

Plan Program For Graduation

Commencement exercises for the class of January, '46, will take place at Rhodes auditorium on the evening of January 22. The entire program is under the direction of Mr. Seedhouse and Mrs. Neff. The theme of the exercises is military preparedness. The history of the graduating class will be presented in song by a parody on the *Ballad of America*.

Two committees are at work planning the program. The central committee composed of thirteen members in charge of deciding what should be included in the exercises and the writing of the 12A class history. The chairman is Lillian Textoris, assisted by John Oshchypok, Alan Braun, Marjorie Say, Gloria Alexander, Neil Richardson, Beverly Brown, Robert Snow, Merrit Bader, Eleanor Kratky, Grace Blessing, Paul Buchinsky, and Elsie Pyeha.

The commencement committee in charge of soliciting ideas for the program included John Oshchypok, Lillian Textoris, Merrit Bader, Marjorie Say, Robert Snow, Gloria Alexander, Paul Buchinsky, and Elsie Pyeha.

A total of 81 will graduate. Two in the services will graduate in absentia. A comparison between conditions before World War II and the conditions afterward will be made in six speeches by John Oshchypok, Neil Richardson, Lillian Textoris, Alan Braun, Beverly Brown, and Marjorie Say. Eight boys from the pre-induction gym classes will give a demonstration on military marching maneuvers.

Boys, Girls Prepare For Christmas Dance

Excited girls and trembling boys now stroll the halls of Rhodes shooting furtive glances at each other. The boys are trembling for fear they won't be asked to the Rhodes-Parma Christmas formal and the girls are excited by the prospect of first asking a boy and then—all important going with him.

This semi-formal, which is being sponsored by the Senior Friendship Girls, will be held on Wednesday, December 26. The couples will dance at the Homestead Ballroom.

Servicemen Sign Blue Book On Return Visits to Alma Mater

By DOROTHY THEODORE
Slowly they approached the table. The scratchings of pens could be heard. The signers turned and walked away beaming broadly knowing they had affixed their signatures to a lasting record.

No, this wasn't the signing of the Declaration of Independence, nor was it fathers signing straight "A" report cards. The scene just described was that of former Rhodians who are or were in the service signing *The Register of Rhodes Students in the Armed Forces* more commonly referred to as "The Blue Book."

The Blue Book, which is kept in the main office, is a record of all former Rhodians in service who have visited their Alma Mater. About six hundred two names have been registered in the volume which measures approximately two feet long and one foot wide. As we open the Blue Book, we find a large certificate to the students of Rhodes for volunteer service during the Fourth War Loan Drive. Turning the page, we come upon a letter to Mr. Mathews from the chair-



Christmas, Tradition or Not, Still Means Goodwill to Men

By ELVA ROGERS

Christmas!—Wake up, five senses, how can you sleep when this word fairly shouts at you?—You, eyes, can't you see the deep, rich green of firs, the rainbow splashes of colored lights and ribbons, the shimmering glow of tinsel, the pure, clean white of new candles, the criss-cross pattern of a loot-mark in the snow—and you, ears, can't you hear the crackle of tissue paper, the bustle and clatter of pie pans, the buzz of "behind-door conferences," the high-pitched voices of the neighborhood "kids" joining in familiar carols—and you, nose, can't you smell the resinous odor of burning wood, the spicy, indescribable fragrance of balsam, the steamy smell of cooking plum pudding, the faint sweet smell of Sis's Chanel No. 5—and you, mouth, can't you taste the nutmeg flavor of egg-nog from the big silver bowl, the sharp anis in freshly baked cookies, the warm slices of turkey and the chilled cranberries—and you, strange sense called feeling, can't you feel the sting of the swirling, sifting snow, the stillness of Christmas Eve, the spirit of Christmas?

The spirit of Christmas—that mysterious thing that has come down to us through the ages. What is it?—It is tradition,—it is the burning of the Yule log because in Medieval times it was thought to be a sign of fellowship, it is the use of holly and hawthorn in decoration because long ago the poor of England went singing from door to door on Christmas Eve, it is the legend of St. Nicholas because what child's life would be complete without him, it is the custom of going to church on Christmas Eve, to hear the organ music, to see the lighted candles, to feel a little closer to the first Christmas, and it is the opening of all your presents on Christmas Eve at your house because your family has always done that, and it is the trimming of the tree two days before at 2:00 a. m., because we have always done it this way, and it is the hanging of stockings with the toes pointed to the left at Joe's house, and the toes pointed to the right at Mary's, because their families have always done it that way.—It is tradition. And it can't be wiped away by strikes or depressions, or wars. For so long as people can gather together on Christmas, whether to say "Meli Kalikama," "Wesolyh Swait," "Stasni Vanoce," "Buon Natale," or "Merry Christmas," this day will remain one of friendliness, hope, and goodwill to one's fellowmen.

The Night Before Christmas

By JANE BURKE

'Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the flat
Every creature was stirring, yes, even a rat.
The nylons were flung on the old comfy chair
In hope that Lana Turner soon would be there.
The brats were all cramped in their one lumpy bed,
While visions of Grable danced in their heads.
And ma in her flannels and I in my cap
Both looking, I guess, like a couple of saps.
When out on the porch I heard such a shout
I leaped from my bed to see what was about.
Then off to the window I surely did dash,
Tore off the shutters and broke all the glass.
The moon on the top of the old dirty snow
Gave a morbid view of objects below.
When what to my old tired eyes should appear
But a huge old ford car with eight lumbering reindeer,
With a droopy old coachman so plump and so thick;
I guessed in an hour it must be St. Nick.
Much slower than turtles his animals came,
And he whistled and shouted and called each by name.
Now Grassy! Now Pietsches! Now H. T.!
Now Richardson!
On Dipple! On Riddick! On Dumbo and Simpson!
They leaped on the roof in such a sad state
I was sure they had met with the westbound freight.
Yes, up the chimney the animals flew

Choir, Concert, Reunion, Top Tomorrow's Evening Program

Each year when the merry spirit of Christmas descends upon the world, the A Cappella Choir prepares its annual concert. In keeping with tradition, the candlelight procession will precede the program to be presented in the Rhodes auditorium, Thursday evening, December 20, at 8:15. Miss Betty Osterland, a graduate of June, 1944, will be a featured soloist. Miss Osterland is the winner of a scholar-

ship awarded by the Cleveland Institute of Music. Featured student soloist will be Kathryn Joyce. A marimba solo by Jack Stanko and the Girls' Triple Trio are also on the program.

Among the selections to be sung by the choir are *Lo, a Voice to Heaven Sounding*, *Sleep, Baby, Sleep*, and Christmas carols. At the close of the concert, all former choir members in the audience will be asked to come to the stage and join the choir in singing *Silent Night*, *Now the Day Is Over*, and the choir's sign-off song.

Concert admission will be by tickets only. The tickets, which are free, are being distributed by the choir members. Each ticket will admit two persons.

All former Rhodians who are or were in the armed forces, and this includes servicewomen as well as servicemen are invited to a social reunion to be held on the same night of the choir concert, Thursday, December 20, at 8:00, in the Rhodes gym. The service people may also attend the choir concert if they wish to do so. Plenty of hot coffee and doughnuts will be on hand in the cafeteria. None need worry about having to do K. P. This event is being arranged so that service people can meet and talk with their old school friends whom they may not have seen in a long while.

If you know of any former Rhodian who is or was in the service, please inform him of this reunion.

"Bell Hop" Rings In Christmas Season

With Christmas just around the corner and snow covering the ground, the Citizens' Club sponsored the "Bell Hop," last Friday evening.

Ruth Loomis, chairman, placed Ethel Pietsch in charge of decorations; Beverly Brown, ticket salesman; and Bob Cummings, head of the publicity.

In keeping with the theme of Christmas were decorations of red and white bells, and streamers of red and green. And that jolly old fellow Santa Claus was portrayed by Zeke Zaykowski.

Bill Woodring's band furnished the music. The girls dodged mistletoe, and the Student Council held the cafeteria open for refreshments.

The Citizen Club members relieved the teachers of guard duty in the halls.

Mr. Holden, Student Council advisor, sponsored the dance.

Scholarship Awards Given 185 Pupils

Scholarship certificates were awarded to 185 pupils who had averages of 85 per cent or more. Of these, 73 were boys and 102 were girls. Ruth Cain, 12B of homeroom 219, was top ranking with an average of 95.8 per cent. She was closely followed by Dorothy Theodore, 10B, with 95.2. Lawrence Lange and Dorothy Kormos both had 94.5 per cent averages.

Other students who had 93 or more are Dorothy Yakir, Mike Kraynak, Jane Pystole, Lucille Soldat, Myron Walzak, Elma Ludwig, Geraldine Lytle, Evelyn Sandy, Dolores Pauloski.

Hi-Y Club Members Attend Joint Rally

Members of seventeen Hi-Y clubs of Greater Cleveland attended the first annual rally in the dining room of Euclid Avenue Baptist Church. Forty-one boys represented the Sigma, Delta, Rhoda, and Alpha Hi-Y clubs of Rhodes. There was a total of 600 boys present.

Capt. George Campbell of Cincinnati led the boys in song. Rev. Bernard C. Clausen, pastor of the church, the main speaker, discussed the necessity of joining in the struggle against intolerance. George Corwin of New York, secretary of the national council of the Y. M. C. A. for senior boys' work, further urged efforts by the Hi-Yers in the movement against intolerance.

Dinners were served by members of the Friendship clubs from schools in the city. The girls from Rhodes were Marjorie Say, Dana Walters, Ruth Merkle, Grace Tomkins, Elsie Pyeha, Ethel Pietsch, Laverne Nickel, Eleanor Pettiti, and Ruth Eberling.

1850 Attend Fall Operetta

The operetta, "The Emperor's Clothes," went over big according to Elmer Fenner of 209, who was the student general ticket chairman.

Elmer commented, "All ticket salesmen co-operated very well! The homerooms selling the most tickets were 219 and 209. The 12B girls of 219 sold 152 tickets, while following close behind were the 12B boys of 209, selling 110 tickets.

The tickets for the operetta that were sold totaled 1850.

Miss Brooker supervised the ticket sales.

Flu Creates Absenteeism

During the recent spread of flu, Rhodes absences rose to a new high. The normal absence rate per day is approximately fifty, but starting with the week of November 26 absences began hovering around the 150 and 200 mark. The high water mark came on December 6 with a total of 227. In the three-week period ending December 14 absences totaled 2500.

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Radio Ramblings

By ELMA and DOROTHY



Network Notes: Open letter to radio comedians: Dear Sirs: How about some new comedy situations? We're getting tired of the same thing week after week. By now we know that Bob Hope, Jack Benny, and Fred Allen are tightwads, so please skip those jokes about their love of money. Likewise we

know that Bing's horses are slow, that Jack Benny wears a toupee and that Frank Sinatra is thin! Therefore, since we know all the above facts it will not be necessary to repeat them program after program. So please sirs, give us something different. If you need any help tune in the Danny Kaye show on Friday evening, WGAR. 10:30. (Sighed) Your devoted but rather bored public. . . . In support of our opinion that Hildergarde won't be annoying the radio public too much longer. We refer you to a recent article in the *Cleveland Press* by Stanley Anderson and we quote "Prediction: Hildergarde is on the way out, radioactively speaking." . . . Rapidly gaining popularity is Mutual's *Leave It to the Girls* with M. C. Paula Stone. Four beautiful and successful career girls do a Mr. Anthony and give advice about affairs of the heart. One lonely male is featured as guest star and is equipped with a horn and blows same should he disagree (which is very often) with the opinions of the fairer sex. It all leads to a pretty hilarious evening. . . . Popular Perry Como is responsible for the new expression "your father's mustache" which the jive cats are using lately. Perry stuck it in a song just for fun and was surprised when it caught on so rapidly.

Gadding About Rhodes: James Sudyk, Robert Cummings and Lucy Ida Koeler bringing you the homeroom gab every day. . . . Overhead at the Rhodes premiere of the Frank Sinatra picture, *Step Lively*, "I don't know what you see in Sinatra, he hasn't got half as good a voice as Bing." "Yes, but at least he's got his own hair," countered the other girl." . . . Rhodian Elmer Fenner trying to convince Mr. Fahnebruck that it's possible to do German homework and still listen to the favorite radio programs. Mr. Fahnebruck wasn't convinced. . . . Dick Tubbesing, Dave Ri-

What's My Name?

By ELMA and DOROTHY

"Where's Hank?" "Hank, who?" "You're Welcome!" is a sample of my "stolen" jokes. Anybody with a loose joke around had better watch out. . . . I can reach the ceiling with my hands (in some rooms). . . . I have green eyes and blonde hair and can be called "Slim" without exaggeration. . . . I am an active member of the Citizens Club and the Honor Society. . . . Two things are my pet peeves—one, people who annoy me with interviews, and two, *Rhodesways*. . . . Love to drive my father's car and someday I hope to get his permission. . . . I was salutatorian in the eighth grade. . . . Ohio State or Navy V-5 are my goals in life. . . . All summer I worked on the boats on the Great Lakes. . . . Swimming and ping-pong are my favorite sports. . . . Blondes with little dogs are my specialty.

What's my name?

Traveling is my specialty seeing as I have been in every state in the country. . . . I also collect files of information on places I'd like to see. . . . Birds and weather are also a special hobby of mine. . . . In fact, anything about nature is interesting to me. . . . I was born in Springfield but anywhere in Ohio is my home. . . . My favorite subject is chemistry but recently conservation has been running it a close second. . . . I like high places. As proof I give the high stool I enjoy sitting on. . . . Ohio State University and Oberlin College are my favorite colleges. . . . I enjoy music, especially vocal.

What's my name?

You'll probably guess who I am when I tell you that I'm a member of the Rhodes "Big Three. . . . I'm frequently in the company of a trumpet and if you were at the recent Rhodes Open House you heard me play in a duet. . . . I don't mind being called Red but if you want to make me mad just call me by my given name. . . . I like yellow wheels, ping-pong, chemistry, and building model airplanes. . . . Eating regularly is at the top of the list of the things I like to do best. . . . If you're a football

shaw, and Paul Schieve planning to make a career in radio. The boys plan to appear on all the quiz shows. There assuring everyone that they're going to take it and not leave it, *Break the Bank* and *Detect and Collect*.

fan you're sure to know who I am for I've attended every game at Rhodes since I was a freschie. . . . My trumpet and I are often in the company of "Beans" Leine and his band. Who am I?

Latin, now there's a subject! By that remark you can guess I really enjoy the study of that language. . . . I have also had some experience with English which I enjoy also. . . . Columbus, Ohio, is my home town but I attended high school in Westerville, Ohio. . . . My winter hobbies include ice skating and reading and in summer I swing a wicked golf club. . . . I have visited California many times and have also gone through the Panama Canal. . . . In 1931, I also went abroad. . . . In my career I have also taken charge of a dramatics class and coached a girls' basketball team. . . . Otterbein, Ohio State, and Columbia are my favorite colleges. . . . A few years ago I was associated with the Senior Friendship Club. . . . Added hint: I have brown hair.

What's my name?

Club Capers

By PAT and DON

Snap! (This is a quick beginning.) Dorothy "Flou-Flou" Olenick will add a bang to the boisterous party the Latin Club is having this afternoon. . . . Romsome Rhodes Romans are throwing a snow party the evening of December 28 at Brookside. . . . Hear ye! Hear ye! The Audio and Visual Aids clubs are accepting cadets for training now. 9B's, notice this! . . . And then there is the French Club pulling a glory by adopting twelve-year-old Michline Froment, a citizen of France. Locally the club spent yesterday afternoon celebrating Christmas with their own Peier Noel, Roger Aschmeyer.

Splash! The Girls' Leaders got all wet yesterday at a swimming party at B. W. . . . and here come the self-assured Boys' Leaders who expect at least 100 new applications. . . . Who did you ask to the Friendship Formal? . . . On the more serious side we have Ruth Cain and James Pauloski reading "A Visit From St. Nick" at the Christmas celebration of the Honor Society. . . . A treat coming the way of all the Rhodes music lovers in the form of a choir concert tomorrow.

Ruth Eberling (who wants her name first), Pat Cook, Marge Say, Norella Lee Jedlick, Carol Roth, Betty Wolff, Luella Syroski, Georgia Engleman, Richard Stause, Roger Doering, Earl Franklin, Clarence Strung, Robert Wood, Richard Harbart, Anna Chizmar, and Richard Barnick were elected to the German Club last week.

Bettering inter-school relations is the Foreign Affairs Council which played host to Parma and Central at a luncheon yesterday (in the teachers' lunchroom). . . . And to be sure, the Art Club will celebrate the holidays with art. They'll stencil handkerchiefs for club members at their meeting this afternoon.

Service News

Congrats to Ralph Stipley who has been accepted in the Navy V-5 program. He is to go on active duty about March 1 in a pre-flight unit at one of the leading colleges.

Returning servicemen who have been at Rhodes during the past week include Leo Pelleschi and Dale Neal, who were at the Bell Hop, and Eugene Skebo, Ed Hood, Dick Becka, and Jack Slabey.

Along Rhodesways

By LOIS and RUTH

The snow, the snow, the beautiful snow. Whamo! Crash! Bang! Wow! (Or as some insist, the nasty, stinking stuff.) All persons sharing lockers now wishing that they had one apiece in order to hold winter garb.

Elsie Pyeha (this is againt my principles but—) getting a big cheer for dishing double portions at the Hi-Y banquet. It's about time Don Eaton paid up his debt to Eleanor Pettiti. Nice piece of bookkeeping, Paul Buchinsky. . . . Rhodiennes trying to persuade Margaret Kadar to introduce them to some of the fellows from Lakewood whom she met at a recent party for her cousin. . . . All the senior friendship girls eagerly talking over the coming formal. . . . And to you dateless girls may we recommend a game of solitaire or if you have a chum in the same predicament, how about checkers?

Question of the week: Why is Janice Droze so afraid of such a meek little fellow as Al Cheselka?

Bob Obojski crashing the letters to the editor column in the *Press* for the second time last week. . . . Alice Pretzer back in school and all agast after spending a week in the Stevens Hotel in Chicago for the 4-H National Conference. . . . In case you've been in 218 lately we're still sane.

Poor Theresa Simunovich, I guess you just neglected to bring your mother up right. . . . And, by the way, where is Jim Streeter's nipple bottle and Bill Geeking's teething ring? . . . Why don't boys dance at a party? Ask Norm Protiva, and while you're talking to him you might get some suggestions on party games, we understand he's a whizz at cigarettes.

Why does Muriel Lee Bokmiller visit her grandmother so often lately? . . . Recently seen was Roland Merrick explaining to some other fellows how to pick out a girl's compact and ankle bracelet.

Will the little busy-body who goes around distributing pink slips in people's lockers on the first floor please learn to spell Laurel Wagner's name correctly?

Sight of the week: Rhodes trackman sewing girls' dainty slips and costumes in 122 for operetta.

Results of truth or consequences in English class: Johnny Scerbic proposing to Miss Simpson while sitting on her knee. . . . What girl with the initials E. A. is Jim Pauloski going with? . . . We hear Eleanor Andrisin is going with a fellow with the initials J. P. (We aren't obvious or anything, are we?)

Braving the "weather outside that's frightful" and giving up that "fire that's so delightful" to see the Cleveland Rams win the championship last Sunday were Bader, Lange, Oshchypok, Haak, Eisenhower, Laveranz,

Malek, Mager, Lovejoy, Gates, Cheselka, Fenner, and Carr. (They cleaned off the field) . . . Dick Pilarski and Ed Priebe solving the cold wave in room 114 by sitting on hot books.

Operetta muse: Choice seats had by all even those double nighters. . . . Ruth Loomis going wild putting on make-up in the girls' dressing room. . . . Bottom man on the large pyramid Bob Riddick getting sick at the last minute and Bob Snow taking over, or rather under. . . . Everyone thinking that John Rockwell should wear curls more often. . . . Bob Estock setting a record of the number of names that could be put on one program.

It is reported that there were more people in the band at the Benjy Dance last week than there were on the floor. . . . And did you find where the mistletoe was hid at the Bell Hop. . . . Speaking of mistletoe, it is rumored that Rudy Bauer wants to put some in the Review's morgue—and for a price he might let you borrow it. . . . Those shattered dreams of the under classmen that thought that Santa Claus was Mr. Tanko. Wow!!!

Answers to last week's personalities.

Joseph Stevens
 Eleanor Davis
 Ruth Cain
 Lois Grasmehr

Thief of Badgags

By Bob Obojski

Hack: "I'm so sore from running that I can't stand or sit."

Mack: "If you're telling the truth, you're lying."

"Have you forgotten that you owe me five dollars?"
 "No, not yet. Give me time and I will."

She: "How many times a day do you shave?"

He: "Oh, fifty or sixty times."

She: "Say, are you crazy?"

He: "No, I'm a barber."

Foreman: "Has the mechanic told you what to do?"

Apprentice: "Yes, sir. He told me to wake him up when I heard you coming."

Rich Boy: "I'd give a thousand dollars to anyone who would do my worrying

for me."

Dead Broke: "You're on! Where's the thousand?"

Rich Boy: "That's your first worry."

Clerk: "Madam, you put too much postage on this letter."

She: "Oh heavens! I hope it won't go too far."

Sparks: "What do you mean by telling around that I'm deaf and dumb?"

Marks: "It's not so, I never said that you were deaf."

Householder: "Well I see you brought your tools with you today."

Plumber: "Yeah, I'm getting more absent-minded every day."

"I wish you wouldn't whistle at your work," cried the irate employer.
 "It's all right, sir," said

the office boy. "I'm not working."

"You can bet the radio will never replace the newspaper."

"How come?"

"You can't wrap packages with a radio."

Wally: "I've had to make my living by my wits."

Sally: "Well, half a living is better than none."

"This is an ideal spot for a picnic."

"It must be, millions of insects can't be wrong."

Take Your Choice

"Should I marry a man who lies to me?"

"Lady, do you want to be an old maid?"

Such Is Life

At six o'clock she laid out his dinner, nice and hot.

Bindernagel, Putich, Protiva High in 52 Point Blast

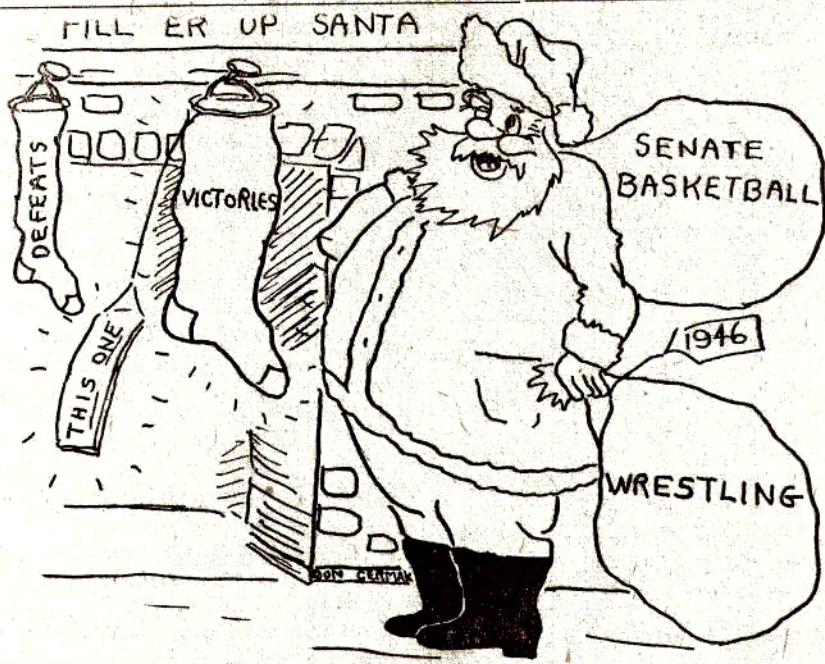
SPORTS SCRAPS

By MARIE MARTIN

Speaking of M. E. Tests, there are about 10 superwomen here at Rhodes who have obtained final scores over 80. Marjorie Kress, 11A, has topped everyone with a score of 89. The other nine girls follow close behind: Eva Scuba, 10A, has 87; Carol Kaul, 9A, 87; Marian Rahlfs, 12A, 86; Joan Thompson, 10B, 85; Beverly Brown, 12A, 84; Marie Martin, 11A, 84; Lois Grasmehr, 12B, 83; Helen Shuller, 11A, 82; Eleanor Walsh, 11B, 81.

Since the apparatus work has started in gym classes, many hidden talents have appeared.

It seems that there are a few monkeys here at Rhodes.



'This One's for Van' Is Rams' Cry; Reserves Take Thriller

With their coach in bed, the Rhodes basketball team under the capable direction of Carlton Hicks, frosh mentor, blasted an under-dog Parma quintet, 52-26. Regular coach, Warren Vannorsdall, missing his first game in twenty-seven years, could well be proud of his Ram charges who dominated play throughout the contest on the Parma floor last Friday.

Knowing that the Parma defense was concentrating on him, Norm Protiva faked shots at every turn, feeding it to Jack Bindernagel and Bill Putich. These two proved accurate on Parma's cutaway backboards and led the first string to a phenomenal 21-7 first quarter lead. Had not the second and third squads been slowly absorbed into the lineup at that point, it is anybody's guess as to how high the count would have mounted.

Trio Accounts for 33 Points

Although they played no more than half the game, Putich, Bindernagel, and Protiva combined for a total of 33 markers, Putich leading with 12. After the first session massacre, the locals settled down to 12, 11, and 3-point periods to 6, 6, and 7 for the Grey and Red.

Seeing their first varsity action in this rout were Ken Biller and John Kuzma. That leaves only Bill Geeking, Maritime returnee, whose eligibility is still in question, yet to taste real action on the varsity squad.

Foul shot continued to plague the Blue and White as they were successful in only 10 tries in 24 tosses. Best free-throwers for the locals are Bill Putich, who has sunk six out of eight; Hank Meyer, with a perfect record in three tries; and Norm Protiva,

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Cummings and Goings

By BOB CUMMINGS

Wrestlers Dump John Hay, 27-13 For First Win

Local matmen scored their first victory of the current season last Thursday as they downed John Hay, one-time state champs, by an impressive score of 27-13. The team as a whole made its most promising showing to date.

Probably the most noteworthy of the wins were George Kruichuck's and Larry Rudolph's triumphs. Both of these boys' opponents weighed in heavy, automatically forfeiting their matches. Kruichuck and Rudolph decided to wrestle, regardless of the fact that it meant spotting their opponents an average of five pounds. George, overcoming the odds, scored a decision and Larry pinned his opponent twice.

Also praiseworthy was Hermann Schmidt's win. Schmidt wrestled while he was still under the weakening effect of the flu, and during the course of the match became quite ill, he went on to win, however.

The other men who won their matches by decisions were Herb Hutter, 112 pounds; Clarence Lorenz, 133 pounds; and Don Andrus, 138 pounds. Jim Scanlon, 120 pounds, won by a pin.

John Hay gained 13 points at the expense of Jack Smith, who lost by a decision; Milan Kay, who was pinned, and Richard Ptacek, who was also pinned.

Preceding this victory was a loss to Lakewood, 30-6.

Quick Comeback Wins for East

Halting Norm Protiva, a Ram forward with two years' experience, is a tough job. East's coach, using sometimes two players to do it successfully, held the Ram ace to one field goal to capture a 36-30 victory, December 7.

Towering Easterners dominated the bankboard play and were continually intercepting high local passes. They failed, however, to match the Blue and White fighting spirit in any part of the contest.

Inexperience Proves Fatal

Behind 27-24, with only eight minutes remaining, the Bombers got hot. In four minutes they had evened the count and drove on to a 33-29 lead. Then, with only one player of at least a year's experience on the floor, the locals went wild. Attempts were made from all parts of the court, in

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Adams, West, Marshall Next Tests

Collin Lanning, basketball tutor at John Adams, looks with high hopes to this year's squad. Last year's team hung up a record of eight wins and four losses, and with four lettermen back the prospects of a good season are clear. The Rebel quintet will engage the Rams on the local cords this Friday afternoon.

Bill Feigenbaum, Buddy Goodman, Dave Levine, and the Rebels' star of stars, Andy Savchuk compose the strong hardwood combination. Although they suffered a setback in their initial encounter with powerful Bedford, 33-30, the short Adamses compose a strong threat to the Vansmen.

West Opens Pay-Off Seiges

"Unhorse the Cowboys!" will be Rhodes' battle cry as we enter the new year.

The West meeting will inaugurate the Senate battle on the home range the evening of January 4. Vengeance is in the heart of many a Rhodian. Even though we took a thrilling game, 33-28, last year, the Cowboys' rough last period basketball, and an after-the-game incident still darkens the local memory. Coach Mark Brashare's

charges will include Korrigan and Socotch, two varsity returnees.

Because of a football injury, stellar Dick Campbell will not be in shape till later in Senate competition. A small but speedy group of Cowboys have lost to two teams so far. Lakewood creased their chaps with a 34-27 branding and Akron Buchtel took them to the cleaners, 45-27.

Go to Marshall January 11

Following a week on the heels of the West tilt, John Marshall's Lawyers entertain Ram bucketeers in another night show. Four '44 veterans enrich the Lawyer hardwooders, Dick Krock, Jack Thomas, Jim Janosek, and Lou Pepper among them. The Millsommen have so far defeated an average Berea team, 30-26.

Your Days Ahead in Physical Ed? Here's Sample, Read It and Weep

Think gym's soft? Having a good time playing around? Oh, you underclassmen, you. Coming up on your twelfth grade curriculum is a daily session with Mr. Seedhouse who has thought up some brai-no,-body twisters for you.

Here's the schedule:

Monday — Calisthenics. Wear: Clean white pants, tee shirt.

Tuesday—Tumbling and apparatus tests. Wear: clean white pants, tee shirt.

Wednesday — Marching. Wear: Clean (if they're still clean) white pants, tee shirt.

Thursday—Rough house. Wear: Your most beat-out clothing (if not it soon will be.)

Friday—Hike. Wear: Street clothes.

Looks easy on paper, doesn't it? Sure it does, but now let's interpret it.

Let's see, *calisthenics*, well, that's self-contortionism for a grade. Under this heading comes giving commands in which every boy learns to give directions for the Swedish Body Building Program. Next comes the *tumbling and apparatus* work in which you swing your body around, in and through the pesky chunks of wood and steel. On *marching* days, you learn to give and take commands with the best of them. In one period you

become familiar with every grain of wood in the gymnasium flooring. And then we come to that little word, *tests!* That includes (deep breath) push ups, pole climb, chinning, rope-climbing, sit-ups, bar-grasps, wall-scales, broad-jumps, squat-balance, wrestling, hand and frog stands, diving-roll, skin the cat, parallel bars, pull-ups, and, last but not least, the shuttle-run. Now, isn't that simple?

Here it comes! *Rough house!* This is where you learn to take care of yourself—the hard way. You learn self care, or preservation, how to disarm, and judo (and if not you learn to work with iodine.)

Then comes the dee-lightful day, Friday. Just as you are about to take a rest the real corker arrives. It's a pleasant forty-minute *hike*, amid the fragrantly damp, clammy air of Lake Erie. Just so you don't get bored, the hike is made at a fast pace, a sort of "know-Brooklyn-in-one-period-a-week" idea.

The purpose of the course—outside of the fun involved—is to prepare you for the coming basic or boot training in an Army or Navy camp. And, in case you're interested, the part returning servicemen say helps them most is the marching. So there, too.

In Which Rhodonis Ram and Cousin Batterin' Discuss Xmas

Scene: The swanky "Hooved Haven"—the quadrupede's Toots Shors. Nestled comfortably in a rear stall of the resplendent, knot-holed food emporium, Rhodonis Ram and Cousin Batterin' are talking things over.

"You know, Batt," Rhodonis is saying as he motions for two bales, "it's a wonder I don't get gray around the horns. Year in and year out, I stew over a grid team in the fall, basketball 'n wrestling in the winter, track in the spring. That help I gave you during baseball season last year didn't do anything for me either—and now I hear by way of the Mall Muse that spring football training is comin' back next year.

"It's not that I'm feelin' sorry for myself, why I'd give my hind legs for anyone a' those kids, you know that, Batt. It's just that every Christmas rollin' past seems to bring out the sentiment in an ol' grass-muncher like me. Christmas, the end o' the year, another batch of swell kids going outa my life—a lotta them heading for the main pastures—Navy's goat, Army's mule—and . . ."

"I get what you mean," interrupts Batt, taking his first active part in the conversation, "and a little of that sentiment never did anybody any harm, be it December 25, January 1, or mid-June. But this Christmas isn't the end, it's the beginning—the beginning of another year, another batch of kids starting in, changes in rules, regulations, new meth . . ."

"Ya' gotta point there," inserts Rhodonis, having lost his momentary moodiness.

"Guess it's remembering things like that, keeps me young."

So, on into the diminutive hours of the A. M. the kinsmen carry their discussion. Wee hours don't agree with this eavesdropper, and at this point we terminate.

Dribble (On and Off the Court):

Ram fans at East
Numbered twenty—at least.

—Hard Wooder.

Somewhere in the neighborhood of 600 Hi-Y'ers from Greater Cleveland were on hand Tuesday, December 11, for a big feed and a swell program at the first annual meeting of the clubs. Rhodes Senior Friendship girls, who served, took special care of the Brooklyn-Parma lads. On behalf of the Rhoda, Alpha, Delta, and Sigma gangs in attendance: Thanx Elsie, Ruth, Margie, "Peaches," and you other swell gals. You set a fine table.

Writes Mat Byrnes:

Seems as how you'd better take more stock of what you put in that hey-now sport sheet. I and my nephew, Nelson—Full Nelson, who has been ruled out of scholastic wrestling circles—were at last Thursday's match against John Hay and it allowed as how those much-praised uniforms weren't yet in use."

Adds Mat: "P. S.—Larry Rudolph and Booby Schmidt do right fine grapple jobs."

27 Years—Straight!

Provin' that coaches are human and not immune to worldly ills, etc., Coach Vannorsdall was "flued-in" during last week's practice and was forced to miss our time-honored game with Parma Friday—his first game absence in 27 years mentorship. The *News*, taking advantage of the fact, gave the old red school house its first worthwhile news-break in many a sports page.

"Not that I'm superstitious or nuthin'," comments Eucllyptus Q. Bucket-head, "but this lanky Ralph Armstrong plays the season opener with the reserves and they lose, 36-30. A week later Mr. A. is a varsity starter and Rhodes is again on the short end of a 36-30 score."

"Trouble is," retaliates-Hemisphere McGrain, "Mr. A. is always among the top scorers."

In twenty-eight foul attempts at East, the locals made only 12 good. A few more could've won.

"Not Quite Such a Goose", Staged by Dramatic Class

Not Quite Such a Goose, a once-act comedy, by Elizabeth Gale, was presented in the auditorium last Friday, December 14, by the ninth grade dramatics class. The program was given for the ninth and tenth grades.

Characters in the play were Alva Mason, 11B of 204, who took the part of Mrs. Bell; Dolores Lucas, 9B of 312, portrayed Hazel; Shirley Wehr, 9A of 314, portrayed Sylvia; Albert was played by Betram Nielson, 9B of 306; and Philip was played by Myron Walzak, 10B of 124.

Miss Cotter was in charge of the program.

Club Conducts Poll

The Alpha Hi-Y is again conducting a student opinion poll among the boys' homerooms. The following questions are to be asked: Do you agree with President Truman's policy toward unions; that is, the establishing of fact-finding boards? Do you think the unions should be granted their demands for a 30 per cent increase in wages?

Results of this poll will be posted in the cafeteria and broadcast over the public address system.

The Night Before Christmas

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He was dressed in gay clothes from his hat to his shoes;
His face was all sooty with many a bruise.
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a robber just opening his sack.
His eyes—they did sparkle—his dimples how merry.
His cheeks were like apples, his nose like a berry.
The smoke from his pipe poured out like a ray
And the beard on his chin was of tattle-tale gray.
Winking his eye and twisting his head
Soon gave me to know I had plenty to dread.
Speaking some words, he went to his work—
He filled all the nylons, then turned like a jerk,
And placing his finger aside his pert nose
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.
He leaped to his ford, to his team gave a call.
They soon disappeared, Old St. Nick, toys, and all.
But I heard him exclaim ere he drove out of sight,
Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!

Germs did not sign an unconditional surrender! In fact cold germs are standing right now to stage a sneak attack on you. So alert your defenses!

1. Avoid poorly ventilated and overheated rooms.
2. Get lots of sleep and drink plenty of water.
3. Keep away from coughers and sneezers.
4. Get your daily supply of vitamins. A day of precaution is a week of cure. But if you're caught off guard, fight back!
5. If your temperature is above 98.6 jump into your bunk.
6. Drink a great deal of liquid, you know what I mean.
7. Eat lightly.
8. In case of sore throat, gargle every couple of hours with warm mild salt water.
9. Keep bed-room at about 65 degrees temperature.

Bombers Win at East

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all forms and in all positions. Despite this barrage they could mesh only one foul shot through the remainder of the game.

Bill Putich, sophomore guard, maneuvered through his skyscraping opponents for three field goals and a pair of foul shots. Making the big jump from reserve to varsity, Ralph Armstrong scored 7 points, while teammates Jack Bindernagel and Norm Protiva were tabulated at eight and six, respectively.

Quarter scores gave Rhodes the edge (9-7) at the end of the first, behind (17-13) at the half, ahead again (30-27) after the third session, but six points back at the final gun.

Reserves' Vengeance, 34-25

After a shaky start Rhodes' Jayvees came back to snare their first victory of the '45 season at East High School, December 7. East led in the initial period and as a result held an 8-6 advantage at the quarter. In the second period the Rams took the ball out and shot long passes to Roger Holan and Ed Carter who dropped in lay-up shots.

The Rams started pulling away

'One for Van,' Rams Double Redmen's 26

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scoring 10 times in 18 attempts. Significant is the fact that only one week early, a favorite in West Senate circles, the St. Ignatius quintet, whipped the very same Parma aggregation to the tune of 40 to 17.

Jay Vee Overtime Thriller

In one of the most thrilling finishes local fans have witnessed in a long time, Rhodes' reserve hardwood troopers emerged from an overtime period with a 27-24 nod over Parma. The Redmen took an early lead and held it through the first period which ended 6-3. The second quarter went scoreless until only 45 seconds remained. Each team bucketed a field goal and at the half the count stood 8-5 with our "country cousins" in the lead. Ram Jayvees outplayed their hosts but had difficulty in shooting off the fan-shaped backboards.

The teams took to the Oaks again in the second half with the lead changing hands continually. The Redmen threw away many opportunities by traveling with the ball. At the end of the regulation time the two quintets were deadlocked, 18-18. During the overtime period Parma forged to the front, but, with 30 seconds left, Buddy Bogus dropped in a field goal to put the Rams in the lead, 25-24. Then, with 11 seconds to go they put the contest on ice with another field goal. The final score stood 27-24 giving the Biddulph boys their second victory in three starts, Bogus copped individual scoring honors, swishing in seven points. He was closely followed by Don Gecking who netted six markers.

and led, 19-10, at the half. With Ralph Wolff sparking the barrage, the Vansmen blasted the meshes to lead by 12 points as the gun ended the third period.

The Blue Bombers came storming out in the final quarter like a flight of B-29's and bombarded the bucket with three quick goals, throwing a scare into the sparse gathering of Ram rooters present. Rhodes' margin, however, proved too large for the Bomber retaliation and the locals filed away a 34-25 victory.

RHODEO



By BOB CUMMINGS

Lawrence Gedeon refusing to spell the word *fluently* in English class last week, because it began "f-l-u."

It's "Richard" Zeke Zaykowski—we found out on the senior's pix display (incidentally, he makes a tough Santa). . . . Speaking of pictures, Viv Weintz had two candid of herself in the same display (a photographic error.)

Fems will heed more guys from school, Since the government's enforcin' the 6 p. m. rule.

—Pre Diction.

A reader questions: "What sort of a dish Is this Charlotte Kish?" J. Vavrock.

Budding Romance Dept. Justine Cheselka 'n Clyde Kuebler. Ron Schmidt 'n Marie Martin (flowering variety). Dick Tubbessing 'n Ruth Rieman. Barbara Wittich 'n John Rockwell.

Tom Keppler, Jean Smith and crowd "airing" opinions on trip to East High . . . and Mary Ellen Shaw debating outcome of peanut war on return journey—"The shells were breaking all around."

Lu Labose and her club fems getting a big boost via G. R. Plagenz for their "Dream-man" grid get-together at the Y. W. this Friday.

So you want a suggestion for Christmas vacation, hmmm? A stroll through downtown stores, its relayed, Is a way to see (and hear) fine lines displayed. —Floor Watcher.

Highlights of a Second-Nighters Notes: Chuck Copp's twelve chimes right on the button (all fifteen of 'em), Eddie McKeon's Chancellor portrayal gaining the praise of all . . . and Emperor "Abie" shaking a mean pair of undies.

Alice Lembke and Joan Wismar claiming the school's largest collections of Santa Claus books. Us—Make ours Norman Corwin's latest.

Boris Karloff dominating the Broadway screen the past three Wednesday evenings. He's Rhodes' candidate for an Oscar.

Hall duty—The Wilson Detective Agency. Ad unpaid.

And please, Santa, bring us more summers at Chippewa.

Comic Revelations He did it! In the daily P. D. Superman series, Lois Lane has learned Clark Kent's true identity. (Who would've guessed?) . . . and the Press' L'il Abner in store for "she-wolf" trouble (Why should he be different?)

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