

The Little Oyster

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MANY THANKS ARE ALSO GIVEN TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GRADES IN THE LABORATORY SCHOOL WHO HELPED TO GATHER NEWS FOR THE ISSUE OF THIS PAPER.

THE STAFF

SOCIETY PAGEKindergarten

Lisa Miller is going to go with her parents to Italy for a three months stay. The Kindergarten children are getting ready for Christmas in the following ways; they will decorate their room for Christmas and their tree, making gifts for their parents, and planning a party for their parents to be held this week.

First Grade

In the first grade Susan Anne Bathory wants a toy stove, a toy sink, and a Tiny Tears doll for Christmas. She thinks she is staying home for Christmas.

Warren Paul Williams wants an army set for Christmas. He also plans to spend Christmas at home. For room decorations the class has made red and green Christmas trees on the windows. They have also put a paper Santa Claus on the door of their classroom.

Second Grade

Over Christmas vacation David Gurovi and Deborah Doseff of the second grade will visit Minneapolis. Mari Carlson's grandmother will visit the family for Christmas. Mari's grandmother is from Sioux Falls. Joe Leek's grandmother, from Chicago, will visit Joe and his family for Christmas.

The second grade will have a room party on Friday, December 18, and they will exchange presents, sing Christmas carols, and have refreshments.

Third Grade

In the third grade, Anne Nides is Jewish and she celebrates Hanikah instead of Christmas. She recieves a present every day for eight days, or all the presents on one day. She doesn't know what she wants for Hanikah. She will spend Hanikah at home.

Also in the third grade Mark Eklund says he is going to celebrate Christmas the same way everyone does. Mark is staying home for Christmas.

Mark and Anne also said they don't know whether or not they are having a room party for Christmas. They have a decorated Christmas Tree in their room.

SOCIETY PAGE (continued)

Fourth Grade

Claudia Kanter wants these things for Christmas; books, transistor portable radio, and a new bike among other things.

Paula Rudolph wants a printing press, mystery books, and a transistor radio. Their family will celebrate Hanukkah.

Laurel Williams wants a transistor radio, which seems to be very popular, and a bike. He would also like some new clothes.

Fifth Grade

The three reading groups in the fifth grade are giving Christmas plays. The three plays are as follows; Red Emma, A Lifesaving Job, and From Out the Christmas Socks.

They are also having committees for arranging a party. The committees are the following; program, decorating, refreshments, and clean-up. Bebee Swan is in charge of the program committee. Helen Stuart is in charge of the decorating committee. Barbara Carlson is in charge of the refreshments. Lusanne McLain is in charge of the clean-up committee.

Sixth Grade

In Art the sixth grade are making tile trivets and Christmas cards. In Arithmetic they are studying decimals. In Health they are dealing with first aid and accidents. Early Minnesota history is their project in Social Studies. On the tenth of December, they will exchange gifts.

Seventh Grade

Katharine Van Evera wants some jewelry and cosmetics for Christmas. She would also like a stuffed dog. James Stewart would like nothing more than a two-man helicopter and \$100 spending money. Jimmy is going to stay home for Christmas, but Kathy is going to some friends for Christmas dinner.

The seventh and the eighth plan to have a skating party the last day of class. On this day also the seventh grade will exchange presents.

SOCIETY PAGE (continued)Eighth Grade

Both John McGiffert and Liz Fryberger of the eighth grade would like a trip to the Olympics, although neither feel this is very probable. John would like a microscope for Christmas. Liz would like some new clothes. She is going skiing over the New Year holiday. John favorite television programs are the following; The Man and the Challenge, Bonanza, and Tightrope. Liz's favorites are The Man and the Challenge and Perry Como.

NOTICE

This article was requested by Mrs. Marshall.

MRS. MARSHALL AND MR. MYRIE WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE IN THE LABORATORY SCHOOL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY HANIKAH.

THE STAFF OF THE LITTLE GOPHER WOULD ALSO LIKE TO WISH THE FACULTY, MR. VERRILL, AND THE STUDENTS A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Christmas

Christmas, Christmas,

Now you're here

With your merry gay time cheer

Christmas, Christmas,

So much fun

Everyone likes to

Run, run, run.

(This poem was written by Paula Rudolph of the 4th grade)

POETRY PAGEA YEAR

In the autumn winds may blow,
but fires inside warmly glow.

In the winter the snows will fall light,
and all around the world is white.

In the spring I like it most,
Mother Nature is our host.

In the summer children play,
while farmers work all day.

The year is full of many things,
and every year new things it brings.

(Written by Kathy Dickerson 7th Grade)

The poem that follows is contributed by Scotty of the seventh grade. She found this poem in a magazine and decided to put it in the paper. Scotty Walker is her full name.

Oh, goodness! Oh, gracious! Oh, golly! Oh, gee!
I wonder what all the commotion can be!
Someone is shouting and screaming at me!
Why, Santa is caught in our chimney!

He's sweating and fuming and screaming aloud!
And soon he will gather a very big crowd!
Such terrible language should not be allowed!
Why Santa is caught in our chimney!

His coat is all dirty and covered with dust!
He's coughing and choking and full of disgust!
I think his suspenders are starting to bust!
Why, Santa is caught in our chimney!

I fear that his temper is starting to show!
His nose is all red and his cheeks are aglow!
Perhaps I should put out the fire below!
'Cause Santa is caught in our chimney!

SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE CHRISTMAS PLAYS

On December 18, Thursday, the seventh and eighth grades will present three Christmas plays. The titles of the plays are: Happy Christmas To All, Christmas Eve Letter, and Adobe Christmas.

The cast for the plays are as follows:

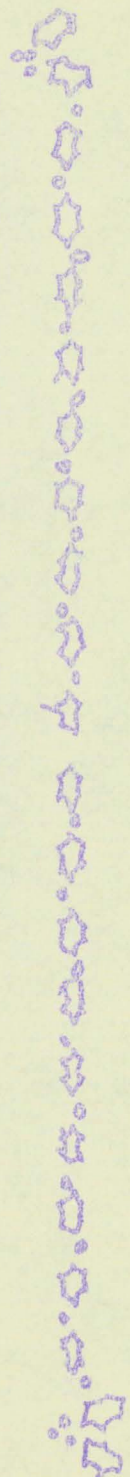
1. Happy Christmas To All; Seventh grade, Mike Zlonis, Vicki Crago, Trudy Strewler, Sam Magee, Jill Peterson, Jim Stewart and Tom Wells.
2. Christmas Eve Letter: Seventh grade, Libby Kemels, Tom O'Neill, Sarah Haavik, Sally Thompson, Nancy Fernine, TimsHeinan and Neil Johnson.
3. Adobe Christmas: Seventh grade, Betsy Long, Ken Lampert, Kathy Dickerson, Susan Chamberlin, Frank Bair and Kathy Van Evera.

The eighth will also present the following three plays:

1. Happy Christmas To All; Eighth Grade cast, Peter Niss, Shelia Herz, Sam Gurovitch, Suzanne Schmid, Marc Friezuth, Jeannie Warren
2. Christmas Eve Letter: Eight grade cast, Liz Fryberger, Marron Spencer, Lynette Balmer, Mike Steinberg, Niles Hysell, Virginia Franz and David Brown.
3. Adobe Christmas: Eighth grade cast; Dick Fryberger, David Hawkanson, Dougâs Chesney and Raymond Rayen.

There will be two performances of the plays one in the afternoon and one at night.

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Answers

Words

1. A Christmas song
4. Gay
9. To want very much
10. To trim at Christmastime
12. French word for Christmas
15. December 25
18. To glow in the dark
20. Circular
24. He brings Christmas toys
26. A penny
27. Lights up in the dark

2. Before noon
3. One time
5. Opposite of add
6. Abbreviation for railroad
7. What Santa wears on his head
8. Past tense of ate
10. Opposite of young
13. An evergreen tree
14. Shines in the night
16. To inquire
17. To put several things together
19. A bird's house
21. Many-colored precious stone
22. The last of something
23. You and I
25. Afternoon

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM ALL OF THE STAFF MEMBERS TO
THE MEMBERS OF THE LABORATORY SCHOOL.