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tives, friends, subscribers
and patrons of our "Listenin' In"

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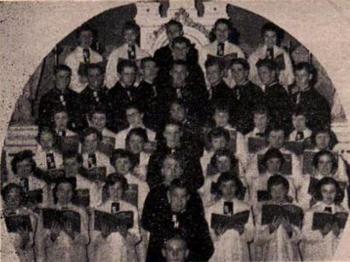
"A KING IS BORN"

"A King is Born", a Christmas Cantata, will be presented by the seventh and eighth grades, in the Parish Hall, on December seventeenth, at 7:30 o'clock p.m.

Mary Kay Keller, as reader, links up the various parts of the cantata by appropriate Scriptural quotations as the following characters dramatize the Biblical story of the Nativity: Mary of Galilee, Mary Rolfes; Angel Gabriel, Gary Mullins; Joseph the Carpenter, Jerry Cooper; Bethlehem folk: Sarah, Georgena Williams; Judith, Michele Miover; David, Thomas Burd: shepherds: Nathan, Joe Tornabane; Hilel, Eddie Dittmer; Ruben, Michael Fitzgerald; Asar, Robert Heintz; wisemen: Michael Kunz, Peter Miover, Robert Dahlgren; choir: Janet Barger, Patricia Brice, Coleen Butler, Ray Brown, Jane Burke, Tom Brown, Elaine Collins, James Cady, Larry Conway, Rosemary Culver, Mar-cia Day, Pat Duffy, Patricia Douroumis, Denny Ferry, Karen Fitz-gerald, Cecelia Hicks, Ronnie Hopkins, Thomas Matt, James Matt, Patricia Miover, Tom Payne, Judy Shuster, Janet Steuerwald, Susan Wilson, Kathleen Wilson; accompanist Kathy Mc-Gary Mullins is in Donald. charge of the scenery, while Tom Matt is in charge of the lighting.

WRAP THEM!

Christmas gifts are twice as exciting if they are wrapped in bright paper, and tied with colored ribbon; so you'll want to wrap up your gifts attractively in paper which the Juniors of S.H.S. are selling.



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT CHOIR

Christmas Mass To Be Aired

The Six O'clock High Mass of Christmas morning will be celebrated by the Reverend J. J. Ryan, Pastor of Sacred Heart Church. The Mass will be sung by the High School Student Choir of mixed voices singing J. Alfred Schehl's "Missa de Nativitate" which will include the Offertory Hymn: "Jesu Redemptor Omnium" in alternate settling by Taler. The boy trio, Peter Fleming, William Conway and Aaron Vest will sing the Proper of the Mass by Rossini.

At five-thirty a.m. the choir will sing the traditional carols of Christmas. Choir accompanists are: Judy Conway, Janese Carney, Delores Headley, Coleen Bennett and Patricia Donovan. The entire program will be broadcast from the church over KWBG.

OPEN HOUSE

During American Education week we had open house at Sacred Heart, and all rooms were open to the general public. Classes were carried on as usual; however, some larger projects—a panel discussion, choral reading, a symposium, art displays and spell-downs were conducted in some of the rooms. In several class rooms, papers of the students were displayed to present the work of each student directly to the public.

The guest book in the office showed that over one hundred parents and friends of the school called that day. Each guest received as a souvenir, a pocket size calendar.

Right wrongs no one, and innocence never needs a lie to vindicate itself,

Students Partake In Candle Lighting

Gathered around a beautiful crib and singing their favorite Christmas hymns, the student body together with Father Ryan, Father Phillips and the Sisters, carried out the traditional candle lighting ceremony on the afternoon of December 16th. John Jacobson lit the candle of Faith for the juniors and seniors; Beth Fangman, the candle of Hope for the freshmen and sophomores; Patricia Miover, the candle of Charity for the seventh and eighth graders; Judy Loehrer, the candle of Obedience for the fifth and sixth graders, Dickie Weibe, the candle of Joy for the third and fourth grades; Liam Clemenger, the candle of Innocence for the first and second graders. While candles glowed around the

Helicopter Helper

By Gretchen Buss

Hi there, kids! Let me intro duce myself. I'm Snowflake Santa's thirteenth helper. Santa called me into his private office the other day and handed me my orders for the month. And silve come to good old Sacres Heart to get your Christmas or ders for Santa Claus. While at tending one of the Blue Bire meetings last week, I overhear Susan Keller, who is in second grade, say that she wants dea old Santa to bring her a nev doll and a complete wardrobe fo it. Linda Fitzgerald, who als is in second grade, hopes to brush up on her homemaking abilities that is if Old St. Nicholas bring her those baking and sewing kit she has ordered. Mary Ann McCo who is in her third year at Sacre Heart, will set up housekeepin with a new doll, doll buggy, andishes that she has asked for. Ton Healy, fifth grade, will be prac ticing up for the day when h can go hunting by taking air with his ordered B-B gun. Davi Lonergan, a representative sixth grade, may win distinction for Sacred Heart by finding cure for the common cold or b making some other discover when he starts experimentin with the chemistry set he ha asked for. Well, before I take of in my helicopter to deliver m long list to Santa, I'll make jus one more statement, "Merr Christmas to you all"

Mid-November Elections Reveal New Officers

As members of the D. Y. O., the junior and senior students a Sacred Heart elected officers a mid-November. The D.Y.O. spor sors many activities includin district dances and a diocesa music contest. Officers electe to represent S.H.H. were: Preident, Joan Fitzgerald; vice president, Dean Dittmer; secretary, Judy Conway.

Crib, Shirley Ann Wiley of the first grade extended Christma Greetings to Father Ryan and Patricia Donovan, freshman greeted Father Phillips.

Santa Claus will arrive at the school hall Friday, Dec. 17th Aided by John Lacey, Leo Dit mer, Peter Fleming and Aaro Vest, Santa and his helper, Jerr Cooper, will hand out treats a candy and apples provided by the Sacred Heart P.T.A.



MEMBERS OF CAST FOR "A KING IS BORN"



Editor Gretchen Buss Photographers.....Rosemary Ryan Joan Fitzgerald Artist Judy Conway . Joan Judge, Karen Reporters Erickson, Rosemary Ryan, Joan Fitzgerald.

Gifts Aren't The Only Things

How many times when we are speaking of Christmas do we bring into the discussion the gifts we intend to give or receive? I think we would all be a little bit ashamed to see the number of times we do this. Is that all Christmas means to us? When we make out our gift lists do we think of what we can give Our Lord and His Blessed Mother? After all, Christmas is Christ's birthday. On that glorious day He came to earth so that He could re-open the gates of heaven and found His Church. This year let's all put Jesus and Mary on the top of our gift list. A few gift suggestions are, daily ro-saries, Mass and Holy Communion during Advent and of course a novena before Christmas. Let's all join in to make this truly a Holy Christmas and Christ will give us many gifts in return.

Career Girls

The Future Nurses Club meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month in the home economics room at Boone High School.

At the Nov. 4 meeting of the

Gretchen Buss Vice-President Caryl Achenbach Secretary Karen Erickson Treasurer

The officers invite speakers to give talks on the various branches of nursing to help girls to decide whether or not they should enter the nursing profession.

high school students of Sacred Heart School enjoy an up-to-date news film which is sponsored by the Bureau of Audio-Visual instruction and presented as a public service by the Standard Oil Company. These films are pro-duced by Warner Pathe News and they usually last about half an hour. The students would like to express their thanks to the faculty who get these movies and also to Iowa State College who supplies the films.

American Homemakers of Tomorrow

She may be in Sacred Heart School! The girl among S.H. seniors who, on January 12th, receives the highest score in a written examination based on Associate Editor Josephine Selzer
Typists Rosemary Phelan

Janese Carney
Tomorrow. She will represent S. H. S. in the state contest where she will compete for a scholarship of at least \$1,500 and possibly \$5,000, and a trip to Historical can Shrines. Each high school winner will receive a Betty Crocker Cook Book for herself and one for her school library, together with a golden award pin. In addition she will have a chance at the district championship. Let's try to have Sacred Heart represented in the winners' circle.

ALUMNI NOTES

Ethel Vest, class of '54 is employed as cashier and bookkeeper at the Ford Garage in Boone.

Dianne Shuster, '54, graduated from the Electronics Radio and Television Institute in Omaha in November, and is employed by Fisher Shoe Store.

T. J. Mahoney, '44 was recently married. Mr. Mahoney is currently residing in Decatur Illinois, and is employed by the Herald Tribune as a reporter. At one time Mr. Mahoney was editor of the Listenin' In.

Two of our alumni have recently taken the vows of marriage. Clarence Dittmer, a graduate of 1952 was united in marriage to Miss Rovena Larson on November 27th. Martha Ann Gorey, another well known graduate of Sacred Heart, became the bride of Rolland Paul on October 22 at Saint Leo's Catholic Church in Minot, North Dakota.

Alumni expected home for the holidays are: John Wilson, Mary F. N. C., the election of offi-cers was held. The new officers are:

Carolyn Herman President

Kay Jacobson, Patsy and Lorraine
Conway, Margaret Friel, David
Schell, Mary and Mike Judge,
Marguerite Newland, Frankie and Ann McNertney, and Kenny Gil-

Student Activities

Halloween set the scene for the Teen Age Dance in the Parish Hall on Oct. 28. Using black and orange crepe paper, skele-Bi-Weekly News Films frightening objects, the high school students, under the diection of Father Phillips, decorattons, jack o'lanterns, and other ed the hall.

During activity period on Tues-days and Thursdays many of the students practice up on their dancing and learn the latest steps.

With the coming of winter many of us will be taking our ice skates out of summer storage, for ice skating is one of Boone's most popular winter sports. We hope to see you out at Herman's Park, especially during Christmas vacation, but remember this, Don't fall too much!

WHY ARE YOU AFRAID TO BE A LEADER?

The ability to lead is a gift A gift from God. Leadership is God's way Of bringing His Creatures To the joys of heaven. God gives talents of leadership Five, two, or one. To be doubled. Either God is glorified by your use And all things work together unto good-Or God is rejected And obstinate man with feet of clay tramples divinity in the mud.

School is an environment Where boys and girls Have an opportunity to become Other leaders, other Christs And thus attain their destiny. Original sin may penetrate the atmosphere Of school. Actual and sanctifying graces are cast aside By Catholic boys and girls who fear To lead others along right paths.

There's a stigma Hurled on heads of youthful leaders That burns deep into souls Of those who envy and criticize.

To the courageous youth. The Boy Christ, Ever gives the answer. Pure and untouched His graces and gifts God has ever lavished on youth, But when they turn the gift To silence and ridicule it For fear of appearing wise or holy What then?

If He gives Gifts of mind and heart and body Use them for His glory, Others need them, too. And so, you share them, But retain them, too.

Use His gifts For the conquest Of the world For Him. Make discoveries Admit your talents They are gifts, you know, That can be spent or hoarded.

Your town, U. S. A., Is your School. Make of it a home Of prayer and thought and deeds Light your candle Of Truth and Love and Leadership Hold it high Upon a mountain top. Do not hide it in a barrel. Others need its light And inspiration. It is God's Not yours. Hold it high And spread its message. Do not be afraid of factions. Christ said
"It is I, Fear you not."

on the scenes

at S. H. S.

MISSION PROJECT UNDERTAKEN . . .

the project undertaken by the C. S. M. C. for the month of November. During a discussion led by Josephine Selzer, all Crusaders were invited to join the discussion group-Cathy Coffey, Rosemary Phelan, Joan Judge and Church during the lunch period.

"Working for the Missions" was | Marilyn Burke-in praying for the Mission intention for November, The Church in Central America and the Antilles; in assisting at Mass and receiving Holy Communion on Tuesdays; and in saying the rosary together in the

YOUR MANNERS ARE SHOWING . . .

few courtesies when the freshmen and sophomores presented a panel discussion of "Courtesy". Eileen Ryan and Duke Conway introduc-ed the speakers-Rosalie Day, Di-on etiquette.

The students in the high school anne Duffy, Peter Fleming, and had a chance to be reminded of a Tom Fitzgerald-who discussed various phases of life where good manners are essential. The rest of the freshmen and sophomores contributed additional pointers

MARY HONORED IN CONTEST . . .

marks of the forty-six posters submitted by fifth and sixth graders in their October Marian-Poster contest. The young contestants encouraged devotion to Mary in various clever ways. After thoughtful deliberation, Sister Mary Aquilina, who judged the entries, made her decision. Marilyn Adix was the lucky lass who rated first place with her

Originality, ingenuity, and theme—"The Rosary is no Gamneatness were the characteristic ble-It's a Sure Thing". Diane Reis, Kay Elsberry, Mary Lynn Payne and Patricia Keller were runners up. Terry Ferry, Gerald Swan, Don Garvey, Steve Chance, and Tom Conway merited honorable mention for their very fine work. Congratulations to all these girls and boys for their efforts to make us more aware of Mary's place in our lives.

SODALISTS . . . FRESHMEN BECOME

became members of the Sodality of Blessed Virgin Mary. Each student in the high school has had this privilege which brings him closer to our Blessed Mother. tinue to give honor to Mary.

On December 7th, the freshmen | Father Ryan presented each new sodalist with a medal in honor of Our Lady and exhorted these new members to carry on the traditions of the Sodality and to con-

WHITE ELEPHANT

Did you see white elephants wandering around the school corridors on Tuesday, November 23? The purpose for the presence of the eccentric creatures at school was a C.S.M.C. money raising project carried on by the students. These "white elephants", brought by students and decoratively gift wrapped, were auctioned off by

John Lacey and Jim Morgan. At the end of the auction, the junior and senior boys prepared and served a lunch which was offered for a small fee. The total proceeds for the afternoon, \$29.27, was sent together with the C.S. M. C. dues to the Propagation of the Faith.

SEASONS TO THE RESCUE . . .

by Josephine Selzer

Did you ever have trouble with a difficult homework assignment? Well, Tim Mahoney did! He had to name the twelve months and obligingly came "The Seasons to the Rescue".

The twelve months-Nancy Lonergan, Donna Fitzgerald, Christine Miover, Pamela Pohlner, Kathleen Dahlgren, Anne Seiler, Marianne McCoy, Patricia Willis, Rita Healy, Claudette Butler, Jean Buss, and Carol Dahlgren-presented themselves and told Tim of the seasons and events of each month.

Mary Cady, Paula Pestotnik, to go and Marie Spies did a dance of spring for April; Mark Collison, ready.

Tom Collins, Tim Ferry, and James Reis carried flags in a small march for July; Ronald Keller and Tom Harder went fishing in warm August.

A well rehearsed choral group, consisting of James Donelson, Dickie Weibe, Shirley Keller, Karen Elsberry, Shirley Marie Keller, Michael Loehrer, Robert Payne, John Garvey, Judy Rolfes, Tony York, and Philip Seiler sang a short chorus for each month.

After this unusual but delightful dream, Linda Fleming, in the role of Tim's mother, woke him to go to school. Tim was one little boy who had his homework PLACE SCHOLARSHIP PLAQUE



Shown in the picture above as the Scholastic Plaque was presented are left to right: Father Ryan, Pat Rea, Alice Brice, Dale Ellsbury, and Rosalie Day.

HONOR STUDENTS



Honor students at Sacred Heart grade and high school who achieved highest scholastic honors for the first quarter, right to left: Kirby Flanagan, Mary Kay Keller, Diane Duffy, Eileen Ryan, Gary McCoy, Shirley Ann Wiley, Mary J. Rinker, Rita Healy, Michael Brown, and Georgina Williams.

WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTIONEERS



Shown in the picture auctioneering White Elephants are left to right: Duke Conway, Patricia Dittmer, Jim Morgan, and John