

O Holy Night, the stars are brightly shining. A spirit of joy and happiness is in the air as Christmas Eve approaches. Reminding us of this blessed night are Joanne Elliott, David Briley as the Infanf, Ann Jordan, Rita Rolfes, Sue Casserly as Blessed Mother, and Martha Schroeder.

Susan Kane Heads Cast Of Players In Seventh, Eighth Grade Program

A traditional family Christmas celebration is the theme of "The Christmas Child," the play chosen by the seventh and eighth grades for their annual PTA program. The action of the first scene takes place in the living room of the Wright home. Susan Kane plays

the part of Mrs. Wright, while John Huss is cast in the role of Mr. Wright. Ronald Keller, Mar-tha Carroll, Marilyn Pestotnik, Pamela Pohlner, and Michael Brown are the children of the household; Sue Cooper, James Donelson, Alice Carver, Philip Gibbs, Karen Elsberry and Paula Pestotnik are visiting relatives. The part of Dan, an orphan, who spends Christmas with the Wrights, is played by Richard

The second and final scene is the crib scene in tabelau. Sandra Roberts takes the part of the Blessed Virgin; Thomas Healy, that of St. Joseph; Sharon Shuster and Kathleen Dahlgren, angels; Robert Turner, William Selzer, and Thomas Harder, shepherds; Dennis Murphy, Herman Schmidt and Donald Brice, the Three Kings.

Ellen Murphy, Mary Jo Cady, Kathy Haven, Marie Spies, Diane Kunz, James Fuegen, Thomas Hammond, Steve Duffy, and Marvin Cady are carollers for the first and second scenes.

William Selzer, assisted by Marvin Cady and Ronald Keller is the stage manager.

Best Wishes and Happiness at Christmas and through the New Year to the subscribers of the 'Listening In'

Glee Club Prepares Program of Carols

Preparation is in progress for a program of Christmas carols, new and old, to be rendered by the High School Girls' Glee Club. These carols will be sung before, during and after the 9:00 o'clock Mass on Christmas. "Adeste", "Under The Stars", "Silent Night", "Sleep Holy Babe". "Angels We Have Heard On High", "The First Noel", and many others are to be sung in S.S.A. arrangement with one group carrying the descant throughout. Birthday of a King" by Naidlenger and "When Blossoms Flowered 'Mid the Snow" will have their place on the program.

One number in three voices, "O, Light of All The World", by the late Sister Mary Rafael, B.V.M., has taken a great amount of hard, earnest work. The girls have striven to bring out of this artistic Christmas choral all that the composer intended in shading, phrasing, and beauty in rendition.

Organists are putting every effort into making the accompaniments a perfect support for the choir. Delores Headley and Coleen Bennett, senior organists, will accompany the most difficult numbers. Junior organists, Rosemary Culver, Linda Hale, Alice Carver, and Susan Kane, will also share

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PARENTS EXAMINE STUDENTS' WORK DISPLAYED DURING EDUCATION WEEK

In observance of National Education Week, Sacred Heart School held open house on the evening of Nov. 15. This occasion gave parents an opportunity to see the kind of work their children were doing. Many different types of work were displayed. Turkeys drawn by the first and second graders were displayed in that room. "This Is My Life" booklets were shown in the second and third grade room. In the third and fourth grade room, silhouettes of pupils were shown and designs and graphs were displayed in the fifth and sixth grade room. In the seventh and eighth grade room there were projects on trade routes and civic nut shells. In the high school one might see a very interesting biology display, great artistic ability in science work books and geometric ornaments.

After visiting the class rooms, the guests were entertained by two numbers, "My Little Banjo" and "Ma Lindy Lou," sung by the glee club. Punch and cookies were served after which many tried their luck on the Chicken and Turkey Walk, sponsored by the PTA.

Students Gain Credit For Work Well Done

With a spirit of enthusiasm and vigor stored up over the summer months, the students of SHS began the present school year. Over reading, numbers, English, Latin conjugations, and science workbooks, they labored. When quarter tests came around many students passed with flying colors, some of whom were rewarded with test exemptions and being on the honor

Receiving First Honors were: James McGlynn, Cathy Wheelock. Lynda Ward, John Bolstad, David Myers, Mary Jean Rinker, Thomas Healy, Kathy Haven, Tom Brown, Karen Fitzgerald, Pat Duffy, Mary Kay Keller, Marcia Day, Larry Conway, and Beth Fangman.

Second Honors were merited by James Riordan, Jacqueline Roberts, William Hale, Vickie Strain, Diane Carroll, Patricia Pratt, Kay Elsberry, Rosemary Culver, Kathy McDonald and Patricia Miover.

MEMBERS RECEIVE SODALITY MEDALS

On Dec. 6, 21 freshmen were received into the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin. Pledging to observe the rules, the new Sodalists received medals on a blue cord.

Convent To Open

First of January
The new Sacred Heart Convent is rapidly nearing completion and will be ready for occupancy during the month of January.

Father Ryan and the Sisters are most grateful for the generous donations and memorials which have already been given for the chapel. Needed to complete the furnishings of the chapel are a few articles such as stations and statues. It is hoped that these will be provided by some generous benefactor.

Missals Bring Peace

Popular in the topic of conversation today are the words-peace, missiles, and satellites. One method the world can't afford to overlook in gaining peace is prayer. This great supplement in the life of an individual has worked many wonders. Nothing is impossible.

By the use of the MISSAL, we follow more closely the actions and words of the priest, Christ, who is offering the greatest sacrifice on earth. Why not give this kind of Missal a try?

ALUMNI SPONSORS CHRISTMAS DANCE

Alumni and friends of Sacred Heart are sponsoring a dance at the Legion Cabin on Dec. 28 for couples and singles above high school age. Proceeds from the dance will be used to help furnish the new convent. The committee is headed by Dean Dittmer as chairman with Gretchen Buss as co-chairman, and includes Robert Garvey, Michael Flannery, Shirley Conway, Patricia Phelan, Carol Dittmer, John Jacobson, Thomas Fitzgerald and Eileen Ryan.

Tickets are available now and may be secured by calling any member of the above committee.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

The members of the faculty and students of Sacred Heart School wish to express their deepest sympathy to Sister Mary Baptiste, B.V.M., on the death of her father; to Gregory, Ray and Rita Brown, on the death of their father; to Patricia and Rosemary Phelan, on the death of their father; and to Annette, Diane, Martha and Gregory Carroll on the death of their grandfather

TIMELY TOPICS

THE SENIOR GIRLS are anxiously anticipating a sight-seeing trip to Washington D. C. in April. They will stay in Washington for five days and will visit the Lincoln Memorial, the Congressional Library, and many other historic places in Washington.

THE SOPHOMORE class has been busily constructing geometri-

cal solids for the geometry Christmas tree.

PATRICIA DONOVAN AND COLEEN BENNETT attended Fu-

ture Teachers Day held at Junior College, Nov. 13.

THE SENIOR CLASS had their graduation pictures taken at

Welch Studio, Nov. 14.

ACCEPTING CHAIRMANSHIPS of committees to carry out current CSMC projects are: Pat Brice and Kathy Wilson, Butter-Nut strips;Pat Lacey and Judy Shuster, used stamps; Marcia Day and Gary Mullins, clothing and school supplies for Indian children; Dick Hare and Janet Steuerwald, White Elephant sale; Larry and Tom Contway, mission rosary at 12:20 on Tuesdays.

ON VETERANS' DAY the fifth and sixth graders visited Erickson Public Library where they learned about the arrangement of books in the Children's Department as well as the essentials of the

Dewey Decimal Classification System.

Those who did not already possess library cards were given application cards and all were allowed to take out several books of their choice.

The following week, Book Week, Rita Healy, in the name of her classmates, wrote a letter of appreciation to the library staff.

CATHOLIC VIEWS ON MARRIAGE

The Catholic position on marriage, which is that given by Christ to His Church, can be stated simply. According to Catholic teaching, the marriage ceremony is not merely a contract, it is a contract that is at the same time a Sacrament of the New Law Marriage is sacred and holy and confers Divine grace and strength on the married couple throughout their lives, in order to enable them to live as God intended. The married couple needs this Sacramental grace which God gives them so that they may solve the problems of modern life which they meet during the married state.

Along with the many problems of the married couple, come obligations to each other and to the children. Maintenance of bodily health is required by the law of God and the law of nature, and the family also must have proper shelter. The security of the home is most important and is dependent to a large extent, upon the economics status of the family. Man has an obligation to work and because of that obligation, the right to the opportunity to make his own livlihood. Also, social relationships begin in the home, which has aptly been called the "cradle of-citizenship." For that reason, the home is the basic element in society. All of the requirements for a good home and all of the obligations fulfilled by the family should and will lead to one thing—moral perfection.

CHEERLEADERS CONDUCT RALLIES BEFORE GAMES

Preceding each Sacred Heart Spartan basketball game, a pep rally is held in the school hall led by the newly-elected cheerleaders, Pat Lacey, Marcia Day, Mary Kay Keller, Linda Hale, and Kathy Wilson. These girls have been practicing vigorously in order that they might represent their school to the best of their ability.

Some of the students in our high school have not been giving their full support to the cheer-leaders. Although the majority of the students conduct themselves in an orderly manner at these pep rallies, there are a few boys in high school who sit in the back row and laugh, talk and poke fun at others. These students are members of the team, and it certainly does not show team spirit or co-operation to be acting like infants instead of acting like students of high school age.

Another point which is very important, especially to the success of accomplishment.

of our basketball team, is prayer. Do we see our team in church daily? Are they always at the mission rosary? Do they go to Mass the morning after a victory and thank God for bringing them success? How about it? If we want to win we have to ask and pray for God's help.

RESOLUTIONS CHALLENGE AMOUNT OF WILL POWER

1958 is closer than you think. Have you decided what your resolutions are going to be? Have you lived up to last year's? Your "yes" or "no" will reveal to you how strong your will power is. Some people seldom carry out their plans, while others always manage to come out victorious.

A New Year's resolution is a challenge to you to improve your character. Tackle one resolution at a time, put forth enough effort to meet its challenge, and you will find yourself enjoying a feeling of accomplishment.

GIRLS LOOK AHEAD TO FUTURE CAREERS IN MEDICAL FIELD

Beth Fangman, senior and Sodality Prefect, is taking chemistry



in preparation for a future career in nursing. Choosing nursing because she likes to work with people. Beth will probably attend Creighton or SUI after graduation.

Kathy McDonald, junior, joined the Future Nurses' Club to help

her decide whether or not she really wants to be a nurse. Any junior or senior girls interested in nursing or medical work may join the FNC which meets on the first Tuesday of each month.



Pat Miover, junior, is planning



on a career as either a surgical nurse or medical doctor and will most likely attend St. Joseph's of Omaha or St. Joseph's of Sioux City. Swimming and dancing at Clear Lake are Pat's favorite entertainment.

Mary Kay Keller, junior class secretary and treasurer, likes the

informative meetings of the FNC at which questions may be asked. Mary Kay is looking forward to initiation and receiving her Future Nurses' pin, too. She will probably enroll



at Mercy in Des Moines or St. Joseph's in Omaha.

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TEENS APPEAL TO ADULTS FOR RESPECT OF RIGHTS

In a recent attempt to combat juvenile delinquency among fellow teen-agers, many teens of the United States have made appeals to adults to respect their right to better entertainment — literature, plays, movies, and records.

Often it is the bad influence of books, magazines, and movies that causes a teen-ager to stray away from God and be influenced by the devil. But these books and magazines are not written by teen-agers, nor are the movies directed and produced by teen-agers.

In controversies concerning modern teen-agers, older people tend to blame modern fads for the recklessness and crime committed by teen-agers. Some say rock n'roll music has caused its share of damage. In rebuttal, teen-agers may ask, "Who writes and records the majority of popular music, teenagers or adults?"

Much of teen-age trouble can be traced either directly or indirectly to parental neglect, lack of diligence in adults to provide good entertainment, or their referring to teen-agers as "juvenile delinquents."

Adult cooperation with those teens who are trying to improve present day conditions, will undoubtedly lead to the solution of many problems and troubles.

KILLER IS AT LARGE! BE ON THE LOOKOUT!

Attention all people! There is a dangerous killer loose in your neighborhood. He has no mercy and may attack any man, woman, or child without warning. He strikes quickly and quietly. Be on the lookout to guard against this killer—TB.

It is a fact that one out of every 10 pepople in Iowa is infected with TB. In fact, two Iowans a day break down with TB each year and many more have tuberculosis germs in their bodies without realizing it. One of these victims could be you! Yes it is possible that you may have TB germs in your body. If you have not consulted a physician or had a chest x-ray to determine whether or not you are in sound physical condition, you should do so as soon as possible.

There are certain facts about TB that everyone should know in order to combat this dreaded disease. TB is very often a disease of the lungs and is contagious. It strikes without warning and is hard to cure. However, it is possible to have it cured with proper medical care; new drugs have greatly increased chances of cure. One may spread the germ unknowingly. Rember the TB carrier is a menace to public health. He is tempering with lives every day. So help yourself and help others by checking TB; cure it before it harms you or someone who is dear to you. Contribute financially too, that you may help those who discovered too late that they were victims of TB.

GENIUS' CONQUERS THOSE QUARTERLY EXAMINATIONS

My name, I will not reveal, my occupation, student. My story began on a cold damp Nov. 7. It was a bad day, and I was feeling miserable. The end of the quarter had finally arrived and we had been told to prepare for tests. That's why I was miserable. I walked into my classroom this morning of Nov. 7, said my prayers extra fervently, and sat down. I noticed the anticipation on the faces of my fellow students as the test booklets were passed. I was really worried. This was an important test. I read the questions quickly and then a sigh of relief came over me. This test was easy. I knew almost all of the answers and finished the test quickly. I beamed with pride as I noticed I was the first to finish Then I heard the girl next to me ask a question about number 46. Number 46? But there were only 40 questions in the test. Oh no, it couldn't be. And then it dawned on me-I had done the wrong

'FAX AND FIXYUN'

Attention all talent scouts! If you are looking for male singers, lend an ear on Tuesday and Thursday mornings during activity period. Who knows, maybe we have a Perry Como in our high school . . .

Many days of school have been lost by Sacred Heart students bitten by the flu bug. Too bad it didn't stay in Asia . .

Nine members of the "Listenin" In" staff spent the day in Ames, Oct. 29, attending the annual IHSPA convention. One fortunate individual made her initial TV appearance when pictures and proceedings of the day were shown on WHO-TV . . .

That girl's shoe lost at the Thursday night dance was finally returned to the owner. Thank goodness—it was rather chilly to be running around barefoot . . .

Stylish new charcoal wool sweaters are being displayed by SHHS girls. They certainly are appreciated when winter winds blow .

If you are biologically inclined, you will want to enjoy the many interesting species of animals and plant life in the freshman-sophomore science corner. Birds are prohibite din order to protect the innocent.)

The attendance at the monthly breakfasts sponsored by the Athletic Association has been very good. In fact, farmers are busily raising more pigs and chickens to supply food for future breakfasts . . .

If the person who invented Ivy League shoes would invent a way to keep the buckles buckled, he would be a millionaire. (Glue and paste won't work.) The best solution found so far is very simplejust remove the buckles.

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SPARTANS TROUNCE GRANGER, 47-21; SPARTANS SCORE 25-12 RESERVE TEAM SCORES 35-7 VICTORY

Making their initial appearance on the home floor this season, the MT. CARMEL GAME Sacred Heart Spartans scored a smashing 47-21 victory over Assumption High of Granger, Nov. 21.

A balanced attack, tight defense, and effective rebounding proved to be winning factors for the Spartans. Mike Fitzgerald led both teams in scoring with 8 points. Teammates—Larry Conway, Jerry Cooper and Larry Ackerman each had 7 points for the winners. The Spartans led 25-4 at halftime.

Sacred Heart also won the reserve game with Granger Assumption. Again the Spartans held Assumption with a tight defense and good rebounding. Earl Brice led this affair by tallying 9 points followed by teammate Pete Miover with 7 points.

WINTER SEASON BRINGS ICE SKATERS TO 'LIFE'

My runners may be dull and rusty from hangin' on a nail in the damp old basement all summer, but I get a little spark of hope when I feel that cold wind a blowin' . . . cause that's a sign that "Old Man Winter" is here to visit us again and that the mercury is droppin' enough to freeze the pond for skatin'.

I'll be makin' that trip to the shop to be sharpened and then I'll be as good as new. What I like most of all is makin' those pretty figure-eights and swirls in the ice, but of couse, not all my riders are professionals so I'm up to my tricks of taking a few amateurs for bumps and bruises. Ice skatin' is a wonderful winter sport and I seem to enjoy it as much as the skaters.

See you at the pond.

SH GIRLS PARTICIPATE IN BOWLING PROGRAM

On Tuesday evenings after school, Beth Fangman, Sue Casserly, Sue Wilson, Pat Brice, Pat Dittmer, Marcia Day, Judy Shuster, Janet Barger, Janet Steuerwald, Pat Douroumis, Mary Sue Rolfes, Karen Fitzgerald, Linda Hale, and Kathy Wilson may be found at Johnston's Bowling Alley improving their skill in the game. The girls hope to form two or three bowling leagues.

COOPER SCORES HIGH IN

The Spartans met a mighty opponent on Nov. 17, at Mount Carmel. Starters for the Spartans were Mike Fitzgerald, Larry Conway, Jerry Cooper, Ray Brown and Dan Garvey. Larry Ackerman, Pat Duffy and Tom Matt saw some action in the fourth period of play. Cooper was high scorer by totaling 17 points for the Spartans, who were defeated by a wide margin of 17 points, the final score being

BODE TEAM ROMPS PAST SACRED HEART, 74-28

On Dec. 1, the Spartans traveled to Bode to meet their third opponent in the 1957-58 basketball season. The starting line-up for the Spartans was Jerry Cooper, Dan Garvey, Larry Conway, Ray Brown and Larry Ackerman. During the four periods there were a few changes in the line-up, in which Mike Fitzgerald, Joe Tornabane and Pat Duffy showed their skill in handling the ball. award of high scorer went to Cooper, who had a grand total of 14 points. Although the Spartans showed great signs of improvement they bowed to St. Joe's of Bode 47-28.

Sacred Heart Wins Gra-Y League Crown

Sacred Heart, winner of all its games during the first half of the season and the winner of two victories and a tie in the second half was declared the winner of the Gra-Y touch football league crown.

During the second half of the season, the champs defeated Lincoln 6-0, Bryant 12-9, and were tied by Lowell 6-6.

Members of the championship team are: Tim Mahoney (Capt.), Mike Culver, Mike Duffy, Dale Donelson, Jude Rolfes, Wayne Wilke, Mark Collison, Mike Loehrer, Tim Ferry, Tom Seiler, Dave Myers, John Garvey, Paul Douroumis, and Charles Bowman.

Sister: "If you take a number, multiply it by six, add four, subtract eight, and add (6x-12y+28) (2x+7y-32), what will your answer be?"

Mike Kunz: "Wrong?"

MATCH THE NAMES

Judy Masterso Barb Pestotnik Esther Porter Jane Burke

- 1. Owner of 'Bucking Chevy' from Wyoming
- 2. Has recently returned to Sacerd Heart
 - 3. 'A new face among the old'
- 4. Recently joined the 'March of the Spicks'

Annette Carroll Patty Keller

- 5. Is known by all for her friendly manner and politeness
- 6. Has her 'crowning glory' fixed in a beautiful blonde bob
- 7. Inherited friendly smile from older brother
- 8. Is proud owner of blue eyes, dimples, and friendly smile

VICTORY OVER CLARE

The Sacred Heart basketball team started the season on the "right foot" by winning their opening encounter with St. Matthew's of Clare, 25-12. In the two quarter affair at the Sioux City diocesan tournament, the Boone team scored a decisive victory over a Clare team which they beat last year. Jerry Cooper led the Spartan attack with 12 points. Coach Noel Jones' players were labeled one of the most impressive teams in the class B division by Fort Dodge Messenger sports writer, Jerry

Sacred Heart is expected to have a greatly improved team this year. Only one starter, Duke Conway, has been lost through graduation; the other members of the Spartan team have had at least a year of experience. The Spartans are showing noticeable improvement in rebounding, guarding and shooting accuracy and should continue to improve as the season progresses.

RECENT POLL DISCLOSES **NEW FADS AND FASHIONS**

A poll taken in the freshmansophomore room reveals new fads and fashions.

Tom Matt prides himself as the only possessor of a driver's license while seven others are runners-up with permits.

A glance of feet gives count of 12 owners of shoes with 'Ivy League' buckles. Sixteen girls have red sweaters and occasionally a large number show up wearing them (some of the boys have red shirts, too.)

Dancing is a favorite pastime. and only 4 out of 40 miss KC on Thursday nights.

Among favorites, Raunchy and Peggy Sue rated tops in popular music; and American Bandstand proved to be the most popular television program with Maverick second.

GEORGIA COMES FROM CALERO DAM TO SHS

Georgia, a large guppy, is the newest occupant of the third and fourth grade aquarium. Little did she dream as she swam as a baby in Calero Dam in California, that one day she would fly United to join the aquarium pets of Sacred Heart School. She was accompanied by an almost life-long friend, the largest mystery snail the children have ever seen. You might ask how a guppy got into a dam and survived. All we can say isask Georgia about that.

RESERVES WIN THIRD VICTORY

Spartan Reserves won their third victory of the season on Dec. 12, scoring 30 points againt a Kuemper team composed entirely of freshmen. Pat Duffy and Gary Mullins tied in tossing in 8 points.

In the varsity game with Kuemper, the Spartans lost to Kuemper Reserves by a 7 point margin. Mike Fitzgerald led all scorers with 11 points.



A. VEST ASSUMES DUTIES OF SPARTAN MANAGER

Aaron Vest, an active senior, a member of the National Guard, and a part time employee of Wilson Drug Store, has been appointed manager of the Spartans this season.

The new point system is under Aaron's jurisdiction. Under this system, a player begins with 25 points. Each time a player breaks a training rule or fails to come to practice without a reasonable excuse, he deducts the amount of points lost for breaking the rule from the original 25. The purpose of the point system is to give players a chance to earn letters at the end of the season. The number of points retained and collected by a player will aid him in earning a letter.

Aaron agrees with the general opinion that Sacred Heart has a much-improved ball club this year. He says, "The boys are practicing harder, have more experience, and have an all-around better team." The players are working on new plays and have scrimmaged twice this season with the Boone High Sophomore squad, winning both encounters.

NEW STUDENTS ENJOY READING AND DANCING

The freshman class has acquired two new members. Carol Cattanach from St. Paul, Minn. joined the class on Sept. 5. Being accustomed to large classes in separate rooms, Carol found it difficult to adjust to a smaller school's activities especially the style of dancing at activity periods. Carol likes all her subjects and enjoys reading in her spare time.

Appearing on the scene a few months later was Esther Porter, originally from Paducah, Ky., and recently from Chillicothe, Mo.

Esther's two younger sisters, Judy, sixth grade, and Kathy, first grade, have also enrolled at Sacred Heart. Living in a city is new to these girls who have always lived on the out-skirts of town.

Perhaps altogether unaware of it. Esther and her sisters have started at SHS a new fad, that beautiful Southern talk.