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120 Students Achieve Honors

12TH GRADE

Highest Honors

Karolee Gallop, Elvin Henry, Arthur Marler, Mark Reed, Bobby Sherwood, Harold Warner, Judy Wray.

Honors

Phyllis Bales, Louise Bonner, Judy Breeden, Nancy Smith Chadwell, Carol Clem, Tommy Coffman, Carolyn Dalton, Diana Dawn, Ara Dillard, Patsy Dunsmore, Rena Ferrell, Billie Jean Hammer, Jimmie Hicks, Richie Hooper, Lynn Joiner, Barbara King, Robert Maples, Shirley Meadows, Arthur Mitchell, Dayle Moore, Patsy Newman, Alice Ann Nowlin, Patricia Patrick, Sally Phillips, Jamie Sue Powers, Bobby Simerly, Nita Slovis, Terry Smullian, Ann Valentine, Bill Watkins, Veda Webb, Douglas Wilkinson, Ronald Woods, Louise York.

11TH GRADE

Highest Honors

Judy Edwards, Mary Alice Money, John Murphy.

Honors

Freida Brown, Patsy Cardwell, Betty Carper, James Ellis, Jewell England, Louise Evans, Sam Fields, Mary Lou Guinn, Wayne Hunter, Betty Lee, David Lovell, Lynda Lynch, Volena Lynch, Sarah Miller, Jimmie Jane Moulton, Frank Murphy, Ray Oakes, Anne O'Dell, Mike Oliver, Barbara Parkhurst, Richard Ray, Joanne Riggins, David Roach, Jean Robbins, Ann Rose, Sandra Smith, Louis Trivett, Verlin Webb, Don Whedbee, Linda Wolfenbarger, Carol Woody, Rachel Yarnell, Barbara Zwick.

10TH GRADE

Highest Honors

Judy Adcock, Billie Rae Cannon, Dianne Cass, Noel Cramer, Becky Foust, Brenda Krauss.

Honors

Marsha Barnard, Tommy Cross, Danny Davis, Sally Fields, Jean Filler, Becky Ford, Sandra Foster, Richard Frye, Ann Hale, Betty Sue Lane, Judy Moyers, Betty Reed, Glenda Roberts, Sylvia Roberts, Carolyn Walker, LaVerne Weaver, Dennis Webb, Carol Woolf.

9TH GRADE

Highest Honors

Sally Hunter, David Lawson, Ann Parrott.

Honors

Neal Allen, Judy Boswell, Linda Bounds, Carolyn Carr, Bob Daniel, Kinser Ellenburg, Brenda Gilley, Roger Henry, Frances Mahon, Diana Mankel, Micky Martan, Ann McConnell, Penny Mitchell, Sammy Pappas, Andy Rader, Wilma Richardson, Eunice Truan, Danny Webber.

Don't be conceited. It is a disease that makes everybody sick but the one who has it.

—Reader's Digest.

East Singers Present Annual Winter Concert

CHOIR SOLOISTS: Edwina Clapp, Pat Wright and Martha Keith.

Edwina Clapp And Martha Keith Sing "O Holy Night," "Jesu Bambino"

The East High School Choirs and Glee Club presented their annual Winter Concert Thursday, December 13. The program, which was made up entirely of Christmas music, was given at 8:00 p.m. in the East High auditorium. It was divided into two parts: the first, religious; the second, Christmas folk songs.

Several solos were sung throughout the program. Edwina Clapp sang "O Holy Night" by Adams, with the choir joining in the chorus. Martha Keith gave her rendition of Jesu Bambino" by Yon.

Accompanied by LaVerne Weaver, the choir sang "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen"; "Shumm Shei," a Silesian cradle song with solo parts by Pat Wright and Phyllis Bales; "Sleeps Judea Fair"; "Fum, Fum, Fum"; and "The Twelve Days of Christmas." The glee club sang "Lo How A Rose E're Blooming," and "Carol of the Birds." The second choir sang several of the songs with the first choir.

The stage setting had a Christmas theme. The first scene was that of a church choir loft. The second had a backdrop of a winter scene. Both choirs and the glee club were on the stage at the same time. The stage committee, chosen for their artistic ability by the choir officers, worked very hard on one of East's most beautiful stages.

Officers for the choir this year are Pat Wright, president; Elvin Henry, vice-president; Judy Wray, secretary; and Patsy Carroll, treasurer.

Student Council Has Christmas Project

The Student Council's Christmas project this year is to feed and clothe four needy families in Knox County. The Council voted to take the families for Christmas and John Tarleton Institute as a year-round project.

Each class, senior, junior, sophomore, and freshman, is in charge of a family. The size of each family is as follows:

Then seniors' family consists of four girls, ages 3, 4, 7, and 9, and the mother, who is a widow.

The juniors' family has three boys, ages 10, 12, and 14, and four girls, ages 2, 4, 6, and 8. The father is in a mental institution.

The sophomores' family has three boys, ages 4, 5, and 14, and seven girls, ages 2, 6, 6, 8, 9, 10, and 16.

The freshmen's family has one boy, age 1, and five girls, ages 3, 4, 5, 12, and 15.

The Council suggests that for the younger children the classes fill stockings. Dolls or stuffed animals and toys for the seven to ten-year group are ideal gifts. For the

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Miss Scarbrough Leads Full Life

Miss Mary K. Scarbrough, civics teacher at East, has been teaching school since 1936. She taught at Park Junior High before coming to East three years ago.

A native of Lenoir City, Miss Scarbrough graduated from Lenoir City High School, received her B.A. degree from Carson-Newman, her M.A. degree in history at U-T, and did further study at Columbia University.

Miss Scarbrough was a member of the chorus, band, and orchestra while attending both high school and college.

During her years of education, she achieved many honors. She was business manager of the literary society, won the debater's medal and scholarship awards, and was managing editor of the college newspaper during her senior year.

One thing Miss Scarbrough likes about her career is the "boys and girls." Her chief dislike is "the nervous strain it subjects one to."

She prefers songs written in a minor key and is presently enjoying Carl Sandburg's one volume book of Lincoln.

When asked her opinion of East, she replied, "It is a fine school—getting better all the time."

Miss Scarbrough is to be admired for her proficiency, outstanding teaching ability, good sportsmanship, and many other very desirable attributes.

East Ranks High In Red Cross Boxes

East sent 50 Red Cross Boxes to the needy in various countries in Europe. To some of these children this is their Santa Claus, or their only package under the Christmas tree.

Each homeroom was asked to fill two boxes, one for boys and one for girls. In these boxes were small gifts for all ages—toys for the younger ones and school supplies for the older children.

Not only school supplies were sent, but items such as combs, washcloths, soap, toothbrushes, and other personal articles.

These gifts will help in many ways, even though they are small, for they, like many others, will be appreciated by the children of Europe.

Mrs. Seale's Home Group Wins Special Recognition

Mrs. Seale's homegroup, with Herman Thompson, Jr., as magazine representative, is being given this special recognition in the **Blue and Gray** for obtaining the most subscriptions to the National Parent-Teacher Magazine.

The quota for each room was only one subscription, and Mrs. Seale's group obtained five.

Many homegroups met their quota and were acknowledged in the first edition of the **Blue and Gray.** The homegroups who have met their quota after the first edition are Miss Dillow, Miss Dowell, Mr. Hancock, Mrs. McSpadden, Mrs. Neyland, and Miss Tatem.

The Publications Committee has posted the National Certificate Award of Membership in the 25 or More Club for East High P.T.A. in the display case near the auditorium. This is the first time East High has won this award.

Merry Christmas

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"God Bless Us Every One"

Christmas. Wide-eyed children stare at the beautiful lights on the tree, and everyone seems to have that contented glow which comes from real happiness.

This is one of the most joyous times of the year. This joy was felt those many years ago when the Shepherds were told of their Christ Child's birth. It was felt by the wise men when they knelt at the foot of the lowly manger where He lay. The joy is felt even today when people realize the necessity and the blessings they receive from giving to others.

How unusual was this birth that brought praise and glory from the angels themselves.

Our Lord has blessed us with the greatest of all gifts, and at Christmas time we are able to commemorate His birth by giving presents to one another and by showing our love for our fellow man.

Yes, Christmas is here, and as Tiny Tim said, "God bless us everyone!"

"Not What We Give"

As this, another Christmas draws near, we, like most people, are busy with preparations for the festive season.

The gifts are wrapped and ready for Christmas Day. Let us stop for just a moment. Are we giving a good gift?

What determines a good gift? Lowell gives the answer in verse:

"Not what we give, but what we share,
For the gift without the giver is bare;
Who gives himself with his alms feeds three,
Himself, his hungering neighbor, and Me."

A gift that is not given with the heart is worthless, no matter how large or expensive it may be. A gift given with the heart is a rare treasure which has a value so high that all the gold in the world cannot equal it.

This Christmas season, when we give our gifts, let us remember to give from the heart and to give ourselves, too. Then the gift will truly be real and will live through all the year.

What I've Learned

I've learned that it is better far
To give than just to get,
And that's a lesson I am sure
I never will forget.

The more you get, the more you want;
I've found that's always true.
The more you give, the more of good
Keeps coming back to you.

A Merry Christmas will be yours
Each year that you may live,
If you remember all the time:
Don't try to get, but give!

—By Wilma Richardson.

On, On, Santa Claus

(To the tune of the "Mountaineer Song")

On, on, Santa Claus!
You are right for the flight tonight.
Hold those reins, and crack that whip
If you do not hurry, the hours will slip—
Quick, quick, good old St. Nick,
And you'll reach every home ere morn.
Then you'll scurry back with your big empty pack,
Till you ride again next year.
SANTA CLAUS!

—By Judy Burrus.

X-Change

By Lynda Lynch

Here is just a little ditty found in the Book Strap of Charleston, West Virginia. It might be a help in the mid-term exams coming up at the end of this six weeks. Oops! Sorry I mentioned it.

Roses are red
Violets are blue
I copied your answer
And I flunked too.

Here's another from the same paper for all you hard working senior history students:

A terrible thing
Has come to pass
I woke up twice
In history class.

Hits That Fit

All I Want for Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth—Frank Murphy.

I'm Getting Nothing for Christmas —Parents.

Love Me Tender—Beverly Stump to Bobby Smallman.

Frosty the "Snowman" — Freddie McBride from his admirers.

Since I Met You Baby—Tom King to Joy McMahan

My Baby's Coming Home—Marye Gott to Bob Loy.

Confidential—"Tuck" & Judy.

Devil or Angel—Jerry Beets.

Poor Boy—Gordie Brown.

You'll Never Know—Jimmy Presley to Shelby Lykens.

Two Different Worlds — Phil & Cynthia.

Everybody Talking the Jones Girl —Mary Jones.

Honey Child—David Graham.

We Go Together—Donna McDonald & Mark Hammer.

Friendly Persuasion — Patsy & Freddy.

Happy Holiday—To Everyone.

FASHIONS

Christmas is here with all the brightly colored fashions. Jimmy Moulton, junior, looks very pretty in her beige skirt and sweater set. The neck is trimmed with angora.

Donna McDonald, senior, looks very Christmasy in her red sheath dress. At the neck she wears a white scarf.

A luscious light green skirt and sweater set worn by Karolee Gallop really stands out as she walks down the hall.

Camellia Kirby, senior, looks cute in her brown tweed skirt and brown cardigan sweater.

Joan Layman looks darling in her pink skirt and sweater outfit.

Carol Day, sophomore, looks as pretty is a snowflake in her white jersey top and her white felt skirt. The skirt has Christmas trees and red bells on it. With this, she wears a red belt.

Peggy Wolfe looks very attractive in her long-sleeved sweater and red plaid skirt.

Mountain Ears

HOWDY, SANDY CLAWS!

I want to tell you'uns and the Mrs. Sandy Slaws what me and some o' my friends want for Christmas.

Lizzie Bell jest wants a cute, fair-to-middlin' type of feller, but if he could be made to look like Gene Morrell, I think hit would help matters sum.

What Phyllis Bales and Mildweed Mann wants they've already gotted—so just forget I said anything, please.

Thomas King would like a new pair of barber scissors, as the ones he's got is wore clean down to a nub. He's cuttin' all the feller'ses hairs.

Patsy Newman wants a new skirt for Christmas, preferbly a size 7.

Benny Bounds must be in love; he likes to play golf too. He wants someone to pay off a debit for him. He likes them little clubs he swings at a little, white, overgrown pea out in that pasture, so he would like to keep them. How about a little help, Sandy Claws.

Oh, yes, he would also like Linda in a golf bag. Seems to me it might be uncomfortable but he wants it!

Mark Hammer wants a car and it would help if hit would run. His old un has got one wheel in the garage and one on the outside grease rack. People say hit has a splitted personality.

Mrs. Seehorn would lak a new red pencil as hers has completely petered out from signing so many tardy notes for Zipper Satterfield.

David Lovell wants a girl! (Aain't particular is he, Sandy?)

Clementine, my old faithful mule, would lak to be a movie star like Marilyn Monoroo. She plans to use as her stage name, "Clemmie Doll!" Cute hain't it?

Mush, Clemmie Doll!

Alumni News

Ann Baird Satterfield is working at Rich's.

Kiki Regas is going to Knoxville Business College.

Kay Coleman is studying to be an airline hostess. When not in class, Kay works at University of Tennessee.

David Walls, who played outstanding football for Baylor School for Boys this year, has just signed a scholarship for Georgia Tech.

Tommy Haworth is just out of the Air Force. He plans to enter U-T the second half.

Earl Reece has joined the Army.

Mickey Ellenburg is still attending the University of Florida.

Buren Hall is going to U-T where he is on the freshman basketball team. Bobby Humphries is also going to U-T.

What Shall I Give Thee, Jesus?

The cattle on the hills are thine,
The flowers in the vale,
The sun, the moon, life's golden grain,
The water in the well
Belongeth to thee, Jesus.

The stars of the East,
The Rivers in the West,
The birds, the trees,
Even those at rest,
Belongeth to thee, Jesus.

The day, the night,
The power to rule man's sight,
The rich, the poor,
The hope you'll bless man more,
Belongeth to thee, Jesus,
What shall I give to Thee?

—By Charles Wagner.

Merry Christmas

(An Acrostic)

Many of the students have made Christmas lists. Here are a few of their requests.

Edwina Clapp says Elvis Presley is all she needs.

Red hair! That's what John Hellard is hoping for.

Ronnie Brown would like a new car. His other one attracted too many girls.

You'll never know who the senior girl was who whispered something special to Santa for her secret admirer, Lee Bailey.

Camellia Kirby thinks Buddy would make a wonderful present.

Have you wondered why Peggy Wolfe is so sad? She can't seem to find a single boy at East to put on her Xmas list.

Robots who write articles for the school paper are needed by the staff.

Isn't it sad we **all** can't have an extended vacation?

Season's greetings and Santa's best to all!!

Tom Minnis has a very urgent need—A big black book for phone numbers.

Miss Ellis would like more patience to put up with her journalism class.

Ann Cochran is dying for some hunting boots like David's.

Sarah Miller and Benny Bounds would be content with loads of chewing gum.

A Joyous Holiday Season

The Night Before Christmas

The Week Before Christmas

The week before Christmas — a terrible week!
Instead of snow there was rain mixed with sleet.
The whole week was wet. It was miserably soggy,
Disgustingly cold, and often quite foggy.
I went Christmas shopping, got caught in the rush,
Was half trampled to death; then I missed the last bus.
And so, through the rain I had to trudge home.
When I got there, I was soaked clean through to the bone.
I had a cold next morning, you see,
But nevertheless I put up the tree.
At last it was finished! I started to stop;
Then I saw what was lacking up on the top.
With the star in one hand I climbed up the ladder;
It slipped, and I fell to the floor with a clatter.
My fine Christmas spirit was fading quite fast—
With a cold in my head and my arm in a cast.
Over the holidays I'd planned to go
To all sorts of parties—with my luck, oh, no!
For just a few days I was practically dead.
So I spent the rest of the holidays home in the bed.

—By John Kaserman.

The Christmas Banner Unfurled

I was rushing home from my office
After a long busy day,
Not even thinking of Christmas,
When suddenly a child passed my way.

A poor little cold, ragged urchin
Who was hungry—his face showed me so—
Trying hard to sell postcards and papers,
With no home, with nowhere to go.

I patted his thin little shoulder,
And said, "What is your name?"
"People have called me by many,
But they're hardly ever the same."

Then I clasped him close, and I loved him,
And took him along to my home.
My fireside grew so much brighter;
I said, "No more shall you roam."

The wind and storm were both howling,
And outside it was cold.
But we heard the chimes in the churches,
Pealing out Christmas carols of old.
My heart was touched even deeper,
As he too, began to sing
Of a Savior who was born in a manger,
And Alleluias unto the King.

T'was there the meaning of Christmas,
With Jesus, the Light of the World,
In glory to me was made known,
And the Christmas banner unfurled.

By Cecil Ann Hayes

'Twas the night before Christmas,
And all through the garage
Not a creature was stirring, not even the Dodge;
The tires were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas would fill them with air:
And Mom in her kerchief and I in my cap
Had just settled down to look at the road map,
When out on the town there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from my desk to see what was the matter.
I ran to the window and threw up the sash—
There was old Santa Claus driving a Nash.
He had it in high as he hit the wall,
And he said, "Dash away, dash away, oh dash it all!"
Upon the roof he came to a stop
And gave the car to the little bell hop.
He came down the chimney—this gave me a start,
For he was just an Elvis Presley fan at heart.
He said not a word but went straight to his work,
Pumping and pumping for all he was worth.
I was quietly settling back to observe,
When Santa started into his reserve.
He examined the tire and gave out with a shout,
"Why, this blasted thing has a big blowout."
He laid out four tires, to me they were sent,
And in a puff of smoke, up the dumbwaiter he went.
He hopped in his car and went through the gate
On his way overland through all forty-eight:
And I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,
"Merry Christmas to all, and to all a goodnight!"

—By Edward Wilson.

A Christmas Thought

Though I cannot be like the angels
Who appeared to shepherds one night,
I can dream of the heavenly vision,
Of the angels robed in white.

Though I cannot visit the manger,
I can read of the story so sweet,
I can tell of the heavenly vision
That makes their joy complete.

I can tell how they found the infant
In the manger in Bethlehem
And of how they worshipped beside him,
How they thought the dear Babe a gem.

Oh, the wonderful Christmas Story
Should be told to each girl and boy.
But so many that have heard it,
Have never known all of joy.

So decide the best way to share it,
The sweet, sweet story of old,
For it is more precious than silver
And far, far better than gold.

—By Aileen Pate.

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Front row: Elvin Henry, Tim Warner, Bobby Sherwood. Back row: Gerry Beets, Glenn Worley, George Bible.

Warner, Henry Add Spark To East's First Two Victories

By Mark Hammer

East High opened its basketball season this year with a win over a strong Carter team.

East started out cold against Carter, and at the end of the first quarter it was 12-12. At the half, however, East pulled away to a 38-17 lead. Then with Elvin Henry hitting for 26 points, and Tim Warner hitting for 19 and picking off 23 rebounds, East surged to a 71-40 victory. Glen Worley and George Bible each hit 7 points for the Mountaineers.

East, fresh from a decisive victory over Carter, journeyed down to meet Bearden who lost only two men from last year's team.

East pulled away to a one point lead at the end of the first quarter and led 26-19 at the half.

Bearden came back in the third quarter to pull within two points of East, 40-38. Then East surged away with a 27 point lead fourth quarter to win 67-52.

Tim Warner was high man for East with 26 points and 19 rebounds. Elvin Henry had 16 points, Glen Worley 15, Bobby Sherwood 14, Jerry Beets 3, and Gordie Brown 4.

East (71)	Carter (40)
Henry (26)	Vesser (4)
Worley (7)	Brooks (5)
Warner (17)	Burris (14)
Sherwood (3)	Mowery (9)
Beets (5)	Bates (4)

East Subs: Brown (4), Bible (7), Cramer (2).

Carter Subs: Spencer (1), Hargis (3).

East (67)	Bearden (52)
Henry (16)	Milani (2)
Worley (15)	Johnson (10)
Warner (26)	McDonald (6)
Sherwood (4)	Cozart (11)
Beets (3)	L. Guy (17)

East Subs: Oliver (3).

Bearden Subs: Harvey (2), Steel (2), D. Guy (2).

East Places Second In Girls' Swim Meet

East High School girls' swimming team participated in a swimming meet at the Y.W.C.A. on November 30. Other participating schools were West, Fulton, Central, and Young.

East girls made a very good showing, many coming up with first places in either A, B, or C classes.

Final results were West 153 points, East 120 points, and Fulton 60 points.

The next meet will take place in the spring.

Sport Scoop with Hoop

By Richie Hooper

Just before the Carter game the thirteen varsity players cast their votes for captain. Tim Warner and Elvin Henry were elected co-captains of the 1956-57 basketball team.

Now I'd like to give you a short run-down of each player on the first team and some of his strong points.

Co-captain Tim Warner: (6'3", 175 lbs.) Tim has played four years of basketball and this is his second varsity year. Warner's a very good shot and his aggressiveness in rebounding will prove to be one of East's most valuable weapons.

Co-captain Elvin Henry: (6'1", 165 lbs.) Elvin has also played two years of varsity basketball besides his two "B" team years. He is by far the best shot from any angle and comes next to Warner in rebound power.

Glen Worley: (5'11", 165 lbs.) This is Glen's second year of basketball. He has a good jump shot from which he gets most of his points. His aggressiveness and hustle makes him a good defensive man.

Jerry Beets: (5'8", 155 lbs.) A transfer from McMinn County, Jerry lettered there two years. Jerry's a fair shot from far out, and he has a good driving shot. He's a very scrappy and persistent defensive player.

Bobby Sherwood: (5'9", 160 lbs.) The lead man on the fast break must be a good steady team player and a good ball-handler. This is where Bobby's value is felt. Sherwood has also played two years of varsity basketball.

Let's all hope the basketball squad has a good year, and good luck to them.

Boosters Club Plans Football Banquet Jan. 12

The East Knoxville Boosters Club has extended its purpose of supporting East High athletics by giving the Mountaineer footballers a banquet and dance January 12. The club has invited each player to bring a date and both of his parents.

Certificates of award were given to the lettermen in chapel. The initial letter will be presented at the banquet. Every boy that was out for football and remained out is to be given silver miniature footballs. The senior lettermen will receive the school jacket in recognition of his participation.

The highlight of the evening will be the announcement of the 1957 football captains. The captains have been elected but their identity is being withheld until the night of the banquet. The captains were chosen in a somewhat different manner this year. Besides the co-captains there will be a downfield blocking captain.

New Year

By Johnny Hodge

With gladness hail the coming year,
Greet it with wonder not with fear.
Give it welcome gay with cheer,
And say to everyone, Happy New Year.

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Christmas Cards

Most of us take the custom of sending Christmas cards for granted; but sending yuletide greetings is really one of our youngest Christmas traditions.

We often wonder what has happened to our friends; and as the holiday spirit begins to fill the air, we often get an unexpected greeting card which helps us preserve friendships that otherwise would be completely broken.

The making of Christmas cards, which started in England, has spread throughout the world during the last hundred years. The exact origin is in doubt, but to whoever started this custom we owe a great deal.

Some of our most beautiful cards have been adorned with the work of such celebrities as Norman Rockwell, Grandma Moses, and Winston Churchill.

If we choose our Yuletide messages thoughtfully, and send them in true Christmas holiday spirit, they will continue to bring much "joy to the world."

Student Council

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older girls and boys, jewelry and other items would be appropriate. Each member of each family can use any clothing that you can donate, and for the mother, utensils and blankets.

For the whole family, food, especially staples such as flour, sugar, meat, potatoes, salt, lard, butters, etc., will be appreciated. Also, enough food for a Christmas dinner, including meat, vegetables, fruit, and candy for the children, will carry the Christmas spirit.

The Most Wonderful Night

Christmas In Other Lands

We already know how we celebrate Christmas in America, so let's travel to other lands and see how other people observe or officiate Christmas.

First let's go to France, where the homes are the center of the festivities, including a holiday supper and ceremony of the burning of the Yule log. At midnight they all go to church, and after they return home, they have a feast which usually lasts until morning. But the children are not forgotten, for their little slippers and wooden shoes are filled with sugar plums.

Second, let's travel to Norway, Sweden, and Denmark. Christmas is celebrated the same way in these three countries, with rice pudding containing one almond. The people believe that the lucky person who gets the almond will be married before next Christmas.

Third, let's go to Czechoslovakia. There a girl takes a twig from a cherry tree and places it in water on December 4. If the twig blossoms before Christmas Eve, it is believed that the girl will marry during the year.

The second Sunday before Christmas in Yugoslavia is known as Mother's Day. Mother pretends not to notice when one of the children slips in cautiously and ties her feet to her chair. The rest of the children rush in shouting, "Mother's Day, Mother's Day! What will you pay to get away?" Mother gives the children the presents she has for them and is released. On the following Sunday father gets the same treatment.

A grade school boy was sent to the map during a geography class to locate India. He found it with no trouble, and then informed the class, "It's right on the 25-yard line."

—Nebraska Education News.

By Mary Alice Money

My favorite day of the year is Christmas — whose isn't? But Christmas Eve is the most wonderful night, and I love it as well as the following day. The rush and anticipation weave a spell of its own from twilight to midnight.

All of this day goes by a special pattern at our house. No matter how many times we decide to do our shopping early, we always have approximately one-half of it to do on December twenty-fourth. By the time we get home, my mother has said at least three times, "It's nearly dark now and we have to wrap packages, and cook the ham."

Then all the wrapping paper, ribbon, tape, and seals out of a big box are neatly laid on the bed in the downstairs bedroom. The mysterious boxes are brought out of hiding and the melee begins. One by one, finished packages are placed under our tree (the one my parents declare they will not get, every year). By 11:30, the wrappings are very much less neatly stacked. In fact, they're scattered over at least three rooms.

During all this time, Mom has been trying to occupy two places at the same time by cooking in the kitchen and wrapping in the bedroom. She always cooks the ham on Christmas Eve and the turkey on the next day.

By now, all the packages are completed and there's that last half hour of suspense. At midnight I always open two or three of my presents, one of which is invariably books. By midnight (at a few minutes after) I take time off between chapters of the book to confiscate a slice of hastily cooked ham. Right in the best of the story, my mother practically chases me to bed. Even then I can't go to sleep for an hour because of that night's special brand of excitement.

A spirit of quiet settles over everything.

In these moments the aura of Christmas hope and happiness is revealed. Then I realize that, after all is said and done, the true religious meaning of Christmas is still here and that this is the greatest day of the year.

WHO'S WHO

ELVIN HENRY

Elvin Henry, president of the senior class at East High, is well liked by everyone. Often he is jokingly called "Elvis" by many of his friends.

Elvin, a tall, friendly senior lives with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Henry, and his brother Roger at 4101 Porter Avenue.

His school activities branch out into many fields. They include choir, senior class, athletic club, honor society, baseball, and basketball.

He is president of the All-City Choir and vice-president of the East High Choir. He is also sergeant-at-arms of the Athletic Club, treasurer of the Key Club, and a member of the National Honor Society.

Elvin is president of a youth group at McCalla Avenue Baptist Church, where he is an active member.

He is better known for his outstanding athletic ability in basketball. After two years of playing forward on the B team and one year on the varsity, Elvin was elected as co-captain by his fellow teammates in his senior year.

Although Elvin is undecided as to the college he will attend and his course of study, he wants to attend a college outside our city.

Elvin is admired by all East High for his leadership ability and friendliness toward teachers and students.

KATHERINE MAHON

An attractive and busy senior girl at East High this year is Katherine Mahon, better known to her friends as "Yummy".

Katherine lives with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. George Mahon and her two brothers (George and Chris) and three sisters (Frances, Margaret, and Lisa).

Among her many school activities, Katherine is treasurer of the National Honor Society, advertising manager of **The Beacon**, a member of the Student Council and of the Masquers, and the captain of the East High Band, in which she plays the clarinet.

She is president of King's Daughters and a member of the First Baptist Church.

Katherine has an unusual liking for basketball and attends all the games regularly. Everyone wondered why, at first, but when they got a look at a tall senior forward, there was no longer a question in anyone's mind.

East High was very fortunate because in junior year, Katherine decided to transfer to our school from Central High.

After graduation Katherine plans to attend Sofia Newcomb College in New Orleans, Louisiana, where she plans to study medicine. Her pleasant manner and friendly personality are ideal attributes for a budding doctor.

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