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"FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK"

The Principal Leaves Home!

The Principal was invited by the Executive Secretary of the Middle States Accrediting Association to serve as a member of the visiting committee to evaluate the Haverford Township Senior High School in Havertown, Pennsylvania on November 15, 16, 17. While the primary purpose of any visiting committee is to evaluate the whole school in terms of standardized check lists, it also affords members of the committee an opportunity to compare their own schools with the school being evaluated. The Principal is firmly convinced, as a result of this visit, that the Henry C. Conrad High School is adequately serving the needs of our youth.

Congratulations On A Job Well Done!

The Principal desires to extend his hearty congratulations to the editor, staff, and faculty adviser of the Smoke Signal on their fine their branches, like long fingers, our school paper to date. school activity is so widely accepted and deeply entrenched as the publication of the high-school newsspirit and loyalty within the school, a public relations agent outside the school, and a learning experience for the students who work on it are widely recognized.

Plaudits For Student Council

The Principal is extremely proud of the well organized campaign carried on by our Student Council to provide food for the needy of our immediate locale at the Thanksgiving season. It is always gratifying to know that our youth are vitally concerned about the welfare of those less fortunate than ourselves. This represents the true spirit of the season.

Season's Greetings

The Principal desires to take season of the year, to express a sincere wish that each of you will have a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year, with God's richest blessing in all your future endeavors.



Outside the snow swirls and moves, and the trees become visible. Bleak and bare, they lift literary work in the two issues of straining to touch the softness of the sky. The gray clouds drift in quiet serenity.

Inside the people hurriedly prepare for the soon-to-be-here Christmas carolers. Golden cider in tall, paper. Its value as a builder of frosty mugs and warm ginger cookies are placed on the table. The smell of baking pies and of pine decorations fills the house. Children with rosy cheeks eagerly auticipate the arrival of the jolly, fat

> Then the darkness comes—a red icy mist, engulfing the world and snuffing out all life therein. And the stillness is a blanket.

BROADWAY COMES TO CONRAD

Conrad is about to become another Broadway. Guys and Dolls the renowned Broadway musical, will be presented in the Cummings' Auditorium some time in March.

Mr. Wayne Rudisill will direct a cast of seventy-five in the prothis opportunity, at this wonderful duction. Mr. Donald Morgan will act as vocal coach, while Joan Fleetwood and Carol Sitiwitz will instruct the dancers.

Tryouts for the play were held Thursday, December 7 and Friday, December 8. Those students chosen for the major and minor roles along with other non speaking mores-Jean Kennedy, and Doreen are as follows:

Nicely Nicely Johnson - James Browning

Benny Southstreet -Wally Schock

Rusty Charlie-James Downs Sarah Brown-Peggy Taylor Arvide Abernathy - Gary Daw-

Agatha-Barbara Wilson Mission Band Priscilla - Jackie Tharp

Calvin-Sam Hughes Lt. Brannigan - Donald Lowden Nathan Detroit-Herman Holm-

auist Angie the Ox-Bruce Speakman

Brandy-Bottle-Bates - Robert Tanner

Joey Biltmore-Paul Johnson Miss Adilaide-Judith Hudon Sky Masterson-John Wilson General Matilda B. Cartwright - Rosemarie Guilianai Big Jule-Lawrence Campanelli

Drunk-Marcia Williams Watson

Non Speaking Roles Bobbie Sockers-Jeanne Berry Carolyn Caum, Michele Regetz, Buella Hamilton, Suzanne Chatam

Sightseeing Guide - Michael Dchaoff

Sightseers - Joyce Daugherty, Nina Leech, Bonnie Ahern, Donna Chalmers, Mildred Gre-Collings

Chorus Girls Judi Kennedy, Bonnie Bunting

Orchestration - David Casto Director are to be chosen later enstein, and Peggy Taylor; sopho-

CARD SENSE

by Dianne Moshier

Our Christmas cards have all been

And now I'm wondering what they've meant.

In some ways I think that we Are sending them exclusively To people whom we really shouldn't, And I for one wish we wouldn't. The reason for my seeming mutiny Is that our list, when given

scrutiny, Reveals that we are sending cards To folks who own adjacent yards; And to those with whom we go to school each day

As if, somehow, we were far away. I think this custom needs revision, sion?

Guys-Ernest Qucella, William ANNUAL CHRISTMAS

Conrad's first semi-formal of the year, the Christmas Dance, was high school gymnasium. Music was provided by the recording artists the Illusions

The Christmas Court was chosen hawick, Kathy Griest, Mary by the business staff of the Conradian from candidates nominated by each homeroom. The members of the court were: seniors-Linda Hockenberry, Elaine Bramble, Lin-Advertising - Sharon Shoenfelt da Morris, and Dixie Martin; Student Director and Assistant juniors-Linda Jantz, Mary Low-Lucas

WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO CHRISTMAS?

by Gail Borinsky First

Through the years the spirit of Christmas has transformed from a spiritual one into a material one. Before Thanksgiving, stores begin advertising gifts, wreaths, decorations, and all the tangible objects which represent Christmas. The true and original idea of Christmas is lost in the hustle and bustle of shoppers and in the overgrowth of trees and greenery.

In the name itself is found the primary reason of the holyday -Christmas - the coming of the Savior. This is the day each Christian stops to honor and remember that he owes his existence to a Supreme Being. Lately, this main idea has been pushed aside and a new one inserted. Money, profit, and position have replaced the spiritual meaning of Christmas and people now strive for and think primarily of these three.

Young children think continuously of what Santa Claus will leave them while their parents threaten them that they better be good if they want any gifts. Instead of teaching them about the origin of Christmas and of the better gifts to be gained through celebrating Christmas religiously, the parents draw them into the artificial and corrupt spirit. These children grow up absent of the feeling that their ancestors had this holyday as they knelt before a Does anyone agree with my deci- Christmas crib to pay homage to the holy child. The glow in the children's eyes comes from lights and tinsel and not from their

Few people receive all the blessings and happiness Christmas may bestow. This material meaning leaves a gap and yearning in the held on December 16, 1961, in the hearts of people which can only be filled when the spiritual meaning is resumed. Unlike most instances, here it is possible to have everything, for while a person heeds and remembers the true spirit of Christmas it is also possible for him to follow the artificial one. If this is accomplished, complete happiness and satisfaction will fill the world, enlarging the hearts of the people and possibly bringing a degree of peace to the world.

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EDITORIALS

The week before Christmas. Only a few more days left before the gala celebration. Look around, the spirit of Christmas is all around you. Mother nature has given us all a red (or icy blue) tinge for the holiday season. Shopping is almost done (and most of your green has disappeared). Now, let's see, how are Conradians faring during the last few days before the 25th?

The Christmas shopping lists, yes, they've become as personal as diaries. Many a new name appears atop an average Conradian's list. Mom and Dad have had to take second place to "him" or "her" this year. Those who still have their age old list with no new name? Bet I know what they want for Christmas!

Our teachers, what will they be doing? They don't really have a long list this year. Seems as though they gave out the presents after the first nine weeks of school. -Merry Christmas! I hope they used up all their red ink on their Christmas cards! Appropriate gifts this year, if you are inclined to give your favorite teacher something include such all-time favorites as nerve pills, aspirins, and tranquilizers. They all got together this year and decided that they have enough handkerchiefs to last through a half-a-dozen diseases. They also decided that the dentist was the only one profiting by all that candy that goes around this time of year, so pills will be fine unless you can get a hold of a half-a-dozen diseases to give to some deserving teacher to take care of this handkerchief problem.

Also exciting, is to see what gifts teachers exchange among themselves. Mr. Rudisill and Mr. Morgan are exchanging sewer pipes and large drain valves for their coming production of "Guys and Dolls" Mr. Troutman is reported to have given Mr. Lacek a new batch of red and green detention slips, Mr. Keay is giving Miss Hardy full lab privileges during the vacation, and Mr. Schulze and Miss Eipper are prematurely giving the old gym back to the Indians.

This completes a good bit of our Conradian cross-section before the holiday season. Now, before making use of our longest awaited and most expected gift-Christmas vacation, the Smoke Signal extends its warmest wishes for a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to the administration, faculty, student body, and all the unmentioned others who have made this paper and our school what it is today, Merry Christmas!

THE GIFT

Once upon a time there was a little boy named Andrew who lived with his mother in a two room apartment over a used clothing store. Their home was in the poor section of New York City, where Andrew's mother was a clerk in a tiny grocery store.

Several weeks before Christmas Andrew's mother took him to see Santa Claus at a huge department store. All the glittering decorations dazzled him, but he didn't long for mechanical toys and complicated games. Andrew wanted only one thing. As he sat upon Santa's knee Andrew's mother heard him tell that he wanted a horse. The fat man with the fake white beard laughed and assured Andrew that his wish certainly would come true. Andrew's mother was distressed when she saw the glow in his eyes. He really believed that he was going to receive a horse on Christmas. Andrew's mother could not tell her son that she couldn't afford a horse. And he was so little he could not reason that people who live in the city do not keep horses. Andrew had a firm faith in Christmas Magic.

Andrew was very happy the days before Christmas. He often pretended to be riding a pony, and he talked constantly about different names he might give his pet. Andrew's mother was heart broken whenever she watched him. She didn't know what she was to tell him on Christmas morning when the sad truth would be re-

On Christmas Eve, after he was asleep, Andrew's mother placed several little gifts in a stocking for him. She was crying softly to herself as she went to bed. But she did not notice that the door to the apartment was opened slightly.

Sometime during the night a scrawny abandoned kitten wandered into the building where Andrew and his mother lived. She slipped through the open door, then she began to look around for some place to sleep. Finally she chose a warm spot at the foot of Andrew's bed.

When Andrew awoke Christmas morning, he found the tiny kitten curled up next to him. The kitten stirred, then began to purr happily. Then Andrew's mother came to him with tears in her eyes. She was prepared to have a long talk with him. Andrew looked at her with a rather troubled expression on his face and said, "Oh, Mother, I hope that Santa Claus didn't bring me a horse. I would be Store that slug. Then there's the she could be wrapped Santa might The joys of Santa and fun in the afraid that it would step on my kitten."

YE OLDE PHILOSPHER

by John Wilson

Hello there, bunky! Still got troubles? You say you signed up for a test with Mr. Sullivan? But somehow your name got on the daily late slip instead? And that means detention? And nobody believes you? You say you have forty hours of detention now? And when you went to the office to see about it you lost your corridor pass? Fifty hours?

You say you weren't the one who wrote "U. S. History Stinks" on your history book? But the class is talking about on Friday anyway? Shortly after you get back from the office?

You still can't figure how that little ball fell off your typewriter? The shiny little ball that fell off the nice, new, unused, \$395.00 typewriter? Bill at the first of the month? But because the school bought the new typewriters you don't get the ink smears on your paper anymore. But you can't find your paper? With the homework on it?

Your girl friend is moving to the Dickinson school district? And you don't know what to do with the aqua and white sweater she slaved months to knit?

You say you were sealing up your Christmas cards? And that's when you remembered that you forgot to sign them? The corsage you ordered for the Christmas Dance got sent to the wrong house? And then you couldn't stop sneezing through the last dance? Is that your trouble, bunky?

Well, stand up and take a walk in the sun!

You'll show the world! You'll show the world!

You'll never give up, never give up

That ship!

This is the olde philosopher sayin' Man the lifeboats!

Philosopher overboard!



with you. I know you'll under- in "Guys and Dolls". Santa, everything has gone wrong; personality, etc.!" I've gotten caught! !

those scissors on Joanie Corrie's mean!" Gorgo, that is. hair. And then there's the time I went ice skating. I didn't mean to scare Mom with all that blood. Or the time I swiped Billie Corrigan's tricycle and ran down that cute little Judi Matt. How was I to know she would sprain her wrist? And I didn't know Mr. Lacek was standing in back of me

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STUDENT PERSONALITY



Joanne Rucker, a sophomore well found at all Student Council meetthe Latin Club. She is also a member of the band. Her hobbies are mostly sports. She likes hockey and plans to be a member of the basketball team this year. Outside of school Joanne is a member of Youth for Christ. She hopes to become a nurse after high school.

Last year at Oak Grove Junior High she was also involved in many activities. She sang in the school choir, was a member of the Glee Club, the hockey team, the band, the Student Council, and was chosen to be in the May Court.

When asked what she wanted for Christmas, Joanne answered, "either a house closer to school or a new bus driver."



Believe it or not, we have a terdeserving the name, is this month's mite in our midst! Contrary to student personality. She can be popular belief, this termite cannot be found doing away with the wood ings or with the other members of in our beloved school, but he can currently be found on Conrad's basketball court. Termite, is our five-foot ten, 150 pound sophomore, Ernie Anderson,

> His main interests are football (which he did fairly well in), basketball, and track.

> He is a member of Simpson's Methodist Church, in Newport.

> Ernie is a graduate of Absalom Jones Junior High where he showed early promise in sports. It seems as though he formed quite an attachment to A. J. S. His entire summer was spent on its basketball court-from dawn to dusk. It reached the point where his mother threatened to disown him if he didn't come home.

ROVING REDSKIN

Christmas is near and all good | Yuki Abe wants to see something Conradians have been writing she has never seen before. She Christmas lists. We intercepted wants a whole lot of snow - so some of these letters and found she doesn't have to go to school. some interesting requests.

she can skate to school and save van and Mr. Polermo. the bus fare.

Judi Kennedy wants a pass to Play Boy Club. Why? Ask her! did more than rob a mail box.

An unidentified girl has begged much can be done, things are bad cially before the Christmas dance. all over.

Lee Walls wants a "Big Kiss" for Christmas! (?)

We can't repeat what Betsy Phelps asked for but we know that Barbara Altemus wants a big bundle from Texas. Cactus, no doubt.

Carol Kiloski wants a book on "Confession is good for the soul, the facts of life. She still can't or so my mommy says. That's why understand why Mr. Rudisill would As I sit by my window and gaze I'm here, Santa, to talk it all over not let her go out for a male lead

stand. My mommy and daddy told Santa got a letter from Bob me last night that I am getting Kempski that said he didn't want nothing for Christmas because I've anything for Christmas. Said Bob, The day-it was Christmas-I rebeen so bad this year. You see "I have everything; looks, money

Bill Corrigan requested a Gorgo "I know I shouldn't have used for protection - "'cause he's The presents and goodies Santa

Even our faculty has taken pen in hand. Miss Hardy wants a set of lab keys all her own.

Mr. Stewart wants five million dollars or a plane ticket to Europe. The houses of friends were so Bob Kempski thinks he wants to visit his wife and twins.

It has been reported that Mr. Rudisill said he wants a wife under when I gave the girl in the Student the tree Christmas morning. If agree but the tape never sticks.

A petition signed by forty Con-Judi Hudon asked Santa for a radians was sent to the North Pole pair of roller skates. Why? So requesting new cars for Mr. Sulli-

> Those are the letters we snitched from S. C. but our Roving Redskin

As Christmas approaches we nofor a complete turnover in the tice the usual flames of romance male population at Conrad. Not flicker in our hallowed halls. Espe-

> Congrats to Mr. Rudisill on his casting of Judi Hudon and Peggy Taylor in their roles! ! The play should be a big success.

POEM

by Carol Pry

at the snow,

I remember a day-long, long ago. T'was the middle of winter, that day in the past,

member-alas!

The excitement and wonder as I looked at the tree,

brought me.

I remember the sleigh ride over glistening snow

As I rode through the mountains to valleys below.

warm and so gay,

The smell of roast chestnuts on that cold December day.

But now I've grown old and no longer know,

snow!

SPORTS SCRIPTS

four straight victories. Roy Jernigan and Lee McMaster were the number two and three men respectively on the undefeated Delaware the Phillies hurler . . . Congratucross-country squad. Mike Brown lations are in order to senior guard gainer in the '61 football season, and teammate Dick Broadbent faired so well at end that he was and proved to be a most devastatdrafted by the Detroit Lions of the ing blocker.

holding their own in faster com- Bianco, after captaining the Golds petition. Nate and Pete Cloud to a 20-13 victory in the Delaware along with Salesianium grad Dave High School football game - he Sysko have sparked the University was named the outstanding lineof Delaware basketball squad to man in the game - went on to captain the Delaware freshman team to a .500 season . . . This isn't even mentioning Dallas Green was Delaware's leading ground Jim Brooks for being selected on the All-Blue Hen Conference second team . . . Jim consistently led the Redskin's linemen in tackles

About Wrestling

Since the majority of the students here at Conrad know little taking the top or bottom position or nothing about the sport of in what is called the referee's wrestling, the Smoke Signal has decided to run a two-part feature explaining the general concepts and terminology of this sport. This first installment was written for the purpose of explaining the general procedures undertaken at a wrestling meet.

twelve matches with a different weight class represented in each match. A match is six minutes long divided into three periods of tor is awarded a decision based on two minutes each. In the first period the contestants start in a standing position and try to effect tempt to explain some wrestling

od the contestant who has won the toss of the coin has the choice of position. The third period is begun with the wrestler taking position opposite to that of the second

A contestant must always try to pin his opponent; that is to say that he must make the effort to place his adversary's shoulders on Each wrestling meet consists of the mat for a period of two seconds. If he succeeds his team receives five points. If the match goes the full six minutes the victhe individual points he accumulates during the course of the match. (Next month we will ata take-down. In the second peri-terms and the scoring system.)



Dave Lemmon stops Dickinson quarterback, John Rose, after a short gain on an end sweep. This was one of the few times Rose was stopped, however. The Ram field general later went on to score the two touchdowns which beat Conrad.

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REDSKIN GRAPPLERS Conrad alumni are certainly National Football League, Ron EYE WINNING SEASON

Conrad's wrestling squad for 1962 contains six lettermen returning from last year. They are, seniors, Neal Larson, Don Latourney, Albert Sheppard, juniors, Ron Nichols, Emory Reader, and Bill Tay-

Although Coach Pletcher's charges do not yet appear capable of capturing conference honors, Mr. Pletcher says that Conrad's matmen of "62" are much stronger this year than they were in the past year. The squad hopes to do well and better last year's record which was two wins, eight losses. We defeated P. S. DuPont and Wilmington High School.

Thus far the 43 wrestling candidates have demonstrated more strength in the upper and middle weight classes.

Outlook at a Glance 1961 RECORD: Won 2, Lost 8. LETTERMEN: 6.

KEY RETURNEES: Albert Sheppard, Don Latourney, and Emory Reader.

than last year.

J. V. SQUAD ALL SOPHOMORES

Members of the Junior Varsity Basketball squad for this season are Dave Cathcart, Buzzy Atkins, they listen to the instructions and Harry Crystal, Randy Jernigan, suggestions their coach, Miss Eip-Ralph Fillingame, Bob Purnell, per, has to offer. Bob Wright, Jay Thompson, Bill Stone, Dale Lewis, Bob Smith, Ronnie Tryczinski, and Ronnie Anderson.

Coach Ott says that while the boys lack height and possess only fair shooting ability, they are very fast and are good rebounders.

Boys' Junior Varsity games will be held on Wednesday and Friday nights at 6:30 p.m. in the gym.

Outlook at a Glance 1961 RECORD Won 4, Lost 14 LETTERMEN: 5

KEY RETURNEES: Bill Taylor, Wayne Blackway, and Harry Gries-

NEWCOMERS TO WATCH: Jock Mahoney, Ernie Anderson, and Bill Beatty.

PROSPECTS: A rebuilding year with success depending greatly development of underclassupon





CONRAD BASKETBALLERS EYE COMEBACK

GIRLS BASKETBALL PRACTICE BEGINS

Boys are not the only ones who PROSPECTS: Should do better this year at basketball practices. Any night after school from 3:30 to 5:30 you can see sophomore, junior, and senior girls going through their various practice drills endeavoring to make this year's basketball team the best Conrad has ever had. The girls do not seem to tire of this strenuous work as

> This year the team has many and skilled players and we're sure they would fully appreciate your support at their games which will of all the boys by Mr. Brehony, be played immediately after school the team should become "dead" home and away. Let's not forget to congratulate the team members and give them the recognition attitude. which they deserve but often times do not receive. We sincerely hope the girls are rewarded for their difficult work in the best way possible - a winning season.

> > People on the Go

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The varsity basketball squad and coach Brehony are working together towards a winning season for victory-hungry Conrad.

To accomplish this end, Mr. Brehony has set up the following practice schedule: five laps around the gym; outside shooting for a half hour; layup and teamwork drills; and playing under actual game conditions.

There is a lot of room for improvement in all departments, however, but with Mr. Brehony's coaching and with the team's attitude look for the fastest improvement possible.

The most pronounced weakness of the team is their shooting. But with a half hour practice nightly and with the individual coaching shots. The team has in their favor speed-a-foot, teamwork, and a good

Bill Taylor was elected captain by the boys. The Smoke Signal sites the comeback - of - the - year made by Bill Taylor.

On December 13 Conrad begins its scrimmage schedule by facing Brown Vocational. December 19, Conrad faces always tough Sallies, and on December 22 the team finishes their scrimmages against Gunning Bedford.

The following 12 boys have been selected to represent Conrad on the basketball court: seniors: Bill Taylor, Captain, 5' 11"; Wayne Blackway, 5' 10"; Matt Lygate, 6' 1"; Bob Short, 6' 2"; juniors; John Burgess, 6'; Harry Griesbach, 6' 6"; John Maloney, 5' 11"; Leon Price, 5' 7"; Roger Suro, 6' 1"; sophomores; Ernest Anderson, 5' 10"; Bill Beatty, 6' 3".

Who am I?

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time a bunch of the guys went in town to the movies. Let's not even get into that!

"I guess it's too late to start being good this year, so I'll just finish out this year being bad. But you wait til next year! I'll be good or my name isn't Chuck Fir-

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TUNE-UP & BRAKES

AROUND CONRAD

by Al Sonchen

After the last issue of our paper was out we received the bad news of Report Cards. I'm sure most of you feel that the new way they have of issuing them is more torture than getting the marks all at once. You stand over the teacher's shoulder watching him thumb his way down the list of names until he gets to yours and you see a B. Then as you give a sigh of relief he puts a C on your report

All Conrad boys are familiar with that budding student teacher, Mr. Archino from the U. of D. He recently completed giving all gym classes tests on the apparatus. The only words I have ever heard him say are, "no, your knees were bent!" Conrad is also lucky to have Miss Quinn who is from Delaware too. She is Miss Morrison's "right hand". Funny though, I haven't heard her say one word in Spanish!

The Military Ball on December 1 was held at De La Warr High School and was a very successful dance. I was very surprised to see another State Policeman attending a semi-formal, because he didn't even have a date. He had his real cool band uniform on though, you know the one with a gun and holster.

Mr. Kilhefner's and Miss Nielsen's A.F.S. Club, on December door to door throughout parts of minds: have done bad if it hadn't been for Cathy Hendrickson and Connie Reed and Ed Simpers who ate all the profit. No wonder, the candy was very good even though it was 100 years old - Speaking of A.F.S. I really don't want to go 4. Ten dozen pencils for the Engto Tanganyika!

Mr. Shahan had his first accident a few weeks ago, it nappened one morning about 8:10. Visibility was good but he couldn't keep his eyes on the road. While he was joking and teasing two Conrad couples he ran head-on into Miss Burns at the corner of room 201 and the gym. Neither was hurt, but both a little shaken. Somebody who has a bad temper takes Driver Education. It seems he got so upset he pulled the turn signal indicator off. Be good Mr. Shahan and Santa will bring you a new one!

Last week I caught part of a conversation between Mr. Lacek and Miss Eipper. All I heard was Mr. Lacek asking Miss Eipper how the girls' basketball team was

I'm changing my seat in Mr. Palermo's History class. I think I'll move right next to Judy Ryan. Mainly because she was the only student to get a perfect paper on his last test out of his 140 students.

ball teams. They can't play basket- but he says he can wait until next ball very well but they can sure year. Gary Chanko got an hour skip rope and outrun anybody in Conrad.

Mr. Patterson has thought of what he is giving his physics students for Christmas. A very appropriate gift for all, crying towels. No wonder, the test they had as usual, stay loose. a few weeks ago was enough to stump Charles Van Duren, even if swell compliments. I appreciate it was fixed!

A. F. S. CLUB SELLS CANDY

Candy sales of the American have been sold and the club members intend to sell the remaining flags for the old ones.

Candy selling is just one of the ways by which the A.F.S. club plans to make money. A dance has been planned and will probably take place in the spring.

Penny Wednesday, a new idea Conrad, will occur on a date which has not yet been set. A bowl will be placed at the end of the lunch line for students to deposit their extra change, Debbie Smith is chairman of this project; Mary Jane Simmons is general publicity chairman.

Proceeds from the A.F.S. club projects will be used to help sponsor American and foreign exchange students.

"MAD" CHRISTMAS

As the Christmas season closes in, many students begin to scheme -uh - plan what to get their teachers. The following ideas have seventh sold Mason Candy from run through many students'

- the Conrad District. We wouldn't 1. A record entitled "How to be Very. Very Interesting."
 - 2. For the bald-headed teacher-a can of Simoniz,
 - 3. A flexible yardstick for the teacher who enjoys hitting students over the head.
 - lish teacher who has a habit of breaking them against his desk. 5. Several cans of Metracal for the overweight teachers.
 - 6. Some yarn for the teachers who

like to knit in class. Students are not the only ones involved in these thoughts. The teachers' minds are also working. They have come up with the following ideas:

- 1. One pair of foam-rubber shoes for the foot-tapping student.
- 2. A muzzle for the student who chatters constantly during class. 3. An alarm clock for that one student who always stumbles into homeroom late.
- 4. A bar of soap with which to wash the smart aleck's mouth. Remember these ideas when you open your gifts, and if any of "shaping up." I never did hear her them tick . . . well, Merry Christmas anyway.

Speaking of Christmas, Eddie Simpers and a few other pranksters gave Linda Morris her gift a little early. Linda was so happy when she opened her locker and found it, she just screamed with Congratulations to the boys that joy! Mr. Schulze is afraid he won't made the J.V. and Varsity basket- get his new gym for Christmas detention for Christmas. I already have my "little present".

> I guess I should end my article with a Merry Christmas and a Happy Vacation, but since I won't be the first I'm not going to. So

> P.S. Thanks for more of your

A BUSY CHRISTMAS FOR S. C. AT HOME

Conrad's Student Council has Field Service club are reported to been very busy this Yuletide sea- Christmas, but in the past ten be going well. Two-thirds of the son. Their business included pass-Mason chocolate-covered candies ing a new Constitution and also planning to buy new American

They have gotten into the Christmas spirit by sending Fred George and Al Sonchen out into the cold to purchase a Christmas tree or not to come back. Well, they didn't let the council down because they came back with a tree about 11 in money-making projects here at feet tall. The Council decorated it this past Thursday and had a party afterwards.

> This past Saturday the council conducted a toy drive within the Conrad District. They spread out in carloads and asked the members of the nearby neighborhoods for their children's old toys.

At this season of the year all our thoughts turn to parties and receiving a lot for Christmas, but we fail to realize that there are a lot less fortunate than we are at Christmas. Fortunately we not all think of ourselves but also the welfare of others at this joyous time of the year.

Congratulations to Mr. Kilhefner and Miss Hardy and their Student Council for their fine job.

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Originally we did not have years, the Japanese have celebrated Christmas after the American customs, decorating a Christmas tree, exchanging Christmas presents, and singing Christmas carols. When entering a town, you will find stores with various kinds of decorations, large Christmas Christmas carols.

Since most of the Japanese are connection with the church, but when the need arises. some are Christians who celebrate Cards which the postman delivers Christmas. Generally speaking, in piles. It's a lot of fun to find Christmas is the time for young the cards and read them. You will people. They get quite excited and that each card says a different

Six days after Christmas comes to you." New Year's Eve. People sit up late this evening to hear the "Joya no kane" or New Year's Eve Bell, which the temples strike at 12:00

Many people get up early in the morning to see the sunrise on the first day of the year. We call this day "Gantan". We have special foods on Gantan. We celebrate 'Ozoni." This is a broth containing "mochi" or rice cake and vegetables. Some of the other foods are black peas, which are supposed to help us work hard, chestnuts. deliciously cooked, daikon or a variety of radish and dried combu, a seaweed, for happiness. Besides these, a special drink, "O-toso" is served in belief that it possesses a preventative power against sick-

We wear special clothes called "kimonos" on New Year's Days. Some people wear the Western clothes, but most of the Japanese change into "kimonos" on this special occasion. The whole family gets together. School children have a 2 week's vacation for New Years.

One of the most enjoyable things on Gantan are the New Year's

LEAGUE IN NEWS

Allen Swain, Richard Brown, and Sandy Sianni were elected president, vice-president, and secretary respectively of the Conrad Safe Driver's League, Mr. R. Shahan, driving instructor, sponsors this monthly activity with Mr. J. Hinnerscheetz as acting co-spon-

Promoting safe driving and pertrees, Santa Clauses, signs saying, forming a school service are the "Merry Christmas," people busily main purposes of this club. Servicshopping, and others singing es include directing traffic in the parking lot before the opening of school and assisting in keeping not Christians, we don't have any traffic moving about the school

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