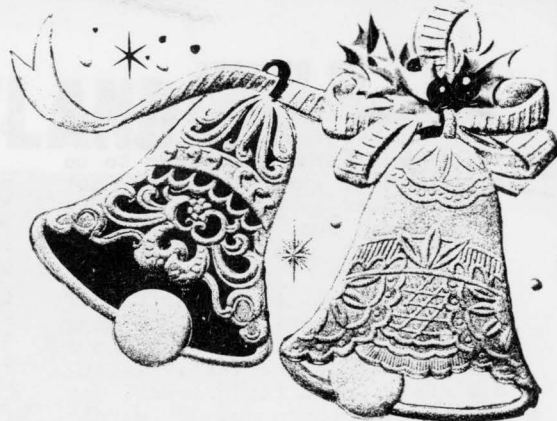


It was as if an earthquake rent
The hearthstones of a continent,
And made forlorn
The household born
Of peace on earth, good-will to men.

Christmas-1863
I hear the bells on Christmas Day
The old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet,
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men.
Then from each black, accursed mouth
The cannon thundered in the south;
And with that sound
The carols drowned
Of peace on earth, good-will to men.



Then pealed the bells more loud and deep;
"God is not dead, nor doth he sleep;
The wrong shall fail,
The right prevail,
With peace on earth, good-will to men."

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

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Troy Triumphs Again



December 6 was a night to be remembered by all. The St. Helens pep club has been one of the clubs to win the jamboree trophy twice in a row. All the girls involved in the drill had to work hard to bring about the second victory.

The jamboree started with the captains of West teams coming forward and drawing names of the opposing teams that they were supposed to play. The same thing was done to find out the place the teams would play. Before the pep clubs could do their drills representatives from each club came forward and drew the position in which they were to perform. The order in which their drills were performed were: St. Helens, Rainier, Scappoose, Vernonia and Clatskanie. All the pep clubs performed their drills to the best of their ability.

CHRISTMAS IN COLOR PRESENTED

On Thursday night December 19, the annual Christmas program was presented.

To start the program the Intermediate Band (composed of 7th and 8th graders) played their selections including: "O Come O Come Emmanuel" and "The Twelve Days of Christmas."

Following the Intermediate Band the 7th and 8th Intermediate Chorus chose: "A Manger Holds an Infant Pure", "Quiet Christmas", and "Sleigh Ride."

After the 7th and Intermediate Chorus finished their selections the Advanced Band opened its program with "Adeste Fideles" or "O Come All Ye Faithful", also added to their program was "Of Festive Bells and Ancient Kings" "Yea the Heavenly Child is Born" and "Jingle Bells" (played in various fashions).

trophy. Vernonia was awarded second place and St. Helens first by a slim margin of three points.

The president of the St. Helens Pep Club and the head cheerleader came up to accept the trophy. When St. Helens was announced the winner the gym was a mixture of yells, screams, and tears. For all the Pep Clubs especially St. Helens that night will stand out in their minds. (For information on the game turn to the Sports page.)

Holly Holidays Held

This year the Christmas Dance fell on Friday the 13th. The theme was Holly Holidays. The entertainment included a phone call and conversations with Santa, in addition to members of our own band playing "Jingle Bell Fantasy." There was a dance contest and Jim Beck and Patty McGillic won. Their prize was a gift certificate entitling them to a purchase at the "Studio." Refreshments served were pop, 10¢ and free cookies. Special thanks to Mr. Hornaday and members of student council. The next dance will be sponsored by the G.A.A. sometime in February.

To conclude the Christmas program the Advanced Chorus performed six selections. They were: "Trumpet Gloria", "Ding Dong Merrily on High", "Lo How a Rose 'Ere Blooming", "Winter Wonderland", "Ring Those Christmas Bells" and "And the Bells Rang". Narrating for the program were Martha Snyder and Ed Drury.

Jan. 2	Students Return to Class
Jan. 3	Failure Notices
Jan. 13	P.T.A. Meeting
Jan. 20	Assembly (Mr. & Mrs. Bjerke)
Jan. 27	Inservice Day
Jan. 30	Report Cards
Feb. 10	P.T.A. Meeting
Feb. 14	Valentine Dance
Feb. 14	Failure Notices

MR DE SAYS

As we near the holiday season, the general attitude and feelings of students seem to be rising. I am sure this is not just because a vacation is approaching, but because people in general get that holiday spirit.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if this attitude prevailed 365 days of the year? Not only would our school reap the harvest, but individuals would find great joy in helping others and outwardly showing concern for others.

Have a merry Christmas and plan to have a good New Year!

Holiday Babies

What is the worst time of year to have a birthday? Just before or after Christmas of course. The Trojan Topics staff offers its condolences and a very happy birthday to our holiday birthday babies.

Ed McCollam.....	Dec.21
Patty Stasiuk.....	Dec.21
Kathy Comstock.....	Dec.24
Dave Lawrence.....	Dec.25
Dorma Petite.....	Dec.27
Ron Hamilton.....	Dec.29
James Riley.....	Dec.29
Gary Barger.....	Dec.29
Richard Riegal.....	Dec.31
Tim Waine.....	Dec.31
David Schmor.....	Jan.1
Steve Youell.....	Jan.1
Todd Eidem.....	Jan.2
Connie Carpenter.....	Jan.2
Lyle Chamberlain.....	Jan.2
Arlis Kilgore.....	Jan.3
Dennis Frappier.....	Jan.3
Becky Kjornes.....	Jan.4
George Jauron.....	Jan.4
Chris Kimmel.....	Jan.4
Chris VanOrtwick.....	Jan.5
Robin Hood.....	Jan.6
John Ridenhour.....	Jan.6
Ted Gross.....	Jan.8
Carol Stermer.....	Jan.9
Jeannie Warren.....	Jan.9
Jim Bond.....	Jan.10
Marie Sather.....	Jan.10

What Do You Want?

Some of Santa's helpers have been going around the Junior High disguised as reporters. The list below shows what they found out from the students, their wants and needs for Christmas.

Linda Tillery.....	A Teddy Bear
Gloria Painter.....	A World Today Answer Book
Jim Paterson.....	A "53" Chev.
Nancy Jurgensen.....	A "Tippy Tumbles" Doll
Julia Tatro.....	A White Christmas
Vicky Lapping.....	A Coat
Mr. McQuary.....	duck decoys
Jennifer Tomlin.....	Stay in St. Helen
Laura Pihlaja.....	Have the Trojans win every single game
Pam Massey.....	Something 5 feet
Joe Schaffer.....	He doesn't wish to answer

DEAR EDITOR

Dear Editor,

The other morning I was called out of class by one of the office girls. I went to the office and my mother was sitting there. (Now at this time the kids were picking up their pictures and the office was crammed full of people.) In the middle of the crowd my mother stood up and called my name. She said that I was to come home immediately and pick up my toys! I was so embarrassed I could have cried. Now everytime I walk down the hall everyone turns to stare and say- "There goes that stupid girl who forgot to pick up her toys! "

What should I do?
Embarrassed

Dear Embarrassed,
Pick up your toys!

Dear Editor,
G.A.A. is only for girls and girls are the only ones that can join. Y(sic) can't boys join?
Signed Anomns(sic)

Dear Anonymous,
Ponder this-Why can't girls join Lettermen's Club? Does that answer your question?
Editor

Dear Ed.
I think you have a fine paper. I needs (sic) no improvements. Keep it up!
Homer

Dear Homer,
Thankyou, but every paper needs improvements(even ours!)
Editor

Dear Editor,
Your papers have very interesting facts included but you do need more of a variety of things and get them out more often. More joke columns and matches need to be included. Besides that it's okay I guess I mean no af-fens(sic) or anything. But a (sic) I mean there (sic) ok. Keep em' coming.

Bi (sic) N.L.J.,
Dear N.L.J.

You said that we need more jokes, a variety, and matching games. All I can say is; We're working on it!

Editor
To the Editor,
It is my humble opinion: That the lunch hour should be longer because of the need to study with all the homework we have now. It should be an hour instead of 45 minutes by just taking 5 minutes off each class. It would give more time to teachers, students, basketball players, wrestlers, ping-pong players and the studious students. We should make every effort to accomplish this great undertaking.
"A Loyal Student"

Dear Loyal Student,

If we were able to cut five minutes off of every class we would have to go to school longer this summer. How would you like that? As for needing a longer lunch time because of homework, homework is supposed to be done at home and not at school.

Editor

FUTURE FARMERS ASSOCIATE

The Future Farmers of America (FFA) is the national organization of, by, and for the students of vocational agriculture. The FAA is an intra-curricular activity, having its origin and root in the school's vocational agriculture class.

Between 1923 and 1928 a number of states formed organization of vocational agriculture students. On August 30th, 1950, the 81st Congress of the United States passed Public Law 240 This law granted a federal Charter of incorporation to the Future Farmers of America organization.

On the national level girls are not allowed to participate in FAA activities, but on the state basis they can participate in activities as long as the activity will not go into national competition.

To become a member of FAA you must be in the vocational agriculture class. Freshmen may join and can stay till either 3 years out of High School or till they are 21 years old, which ever is the longest.

The primary aims of the FFA is the development of agricultural leadership, cooperation and citizenship.

The FFA is a self-supporting program. Different charters have certain well chosen fund-raising activities, our local chapter has a popcorn popper.

The FFA members have a yearly due of \$5.00.

For those of you who are interested and who are not Freshmen, you may join FFA as a freshman. Remember that you must join the vocational agriculture class. Those interested freshmen can join either as a Sophomore or a Junior.

People who live in glass houses should not throw stones.

English Proverb

Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see the shadow.

Helen Keller

Every why hath a wherefore.
Shakespeare

SEENS FROM TROYLAND



SPORTS

COACHES SPEAK

7th grade Lancer coach Mr. Fargo was asked how his team has progressed since the beginning of the year. He said, "They are coming along well, but they have a long way to go." After they start rebounding and playing defense they will be hard to beat. Now all that is needed is determination to make a winning season.

In talking with Mr. Nesland the 8th grade Lancer basketball coach, we found out some interesting facts about his team. They have had their greatest improvement in defensive play and are definitely improving fundamentally. Bob Usher and Mike McCain both looked good in their first game. He expects Mike Bendio to be a tremendous help when he gets off the injured list. This year's Lancer team has more size than before but as yet has not compared in team aggressiveness and shooting ability. They should also have a winning season. If we can generate a little more aggressiveness to go along with the fine attitudes, it should be a good year. They are in need of a team leader.

Mr. Young stated that his 7th grade Buccaneer team is coming along very well due to their willingness to play. Some of his outstanding players are Ken Doherty, Randy Peterson, Jim Thorpe, and Mike Ross. One of their weaknesses is turnovers. He is hoping for a winning season if they have a winning spirit.

Mr. Shrock, the 8th grade Buccaneer basketball coach, stated that his team is progressing slowly. His outstanding players are: Bruce Haebe and Leonard Mason who scored 17 points in a game against Rainier. He also stated that they could have a winning season but it isn't going to come without good hard work from the boys. He said, "We may not be a winner through the season, but we will be a winner Friday afternoon."



EAST WEST TIE



The Columbia County Jamboree was held here December 6. In the opening game the Lancers tangled with the Vernonia Toppers, the second game found the Buccaneers matched with Rainier and in the final game Scappoose played against Clatskanie. The East consisted of the St. Helens Buccaneers and Lancers, and the Scappoose Warriors. The West consisted of the Rainier Bobcats, the Vernonia Toppers, and the Clatskanie Eagles. All the games were hard fought and the final tally was a 57 to 57 tie. For details on the Pep Club results turn to the front page.

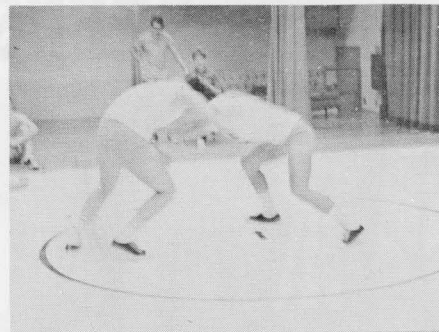


G.A.A.

The purpose of G.A.A. (standing for Girls Athletic Association) is rivalry to the Lettermen's Club. Meaning that G.A.A. tries to out do the Lettermen in all activities. The girls of G.A.A. play all sorts of sports including volleyball, softball, and dodgeball tournaments. At the beginning, sometimes at the end of each meeting, the girls sit down and listen to Miss Ochs (advisor) play the guitar and sing.

The officers are as follows: President- Regina Housley, Vice President- Patty Barchus, Secretary- Cheryle Wooden, Treasurer- Janet Smith, and 8th grade representative- Marcy Fenk.

So far the girls have taken one field trip to Oaks Park. They intend to take another one soon.



Ready ... Wrestle!

Mr. Dent, the 7th and 8th grade wrestling coach was asked what the boys are learning about the word "pin" and what it means. Some of the outstanding 8th graders are: Lyndol Lumley, Dave Hanson, Gerry Thomas and Mike Peterson. Some wrestlers that need a little more work are: Jeff Oliver, Bob Parsons, Randy Fisher and Roy Oliver. Some of the outstanding 7th graders are: Terry Tracy, John Schmidt and Steve Hall. Mr. Dent's wrestlers had 5 out of 6 possible pins after the first match.

In the interview Mr. Pitts said that the team has progressed well since the beginning of practice. Some of Mr. Pitts's outstanding wrestlers are: Duane Walrod, George Jauron, Robert Massey, Bob Philips and Elmer Sather. Mr. Pitts said that with more practice Randy Elder, Mike Eaton, Jim Peterson, Randy May, Norman Patton, Harold Brecht, Steve Messinger and Mike Wayne will make good wrestlers. They should not lose more than two matches this year says Mr. Pitts. The team has a lot of spirit and works well together. Mr. Pitts would like to thank the pep club for being at the first match, it helped the team immensely.

TROJAN BASKETBALL

In an interview with Mr. Whittick the Trojan basketball coach, it was asked how the team has progressed since the beginning of the season. He said that they had done fairly. Some outstanding A team players are Don McKosky, Kent Kneeland, Dan Durbin, Bruce Erlandson, Gary Edwards and Jim Paterson. Some outstanding rebounders are Allen Watson and Alan Haebe. He said that the Trojans should have a winning season. "They have desire and attitude and are potential winners. We would like to see the whole student body out cheering for the Trojans and exhibiting all their school spirit."