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## Christmas Program To Be Presented Friday

### The Festival Of Chanukah

In December of every year, Jews observe a festival called Chanukah. It is a joyous holiday, celebrating the first great victory for religious freedom won by the Jews more than two thousand years ago.

In those days, the Jews of Palestine were dominated by the rule of Antiochus IV, a Syrian-Greek emperor who demanded that everyone in his empire follow his ways. He seized their temple in Jerusalem, filled it with idols and then ordered the Jews to abandon their faith on the pain of death.

But the Jews refused to give up their faith in the One God. Mattathias, the Elder of the town of Modin in Palestine, in defiance of the tyrant, called on the Jews to revolt. They followed their leader into the hills of Judea where Judah Maccabee, one of Mattathias' five sons, organized them into an army. Judah was called the "maccabee," which means "hammer," because of the blows he struck for freedom.

For three years the Jews fought the army of Antiochus. The account of this struggle is recorded in the Book of Maccabees. There is one story that tells how the Maccabees, much smaller in number and arms than the enemy force, set up a dummy camp. The Syrian-Greeks, believing this to be the complete Jewish encampment, attacked in full force—only to find themselves surrounded by the major part of the Hebrew army, which, under cover of darkness, had left the dummy camp and encircled the entire area.

Judah Maccabee was finally able

to lead his troops victoriously into Jerusalem. There, the Jews cleansed and purified the Temple of every pagan object that had been brought into it, and made it once again a house for the worship of God. It is told in Jewish legend that when Judah's men were cleaning out the Temple, they found just a single flask of holy oil—only enough to keep the Eternal Light before the Holy Ark burning for one day. Miraculously, this one jar burned for eight days and nights.

Judah Maccabee then proclaimed an eight-day holiday to celebrate the rededication of the Temple to God. Thus the festival received its name, for Chanukah means "dedication."

Today, children love this holiday, not only because it has become a time for the giving of small gifts—very often distributed on each of the eight nights—but also because Chanukah is the traditional tie for playing the Dreidel game. The dreidel is a small four-sided wooden or metal top that is spun by hand. The sides are inscribed with the four Hebrew letters which begin the words: Nes gadol haya sham (A great miracle happened there). It is also traditional to serve latkes, a kind of potato pancake. But the big event of Chanukah is the candlelighting ceremony commemorating the light that burned for eight days during the rededication of the Temple. Every night of the festival, the father of the family places candles in a special candelabra called the Menorah. In the presence of the whole family he lights one candle the first night, two the second, and so on until eight candles are



The Glee Club In Rehearsal For The Christmas Program.

lit on the last night—always using a helper candle called the Shamos.

With the centuries, the Chanukah candles have taken on a deep meaning for Jews. They symbolize the light of religious freedom the Judah Maccabee and his followers kept alive. And in the glow of the candles, many Jews rededicate themselves to the ideals of their faith—as once the Maccabees rededicated the Temple to the service of the One God.

### The Joy Of Christmas

The most joyful time of year is approaching: Christmas! A time of cheer, of happiness, and of brotherhood of man. A time to be thankful, to count all our blessings, and to hope for the good things of the future.

Christmas is characterized by many things which contribute to its unique feeling. Festive decorations, glowing candles, jingling bells, Christmas trees, holly, mistletoe, carols, Christmas stories, Santa Claus, and snow (if nature permits) all have become traditional with their seasonal meaning.

The Christmas spirit is contagious. It spreads in all directions over the world. It brings excitement and anticipation of events that only happen at Christmas. It brings the dreams of small children wishing for some special toy from Santa, the happiness of giving and receiving, the love and good will for our fellow man, and most important of all, the realization of the true meaning of Christmas—the birth of our Lord so many years ago.

The season of blessings is here again! A Merry Christmas to all!

—Elsie Barr

### Christmas Program

This year the Glee Club is working very hard on the annual Christmas Program which will be presented December 19, in the high school auditorium. The program will consist of several songs by the Boy's Group, Little Choir, Junior High Chorus, Girl's and Boy's Glee Clubs, as well as the entire Glee Club. The scripture readings will be given by Joe Curry and Dudley Milward. The Glee Club will present several new songs, such as "Oh, How Joyfully," "Guiding Star Carol," "Sing, Oh Sing," and "Christ is Born." However, the songs such as "Fanfare," "O Holy Night" and "Joy to the World" which have become traditional, will be presented with usual beauty under the direction of Mrs. Fred Osborne. We are all grateful to her for so generously giving her time and effect in order to make it possible for us to present our Christmas Program.

### Senior Dance

The annual Senior Dance was held December 12, in the U-High gym, from 9 to 12. Sarah Jane Byers and a committee planned every detail of the dance. Its success is attributed to that committee.

The theme was "Christmas Fantasy" and the decorations followed the theme. At one end of the gym there was a Christmas tree with pink and white lights and at the opposite end there was pink crepe paper with alternating bells and snow flakes. Along the sides greenery was draped.

The music was furnished by the Night Hawks. During the intermission, Little Choir and the Boys' Group sang.



"For Unto You Is Born This Day In The City of Bethlehem, A Savior Who, Is Christ, The Lord."

## Let Us Not Destroy The Spirit Of Christmas

The season of Christmas has become symbolic throughout the world as a time when all Christian beliefs forget their differences and unite as one under the common bond of faith. There is, at Christmas, a certain spirit which can not be found at any other time of year, perhaps best described as a feeling of love and understanding for all mankind. In the hopes of preserving this spirit, we have surrounded it with a large number of traditions and customs, many of which detract, instead of add, to its original meaning.

As the season draws near to its ultimate climax, the pace of our activities becomes more and more frantic and hurried, until we find we have lost all conception of the once sacred event we are in the midst of celebrating. We find that our self-made traditions are defiling the significance and true meaning of Christmas.

Perhaps the fault lies in the importance we have attached to the various customs observed at Christmas. The sending of greeting cards, once employed for the purpose of sharing the Christmas spirit with a few persons of close relationship, has now become a custom of mass proportions, as well as an eagerly seized opportunity for effective advertising. Gifts have always held an important place in the celebration of Christmas, for in the presents we give to our loved ones, we also give the much greater gift of love and remembrance. But with the pages of gift lists and the rush for large quantities of presents to be presented to persons quickly forgotten after the gift is given, the once pleasant job of presenting small tokens of Christmas joy has become a dreaded chore.

If we stop for a few minutes to peer through the heavy curtains of custom surrounding the celebration of Christmas, we find we can catch a glimpse of the actual meaning we seemingly try so hard to disregard. As we begin our celebrations this year, let us remember the true spirit of Christmas, and try to observe it accordingly.

K. D. C.

## Our Apologies To Ogden Nash

Students, we wish to digress from the subject of Yule,  
For which most of the pages of this paper have been used  
and ask why you can't be quiet in the programs at school.  
Why whisper and laugh so noisily?  
Why conduct yourselves abominously?  
Why be so different of view,  
And why do you and others have so few manners in common between you?  
Most likely the speaker  
Always feels weaker  
When he's finished trying to hold  
The attention of about one hundred eighty sheep in the fold.  
You wiggle and giggle and won't  
Shut up until people around you feel like leaving or hitting  
you over the head. Too bad they don't.  
It's also too bad when leaders of the school clubs keep setting  
A bad example for other students of lesser degree who are  
getting  
Part of their educations  
At these noisy convocations.  
Teachers seem to be the only persons who are perpetually  
preaching at you

To keep quiet in convocation, and of course "they don't matter because they don't want what you do."

But did you ever stop and think or remember the  
Other students who like to listen to music or speeches or  
panels on "What One Is Going To Be?"

Of course you are so much more occupied with yourselves,  
and since that is the case

You could at least keep yourselves quiet and pretend to  
listen by bringing a book, etc., in which to hide your face  
While the rest of the school enjoys

Programs without the help of noisy little girls and boys.

D. L. M.

## Power For Good

University High School has a tremendous reserve of power for good.

Take, for example, the large group of boys who recently got together, under their own leadership, to correct a situation in which a mistake had been made. What these boys did on their own initiative was impressive. They used their power as a group for the good of all. Our school and our community are good places in which to live because of the fine achievement of these University High boys.

Take, for another example, our school's Beta Club. Here, we have an impressive reserve of power which is used for the benefit of many. Beta Club members have this year served our school community in helpful ways: assisting at fall registration, helping in the morning story hour for the elementary school, working in the main office.

Then, too, there are U-High individuals who enjoy doing things for the good of others. There is the student who genuinely enjoys the success of others, and who takes time out of a busy day to congratulate a schoolmate on his success in a basketball game, on his success in a test—whatever his friend may have done well. This, too, is using one's power for good.

A schoolmate in need of help can count on friendly support at University High. This we have seen: one student helping another to achieve good citizenship. This is, indeed, using one's power for good.

Thus, at University High, it has become a way of life to use for the benefit of all, our reserve of power for good. Let us maintain, and continue to build on, this high level of living and learning.

—Erwin Sasman

## The Sun

The sun lazily peeks its head over the dim horizon casting beams of glorious light and warmth. It yawns and stretches its arms of brilliance all over the earth. It makes weird colors in the warm blue hues of the sky. As it rises over a mountain, ocean or a house top it starts its supreme rule for the day. Happy gleeful children play under it all day; noisy cheerful people turn a golden tan; and a silent sweaty man works under the sun to earn money for his family. As the sun starts its journey beyond the horizon it sends out rays of brilliant colors which tell us the day is ending and that night is approaching. As the sun is setting so it is rising in another place. Endless is the reign of the sun.

—Barbara Faulconer

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# — JUNIOR HIGH NEWS —

## “THE ESSENCE OF GIVING”

With Christmas approaching, the traditional custom of gift “swapping” is in full vogue, to the point where it has lost much of its true and original significance. Many have repeatedly asked: “What shall I give?” The answer to these truly, but how often: “Why shall I give?” or more important: “How Shall I give?” The answer to these oft-ignored questions is found in a poem written by an Arabic poet, Kahil Gibral, which, through the kind offices of the “U-High Lights,” it is my pleasure to share with you.

It reads or rather it sings:  
 “Then said a rich man, Speak to us of Giving.  
 And he answered:  
 You give but little when you give of your possessions.  
 It is when you give of yourself that you truly give.  
 For what are your possessions but things you keep and  
 Guard for fear you may need them to-morrow?  
 And to-morrow, what shall to-morrow bring to the over-  
 Prudent dog burying bones in the trackless sand as he  
 Follows the pilgrims to the holy city?  
 And what is fear of need but need itself?  
 Is not dread of thirst when your well is full,  
 The thirst that is unquenchable?  
 There are those who give little of the much which  
 They have—and they give it for recognition and  
 Their hidden desire makes their gift unwholesome.  
 And there are those who have little and give it all.  
 These are the believers in life and the bounty of life,  
 And their coffer is never empty.  
 There are those who give with joy, and that joy is  
 Their reward.  
 And there are those who give with pain, and that pain  
 Is their baptism.  
 And there are those who give and know not pain in giving,  
 Nor do they seek joy, nor give with mindfulness of virtue;  
 They give as in yonder valley the myrtle breathes its  
 Fragrance into space.  
 Through the hands of such as these God speaks, and  
 From behind their eyes He smiles upon the earth.

It is well to give when asked, but it is better to  
 Give unasked, through understanding;  
 And to the opened-handed the search for one who shall  
 Receive is joy greater than giving.

And is there aught you would withhold?  
 All you have shall someday be given;  
 Therefore give now, that the season of giving  
 May be yours and not your inheritors’.

You often say, “I would give, but only to the Deserving.”  
 The trees in your orchard say not so, nor the  
 Flocks in your pasture.  
 They give that they might live, for to withhold  
 Is to perish.

Surely he who is worthy to receive his days and nights  
 Is worthy of all else from you.  
 And he who has deserved to drink from the ocean of life  
 Deserves to fill his cup from your little stream.

And what desert greater shall there be,  
 Than that which lies in the courage and the confidence,  
 Nay the charity, of receiving?  
 And who are you that men should rend their

Bosom and unveil their pride, that you may see  
 Their worth naked and their pride unabashed?  
 See first that you yourself deserve to be a giver,  
 An instrument of giving.  
 For in truth it is life that gives unto life—  
 While you, who deem yourself a giver, are but a witness.

And you receivers—and you are all receivers—  
 Assume no weight of gratitude, lest you lay a  
 Yoke upon yourself and upon him who gives.  
 Rather rise to-gether with the giver on his  
 Gifts as on wings;  
 For to be overmindful of your debt, is to  
 Doubt his generosity who has the freehearted earth  
 For mother, and God for father.”

Ponder on the beauty of this poem and the thought it conveys. Place it carefully in your innermost heart, wrap it with the bright light of your youthful intelligence and offer it as a personal gift to yourself. If you look carefully, it bears the stamp of a life time guarantee of health, wealth, joy and fulfillment.  
 —E. Evans

## Little Choir

Recently “Little Choir” has been practicing for its previous engagements. The 16th of December we sang for the Women’s Medical

## Let’s Remember The Religious Side Of Christmas

Each year around the end of November, the Christmas lights go up and the stores put up their Christmas displays. Everyone begins looking forward to December 25, which to many Americans has become the symbol of presents, cards and all around festivities.

But this year let us stop to think about the real meaning of Christmas. It seems to me we have made Christmas a season in which we compete to see who can give the nicest presents and the greatest number of cards. We begin preparing for Christmas one or two months ahead of time and become so engulfed in all the preparations we never stop to think about the real reason for this holiday.

It is for these reasons I suggest we go back to celebrating Christmas for what it really is, not what we have made it. If this is done, I think it will mean much more to all of us.

J. A. M.

## Ninth Grade News

The ninth grade has been studying debating and has divided into groups to give debates. There are six people on a subject, three on the affirmative and three on the negative. We hope to get a lot out of this unit. We are also receiving newspapers on world affairs and are studying the world situation.

In our art class, the Freshmen are planning to decorate the hall bulletin boards and the cafeteria for Christmas.

## Eighth Grade News

The eighth grade is planning a party for Christmas. We are going to have different people from other schools. In art the eighth grade is making stained glass windows and sculpturing heads. We are also working on perspective for Christmas for downtown and interior scenes.

Auxiliary and also for the A.A.U.W. later that same day. On the 17th of December we visited the Ladies’ Home and sang a few Christmas songs for them.

November 22, “Little Choir” sang at the Fine Arts Building for a group of teachers. Then December 3, “Little Choir” sang Christmas songs for the Mason’s Dinner at the Lafayette Hotel. “Little Choir” is having a very busy but enjoyable Christmas Season.

## Junior High Fashions

All through the halls the Junior High girls are displaying their up-to-date school fashions. The different colored danskins seem to be very popular among many of the girls and the knee socks are still favorites. Crew-neck cardigans and boatneck sweaters are also very well liked.

As for the favorite outfit for school, skirts and sweaters are still the most popular selection. Mary Manly has a striking orange plaid skirt, and Pat Witt has a plaid skirt with matching vest which is also very good-looking. All in all, the fashions haven’t changed much, but we’ll be back next issue with more of the latest fashions.

## Glee Club

On Wednesday, December 3, the Senior High Glee Club elected officers. Those chosen were Mike Flynn, president; Tommy Adams, vice president; Sarah Jane Byers, secretary-treasurer.

The Glee Club has been working long and hard for the Christmas program.

## Sophomore Class News

The Sophomore class has sponsored two sales, a candy and a stationery sale. The candy was sour balls, mints, and cinnamon balls and this sale has been completed. The stationery is still being sold and is “University High School” stationery. These sales were held to sponsor the Sophomore Dance which will be in the early spring.

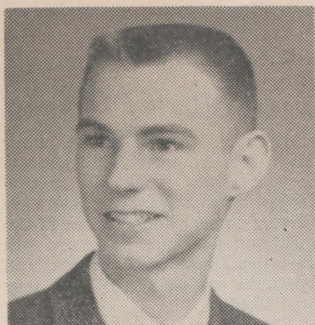
## Junior Class News

We have selected our rings and they have been ordered. We expect them to arrive sometime in January or February. The choice of most Juniors is the antique mounting and cut purple or rounded black stones.

We have been trying to raise money for our Prom by working on various projects such as our rummage sale from which we made a profit of \$145.00.

## Senior Class News

With the Senior Play and Dance behind them, the Seniors are working on the Annual. Bethania Smith is the Editor. Pictures will be taken throughout the year of the important events and organizations. Novelty pictures may be turned in by anyone to members of the Annual Staff.



## PERSONALITY PARADE

Michael Thomas Flynn came to us as a Junior last year from Kingston High School, Kingston New York. In this short time he has achieved great popularity and leadership. He is Vice President of Student Government, and served as a representative for that organization last year. He was on the Junior Prom Court and this year he was initiated into National Honor Society. Just recently, he was elected President of the Glee Club. Mike can usually be heard giving a humorous comment in his typical Yankee drawl.

Mike's favorite color is grey. This preference is displayed in his choice of clothes. He likes food in general and enjoys water skiing. He dates a variety of girls, and according to his dates, he is a great guy. He enjoys music, as is obvious from his participation in the Glee Club, the Boy's Group, and All State Chorus.

Mike would like to go to Princeton or M. I. T. He is interested in engineering, and is attaining a good background by taking all the science and math courses he can. We know that Mike will do U-High justice after he graduates, and we will always be proud to claim him as a student. Good luck, Mike. We know you will go far.

Charlotte Alexander Adams, one of the most valuable members of this year's graduating class, came to U-High in the ninth grade from Morton. Since then she has become an outstanding contributor to the life of U-High.

Charlotte started out with a bang in Y-Teens, Pep Club, Glee Club, and Miss Dunaway's famous Latin class. Then she became treasurer of the Sophomore class, one of the first initiates from the tenth grade into Beta Club, and a member of Little Choir. In her Junior year she served on Student Council, was make-up editor of U-Highlights, and was on the Prom Court. This year she is President of Beta Club and Secretary of Student Government.

She likes good books, french fries, cokes—just about everything except lazy and conceited people. History seems to be her favorite subject.

Whenever there is a group around laughing and having fun, Charlotte is bound to be in it. If there is anything to be done, she can always be counted on to do her part.

Charlotte's plans for the future include college, but she's not sure which one. We all know that wherever she goes she will be a success.

## Want Ads

### FOUND—

One spiffy girl by Joe Curry.

A '58 U-High Senior ring by Linda Ethington.

Sunday afternoon recreation, by Bethania Smith.

A pin, by Carolyn Swartz.

### WANTED—

The books, "Pennsylvania, It's People and Customs," and "Hotel Management," by Mary Elizabeth Wylie.

Christmas vacation, by Helen Warren and Pat Witt.

A car, by Lee De Joe.

A trip North, by Freda Miller.

An alarm clock, by Miss Swinford.

### LOST—

The Parties after the games.

## French Club

The French Club dinner was held December 7, at the home of Suzanne Griffin. Although the treasury is quite depleted, the food was very good. After dinner, we sang French songs, and then Mr. Evans sang for us.

The French Club saw the movie "Gervaise," and is planning to see any other French films which come to Lexington.

## Masque And Gavel

Masque and Gavel plans to buy properties, make-up, and records for the Speech department. Some of the members will be appearing on radio and television from time to time. This year, as before, the annual Talent Show will be held on the night of the Student Council Carnival.

## Results Of Poll Concerning School Improvement

We often hear U-High students voicing their ideas about what they would do to the school if they ran it. The editors of U-Highlights decided to poll the students, and during the past month, over a fourth of the students in the upper four grades were asked what they would do to improve the school. We have published the results here, and excepting libel, nothing has been omitted.

Most of the ideas concerned the academic side of school life. The one given most often was—make science courses harder and better. Others were:

1. Less homework during special events.
2. More time and dedication to studies ("We're in school to get an education.")
3. Other foreign languages, with three or four years of the language.
4. Get rid of Latin.
5. Cut unimportant things out of courses.
6. Have seminars.
7. Have more snap courses.
8. Gear courses more to the student's ability.
9. Have a course in home economics.

It was suggested many times that cafeteria food be either better or cheaper. Other popular ideas were about the school's dances. Students thought the social committee should give out bids without names, which would bring a larger crowd, and would make getting into the dances easier.

Several people wanted to improve the method of choosing initiates for the three honor societies, and others wanted a chapter of Quill and Scroll at U-High. (Quill and Scroll is a national journalistic organization).

The following ideas were also given, and are listed here in the order of their popularity.

1. Have a smoking room ("because it's too cold to walk across the field").
  2. Pave the parking lot.
  3. Have a better basketball team.
  4. Change first hour to 9:00.
  5. Burn the school.
  6. Change the music periods.
  7. Stop taking high school space and rooms for University offices.
- These ideas are highly contradictory, and although some of them were not given seriously, most of the students meant what they said.

## SPORTS

The University High Purples still without a win to their record were beaten in the last two weeks by Bryan Station, Bourbon County, and Midway.

The Bryan Station game took place November 18 with the Defenders playing host to the Purples in their new gym. The Purples led for a few opening minutes but Defender star Scotty Baesler started hitting and from then on Bryan Station was never challenged, sending in their substitutes in the last quarters of play. The game ended with the score 89 to 35. On Friday of the same week, the Purples traveled to Paris to play a tough Bourbon County team which had already defeated Clark County early in the season. The Purples threw a zone defense against Bourbon County, and combined with some fancy shooting, managed to lead through most of the first half. Then Bourbon County came out the third quarter, hitting a high percentage of their shots from the outside while the Purples were held to very few points. This quarter made the difference in the score as the Purples scored as many points as the opposition did during the last quarter of the game, the score resulting in 68 points for Bourbon County, 52 for U-High.

The Purples played host on the next Tuesday night to the Blue Jays from Midway. The Blue Jays, paced by Wheeler's 34 points, won the game without trouble, never

## Peep Eye

Here we are back again to tell you of all the new and old romances around the halls of U-Hi.

Three junior boys seem to find Lee a fascinating name. Jack Howell and Bill Harkins are counting the days until they are able to go back home. Could be two certain girls have something to do with it? Wayne Haffler still finds that Indianapolis has something that Lexington is minus.

Joe Curry and Bethania have interests at Lexington Catholic. We would like to congratulate Bunny and Linda E. on their rings, and Carolyn Swartz on being pinned to Sammy G. We have heard that Tommy A. has fallen for another Senior girl. We wish him luck.

Diana Thomas and Bucky, Mary E., and Chandler, Eddie and Roz, look as if they are always having fun. We hope they stay together because they look so cute together. After the Senior dance and the Christmas holidays we shall return with all the new gossip.

losing the lead throughout the game, ending with a score of 82 to 38. Ten days later we played host to Walton Verona from northern Kentucky. The Purples after leading for three quarters were turned back in the fourth quarter to take a 64 to 47 defeat.

The Purples, still looking for their first victory, will clash with Garth High from Georgetown on Tuesday, December 9, at the Purple's gym.