

# CHRISTMAS IS HERE

The Christmas Spirit is creeping into Boone. The streets are gaily decorated with evergreens. Store windows have brilliant displays concerned with the Yuletide season. Santa has already visited the city. The Christmas shopping is in its peak. The alert, quick step of the people in the streets shows their anxious expectation.

Sacred Heart is not so slow in catching the gay holiday spirit. The classrooms teem with ideas of preparation for this joyous time. Walls sprout holly, ribbons, and other decorations. The Christmas play is in progress. Strains from the music room can be heard while practice of the Christmas Mass is taking place. Our school is certainly not being left out of the Christmas bustle, for we are trying in every way we can to catch the real spirit of this blessed season—the Christlike Spirit.

## CLOSING CEREMONY IS HELD

In the customary holiday mood the student body, caroling Adeste Fideles, assemble again this year in the parish hall for the candle lighting ceremony, which typifies the Light of the World shining in a much discouraged world.

In the 1953 ceremony, the candles are lit by the following:

Richard Brown	Faith
Margaret Judge	Hope
Dale Elsberry	Charity
Georgianna Williams	Obedience
Robert Turner	Joy
Rita Healy	Innocence

Strains of the Christmas music and the arrival of Santa Claus on the merry notes of Santa Claus is Coming to Town set the pitch to a two week vacation.

## STUDENTS TELL OF APPRECIATION

Cafeteria luncheons, sponsored by the P. T. A. are served on the third Thursday in each month. The proceeds from this project go for the purchase of school maps which are now in use in the high-school rooms and on order for the grade school. The students here at Sacred Heart wish to express sincere gratitude and appreciation to the P. T. A.

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HAPPY CHRISTMAS VACATION  
TO YOU  
SCHOOL REOPENS MONDAY  
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## NEW MEMBERS PLEDGE DEVOTION

Happy the students who are received into the Sodality of Our Lady during this Marian Year when pledges of our personal devotion to Mary are in order.

Eight freshmen and three upper classmen formed this group, and each received a medal blessed by our pastor, Father Ryan, who opened for them the Treasury of Indulgences for their use. Lorraine Conway and Richard Brown acted as leaders in the name of the Sodality.

## GUESTS COME TO SACRED HEART

Late in the month of November we were privileged and delighted to have as our guests Sister Mary Thomassia, B.V.M., Provincial of Sacred Heart Province, and Sister Mary Josine B.V.M., Directress of Schools. Our personal regret was that their time here with us was so limited.

## MARIAN YEAR INAUGURATED

From every part of the world a prayer of praise is raised to the Queen of Heaven to begin the Ecclesiastical year 1953-54 opening in Advent with the observance of a sublime mystery, the Immaculate Conception.

Sacred Heart, Boone, ushers in this glorious year in a spiritual triduum augmented by Forty Hours Devotion preached by a passionist Father of St. Gabriel's monastery in Des Moines.

The processions of the Blessed Sacrament, those quiet visits to our Eucharistic Lord, along with the numerous confessions and communions indicate that this entire parish, adults and school children alike, joins with the pastor, Father J. J. Ryan, in making each heart a worthy Mary-shrine of the Indwelling Trinity.



# A CHILD IS BORN To Us



Long ago a Child was born,  
God came to us that winter morn.

The shepherds gazed upon the Child,  
A sacred Infant, meek and mild.

To express their homage and their praise  
In simple thought their prayer they raised.

Today my humble gift I bring,  
To lay before our new-born King.

And may He bless me from above,  
And secure for me His Mother's love.

On December 25 over nineteen hundred years ago, in the little town of Bethlehem, Christ was born of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This first Christmas was the scene of much exultation and adoration of the King of all Kings who had come down on earth to become man so that He might redeem the world and establish peace among all men.

Since about four-hundred A. D. the whole Christian world has celebrated Christmas on December 25 and now in our present twentieth century materialists and atheists are striving to smother the true meaning of Christmas. The idea of Santa Claus is so forced into the minds of children and they have never been told the beautiful story of Bethlehem. Parents also are so busy with the exchanging of gifts that they forget from what source the gifts originated.

In conclusion, remember that the greatest of all gifts can be received by assisting at Mass and receiving the Holy Eucharist on Christmas Day for this is the one gift that will never deteriorate but last forever.

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## SACRED HEART OBSERVES EDUCATION WEEK

National Education week was observed at Sacred Heart, Boone in "open-house" fashion for the parents and friends of the students.

Each classroom provided programs keyed to school day activities. Informal discussions on "Juvenile Delinquency" led by Frances McNertney and supported by members of the junior-senior division showed the oldsters the correct development of thoughts and attitudes of young people.

A pleasant repertoire of melodies, sacred and secular, was passed in review by the junior glee club and the freshmen-sophomore group. The eighth grade tackled religious topics bringing out the necessity of knowing the creature's relationships with his Creator.

Fifth and sixth grades discussed much loved history topics, while the primary groups delighted the parents with entertaining recitations.

The afternoon culminated in the third and fourth grades program, "The Dancing Clown", for the P.T.A.

## SAFETY PROGRAM LAUNCHED

The Battle of the Highways becomes acute in vacation seasons. To forestall any carelessness on the part of Sacred Heart students Mr. Paulson, head of the State Highway Commission gave an interesting talk on safety practices and emphasized these in an instructive film. Mr. Peterson, Boone Chief of Police, represented this program locally enforced.

Each child, in a safety conscious frame of mind, feels security in not only Thanksgiving holidays, but coming Christmas ones.

## STUDENTS VISIT LIBRARY

In the commemoration of Book Week the fifth and sixth grades had their share of work and enjoyment. Each student read a book and then made illustrations describing the story. Prizes were awarded to Georgianna Williams and Rosemary Culver. A trip to the library was also taken, where Betty Rose told them about the new books which they would enjoy at the library and read them a chapter of the book "Otis Spofford."

## SACRED HEART PARTICIPATES IN DEMOCRACY CONTEST

Gretchen Buss, junior, and Lorraine Conway, senior, were selected from the group of contestants at Sacred Heart High School to record speeches for the "I Speak for Democracy" contest. This annual feat brings the ideas of democracy forcefully before the minds of the young people clarifying their opinions and expressions on this subject.

Several members of the high school group participated in this contest. Their speeches explained, among other things, the need of democracy in the world today, the true meaning of united government, and the advantages of good government. Also, they told in detail the meaning of the word and the governing form "democracy" with illustrations of its application to various organizations of our present governmental system.

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O DIVINE BABE  
OF BETHLEHEM  
COME AND TAKE BIRTH  
IN OUR HEARTS





Come, Little King, Come



Reading is Fun



Happy Freshman, Sophomore Girls





# A FULL VUE

Some members of the high-school is starting the New Year with some special asset:

Dean Dittmer.....His curly hair  
 Pat Rea.....His awaited home permanent  
 John Jacobson.....His new interest and zeal in school books  
 Rosemary Keller.....New excuse for missing school  
 Geraldine Newland.....Her love of Latin  
 Joan Fitzgerald.....Freckles and pug nose  
 Rosemary Phelan.....Her driving agility and speed  
 Mike Carney.....Wisdom teeth  
 Kenny Gilliam.....His flat top hair cut  
 Frankie McNertney.....Her white????? bucks

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## NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS:

Margaret Judge - To stay home five nights a week  
 Karen Erickson - To come to school on all days even Saturday and Sunday  
 Lorraine Conway - To get my passengers to their destination  
 Joan Judge - Not to talk about myself; just listen  
 Kenny Gilliam - I'll be a very, very good boy  
 Peter Fleming - To follow his diet closely  
 Marge Friel - To be kind to three-legged creatures  
 Rita Brown - To use no more peroxide or bleach

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