

Foreign Students . . .

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all over the mountains."

On the first day of AFS Week fifty foreign students from Lackland were here at school. They were taken, by the AFS members, to some of the classrooms. After eating lunch in our cafeteria, the students returned to Lackland.

Throughout the week AFS members sold "stock" in next year's foreign student. This "stock" was sold for 50 cents and went entirely to the foreign student fund.

AFS Week ended with a dance Friday. The all "soul" band, the "T-Birds," provided music for the dance in the Boys Gym. Any student owning a share of "stock" was admitted to the dance at a discount price.

classes at Roosevelt

Besides her interpreting talents, Miss Wright is AFS sponsor and Junior Class sponsor this year.

Brahma Staff Takes Tour Of Newsfoto

A delegation from the *Brahma* staff including Mrs. Marilyn Jones, sponsor, Editor-in-chief Zora Speert, and Advertising Manager Terry Phillips were representatives who toured Newsfoto Publishing Company Friday December 1.

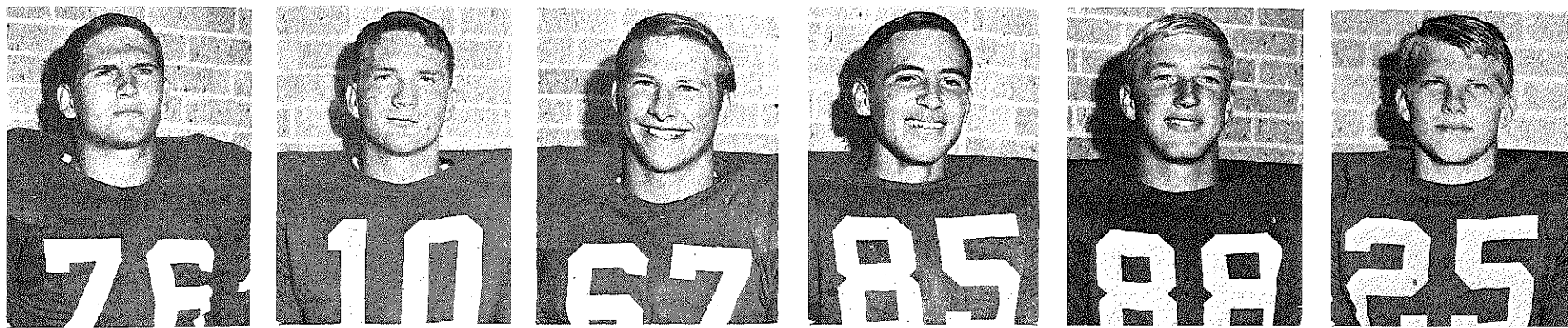
The trip to San Angelo included a tour of the company and individual work with employees there. The representatives felt the knowledge they obtained was vast and will be very useful for a successful annual this year.

The purpose of the trip was to see how the annual is produced and how to better understand how to work so the annual is the best possible.

Zora said, "the mammoth size dark room was very impressive." She said the instructors were very interested and anxious to help the students participating in any way they could and to answer any questions.

An addition to the publication of the *BRAHMA*, Newsfoto Publishing Company does 500 other annuals.

SIX GRIDDERS WIN DISTRICT HONORS



PLAYERS HONORED . . . These football players have been given honors for outstanding performance by District 15AAAA football coaches. Left to right they are Bob Huffman, Mike Cole, Charles Gremmel, Rick Oberlies, Dan Terwelp, and Mike Bunker.

The coaches of the District 15 A A A A football teams have nominated End Dan Terwelp, Tackle Bob Huffman, Guard Charles Gremmel and Halfback Rick Oberlies to the All District football team. Terwelp received a berth on the offensive team along with Huffman who was nominated to both the offensive and defensive teams.

Mike Cole, a tailback who was the second highest point scorer in the district, earned an honorable mention along with Charles Mahone for outstanding performance on the playing field. Gremmel and Oberlies were placed on the All District defensive team. Mike Bunker received an honorable mention for his defensive playing ability.

About the nominations Coach Joe Bill Fox commented, "These young men are very deserving of these honors. As always, we had others equally deserving and of course, this could not have been possible without 'true Brahma team effort.' We are very proud of our entire squad."

These awards top the 1967 football season for the mighty MacArthur Brahmas. The football stadiums of San Antonio will have to wait in silence until next year when the throngs of excited football fans will once again file through the turnstiles.



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SEASON'S GREETINGS

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Cagers Place 2nd At Belton

Lose At Arlington

MacArthur's cagers met at Belton High School, December 1-2, with eight other high school basketball teams and walked away with second place. Other teams participating were Jefferson, New Braunfels, Deer Park, Taylor, Johnston, Belton and Clear Creek High Schools.

MacArthur impaled the New Braunfels Unicorns, 66-49, for the first Brahma win. In this match Roger Crozier zeroed in for twenty-eight points, with Mike Stephens trailing close behind for ten.

The Brahmas sheared the Rams of Austin's Johnston High School on Saturday in a 52-44 clip. Ron Means, Bruce Nagel, Mike Stephens, Roger Crozier and Steve Beck started and were assisted by Glen Perkins, Jeff Burwell and Ken Pearce.

Clear Creek High School, by rapping the Brahmas 92-60, carried first place back with them to Houston. The Jefferson Mustangs, who had hopes for a first, had to be content with fifth place.

Soon after the Belton Tournament the Brahma cagers journeyed to the Arlington Classic which was held December 6 to 9. In

this contest MacArthur's basketball players dropped the first game to Jefferson of Dallas 88-46. The Brahmas lost the second game to Arlington by a close score of 56-54.

Netters Smash Roosevelt; Lose At Corpus

MacArthur male netters displayed their power with a 5-0 triumph over the Roosevelt challengers at a pre-district match, November 20.

However, Coach Josephson's girl members slightly dominated their Mac counterparts 3-2. Contributing the points for Mac were Brenda Speert, playing in the number one singles position, and Karen Hail, playing in the number two singles spot.

Individually, John Biggs, with Everette Travis and Jolly Sartor, took the number one singles and doubles victories respectively, while Jim Polka with the duo of Doug Vanderploug and Jack Boerner captured the number two singles and doubles matches respectively.

Also in the girls' competition, Wendy Smothers and

Commenting on the two defeats, Coach Bill Moseley said, "We learned a great deal from our losses at Arlington. This experience will serve as a primer for the upcoming district games."

Kristy Short constituted the number one doubles and the twosome of Susan Hamilton and Nancy Fletcher played the second doubles position.

Pitted against seeded players in first round competition, the Mac tennis team was unable to spark an upset at the Corpus Christi Indoor Tournament, December 8.

In girls' competition, the fourth seeded netters slightly overpowered the duo of Brenda Speert and Kristy Short, 8-6, and blanked Susan Hamilton in singles.

The boy's double team of Everette Travis and Doug Vanderploeg succumbed in a close 8-5 match, while John Biggs, in the single position, failed to tally against the second seed.

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ning. The music was provided by the "Spokesmen" who were really ace.

Conventions will end and so did this one. Staying up all night to sort junk, so as not to end up with two left shoes, to get addresses of out-of-town friends and generally goof around, we prepared to leave.

Saturday morning ended up with an open group discussion, a problem solving

session, at which we tossed around problems we've already tried to solve and found no possible solution, but it feels good just to get it off your chest.

Final goodbyes were said and our merry group was off to San Antonio.

We finally arrived in SA about 11 p.m. Saturday night. We went home with a deep satisfaction and a head full of ideas for the rest of the year.

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