

Mysterious Power Of Santa Claus

In the fourth century A.D. there lived a rich young Asian man who so admired the kind and loving character of Christ that he went about placing coins and gifts under the doors of peasant homes, bringing happiness to the poor. His good deeds were done in secret while the peasants slept. When good Nicholas had given all his money away, he retired to a monastery and became a bishop, and eventually a saint. Thus, the legend of St. Nicholas lives on in the hearts of the young and old alike. St. Nicholas, Santa Claus, Father Christmas, Bonhomme Noel, Knecht Clobes, or whatever children may call the old gentleman, the selfless ghost presents himself at Christmas time. The mystery of Santa Claus is part of the Christmas spirit. What is his mysterious power? Perhaps no one will ever know. But whatever his power may be, it has inspired and will continue to inspire the hearts of millions all over the globe at Christmas.

L. J.

Saturday Classes To Begin On Jan. 15

Starting January 15, 63 Ashland High School juniors and seniors will begin classes for able and gifted students on the Southern Oregon College campus.

Membership in Saturday classes is based upon teacher recommendations, high achievement on Iowa tests, and superior intellectual ability. Ashland students will join students from five other Southern Oregon high schools. The classes will not meet on Saturday, February 20, to allow students to take National Merit Tests.

Courses will be taught by members of the SOC staff and include American economy in action, contemporary values, painting, creative writing, introduction to world literature, contemporary science, projects in biology, natural his-

tory of the Rogue River Valley, introduction to data processing, atomic and aerospace physics, and programming mathematical problems with a digital computer.

Students selected include seniors: Karen Baker, Dale Barber, Terry Barracough, Jerry Bevens, Jim Chamberlain, Cathy Christy, Teresa Collier, Kathy Cook, Wayne Cullop, Pam Demo.

Robert Doums, Duane Dragoo, Steve Gilliland, Gail Gresham, Conlee Hays, Amy Helm, Stuart Houghton, Derek Leask, Pamela Lewis, Julia Lorenson.

Dwight Morrill, Carol Pennington, Jackie Peterson, Jack Ragan, Roy Roper, Joy Skinner, Terry Stauffer, Lyla Voth, Judy Wacker, John Williams, Don Wolf, Bob Kaegi, Gene Saemlich.

Juniors: Susan Beecher, Tom Beringhausen, Larry Boho, Kent Brostad, Kenneth Clark, Julie Cox, Carolyn Dickerson, Miles Everett, Janice Gray, Leslie Gross.

Paula Hoffman, Jon Holland, Judy Jameson, Craig Kirby, Douglas Kirby, Ginny Lawrence, Bill Lindlow, John Matteson, Mike Miller, Vickie Parker.

Bill Peitt, Tim Richards, Sally Rountree, Janice Sowards, Lisa Tumbless, Curtis White, Christine Wiley, Craig Korhase, Dave Parsons, Scott Weaver.

Bruins' Doin's

BAND

The Band traveled to Camp White Domiciliary, Dec. 15 to present a Christmas Concert for the veterans.

GIRLS' LEAGUE

Girls' League is now finishing their candy sale and would like to thank all girls who participated in the sale.

GIRLS' RECREATION ASSOCIATION

The GRA has been having play-nights and are planning a basketball sports day sometime in January in which they will invite other schools to Ashland.

FRENCH CLUB

The French Club plans a Christmas party for French Club members and their friends. "White Elephant" gifts will be exchanged.

INTERCUB COUNCIL

The basketball schedules are lined up and the clubs are expected to carry out their responsibilities. The club is attempting to solve problems that the faculty has pointed out around school.

SPANISH CLUB

The Spanish Club sold cookies to raise money for a page in the annual.



WHOOPS! — Junior Frank Hutchinson attempts to catch a water balloon in the SSS water balloon contest. John Kaegi, senior, looks on. The seniors won in the next toss from senior Roger Godard. Sophomores were Jack Davis and Rick Lehlan.

27 Members Installed By FBLA This Month

Twenty-seven members were inducted into Future Business Leaders of America earlier this month.

Among those inducted were: Mimi Barron, LaDessa Byington, Micki Caldwell, Lynette Cornwall, Janice DeBoer, Bonnie Green, Bonnie Gross, Susan Hess, Judy Jameson, Sharon Jensen, Lynda Lane, Mary Lee, Becky MacCollister, Betty Mayo, Mary Mayo, Mary Nepper, Lynn Neumann, Dorothy Reeves, Linda Roberts, Barbara Swink, Joyce Taylor, Jackie Thompson, Sandy Westgaard, Lynn White, Carol Woodruff, Nicki Vanderwalker, and Kathy Zollman.

Mrs. Elaine Duffy, high school secretary, was inducted as an honorary member. Beverly Busho was guide.

Officers installed: Susan Lowery, Medford High School senior, administered the oaths of office to Sally Lee, president; Bernard Hamm, vice president; Cathy Hawk, secretary; and Carol Winner, treasurer. Bonnie Byrd accepted the office of reporter for Amy Helm.

Mrs. Pat Bishop, women's apparel buyer for Fortmiller's Department Store, spoke on the impact of the teenager on the market of today.

Mystery Students

The mystery students for the last issue were Carol Bradshaw and Toby Tobiasson.

The mystery girl is a 5'3" senior who was born in Westwood, California on June 30, 1948. She has blue eyes and light brown hair. Her favorite color is pink and her favorite class is Econ. The mystery girl enjoys dancing and likes pizza very much. Her pet peeve is false or concealed people.

The mystery boy, born in Stillwell, Oklahoma on January 7, 1947, is 6'3" tall and weighs 180 pounds. He has blue eyes and brown hair. His favorite sport is basketball and his favorite food is hamburgers. The mystery boy's hobby is sleeping and he likes the color green. The mystery boy's pet peeve is math teachers.

Christmas Meaning

Each year, starting around the first of December, the pace of living increases as preparations for the Christmas season begin. The downtown stores decorate their windows and the Christmas tunes and gay lights radiate Christmas cheer. The favorite songs, White Christmas, Jingle Bells, and others, are brought out as the people begin to think about the season ahead. Soon, the children are anxiously waiting in line to talk to Dear Old Santa or are writing their letters to be sent to the North Pole. The Christmas wreaths and lights are strung on doors and trees outside, and finally the tree is trimmed. All this time, the family is busy shopping for their loved ones and happily wrapping the gifts. Soon, the company arrives and the house is buzzing with excitement.

Finally, the family gathers around the gaily decorated Christmas tree and the presents are opened. Through all the excitement, some may forget the real reason for celebrating Christmas but it never changes. The reason? The birth of Christ. The real meaning for Christmas will never change. Don't you be one to forget it. Merry Christmas!

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