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Merry Christmas to All

Christmas Spirit is wonderful to have. It is to most of us a feeling of wanting to be doing something that is fun all of the time. Going to parties, getting the whole gang together, and seeing all of the movies that come to town is usually our holiday program. And, of course, there are all the big dances and new evening dresses that must be had, but what about Mom and Dad?

Mom has to stay in the kitchen making fruit cakes and all sorts of good candy while Dad is working trying to be able to pay those bills after December.

By helping Mom at home or trying not to spend too much around Christmas we can all still have a grand Christmas and a bigger family Christmas than we have ever had.

Make this a merry Christmas for the whole family.

There Is a Santa Claus

As another Merry Christmas rolls around the corner, we teen-agers aren't as enthusiastic as our smaller brothers and sisters, for we have been told there isn't a Santa Claus.

Oh, but there is! Just because he isn't the fat, jolly man with a little red nose, long white beard, wearing a red and white suit of clothes that we see in pictures, we force ourselves not to believe in such so-called childish things. However, if there isn't a Santa Claus, where do all of our gifts come from? Some one has to put into people's hearts the love and good will that inspires the giving of such gifts. So let's just say that Santa does the kind deed of making every one happy at Christmas.

Although we don't see him in person and can't hear him speak, nevertheless, he is there.

King Football

As King Football slowly descends his royal throne so his successor Basketball may reign, we would like for our fine coach and his football team to take a big bow.

This year Coach Webb and his team have led themselves to a total of seven wins, two ties, and two losses, and have placed themselves third in the South Piedmont conference. Coach was selected as one of the instructors for the Optimist Bowl, and "Whit" Whitley, Reid McLendon, and Ed Patterson played in the game.

In 1947, when Coach Webb first took over his duties, he sent "Goo Goo" Gantt, who is now famous at Carolina, to the Shrine game, and again this year he sent Co-Captain Ed Patterson to play. Last year one of Coach's top boys, Bob Youngblood, played in the All-Star game at Greensboro.

Five of Coach Webb's boys are playing on college football teams, and from seeing this year's team, it looks as though there will be plenty more doing the same.

So it's hats off to King Webb and his royal knights in shining football suits who have showed us how you really play with a pigskin.

Hats Off to Mixed Chorus

Hats off to Mr. Fry and his Mixed Chorus for the grand job they have done all year.

The Mixed Chorus, Girls' Chorus, and Boys' Chorus gave a Christmas concert on December 7th. This was a joint program with the Hickory choruses. The two choruses, which combined contained 216 voices, had worked separately on 25 numbers, then joined to present the concert.

The Hickory chorus came here the day of the concert, and the two choruses practiced all day together. The concert was held that night.

Mr. Fry and the Mixed Chorus gave a Thanksgiving program for the Open House held at this school. His chorus has also sung at various clubs this year.

The chorus has done very well, and everyone in A. H. S. is proud of them, but the person who is really responsible for the performance of the chorus not only this year but who has been for many years in the past is our own Mr. Fry. He is the one who sweats it out all year. So let's say hats off to Mr. Fry and his choruses for the grand job they're doing this year.

Student Impressions

1. Nickname, "Peanut"; pastime, playing ping-pong; weakness, JES; hangout, YMCA; ambition, to be a physical education teacher.
2. Nickname, "Hotrod"; pastime, just loafing; weakness, girls; hangout, Stanly Dairies; ambition, to be a stock car driver.
3. Nickname, "Serious"; pastime, managing the football team; weakness, women; hangout, with the football team; ambition, to work for the State Prison.
4. Nickname, "Bow Wow"; pastime, playing football; weakness, Margt. Brunson; hangout, school; ambition, to kick extra points for AHS.
5. Nickname, "Country Gentleman"; pastime, playing football; weakness, girls; hangout, Ice Plant; ambition, play professional football.
6. Nickname, Franchot; pastime, television; weakness, girls; hangout, Stanly Theatre; ambition, to play basketball.
7. Nickname, "Soily"; pastime, music; weakness, boys; hangout, K & L Drug; ambition, to get married.
8. Nickname, "Cat"; pastime, loafing; weakness, um-m; hangout, school; ambition, to get through college.

Library News

At the Book Fair held November 20 and 21 the school library purchased several new books which are on the shelves ready to entertain all book fans.

Animal Homes, by George F. Mason, presents in words and pictures a fascinating account of the places where animals live. Woodchucks, bears, squirrels, moles, beavers, spiders, and many others are included in this book. Some of the animals are clever construction engineers, while others are less resourceful and simply move into abandoned burrows or dens in rocks or hollow trees.

Although the football season is over, *Hold That Line*, by Joe Archibald, will be fascinating to all who enjoy the game.

My American Heritage presents poems and songs, filled with happy memories, glowing inspiration, and hearty, wholesome reading—a perfect fireside book for everybody.

A book on design that will give new eyes to many people who have been looking at, but not seeing, the beauty in the every-day world is *Discovering Design*, by Marion Downer.

Abraham Lincoln, Friend of the People, by Clara Ingram Judson, is a rich and satisfying biography of the prairie president, based on the most up-to-date and accurate sources of information. Here is the real Lincoln—in his gauntness, his gawkiness, and his greatness—the backwoods boy who became president and saved the Union.

Thrilling action, high-spirited horses, a boy's courage, and the warm comradeship between a father and son are all woven together in a fascinating new book, *Born to Trot*, by Marguerite Henry.

A number of interesting books have been donated to the library.

Life of An American Workman, by Walter P. Chrysler, is an informal, down-to-earth story of the head of one of America's greatest industries, but even more it is the story of a boy with a "passion for machinery".

A North Carolina Naturalist is a collection from the writings of H. H. Brimley, who for more than sixty years was identified with the study of natural history in the state, both as sportsman and as curator of the State Museum.

A glance through current magazines reveals interesting ideas and stories about Christmas.

"For Your Christmas Dinner" and "Christmas Candies" make everybody look forward to Christmas day. "Gift Time All Through the House" gives ideas about gift buying. All these articles are found in *Better Homes and Gardens*.

If your problem is a gift for someone who likes music, let "Christmas Gifts for the Music-Lover" in the *Etude* help you decide what to buy.

When girls are asked, "What do you want Santa to bring you?" they usually answer, "A man!" *Good Housekeeping* presents "A Man From Santa".

Mrs. Hayes Now Out Of Hospital

Mrs. Hayes, A. H. S. English teacher, has been dismissed from the Stanly County Memorial hospital and is now at home.

Mrs. Hayes stated that she appreciated the kindness and gifts from the students. Her room has been continually filled with beautiful flowers and she has had many visitors.

Her plans for the future are indefinite, since she has not yet decided whether she will be able to resume teaching during the second semester.

Finishing up this semester for Mrs. Hayes is Mrs. D. D. Smith.

Answers

1. Frances Litaker
2. Ralph Setzler
3. Charles Ray McManus
4. Sonny Bowers
5. Henry Farmer
6. Franchot Palmer
7. Sally Crook
8. Catherine Atkins

Letters To Santa

I wanted a doll for my Christmas day
But Marilyn Greene will be okay.
—GEORGE CAUSBY.

Christmas day will get here yet
And I'll have Sidney for my Xmas pet.
—CAROLYN MILLER.

Santa comes on Christmas mornin'
Just like Bow Wow, he tries to horn in.
—FRANK EFIRD.

I don't want a toy to twirl,
Just give me any lil' old girl.
—JOE WHITLEY.

I don't care what happens on Xmas night
Just as long as I am treated right.
MISS (MRS.) JEANNE LENTZ (MORRIS).

Santa dear—you're a mighty fine feller,
But as for Whit—I think he's yeller.
—VIRGINIA BROWN.

Basketball is my favorite sport
But for Christmas, I'd like to court.
"LIB" ELDER.

Don't give me a car for my garage;
Just let it be the draft I dodge.
—REID McLENDON.

I don't want something unreal like a toy,
I want something alive—maybe a boy.
—ANGELA MONCRIEF.

Santa, I wasn't born to be bad;
Just give me Betty and I'll be glad.
—RICHARD DOBY.

Running this school is a mighty hard task,
Just let it be quiet—that's all I ask.
—MR. JOE CASHWELL.

Singing and laughing is all a big thrill,
But I'll be happy with my lil' old Bill.
—JANE RUSSELL.

Santa dear, I'm in a spot;
Put a car under my new top.
"SKIP" McMANUS.

In my stocking—about middle ways—
I want enough jokes to last all my days.
—SALLY NEAL KLUTTZ.

Santa, please bring me a new lock of hair
I've almost worn out the one that's there.
—COACH WEBB.

Dear Santa, don't let Dwight and Cob tangle
But gosh, please do something for this love triangle.
—JANE LITTLE.

As for the rest, we all do say,
Give us SOMETHING for Christmas day.
—A. H. S.

P. S. All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth.
—T-BOE.

Campus Chatter

'Twas the night before Christmas when all through "Chick's" house,
Everyone was stirring, even a mouse.
While the "children" weren't nestled all snug in their beds,
As visions of senior boys danced in their heads.

Yes, soon it will be the "night before", so let's take a look at what the dreamers of A. H. S. hope to find under their trees.

We hear Angela M. wants Santa to bring her a hunk of man (named Roy) . . . It seems the roads over Paula's way are pretty rough, so maybe Santa will take pity and bring "Chicken" Palmer some tougher tires . . . Chances are that "Romeo" McManus will find a certain Badin brunette under his tree—maybe he'll have the chance to thrill some more girls from A. H. S. too . . . Carolyn A. has but one request—Give her Carroll—She'll do the rest.

FLASH! Santa seems to have visited Dot Gaskin a little early. Haven't you heard—she's PINNED!!!

Christmas will be complete without any gifts for Jane S. and Patsy P. as long as colleges continue to have Christmas holidays. Guess this will also be a happy Christmas for Miss Lentz—beginning December 16!

Joe Clayton asks Santa to bring him enough money to get a haircut, since he's spending all of his going to Statesville . . . Donald Tucker wants a girl friend who isn't going steady—maybe Kannapolis is the answer.

You've heard the old saying: "Good things come in small packages." This is true for George Causby—and just think, she can sing too!

Sally Ausband wants a ring, not a new one, just a certain senior boy's . . . Maybe Miss Schell will get one too—we don't mean an old one either.

Betty Gantt wants a date with a certain Carolina freshman. We hope "Cob" Griffin doesn't have the "Blue Christmas" he's been singing about.

New Year's is just around the corner and while eavesdropping we heard these "soon forgotten" resolutions:

To distribute my many charms to the girls of A. H. S.—Frank Efrid.

To give someone else a chance to answer questions in Algebra.—Joe Whitley.

To date Reid and Jimmy more often.—Helen and Ann.

To grow more and flirt less.—Junior Josey.

To lose weight.—Myra Davis.

To get to school on time.—Ed Patterson.

To narrow all my girls down to one.—Skip McManus.

To answer all my Carolina mail.—Sally Kluttz.

To find my heart—Lib. Elder.

To win Frankie.—Bobbie Austin.

To be happy.—Whit and Jo Ann.

For boys who are looking for the perfect girl for Christmas—here's a few tips:

Hair of Barbara Crowell	Personality of Jane Little
Eyes of Sue Redfern	Smile of Betty Burris
Figure of Jo Ann Burrell	Cuteness of Margaret Brunson

O. K. girls get to work and hunt for your ideal man while keeping these things in mind:

Hair of "Cob" Griffin	Smile of Richard Doby
Eyes of Sidney Helms	Physique of Ed Patterson
Personality of Whit Whitley	Cuteness of Bill Huckabee

Of course everyone can't have the ideal girl or boy, but we hope you all get what your heart desires and have a VERY MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS.