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## Editorial

by Cindy Preston  
 December Twenty-Fifth

Well, Christmas is almost here! I hope everyone has his Christmas shopping done! It's getting late and the stores are probably empty by now. Oh, well, if you can't find anything in the stores, you can always make something yourself. That's what people used to do. It's funny when you think about it in terms of today, though. Can you imagine making a toaster for your mother or a pair of shoes for your father? Years ago, it was more practical to make your own Christmas gifts. The gift meant more if you had made it with your own hands. It was well received, no matter what the quality, because the person realized that you had tried and had done your best.

The Christmas spirit of each of the two eras is basically unchanged, however. Though many of the Christmas customs have changed, many of them still remain the same. Christmas spirit is still the warmest, purest kind of feeling.

Outside of a few Ebenezer Scrooges here and there, most of us are still like Tiny Tim and the rest of the Crotchit family. We send warm holiday greetings to our friends and relatives in the form of Christmas cards. Many times, the only time we communicate with some of our friends is during the Christmas season.

Christmas lights always make me feel happy. The beauty of things at Christmas does as much for the soul as the meaning of Christmas itself. Often, the true meaning is hidden by the other symbols of Christmas. Santa Claus really has nothing in common with the birth of the baby Jesus. However, one has to admit that Santa Claus really adds a festive touch to Christmas, especially for the small child. To him, Santa Claus is one of the creatures of his imagination that really exists.

All in all, I think Christmas is the happiest and most cheerful of all the holidays. Through Christmas gifts, we can express how we

## Purple And White.

by Jim Howland

The Andover Swimming Team traveled to Alfred-Almond, December 8 for their first meet of the season. This year Coach Barden has a full team to work with. On the team are sixteen swimmers, many returning from last season. Unfortunately Alfred-Almond defeated Andover 61 - 29.

The Andover - Canaseraga game was much more profitable to the Panthers. The basketball squad fought to another double win last Tuesday night. The J.V.'s score was 49 - 27. The score for the victorious Varsity was 49 - 43. Yea, Team!

The Panthers will have a home game Friday, December 19 against Canaseraga.

## Roving Reporter

by Grace Herr

Around Christmas time you always hear some one saying that "Christmas is not what it used to be" and that the real meaning of Christmas is fast disappearing. This week, I asked some of the students at school if they thought that "today's Christmas is as meaningful a holiday as it was in your grandmother's day?" Here are their answers:

Joan Wightman — "No, because they put up fake Christmas trees"  
 Lynn Pantone — "No, it's too commercialized"  
 Gregg Shellman — "Yes, twice as meaningful"

Ann Slade — "The religious customs have changed, so it's not as meaningful"  
 Dawn Baker — "No, because the meaning has been distorted"

really feel about our friends and relatives. The joy of Christmas is really in giving to others. But the term "others" does not necessarily apply to only friends and relatives. It can and should apply also to those less fortunate at Christmas time, to those who need not the luxuries of life, but gifts of their necessities. Please remember these people when you are opening your gifts Christmas Day. Merry Christmas!

## Assembly

The Vox Family Trio, which has toured extensively throughout Europe, will present a program for the students and faculty on Friday, January 9, at 2:45 P. M. in the auditorium.

The Vox Family — Mother, Father and nineteen year-old daughter, are bringing to American school audiences for the first time the culture and folk ways of the Flemish Lowlands and its people. They will present in very vivid and colorful costumes interesting folk songs, customs and dances.

## Downbeats

by Debby Nichols

Attention: The choir will go carolling Sunday, December 21. They are to meet at Mrs. Boyer's home at 7:00 P. M. All college students home for the holidays are invited.

We are also looking forward to the NYSSMA Solo and Ensemble Festival, which is to be held in our school on February 28. We expect about 250 students to attend.

## Who Are They?

by Monica Dibble

The person described in last week's column is Jerry Wahl. Some of the people who guessed early were Patty Dibble, Diane Stephnes, Jeanette Kent and Daryl Ordway.

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## Cafeteria Menu

January 5 - 9

MONDAY — Spaghetti and Meat Sauce, Buttered Vegetable, Bread and Butter, Pudding, Milk.

TUESDAY — Chop Suey with Rice, Carrot and Celery Sticks, Bread and Butter, Fruit, Milk.

WEDNESDAY — Hot Dog with Bun and Catsup, Buttered Vegetable, Fruited Jello, Milk.

THURSDAY — Cream of Corn Soup, Meat Salad Sandwich, Fruit Milk.

FRIDAY — Tuna, Peas on Toast, Carrot and Celery Sticks, Cherry Cobler, Milk.

## Student Council News

by Diane Carmody

The scoreboard is now on its way and will be here in a couple of weeks.

The dance held on December 13 was a great success and the Student Council would like to thank all those students who came. The Student Council would also like to thank the chaperones: Mr. and Mrs. Balding, Mr. and Mrs. Russell and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baker for coming.

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## Vacation

by Chris Weatherby

Attention! All of you students and teachers looking forward to Christmas Vacation, it's almost here! Vacation starts at the close of school on Friday, December 19. Classes will resume as usual on Monday, January 5, 1970.

Here's hoping that you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## Song Titles

by Susan Church

Algebra Class — "Drowning In My Tears"

Bus 27 — "Come Together"

Unexpected One-Day Vacation — "The Were The Days"

Swimming Team — "Someday Soon"

Lynch Pony Farm — "Midnight Cowboy"

Christmas Vacation — "Holly Holy"

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