

Calling All Teens

Each week, the class of 1962 presented a musical variety show. Instead of the traditional "Variety Show", the comedy "Swinging High" was held Tuesday and Wednesday night to help relieve the usual over-tiredness in the audience. The time of the program was also cut short this year, much to the relief of many in the audience. Many of the parts were well played and the music was fabulous. Costumes from the sixth scene in the second act were amusing and certainly enjoyed by all. The double cast system seemed to work out for the better because many students were attending both nights to see both casts perform. This year's juniors are now going to have to decide on which system they want to stick to—tradition and have a "Variety Show", or follow this year's seniors with a musical comedy. They are very anxious to hear your opinion, so please offer it and get the one that you really want. No matter how it turns out, we congratulate the entire cast for a marvelous job.

There isn't one person in Fulton High that can say we don't benefit from the exchange students that attend our school, live in our city and share our lives each year. The local chapter of the American Field Service is now looking for a home for a foreign exchange student to live and make this experience possible. If anyone is interested or wishes further information, they should contact Mrs. Waters, Mrs. Porter, Neil Osborne or Tom Lambert in school. Mrs. Frank Whitcomb of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Osborne may also be contacted. Names are requested to be left by Jan. 22, before exams start. Talk to your parents! We all want another exchange student!

The undefeated Fulton matmen will travel to Phoenix Central this Friday for another meet. Junior varsity starts at 7:30 and varsity immediately following. Try to attend and watch them win again!

The Fulton Red Raiders also play an important basketball game for league standing this Friday. They will meet A-P-W at Altmar-Parish. Even though it is an away game, a crowd should be there at 7 to watch junior varsity start and varsity after them. Support your basketball team! It's better when it has school support to cheer it on! So go to the game!

And if you're too lazy to go to either the wrestling meet or the basketball game, the Fulton High Red Cross has a dance planned for Friday night. The dance is from 8 to 11 and is only 35c stag, 50c drag. A teacher dance contest is also planned to highlight the evening. Watch your favorite teacher dance at the Red Cross hop this Friday! Don't forget!

WNDR dance at War Memorial; sorority dance at War Memorial—where else!!! Mrs. Buske gave her study hall a special solo last week—"Jingle Bells" in Latin! Bids are out. Tea will be Sunday. Red Raiders play Central Square Tuesday at a home game. Lost to them once, but not again! Tony and Diane! ten cans left. Jim Bogardus and his special touch between scenes! latest rage—tape recorder parties!

St. Mary's Civic Club Chartered

The Saint Jude Thaddeus Civics Club of St. Mary's School received its official charter from the Commission on American Citizenship in Washington, D.C.

The charter formally recognizes affiliation of the local unit with the national organization at The Catholic University of America. Pupils of grade eight comprise the local club membership.

The officers of the club are: Patrick Melfi, president; Claire Donovan, vice-president; Freda Calabiano, secretary; and John Kilpatrick, sergeant-at-arms. The Saint Jude Thaddeus Civics Club is one of the thousands of Catholic civic clubs chartered in the United States for the express purpose of developing informed, responsible young citizens.

The theme of this year's program is "Your Family in Today's World". Club members get help in developing this theme from Young Catholic Messenger, national current affairs weekly for students in grades 6-9. Monthly articles in the periodical point up the fundamentals of good citizenship and suggest practical projects for the club members.

State Police travel about 6,500,000 miles each year while patrolling the New York State Thruway.

About People You Know

Mrs. James Kimber of the Hannibal Road, former church organist, will be at the organ of The First Methodist church Sunday while Miss Blanche Shaw is away.

Philip Lambros of Syracuse, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lambros, is director of the St. Sofia Greek Orthodox church choir.

Leonard Amdursky of Oswego was re-nominated to the Executive Committee of the New York State Bar Association.

Mrs. Grace Bogwitz was chairman of the card party sponsored by Lanigan School PTA Tuesday.

Mrs. Katherine Romanick will preside at the PLAV Auxiliary meeting at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Polish Home. Hostesses for the meeting will be Mrs. Emily Borek, Mrs. Ann Bodwitch, Mrs. Grace Bogwitz, Mrs. Lillian Rimas and Mrs. Bernita Zaborowski.

The Bodwitch boys have returned to their respective colleges after spending the holidays at home. Bob returned to A.T.I. at Canton, N.Y., and Bill to Michigan State at East Lansing, Mich. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bodwitch of 373 W. 3rd St.

A son, Michael Robert, was born on Dec. 18 to Dr. and Mrs. Robert Jedrey at Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital in Hanover, N.H. Mrs. Jedrey is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Harold McGovern.

Congregational Church Names 1962 Officers

At the annual meeting of the First Congregational Church on January 2, the following officers were named. It was announced by Dr. Harold McGilvray, minister:

Board of Deacons (3 year terms)—Robert Vaughn, Robert Hunn.

Board of Trustees (3 year terms)—William Polson, Kenneth Welch, Harold Chesbro.

Board of Deaconesses (3 year terms)—Mrs. William Polson, Mrs. Guy Long.

One year terms: Church clerk, Miss Alice Black; Church treasurer, Sidney Moulton; honorary treasurer, Mrs. Frank Wadsworth (for life); treasurer of benevolences, Mrs. Lillian LaBeef; head ushers (co) equal status, Robert Mansfield, Eugene Walker.

Organist, Miss S. Blanche Shaw; choir director, Mrs. Helen Larrabee; director of the nursery, Mrs. Helen Zeller; directors of the Pilgrim Fellowship, Robert Hunn and Richard Nettie.

Engaged



JOYCE BLAKE

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Litwak of 208 Maple Ave., announce the engagement of their daughter, Joyce Marie Blake to James Francis Shaw, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Shaw of Volney Center. Miss Blake is now a senior in elementary education at Oswego State Teachers College. Mr. Shaw is presently teaching in the Central Square School System. The wedding is planned for June 30, 1962.

Engaged



LINDA LOU PECK

Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Peck of 106 E. 5th St., Fulton, announce the engagement of their daughter, Linda Lou Peck to Charles T. Lecta, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lecta, now deceased. A summer wedding is planned.

Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hough announce the engagement of his sister, Shirley Ann Hough of 458 W. 1st St., to John Lee Salmansen Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Salmansen of Frawley Dr.

Shirley is a graduate of Fulton High and is attending Beaux Art School of Beauty, Syracuse. Salmansen is a graduate of Fulton High School and attends Canton Tech.

No date has been set for the wedding.

Senior Citizens Plan Bi-Monthly Card Party

The Senior Citizens will hold a card party today at 1:30 p.m. in their rooms. Mrs. Beulah Wheaton, Mrs. Daisy Decker, Mrs. Phil McCarthy and Mrs. Blanche Gordon are in charge of arrangements. All Senior Citizen members are invited and anyone over 60 years of age desirous of joining are asked to come. Those wishing to play checkers, ginch or any other game are asked to come and bring their game. Men and women are invited.

Plans are being made to have a card party the second and fourth Thursday afternoons of each month. Social evenings with cards and dancing will be held the first and third Thursday evenings.

PTA News

A PTA Council meeting will be held at 8 p.m. tonight at the Phillips St. School, Ronald Osborne will be speaker. Phillips St. PTA will serve refreshments.

Mahlon Freeman will discuss civilian defense at the Oak St. PTA meeting at 8 p.m. Monday at the Oak St. School. In charge of refreshments will be Mrs. George Zarichny, Mrs. Noel Harrison, Mrs. Edward Lebro. The meeting will be presided over by Mrs. Santo Cavallaro.

The Lanigan School P.T.A. will meet in the school on Tuesday, Jan. 16 at 8 p.m. The speaker will be J.A. Yannes of General Electric, who will speak on "Milestones in the Missile Age". A graduate of Union College in Schenectady, Mr. Yannes holds a degree in Mechanical Engineering and also in Psychology. He joined General Electric in 1959 as an engineer on Defense systems Department's Atlas program, and is now sales engineer. Atlantic Missile Range Program Customers Service in the Defense System Department. The public is cordially invited to attend this very interesting and worthwhile program.

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Letter From Germany

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The mass was similar to ours except that the congregation, rather than a choir, sang parts of the mass. The collection was for the Indians in South America. Americans are not the only ones who contribute toward helping the people of South America. I learned.

After church we ate dinner. Dinner consisted of rabbit, red wine, potatoes, dressing, sauerkraut cooked in vinegar, and gravy. It was very good and we all cleaned our plates up. The Germans do not cross their silverware as we do, but rather use their right to cut and their left to pick up the food on the fork. Also the family did not use napkins, I had a lap full of crumbs, and I wondered what I would do with them when I got up.

Christmas Eve

Later in the evening Herr Rieber put up the five foot Christmas tree. He decorated it with bulbs and candles, rather than electric lights. Then he shined us all into the kitchen. When we came out of the kitchen he had lighted the candles on the tree, and put Christmas music on the phonograph. Candles had also been lighted and put in the window for the people in East Berlin and East Germany. We sat around the tree and the Riebers sang Christmas songs. Then Hella read the Christmas story, and they sang some more songs. Afterward, we opened our presents. The Riebers gave me a few gifts. They gave me a smoking lamp made in Japan, and a cup, saucer and plate made in France. I also received a silver plate, perhaps that was German made.

I took some pictures. I took only a few at first, but the Riebers wanted copies of the pictures, and they seemed to enjoy having me take them, so I ended up taking several.

After the presents were opened and the pictures taken, we ate more Christmas cake with coffee.

Schnapps, Too
Then we had some schnapps, which is a liquor with a 50% alcohol content. One hour later we had cold cuts. Frau Rieber put down in front of me a wooden board about 6 inches long and 4 inches wide. What's this for I wondered? I watched the Riebers as they first took a slice of rye bread, then buttered it, then put some ham or salami on top and pickles. This open faced sandwich was cut on the board. Germans do not have sandwiches with two slices of bread. With the salami was a raw-looking meat. It looked like a raw minute steak. I didn't know it was ham until after I tasted it. I was hesitant to taste it since it looked like raw meat. But afterwards I was glad I had tasted it, since it was better ham than I had ever tasted.

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Midnight Mass

About eleven, Hella, Karin and I left for midnight mass. We had to leave early so that we could get a seat. The church was full by the time mass started. Something else different I noticed was that not all the women wore hats. In Germany it is not the custom for women to wear hats to church. The church was decorated with a small manger, and statues of the Holy Family and the three wise men. Behind the altar were five large Christmas trees, three of which were decorated with lighted candles.

As I sat in church waiting for mass to begin, I thought about some of the differences between Christmas in Germany and Christmas in the States.

Christmas in Germany is a family and religious affair. It is celebrated with a great deal of singing. The Germans do not have parties of any sort. The Germans do not put up their Christmas tree before Christmas Eve, and they take it down after New Year's Day. They prefer candle lights to electric lights on their trees. On Christmas Eve the German family exchanges gifts. Santa Claus does not visit the children on Christmas Eve, December 6 is St. Nicholas Day. On the night of December 6 St. Nicholas comes and fills the shoes of the children. I hoped the Riebers enjoyed having me

Happy Birthday



Alderman Harold Guilfoyle was pleasantly surprised last week Friday when the children of St. Mary's Parochial school sang out "Happy Birthday" to him during the lunch period. Mrs. Margaret Lockwood, supervisor of the cafeteria, is shown presenting the birthday cake to Mr. Guilfoyle.

spend Christmas with them as much as I enjoyed spending it with them.

Come Visit Us
They made me feel as if their home was mine, and they invited me to come back whenever I wished. They were most kind and hospitable. I invited Hella to come to my home if she ever came to America. Her mother said that if she ever came to America she would not want to return. I gave Hella a box of candy as a gift. Her whole family gathered around the box to look at it. It seems the Germans do not have as great an assortment of chocolates, nor do they have two or three layer boxes. The Riebers seemed to enjoy learning about America, as much as I about Germany.

Midnight mass lasted until one at which time I was very glad to go to bed, even if I meant undressing in the cold room.

Early the next morning we arose. We had to catch the early train, for Hella had to work that day, and I wanted to get back to Fulton to have my Christmas turkey. I thanked Frau Rieber and shook hands with her. The Germans are great hand shakers. I shook hands with the Riebers when I met them, before going to bed, and when rising. The train ride back took only two hours and I said good-bye to Hella and promised to see her again. I hurried back to the Kaserne as it is called, or post, just in time for turkey dinner with all the fixings. That was how I spent my Christmas, and it was a most enjoyable one.

Love,
Jeannette

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