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What Does Christmas Mean?

By Mary Brown

In many different countries throughtout the world various interpretations are given to the meaning of Christmas.

Our own customs of Santa Claus and a gayly decorated tree are well known to all, but perhaps we should be interested in how other countries celebrate this greatest of all birthdays.

In Italy, Spain and several other countries, flowers are used instead of evergreens. Sweden also used flowers, but she has a definite reason for this as evergreens are symbols of death and mourning there.

Christmas is also made by the singing of songs which we call carols. Their names in France are noels; in Italy, pastorellees; and in Germany, kristlieder.

Bringing in the Yule log was one of the most joyous ceremonies of the old English Christmas Eve. As it was dragged through the woods every wayfarer raised his hat, and as it crossed the threshold the carols of greeting rang out.

In Rumania a special cake is made to represent the swaddling clothes of the Infant Christ. In the daytime from December 24 to 31, the children hold processions, carrying a steaua, a six-pointed wooden star, high on a pole. A candle shines through the stars covering of colored and gilt paper, and little bells around it tinkle. At night the children go from house to house singing greetings and carrying long bags to hold the gifts they receive.

Although all these differing holiday customs prevail ,the meaning of Christmas is uniform throughout the Christain Universe. Christmas means the birth of Christ.

When we know this and know that all heaven and earth are God's kindom, when we act as though we knew these things and practice the adage of "peace on earth good will to men," then and then alone will we have the true Christmas spirit.

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Kitchen Korner

By Billie Ryan

The children will be delighted with these cookies. They might even like to take some to their school Christmas party.

Santa Claus Cookies

1½ teaspoons double acting baking powder
½ teaspoon soda
¾ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon cinnamon
½ cup butter (or shortening)
1 egg, unbeaten
3 squares unsweetened chocolate, melted.
2 tablespoons milk.

Sift flour one measure; add baking powder, soda, salt and cinnamon, and sift three times. Cream butter (or shorening), add sugar gradually, and cream together until light and fluffy. Add flour mixture, a small amount at a time, mixing well after each addition. Add milk. Chill thoroughly. Roll 1/8 inch thick on lightly floured board. Cut with floured cookie cutter and sprinkle with additional sugar. Bake on ungreased cookie sheet in moderate over (350) 9 minutes.

To give the children an extra delight try this:

Decorate with confectioners' sugar icing, forcing through a pastry tube, to simulate cap, eyes and nose. To make beard cover third of cookies with icing and sprinkle with coconut. Makes six dozen 2½ inch cookies.

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Salesman (to boy sitting on front steps): Is your mother home, sonny?

Boy Yes she is.

After knocking on the door several times, the salesman turned to the boy again. "I thought you said your mother was at home?"

Boy: She is at home, but we don't live here.

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Always a good investment—
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Mildred Briggs Wins Oratorical Prize

Four students who participated in the American Legion Oratorical Contest held last Friday, December 14, at 2:30 p.m., in the A.C.S. auditorium received a prize.

The first prize of ten dollars was awarded to Mildred Briggs. Charity Howland received five dollars for taking second place.

There was a tie for third place between Mary Brown and Theodore Smith. Each received three dollars.

Mildred, a sophomore, will represent the Andover School in a county oratorical contest to be held in January.

The contest which is sponsored by the American Legion, aims to spread interest in knowing, appreciating and in preserving the freedom which Americans enjoy as a result of the guarantees of the constitution.

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Students Enjoy Assembly

Last Thursday afternoon at 3:10, the students of A.C.S. enjoyed a 45 minute musical assembly put on by the "Hammerettes."

Four beautiful girls playing four "Marimbas" entertained the students with ear pleasing music from "boogie woogie" to soft melodious music.

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Two in a Row!

By Kent Harder

The A.C.S. quintet again met a stumbling block by being defeated by Allentown Friday night on the latter's court, 51-48. It was a tough game all the way but with Andover on the short end of the final tally. There was only one referee who did the best he could? It seemed to most people the game would have been an entirely better game to watch and a better game for the players, if there had been two referees, as there should be for all league games.

This may sound like an excuse for the loss. It isn't meant to be. The Allentown boys showed remarkable skill at sinking set shots and breaking up the local's offensive play. Stephens led the way accounting for 20 points, followed by Adams with 13. Les Monahan led for the A.C.S. with 16 points. The team had a bad break when big Lyle Slocum was taken ill in the early part of the game. His rebounding and sharp offensive play was greatly missed.

Ron Monahan, back in play after being sidelined by an ankle injury suffered in the Arkport game, saw action most of the game. Although he dumpted in only seven points, he greatly helped the team when the going was the hardest in the second and third quarters. Wayne Atwell looked good, appearing to get his eye back for his set shots. The rest of the boys also played well but it was just not their night.

The box score:

Allentown	FG	F	T
Swarthout	1	0	2
Adams	5	3	13
Potter	2	1	5
Kruger	5	1	11
Stephens	7	6	20
Totals	20	11	51
Andover	**FG**	**F**	**T**
Les Monahan	8	0	16
C Atwell	0	0	0
L. Slocum	0	1	1
Ron Monahan	3	1	7
R Davis	4	1	9
Pete Howland	0	1	1
Kent Harder	0	0	0
Dale Pelton	0	0	0
C. Davis	2	3	7
W. Atwell	3	1	7
Totals	20	8	48

Half-time score: Andover 22, Allentown 31.

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Christmas Vacation Begins Today

Andover Central School closed for Christmas vacation today at noon and will open it's doors to the students again January 2, 1952.

J. V. Thriller

By Dale Pelton

Tuesday Dec. 11: the A. C. S. Junior Varsity journeyed to Canaseraga to meet the latter on their own court in the first league match of the year. When the final whistle blew and the smoke cleared, the scoreboard showed Stackwick's men ahead 38 - 37.

Andover got off to a very slow start but even so led at the end of the first quarter 10-5, with Ed "Twinkletoes" Harkenrider leading the way, the A. C. S. men fought to a 19-9 half time lead, with the credit of 13 points to Harkenrider. Avery Mead scoring for the first time this year, showed good ballhandling ability and with experience should develop very well. Charlie Lehman also displayed scrap and drive that helped throughout the game.

At the half Andover had a comfortable 10 point lead. Ed Harkenrider was taken out so he could play in the varsity game. George Wheeler took over at center. George rebounded very well and had his share of rebounds. The third quarter found Andover scoring only 1 point, Canaseraga pulled 22 - 20. The fourth quarter found Andover in the game and at the end of regulation time, the score was knotted at 31 - 31. The fans were on their feet most of the overtime. The boys, under great strain missed easy shots. But when the chips were down, Ted Smith, playing his even, reliable game came through with the counting markers. Although Ted only got seven points, he got them when they were needed.

So the J. V. season got off to a successful start with Andover beating Canaseraga 38 - 37.

The Box score:

Andover	FG	F	T
Wheeler	0	1	1
Rosintoski	2	0	4
Lehman	2	1	5
D. Conde	0	0	0
Harkenrider	5	3	13
Scribner	1	0	2
Smith	3	1	7
Greene	2	1	5
Mead	0	1	1
J. Conde	0	0	0
Lewis	0	0	0
Totals	15	8	38
Canaseraga	**FG**	**F**	**T**
Van Dyke	3	0	6
Paine	0	0	0
Swain	3	2	8
Domelly	0	0	0
Marm	0	0	0
Eichenberger	2	2	6
Denns	0	0	0
Mess	1	1	3
Lanonte	0	0	0
Dieter	0	0	0
France	1	0	2
Clancy	0	1	1
Brougaton	4	3	11
Totals	14	9	37

Score by quarters:

Andover	10	19	20	38
Canaseraga	5	9	22	37

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Seniors to Hold Dance January 11

The senior class of A. C. S. plan to hold a dance January 11, 1952 in the school gym from 9 - 1, with fun for every one, young and old.

The following people have been chosen to select an orchestra for that evening: Mary Fowler, Mary Brown, Joyce Spicer, Dale Pelton, Roger Wright, Michael Connor. The orchestra will be announced at a later date. Admission will be 74 cents single and 1.40 per couple.

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Around the School

By Clair VanSchaick

The students of Andover Central School celebrated Christmas in decorated rooms with gleaming trees where they exchanged gifts and held parties for which food and treats were provided by the teachers.

Most rooms have their bulletin boards decorated with Christmas pictures which the students made.

On the door of Mr. Carmody's room there are bells which ring when the door is opened. The library has candles in the windows. Miss Church's grade, Mrs. Hall's first grade, Mrs. Connor's first grade, and Mrs. Helmer's grades have pine cones and bells on their doors. In Mrs. Schwarzenbach's room there is a scene of the birth of Christ in the manger. On the door of Miss Schermerhorn's room there is a big red ribbon bow. The kindergarten room on the first floor has a large Santa Claus on the wall. In the door of Miss Baker's room there is a red banner which says "Merry Christmas." On the door of the Homemaking room there is a white bell with a glass ball in the center of the ball. In Mrs. McFadden's room, Christmas pictures have been put on the bulletin board in the front of the room.

Students Enjoy Christmas Program

By Ann Marvel

"What Christmas Means" was the theme of the Christmas program presented by the music department yesterday afternoon for the school children and last night for the public.

The music organizations that took part in the entertainment were the Senior Chorus, under the direction of Mr. Holden; the Junior Chorus, directed by Miss Winkleman and the Voice Class.

The Senior Chorus sang the following selections: "We Wish You a Merry Christmas," "We Three Kings of Orient Are," "Behold That Star," "Carol of the Shepherds," "Away in a Manger," "Christmas Hymn," "Jolly Old St Nicholas," "Oh Christmas Tree," "Gloucestershire Wassaie," "The Coventry Carol," "Beautiful Savior," and "Silent Night."

The Junior Chorus sang "Medley of Christmas Time," "Christmas Bells are Ringing," "Sing Noel", "Christmas Bells," "Carol of the Littlest Angel" and "At Christmas Time."

"Oh Holy Night" was sung by the Voice Class.

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Downbeats

By Ann Marvel

Did you know that Andover Central School had a boys chorus under the direction of Mr. George Holden? Although it was started this year, eighteen boys are already members of the vocal organization. They are John Baker, James Conde Ronald Ellis, William Glover, Kent Harder, Ed Harkenrider, Ray Halsey, Ronald Howland, Bill McNeil, James Mickle, Dale Pelton, Lyle Slocum, Carl Waters, Rodney Wheeler, Roger Wright, Richard Kemp, Francis Vickers, and Jessie Grossman.

The selections they are practicing are "The Road is Calling," "The Whiffinpoof Song," "Gospel Train," and "A Sea Song."

Maybe in the near future you may have a chance to hear them sing.

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Harvey

By Sandy Bostwick

Friday night as I stepped on

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the bus, I felt something tugging my coat, looking a little closer I found it was Harvey who sat with me to tell me the latest news on the way to Allentown.

He told me that Gay Rogers had a birthday party Thursday night.

Congratulations to Mimsi Briggs, Charity Howland, Teddy Smith and Mary Brown for winning the oratorial contest, were expressed freely by my miniature friend.

He also said that Alura Grossman is having a hard time trying to decide between a certain Dick from Whitesville or a certain Gary from Wellsville.

As we rode on he told me how many of the high school and junior high kids who were looking forward to the youth night Monday night.

"For whom is Kay Mickle waiting each night?" Inquired Harvey.

As we pulled into Allentown Harvey noticed that since Marion Milligan was sick, she could not cheer at the game.

Then we all piled out of the bus and Harvey was hurried in the crowd.

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Tot Spot

By Lois Ruger

Kenneth Lehman treated his class on Friday to celebrate his birthday.

Marian Main visited in Scio over the week-end.

Daniel Stackwick went to Shortsville and Batavia.

John Karcanes shopped in Wellsville.

Connie Chilson called in Whitesville over vacation.

Donald Harvey went to Wellsville.

Sharlotte Robinson went shopping in Hornell over the week-end.

William Ford, Penny Hames and Victoria Lynch returned to school after a weeks illness.

Sharon Robinson visited her aunt Beryl in Corning.

Beth Cable went to see her grandmother in Greenwood.

Alice Brown spent a few days with her mother and father in Belvidere.

Gerald Prior visited his grandmother at Jersey Shore, Pa.

Ann Conde brought her new doll to school to show her class.

Harry Campbell went to Eldred, Pa., Sunday.

Jackie Hunt visited in Dansville.

Gerald Burch and Alan Kelley went to Hornell over the week-end.

Lou Loescher has returned to school after a weeks illness.

Gerald Burch, Robert Clarke, Carolyn Cornell, Donald Fraser, Alan Kelley, Carol Sherman, John Walter and Ruth Walters have been absent due to illness.

Anna Davis celebrated her birthday December 15.

Timmy Brown celebrated his birthday Sunday.

Billy Riffle was seven years old Saturday and treated his class.

Teddy Edwards was eight years old Saturday and treated his class.

Carol Wheeler looks very nice in her new glasses.

David Carson had his eighth birthday December 18.

Rosamond Baker has been absent for over two weeks due to illness.

Ellen Joyce was visiting on Jersey Hill Sunday.

Victor Kemp visited his grandparents in Cuba Sunday.

Gary Wightman visited Toyland in Rochester Saturday.

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J V's Win Second Straight Game

By Points Pelton

The Andover Junior Varsity won its second straight game in league contest last Friday night when they downed a weak Allentown five by the score of 48-28.

The wildcats commanded an early lead and steadily pulled away until every player saw action. The fourth quarter brought thrills from the crowd when the Allentown cagers tried a last minute bid for the lead. But the strong reserves of Andover held them to eight points while making eight goals for themselves.

"Ed" Harkenrider was high man for the locals with 18 points followed by "Ave" Mead with eleven.

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Peering at the Pedagogues

By Mary Anne Joyce

This week it seems that most of the teachers stayed home nursing colds but a few were among the Christmas shoppers.

Mrs. Monica Connors visited her sister, Mrs. Fagan, in Wellsville, Saturday.

Mr. George Holden saw his wife off on a train to Binghamton Saturday.

Miss Doris Church, Mrs. Harriet Schwarzenbach and Mrs. Laura Hall went shopping in Wellsville Saturday.

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Local Cagers Lose To Canaseraga

By Points Pelton

The local panthers lost their first league contest last Tuesday 40 - 48 on the Canaseraga court.

Canaseraga's five took an early lead which they maintained throughout the game. The panthers threatened many times but without Slug Slocum, Les Monahan and Charlie Davis, who fouled out and personal fouls, the locals fought an uphill battle after a few minutes of play in the third quarter, when these boys left the floor with five fouls under their belts.

Dieter, the visitor's lanky center, was high man with 15 followed by Fenton with 12 points. The local man who was high scorer was Rich Davis with 8 markers.

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Mind Your Manners

By Leo Glover

This week I will give you a few suggestions on some of the manners we should use at home. Manners are not things that we use when someone comes to visit us or when we go to visit someone. They are things that we should use every day and every place. The best time to start using these manners is when a child is young and still at home.

When you come home from school or any place else, don't throw your clothes and books in a chair and go off and forget them but instead hang up the clothes and take care of the books.

Another thing we should never do is say something that is going to embarrass anyone.

Another thing that all of us should remember is to respect other people including our own family.

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Meet Our Teachers

By Marion Milligan

Now living in Elm Valley, Mr Carlyle W. Carmody, our social studies teacher in the junior high school, was born in Warsaw.

After attending the LeRoy High School, he received his bachelor of education degree by attending Geneseo State Teachers College and Alfred University.

Mr. Carmody, who has a daughter, Lynn, teaches junior high social studies and is also coach of the Cubs.

Since his pet peeve is "being late, we note he is always on time when he drives his red Chevrolet to school.

Mr. Carmody's hobbies are sports and playing jazz music. When I hit upon the subject of music, I asked his favorite singers and song. He replied, "Perry Como and Peggy Lee" and favorite song: "Stardust"

To stress some other of Mr. Carmody's favorites, I might add that he likes peanut butter immensely also chocolate cake and his favorite color is blue.

Mr. Carmody's philosophy of life is "Life is not too short for courtesy."

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Senior Interview

By Mary Lou Clark

This week Mary Fowler, who resides on Baker street with Mr. and Mrs. Beach and her brother Dewalt, became the victim of the interviewer.

Mary was born in Pennsylvania on September 10, 1934.

Among the subjects she is taking this year are: History 12, English IV, business law, in which she is majoring and her favorite which is mechanical drawing.

The organizations to which she belongs are F.H.A., and the Hi Herald.

If she were eating her favorite food which is french fries, she might be reading Anna Karenina-Count Leo Tostoy by Emerson or dreaming of dancing or playing football.

If the movie she was watching was House of Strangers, she would have Barbara Stanwych and Anthony Dexter playing. When riding in her favorite car, the Buick, she would have the upholstery of blue. If the radio were on, she would be listening to Patti Page and Lauritz Melchior singing "Sin."

Her pet peeve is inquisitive people and she carries the following philosophy of life: "Decide what you want and then go get it. Don't hurt the other fellow unless you have to."

Because Mary is interested in studying the minds of people and discovering why they behave as they do, she has chosen to be a psychologist.

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Appreciation Goes To Legion

By Charity Howland

I am writing this feature on behalf of the Andover students who wish to thank the Legion for the wonderful Youth Nights they have been sponsoring.

For several years we students have hoped for such a plan and at last we have it. We sincerely hope it will continue and promise you that it will not be let do

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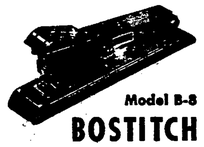

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