

SEASON GREETINGS



HAVE A GOOD VACATION

From Rogue News Staff

Please, Santa, Don't Bring These Items

Lots of boys and girls write letters to Santa Claus asking for numerous gifts on Christmas Day. Here is one letter that didn't get mailed to the North Pole. Guess the poor boy didn't have the courage to defy tradition.

Dear Santa,

Every year I write to you, asking for things. But this year I'm sending a list of things I would just as soon not receive:

- A Boy Wonder Chemistry Set
- A wool muffler four feet long
- A tie clip (I have four)
- A pair of rubbers
- A book on English authors
- A Toul Home Permanent
- A shirt autographed by Hop

Swiss Christmas Customs Unusual

All countries do not celebrate Christmas in the same way. For instance many of the customs in Switzerland seem odd or peculiar to us.

The day before Christmas a sleigh drawn by eight reindeer comes down the street. Among the many occupants is the Christkindl (Christ Child). He is hailed as the donor of all gifts in Switzerland.

On the sleigh there are various sizes of Christmas trees decorated with many glittering ornaments. There are rosy apples, oranges, nuts, cookies and packages. With the aid of helpers Christkindl distributes the gifts among the children.

On Christmas Eve if any member of the family is courageous enough to consult the oracle about the length of his life, he opens the family Bible and turns to the book of Psalms.

U.S. Should Not Help Finance Worthy Students is Opinion of Econ. Class

Every week in the Social Econ. classes, there is a debate between four students, or between two sides of the room on problems that are important to high school students. These debates count as a nine-weeks project for the students who participate in them, so the points are prepared with care to stand up under the criticism of the other side and the rest of the class.

Recently, Ryle Stemple and Wayne Johnson debated against Chuck Rensfield and John Hopkins on the topic "Resolved: That the Federal Government should help finance worthy students at college." "Worthy students" was defined as those who had a high grade average; "finance" meant that the gov-

ernment would not only pay tuition and book fees, but room and board as well, just as it does for the veteran.

Affirmative speakers, Wayne and Ryle, backed up their convictions with these statements: The poor should have an equal opportunity for a college education. The nation and the government would be better if more people were educated. The government spends so much for minor things it could afford to spend some for education. The people need and want these government scholarships. It worked for the G.I. after the war, and the nation needs trained leaders for the future.

Chuck and John, on the negative side, gave these reasons



IRENE HARTLE

Shy, likeable, Irene Hartle was born just eighteen years in Vale, Oregon.

Irene attended school in Salem before she entered school here in Ashland in the sixth grade.

Baking cakes and sewing are what she likes to do most. She knits and crochets; she likes movies, roller skating, and carnivals. Her favorite car is a Mercury; subject, driving food, chicken.

Her one pet peeve is people who phone you and say, "Guess who."

Irene hasn't decided yet what she will do when she graduates, but she hopes to go to work in Portland.

Irene advises the sophomores to get the most out of their high school days. "Study real hard!"



JIMMIE STUCKEY

Jimmie Stuckey, 5' 10", a seventeen-year-old senior, was born in Sherdon, Arkansas, on December 12, 1934.

He is an Explorer Scout and is a member of H-Y and Theatrics.

Trigonometry is his favorite class but he has no preference of teachers.

After graduation this June he expects to attend SOC for his first year of college work.

Jimmie has no particular hobby, but his favorite pastimes are participating in dramatics and watching June Allyson on the screen.

He "laid down the law" for "One Wild Night," the Anniversary play. He and his twin brother were the first boys ever to get pages for the Shakespearean plays in Ashland.

He likes both popular and classical music; his favorite piece of popular music is Too Young.

Tennis is his favorite sport. Chartreuse is his favorite color. His ambition is to be an F.B.I. investigator.



GARY CROWSON

Tall, blue-eyed, blond haired Gary is a familiar figure around Ashland High.

Born in Ashland, Gary lives at 76 Dewey Street. He attended Washington Grade School, then junior high and now senior high here in Ashland. All of this makes him one of the few students that has attended all twelve years of school at Ashland.

Gary is a member of the Ashland Radio Club. Members of the club are amateur radio operators, called "hams." Gary does not yet have a license, which would allow him to operate his own set, but he hopes to get one soon. He became interested in radio mainly through his father, who is a licensed operator.

During his first two years of high school Gary was a member of the Grizzly Knights. This year he belongs to the Sportsman's Club.

Each year when summer vacation rolls around, Gary has a job at the Ashland Cabinet works, where he helps assemble furniture, cuts glass and does other odd jobs.

After graduation Gary hopes to attend college.

Melodious Christmas Carols Tell of True Yule Spirits

Christmas carols express better than anything else, probably, the true spirit of Christmas. The word "carol" itself signifies a song of joy or exultation.

It was about the 18th century that caroling became a Christmas custom, and is supposed to have been brought to England from Italy by the traveling clergy. The first real Christmas carol is attributed to St. Francis of Assisi who made a model of the Bethlehem manger to help tell his people the Christmas story.

The idea of caroling fitted admirably into the English conception of Christmas as a combination of religious celebration and a great home day with neighborly feelings, so it grew and flourished in that country. Little bands and groups of singers would go from door to door as early as December 21, announcing the feast of St. Thomas. It was natural for the householders to offer hospitality to these Christmas troubadours, and gradually in many places,

the custom of giving aims and presents of various kinds was established.

There were for a time companies of singers whose leaders held office by public appointment and who obtained an exclusive right to solicit contributions from the public. This practice threatened to spoil the meaning of the custom, and was stopped in 1820. Often the carolers would be accompanied by tumblers and actors who gave a spirit of revelry to the occasion.

After the Restoration, the religious nature of the day was for a time almost forgotten in the reaction from Puritanism, and the carol was temporarily lost in the songs.

Today, carols are sung by everyone, in church, in school, and in the home. They can be heard over the radio, and on the phonograph records, but they still mean the same thing: a hymn of praise sung at Christmas.

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Christmas Poem

C is for Christmas
 The best time of the year
 H is for holly
 That helps to bring cheer
 R is for rooms
 That are decorated so fine
 I is for icicles
 That hang in a line
 S is for stockings
 We hang up at night
 T is for toys
 So shiny and bright
 M is for merry times
 The children have all won
 A is for all
 Who join in the fun
 S is for Santa
 We all like to see
 Hanging the gifts
 On the Christmas tree

Brutal and Gory The Flag of Man

Not long ago a cat was found at Ashland High School. It was an ordinary cat, grey, with a few spots of white. Nothing unusual, except that it was dead. Even this is not too strange. But how it died — that is a different story!

It had been mercilessly tortured! With a thin cable wrapped around its neck, forming a perfect noose, it had been pulled high into the air and left there, the cold autumn air swinging it back and forth. On a tall brightly shining pole where should have been flying the flag of our United States could be seen instead a grizzly sight! A new flag, not symbolic of freedom and liberty, but of death and hatred. A flag of evil. A flag of cruelty and inhumanity. A flag of man.

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How Good Is Your Yule Vocabulary?

Here's a word puzzle to test your wits during the Christmas vacation. See if you can answer all the parts before looking at the answers below.

1. Saint Nick
2. Christ Child's birthplace
3. Who said "Bah, humbug!"
4. Burned during the Christmas season
5. Every home has one
6. These are mailed
7. Romantic plant
8. Group singing
9. Santa's home
10. Children hang these on the fireplace
11. A present
12. Present at Christ's birth
13. "O Come All Ye Faithful"
14. Reindeer with shiny nose
15. Circle of leaves hung on a door
16. Child's delight on Christmas morning
17. Jolly Old St.
18. While Shepherds Watched Their
19. Christmas Greeting

Answers: 1. Santa Claus 2. Stable 3. Scrooge 4. Yule logs 5. Tree 6. Cards 7. Mistletoe 8. Caroling 9. North Pole 10. Stockings 11. Gift 12. Shepherds 13. Adorate-Fidels 14. Rudolph 15. Wreath 16. Toys 17. Nick 18. Flocks 19. Merry Christmas.

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