# Rocky River Hi-Tide 



## Vocal Groups, Orchestra Present Concert Dec. 20

A concert of Christmas music, open to the public will be given in the high school auditorium by the school's vocal groups and the orchestra Sun., Dec. 20, at $40^{\prime}$ clock.

Appearing that afternoon will be the choir, the girls' glee club, the boys' glee club, the ninth grade girls' glee club, and the orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Harlan Thomas.

Selections to be performed by the $82-$ voice choir include Deck the Halls, What Child is This?, and The First Noel. Featured will be Ellen Darst, Cindy Leatherman, and Roseanne Pavius. The choir' accompanist is Linda Fiyalko. The 72-member boys' glee club, accompanied by Ralph McNabb will sing O Tannenbaum, Go Tell It on the Mountain, Silver Bells, and God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

The largest of the groups, the $95-$ voice girls' glee club will sing Hanukkah Holiday Suzanni, and The Echo Song which willfeature Barbara Baker, Pam Barrett, Ellen Darst, Barbara Guyer, Paige Henley, and Linda Stevens.

The seventy members of the ninth grade girls' glee club accompanied by Jane Hamilton and Lyn Rowland will perform Coventry Carol, The Shepherd and The Zither Carol.

The 50 -piece orchestra will present as their part of the program Leroy Anderson's Sleigh Ride.

For the finale the orchestra, choir and the boys' and girls' glee clubs will join together to present Victor Herbert's Toyland, and two selections from Handel's Messiah, And the Glory of the Lord, and The Hallelujah Chorus

## Manou and Nils Describe Season 's Festivities

Christmas is often a time to think of home. AFS students Manou Mage and Nils Andolf have a new home this Christmas, but they enjoy talking about Christmas back home in France and Sweden.

Nils says that Christmas in Sweden is very much like Christmas in the United States. It is mainly a family celebration with gay decorations, Christm as trees, presents, and Santa Claus.

The Swedish Santa Claus is called Tomte. He visits the children in person on Christmas Eve to hand out presents. (Tomte is usually dear old Dad.) Presents are also exchanged among the members of the family Christmas Eve. Christm as Day there is a beautiful church service for those who wish to go. How-
ever, it is at 5 a.m., so not too many people attend. Later they have a big Christmas dinner. They have ham and a kind of dried fish which is caught and dried in the fall and then boiled and tastes like water.
Jan. 6 they celebrate the coming of the Magi with parties for the children. They dance around the Christmas tree and then throw it out, concluding the Christmas festivities.
Manou tells us that her Christmas in Paris is also very much like the American Christmas. Churches celebrate the 4 Sundays of Advent and homes and public places are decorated in preparation for Christmas.
French children all write letters to Father Christmas
will combine in the traditional Christmas Assembly under the direction of Mr. Harlan Thomas, on Dec. 22. Members of Choir, Girls' Glee Club, ninth grade Girls' Glee Club, Boys' Glee Club, and Orchestra will emphasize every facet of the Christmas season in songs ranging from Toyland! Toyland! to the Hallelujah Chorus from the Messiah. The assembly this year will be entirely musical to create a fitting mood for the holiday.

C a rols, traditional Christmas songs, a selection from the Messiah, a Hanukkah song, and several more modern holiday selections will round out the program.

## River Plans for

## Winter Formal

"Marooned in Wnite" is the theme for this year's Christmas formal to be held in the gym, December 19 from 8:30 to $11: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Lou Elgart and his orchestra will provide music and refreshments will be served. Tickets are being sold at $\$ 1.50$ per couple.

The seniors are working to make this a successful dance. Committee chairmen are Kathy Dutton, decorations; Jim Cartwright, tickets; Brian Sauer and John Batterton, refreshments; and Beth Homans and Kathy Riley, publicity.
Senior class president, Al Cas hin stated, "We hope that everyone will come to make this a really successful dance.

## Holiday Mood Set by Musical Program at Christmas Assembly <br> A total of 302 River students <br> Because of the large number <br> Glee Club will be Kim Saxton

of students participating in the assembly, there will be enough room to seat the freshmen and require only one assembly.
Singing solos for the choir will be Roseanne Paulus, Cindy Leatherman, and Ellen Darst with Linda Fiyalko accompanying. Accompanying the Girls'

Lyn Rowl and will accompany the ninth grade Girls' Glee Club, whose solos will be sung by Jane Hamilton, Debbie Lucas, and Margo Behm. The Boys' Glee Club will have solos by Owen Kelly, Walt Hall, John DuRoss, and will be accompanied by Ralph MoNabb.

## Council Holds Decorating Contest and Clothing Drive

Homeroom Christmas dec-
rations have gone up again. orations have gone up again. sponsoring a contest among the various homerooms giving a prize for the most decorative door.
Council members also strung banners across the halls and along the walls with season greetings in various languages. Christmas greens were also placed in the halls, and a Christmas tree is in the library.

## Hi-Tide Reporters <br> Hi-Tide Reporters Meet KYW's Mike Douglas

One of the most popular daytime television shows not only in Cleveland but in cities all across the nation is the Westinghouse property, the Mike Douglas Show. After being syndicatedovertwo years ago, it is now seen in 34 cities, and has a popular following similar to that of the Tonight Show or the old Steve Allen Show
Most of the credit for the show's success must be given to its host, Mike Douglas, who has been headlining the programsince its beginning three years ago. Mr. Douglas combines comedy with serious discussions and adds his excellent style of singing to produce a show which appeals to his nationwide audience.
The show started with an idea presented to KYW by Forrest (Woody) Frasier, now the show's producer. The


MIKE DOUGLAS, host of his own nationally televised show, reads a recent copy of the Hi-Tide in the show's KYW TV studio.

## Our Conscience Speaks

 Amid the Jingling BellsI'm sick of bring told what to think about Chri
the true meaning they say. But what is that?
Christmas is the joyous celebration of Christ's birthday.
Yes, but isn't there more? You forgot about the glowing, sweet smelling tree, the cookies, the ribboned gifts. The drifting snow is so beautiful outside while we eat the juicy turkey and hot chestnuts.

But what happens to these things? Does not the tree die, the good food disappear, the ribbons are thrown away, the snow blackens, melts, and flows down the sewers.

Why must you spoil everything? Ilike to think about these things.

> That's the easy way. Some people truly love Christmas.

## But I.....

You love the holiday. You want the pleasure and comfort it gives. You are selfish with your Christmas. God was not so selfish when he gave his own son to the world. Jesus was not so selfish when he gave up his own life for us. What do we give up for him? Christmas is celebrated "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given. And the government shall be upon His shoulder. And His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Amid the tinsel and cheap glitter, our conscience speaks if we but silence the jingling bells.

## January First Opens Door To Year of Promise

1965 - and the second half of the decade opens. What will it bring, we wonder? Unfortunately it will drag along many problems left over from 1964. Viet Nam and the Congo seem in no mood to greet Santa. The UN will be unable to buy Christmas presents this year. They don't have any money. We can also bet that the Senate Rules Committee is not going to sleep with visions of sugar plums dancing in their heads.

A new year brings with it old problems, new problems, a fresh start, and an opportunity. Perhaps this is the year when world peace is achieved, when total disarmament becomes a reality, and when $m$ an reaches the moon. We scoff at these remote possibilities, but who knows? 1965 promises to be the most challenging year yet.

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What is the most significant part of Christmas to you? Is it the singing of vibrant carols in the street or the feeling of warmth and happiness that envelopes people, giving and sharing with those around them at Christmas time?
Each person feels differ ently. A few RRHS'ers have offered their thoughts to the HI-TIDE in the following para graphs.
"THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT is the most important part of Christmas. During the few shopping weeks before Christmas and a few days after many people forget the petty jealousies and unkindness that make life trying and they try to become very near Christians.
"In the true spirit of the miracle of Christmas, they undergo a rebirth, too, and act like Christians. Without this all the material benefits would mean little.

It is a pity that this idea of joy, goodness and love does not last long after the holiday. Far too often people forget in their busy lives the message of the one life for which Christmas celebrations are held. "
"THERE IS SOME UNIDENTIFIABLE quality in Christmas which transforms a

## Six Million Americans Mark Holiday

preparation for Christmas, it seems hard to imagine that the almost six million Jews in the United States don't celebrate Christmas at all.

Chanukah, the Jewish holiday falsely compared to Christmas, is the only festival that Jews throughout the world celebrate at this time of year. Chanukah is actually a very minor holiday, but lately has been emphasized for the benefit of the children.

Chanukah is purely a historical holiday. It commemorates the first battle fought for religious freedom.
Palestine, at the end of the third century B. C. was ruled

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wo rld of Uncle Scrooge's into a planet of peace and good will. "Whether it is the spirit of giving, the religious origin or whatever, doesn't really $m$ atter. It is an example of what we could be all the time if we would only try.
"ONE OF THE GREATEST joys of Christmas is vacation; a time to read, listen to music do block printing, and enjoy the snow. Christmas means Amahl and the Night Visitors will be on television.
"It means we can get out that album of Robert Shaw, singing lesser known Christmas carols.
"But December mail brings gaudy books from department stores hawking aluminum trees, Barbie dolls and an end

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BASKETBALL ATTEND ANCE....has been low because of the opening of the skating season. We need more basketball enthusiasts at the games.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JUNIOR PEGGGY TOMAN. She was elected as editor of the Mayco News, a publication
less selection of toys of vio lence. Some of the ugliest aspects of our society are seen in concentrated form during the Christmas season.
"THE JOY OF THE CHRISTMAS season should not be of material concerns, but of spiritual nature. The joy in Christmas manifests itself when I see my friends making a new student in our school feel at home, renewing old acquaintances and reconciling differences with others.
"This spirit of friendship and peace is, to me, the most significant part of Christmas.

Contributors of these suggestions we re Mike Janis, David Homans, Laura Wolcott and Bill VanderWyden.

## Ricerfront

SOPHOMORES. . . . we re am a zed when they found out about their class party five days before it was scheduled. and then it was postponed to Feb. 27.

MR. DONNELLY'S. . . .favorite television program is Huckleberry Hound as was heard recently in his third

## Jewish Relious Freedom Celebrated <br> During the joy and bustle of

by the weak Persian Empire This empire was one of the remaining of Alexander the Great's Hellenistic conquerings.

In order to keep their heterogeneous kingdom together the Persian rulers commanded everyone to become Hellenists and worship the Greek gods.

Jews, however, revolted against th is religious tyranny. Their Temple had been desecrated and their religion threatened.

When the victorious Jews, led by the Macabees, reentered the Temple, as the legend goes, they found only one small flask of holy oil. To rededicate the Temple, they felt they must rekindle its lights.

Although the Macabees knew the oil wouldn't last until they could get more, they lit the candles. A miracle occured and the oil lastedeight days and eight nights.

Today, the festival of Hanukah lasts the same eight days. The first night, two candles are lit, the second, three, and so on until nine candles burn on the eighth night. Presents, especially money, are given to the children of the family, each night. The date of Chanukah is determined by the Jewish calendar, which is lunar. Therefore, its dates vary. This year, Chanukah began the night of Nov. 29 and ended the day of Dec. 6.

## Four Friendship Clubs Meet; Enjoy Guest, Christmas Dinner

The Friendship clubs con- erhood. Swedish meatballs sisting of freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior girls, will hold a Christmas dinner this Thursday, December 17.
The dean of women from Oberlin College will be the clubs' guest, speaking, playing the piano, singing Christmas carols, and entertaining the girls.

The theme will be inter


NEOPHYTES ENGAGED in presenting their one-act play, "Antic Spring" for the recent Neophyte-Thespian meeting are caught by the Hi-Tide camera.

## Neophytes, The spians Enact Plays; Directors, Actors Display Talent

"Antic Spring" and "Nobody Sleeps", two one act plays, were presented at the regular Neophyte-Thespian meeting, Dec. 8.
The story of three couples picnicking in the countrylaid the setting for the comedy 'Antic Spring'
The cast included Nancy Bauman, Jon Formanek, Shirley Hathaway, Bob Niebaum Gary Oatey, and Carol Tietjen. The student director was Paige Henley.
'Nobody Sleeps", also a comedy, concerned a bungling
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burglar's attempt to roba household of insomniacs.
Acting in this play were Rick Ludwin, as the burglar, Nancy Familo, Joyce Humel, Judy Kooker, and Carol Kopp. Acting as student director was Judy Neiswander.

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## by Booth Muller

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY, anyone? A freshman was overheard asking Mr Streitmatter if he could sign up, as he was quite willing, and even anxious, to join the group. Mr. Streitmatter explained the facts, however As everyone knows, membership must be purchased from upper class men. Elevator passes, anyone?
SUE RICHMAN COST Rocky River taxpayers a little money not too long ago She went in to do some work for a teacher after school one Friday. The teacher left early, reminding Sue to turn off the lights when she left.
Sue left soon after, but for got about the lights. She was sure they were going to be on all weekend. Fortunately however, they were turned off, probably by one of the custodians. Whew!

PAUL KINNISON MADEA rather embarrassing comment recently. It seems that Mrs . Walther, his English teacher, had recently mentioned that the English people pronounce "Don Juan" as it is spelled "Don Jew-ahn". She had continued to pronounce it that way for the remainder of the class period, in order to accustom the students to this pronunciation.

This pronunciation struck Paul as being rather funny. So, when he was talking to some friends in the hall, and someone mentioned a rendezvous, Paul exclaimed, "Or, as the English would say, 'rend-ezz-vowse'.


INTERCOM STAFF MEMBERS Brian Sauer, Linda Cali, and operator Al Starr prepare to broadcast the morning's announcements.

## Intercom Staff Duties Vary;

 Tongue-Twisters Are ProblemFor most of the students at Rocky River High School, the familiar three bells that begin the day mean absolutely nothing, but for the intercom staf $f$ it is the climax to a half hour's work.
Every morning three members of the intercom staff come to school at 7:45 in order to practice the morning's announcements, which were turned in, approved and mimeographed the previous night by the office staff.
One member of the staff, always a boy, has the job of setting up the equipment and operating it while on the air. The other two people are the announcers who do the actual reading.

The announcers, usually a boy and a girl announce for two weeks at a time, changing shifts every other Wednesday. The console operator also works for two weeks, and, like the announcers usually has his choice of which two weeks he wants to work.
The members of the staff generally agree that the announcements that give them the most trouble are those in which the writer has used his imagination, secure in the knowledge that he won't have to read it. The members of the staff announce on the average of fourtimes per year, and are directed by Miss Edith White. The intercom staff chairman this year is senior Sue Weitz.


## FORD'S MEN'S SHOP





By Bill VanderWyden DAVE KERGAARD, SENIOR, MAKES PLAIN DEALER ALL-SCHOLASTIC FOOTBALL TEAM FOR 1964. The team consists of 22 high school boys, who are picked for being the best football players at their position in the Greater Cleveland Area for 1964.
Dave, co-captain of the SWC Champion Pirates, was chosen as fullback for this team. We're proud to recognize and congratulate Dave on this great athletic honor.

JV AND VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAMS MEET NORTH OLMSTED HERE THIS FRIDAYAT 7. Let's all go to the games and cheer our squads on to victory.

RIVER WRESTLERS IN TWO MEETS THIS WEEK. THURSDAY, RIVERATBEREA AT 4; AND 1 THIS SATURDAY, RIVER'S SQUAD AT LAKEWOOD. Let's flood the stands with River fans at these meets. We're sure to get our share of wrestling entertainment.

BASKETBALL AND WRESTLING DURING CHRISTMAS VACATION. On Dec. 22 , River's matmen will meet Avon Lake, here, at 7:30; while the eagers will be at Fairview at 7. On Dec. 30, the JV and varsity basketball teams will play at Avon Lake at 7.

ROCKY RIVER SCHOOL GYMS OPEN DURING VACATION. Dec. $28-30$ the main gyms will be open to all students at the high school and junior high from 1 to $4 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. The gyms are also open every Saturday afternoon from now until Easter Saturday.

GIRLS' INTRAMURAL BAṠKETBALLAFTER SCHOOL THIS WEEK.
.VARSITY BASKETBALL MEMBERS Scott Gilchrist and Dan Burkhart practice with the team for Friday's game

> JV's Overcome Westlake Demons; Frosh Continue Winning Streak

The JV bas ketball team, coached by Mr. Ron Birt, defeated Westlake 46-42 to up their record to 1-2 overall. The win came after two defeats, one to Olmsted Falls 44-36 and one to non-conference Oberlin, 50-30. Their record in conference is now 1-1.
"Since the first week the attitude and desire has been considerable," commented Coach Birt, "But it can't carry them through the whole season. Once they put their knowledge

## CONGRATULATIONS TO JOYCE WILCOXEN AND HER TEAM FOR CAPTURING THE

 GIRLS' INTRAMURAL FIELD HOCKEY CROWN.NOTES ON WRESTLING. River's wresting squad scrimmaged West High on Nov. 25 and Fairview Park on Dec. 4 in preparation for their first meet, which was held Dec. 11 at Westlake. Many individuals looked good in these scrimmages.

Various SWC wrestling coaches have been quoted in area papers, saying that Rocky River's Wrestling Squad looks like the team to beat for the SWC Championship this year. We have good reason to expect to watch excellent wrestling at River wrestling meets this year.
hey will have a chance to be competitive in the conference.
When as ked about the remainder of the season Coach Birtreplied, "Their success for the season depends on how badly they want to win.'
The freshman basketball squad, coached by Mr. Richard Fishburn, has compiled a record of two wins and no losses. They defeated Olmsted Falls 48-25, and Westlake 50-28. Bill Johnson with 23 points was high scorer in the Olmsted Falls game while Barry Wilson took scoring honors with 13 in the Westlake game.
"There is a lot of potential in this team, " remarked Coach Fishburn. "They will make an excelfent sticwing tiris year as long as they keep fighting. Al St. Vincent and Bob Rench have done a good job under the boards. The only problem at this time is the number of turnovers the boys are guilty of making, but this will improve as the boys gain experience in ball handling.

## Pirates Capture Oberlin, Bulldogs; Fall to Demons

Rocky River's cagers won River's 10 point margin was their first contest, beating Oberlin 50-46, but have lost one of two regulation games in the SWC.
The Pirates began their season with victory by coming from behind to beat Oberlin $50-46$ in double overtime. The fourth quarter began with Obe rlin leading 29-22 but the Pirates outscored Oberlin 13-6 to end the regulation game 35 all. The Pirates paced Oberlin 5-5 in the first overtime but outscored Oberlin 10-6 in the second overtime.
Olmsted Falls was the first SWC team to walk the plank losing to the Pirates 59-49 supported by three River men who scored in the teens. High total for the game was 18 by Craig Smith; Art Collins followed closely with 17, and Scott Gilchrist was next with 14.

Westlake scuttled the chilled Pirates 49-38 in River's second conference battle. The Pirates' main weakness in the defeat was the inability to work the ball a round on offense. The Pirates also went cold in the percentage of shots, making only 19 per cent of their shots. Team effort and determination, however, indicate that the Pirates will continue to show improvement

## Marie Walther, Olympic Member, Observes RRHS Gymnasts

Marie Walther, a member of the United States girls gymnastic team, came to Rocky River to aid those on RRHS' and Lakewood High School's girls' gymnastic squads.
Miss Walther is a native of Lakewood, Ohio and at present is attending Kent State.
Her full schedule included two days at Rocky River High. Thursday December 3 she performed basic routines in four areas; the balance beam, free exercise, the horse, and the uneven parallel bars. She

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told the girls a little of what the Olympic requirements were.
The Rocky River girls served as hostesses to the Lakewood girls'gymnastic squad Friday, December 4. Miss Walther viewed the girls while they displayed their skills. She helped correct mistakes and demonstrate how to do the basic routines right.

Concluding the program Miss Walther showed her color ed slides of the lokyo Olympics.

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