

### CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The fifth and sixth grades are putting on a beautiful Christmas program to represent the First Christmas. The fourth grades in their part of the program are presenting a scene from our American Christmas. Mrs. White is directing both groups of children. The scenery and property for the programs are being made by Miss Holbrook's and Miss Alexander's fifth grades. We know the mothers and fathers of P.T.A. will enjoy these two excellent programs.

### EMERGENCY DRILLS

The children were excited, but they quietly formed a line in the hall when the emergency whistle blew. It was so quiet in the hall that you could hear a pin drop. They learned how to curl up on the floor and cover their heads. When the "all clear" signal blew the children went back to their rooms. We had two drills to be sure every one understood exactly what to do. The two warden's from each room make sure all the children get out and turn the lights off and shut the door.



MERRY

CHRISTMAS

### MUNICIPAL PROGRAM

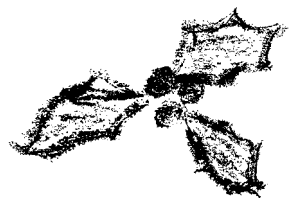
Tonight the coliseum will be full of boys and girls from all the elementary schools in Austin. About one-thousand children will be singing some beautiful Christmas songs. There will also be a Christmas pageant presented by some of the school children. The program will begin at 7:30 P.M.

### VISITORS

We were very happy to have Mr. Irby Carruth, Superintendent of Schools, and Mr. Ernest W. Cabe, Personnel Director, visit our school on December 2. They had dinner with Miss Alexander's room. The children enjoyed having them eat at their table.

### ATTENTION

Mrs. White asks the children who are to be in the Christmas program on the evening of December 17 to come dressed in their robes and to come to their own homerooms by 7:10 and remain there until she calls them.



HAPPY

NEW YEAR

## BIRTHDAYS

Monday afternoon, November 30th, Tina Smith had a skating birthday party. She invited all of the boys and girls in her room to go skating with her. The next day at school, some boys and girls had sore legs from falling down, but they had lots of fun at Tina's birthday party.

Some other boys and girls in Miss Branom's room who have birthdays in December are: Marsha Bobbitt, Lauren Buie, Becky Lynn Burns, Ronnie Kallman, Becky Louise Carrington, Buzz Woodworth, and Leland Schwantes.

## O' BIT OF HEATHER

Miss Milton's room has been planting flowers and vegetables outside their windows. In their room they have some bulbs that are already growing.

Flowers have also been brought to Mrs. Greenwood's room to make it look more attractive. Those bringing flowers are: Judy Borden, Mary Frances Howard, Durny Starnas, Carole Stadler, Jane Cokes, Sue Loftin, Allen Christeson, Wayne Williams, and Donna K. Becker.

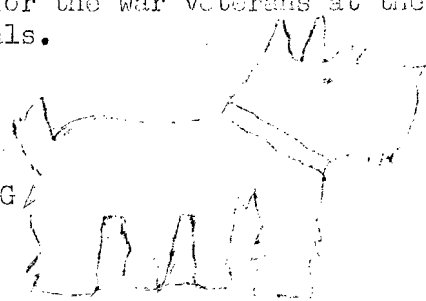
The children of Miss Alexander's room have been working hard on the scenery for the Christmas Program.

Miss Holbrook's, Mrs. Wiseman's, Miss Oswald's and Mr. Koch's rooms have been busy making tray covers, nut cups, and party hats for the war veterans at the army hospitals.

PIPERS

WATCHING

YOU



Watch out! Be on your best behavior because Piper's watching you from the bulletin board across from the library. Piper, Highland Park's mascot, is watching you very closely seeing if you are being a good citizen. Piper has a plaid leash around his neck which represents our school colors. This little Scotty called Piper is just like a Santa Claus who is watching over you all the time. So, you had better watch out and do good deeds throughout the coming New Year.

## QUESTIONNAIRE

The reporters of the HIGHLANDER have asked several children for their opinions about coming to school before eight-thirty unless they have a good reason. Here are some of the opinions.

Bruce Schnitzer, 4th: "No, I don't think they should."

John Cault, 6th: "No, because the teachers have work to do before eight-thirty. If you have an excuse it is all right."

Janice Weathers, 3rd: "I think the children should come to school early and play a quiet game, read, or do work."

Bob Estes, 5th: "Yes, I come early so I can help Miss Holbrook in the room."

Bill Russ, 4th: "Yes, to have time to relax before school starts."

Alan Parr, 1st: "I don't think that they should come before eight-thirty to play."

Grant Fahr, 2nd: "No, because they bother the teacher, and then the Safety Patrol has to come in and quiet us down."

## OFF TO FRANCE

Vicki Bryant of room 205 is leaving with her mother for France before the Christmas holidays. There she will make her home as long as her father is stationed in that country. Her classmates and teacher regret to see Vicki leave.

## FIELD TRIP

Mrs. Bankston's third grade visited the weather bureau on December 3, 1953. They saw many different types of instruments used to record the weather. One very interesting thing they saw was the cloud formation code which is used the world over. They enjoyed their visit and said they hoped they could take some more field trips.

## NEW LADS AND LASSIES

Several new people have recently come to Highland Park School. They are: Clarence Ferguson, Jimmy Coffman, Donna Lee Raunaker, Christine Ferguson, Gregg Gillingham, Keith Raunaker, James Sterling Hawthorne, Michael Putnam, and Dael Jean Gullion. We are glad to see these new faces around our school.

## DO YOU APPRECIATE THE LIBRARY?

Miss Holbrook works very hard keeping the library neat, attractive, and orderly. Some of the boys and girls do not appreciate this. If you are one of these who do not use the library in the right way, let's turn a new leaf over and start the new year enjoying and using correctly the good books in our library.

## THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

The first Christmas was a little over 2000 years ago in the town of David called Bethlehem of Judea. Our Savior was born in fulfillment of a promise made to Abraham by God. So you see Christmas is something more than just a day to receive gifts. It is a day that we praise God for the greatest gift of all, the gift of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

## CHRISTMAS TODAY

On Christmas eve, mother and daddy usually sit around the fire while the children trim the tree and hang the stockings.

Early on Christmas morning, the children peek at the Christmas tree to see if Santa Claus has left them any presents. Then they wake their parents and everybody goes in and opens their gifts. The children play with their toys while dad and mom talk about how sweet the children have been.

As usual grandma and grandpa come and everybody has dinner Christmas day always ends pleasantly.

By Carole Chaney

PIPER

SAYS

BE CAREFUL



This Christmas as usual many people will be killed or injured during the holidays. Reckless driving is a very serious thing. So during the holidays, drive very carefully if you are going out of town. Remember -

"THE LIFE YOU SAVE MAY BE YOUR OWN".

## CHRISTMAS IN OTHER LANDS

The earlier people of the world used to celebrate Christmas in April or May, but we celebrate it now on December the 25th. Just about every nation celebrates Christmas, but they don't celebrate it the same way.

In France, they have a Christmas Festival. Booths along the streets display sweets and novelties.

In Holland and Belgium, Christmas is mostly celebrated in churches.

Christmas in Switzerland is the season of family gatherings. Old friends and relatives are invited into these gatherings.

In England, the Yule Log was allowed to burn from Christmas to New Years.

France, England, and Belgium use Noel as their Santa Claus. Holland has Nichols to distribute their toys.

## ARE YOUR MANNERS SHOWING?

Have your manners been showing in the lunch room lately? If they haven't, lets touch them up a bit by asking yourself these questions.

Do you gobble your food down while chewing with your mouth open?

Are you noisy at the table?

Do you talk quietly to the person next to you rather than the person all the way down at the other end of the table?

Do you lean back on two legs of your chair?

Do you talk about pleasant things while eating?

Lets see how many manners we can see showing in the lunch room.

## THE NEW YEAR

With the New Year of Fifty-four coming in a few days, we want to all be thinking of some good New Year's resolutions that we can make. Here are a few resolutions made by some of our Highland lads and lassies.

1. Be more respectful to our teacher
2. Do our best at all times
3. Be courteous and kind
4. Don't be late
5. Be kind to our friends and neighbors

## SEE OURSELVES AS OTHER PEOPLE SEE US

"O Wadsome power the gift'ie gie us  
To see ourselves as ithers see us."

Piper spied Tennie Holleman of Miss Holbrook's room carrying Linda Gwaltney's large box of scrap paper into the school room. He also noted that sweet little Nancy Currington was tugging Tennie's big sack of Christmas ornaments.

In Mrs. Dodson's room, Ann Matthys and Kathleen Otto were seen cleaning and dusting all the cabinets in the room. When Mark Lloyd gets to school, he either studies his arithmetic or helps the Safety Patrol. Rhodalee Owens made our new girl Donna Lee Raumaker feel right at home. George Natsis helped Peggy Lyda memorize her poem for the Christmas program.

Melvin Richardson and Bruce Schnitzer are very nice about helping the first graders in the lunchroom.

Philip Oakley never fails to pull out Mrs. Bankston's chair when she is being seated at the lunch table.

Patricia McGuire of room 207 helped others with words they didn't know. Also, Dicky Swan picked up some silverware for Diane Singleton.

## RESTING?

If you saw any of Miss Alexander's children with their shoes off in the hall and perhaps a foot or two in the air, don't think that they were resting. They were just making the background for the Christmas program.

## BULLETIN BOARD BIRTHDAYS

In the library is an interesting array of birthdays. We found that the earliest birthday is Martin Luther, who was born November 10, 1483.

## THANKSGIVING PROGRAM

Mrs. Dodson's fourth grade had a Thanksgiving program for their parents. The surprise of the program came when John Bradford's son, Ronald Fite, passed out cranberries to the visitors.

## DEAR SANTA

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a good book for Christmas. I hope I have been a good girl all this year. Please give everybody in the room a nice Christmas present. Merry Christmas to you Santa Claus and a Happy New Year.

Your friend,  
Barbara Monroe

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like to have a 20 inch bicycle, a Lionel train, and a bucker loader. Please send these things to 5102 Ridge Oak Drive, Austin, Texas.

Thank you,  
Grant Carl Fehr

Dear Santa Claus,

I want just about anything but especially I want a Sweet Sue doll. A Sweet Sue doll walks and turns her head. If I could, I would like it to have brown-hair like mine.

Love,  
Mary Helen Petet

Dear Santa Claus,

I am collecting stamps and I would like a stamp album. And I love sports so I would like a football too. I am building a house in back of our house so I would like some lumber.

Sincerely,  
Harry Pruett

P. S. How's things coming along in the North Pole?

Dear Santa Claus,

I hope you come to see me. Please bring me a Howd Doody puppet.

Bobbie Jean

## GERMAN BOY VISITS MRS. WISEMAN'S ROOM

Herbert W. Dorn of Munich, Germany visited and had lunch with Mrs. Wiseman's room on December the first. He talked about Germany before and after World War II. He is studying Business Administration at the University of Texas.

## PIONEER FUN DAYS

The two fifth grade groups have been enjoying a period every other day with Miss Alexander directing them in pioneer games, dances, and songs. "Old Dan Tucker" and the "Patty-Cake Polka" have been very popular with the boys and girls.

## SANTA IS COMING

It looks as though Santa Claus is coming to Highland Park School. All the rooms are brightly decorated with trees, popcorn, mistletoe and paper ornaments. Made by the children. Mr. Koch's room has decorated the hall with pretty lanterns, snow and penguins. The last day before the Christmas holidays each room will have a party. Here the students will exchange gifts and eat the Christmas goodies that the homeroom mothers have fixed for them.

## THANK YOU

Mrs. Carroll's room wants to thank Elizabeth Williams for reading to them on banking days.

They also want to thank Miss Holbrook's room for the stories and puppet shows they have shared with them.

## ANIMALS

Mrs. Doyel's class is studying about animals of Texas and Mr. Carroll and Mr. Snow of the Texas Game, Fish, and Oyster Commission visited their room. They brought many interesting things to show them. They also went on a trip to the Texas Museum.

Meyrone Newson brought her pet rabbit for their room to take care of during the study of animals. They take turns caring for it correctly.

PEACE ON EARTH  
GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN

## STUDYING RUSSIA

Mr. Koch's room has been studying the Soviet Union. December 7, Mr. Koch brought some caviar and put it on crackers and let everybody in the room taste it. Caviar is a favorite dish of the Russians. It is made of little fish eggs. He tried to get some from the Soviet Union, but he couldn't so he got some made by the Russians of the United States.

## STRING PROGRAM

On Wednesday night of December the 2nd, all the sixth grade string students of the Austin Public Schools presented a Christmas program. They played Christmas carols and some other songs which their teacher, Mrs. Frances, had arranged for them. These students of Highland Park who played on the program were: Rosemary Russell, Loretta Freeman, Laura Lee Cockrell, Kilian Fehr, John Lyle, Sarah Hurst, Freear Pollard, David Suber, Michelle Williams, Elizabeth Williams, Linda McSpadden, Marilyn Redman, Carolyn Cade, Ronnie Williams, and Harriet Hateson.

PIPER

SAYS:

Have a good Christmas this year folks.  
Don't forget to be kind to the poor.  
And on Christmas morning you'll feel  
even better. For remember:

"It is more blessed to give than to receive."

By Carol Chaney

BE CAREFUL DURING  
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

## POETS OF HIGHLAND PARK SCHOOL

## SANTA CLAUS

Santa Claus comes once a year  
 His bag is full of toys,  
 Santa Claus comes once a year  
 And brings choo-choo trains to boys.

Santa Claus comes once a year  
 With a Ha, Ha, Ho, Ho, Hee,  
 Santa Claus comes once a year  
 With a lot of things for me.

Barbara Maurice, 3rd grade

## CHRISTMAS

Dear Santa, do you know what I want  
 for Christmas?  
 I want a little curly haired doll,  
 And a bright red bouncing ball,  
 A horn that blows,  
 A car that goes,  
 And snow on the ground  
 All up and down.

Anne Moore, 4th grade

## GOOD SAINT NICK

Over rooftops with his sleigh  
 Good St. Nick is on his way,  
 Giving loats and lots of toys  
 To all the good little girls and boys.

Slowly down the chimney Santa creeps  
 Making sure the children don't sneak  
 any peeps,  
 Under the tree he will put many a gift  
 But Santa is always so full of thrift.

Diane Horn, 5th grade

## CHRISTMAS POEM

Ding Dong, Ding Dong,  
 Christmas bells are ringing.

Ding Dong, Ding Dong,  
 Children are all singing.

Gaye Russell, 3rd grade

## THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

In a manger laid a boy,  
 He didn't have a single toy,  
 People came from near and far  
 The wise men followed the Holy Star.

Mary was his mother and Joseph was his  
 father  
 Everyone that came, didn't dare to bother,  
 The babe was wrapped in swaddling clothes  
 From the top of his head to the bottom of  
 his toes.

The wise men stopped at Herod's place  
 They faced him bravely face to face,  
 The boy of Bethlehem grew and grew  
 His name was Jesus, he saved me and you.

George Morris, 5th grade

## AUTUMN

Autumn leaves are brown, red, and gold,  
 This beauty of nature is neither bought  
 nor sold.

The mornings are nice and cool  
 The frogs are ready to go to sleep under  
 their water pool.

The summer is over gone is the sport of  
 swimming,  
 Fur coats are now found on all the women.  
 We stay inside more and more,  
 Way down south the birds all soar.

Dogs are getting their winter coats  
 Now's the time for football and parades  
 with pretty floats.  
 Near is the season when people buy Christ-  
 mas cards to send,  
 Now's the time for this poem to end.

Gannon Boddeker, 6th grade

## BOOK LAND

Upon the good ship, Book I stand,  
 Oh, it is very very grand.  
 Book-land is very strange and wide  
 Land the ocean by my side.

Mrs. Dodson's 4th grade

## THE HIGHLANDER

The Highlander is edited by Miss Alexander's room. The editors are: Diane Horn, Dick Barr, Pat Swann, Donald Snell and Becky Pinkston. Art editor is Darnay Linder. Special reporters are: Ruth O'dell, Mary Jo Sherrad, Janice Witt, Jim Bartlett, George Morris Darnay Linder and Harry Pruitt. Other reporters are: Gay Alff, Jimmy Fitzgerald, Alice Seall, Glen Kallman, Carole Chancy, Albert Hopkins, Cathleen Klienhalter, Dick Cooper, Mary Carol Rabun, Alan King, Susan Wells, Gary Lemmond, Rosemary White, Steven Lippman, Arthur Williams, David Wilson, Jack Carlaw, Raymond Harkey, John Boland and Martin Tyson.

Miss Holbrook's room will edit the February issue of the "Highlander".

## BRINGING HAPPINESS

Pupils from room 205 are working on a class project that will bring happiness to some people in the State Asylum. Since many inmates of that institution will receive no gifts from members of their families, the pupils are bringing novelties from home, wrapping them with paper they have designed and colored in art class. These gifts will later be delivered to the institution.

## PLANS OF ROOM 203

Under the direction of Mr. Leavett, Mrs. Wiseman's 6th grade is planning an exhibit and entertainment for their parents.

There will be a display of murals, drawings, poems and scrapbooks.

The entertainment will include skits, tape recordings and quiz programs taken from the study of Western Europe.

## BABIES

Some of Mrs. Feuerbacher's first grade children have new baby brother's and sisters.

Jack Furl has a new baby brother named Robert Edgar.

Mike Duncan has a new baby sister.

Mary Kay is very proud of her twin baby sister's.

## FOR GIRLS ONLY

Becky Louise Carrington had a very interesting birthday party on Saturday, December 5th. She had a tea party for girls only, and they came dressed in their mothers' clothes. Randy Smith won the prize for being dressed the prettiest. She wore a pretty pink dress with a veil on her head. Gail Mitchon won a prize in playing a game. The prizes were huge suckers. The guests were the girls in Becky's second grade room. Becky and her mother served the guests tea and cake with Santa Claus on it.

## FOR BOYS ONLY

Ronnie Kallman had a birthday party for boys only. The party was at his house on December 4th. The boys played football and cowboys. After the boys played games, Ronnie's mother served cake and ice cream.

## SECOND GRADE PROGRAM

Miss Oswald's second grade has made a mural of "Away in the Manger!" They are also going to put on a play written by Georgia Blassengame and some of her helpers. They are drawing a picture to illustrate "Twas the Night before Christmas."

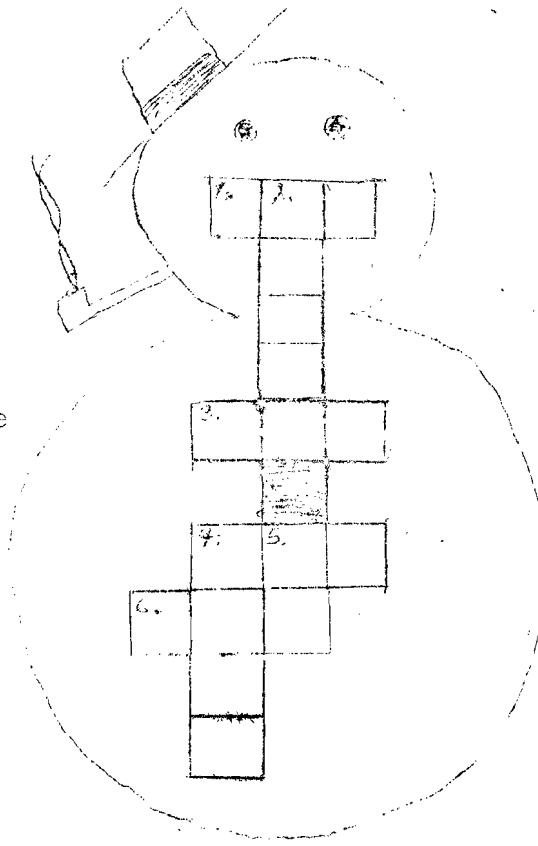
## CHILDREN'S THEATER

"Radio Rescue" was presented at Highland Park on the afternoon of December the 9th. Derrick Bounds and Barbara Baker, who played the parts of Sparky and Jill, shared their adventures and thrills with the Highland Park students. The play was about two orphans who ran away from the orphanage but were finally adopted by a nice family.

## THE CHRISTMAS STORY

One Christmas a little boy was in his bed. He heard a noise in the living room. He went down to the living room and what did he see? Santa Claus!

By Georgia Blassengame.



ACROSS

- 1. Abbreviation of the United States.
- 3. A kitten or a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4. A flying animal.
- 6. To gamble

DOWN

- 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Claus.
- 4. To win.
- 5. Tom is \_\_\_\_\_ Dick's house.

THE DONKEY THAT COULD NOT BUCK

Once upon a time, there was a donkey who did not know how to buck. All he could do was play all day. But he did not have a very good time because all the others could buck

Then his mother called him. "What do you want?" Tom said. His mother said, "Tom, why don't you buck?" "Tom, you're just not smart. Now why don't you go and play." As he went out, he started to buck and he never found out how he learned to buck.

By Sidnee Cole, 2nd grade

CHRISTMAS EVE

It was Christmas Eve. Santa was riding in his sled. The first house he saw was Joe Billy's house. Santa had a big ball for Joe. He had a big toy car for Billy. When he left all the things there, he rode off. The next morning Joe and Billy were very happy. They said, "Santa is a very good man."

Tom Gibson, 2nd grade

FUNNIES

FATHER: If you are good, Willie, I'll give you this bright new penny.

WILLIE: Haven't you got a dirty old nickel?

VISITOR: Can you give me a room and a bath?

HOTEL CLERK: I can give you a room, but you'll have to take a bath yourself.

SILLY SALLY

Sally measured her fireplace. "Three feet wide," she said.

Sally went around town and measured all the Santa Clauses. She finally found one that was real thin and she said, "You must be my Santa because you're the only Santa that will fit in my chimney."

ANSWERS TO PUZZLE

- 1. U.S.A.
- 2. Santa
- 3. cat
- 4. beat
- 5. at
- 6. bet

DOWN

ACROSS