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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You

F. L. Kildow Speaks at Annual Press Meeting

Junior Press association held its annual press conference at Lincoln junior high school, Friday, December 6. The adviser and two representatives from each junior high school in the city were invited.

Fred L. Kildow, professor of journalism at the University of Minnesota, gave a short speech on the judging of an "all American newspaper." A play was given describing the life of the newspaper world by a group of pupils belonging to the dramatic class.

The representatives to the conference from Ramsey were from the Rambler, Miss Laura Barrett, Roger Sahr, Bob Mabry, Patty Benn; from the Record, Miss Doreen Clancy, Richard Andre, and Jean Henderson.



Ramsey Faculty have Annual Christmas Dinner

The annual Christmas dinner for the Ramsey faculty will be given today at 5:30 p. m. in the teachers' lunchroom.

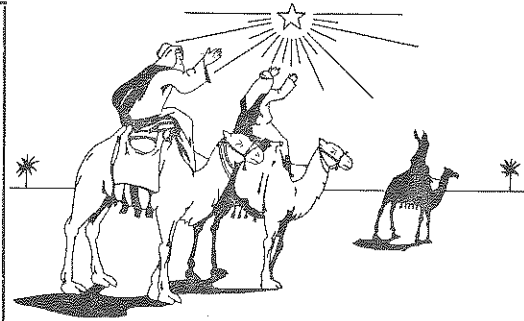
Fred D. Lewis, principal, M. C. Johnson, P. U. Deubendorf, G. E. Engle, E. A. Schweikhard will carve the turkeys.



Choral Clubs Sing Carols

A group of 60 pupils representing Ramsey's three choral clubs and directed by Miss Agnes Smith sang Christmas carols at the Union City Mission, Ebenezer home, and the Catholic Boys' orphanage, Sunday, December 15.

Each year Miss Smith's choral clubs make a practise of going to two or three homes with good cheer and song.



Many to Take Trips During Holiday Season

Many Ramsey pupils and teachers will take trips when vacation starts on December 21.

Barbara Jensen, 9B, will go to Rochester, Minnesota. Nancy Bush, 9B, plans to enjoy outdoor activities at Detroit Lakes, Minnesota. Mary Maple, 9B, will go to Florida.

Miss Mary Wiberg, English teacher, will go to Florida and then to Havana, Cuba.

Mrs. Ray Gill, English teacher, will eat her Christmas dinner in New Orleans. Mrs. Gill and her family will go from there to Miami, Florida.

P. U. Deubendorf, gym teacher, will spend his vacation in New York. While there, he expects to see Jack Dempsey.

Jack Becker, 9A, looks forward to a visit in Chicago, Illinois. Dick Leighton, 9A, will be a week at ForestLake, Minnesota.

Bill Fisher, 8B, will go by automobile with his family to Florida, Texas, and Louisiana. Mexico is the destination of Glenn Allen, 8B.



9A Wins Trip to Hollywood

Patty Ross, 9A, is the winner of a two weeks' trip to Hollywood. She competed in the "On to Hollywood" contest which was directed by Merle Porter.

Christmas Program to be Given Twice December 19

Christmas numbers will be given and sung at the programs which will be given in the auditorium on Thursday, December 19, at 10:00 a. m. and at 2:00 p. m.

The Christmas program is prepared by the music department. Mrs. L. D. Harper and Clarence Hegg will direct the orchestra and band, and Miss Agnes Smith and Miss Lois Powell, the glee clubs.

The program is as follows:

"The Heavens are Telling"

Orchestra and band

"We Three Kings"

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"

Boys' glee club

Lullaby, Brahms

Orchestra, band

"Sing We All Noel" "Ave Maria"

"Silent Night"

Combined girls, glee clubs

"Beautiful Savior"

Orchestra, band, combined choir.

"Today There is Ringing"

"Angels We have Heard on High"

"Gesu Bambini"

Combined mixed glee club

"Christmastide"

Orchestra, band, combined choirs

"Silent Night"

Orchestra



Ramsey Pupils Win Prizes in Craftsman Contest

Crafts were displayed in an exhibit at Sears and Roebuck on December 6-7.

Pupils of Walter A. Machula, woodwork instructor, entered their pieces. Richard Gaylor, 9A, entered a checker board and won fifth place receiving a bench. Peter Jenson, 9A, and Richard Wood, 9A, entered clocks. David Hester, 9B, displayed a canape tray, and won second place, and received a vise.

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Customs From Other Lands Observed in United States

The United States has many inhabitants from Europe, all who have brought with them their own traditions of celebrating Christmas. In the International Y.M.C.A. in New York, one will see quaint Swedish folk dances, British Mummer plays, and a various number of other customs. This is being done every year.

In the South, there may be fireworks, the sound of cannon crackers. If one visited Yosemite, he could attend a dinner staged to simulate the days of Washington Irving. In Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, the old customs of the Pennsylvania-Dutch surviving with the elaborate construction of the Putz might be seen.

But the best known custom in the United States is having a Christmas tree.



Origin of the Christmas Tree

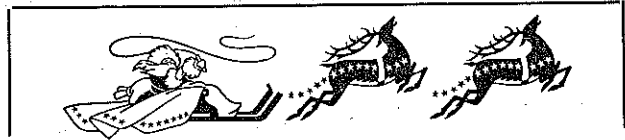
The Germans or the Scandinavians handed down to us the use of the fir tree in connection with Christmas.

According to one of the legends, Winfred, an Englishman, went to Germany to establish the teaching of Jesus. When he went there, he found a group of people worshipping at the foot of the Oak of Geismar, and they were just about to sacrifice Prince Asulf to the god Thor. Winfred persuaded them not to kill the boy and cut down the tree.

After the tree fell, a fir tree appeared in its place, and the missionary said it was the tree of life or Christ.



A 9A class was studying "The Chambered Nautilus." Question asked, "Where does nautilus live?" Carl Randolph, 9A, "On the top of page 543."



Junior Association of Commerce Sponsors Lighting Contest

At this time of the year, the people of Minneapolis are turning their thoughts to the holiday season and the twinkling lights of Christmas. Downtown Minneapolis is already decked out in its holiday trappings and Nicollet avenue presents a brilliant and colorful scene both in the daytime and lighted at night with its well planned lighting and decorations.

The Junior Association of Commerce annually sponsors a lighting contest among the residents of the city. Several fine prizes are awarded in each district of the city with grand prizes serving as further incentive to the winners in the finals.

Junior high students of Minneapolis can aid in this civic project by lighting the windows of their homes, by putting up displays for competition in the citywide lighting contest and by reminding their friends and neighbors to do the same.

In America we are fortunate that we have no need for blackouts each night and can light up our homes and our city without fear. This is especially true during the holiday season.

Donald R. McReavy, Chairman of the Christmas Lighting and Decorating committee, has set his goal at having a light in the window of every home in the city. By lighting your home during the holidays, if only with a single wreath and small bulb, you can aid in keeping the title of the "brightest Christmas city" right here in Minneapolis.

The above article comes from the Christmas Lighting and Decorating Committee of the Junior Association of Commerce.



Pasteur a Chemist and Biologist

Louis Pasteur was a great chemist and biologist. He was born December 27, 1822 in a little French village and died September 28, 1895.

Pasteur's contribution to human welfare is one of the greatest. He is the man who founded the science of bacteriology. He began his studies at the age of 20 and, at the age 41, Pasteur Institute was named in his honor. He became director of that institution of research.

His most important work was that of finding a way to rid milk of its bacteria.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Hoiman,

The other day I went to a hockey game. Boy, was dat swell. Me and Moitle went together, we sat on the swellest seats and was eatin' popcorn all the time.

Everyting would've been okay except for a big gimp dat sat in front of us. He was always jumping around and jeering, I cointently couldn't unerstand why he kept dis up. I finally sez to him, "Say, mister, who do you think you is? The presydunt of the Yewnited States?" Hesaid he was, but he can't fool me. I sez to him, "Listen here, you i m p o s t e r, I've seen pitchers of him in the paper and you don't look like him and besides presydunts don't a c t l i k e dat." Just den our team made a score. Boy, was he glad. To make tings wise the guy in back of us tol me and Moitle to quit blubbering. Anyway, Hoiman, it sure was a nice game.

Afectshionately,
Gertrude



Basketball Referees Chosen

Basketball referees have been chosen from the 9A's. They are as follows: Bernard Hayes, Dick McFarland, Marshall Ness, Don Nelson, Bill Holte, Bob Bergren, Dave Matthiessen, Jim Jackson. The substitutes are Henry Sorenson, Wilfred Potter, Bob Johnson, Bob Klick, and Bill Peterson.



What's Your Guess?

She's a girl in 9A. She has dark red hair and is 5 feet 6 inches tall. She thinks Dick Peterson, 9A, smells nice. Must be the Vitalis he uses. Her name is Lorraine McGrath, and she likes "corny" music.

Now, he's a boy in 9A. He has black curly hair and dark eyes. He came to Ramsey this year. A 9A girl, Patty Ross, thinks he's more than all right. He's Jim Thompson.

Current Events in Sports

Kickball championship game of the 7B4's and the 7A 4's was played last Tuesday, December 10. The result was that the 7B's won. The 8B1's and the 8A2's played, and the 8A's won.

The 9Bya team is going to play the 9Aya team in a chamionship game of speedball. Eva Mae "Sheve" Howard, Mary Jane "Dopey" Neal, and Loranda Dinham are some of the stars on the 9A team. Laura Lee Snedicker is the star of the 9B team.

Ping pong tournament started last Friday, December 13.

Basketball practice is now in session. Games will start after Christmas vacation.



9A Badminton Tournamet Completed

In the badminton tournament for 9A's, Eva Mae Howard and Mary Stevens defeated Betty Winters and Nita Nelson, and Jean Ann Rosenbloom and Peggy Dunnavan defeated Charlotte Boener and Beverly Johnson.

On December 6, Eva Mae Howard and Mary Stevens played Jean Ann Rosenbloom and Peggy Dunnavan, and in a very tight game Peggy and Jean Ann won the badminton championship.

The seventh and eighth grades have completed their schedule and are now practicing basketball.

In basketball practice, Ann Delapenna, 7A, called, "Drizzle, the ball."

Many girls have found bowling to be fun and good exercise. Among the girls are Connie Auld and Joan Tankel.

Boys Kept Busy in Gym

The boys' gym is the scene of much activity. The chief one is the boys' practicing up on their basketball shots, passes, and dribbles.

The boys are lined up into six groups, and each boy gets a long and a short shot. The long shots count two and the short shots, one. The front boy in each squad counts the points. When one squad reaches 21 points, they raise their hands. As soon as the other groups note this, they automatically shift toward the right, where they begin all over again.

The object of changing after every 21 points is so that the boys may get practice shooting from different angles. This is very good practice for the boys.

Also there is the squad work which keeps the boys in good physical condition.



Basketball Schedule Started

B. A. A. basketball schedule started for the 9A's on December 3. The 9A2's took the 9A1's to the cleaners by a score of 19-4. The stars of that game were Bill Peterson and Bob Sefton of the 2's and Bob Bergren and Jack Becker of the 1's.

Don Nelson, 9A4, led his team to a victory over the 9A3's by the score of 14-9. Nelson made 10 of their 14 points.

One 9B game was played on this date. The victorious team of that game was the 9B5's over the 9B2's, by a score of 11-3. Joe Miller 9B2, showed that he knows how to play exceptionally well.

Out of the 1,567 pupils in Ramsey, 1,464 or approximately 93% of them subscribe to the Ramsey Record. There are 26 home rooms that have 100% subscription.

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Santa's O F F



Ramsey welcomes four new pupils. Beverly Norris comes from Woodlake, Betty Lou Fonnier is from Folwell junior high, Dick Vickerman, Sanford junior high, and Peggy Trechter, from Eau Claire, Wisconsin. All, with the exception of Peggy Trechter, who is an 8B, are 7B's.

Three pupils have left. They are Bill Dunn, 8A1, who has moved to Tacoma, Washington, Muriel Hynes, 8Bx, who has gone to Savage, Minnesota, and Beal, 8Bx, who now lives in Blue Earth, Minnesota.

On 8B test papers on formulas were found these two definitions. $A = lw$, formula for finding the length and width of an *angel*. $A = \frac{1}{2} h (a + b)$, formula for finding $\frac{1}{2}$ the height of a *typhoid*.

Apologies to Ethelwynne Gisselquist, 8B. She has 21 letters in her name, two more than Evangeline Stocksett's name has. So far, it is the longest name found in the files.

A 9A was asked to explain "sunless crypt" and her answer was "A man without sons."

Nan Hildebrand, 9B, was asked by Tony Sarg at his marionette demonstration, December 9, to help him feed "Greedy George," the puppet who eats and spits out crackers.

Monterajah Willkie Peakowl, the red Persian cat of John Carleton, 9B, was entered in the National Persian Cat show, December 14 and 15. Over 100 cats were entered, but his cat only had to compete with thirty. The prize was a silver cup.

Tom Skoog, 7B, had double trouble over "Double Trouble". He couldn't decide whether take Marjorie Butcher, 7B, or Mary Mc Koon, 7B, so he took both.

Questions Prepared on Christmas Carols

The following are questions on Christmas carols. Grade yourselves by the following scale: 10, you ought to be in a choir; 9-8, excellent; 7-6, good; 5-4, fair; 3-0, poor.

1. From what carol does "God and sinners reconciled" come?
2. What popular radio and screen star sings every year "Come All Ye Faithful" in Latin?
3. "Let heaven and nature sing" is from what carol?
4. What carol has the word "away" in the title?
5. Who wrote "Silent Night"?
6. Complete this title "We Three Kings---?"
7. What is a carol?
8. From what carol does "that glorious song of old" come?
9. Is a Christmas carol the only type of carol?



A Sorrowful Accident Starts a Merry Christmas

The last five minutes. Ah! The clock's slow moving hands had finally ticked to the appointed time. B-ring, b-ring. But the lesson was not over, that is not quite.

I had dreamed all day of this time. The snow came down softly outdoors. What perfect snow for kiing. And then that trip to New York. Many ideas entered into my brain, especially that printing press so long wished for.

My dream clouded mind was not conscious of someone telling me to recite "Pater moriens filias ad se vocat" in English. Then a shrill siren caught my ear. I yelled "Merry Christmas" and then started to run out the door.

The bell did ring, but through it all I heard someone say, "Flunk," and a stern teacher telling me to get back in my seat. "You're staying after school, young man." On the office bench, everything looked dismal, particularly a red Latin book.

Popular Cookie Recipes Given by Food Teachers

Christmas is a time for good food and lots of it. The cooking classes of Mrs. Edith Lick and Miss Mary Keenan are preparing for Christmas with the combined amount of 178 pounds of fruit cake and about 900 Christmas cookies.

Here is a favorite recipe of Mrs. Lick.

PECAN DREAMS

$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. butter $\frac{1}{2}$ t. vanilla
6 tbsp. powdered sugar 2 c. cake flour
6 tsp. water 2c. pecans, cut coarse
Cream butter, add sugar. Then add water and vanilla. Add flour gradually, then the pecans. Bake in a slow oven, 300 degrees F. until bottom begins to brown and the tops are a pale yellow. Remove from oven and roll in powdered sugar. Shape.

Miss Keenan says this recipe is used very much.

FILBERT COOKIES

1 lb. hazel nuts $\frac{1}{4}$ t. vanilla
3 egg whites 1 pinch salt
 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. sugar
Chop nuts. Beat egg whites very stiff. Add sugar and salt slowly to beaten whites. Add vanilla and nuts. Roll in small balls. Put in greased tin and bake, temperature 350 degrees about 10 minutes.



Santa Sends

Art Olson, 7B, courage
Bruce Bullock 9B, tonic
Marianne Blich, 8B, red flannels
Earl Wilson, 9B, books on social science
Don Borrman, 9B, play pen
Norma Detlaf, 8B, some soldiers



Answers to Carols

1. Hark the Herald Angels Sing; 2. Bing Crosby; 3. Joy to the World; 4. Away in the Manger; 5. Franze Gruber; 6. We Three Kings of Orient Are; 7. A song of rejoicing; 8. It Came Upon a Midnight Clear; 9. No.