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GIFTS FOR NEEDY

Just before Christmas many clubs and organizations in school undertake the job of helping needy families. The Junior Red Cross helps to fill Christmas boxes for foreign children to make their Christmas a little happier. Already this work is well along its way.

SENIORS SELL CANDY

The senior class has as one of its projects, the selling of candy. All over town, seniors can be seen selling candy of three different types. The results of the sales show that it is being most successful.

VISITS SCHOOL

Chief Sunrise, a full-blooded Sioux Indian, spoke about some of his many experiences throughout the United States to the student body of Rocky Mount high school, in assembly recently.

The Protos, the Scout fraternity of Troop Eleven, brought this program to Rocky Mount. The members of Troop Eleven met the Indian chief at Camp Dudley, New York while they were on their trips to Canada last summer.

F. H. A. SPONSORS COURTESY

F. H. A. members will again sponsor the campaign for the most courteous boy or girl in RMHS. This year, however, the contest will be conducted differently. Each homeroom will elect the most courteous student for its homeroom. FHA members will observe these students and make the final selections in the spring. The winner will be presented with a copy of Emily Post's "Book of Etiquette."

HR 102 PLANS PARTY

Homeroom 102 lost two students recently when Edward Williams and Kenneth Wood decided to return to Benvenue.

Plans are already made and partly carried out for the homeroom Christmas party. Margie Fentress is chairman of the decorating committee and Gene Arnold heads the program committee.

Looney Leads In Campaign; Classes Fall Short Of Goal

Tommy Looney led the junior class through its 1951 magazine subscription campaign, not only in number of subscriptions but also in amount collected. As president of his class, he was constantly urging his class on towards its goal. Looney did not stop at urging others along; he got out and put his shoulder to the wheel also. When the first report came from Miss Kitchin's office, the junior class president came out ahead as the high salesman with a total of \$147.00.

With a \$4,000 goal before them, the freshmen and juniors set to work to sell as many magazines as the could. A total of 779 subscriptions were sold, but the goal was not reached. The juniors sold \$1615.05 and the freshmen sold \$1145.50 for a school's total of \$2,760.55.

Of these two sums the juniors received as their profit \$562.92 and the freshmen received \$399.45 for a total profit of \$962.37. The leading salesmen of the junior class were Tommy Looney, Glenn Daughtridge, Donald Bryan, Lewis Faulkner, and Myra Padgett. These five people showed fine school spirit as they worked hard to help their class reach its goal.

The five top salesmen from the freshmen class were Bill Kinche-loe, Marty Purvis, Lucinda Oliver, Wiley Shearin, and Carolyn Rabil. A vote of appreciation goes to them for helping their class along with its goal.

The students decided against individual class prizes this year, but the Curtis Publishing Company still gave their individual prizes to the top three salesmen.

Holiday Dance Plans Announced By Baker

Plans for the annual Christmas dance are already underway and the committees are working to make the dance one of the highlights of the holiday season for teen-agers.

The chairman of the social committee has announced that the various committee chairmen are Emily Baker, decorations; Donald Bryan, refreshments; Shirley Robbins, invitations; Lloyd Thrower, clean-up; Margaret Daughtridge, arrangements; and Tommy Avent, music. The entire social committee works on all committees.

No special program will be presented. However, a "king" of the Christmas dance will be crowned at intermission. Music will be provided by a juke-box with one hundred records. Refreshments will be served.

The dance will be held December 14 from 9 to 12 o'clock. Invitations will be given out in the homerooms and guest bids can be obtained through Miss Kitchin's office.

'Jo's Boys', A Success

Mrs. Mildred Kramer, the director, stated that "Jo's Boys" was the most successful production of the Edsonians since she's been here.

Julia Jordan, who starred as "Jo," gave an excellent performance as the forty year old authoress. Playing to a full house, Julia remained poised and executed her part splendidly. Other outstanding roles were played by Tommy Avent, Ken Brinson, Donna Clark and Shelia Robbins. Peggy Dietzel designed the set.

At a party at the Teen Age Club, the production crew and cast presented Mrs. Kramer with a gold necklace and earring set and Miss Lou with a pair of earrings.

Choir Sings For Clubs

Starting its annual Christmas Schedule of appearances, the high school choir sang for the Civitan Club at its regular monthly meeting at the Ricks Hotel last Tuesday night.

Other clubs and organizations that have had or will have the choir to sing for them are the Lions Club at Club Rio, the Y. M. C. A., the PTSA and the high school assembly.

Selections which the choir uses are 'Almighty God of Our Fathers' by Will James; 'Monastery' by Austeris Wihtol; 'White Christmas' by Irving Berlin; 'The Dark Stole Up On Bethlehem' by Eileen Jane Lorenz; 'Carol of the Bells' by Peter J. Wilhousky; 'Christmas Watch' by Margaret Hokanson; 'Cantique Noel' by Adolphe Adams; and 'Rudolfe the Rednose Reindeer'.

The choir, under the direction of Mr. H. Parry, has been taking advantage of this service to its community for 17 years.

ALL-EASTERN GRIDDERS

Dickie Taylor, RMHS guard, was named on the All-Eastern Class AAA Conference football team selected by coaches of the seven seven coaches in the loop this week. Back Billy Cooper was selected for the second team.

Edsonians, Guests Of Literary Guild

Dramatic students were guests at a series of dramatic readings presented by Miss Cornelia Otis Skinner, daughter of one of the great Shakespearian actors. Her program, sponsored by the Literary Guild, was held in the high school auditorium last Thursday evening.

Miss Skinner presented five sketches during the program and skillfully shifted from one characterization to the other, from youth to old age, and from one extreme to the other in dialogue.

She collaborated with Emilie Kimbraugh on the two best sellers, "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay" and "Our Hearts Are Growing Up."

The Literary Guild plans to present Basil Rathbone in a similar program in February.

Musical Electric Eye Heard In 'House Of Magic' Show

Entering the band room last Tuesday, Dick McIntyre came up to Mr. Parry and said coldly, "Mr. Parry, I'm tired of playing the drums. I think I'll play a new instrument."

"And what would that be?" Mr. Parry replied.

Dick answered quickly and humorously, "The electric eye!"

This humorous little story, true or false, came as a result of the assembly "House of Magic," given last Tuesday by General Electric. RMHS students were "electrified" by the marvelous demonstrations given by Mr. John Ryan with the help of his technician.

The demonstrations were completely scientific and contained neither magic nor trickery, although many students found that hard to believe. Mr. Ryan was not only an expert in his field of science but also a comedian and musician. He kept his audience laughing with witty remarks which

Edsonians To Give 'A Christmas Rose' At PTA, Assembly

"A Christmas Rose," a one-act play by Pauline Phelps, has been chosen by the Edsonians for their Annual Christmas play. It will be presented at PTSA December 12 and in assembly on December 14.

The curtain opens to find Roberta and Gladys, two rather selfish high school girls, busily wrapping Christmas gifts. They show no Christmas spirit at all as they work. Grandma Usher is rather disappointed in modern Christmases, girls and their boy friends.

Harry and Gresham enter and talk about Christmas and Grandma Usher says that the cost of presents doesn't count, but the respect and love behind them do. She says that in her day a rose suited her just fine. Gresham takes notice of this and brings Grandma a rose on the next visit.

Nellie, the maid, is also having troubles of her own. She ruins her only dance dress while trying to dye it. She tells Roberta about this but Roberta pays no attention.

Roberta Dreams of Christmas

During a nap, Roberta is visited by the Spirit of Christmas who tells her that he is looking for some Christmas spirit, from which he gets his strength to carry on. He finds none except in the one little rose which Gresham has given to Grandma Usher. This visit to Roberta brings a great change in her. She gives her own dress to Nellie, she gets that missing Christmas spirit, and Nellie nails her man Hans.

Those in the production are Janet Fulcher as Roberta, Peggy Deitzel as Gladys, Tommy Avent as Harry, Owen Williams as Gresham, Jimmy Armstrong as the Spirit of Christmas, Kay as Mrs. Usher, Donna Clark as Nellie, and Newsome Maples as Hans.

