

## Coach Claus Comes . . .

(As Detected by Jim Neely)

It's the evening of December 24. The high school building is dark and cold, even Sheriff Snipes is home snoozing, with visions of sugar-plums dancing—oh, that's off the subject! But down in the boys' deserted locker room of the H.P.H.S. gym, the scuffling of black boots is heard. The dim light reflected from the street lamp shining in snow reveals a round, red-coated figure standing before a row of lockers where, earlier that afternoon, 18 little (?) boys so diligently hung 18 stockings.

"Santa grins, then breaks into a chuckle. "This is gonna be good!" he says, as he gets down to work.

First in line is the stocking of "Nosea" Ellington. So, from his bag, Santa slips out a super specially-built nose guard . . . The flashlight's beam then moves on down, falling upon a smaller stocking marked "W. B." Here he drops in about four inches of height and fifteen pounds of weight for Wheat, figuring he could use it in college . . . Next, Santa finds an even smaller sock; and, chuckling merrily, he leaves for Pete a funny little toupee.

Wait, is something wrong here? A stocking's missing. Nope, there it is standing up over against the wall. It must be Jack Powell's, so he puts in a bottle of "Dr. Pholozzo's" freckle remover . . . Into Jim Allen's sock the ole gent quietly slips a floor plan for Jim's and Betty Lou's "Dream House" . . . Noticing a sock marked Y. M. C. A., Santa merely gives it a strong punch—knockout punch for Jeryl Hughes to use . . .

The next sock, a beat-up, dislocated-looking thing, belongs to Bobby Joe Mickey, who gets a brand new first-aid kit and two years' aspirin supply . . . Moving along to Blimp Hayworth's sock, Santa comes up with a leaflet entitled "Do You Need Help In French?" . . . Ole Santa laughs right out loud when he comes to the next sock. It is "bowlegged." Anyway, knowing it's Jerry Paschal's, Coach Claus leaves a strong Oklahoma "Sugar Bowl" team.

For Buddy Sechrest—a big handkerchief—for obvious reasons! . . . Hanging over the next locker is Charlie Martin's stocking filled with an automatic fill-itself water gun, so Charlie can play some more detective . . . Into he next stocking is dumped a new razor and a note saying, "Please use this, Mus" . . . A little book on Chinese wrestling is dropped into Bobby Baird's hanging stocking . . . An extra "true-toe" is left in Charlie Bryant's sock for his coming year in football . . .

Two more wonderful gifts are stuffed into the toes of "Seaweed's" and "Flap's" stockings—high school diplomas . . . Charlie Jones is slipped a little toy choo-choo, 'cause he's liable to grow up to be a big one himself . . .

Into the sock of Mr. Bobby Grady, Santa drops a tiny gold miniature baton . . . For Bill Ring Saint Nick leaves exactly what 'ole Ring longs for most—a whole book of excuses from class. Ain't that somethin'?

Then after a bit of fumbling in his sack, Mr. Claus comes up with a two-year supply of Dentyne for Ken Yarborough . . . The cold beam of the flashlight falls next on a stocking that's hanging nice and clean from an empty locker. It belongs to Dewey Beck. So Santa stuffs in plenty of good health and recovery for "Tears."

The wind outside whistles around the corner again, and the reindeer high above on the roof stomp impatiently, as Santa comes to his last stocking. It belongs to "Coach Tony." So, after a moment of careful consideration, the jolly old fellow smiles as he drops in a bottle of "Guaranteed Hair Remover"; a good lookin' full-time secretary (Mrs. S. won't mind?); and, especially, best wishes for a swell basketball season! . . .

## GYM SHORTS

BY ANN SHIPWASH

"Gal" athletes at H.P.H.S. are making quite a dent in sports news lately. Over 30 girls have reported for basketball, dividing into two teams. From these groups a varsity and junior varsity will be chosen.

As is the usual custom at the end of a football season, all-star teams are picked. So . . . here's our choice for "H.P.H.S., 1948 All-Girls Team." It's only mythical, of course, but what a team!

Left End....."Stretchy" Jones  
Left Tackle....."Red" Carter  
Left Guard....."Pansy" White  
Center....."Butch" Hayworth  
Right Guard....."All-Root" Glenn  
Right Tackle....."Waldo" Bivens  
Right End....."Stats" Crowder  
Quarterback....."Shorty" Beck  
Right Half....."Oh, Cow!" Craven  
Left Half....."Demo" Meekins  
Fullback....."Pedrie" Mabrey  
Managers....."Ghandus" York  
"Tootsie" Thomas

Two perspiring Irishmen on a tandem bicycle at last got to the top of the steep hill. "That was a stiff clim, Pat," said one.

"It was that," said Pat. "And if I hadn't kept the brake on, we would have gone backward, sure."

A motto may look pretty on paper and sound good to the ear, but unless it is practiced faithfully, its looks are deceiving and the sound misleading.

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## Coming Up . . .

Dec. 14—Junior Town Meeting Program.  
Dec. 16—Community Concert.  
Dec. 17—Beta Club Induction Ceremony.  
Dec. 21—Basketball Game with Hanes.  
Dec. 21—Christmas Pageant.  
Dec. 21—Christmas Holidays.  
Jan. 10—Community Concert.

## Christmas Pageant In Preparation

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rinus, the head shepherd is Charles Shufelt, followed by Adrian Grout, Ray Stone and Gene Bouldin. The all-important portrayals of Mary and Joseph will be handled by Nancy Halton and Clyde Baxter.

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## Once More, Fellas!---State Champs Coming Up?



Dressing for basketball practice for about 50 fellas is getting to be all just a matter of course these winter afternoons. Billy Jones looks worried, "Ig" is busy with a shoestring, "Stilts" and "Fireball" Kimble aren't hurrying, and "Butterball" and "Leo" DeLappe must have been listening to "Wheat"!

## Black Bison Cagers Clash With Hanes High School In Their First Game On Hardwood December 20

### Intramural League Opens January 3

The first game in the Senior High Intramural Basketball League will be played on January 3 in the H. P. H. S. gym.

The rules for competition are:  
1. The league will be called the Senior High Intramural Basketball League.

2. Games will start promptly as scheduled at 3:45 p. m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

3. Teams may be sponsored by any organization in the school; such as a publication, a club, or a class.

4. Any student in Senior High School may participate, provided:

(a) He has never earned a varsity letter in basketball.

(b) He is not a member of a high school athletic team during basketball season.

(c) He is not a member of a senior industrial team.

(d) He is not a member of the varsity or junior varsity basketball squad.

5. Any bona fide student may play with a club or organization, provided he makes application to play with that team.

6. After the application has been signed and approved, he cannot transfer to another team.

7. All teams must complete organization and submit a complete roster of players to the athletic office by 3:30 p. m., Thursday, December 30, 1948.

8. Each team will elect a captain and alternate captain whose names will be submitted along with the roster of the team.

9. No new player may be signed after 3:30 p. m., January 24, 1949.

### Eight Lettermen Are Back From Bison Champ Squad

There'll be basketfuls of excitement and action for all hardwood sport fans on December 21 when the Black Bison cagers, 1948-'49 edition, meet the powerful quintet of Hanes High, Winston, for their first basketball game of the year in the local high school gym.

The Bison state champion squad of last year made history in North Carolina high school circles by taking 27 out of 28 games. Six men made up the nucleus of the team, which was one of the most invincible ever produced at High Point High.

This year's squad, however, has only one of these six men returning, namely, Co-Captain Bill Ellington; but he will be capably followed by lettermen Co-Captain Ken Yarborough, Jack Powell, Wheat Miller, Frank Hassell, and Allen Smith, who saw action in the '47-'48 campaign.

Coach Tony Simeon, who has never had a losing season in years of basketball coaching, said about the '48-'49 season: "We'll win some, we'll lose some, and in some we'll probably be snowed out." He also stated, "We'll have a fair squad and hope to be playing in the state tournament. We'll be playing ball."

### STEWART'S SNACK SHACK

108 W. Lexington Ave.

### Grapplers Train For Match Jan. 11

Although cool weather has set in for good, excess heat has been coming from the grappling room of the local gym. The wrestling team is down to hard, steady work in conditioning and training, especially for the newcomers to the team.

In the opener the squad will face the Davidson Freshman team on January 11, and then will have a return match later in the new year.

Greensboro High School and N. C. State freshman coaches have promised to schedule the Bison grapplers and will work them into their schedule.

The team as a whole has moved along smoothly, with Letterman Donald Rogers of the 103-lb. class; C. L. Corn, 112-lb.; Bobby Baird, A. A. U. champ, 122-lb.; James Slayden, 128-lb.; Glenn Hudson, 133-lb.; Bill Seckler, 154-lb., and Roy Bragg, heavyweight, showing up fine and shaping up for the coming season.

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