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Paulette Adams (center) was crowned Lasseter's Miss Future Homemaker of America 1969-70 last night. Candidates were (left to right) Sandra Dykes, Barbara Cloer, Ann Goguen, LaQuita Perkins, Paulette, Beverly McDaniel, Connie Vaughn, and Vita Moate.

Miss FHA Crowned During Open House

Paulette Adams, a sophomore at Lasseter, was crowned Miss Future Homemaker of America 1969-70 last night during FHA Open House by Marcy Waters, last year's Miss FHA.

She was selected over seven other candidates: Barbara Cloer, Sandra Dykes, Ann Goguen, Beverly McDaniel, Veta Moate, LaQuita Perkins, and Connie Vaughn.

Besides being vice-president of FHA, Paulette is a Mark Smith flag twirler. She also helps at the Cerebral Palsy Center. Residing at 409 Main Street, she attends Tabernacle Baptist Church.

Paulette, along with the other candidates, was required to fill out a check list to be able to run for Miss FHA. Some of the activities Paulette has completed include attending all FHA meetings, being an FHA officer, working on the chapter degree (FHA's second degree), and participating in FHA's money-making project, selling candy.

She also helped in collecting rummage for the March of Dimes and is on various FHA committees.

All girls desiring to run for Miss FHA filled out the check list. Points were given for each activity listed and the eight with the most number of points were selected as candidates. Then the club voted on the girls.

The FHA Open House is an annual event during which Christmas projects are displayed and girls demonstrate various homemaking skills. The school was decorated with cardboard cutouts painted as Christmas ornaments. These ornaments provided a suitable background for the crowning of Miss FHA.

News Briefs

Student Council has bought 11 new docks and placed them in rooms needing them.

Each of Lasseter's five classes has decorated a Christmas tree in the tradition of various countries. These trees were placed in several of the halls on December 16, and were judged by Mrs. Helen Wilson the 17.

Art Club sponsored their annual door decorating contest again this year. The doors were up on December 12 and were judged the 15 by Mrs. Elizabeth McElroy.

Fran Grant, Susan Hamrick, Girtie Lee, Cookie McKinnie, and Mary Williams, along with Mrs. James, the senior high guidance counselor, attended a seminar on drug abuse at Wesleyan College recently.

'70 Collage Begins Preparations; Baker Named Editor-in-Chief

The Editor-in-Chief of last year's Collage, Sheila Souther, returned to her Alma Mater on December 9 to announce the 1969-70 Collage staff, to be headed by Tanya Baker, Editor-in-Chief.

The Collage, Lasseter's literary magazine, contains works of prose, poetry, and art which have been submitted for publication by Lasseter students.

Taking charge in the prose department will be Daria Darley. She will be aided by the assistant prose editor, Patricia Crumbley. Daria and Patricia will consider each article of prose contributed, and will decide which ones will be published.

Gay Beasley has been chosen as the poetry editor. Licja Drinon will serve as her assistant. Their job will be to carefully select and arrange each poem that is to be published in the Collage.

Girtie Lee will assume the post of art editor for the '69-'70 Collage.

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Girlie, along with her two assistants, Peggy Flowers and Nancy Brown, will be in charge of designing the Collage cover and selecting the works of art which are to be published.

Gay Beasley

The two girls who will be typing up the final selections are Carol Pierce and Mary Helen Skinner.

The advisors for the staff are Mrs. Patty Howell and Miss June Emmett.

Each new staff member had to

meet certain requirements to obtain a Collage staff position. The girls had to be seniors and they had to submit applications explaining what division they would like to work in and why.

Persons wishing to submit entries of prose, poetry or art for the Collage are urged to do during the month of January. The contributions should be placed in the back of room 104. The Collage is expected to be published in April.

Girls Nominate Candidates For Mr. Mark Smith Title

The initial step, nomination of candidates for the Mr. Mark Smith contest, was taken at Lasseter December 2.

Girls were asked in their supervisions to put down the name of one boy in their grade whom they would like to see run for Mr. Mark Smith. After the votes were counted, the candidates nominated by the senior class were David Lee and Jag Ghoslon. The juniors chose Alfred Johnson and Jimmy Greene. Jimmy Clance and Brent Pyles will represent the sophomores; Johnny Edwards and Randy Pittman, the freshmen; and Stewart Brown and David Howard, the sub-freshmen.

The contest will take place from January 6 to January 13. Each boy's campaign manager will place a jar in the front hall in which students may put money during their study hall and before school. The money will be collected each day.

One penny counts as one vote and a student may vote as many times as she wants. The campaign managers will also make posters for their candidates to be displayed in

the front hall. The five boys who are given the most votes will be the finalists in the assembly.

The Mr. Mark Smith assembly will be held January 16 in the Lasser cafeteria. Each finalist's manager will make a speech for her candidate. The speeches will be followed with answering of questions by the candidates. Each candidate will pick a question, made up by the senior class, out of a fish bowl. After all the candidates answer their questions, Mr. Mark Smith will be chosen and crowned.

The campaign managers have also been named. The girls, who must be seniors, are Cathy Stephens for Jag Ghoslon, Cookie McKinnie for David Lee, Girtie Lee for Jimmy Greene, and Lydia Mitchum for Alfred Johnson.

Jimmy Clance's campaign manager is Judy Bedingfield, while Brent Pyles' is Jackie Holton. Johnny Edwards chose Cathy Skinner, Randy Pittman chose Debbie Carr, and Stewart Brown selected Fran Grant. Connie Colhard will be David Howard's campaign manager.

Enjoying Their Christmas Gift From Last Year's Senior Class



One of the favorite senior privileges of last year's senior class was that of being able to go outside during their study halls in the warm, sunny months. To show their appreciation of this privilege and also leave a special gift to posterity, the class of '69 decided to give the school money for picnic tables. The tables have finally arrived and may be seen behind the school. Shown enjoying their Christmas present are members of the class of '70.

EDITORS COMMENT

Education Requires More Than Three R's

Strange it is that high school students know so little about the place where they spend one fourth of every school day. Few students are even the least bit curious about this outstanding part of their lives.

One of the areas where students are most outspoken and least knowledgeable is rules. The rules and regulations at Lasseter come from four different sources. Some of them, such as privileges given to seniors, are made by our principal, Miss Henry. A large number of rules are set up by the Bibb County Board of Public Education. These include such regulations as the time the school day opens and closes. The State Board of Education also sets many standards; for example, they decide the number of school days in a year. Finally, some restrictions, such as no use of candy machines during school hours, come from the federal level. Because of this organization, students should make sure they protest to the right person when they have an objection to a rule.

Very little is known among youth about the Bibb County Board of Public Education. Our Board is made up of 12 members and the County Commissioner and Mayor of Macon. The Board has scheduled meetings monthly and called meetings whenever needed.

Officers elected by the Board are president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and superintendent. The superintendent, Dr. Julius Gholson, has charge of carrying out the administrative duties of the Board.

Much of the work of the Board is done by committees. Standing committees include curriculum and textbooks, rules and regulations, transportation, and eight others. The committee members are appointed by the president of the Board, at present Dr. W. Earl Lewis.

Another important part of education that students fail to understand is where the money comes from. Below is a chart showing where Bibb County got the school dollar for 1968-1969:

County School Levy.....	34.05%
City Court.....	6.2%
State Appropriation.....	57.21%
Federal Government.....	4.27%
Other Sources.....	3.85%

This money is spent as shown in this chart:

Administration.....	83%
Instructional.....	73.58%
Special Instructional.....	7.64%
Attendance Service.....	29%
Parent Transportation.....	1.21%
Operation of Plant.....	3.37%
Maintenance of Plant.....	2.97%
Fixed Charges.....	6.12%
Capital Outlay.....	1.49%

There is far, far more to education than meets the eye. Perhaps, with new insight into its workings, students will learn to appreciate it more.

Guest Editorial

Bibb County Progresses Toward School Changes

by Allan Gurley

Editor's Note: Allan Gurley, Associate Superintendent of Bibb County Schools, received his early education in his native town of Dahloonga, Georgia. He earned his B. S. from North Georgia College in Dahloonga; his M. A. from George Peabody College for Teachers in Nashville, Tennessee; and the Specialist in Education degree from the University of Georgia in Athens. Mr. Gurley has had 18 years experience in the field of education as a classroom teacher, principal, curriculum director, and assistant superintendent. He is married to Lasseter's Mrs. Jeanette Gurley.

Cocooned, military, changes in course of study, high school complexes, twelve-month school year, the middle school, four-quarter system, and comprehensive high schools are some of the issues facing educators today not only in Bibb County, but throughout the state of Georgia and the nation.

At the present time, a study is underway in Bibb County concerning the status of non-education in some of our high schools. A questionnaire is being prepared by the Board of Education for students, parents, and teachers to express themselves concerning this issue. You will receive a copy of this questionnaire in the very near future.

Another area that is being studied is vocational educational opportunities for all students in Bibb County. About 51 percent of our graduates enter college, leaving 49 percent who begin work immediately or continue education with some other type training not available in the various colleges. This factor strengthens the concept of the comprehensive high school and/or the high school complex.

Also under consideration is the area of military training in our high schools. This will require extensive study as the program relates to all of the students in Bibb County. It must also be realized that many of the decisions that will affect the organizational structure of the Bibb County School System will be affected by the Federal Court Order which deals with desegregation of our school system.

The problems are complex to say the least, but with proper communication and cooperation among students, parents, teachers and administrators of the school system, the issues will be resolved in such a manner that the educational process will not be disrupted and each student will be given an opportunity to adequately prepare himself for the future.



Mr. Gurley

The Cure for Our Medical Career Problems Is Drawn From Youth



Health Fields Offer Good Opportunities

"You are the leaders of tomorrow!" This phrase has echoed through the minds of today's youth many times, but it only has meaning for those who have realized what this motto holds. In a short time, the younger generation will be thrust into the world of unlimited opportunities. The future will soon be molding the youth.

When a young person ponders his future, he still more than Margaret Clay likely consider the fields that desperately need volunteers. One area right here in Macon is the field of medicine. Macon is in great need of doctors, nurses, hygienists, therapists, and other medical personnel. Even though Macon's hospitals are supplied with sufficient personnel, this is not enough. New hospitals are in the making and have been granted expansions. These hospitals serve not only Macon but all of Middle Georgia. Again, workers will be needed.

Another one of our city's medical problems is the fact that many of Macon's inhabitants are ignorant of the health habits necessary for maintaining a sound mind and body. Volunteers are needed to relate the facts to these unfortunate sufferers of improper hygienic habits. Today's educated youth can communicate with the unfortunate teenagers and aid them in bettering themselves. Little aid is given Macon in reducing this and other problems. Getting the message to these people will depend largely upon the city's high school graduates who realize today's medical problems.

The challenge is before us. The responsibility of meeting the challenge is resting upon the young people. A decision must be made soon. Consider the possibilities carefully. Remember—the world's future—and health—depends on the youth.

Margaret Clay



Margaret Clay

Prepare Spirit For Yuletide

AS December 25 approaches all our attention and energy are channeled into preparation for the day. We make our Christmas lists. We fill our days with shopping, addressing cards, wrapping gifts, practicing programs, planning parties and dances. Every moment is crowded with the hustle and bustle of decorating, trimming trees, and stuffing stockings.

Let us this year prepare our hearts for the day. Let us make a different kind of Christmas list. It might read:

- songs of kindness
- light of forgiveness
- candle of hope
- wreath of love
- star of peace

Let us seek these as eagerly and persistently as we shop for gifts. Let us give this list the same careful attention we devote to our Christmas cards. Let us plan quiet times, times for opening our hearts and minds to the great literature and music of the season. Let us thoughtfully and regularly practice these gifts of the spirit.

Ann Henry



Miss Henry

A Look at Books Georgian Writes About Christmas

"Christmas in Georgia" and "Especially at Christmas" by Celestine Sibley

Christmas is a time for giving, for lofty notions, and for great deeds. This is the message of Celestine Sibley in her "Christmas in Georgia" and "Especially at Christmas," the latter being released this year.

Both books are a collection of stories—one of fiction and one of the author's recollections.

"Christmas in Georgia," the book of fiction, contains five stories that range in time from the Revolution to the present. All the settings are in Georgia, and in all the stories, the Christmas happenings are somehow related to that they change the lives of everyone involved.

"Especially at Christmas," is composed of Miss Sibley's remembrances of people at Christmas, all of whom have great virtue. Although these are true accounts, they are written so faultlessly, that some characters seem to be too virtuous and too perfect to be reached by ordinary people.

"Christmas in Georgia," is warmer and more entertaining. Because each story is not just like the one before it, the reader can appreciate each story for itself. Also, the readers' identification with the stories progresses the book's aim—to inspire.

In these two books, the variety is the virtue.

Sandra Thomas

What Is Courtesy?

Courtesy means doing nice things when you don't have to. For example, courtesy is saying "good morning" to teachers when you meet them in the hall.

Being courteous includes gathering up your trash before you go to put up your tray (so other people won't have to wait in line behind you), going out the right doors from the lunchroom, and being quiet in the halls during class time. Asking your parents to drive up to the corner of the building before letting you out of the car in the mornings so that others can pull in behind to let their daughters out is courtesy, too.

Sometimes courtesy means not doing things that are convenient to you. Not walking fast behind people who walk slowly up the steps, not talking during announcements on the intercom, and not writing your boyfriend's name on desks are also ways of being courteous.

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Principal Miss Ann Henry presents Licia Drinnon her National Council of Teachers of English Achievement Award.

Lantern Editor Places In National Contest

Licia Drinnon has been named as a national winner by the National Council of Teachers of English in its annual Achievement Awards competition.

A committee of Lasseter English teachers chose Licia last year to represent Lasseter. She submitted samples of her best writing, an autobiographical sketch, took two standardized tests covering all general phases of English, and wrote a one-hour impromptu essay. State judging teams, consisting of college and high school teachers and professors, evaluated these samples of

her work and scored them.

All winners receive a scroll of recognition and their high school English departments have received a certificate of merit.

Nearly 8000 students were nominated for the NCTE citation. Of these, 872 finalists were chosen, representing over 600 high schools.

These finalists are recommended by the National Council of Teachers of English for 1970 college scholarships. Every college and university admissions officer and English department in the country will receive these students' names. Of these winners, 99 percent have entered the college of their choice in the past. About 80 percent who applied for scholarships received them.

Licia received three cards announcing that she was the recipient of an NCTE Award. These cards may be attached to college applications.

David G. Kives, director of Achievement Awards for NCTE, sent Licia a letter of congratulations.



Spot Lite

by Gail Roughton

The Spot Lite shines on Lasseter students who have been entering into the Holiday Spirit of the season. The Future Homemakers of America planned one of the most worthwhile projects of the Christmas season. They have stayed after school to bake cookies to send overseas for "the boys" in Vietnam.

They are still able to concentrate on "at home" projects, though. The members proved their worth (again) at the Football Banquet on December 11.

The Home Economics classes have been busy lately, too, it seems. Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Taylor's classes held their bake-off this month. On December 4 and 5, the girls held their semi-finals. One girl from each class was selected as a semi-finalist contestant. Then, on December 11 and 12, the semi-finalists stayed after school and the judges picked the winners.

Supervision 110 took first place in the door decoration contest this week.

Club Names Safe Driver

Cathy Miles, a Lasseter senior, has been named Courteous Driver for the month of December by the Safety Club.

Cathy serves as president of the Language Club and as a director of the senior class. She is a member of the Athletic Club, and her hobbies include sports and raising Pekinese dogs. Cathy attends Morning-side Baptist Church.



Cathy Miles, Members of the Safety Club have watched Lasseter's student drivers both on and off campus. Courteous Drivers will be selected on the basis of the courtesy they show to other drivers and to pedestrians and of the safety of their driving.

One Courteous Driver will be chosen for each of the months remaining in the school year. Cathy will compete at the end of the school year with the other five courteous drivers for the title of Courteous Driver of the year.

By naming a Courteous Driver each month, the Safety Club hopes to encourage Lasseter's drivers to be safe and courteous.



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Charlie Brown and his Peanuts gang show what Christmas is all about. Left to right are Linus (Becky Peebles), Lucy (Jan Elder), Charlie Brown (Maureen Dekle), and Pigpen (Renee Geiger).

Characters Present True Joy of Giving

A joint Christmas program was presented by the Drama Club and the Chorus Department this morning before the Lasseter student body.

The program entitled "Happiness is Giving" was a combination of three skits based on the joy of giving. "The Gift of the Magi" related the magic of giving, while Charlie Brown and his peanuts gang demonstrated the holiday spirit between scenes. "The Christmas Carol," including the familiar characters of Scrooge and Tiny Tim, was the third presentation. Music was added to the program by the chorus.

Participating in the program was the Charlie Brown gang were Maureen Dekle, Jan Elder, Becky Peebles, Renee Geiger, Sandra Holston,

Deborah Epps, and Rhonda Taylor. "The Gift of the Magi" was enacted by Debbie Yopp and Penny Godfrey with Pat Crumby as the narrator.

Performing "The Christmas Carol" were Beverly Jackson, Alden Watson, Denise Dehart, Kim Bridges, Deborah Davis, Charlotte Henderson, and Harriet Beasley.

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Superlatives 1970



Bonnie Green



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Girlie Lee

Known for their loyalty and spirit as well as character and scholarship, these six girls have been chosen by the senior class as their superlatives.

Each one excels in her individual interests and strives to achieve her personal goals. Having made this habit in their school years, they will continue through life seeking their private ambitions.

The beginning of the end. The naming of superlatives is the first hint that the many days of hard work will be ending all too soon. And when the class of '70 is scattered far and wide in years yet to come, they will be able to look back at their high school years and say that these six were truly the standouts in the class.



Veannie Cogle



Licia Drinnon



Patricia Crumbley

CULTURAL CORNER

Cultural Scene Bright With Events in 1970

Macon receives a variety of Christmas gifts lasting on into the New Year, many of them especially interesting to teens.

The week of December 26-30 will find the Coliseum grooving to the sounds and sights of the youth culture with the arrival of Aquarius '70. Brought to Macon by American Expositions, Aquarius '70 is a youth fair made up of exhibits on clothes, art, and music. Local merchants will display wares of special interest to the young. Not only clothes but music will be part of the festivities with such groups as Smith, Billie Joe Royal, Joe South, the Boogie Chillun, and the Strawberry Birdcage performing each day.

Then, on January 3, the Preservation Hall Jazz Band, direct from famed Preservation Hall in New Orleans, will fill the Coliseum with blues and jazz straight from the heart of the Southland.

Seniors Tell Worst Gift, Resolutions

Bubble bath? Books? Perfume? Sound like nice gifts to you? These three rated tops among a group of seniors who named them as things they didn't want for Christmas!

—I don't want any more shoes: —I don't want another purple toothbrush-Cathy Skinner

—I don't want the Green Phantom-Signed Mouth Decay (-Sue Lynn Scott)

—I don't want a purple sweater from my grandmother that is two sizes too small and she'll want me to have it on every time she sees me-Daria Darley

—I don't want any smelly perfume that is supposed to attract people but instead it runs them off-Georgia Bullard

—I don't want to wake up and see Santa putting out the toys. That would spoil everything-Susan Webb

—I don't want to have to go to my boyfriend's house and have to eat his mother's cooking-Jo May

—I don't want a lot of people over Christmas to wash dishes after-Shirley Sargent

As well as knowing what they didn't want, these girls were also pretty definite as to their promises to "do better next year." These promises, often made and rarely kept, are called New Year's Resolutions.

—I resolve to catch up on what I got behind in last year that I had resolved to catch up on the year before-Daria Darley

—I resolve never again to wear another pony tail on top of my head to school on Tuesdays-Bonnie Greene

—I resolve to keep the resolutions I made last year-Beverly Murphy

The Association will appear there on February 11.

If the Museum of Arts and Sciences offers a less strenuous program, it is just as interesting. From now through December 28, the exhibit, "Christmas Around the World," can be viewed. This display shows typical Christmas festivities in seven countries around the globe. There is also a Georgia Christmas tree, so drop by and see how you rate.

Another Christmas program at the museum features the planetarium. Each Sunday at 3 P. M. "The Christmas Star," turns back the clock with the help of the big projector to the time nearly two thousand years ago.

In the New Year the museum will also exhibit animal drawings by Charles R. Knight. This famous artist worked at the American Museum of Natural History in New York and also was the first artist to draw prehistoric animals not as skeletons but as they looked when they were alive.

"White Wilderness," a Walt Disney nature film, will be shown January 24. The January planetarium shows have yet to be announced.

Only Six Days Left 'Til Christmas! Here Are Ideas for Late Presents

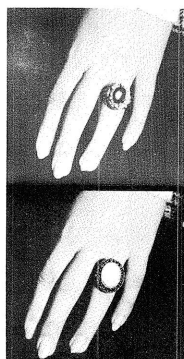
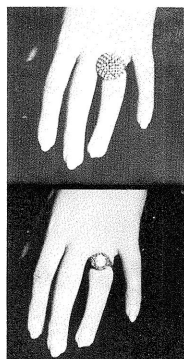
Aarrghh! Only six more days left until Christmas and once again you're caught with your list short. The Lantern offers these suggestions for last minute presents all under five dollars.

For the lat flopper on your list, try either a soft felt flopper, a crocheted watch cap, or maybe even a crinkly vinyl Red Baron helmet.

If you have an absent-minded auto enthusiast on your hands, give her an ignition-key ejector that pops the key out of the slot when the car is turned off.

For the one who's constantly complaining about the weather, give something to back up their thoughts like a giant, easy-to-read thermometer to mount on her window outside.

For a potted plant (or planted pot) fanatic, a personalized flower pot painted in dayglo color would really live up the old window box. Imagine your mother's face on Christmas morning as she views her favorite begonia transplanted into



Fashionable rings help complete a girl's outfit down to her fingertips.

Supersonic Circlets Perfect For 'Ringing' In New Year

by Dorinda Gilmore

With the long look dominating the fashion scene, such as maxi-coats and maxi-skirts, there has naturally been an emergence of maxi-accessories. And no other accessory has made the grand debut that the large, hunky rings have.

The first ring is a knuckle-width dome ring in a gold-plate set with

tiny turquoise beads. It goes not only well with maxi things but also with everyday school clothes.

Proceeding across the top, our next big goody is an elegant dinner ring set with a fake tiger eye stone rimmed with tiny rhinestones and gold decoration. It too, is versatile and adds a dressy touch to apparel.

The next one is interesting in that it is not a ring set with a stone but a finger loop crowned with tiny replicas of Roman coins. The gold coins are free to move about and offer a holiday jingle as they hit together.

On the bottom row, we return to the popular cameo style ring. The delicate cameo is in a round gold set. This style goes well with the romantic flowing blouses.

For a real eyecatcher, this shield ring will be a sure attention-getter. The stone in this one is turquoise and the set features tiny gold flowers rimming the stone.

Then lastly, there is the Mata Hari ring, unique because of its hid-

den compartment that's just the right size for a cyanide tablet. But most girls will find it handy for tucking away a less lethal aspirin or a yag for enclosing a piece of cotton dampened with a favorite perfume. The hinged ring is decorated with a tiny gold serpent coiled on the top. He even has turquoise eyes.

These rings cost usually no more than a couple of dollars so they are great as stocking stuffers. What's even better is that ring size makes no difference—all of these rings are adjustable. So, give them to your friends and maybe sneak yourself one.

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Buck Owens and Roy Clark seem pretty happy — and they have reason to be. They will again host "Hee Haw" beginning Wednesday. December 17.

TV TIPS

TV Gives 'Special' Gifts For Christmas Viewing

by Beverly Murphy

"Up on the housetop reinder pause.

They want to go with Santa Claus. But, "Hee Haw" is their favorite show.

It's on TV again you know."

"Hee Haw," with Buck Owens, Roy Clark, and Junior Samples, returned to television on Wednesday nights beginning December 17 on CBS.

The "Glen Campbell Goodtime Hour" moves to Sunday nights beginning December 21. To celebrate the Yuletide season, Glen has his wife and three children as guests. Andy Griffith, Paul Lynde, and singing star Cher Bono also appear on this top-rated music-comedy.

variety series.

A special edition on the Ed Sullivan Show on December 21 salutes "The Swinging, Soulful Sixties." Famous personalities such as Herb Alpert and the Tijuana Brass, Petula Clark, Diana Ross and the Supremes, and Robert Goulet make appearances. The program takes a look at memorable highlights of the more than five hundred Sullivan shows presented in the past decade.

Features such as the debut of the Beatles are included in the ninety-minute program over CBS.

CBS Christmas specials back this year by popular demand are "The Nutcracker" on December 23 and "L'Enfance du Christ" on December 24.

"The Mysterious, Magical, Miracle Box" features the Texas Boys Choir, the Tom Tichener Puppets, and settings based on UNICEF's collection of children's art from around the world. The special is telecast over ABC on December 21.

Aaron Copland narrates and conducts the season premiere of "The New York Philharmonic Young People's Concerts" on December 28 over CBS.

Walter Cronkite converses with Lyndon B. Johnson on December 27 concerning why Johnson chose not to run again. This is the first in a CBS News series on Johnson's political career.

'tis the season to be hollow

by Dorinda Gilmore

Peace on Earth to everyone!

The Santa Claus Sale has just begun.

Impress your friends with all your art.

A gift in the hand's worth two in the heart.

The bigger the price tag, the better, we're told.

The value of giving is now weighed in gold.

Hark! the herald merchants sing.

Now's the time to buy your thing.

Don't give folks presents you have made.

The store-bought goods are quite an aide.

To our economy uptown,

And you can really put people down

By giving presents with lots more show

Than the ones they gave to you, ho ho.

JMM Caught By Stocking

by John Michael Mouse

Before you leave for Christmas holidays, I want to give you one word of advice: don't try too hard to get to the bottom of things in your Christmas stocking!

Last Christmas, I had a very unfortunate experience with my very own stocking. My stocking was not mouse-sized, because it was given to me by one of my human friends. I was glad to have such a big stocking—the bigger my stocking, the more presents I'd get. So I hung my giant stocking on the mantle beside all the little mouse stockings of my relatives on Christmas Eve.

Santa Mouse obligingly filled my maxi-stocking to the brim with presents. I dove right into that stocking and scrambled through the presents right down to the toe. But then the heavy stocking, relieved of its burden of gifts, collapsed on me. I was trapped! I fought and pushed and struggled, but nothing helped. Finally, I had to chew my way out of that beautiful stocking.

I vowed I'd never hang another stocking. But I will this Christmas—a mouse-sized one, of course!



Sinter Klaas arrived in Holland on November 15.

Sinter Klaas Brings Glad Tidings of Joy

by Sandra Frost

Foreign Correspondent

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December 6:

The tradition of the American Santa Claus and his bag of goodies was probably based on the legend concerning the Dutch Sinter Klaas.

A Diary of Christmas—Dutch Style

November 15:

Saint Nicholas arrived in Enkhausen, Holland today. Still astride a white stallion, he now travels along the canal on a steamboat instead of a barge.

November 15 - December 4:

These nineteen days mark the time when children visit Saint Nicholas. He gives each of them a toy made of circular metal rings, called a cricket. The cricket symbolizes the parachutists during the Invasion of Normandy in World War II.

December 5:

Tonight children place their wooden shoes on a fire place. The stallion flies through the air with Sinter Klaas on his back. He drops chocolate candies down the chimney and into the shoes of good children.

The chocolate candies are almost too fascinating to eat—a group of elves in sleigh of white chocolate, Saint Nick on his horse, clowns, Piets, and children. It is time to open gifts.

December 25:

Christmas is a time of brilliant lights, sparkling trees, and the manger scene, but most of all it is a day to attend church and read the Bible.

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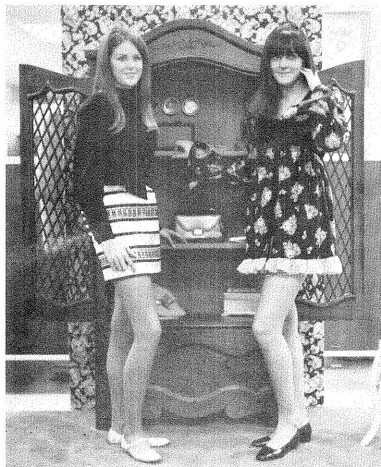
"Merry Christmas"

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Belk Matthews



In our first picture, two of Belk's Teen Fashion Board members model after-five party dresses perfect for the upcoming holiday parties. The first outfit pairs a black crepe blouse with a micro-miniskirt made of woven straw. The long sleeves on the blouse fasten with pearl buttons. The minidress here is in the Young Edwardian style made of a silk print with a black velvet bodice. It features gathered full sleeves and a bouncy white ruffle around the hem.



For your really elegant evenings out, the ideas this year are sparkle and brilliance. This can be achieved by either dazzling material or glittering accessories. On the left we see a white crepe pants outfit with flair leg pants. The tunic top can be worn as a mini-dress. Here the pantsuit is accented with a gold medallion belt which can also be worn with other clothes to brighten them up, too. Hi oh Silver has returned for this year in a silver metallic after five dress. The dress features gently flared sleeves and falls in tiny pleats from the neckline. The scoop neck is highlighted with tiny silver buttons up the front of the dress. Even with the advent of the pantsuit and mini-dress, the classic evening dress is still around and just as beautiful as ever. The one shown here is in white chiffon, with chiffon streamers gracing the low scoop neckline. The beaded bodice adds the holiday sparkle to this gown. The ever present full length gloves are still with us, adding that special touch to make the finished picture one of elegance.

This season the look is yours because you're the one who makes it. Coordinates have given way to separates with the emphasis on your individuality, so take it away.

Menswear fashions have again invaded the women's fashion world on the fabric, color, and design scene. Men shirts masquerade as women's blouses with large cuffs, pointed collars, neckties, and rich colors. The pant and vest are definitely a throwback to menswear fashions.

Start at the top with your thing, beginning with sweater vests that have a skinny look. Latch on to tunic tops with ropes and ropes of pearls matched with lovely crepe pants with fashionable sashes. Jewelry really means a lot this year as skirt and sweater chains invade the fashion world with an explosion. Scarves are also better and longer as they reach even dress length. The wet look isn't all wet anymore.

For parties this season, the big story is pant formals. This is the biggest and most-expected breakthrough in formal looks in many years. Here, too, you have the glitter and sparkle of chains.

It's truly an age of individuality. Your look is our look. So come to Belk-Matthews and do your own thing, using the right sweater, shirt, and skirt or the right hat, scarf, or fun fur coat.



Just waiting for the fun to begin, we find this trio all decked out in clothes that are super for at-home entertaining. In the throne chair we see a floor length printed naiseley jumpsuit clasped with a gold chain girdle. The young lady with the tam wears a short gold jersey knit dress, her tam also in a matching gold color. The Indian wears along with her headband a heavy white satin overblouse paired with long black crepe bell bottoms.



That's the fashion story from down Belk Matthews way. This is a summary of all the looks for the rest of this year, and on into the 70's. The return of the waist to school clothes is marked here in these skirt and blouse combos, accented with wide belts and sashes. For after school wear, nothing can beat the tunic and pants sets or bell bottomed jumpsuits. The soft, flowing look is hitting big from campus to home. Everything has gotten that big, bold look, from blouses to pants. So be brave, dress bold.



Ice hockey is gaining popularity in Macon with the Coliseum rink available for ice skating.

Ice Hockey Comes to Macon

Ice hockey is fast becoming one of the nation's most popular sports. With the completion of such amazing structures as the Macon Coliseum, it has even hit the Deep South.

Hockey, as it is commonly called, is a fast, rough, exciting game played by two teams. The constantly fast pace requires more speed-skating ability than figure-skating prowess. As the national sport in Canada, its popularity has also

spread to Japan, Russia, and Western Europe.

Players flash up and down the ice rink propelling a hard rubber disk, called a puck, with curved sticks. To score, a player must send the puck past the goalkeeper into the goalcage.

Defensive players attempt to steal the puck from attackers by blocking or checking them with their sticks or bodies, and after "cream their opponents into the side boards with a 'body check'."

The goalkeeper is supposed to guard the goalcage and may use his stick, skates, body, and hands to keep the puck out of the cage. The puck sometimes travels at speeds of 90 m.p.h.

A foul is committed when a player abuses the officials, slashes with or throws his stick, or holds or trips his opponent.

A game lasts three twenty-minute periods. Each game starts

with a "face-off" in which the referee drops the puck between the two centers, who struggle for its possession. The puck is driven down the ice and passed back and forth as each team tries to score.

Hockey players wear special heavy, hockey skates. These skates differ from figure supports by having lower tops, less ankle support, and a short, straight, and heavy blade.

The rink is rectangular in shape and is divided into three zones by two blue lines. These are the attacking zone, the neutral zone, and the defending zone. The rink is also divided in half by a red line. No team member may cross that line ahead of the puck.

The skaters all wear protective pads and clothing. The goalkeeper wears about forty pounds of equipment, compared to the twenty pounds the other players wear.

The Stanley Cup is a perpetual challenge trophy for ice hockey.

Ice hockey had its beginning when some British troops tried field hockey on a frozen lake in Canada in the 1860's.

Maconites are finding the "northern" sport quite exciting and enjoyable. Last night, Greensboro met Jacksonville in the Coliseum, and will play them again on January 22. On February 19, Jacksonville skaters will clash with Salem "icemen."

"Icemen."

The schedule for other hockey games is as follows:

January 8th - Greensboro and Jacksonville

January 22nd - To be announced

February 19th - Jacksonville and Salem

Winter Sports Play It Cool In The South

The soft drink companies love to show an energetic group of teenagers schussing down a ski slope and guzzling carbonated water. But that leaves out a lot of the South, places where an inch of sleet is considered a blizzard and a little bit of snow paralyzes the whole city. What does Macon have to offer in the way of winter sports that can compete with and maybe even surpass those pastimes on the TV screen?

With the abundance of pine trees in the area, Macon has earned the title, "Pine Straw Sledding Paradise of the South." Why should these large companies completely ignore their chance for an ad that is just as exciting and relevant as the one previously mentioned. The scene opens with a chilly blue sky cut off by a gentle hill covered with frosty pine needles.

Suddenly, like a bolt out of the blue, flashes a madcap young couple laughing courageously as they career down the dangerous slope in an old cardboard box. At the end of the ride, they pile out, brushing the icy straw from their faces and opening a bottle of X Cola. Just think how impressive that would be to a southern audience.

Many of the catalogues from north carry page after page of skiing equipment. We can match their snow skiing with water skiing. Imagine the excitement getting up one winter morning, bravely donning your swimsuit and a long muffler, and hitting the lake for a few hours of unbelievable chills and thrills, but mainly chills.

Of course, if you do want to try a legitimate winter sport, you can ice skate at the Coliseum. But then again, their ice is a lot harder than good ol' southern pine straw or cold water.



Bulldog Corner

by Lin Wood

The Class of '70 recently chose six seniors to represent their graduating class as superlatives.

The group, headed by class president Mike Kitchens, includes Jag Gholson, John Skalko, Steve Heath, Steve Shimmel, and David Lee. These boys have proven throughout their high school careers that they lead in character, as well as academics.

One of the superlatives, Jag Gholson, also was selected as the D.A.R. Best Citizen of Smith.

With December comes Christmas—and also basketball. The defending State AAA Champs, the Mark Smith Bulldogs are preparing for this season as if they were not defending a reputation, but rather establishing one. Coach Minton Williams will have eight returning lettermen to face the rugged AAA competition.

As the holiday "vacation" nears, we at Smith would like to wish the members of our sister school a very Merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous New Year!

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
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