

CHRISTMAS IN OTHER LANDS

Here's a glimpse of how Christmas is celebrated in other lands. Unlike our traditional Christmas which is celebrated with wreathes, holly and Christmas trees, that of Spain is less decorative for these are never seen. Christmas is celebrated in a dignified but joyous manner. The exchanging gifts does not occur on Christmas Day but on January 6, the day on which the wise men brought their gifts to the Child Jesus. On Christmas Day those who do receive gifts are laborers who serve their employers. January 6, climaxes the season and peace and quiet return to the country.

Christmas in France is reserved for children. Instead of Santa coming down the chimney, it's the Child Jesus bringing them their presents. The adults celebrate their Christmas on January 1. Throughout France, there is a feeling of friendliness which is brought about by the jolly atmosphere in which the people await the New Year. The Christmas season ends in this friendly atmosphere.

FADS AND FASHIONS

Isn't it amazing how fads and fashions change from year to year.

Can you remember when the collars were turned up? That meant that you were a real cat. This year everything is either buttoned or buckled down for the Ivy League look.

Some of the fashions favored at N.H.S. are the crew neck sweaters. While speaking of neck lines, the Chinese collar is really swinging into style fast.

Bermuda socks are back too. (At least they keep the legs warm) Can you remember at the first of the school year when all socks were to be worn down past the ankle? That was California style.

The Pep Club met in Room 213 on Thursday, 5 December, 1957.

The club discussed having card cheers and flag marching during half times of the basketball games. At the meeting the cheerleaders taught the new members all the cheers.

The club members all wore blue and white, our school colors, to the basketball games on December 10, between Narimasu and Nihon University.

SENIORS PRESENT ASSEMBLY

The Senior Class presented the Thanksgiving assembly in the gym on November 25, 1957. The guest speaker was Chaplain Burgreen. Barbara Long was the narrator for the Thanksgiving pageant. The choir sang numbers under the direction of Miss Wiese.

On behalf of the Dragons' Roar we would like to thank the Senior Class for their fine performance.

CONTEST NEWS

Since the results of our many (two) entries were both wrong, we have decided to discontinue any contests in the paper. Out of a school of 960 students, only two had the energy to bring the answers to Room 211. Remember the paper is printed for you; take pride in it and help support it.

The answers to **Hands Anyone?** are as follows:

1. Mr. Kerchner
2. Mr. Taylor
3. Mrs. King
4. Mrs. Melchior

P.S. The prize, a box of candy, was divided among the Journalism students.

CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY HELD

What happened to Boston Charlie? This was one of the questions answered in the nonsensical part of the annual Christmas program held in the Narimasu gymnasium December 18, 1957. Sponsored by the music department under the direction of Miss Bernice Weise, the program was divided into three sections.

The first section emphasized the religious aspect of Christmas. This was done by the chorus and a vocal octet singing Christmas hymns.

In the second section the festive side of Christmas was emphasized. Such songs as "Sleigh Ride" and "Twas the Night Before Christmas" were sung.

The final section was nonsensical music taken from the comic strip "Pogo".

The band played a prelude and a postlude; the entire music department thanked the art department (under Mr. Brown) for the nativity scene, snowman, and backdrops. Those students playing special roles in the assembly were:

Soloists—Thersa Bedell, Candy Dowdle, Norman Nord, Earl Arnett, and Susan Roberts.

Brass Sextet—Charles Matthews, Bruce Gaumont, Ed Foley, Steve Kociol, Lynne A. Miller, and Worth Stephenson.

Vocal Octet—Carolyn Flack, Sandra Outsen, Susan Roberts, Sylvia Bosley, Grace Yi, Norman Nord, Clarence Minimishin, and Earl Arnett.

HUMOR ACROSS THE SEAS

Dear Reader:

Recently the staff found an article in the *Cat's Meow* which not only surprised but greatly amused us as well. It stated, and we quote:

"The Montague *Cat's Meow* staff exchanges papers with the *Dragon's Roar* at Narimasu High School in Tokyo, Japan.

The paper is written in English so we can read it!"

We would like to explain that Narimasu is an overseas high school for those unmarried American dependents of men of the Armed Forces who are stationed in Japan.

Sincerely,

Your Exchange Editor

P.S.

We bow our heads in shame with a hastened, humble apology for the article in the November 27 issue of the *Dragon's Roar*. "Any Similarity to Leman" was not an original *Dragon's Roar* item, but rather an exchange item taken from the *Cat's Meow*.

JUNIOR RED CROSS NEWS

The Junior Red Cross of Narimasu High School will begin a membership campaign starting January 6.

Class News**SENIOR CLASS NEWS
SENIORS DECK THE HALLS**

On December 5, 1957, the Narimasu Halls saw a strange, new sight:—senior boys dressed in coats and ties. What caused this strange phenomenon? Mr. Shiba, Grant Heights photographer, took pictures for the yearbook, *Sensu*, during homeroom, and second period in room 111. Exactly fifty seniors took part in the morning procedure.

Miss Goodwin and Mr. Rogers, *Sensu* sponsors supervised the picture-taking with Don Allen and Carol Boone assisting them.

The following directions should be followed for those who plan to turn in other pictures when school resumes January 5:

Bring two (2) copies, size 2½ by 3 inches (2½"×3") glossy finish; thin paper. The photo should include only the head and a little of the shoulders; the photo should be taken at a distance of 10 feet. Boys should wear a coat and dark tie; girls wear black drape.

JUNIOR CLASS NEWS

The Junior Class has worked out a budget. The members of the council are planning different ways to earn money for the Junior-Senior Prom.

The Council is also planning to take a Ski trip in January after the mid-term exams have been completed.

The catalogues for the class rings should arrive in January.

SOPHOMORE NEWS

Pom-poms will be made and sold, by the Sophomore Class, for all basketball games. The colors blue and white, will be used.

Signs that mark the stairway for going up only and down only will be made by the sophomores of Miss Alleman's homeroom class. These signs will be put up when we return from the Christmas vacation.

FRESHMAN NEWS

At the last meeting of the Freshman Commission a dance was discussed, which will probably be held in March or April.

Several ideas for the raising of money were discussed also. The best idea at present was that of selling cookies and candy during the two lunch periods.

No meeting was held on Dec. 5th, because of the lack of time due to flu shots being given on that day.

CHESS CLUB

A chess club is being organized at Narimasu by Jim Murphy and John Myers. Miss Goodwin and Mrs. Bundgaard are acting as sponsors. The charter members are Robert Downy, Jim Murphy, John Myers, Bob Neely, Larry Goodwin, Charles Stewart, Mike Bundgaard, Leonard Sazahi, Kenneth Smith, Paul Tanegana.

A constitution for the club is being approved by the Student Council. Anyone interested in chess should contact Miss Goodwin or Mrs. Bundgaard. Meetings which will be held in the future will be announced later in the Daily Bulletin.