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Red Christmas

Red as in holly berries, Christmas ribbon, bells, tree-lights, town decorations, music, packages, toys, fruit, not as in communistic dominated Soviet Russia. Imagine a Christmas in a training camp, the salt mine, or maybe even worse, in your own home with soldiers marching the streets.

In Russia, Christmas is celebrated with the drinking of wine and merry-making, not with the thought of the birthday of the One who was born and who died for the sins they now continue. Imagine going to school and saying Merry Christmas to a friend and knowing it would not be a Merry Christmas.

The people of the United States do not realize how well-off they are. At Christmas time the rich give to poor. In Russia these Russian youths must suffer for the mistakes that their elders are making and that they will make if they aren't "well-taught".

A prayer for these Russian children may help them to see the wrong in their country. The students of AHS are the best to do the job, that they too may have a truly red Christmas—red as in holly berries!

Support Your Team

So far the money from football games has supported the basketball team. If the students would come to the games, our basketball team could support itself without borrowing from the football fund.

Basketball can be just as exciting as football. Some people believe that all this school has is football players. But we also have basketball players and good ones too.

It looks as if this year's edition of the Bulldog basketball team is going to be the best in several years. But the boys can't play their best before half-filled stands thinking nobody cares whether they're out there on the court or not.

Our boys are expected to win this year, but whether the team wins or loses the school should support them. Support of school activities reflects the school spirit and pride in their functions to everybody who attends the performances.

The truth is that all successful teams have a large group of backers. So let's have the followers of the Bulldogs get behind them and help in every possible way.

No Santa Claus?

Who says? Why Santa Claus is everywhere! He puts the spirit in Christmas. Who do you think inspires the superintendent to let the students out for a two weeks' holiday? Who puts the swelling in the students' hearts whenever the Mixed Chorus sings the "Messiah"? Who makes all the people believe that "it is better to give than to receive"? Who makes the hearts of the heartless to sing at Christmas time? Who makes the old folks glad they have lived to see another December 25, or makes the young ones stay awake and listen for his footsteps on the roof?

Santa Claus does all this and more. He is on the right hand of God spreading cheer throughout the land. He's a spirit that spreads like the thickest fog and raises the people above their pettiness and sets them on a goodwill tour of their own small world. He does it all, because He's Santa Claus!



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 DAYS OF THE NEW YEAR WILL BRING
 US ALL HEALTH, HAPPINESS, AND PEACE.
 MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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Library News

The Christmas holidays will be an excellent time to relax and enjoy reading some of the books you have been wanting to read. The librarians suggest you check out one or two of your favorite books before leaving school for the holidays.

One book which you might enjoy is Sechrist's "Christmas Everywhere." This is a book of the customs and ways in which other lands celebrate Christmas. Dickens' "Christmas Carol," "Eugene Field's "Christmas Tales and Verse," Gladys Carroll's "While The Angels Sing," Davis' "Miracle on 34th Street," Goudger's "The Reward of Faith," Ruth Sawyer's "Shining Tree," Wage-uknecht's "Fireside Book of Christmas Stories," and "Fireside Book of Yuletide Tales" are books which will be interesting to read during the Christmas season.

PLASTIC COVERS

Plastic covers have been secured for some of the newer books in the library. These covers, which are bright and colorful, add to the beauty and protection of the books.

It has been reported that several students are interested in reading "Gone With The Wind". They will be interested to know that a new copy of this book has been purchased and is now in the library for their use.

Another new book which may be found is "The Foreigner," a story of Ruth. Students will find this book very interesting, particularly at this season of the year.

Following is a list of books which you will find interesting: "Pilgrims Progress", by Bunyan, "High Towers," by Costain, "Behold Your Queen," a story of Esther, by Malvern, and "Lark Radio Singer," by Fletcher.

NEW BOOKS

The following books were received in the library recently: "The Giant" by Ferber, "Better Known as Johnny Appleseed" by Hunt, "The Scotch Woman" by Fletcher, Patton's "The Finer Things of Life," Slaughter's "Song of Ruth," Cheavens's "As Love Knows How," Loft's "Bless This House," and Kubie's "King Solomon's Army."

Now, in the words of the characters in Dickens' "Christmas Carol," Miss Michael wishes to say, "A merry Christmas to us all, my dears. God bless us all!" Which all the family echoes. "God bless us every one!" said Tiny Tim, the last of all.

Teacher of Month

We salute as our teacher of the month, Miss Pearl Michael. She has been a great help to our school. Her chief interest has been in the care of the library and everyone will agree that she has done a splendid job to make the library a place that the students will appreciate.

Always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone who needs it is only one of the fine qualities that she possesses. Making and helping preserve the window for the Mixed Chorus and the murals that are painted are some helpful things that she does for Mixed Chorus or anyone else that calls on her.

Besides her school work her outside time is taken up with church work. She is an active member of the Central Methodist Church.

Many thanks go out to Miss Michael from the entire student body.

Letter to Editor

Mr. J. L. Cashwell, Principal
 Albemarle High School
 Albemarle, North Carolina
 Dear Mr. Cashwell:

I want to tell you how much I enjoyed visiting your school, and was so impressed with the preparations you had made for the College Day program.

We certainly wish to be included in your 1956 College Day program, and we will notify you in advance who will be present in the interest of Converse.

Sincerely yours, Elizabeth Syfan

INQUIRING REPORTER

QUESTION: Which was the best Christmas that you have ever spent?

GIRLS

"Last Christmas, because it was my first Christmas with Drag."—Carolyn Smith.

"Christmas of 1943, because I got a didee doll."—Molly Holbrook.

"Christmas of 1955. Because I still have it to look forward to, and a vacation from studying."—Pat Starnes.

"Last Christmas, because I was going with Ray and I received a floating opal."—Carolyn Eford.

"The Christmas I was in the third grade, because I got my first dog."—Nancy Jo Ivester.

"The Christmas when I was three. I got my first doll."—Beth Taylor.

"Christmas of 1953, because I got exactly what I wanted."—Linda Moose.

"When I was seven. That's when I found out who Santa Claus was."—Martha Huckabee.

"This Christmas, because of Junior, for he has me something for Christmas that I have always wanted."—Kaye Owens.

"Christmases before I found out that mother was Santa Claus. I always had such a thrill of leaving him a drink and wondering how he left me all my gifts."—Celia Griffin.

"The last Christmas I believed in Santa Claus. Because on Christmas morning all the thrills were gone and I felt grown up."—Judy Montgomery.

"Last Christmas, because there was much to do and Burnie and I had so much fun."—Diane Watkins.

"Haven't had a good Christmas yet. I know this one will top them all by a present from a certain boy."—Patsy Griggs.

"Last Christmas, because it was the first Christmas with Eddie."—Brenda Frick.

BOYS

"The first Christmas my dad could spend with me after World War II."—Gene Burris.

"The one when I received my toy train."—Jim Coggins.

"The Christmas of 1950 because I played Santa Claus."—Eddie Fenters.

"The one when I saw my parents putting my toys out on Christmas Eve."—Punk Gantt.

"The Christmas I found out about Santa Claus."—Gary Miller.

"The Christmas I received my first bicycle."—Rex Whitley.

"The Christmas that I found out that there wasn't a real Santa Claus."—Jimmy Kluttz.

"The Christmas I received a parade saddle and bridle."—Cread McManus.

"The first Christmas after I returned from service in Italy."—Mr. Benton.

"The Christmas I received a pony."—Bruce Curlee.

"When I received my first rifle."—Ronnie Millican.

"The Christmas I received my first football suit."—Roger Smith.

"The Christmas I went to Miami."—Robert Smith.

"Last year. Because I got more surprises."—Edshay Brunson.

"The Christmas I received my toy train."—Lane Lowder.

"The Christmas I received a horse."—Burnie Miller.

"The Christmas I received a bicycle."—Ronnie Smith.

"The Christmas I went to New York and spent a week."—George Lowder.

"The first Christmas I went to Florida."—Franchot Palmer.

"The Christmas of 1953, because I received a pink cashmere sweater from Donald Almond."—Lois Harwood.

CAMPUS CHATTER

- M**erry Christmas to you students of AHS: Hope this Christmas will be your best. The dances and parties are sure to be fun, if you are with that special one.
- E**dward and Carolyn are getting up a case, But what about the Burlington race? Betty has a love from Burlington too, And he signs his letters with, I love you!
- R**at, we hear tell you've got it bad. Those basketball trips are the greatest had. When the lights came on, Ann hid her head, And Rat, your face sure was red.
- R**oger Smith is wanted—alive or dead By a girl in Charlotte, so it's said. Roger, since you're in such demand, You had better run as quick as you can.
- Y**es, the Harvest Moon Dance was really swell, But what happened afterwards, we won't tell. There were pumpkins, stars, and a great big moon. It all had to end just too soon.
- C**ould it be when the Hi-Y Convention came That Albemarle girls weren't the same? The girls rode up and down the street With one desire—a new boy to meet.
- H**unter has a crush on a boy named Larry. How many people will his motor bike carry? When you ride in the wind, you'll need a cap, But then you can always sit on his lap.
- R**ichard and Sue are going steady it seems. We know they will make a darling team. From us to you take our advice— Always be gentle, sweet, and nice.
- I**t seems Betsy and Charlie are having trouble, But Johnny was there on the double.
- S**anta has a helper named Pendergraft. He's funny and jolly and makes the kids laugh. So kiddies be sure to go and see him, And tell him to fill your stocking to the brim.
- T**he lake is still the place to park, If you want to hug and kiss in the dark. Cars of black, white, and also blue Some even get their gas there too!
- M**artha's party was really fun; A wonderful time was had by everyone. Sophomore dances are really great, Especially when you stay out late.
- A** Christmas stocking filled with candy For Janice and Punk will be just dandy, But a bag of toys and peppermint canes Won't suit Liz without Lane.
- S**eniors, we dedicate this paragraph to you! May all your Christmas dreams come true. Since this is your last, make it your best— The happiest Christmas at AHS.

MERRY CHRISTMAS "Santa's Elves"