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There's a Song in the Air

As Volunteers, Santa Will Visit Hospital Children

Santa Claus will wear the uniform of a Candy Stripper for some of the young patients at North Carolina Memorial Hospital.

At any rate, Candy Strippers will assume the roles of Santa's helpers in Memorial's playroom on December 23.

Because many children confined to the hospital will be unable to go home for the Christmas holidays, Candy Strippers will bring Christmas to them. They will give the children Santa Claus cups filled with fruits, nuts and candies.

They will also lead the children in the holiday songs to lift their spirits to wish them Merry Christmas on the seventh floor of the local hospital.

Some of the Candy Strippers participating in this project are Barbara Burnett, Laura Burnett, Tommie Jean Blackwood, Cyd Coughland, Phillis Dillehay, Rose Ellis, Clementine Fearington, Annie Riggsbee and Martha Jean Vincent.

Another hope of the Candy Strippers is to organize a Sunday school for the children of all ages in the near future.

"There's a song in the air, there's a star in the sky; There's a mother's deep prayer, and a baby's low cry. And the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing, For the manger in Bethlehem cradles a King."

May you be warmed by that fire and caught up in that song. Merry Christmas!

The Proconian Staff

For Christmas Club Transforms Dignified Library

Books in the CHHS Library witnessed a rare scene last Monday night as the library was transformed into a holiday haven.

Its silent atmosphere, which had been carefully maintained by its librarian all year long, suddenly gave way to one of boisterous merriment. Laughter and Chubby Checker broke the carefully preserved silence; jovial students broke time-honored rules of conduct.

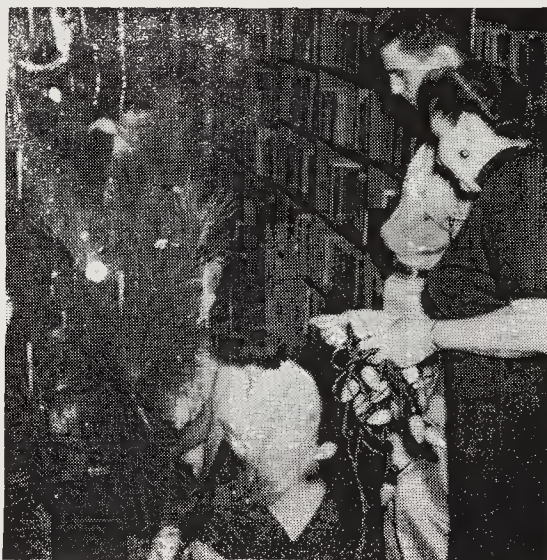
This "improper" conduct, however, received a stamp of approval from Mrs. Helen Peacock, CHHS's dignified librarian.

The decorating party began at 6 P.M., and by 8 the willing and able Library Club members had the library looking like Christmas itself.

The traditional nativity scene adorned the card catalogue, a modern-day angel overlooked the circulation desk, and the Christmas tree stood serenely, dominating the scene.

Work was forgotten as cider, soft drinks, cake and cookies suddenly appeared, and just as suddenly disappeared.

Club members returned home about 9, leaving the results of their work to be enjoyed by holiday-spirited students "studying" in the library during school hours.



LIBRARY CLUB members decorate the library in preparation for Christmas.

Children Look Toward Wall

What could be farther from the spirit of Christmas than an ugly brick wall covered with barbed wire and broken glass, a wall built to keep a free-spirited people in bondage? Yet this wall has brought amazing insight to American children living in its shadow in Berlin.

These essays written by those American children and printed in the November issue of Good Housekeeping can redirect our thoughts at Christmas.

"Christmas is a time to praise God. The wall keeps people from visiting together. I think it would be especially nice if my maid could give her father the basket of fresh fruit she has given him in the Christmases past and visit her sister in East Berlin. Let us hope someday the wall will no longer menace the peoples of East and West Berlin."

"The Communists say everyone has fun under Communism. But it seems kind of silly to have put up a wall to keep people in to enjoy it. A Christmas tree and barbed wire don't go together. A Christmas tree means peace, a barbed wire means cruelty. One or the other has to go down sometime. Let's hope it's not the Christmas Tree."

AFS Club Is Considered

For some time Student Council executives have considered the possibility of organizing an American Field Service club. We would like to encourage the SCA and any other interested students to make this possibility a reality.

The club would have two main goals: stimulating interest in the AFS program and, most important, assuming responsibility for the welfare of the foreign student and helping him become an integral part of the school.

With the host family, the club would share the pleasure of entertaining the student and the responsibility of providing transportation to and from all activities. At regular intervals the student's "family" would grow as he visited with more and more "brothers and sisters." And as his family circle grew, the student's interests and understanding of American life would grow.

In addition we think that membership in this club would be equally rewarding for CHHSers. They would have a greater opportunity to become better acquainted with the AFSer's interests, country, and customs and to fulfill the student body's responsibility to its guest.

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Christmas in Ecuador

by LEN SALMON

Among many other differences between Ecuadorian and

American customs, Christmas, as far as I know since I have not spent one here yet, is one

of the most outstanding.

Christmas celebration begins December 1, when all families adorn the Christmas tree. This is an artificial one because no suitable real ones are there. On January 6 the tree will be lighted. Later on, they adorn the rest of the house.

Within the Holy Month there are a lot of celebrations in each community for general amusement—ribbon and tie tournaments and the traditional Piñata, or "enchanted pot," made of clay and filled with candy or with ink, which will be broken by a boy with a stick.

But the real celebration is on December 24. Everybody goes downtown just to show himself and to say "Merry Christmas." In the evening at 10 there is a big meal, which as tradition is turkey as on Thanksgiving Day here.

January 6 Celebrated

At midnight there is a special mass, the Mass of the Cock, and when the children come back home they find their presents. Those who don't get their presents then, get them January 6, when the presents were brought to Jesus by the Magi.

As a rule, boys and girls under 15 get their presents on the 24th only. After that age they get them within the Holy Month. They usually ask for sunrise parties or trips or something like that.

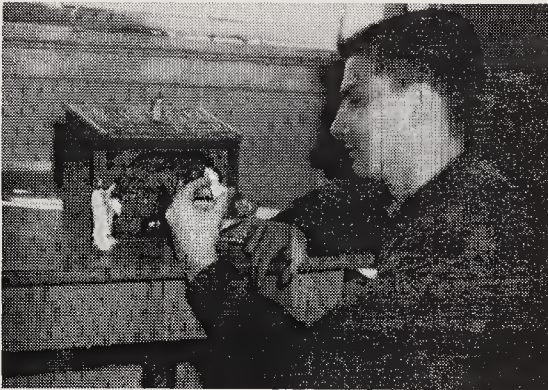
After midnight on December 24, everybody goes out and girls and boys kiss each other and get together for a party that ends on Christmas morning.

This is the way my country celebrates its Christmas, a little different from yours in some aspects but the meaning is the same, and the meaning is "Glory to God in the Highest, and Peace on Earth to Men of good will," Felices Pascuas.

Salmon Recalls Native Holiday

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(Photo by Lauterer)

Len Salmon fixes a manger scene, or 'el portal' as it is called in Ecuador, for his home room.

Santa Will Be Working Hard To Fill Christmas Stockings

Old Saint Nick is going to have some pretty tall orders to fill this year, if CHHSers get what they're wishing for. See if you match the following:

1. Pat Mann
2. Ann Cleveland
3. Senior girls' football team
4. David McConnell
5. Bev Leng
6. Miss Marshbanks
7. Bill Austin
8. Glen Blackburn
9. Little Thomas
10. Miss Wilkin

- a. Another chance
- b. New vocal chords
- c. A P.A. System
- d. A swimming coach
- e. A free pass to all UNC home freshman basketball games
- f. Elevated shoes
- g. Powder puff
- h. A membership in the American Heritage Book Club to

get a free copy of *The Rise and Fall of the Roman Empire*

- i. "Yankee Doodle"
- j. To be the first man on the moon.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December 1: Tommy Brickhouse, Jayne Cottingham, Sarah Watson; 3: Carol Ann McGuire; 4: Carol Blocksidge, John Larsh, Molly Nicholson; 5: Paul Patrick Rhyne, James Lloyd, John Williams; 7: Carol Cheek, Bo Wells; 8: Mac Brown, Bill Demeritt; 9: Mary Ellen Lane, Fleur Medberry, Susan Poteat; 10: Wynne Carter; 12: Gail Blackwood, Jane Graham, George Thompson; 13: Donnie Clark, Susan Tyree; 14: Roger Bowden, Danny Leigh; 15: Ricky Williams, Suzy Beck, Sally Crabtree; 16: Vic Lipscomb; 17: Carolyn Brauer, Carolyn Riggsbee; 18: Charles Riggsbee; 19: Miki Fairfield; 20: Stephen Pensak; 21: Jack Ballenger, Danny Caston; 22: Tommie Jean Blackwood, Sue Clark, Rose Ellis, Glenda Sykes; 23: Sandy Herb; 24: Carolyn Davis; 25: Mary MacGregg, Judy Logan, Jane Pendergrass; 26: Steve Wall; 28: David Ripperton; 29: John Hinson; 30: Lois Mainwaring, Anne McCurdy

SCA Honors Photo Editor For Work

For his outstanding work on both the school paper and annual, Jock Lauterer has been elected by the Student Council as the December Student of the Month.

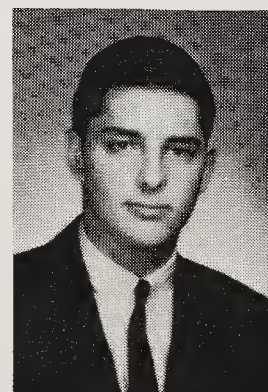
Jock's work is probably unknown to most students because most of it is done after school hours. He devotes much of his spare time to the *Proconian* as well as to the *Hillife*.

Jock, who is Photography Editor of the *Proconian*, takes and develops all of the pictures that appear in the paper.

He also makes all the fair-children, the plastic devices used to print a photograph on the paper. This service is a big asset to the paper in both convenience and economy.

Jock spends much time, too, in compiling and announcing the *Proconian's* weekly radio show, "Ins and Outs."

For the *Hillife* this year, Jock is business manager, and he also helps by taking pictures.



JOCK LAUTERER