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Shirley Harkins Elected Girls' League Prexy

Yankee Doodles

By JACK FERRUCCI

Everyone who witnessed the Thanksgiving assembly a few weeks ago was impressed with the splendid performance of the AEOLIAN CHOIR, which highlighted the program by singing "Ballad for Americans."

Somehow the AEOLIAN CHOIR'S contribution was overlooked in the Fed's story on the assembly. Quick to give credit where credit is due, the Fed printed a correction last week, but here the journalism gremlins gumbled up the works, and the piece came out mentioning the A Cappella Choir instead of the AEOLIAN CHOIR, assisted by a few A Cappella members.

Fearful lest long-suffering Mrs. Abbot take her own life (or ours), we hasten to state that the organization that sang "Ballad for Americans" so beautifully at the Thanksgiving assembly WAS the AEOLIAN CHOIR. Certainly a group like that should never be overlooked!

—BUT NOT GOODBYE!
Thanks to Mrs. Mabel Montague and the dramatics classes for bringing to Hamilton "—But Not Goodbye." Most Hamiltonians don't realize the tremendous amount of time and work that goes into a production of this type. Again, thanks.

Our gratitude also to Harry Eckstein and his talented mother for the beautiful scale model of a church on display in the main hall for the past two days. Mrs. Eckstein creates these models entirely from candy. They require four hours to make and sell for as much as \$50 each. One will soon be winged to the Dark Continent of Africa for a Christmas gift.

NOTE TO ALUMNI

Mrs. Doris Gilmore of Roosevelt High, will soon begin a survey of Hamilton alumni from W'40 to W'45, as part of a check of ten selected city high schools.

JINGLE BELLS

Good gosh, here it is Christmas season again! Just in the nick of time, too. It looks as though the holiday season is the only time these days that this troubled old world can take on at least a momentary glow of good fellowship.

Before closing, I'd like to wish all Yankees everywhere, in behalf of the Federalist staff, a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS! See you next year!

Annual Xmas Ball To Whirl Tonight

Tonight not only marks the end of formal education for two weeks of Yuletide vacation, but also the time for the annual semi-formal Christmas dance, co-sponsored by the First Ladies and Green Key Clubs. Billowy white snowmen will adorn the walls of the cafeteria and Santa Claus will be beaming at his reindeer from the ceiling, as he sits in his famous sleigh.

The bids for the dance, which were sold by the members of the Green Key Club, were designed by Al Boime, A-12. The cover

Dance Cancelled

Due to lack of support by the male members of the student body, the Christmas Dance, sponsored by the First Ladies and the Green Key Club, has been called off.

E. G. Thompson, sponsor of the Green Key Club, states the percentage of the money collected for the dance fell far below the amount needed to make the dance come out in the black.

pictures two happy angels jitterbugging. The posters and murals for the dance were painted by the First Ladies.

Music for the dance will be provided by Jackie Robinson's band and entertainment at intermission will be provided by the Harmonaires. Refreshments will be served in the teachers' cafeteria. The dance will start at 8:30 sharp and will continue until midnight when Hamiltonians will depart for two weeks of the Christmas season.

Mrs. Addison Addresses Girls' League Meeting

In a period two Girls' League assembly, Jean Hastain, president, presented Mrs. Gertrud Addison, vice-principal, who spoke to the girls on "Young American Women—Hamilton Girls at Midcentury."

At the informal meeting she told the girls about their place in the world today and the many problems that the adolescent faces. She also spoke on the many subjects or situations upon which teenagers and their parents differ.

To conclude the assembly, Mrs. Martha Abbott led the Senior Aye girls in their class song.

Friedman Replaces Odell At Speech League Post

The Speech League wishes to announce that there has been a change in officers. Jackie Friedman is replacing Rae Odell, who resigned. Anyone who wants to join is welcome.

Christmas

By LEAH HANEY

A glist'ning tree, and shiny toys
And happy star-eyed girls and boys,
A holly wreath and bells that chime—
Let's have all these at Christmas time!

A turkey toasting on the rack
And apples spilling from their sack
And candy and a pie, at least—
Let's have a lovely Christmas feast!

A carol sung by candlelight
And gifts to open with delight,
A Santa Claus, a reindeer sleigh
Let's make the season very gay.

And then amid the Christmas rush
Let's pause, and in a moment's hush
Let's lift our eyes and say with love:
Happy Birthday! Lord above.

Holiday Jobs Herald Yule

There's no surer sign of the approaching Yule season than the annual Yankee exodus to holiday employment.

This past week, 205 Hamiltonians have been absent from school as a result of Christmas jobs. This figure represents an increase of over 210 percent over last year's number.

Any student who wished to be excused from school for employment was required to submit an application approved by his parents and teachers and containing a statement by the prospective employer that the student would be employed eight hours a day for the five-day period.

Employed Yanks will be graded on their work by their employers on the basis of interest, performance and appearance. Of those who have jobs, 62 found employment through the school.

States Dave Patterson, work coordinator, "The students who have Christmas jobs are receiving two benefits. They not only have the opportunity to work but are also receiving school credit while they do so."

A Cappella Chorus Performs for TV

Members of the A Cappella choir sang on Al Jarvis' KLAC television program at 5:45 p.m. yesterday.

The A Cappella choir has been asked to record Al's theme song, which will be played preceding each program thereafter.

The choir, accompanied by Peggy Fortenberry, will also perform on Teleten Reporter KLAC at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 20, in a selection of Christmas carols, according to Mrs. Martha Abbott, director.

Bass Captures S. B. Post; Burdick Tops Boys' League

Yank Faculty Instructed in First Aid Lore

With the possibility of disaster always prevalent, the entire personnel of Hamilton High School, as well as that of nearly every high school and junior high in the city of Los Angeles, has enrolled in a compulsory first aid instruction course.

In order that Hamilton may be ready to fit into the program of "civil defense," which is rapidly becoming a nationwide network of preparedness, every employee must have 18 hours of first aid instruction, and a standard certificate to his credit. To be an instructor, as are Paul Colburn, Mrs. Ruth Fitzgerald (chairman), Graham Harris, Mrs. Marie Dunn Smith, and Lloyd Souders, one must have studied 36 hours.

"Our work here at Hamilton is a drop in the bucket, but we want to be prepared," says Mrs. Fitzgerald, "and we are fortunate in having so many people who have a real interest in first aid as it affects the school and the community."

Mrs. Fitzgerald also pointed out that this system of mutual aid makes it possible for two cities or towns to work in conjunction with one another; thus should one be stricken by disaster, the other would immediately come to its aid.

After the courses for teacher instruction are completed in January, considerable thought will be given to the plan for presenting the rest of the school with first aid instruction.

In the current Girls' League elections, Shirley Harkins, B-12, was elected president in a very close race with Judy Clark, as revealed exclusively to the Federalist. June Jones was elected vice-president by slight majority over Carol Winkler, Bernita Jennings, and Joan Brown. Kathy Blake defeated Lola Smythe, Patty McNally and Micky Mortons for the office of secretary, and Valerie Wright is the new treasurer, over Judy Reise.

The nomination assembly was held last week and has been followed up by enthusiastic campaigning from all candidates.

The election committee was composed of ten volunteer girls, mostly tenth and eleventh graders, who were chosen by a drawing of names from a hat. The voting took place in third period classes last Friday, with the run-offs held Monday. The officers of Girls' League wish to extend their appreciation to teachers for taking time from classwork on those days for the voting.

States Miss Nellie Vance Wilson, faculty sponsor of the Girls' League, "I'm sure that we have four capable girls to lead the Girls' League, and, as always, there are several wonderful girls who were not chosen."

The results of the Student Body election and the Boys' League elections were revealed to the student body Tuesday and Wednesday, respectively. New Student Body officers are Hyman Bass, president; Sam Wright, vice-president; Marcia Silverman, treasurer; and Joanna McLennen, secretary.

Hyman Bass, who was recently chosen Hi-Y boy of the year by the Culver-Palms branch, won the coveted student body presidency over Ken Koury in a hotly contested race.

Boys' League officers include Bob Burdick, president; Chuck Couatts, vice-president; Mike Abarta, secretary; and Bob Perelman, sergeant-at-arms.

Xmas Assembly Today in Aud.

The annual Christmas program is being presented to the student body at IV-A and B assemblies today in the auditorium.

The program begins with an introduction by Gloria Barsimantob, secretary of assemblies, and Bach's "Mighty Fortress Is Our God," presented by Verne Martin and the senior orchestra.

Claire Williams and the voice class will accompany Alan Bobier and Bill Bostater in "We Three Kings," and Pat Torne in "Bring a Torch," Jim Hurst will sing "Birthday of a King," accompanied by Peggy Fortenberry.

The two readings which will be presented are "And It Came to Pass," and "Keeping Christmas."



Orchids to You!

Not all members of the Yankee clan have had the honor of meeting Mrs. X, but those who have will agree no person at the present is more deserving of the Federalist's highest award.

This very capable and efficient lady spends her calendar year helping the needy children of Los Angeles. Under the title of Director of the Eastside Settlement House, she provides healthful surroundings and entertainment for hundreds of underprivileged children.

The beautiful Sada orchid was presented to our winner at the Settlement House last night at a party provided by Hamiltonians. Congratulations are offered to Mrs. Exle Hampton for her wonderful work.



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Jots From Judy

By JUDY CLARK

Couple of the Week

This week the social column would like to announce Carol Lasceter, B11 and Eddie Jones, B11 as "Jack and Jill" of the week. This cute pair have been a credit to Yankeeville since entering the 10th grade. Carol is secretary of the S. P. T. A. and is in the Chateaines. Eddie is a member of the Barons and also belongs to various committees around school. These two respect and honor Hamilton, thus we are proud to give the title of Jack and Jill to them.



JUDY CLARK

Round and Round

And Round They Go

spinning and turning until Pat Desmond, Donna Griffen, Pat Knotts, Jean Ewing, Verie Sinner and Carmen Deschamps made their off-campus dates stop for a rest. These girls are really becoming pro's.

Fried Chicken

Country Style

will really make anyone's mouth water. Enjoying this delicious dinner last Friday night at Alan Tarsky's house were Shirley Weinstein, Aron Cohen, Sylvia Bettelman, Marv Fisher, Louise Goodheart, Sherwin Tarsky, Sara Faye Gross and many more.

There Were Three Jolly Fishermen

fishing off the pier at Santa Monica last Sunday, Jerry Katz, Skip Neveloff and Don White. Each of the boys caught a fish soooo long. This really isn't a fish story.

Hurry Up!

Why are Don Anthony and Frank Zila making beer mugs in metal shop for New Year's Eve? Could something be brewing?

If You Were in the Vicinity

Of 5756 Clemeson

you no doubt heard a big get-together at Peggy Fortenberry's home. Those there were Lou Amphlet, Pat Dartt, Paula Fagette, Theresa Lurch, Stan Bales, Howard Johnson, Mary Jane Bodum, Beebe Baldwin, Jack Edwards, Ray (Baby Face) Colome, Gail Finch, Ernie Bales, Sandy Young, Larry Bagley, and on and on. A good time was had by all there.

The Haunted House

scares many and in more ways than one. In the black of the night last Saturday, fiends Beebe Baldwin, Don Sanelli, Pat Thorne, Jim Beresford and Jave Crawley were creeping their way around. Later in the evening they were escorted home by men in uniform. (Hmmm.)

Bar of Music

Fascinated and seen dancing and living last Friday night were Sharlene Lawson, Chuck Fox, Dianne Pellicciotti, Roger Baker, Diane Kaplan, Marty Welch S'50, Myrna Tanner and Bill Wilson. Later in the evening, "The Drunkard" was found most enjoyable.

Open House

at Harry Eckstein's home last Sunday, displaying candy houses, churches that his mother made from cardboard, a frosting cookies and candy were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Parker and Mrs. Margaret Hartwell along with other guests enjoying the display.

Merry Christmas

To All Readers

May I wish all you readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I sincerely hope that you will make this Christmas the most enjoyable and happiest you and your friends have ever had.

And that is—30—in the social world.

Hall Crawlers Annoying

By ALAN HISLOP

Hamilton Menaces No. 1—The Hall Crawlers: These strange creatures (which run to the feminine gender) are, unfortunately not very rare around Hamilton. They can be seen quite often, wandering the halls at a snail's pace, making a great point to get, and stay, in the way of anyone and everyone who is in a hurry. They are most in evidence during the five or six minutes

allotted to change periods, when they move in great herds (like buffalo) along the hall, chattering aimlessly. They never seem to be GOING anywhere, just poking along. A survey shows that the Hall Crawler is a very close relative of the Always Tardy, so they evidently have some sort of destination, whatever it may be. Complete extinction is hoped for.

Yankees Express Christmas Wants

By MARILYN JENNINGS

Everyone has one special something that he would like for Christmas. Even though everyone can't get what he wants, we hope Santa will do his best. When jolly old Saint Nick comes down the chimney on the eve of December 25, we are sure no one will be disappointed.

Marcia Margulies, A-11, wants Al Jolson's last album of records for her Christmas.

Phylis Kleiman, B-11, capable art student, wants some new art supplies, of which she is very much in need.

Marcia Ullrich, B-10, dreams only of a few dozen cashmere sweaters under her tree.

Mary Schwedes, B-12, wants only for her boyfriend to come home from the war in Korea, so they can be married.

Pat Dartt, B-11, who wants a car, is almost sure she won't find it under her tree this year.

Mary Haines, B-10, wants a complete outfit shirt, sweater, and shoes for Christmas. Santa shouldn't find her much trouble.

Barry Sexton, A-11, thinks he is going to get a car; he probably will.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Merry Holiday!

By FRANCES SHULTZ

Christmas comes but once a year, For that's the time that brings good cheer,

In every land in a different way People celebrate this holiday. Some have a lighted Christmas tree,

Others leave a shoe for St. Nick to see;

Jews will light eight candles bright,

And the Mexicans over the pinata fight.

But no matter how you celebrate To open those presents is really great;

For gift-giving is the best joy of all,

And to hear Santa's cheery drawl.

We wish you a Merry Holiday,

Hoping all good fortunes come your way.

Most Students Are Ambitious

By DAVID COHEN

School is not disliked as much as some are led to believe. In fact, the majority of students not only do like school but would like to go to college when they graduate from high school. This was revealed by a poll taken last week to find out if Hamilton students would go to school if it were optional and if they are going to college.

Out of 50 students asked, 48 would still go to school whether it was optional or not. And, believe this or not, 45 out of 50 are going to college.

Most students were astounded to think there was any doubt if they would go to school on their own. Students from all grades were asked these questions, so there is no reason to think that it was just one certain group which especially liked school, that was asked these questions. In fact, one Senior Aye when asked if he would do it all over again, said, "I most certainly would."

So next time you gripe about school, don't think you are just one among the majority who feel that way about it; for, in reality, you are as exceptional as a two-headed man.



Alumni Album

By

CAROL FRANKLIN and DONNA WEBER

Wedding Bells—

I "do's" were said on Nov. 11 at the Cochrane Church by Wilma Nappier, S'50, and Pat Sullivan, S'49.

Dolores Jean Harborn, S'48, was married to Jack Lamarr Stone, on Oct. 20. The couple will reside in Los Angeles.

Georgia Gerard, W'49, was married on Nov. 12 at St. Mary Magdalen Church to Dick Seemers.

After going steady 11 years, Fern Miller, S'47, is now Mrs. Richard McKenzie.

Mary Alfano, S'50, was married on Sept. 1 to Irving Erlandson.

Eva Alfano, S'49, was married on June 24 to Jim Smith.

Congratulations Are In Store—

for Colleen (Snow) Lynn, S'46 and Bob Lynn, S'43, who were blessed with a 7½-pound baby girl, Susan Joy, on Nov. 9.

Campus Capers—

Nancy Couiam, S'48, is now attending the student nursing school at General Hospital.

Some of the many ex-Yankees that are going to the Bay City College are Tom Hinkle, S'49; Jim McShane, S'50, and John Lambert, S'49.

Argyle Nelson, W'50, and Bob Dallons, S'50, are at L. A. C. C. Jack La Placette, W'47, is at Loyola University.

Lassie, Go Home!

By DON WHITE

(Passive) "Lassie, go home." (Exasperated) "Lassie, go home!" (Pleading) "Lassie, Lassie, please go home." These and other anguished cries echo daily throughout Hamilton.

The target for all these hapless pleadings, and some abuse, is a rather large golden Collie with big, sorrowful brown eyes.

The dog blinks once, twice, standing there mutely trying to comprehend with his simple canine mind what these apparent dog lovers are saying. The speaker of these unkind words is a boy of 16½. He stands over this dog with a determined look upon his face. His companions stand fast behind him.

These men of tomorrow, the doctors, lawyers, politicians of the future, are turning against man's best friend. Could this be?

Dog has served man for thousands of years. He has guarded man's possessions and loved ones, has recovered lost men from the snow of the Alps, to the steaming jungles of the Amazon, and has aided his human masters in wars of global magnitude.

Are these mere boys turning against him. Lassie, do not blame them!

Dog! Forever leave these grounds never to return. Don't you see that these stalwart men of the future want to play touch-football?

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Berland's Contest Winners Named

The winners of last week's Berland's "Who Am I" contest have just been announced by Mr. Heller, Berland's manager. The girls who sent the letters with the earliest postmark were Leah Haney, 1st; Shirley Hammond, 2nd; and Nancy Pollen, 3rd. These three all guessed correctly. The mystery girl was Shirley Mayhall, popular A-12.

The first prize winner will receive a pair of Berland's shoes; the second prize winner, a lovely box of Kay King hosiery; and the third prize winner, a beautiful Kay King handbag. If these people will go to Berland's Shoe Store, 3838 Culver Center St., and identify themselves, they will receive their wonderful prizes in time for the Christmas holidays.

Camera Guild Award Prizes

The results of the first Senior Camera Guild competition were announced at the period 1-A meeting last Wednesday. The first prize, a \$10 merchandise order to be used at Moffett's Camera Store, was awarded to Ronnie Chandler for his portrait of a fierce football player, entitled "Quarterback." Stan Haberman's print, "Laughing Cat," took second prize, winning him a \$5 merchandise order; "Little Clown" took the third spot, for \$2.50 worth of merchandise, for Lloyd Ownbey.

The Eastman National High School Photography Awards Competition was the topic of discussion used by C. K. Eaton, head of the Art Center, and judge of the Eastman competition last year. Mr. Eaton also spoke of the photographer's place in the war.

Christmas Brought to Children At Settlement House Parties

By JOE GROSSMAN

This year's Philanthropy Project, food and playground equipment for the needy, was sponsored by the Girls' League in cooperation with the Congressional rooms and teachers, Boys' League and the various service clubs. Congressional rooms provided

Santa Rewards Typing Students

Santa Claus came early to a large number of students in Mrs. Ruby Ahrentzen's typing classes when they were presented Typing Award Certificates for Christmas. The names of the winners can be seen on the doors of room 102 and appear on two large Christmas trees; one for Typing II and one for Typing III.

The following names of students with perfect ratings in accuracy shine in the stars at the top of the trees:

Typing II: Marian Farefellow, Nita Baldrige, Barbara Walstrom, Elvera Sinner, Joan Weissman, Eva Jean McBeath, and Sherry Haifley.

Typing III: Betty Nelson, Eleanor Hinkston, Pat Desmond and Kerstein Petrusson.

Donna Bordeaux, in Per. III, typed at the very high rate of 66 words a minute with only one error. She was presented with the "Expert Typist Certificate" and her name appears at the top of the star for Typing III.

Fifty-word awards were earned by Elvera Sinner, Iris Feldman, Jean Rolfe, Mariella Snelson, Margo Berg, Kay Leininger, Joan Weisman, Carol Anthony, Pat Ray, Eleanor Hinkston, Gwyla Peel, Ellen Okemoto, Betty Nelson, Shirley Linwood, and Denise Wolfe.

canned food, fresh fruit and cookies. The canned food will be put in baskets for the needy of our own community around Hamilton, while the fresh fruit and cookies were given to the needy at the Eastside Settlement House at their two parties yesterday. The first party was held in the morning for the younger children, while the high school aged students had their party last evening.

Money for the purchase of the equipment came from the Sadie Hawkins dance and the various sucker sales. Together with the school, some of the Congressional rooms, including all the A-10 English classes, provided additional playground equipment, which included a ping-pong table and set, basketballs, footballs, volley and soccer balls.

"It is heart warming to see the enthusiasm of our students, and those who had a share last year in going to the Settlement House were eager to return. In fact, we could not use all those who volunteered," stated Miss N. V. Wilson, who sponsored the undertaking.

The Eastside Settlement house is located at 1219 E. Adams Blvd. This is the fourth year we have helped this worthwhile project.

Ken Koury, Gene Carr, Lanny Lewis, Judy Reschetar, Bob Burdick, Bob Warburton, Pat Whidden, Diane Sterling, Jean Hastain, Jovanny Blake, Evelyn Glaze, and Charles Drake deserve a good hand for decorating the Settlement House last Wednesday. They delivered the gifts, trimmed the tree, which was donated by the Chatelaines, and got the house ready for the two big parties.

Howard Johnson, Ernie Bales, Jet Black, Larry Bagley, Bill Shaw, June Jones, Betty Weiss, were among those who decorated the house, gathered the gifts, sorted, and packed them on the truck.

Jean Hastain, Girls' League

White Christmas for Alumni

"I'm dreaming of a White Christmas, Just like the ones I used to know."

Irving Berlin wrote his famous song, 'White Christmas' at a time when America was engaged in a seemingly endless struggle with the Axis nations. Many of the boys in the service were unable to return to their homes to spend the holidays with their families. The phrases of 'White Christmas' were very true, and the boys dreamed of the days when they might return to their loved ones.



Now America is engaged in another war, with perhaps even crueler enemies. Again the service men are dreaming of the days when they will be able to come home once again. Many Hamilton graduates are serving America in the great fight against communism.

The Army, through both the draft and enlistments, has taken many former Hamilton students. Jack Platt, S'45; Johnny Hackett, S'49; Gene Marion, W'49; Fred Erlich, S'49; Ron Brown, S'47; John Jacobson, S'49; Jim Mahoney, S'47; Norris Baronian, and Louie Paul, S'47, represent just a few of the many ex-Yankees who are in the U. S. Army.

"Anchors Aweigh" may be the theme song of the Hamilton football team and student body, but more than that, it is the stirring song of the United States Navy. Joe Bull, S'48; Jerry Westrich, Frank Ryan, S'47; Bob Hungerford, W'49; Don Chelew, S'46; Gordon Russell, S'48; Lowell

Brown, S'48; Albert Chaix, and Bernie Shea, S'44, are wearing the smart blue uniform of the U. S. N.

Flying the airways for the various armed forces are King C. Wright, Albert B. Sax, John Wilson, W'48; Art Atencio, ex-S'32; Tommy Green, S'50; John Becker, S'39; and Jim Voge, S'47.

Receiving the Federalist in the Far East Command are Pfc. James E. Curley of the Army, and Pfc. Newton Deiter of the Air Force.

From the halls of Montezuma to the shores of Tripoli, you will find Al Cramer, S'50; Paul Sugarman, S'47; Johnny Sinashon, W'46; Henry Sinasohn, S'45, and Dwain Fengel, S'50, with the United States Marines. Gary Wolfe and other Marines from Camp Pendleton have recently arrived in Korea to fight with the United Nations against the Communist aggressors.

Yes, these are just a few of the former Hamiltonians, who, along with thousands of other boys from all over the country, will spend this Christmas just dreaming of the days that used to be. Of course, many of them will be fighting, but they will also be praying for the day when peace once again will prevail over the world; when once again they will be able to spend the holidays with their loved ones.

Merry Christmas to them all!

H. E. Classes Display Exhibit

The crafts exhibit which may be seen in the display window in the main hall was sent to Hamilton from the Board of Education. The exhibit was made up by a group of Los Angeles home making teachers and features many different types of craft projects. Along with the projects were several booklets which showed how to make them and a large reference book which displayed photographs of many more types of crafts. The book also made suggestions on creating designs and color harmonies.

All of the homemaking classes of Mrs. Margaret Dinsmore and Mrs. Thelma Stine had a chance to examine the different projects before they were put into the showcase. Some of the most outstanding examples were an organdie apron with a stenciled design, felt slippers with a gingham trim, a needlepoint pin cushion, an applique organdie luncheon place mat, a huck toweling hand bag with a Swedish embroidery trim and a lingerie case of taffeta with Italian quilting.

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By LANNY LEWIS

ALL-AMERICA, HA!

With the 1950 football season coming to its expected termination, the polished 'sport experts' of our country have finally got around to releasing their selections for various All-America Football Teams which they had chosen at least two months previous.

In order to attain a position on this elegant squad one must have sufficient publicity that only the local newspapers can give; this also means pre-season advertisements on previous records, which are meaningless. One, of course, would have to be on an eleven that has achieved national honors (if a team is a champion, it must have at least two All-Americans on it, a very fine analogy).

GOOD-BAD

The above is not the rule, but it is the general practice. These scribes that select this supposedly flawless group are not complete fools, or are they?

Let us take the positive side. Which side is positive? Well, the one that says they are, let's say intelligent (using the word freely). This makes interesting reading material. Everyone wants to know who Look, Collier's, and various other sorts of institutions choose on their 'dream team'; so more people buy these books, magazines, and newspapers. Yes, it's excellent copy from the business standpoint.

And now the realistic side. The question is how can anyone have enough gall to choose a team composed of players they have not seen play, and yet call it All-America, when they have not even viewed the majority of college grid clubs in action?

It is a most ridiculous custom. It is not only comical, but almost pitiful, when boys are chosen on this team at positions they have never played; when they play 50 minutes of fine ball on both defense and offense and are not honored because someone else who plays just either defense or offense is fresher, and of course, better at his specialty, and therefore gets the nod from the 'experts.' Enough said—no one can change customs. They just gradually disintegrate after they reach a certain degree of complete rot.

HOPE

Now, let us hope—let us even pray that the gentlemen who select the left guard and fullback for the All-Western League team use a little more horse-sense than those who select our All-America team. There is a smaller group to choose from and they have, undoubtedly, viewed all these league prospects in action. If the correct course for choosing the All-League team is followed, it will truly be a real honor, more so than being elected on the mythical All-America Team, Ha!

This is where I came in . . . MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Midget Bucketman Scalp Uni High Warriors, 57-31

Hamilton's undefeated Bee basketballers completely outscored a hopeless Uni Hi aggregation by a lopsided 57-31 count, last Friday afternoon, at Yankeeville.

Glen Posten, who hit for a sensational 25 points, did all of his scoring from right under the basket. He was the center of some of the finest passing a Yank five has shown in many a year. Quite often on the throwing end of these set-ups, was

Jack Slatkin, 6 ft. 1 in. center, who managed to muster eight points himself during his afternoon's work.

Barry Sexton, Larry Bagley, and Rich Georgio rounded out this fine quintet.

After the game, Coach Dave Patterson stated: "I am very proud of these boys and the fine team play they have shown. If they keep it up, they have a good chance to go all the way undefeated."



YANK CASABA CREW—Hamilton's colorful edition of varsity baseball material. Front row (left to right), Lyle Swanson, Marv Zigman, Bill Shaw, Ray Sinitar, Neville Winters. Back

row: Al Bolm, Ronnie Lee, Daryl Faulkner, Richard Roberts and Merv Kopp. Don Moore is not shown in picture.

(Star-News Photo)

Determined Romans led by Bill Carp, 6 ft. 1 in. center, drew to within six points of the Banker Bees at the end of the third quarter when the tally read 42-36.

It was jumping Jack Slatkin who poured in 11 markers that pulled the Yank midgets through in the fourth quarter to give them their 16th consecutive win this season.

Dick Bank, who is the head of L. A. City Schools Athletic Department, witnessed the game and informed your reporter that Hamilton has the only undefeated Bee team in the city and their 16th consecutive wins is the best record of any athletic team in Hamilton history.

Although the Bee team looked well on the whole, they showed weakness on occasion in the guard slot where co-captain Len Leopold was greatly missed. In the three games that Len has been out, the Yanks haven't been able to hit 60 points even once.

At the time of this writing, which was Wednesday, the results of Thursday's game with Hollywood were not available. Assuming that the Yanks won their 17th straight, they had three more games after the holidays (Poly, Venice, and Fairfax). The mighty midgets have an excellent chance to go into the city tournament with a record of 20 wins and no losses.

Pride of Yankees

This week's award of "PRIDE OF THE YANKEES" goes to Hamilton's mighty undefeated Bee basketball team's dead-eyed forward, Rich Georgio.

Rich, a 5 ft. 10 in. junior, has been an asset to his team all year and is among the top scorers in the Western League. His amazing scoring efficiency is only over-shadowed by an almost super-human knack of defensive play. He is a fine passer, a steady ball handler, and as good a team player as can be found anywhere.

Last year, Georgio played second string on the Yanks' Bee squad. He picked up several quarters and plenty of experience, which has helped him greatly during the present campaign.

L. A. Sets Record At Yank Expense

The five varsity jokers of the Hamilton Hardwood were completely subdued by a mediocre quintet from Los Angeles High last Tuesday afternoon on the victors' campus by a lopsided score of 75-47, when the Romans set a W.L. scoring record.

The contest was not an elegant one, even with the help of Gus Tassopoulos, L.A.'s pride and joy, who bucketed 25. He was followed for point honors by his teammate, Bill Treu, with 14. The total of 75 was a new W.L. scoring record.

Bill Shaw and Don Moore each managed to score 12 and 10 respectively for the losers.

The Yankee discomfiture was the result of numerous factors, which have been piling up during the past few weeks.

Ron Lucas in Hero Role

It was 24-all, with the Uni Dees in possession of the ball, and 15 seconds left to go. A whistle was blown, designating a foul, called on a Yank player. The Uni hardwooders calmly stepped to the free throw line, and flipped the charity toss throw.

Then, with the score 25-24 in favor of Uni, and 10 seconds left, Ron Lucas took the throw-in and dribbled around looking for an opening. There was none, so with all his mighty strength gathered for one final outburst, he heaved, with closed eyes. The ball flew straight through the loop to win another Yankee contest, 26-25.

Uni Licks Varsity

Last Friday on the losers' court, the University Warriors overwhelmed a hapless squad of Yanks, by a 51-40 score.

Paced by All-Western League forward, Herbie Isono, who bucketed 18, and guard Bob Carcer, who got 15—the Warriors' victory was almost never in doubt. Uni's fine zone defense was almost brilliant, as the Yanks couldn't penetrate it until the waning minutes of the game.

Helping the Yanks' lost cause with 15 points, was Ray Sinitar, who played one of his finest games. Center Bill Shaw also helped the Bankers, while guards Don Moore and Lyle Swanson, rebounded the defensive boards.

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