

**Christmas Shopping**

As you more than likely have realized, it's time to do your Christmas shopping. So taking along M.E.G., I decided to go window shopping. And did I see any upperclassmen window shopping or otherwise? No, I didn't! All the underclassmen (8th and 9th graders) were doing their shopping enough! Here is a typical afternoon you might spend if you went shopping in Lexington and here are the people you might see.

Going into McLellan's you would see Mary Anne Wilson, ninth grader, who is "just lookin' around." Looking with "Noodle" would be Marlene Peeler and Peggy McCulloch (those three certainly do have fun together). Dodging the Main Street traffic, you would go into Macks' five and dime and speak to Carrie Mae Meacham and Barbara Young. Now there are two really cute kids. (Their pal, Betsy Myers, is cute, too.) Betsy would be over at the candy counter drooling.

Hurrying from Mack's, you would run up to Belk's to see what was next. Downstairs you'd see "Bootsie" Kimbrell, "Libby" Allen, Maxine Russell and Betty Whitt, who were on their way upstairs. Looking over into the men's department you'd see Ross Ritchie and Jimmy Hurdle who were being shown some plaid shirts. In the ladies' department upstairs I bet you would see Carolyn Koontz, Joan Blackweider, Becky Potts and Peggy Cosner signing over many lovely feminine goods. (My, how those girls love to sigh!) If you scamper back to the other side of the street to dear old Purcell's, you might be able to see Joanie Green, Kitty Philpott, and Co. at the perfume counter. Yes they will be there smelling away.

Heading out of Purcell's to their next door neighbor friends, Pickett and Greens, you will spy Gilbert Yarbrough and good looking Steven Woods. These two ninth graders are really good friends, aren't they? Vice too. Hitting on to the street again to People's Drug, you'd probably be nailed by Roxanne Disher (she's a character!) and Shirley Anne Dreyer, who just had to have some refreshments before she could go shopping. If you take a peep over towards Perry's you might see Mary Dean Hedrick, Peggy Foster, or any of the other super-duper ninth grade girls who are eyeing the nice numbers on display there. Since it is getting kinda late, you would only have time for a quick look around Fred Thompson's to see who was counter shopping. Well, guess who would be there? None other than Buddy Crowell and Herbert Sink, Johnny Griffith, Donald Hege and Nick Kearns.

**Peace On Earth, Good Will Among Men**

—Paul Williams

Peace on earth and good will among men was the angels' message at Christ's birth. That, too, is the meaning of Christmas for us; however, we have not learned that truth very well as yet.

This Christmastime we are far from peace and good will. Many lights are still out over the world, cruelty and heartlessness are still in evidence, and hatred is still in command. Truly, men have not heeded the tidings of great joy that Christmas brings.

We have tried many methods to bring peace among men. All our pacts, agreements, and treaties have failed because we always held something back—we were never quite willing to let it all cost us very much. We are learning the hard way that the cost of war is infinitely beyond any price of peace and good will. We realize now that unless there comes to pass that age-old promise of peace and good will, we cannot even continue to exist. Our Christmas this year repeats the fact that God must have a part in any peace effort.

It is true that there is little on the horizon today to give us any hope of lasting peace and good will; however, if ever the world was clothed in darkness, it was when out of that blackness a star appeared, and a host of angels chorused the promise of peace.

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