





Thoughts

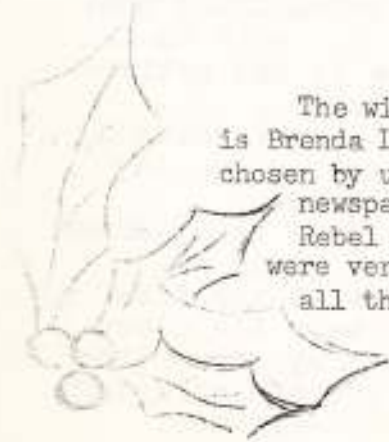


As Christmas of 1962 approaches, many of us probably wonder what the new year will bring. Although we may speculate, no one can really foresee all the future.

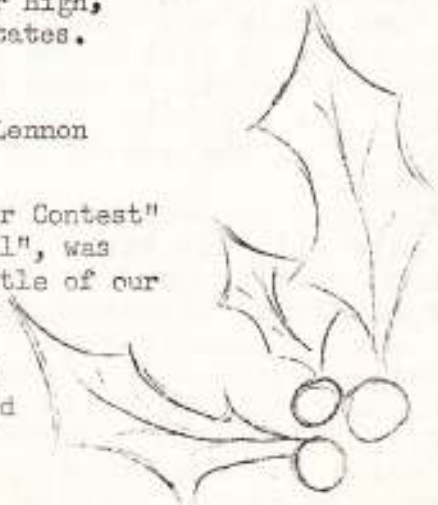
Many hope for material blessings or scholastic honors, but as I gaze into the unknown, my mind lingers on the fact that we, as students, have a great responsibility to the world in which we dwell. We should no longer be content to just "live and let live live." As the year 1963, dawns upon us, we should resolve to at least realize the important part we play in life. The future depends on the present. I will not urge anyone to promise this or accomplish that, but we should take notice of the tasks that bind us, and try to make 1963 a year that will be marked by the actions of students who are willing to work and accept the obligations of being citizens of Taney Junior High, Maryland, and of the United States.



by
Pete Lennon



The winner of our "Name the Newspaper Contest" is Brenda Lane. Her entry "The Rebel Yell", was chosen by us on December 17, to be the title of our newspaper. Other names such as "The Rebel Rouser" and "The Informer" were very good. We would like to thank all the people who made an effort and contributed to the contest.



The Staff

Students' Christmas Activities

The students here at Taney have been busy preparing for Christmas. First off, Mrs. Ashley's two French classes presented a small play for the P.T.A. on December tenth. The characters were:

John Marshall as father,
Sherry Cleance as Mother
Diane Ouesler, Carrie
Caffield, John Solo on and Danny
Sheeny as the children,
Christine Solomon, Duce
Walsen, Ann Fritzwater and James
Crupi as the guests, Bill
Sinclair as Santa and Avonell
Marilla as the narrator.

Although the play was spoken entirely in French, it was hoped that the audience could tell what the characters meant by their gestures. When asked their opinion of the play, members of the audience agreed that although the students' knowledge of French was impressive, the students should have spoken to each other as well to the audience.

Along with the play, Mrs. Ashley and a few students presented an example of the work done in class.

The Taney Choir has been working assiduously on its Christmas program since October. The selections included:

"The Holly and the Ivy," "No
more a rose", "So tell it on the
mountain," "Angels we have heard
on high" and a lovely
arrangement of "The Twelve Days of
Christmas."

The band members had not been idle all this time, but had been working hard to perfect their carefully selected numbers. They were: "Greensleeves," "A
Housier schoolmaster," "Aria
and Rhapsody," "Jingle Bells
Rhapsody," "Variation Overture"
and "Carol for the Brass,"
better now as the "Little
Cranberry Boy." Most of the
numbers had been chosen at the

beginning of the school year, and, all in all, the program turned out splendidly.

The Choir and Band held an assembly for the parents Monday, December 17. The students are seeing the assembly on Friday, the twenty-first.

Taney's First Teen Club

The music blared, and the couples danced. These were a few of the incidents taking place at the first meeting of the Taney Jr. High Teen Club on December 7, 1962.

The student attendance was that of high standards of the seventh, eighth, and ninth graders.

The director of our Teen Club is Mr. Veltry, one of the physical education teachers of the boys. Assisting Mr. Veltry is Mr. Mann, the other boys' Physical Education teacher. Together, these men pointed out our rules of conduct and procedure during Teen Club.

The record player was operated by Paul Kennedy, assisted by Terri Looney, offering us a wide variety of rock and roll for listening and dancing pleasure.

There will soon be committees of students organized for the planning of future activities of the Teen Club.

Of course, the first Teen Club meeting is not the last, for it does need improvement. It is merely a trial, determining what the members want and what their reactions will be to and activities of the future.

Members are urged to attend Teen Club every Friday evening from 7:30 until 10:30.

There is one sure thing about Taney's Teen Club, which Mr. Veltry pointed out at the first meeting, it will be a fit place in which students may come without the need of parents worrying about their son or daughter.

Jimmy slept in a room with fifteen other little boys. He had slept in this room for three years. For his first two years, he slept in the nursery. Jimmy was left on the doorstep of a children's home on a breezy autumn evening. Contrary to classical design, there was no pitiful parting note left by a broken-hearted mother. Jimmy was taken in and, while police tried to locate his parents, he became acquainted and quite popular with the nurses who cared for him.

Jimmy became a stout, rosy-cheeked young man of six with unruly sandy hair and bright blue eyes. Although he was an exceedingly handsome child, he was never adopted. It seemed that every couple who saw him, turned him down.

One woman in the home in which Jimmy lived, was able to obtain Jimmy's confidence. To her, Jimmy confided his wish for a "mommy and daddy" like the ones Pauline had. Pauline, a child temporarily placed in the home, often told Jimmy of her parents, who when with her was so happy.

Every Christmas, each child told "Santa" what he wanted most for Christmas. Of course, Jimmy's wish was to receive parents.

He awoke Christmas morning, only to be rushed into his Sunday suit and down to see the young couple who were fighting self-consciously in the waiting room.

Jimmy had met these people previously and had "taken to them" at once. After the usual formalities, Jimmy was told that this couple was to be his parents. His young mind could not grasp what they were telling him until his few belongings were brought down, and he finally realized that these were to be his mommy and daddy. Then to everyone's surprise, Jimmy dashed outside,

Jack and Jill went genially up the hill. With them they reluctantly brought a bucket. Jack carried this bucket grotesquely. He was ungraciously carrying it on his head. When he got to the top, he ferociously took the bucket off his head and barbarously threw it in the well. He was remembering what his mother had told him before he had left. He remembered that he had reverently, but comprehensively listened to what she had to say. He had defiantly told him all his future trips would have to be without Jill because the neighbors were beginning to talk. His trips also would have to be made nocturnally until things quieted down.

by,
Jaime Luniz

OUR COLORS

Red is the sunset,
And the robin bright.
It stands for courage;
Which made men fight.

White is the color;
That stands for purity.
It stands for our country,
So brave and so free.

Blue is the bluebird,
And the twinkle in God's eye.
It stands for loyalty,
Which made men die.

These are our colors,
That stand so brave and true.
These are our colors,
The red, white, and blue.

by,
Beverly Kissinger

Looked up at the colorful sky
and lisped in his small voice,
"Thankyou Santa."

Christmas in Other Lands
by Patty Lindahl

Christmas is a very popular season in our country, but did you ever stop to think that there are more nations that do not observe Christmas than there are that do? Many people do not believe in Christmas! and Christmas is just another day to them.

In Latin American countries, the Christmas season starts on December 16, and ends on January 6. On Christmas day the entire family gathers around the courtyard to break a paper mache object called a penata. This is a congenial shaped figure and is filled with candy and boys. It is hung from a cord attached to a tree branch.

In other Latin American countries the children believe that the wise men have brought them gifts. These gifts are usually found in their shoes on Christmas morning. To show their gratitude on the twelfth day of after Christmas Ephany, the children leave food on their doorsteps for the wisemens camels.

In Italy, on Christmas Eve, the family usually has a ceremony around a miniature scene of the Holy Family, shepards, and wise men, known in Italy as Prespio. After the mother places a figure of Jesus in the manger, the Christmas day is usually accompanied by religious ceremonies.

On the eve of Epiphany, January 6, a fairy queen called La Befna comes down the chimney with gifts for all the children.

Can You Imagin....

1. Bobby Jamieson not going steady?
2. Mr. Whaley ironing his own clothes?
3. Mike Rose being a hoed?
4. Danny Sheehy dancing with Ellen Larives?
5. Chris Smoot pulling an "A" in Algebra?
6. Jay White without pegged pants?
7. Bill Sanford Flunking the ninthegrade?
8. Tom anthony being a migget?
9. Mr. Maddi giving an "a" on a Civics notebook?

In France, the Christ Child, Petit Noel, fills the childrens shoes with gifts. In southeastern France, the entire family goes out to get a huge log called a Yule log. This log is burnt from Christmas to New Years day.

Usually a small Nativity scene is set up, and mistletoe is a symbol for good luck.

Although countries observe Christmas differently are all celebrating Christ's birth.

Student Council Installation

On December the third and fourth the officers of our student council were inducted. The ceremony was led by Mr. Jones, the co-ordinator for the Maryland association of Student Councils. He told about the duties of the officers and of Student Council. Then Mr. Jones initiated Lynn Coleman who in turn presented Paul Bcertline, Donna Gloster Beverly Baily, and Donna Guntheris. They all took the oath of office. Then the representatives were presented to the Student Body. The assembly was ended with a speech by Mr. Burgess.

I am sure everyone is proud of the things our Student Council has accomplished this year.

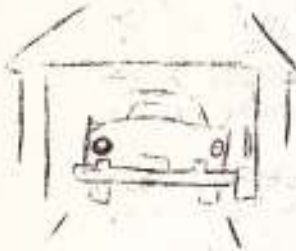
Dear Santa Claus
by Mike Cope & Stephen
Baker

During a recent survey some of the male students were asked "What they wanted for Christmas?" The results were as follows:

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A Grease Gun Christmas

'Twas as the night before Christmas,
and all through the garage,
not a creature was stirring,
not even the Dodge.



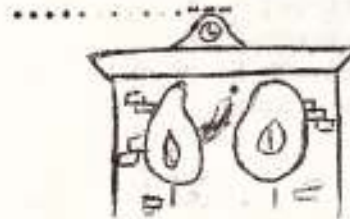
And I with my grease gun,
and some old anti-freeze,
went to bed for the night,
with a cold and a sneeze.



I jumped out of bed,
grabbed an old monkey wrench,
thought 'twas a burglar,
so I waited for the wench.



He went right to work,
with his old bag of tools,
he fixed all my gizzets,
with an engine, no rules.



The tires were hung,
by the chimney with care,
in hopes that Saint Nick,
would fill them with air.



When out by the pumps,
I heard such a clank,
I guarded my back,
from the first National Bank.



Then from out of nowhere,
to my exclamation,
came a jolly old greaseman,
hindered not by deflation.

He stocked in some tires,
 he filled the gas tank,
 he fixed a cracked block,
 With a turn of his crank.



His old roadster started,
 he jumped to the seat,
 he put it in gear,
 without missing a beat.

B
 Bob Wilson

and I heard him say,
 as he sped up the street,
 Happy Motorung to all,
 and to all a Beep, Beep.

Dear Santa (cont)

Clifton Massey-(7th)- A girl 1950 model

Richard Massey-(7th)- "Tony the Pony, Little red spinning wheel, and Ga lord"

Steve Ballas-(8th)- "A pencil"

Ronnie Spanler-(8th)- "Piny Tears, Little Miss Echo, Mighty Noe, Casper and Mr. Machine"

Tom Anthony-(9th)-"Jimmy Jet, Dick Tracy two Way Wrist Radio, Scottie Bag Pipe, Little red spinning wheel, 63 Corvette, and a 5'8" blonde, blue eyes, 38-24-36 (1949 model)

Sparky Culp-(9th)-"5'3" blonde 38-24-36"

Don Messinesse-(7th)-"Jimmy Jet, Susie Smart, and a Beany and Cecil set

We also asked the two Science Teachers:

Mr. Whaley- 5'3". blonde 124 pounds 36-24-36

Mr. George- "A haircut"

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