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Editorial

by Jean DeRemer

Every year, more people travel during the Christmas and New Year's holidays. Perhaps you'll be traveling this year. If so, please, drive carefully. Be extra courteous to everyone.

We want all families to come back to Andover safely. Don't think "It can't happen to me" because it can and so often does. Drive with care and don't push your luck.

We, of the Hi Herald, would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Feature

by Sharon Congelli

Familiar Customs Of Christmas

There are so many things that represent Christmas to us that one never stops to think just what they all mean or how they were started. Some were started merely for convenience and proved worthy of being carried through the years. If Sir Henry Cole had not come up with the idea of sending Christmas cards to all his friends back in 1843, we might still be writing to all of them in longhand or having to greet them all personally.

The sparkling Christmas Tree is one custom that children could certainly never bear to do without. In fact, children are the reason we have Christmas trees decorated in homes today. Martin Luther started it all back in 1535 because he wanted to dramatize for his children. The awe-inspiring glory of the Christmas Season. Prince Albert brought a tree from Germany to Windsor Castle because he knew the children would love it.

For twenty-two years Aemert Clarke Moore refused to admit to being the author of one of our best loved Christmas poems, "Twas the Night Before Christmas". He felt that it was beyond the dignity of a professor of divinity. Finally, one Christmas Eve, a house guest of Moore's copied down the poem and sent it to a newspaper. But not until 1844 would the author admit he wrote it.

The favorite ritual of kissing under the mistletoe first became popular through a Scandinavian legend. Frigga, a Scandinavian Goddess, had a son, Balder, who had been shot by an arrow made of mistletoe. While friends conjured up powers to save Balder, Frigga cried tears that became

the white berries. Thereafter, Frigga ordered that no longer mistletoe would be used to harm! Instead it became a symbol of love and anyone who passes under it must be kissed.

Of course, the most familiar Christmas custom of all is jolly old Santa Claus. But has anyone ever stopped to think why Old Santa looks the way everyone pictures him? It is all because of artist, Thomas Nast, who first drew Santa Claus as we now know him. But no one remembers Nast as the man who made Santa look that way. If you were to ask any child why, when he draws Santa, he always is a jolly, round man with a red nose, white beard and red suit trimmed in white, he would tell you, "Because that's the way he looks!" And, indeed, that is a good way to leave it.

Purple And White

The Varsity gave Alfred-Almond a tough time in the first period last Thursday leading at the first quarter by 6-5. Coach Overslaugh sent the boys out to play possession ball; and it worked until Alfred-Almond went into a full court press. Then the Panthers gradually fell behind to take their fourth defeat in six games.

Andover	FG	F	T
Mike Baker	1	0	2
Dave Vickers	2	2	6
Dave Alvord	0	1	1
Ike Conner	4	3	11
Bill Wahl	0	0	0
Norm Alvord	1	2	4
Bob Joyce	2	1	5

Totals	10	9	29
Alfred-Almond	FG	F	T
Randolph	6	0	12
Greenspan	4	0	8
Lockwood	2	4	8
Evans	2	0	4
North	1	0	2
Vanderhoer	4	0	8
Whitford	1	0	2
Perry	3	0	8

Total	23	4	50
Score by Periods:			
Andover	6	3	18
Alfred-Almond	5	16	36

In J. V. action, Alfred-Almond set back our J. V.'s 67-36. John

Billings and Charlie Joyce were tied with scoring honors for the game with eleven each.

Andover	FG	F	T
Chas Joyce	5	1	11
John Billings	4	3	11
Ray McCormick	3	0	6
Bob Baker	1	1	3
Dale Polmateer	1	1	3
Howard Hann	1	0	2

Total	15	6	36
Alfred-Almond	FG	F	T
Kellogg	4	1	9
Harwood	2	0	4
Lobdell	2	1	5
Bracken	2	0	4
Drake	3	0	6
Neville	1	1	3
Schwarly	0	1	1
Brutsman	3	0	8
Shorman	4	0	8
Tinchard	2	0	4
Coppactonia	1	0	2
Emerson	1	0	2
Plealan	3	1	7
Allen	1	0	2
Reid	1	0	2
Jabson	1	0	2

Total, 31 5 67

Vacation

School closed for the Christmas Holidays on Tuesday, December 22, 1964. Classes will resume, as usual on Monday, January 4, 1965.

Report Cards

Report Cards will be issued after vacation, on Wednesday, January 6.

Senior Interview

This week we have the pleasure of interviewing Ronald M. Cook. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Barney. "Ron" was born on December 2, 1946. During his years in high school "Ron" has participated in Camera Club for two years and in Hi Herald for one. He also received an award for maintaining the second highest American History average.

Among his favorites are: Color, Red; book, "To Kill a Mockingbird"; subject, History. "Ron's" philosophy is the Gold Rule and his pet peeve is the person who

thinks he is better than others. "Ron's" major is science. He hopes to attend Genesee to further his education.

It has been a real pleasure to have "Ron" as a classmate and the Class of '65 wishes him much success.

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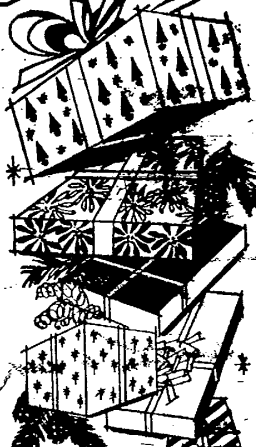
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