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# State Highlights

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## Play Presented By All-Girl Cast

Tonight's the night for "Why the Chimes Rang," the annual Christmas play presented by State High's Masquer's club and choir, in the Little Theatre, at 8:00 p. m., under the direction of George E. Mills. Mrs. Leoti C. Britton is conducting the choir.

Performing the acting in this play are: Gerry Klein as Holgar; Eleanor McCane as Steen; Alison Clark as Uncle Bertel; Becky Fuller as the Old Woman; Ida Schuhardt as the Angel; Dorothy Pyne as the Priest; Hildur Sangren as the Courtier; Donna Kowalski as the Young Girl; Mary De Lano as the Beautiful Lady; Joyce VanderPolder as the Rich Man; Joan Rood as the Old Scholar; and Amy Lou Brown as the King. This completes an all-girl cast.

Working to their fullest extent, the various committees chosen are ready with the production. Joanne Ogden, who is president of Masquers, is the stage manager and her crew consists of Marcia Foster, Marguerite Klein, Emily Milham, Mary Roberts, Patsy Todd, and Joanie Winkleman. The lighting committee has Judy Ogden as its chairman and is composed of Judy Miller and Paula Richmond. Bobby Aach, Virginia Glenn, Mary Monroe, Loretta Pyne, Hildur Sangren, and Mary Ellen Ward, are assisting Dorothy Pyne with the costumes. To aid Pat Abrams, the chairman of the properties committee, Ione Bailey, Amy Lou Brown, Jean Parker and Margaret Tozer are on hand, while Mary De Lano and Emily Frey worked on the programs.

## "Ice Breaker" To Be Held

The Girl Reserve and Hi-Y clubs are sponsoring a dance after the St. Joseph game, Friday, January 5, in the Women's Gym. The theme for the dance will be "Ice Breaker" and Deacon Wornor's orchestra will furnish the music. Tickets are 25c.

Ruth Morton and Louie Vande Linde are general chairmen of the dance. Other chairmen are: Betty Warren, tickets; Dick Morton, refreshments; Peg Elliott, publicity; John Dunn and Joanne Scougale, decorations.

The students of State High purchased \$6,878.15 worth of bonds and stamps, an average of \$17.09 per student, in the drive which ended Saturday night, December 9, with the coronation of Ann Leander, senior, and Gene West, sophomore, as bond queen and king.



## Radio Programs Listed

Every other Tuesday at 1:45 over the radio station, WKZO, 590 on your dial, State High is presenting a series of broadcasts, entitled "Youth Discusses." During the series different topics of interest will be discussed by members of the school.

The programs of January 9 and 23 will deal with the different aspects of compulsory military training; on the 9th, the pros and cons from the military point of view will be presented, while the views of educators and the other phases of the problem will be presented on the 23rd. Both of these programs are to be given by the members of the advanced speech class under the direction of Mr. George E. Mills. The lowering of the voting age to eighteen was discussed on October 31 by the members of this class.

## Calendar

December 20 — "Why the Chimes Rang" in Little Theatre, by Masquers.

SCHOOL'S OUT !!!

December 21 — "Penguin Promenade." George King's Orchestra. Walwood Hall, 9:00-12:00. \$1.20 per couple.

January 2—School again!

January 2—Assembly, movie.

## Debate Teams Receive Honors

State High's debaters took top honors in the first district tournament of the Michigan High School Forensic Association held last Wednesday, December 13. By winning all four of its debates, State High became the leading contender for the district championship.

The topic for debate was "Resolved that the legal voting age should be lowered to eighteen."

The teams for State High included Jim Knauss and Bob Heath on the affirmative and Dick Barnes and Bil Gilbert on the negative. The affirmative defeated negative teams from Battle Creek Central and Lansing Sexton. The negative team defeated affirmative teams from Coldwater and Jackson.

The schools participating in this tournament were Battle Creek Central, Coldwater, State High, Jackson, and Lansing Sexton. State ranked highest by winning all four debates. Competition was stiff as State High was forced to go from its own district into the stronger Jackson District.

The teams have had many practice debates and are planning for others in the near future. They have traveled to Grand Rapids, Marshall, Battle Creek, and entered a practice tournament at Lansing where they met many other teams. From the record they have made in practice debates and the tournament, it appears that State High's debaters this year are favorably comparable to last year's State Championship team.

The next tournament will be held in January at Jackson. In this tournament State High must win only two out of four debates in order to go on to the State Elimination Tournaments.

## Council Growth Revealed

The State High Student Council advisor, Miss Pearl Ford, and the principal, Dr. Roy Bryan, have written an article entitled "A Student Council Grows in Responsibility," which explains the growth of the State High student council in the past ten years. This article was published in the November, 1944, issue of "The Clearing House," a journal for modern junior and senior high schools. The article lists the fourteen different committees that the student council has at the present time and explains how the council has been responsible for many school improvements. A copy of the magazine "Clearing House" is available at Western's library.



# STATE HIGHLIGHTS

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## Wake Up, State High !

Every State High student knows the group of fellows who are doing things that are making a bad name for our school. As separate people these boys are nice and are good guys who wouldn't think of doing anything that would harm State High or its reputation if they were not in their group. Most of them are athletes who are earning for our school a good name in their own particular fields yet are hurting that name with their practical jokes performed unthinkingly in a gang.

The lighting of sulphur candles, setting off of firecrackers in the halls and many other things not quite so noticeable is making visitors of the high school and the college think that State High students are a bunch of rowdies. Why is it that these few boys are allowed to do such things? They are making the whole school suffer for their little jokes that they think are so harmless. This group of boys, eight or ten in number, is making the larger group of three hundred and fifty suffer because of its actions. Why don't the students of this school get after the offenders and put on a little pressure to make them stop?

After all, the students of this school have elected a student council to lead them. Why should the advisors have to do all the work of patrolling the halls at noon to "see that we act as we should"? Are nine or ten people "we"? Why don't the students as a whole take the responsibility and clear up the matter? Is it because we are afraid of those boys? Why??? If the school as a whole, all 350 of us, doesn't side with them, we could clear up the matter in a very short while. Use a little social pressure.

If this matter continues, it wouldn't be surprising if the faculty will rule once more in State High. That isn't a threat; it is a fact! Think about it. The only reason there are so many little rules in this school is because some boys overdo themselves. If these were stopped, maybe we could abolish some of these rules. So let's all as a school have words with these boys and clear it up! How about a no-speaking pact with these students? Whatever you do, make it impressive! This is a situation which demand more than words or editorials, it demands action.

—By John Dunham

## Fred and George Buckham Win Honors

Among students of State High who have won recognition for outstanding work in 4H clubs are George and Fred Buckham, two junior boys, who recently returned from the State 4H convention in Detroit at which they each exhibited three lambs. Besides these exhibitions, the boys have received other honors.

George received a \$50 war bond

from the Kalamazoo City Farmers' Club for having the highest number, 12, of blue ribbons awarded for 4H projects.

Fred received \$5 on 4H Achievement from the Kalamazoo County Farm Bureau. In September, at the 4H Stock Show in Lansing, Fred, out of competition of 137, had the heaviest steer.

## Follow The Teachers

State High's former teachers have not forgotten the old school, as is evidenced by the many interesting letters received from them.

Mr. Leonard Weinier, State's science teacher who is on leave this year working on his doctorate at Columbia University, writes from Lincoln School where he is teaching physical science on a teaching fellowship.

"... You may be interested in other aspects of the school program and my reactions. (To me, one great advantage of this school over State High is that school begins at 8:45 rather than at 8 o'clock). Each morning ten minutes are allowed for homeroom and announcements. A student takes roll, reports to the office and during the first period each teacher receives a mimeograph list of the absences for the day, arranged according to grades. This list is used by the teacher as check on absences for the remainder of the day. However, the loophole here lies with the teacher getting careless and not checking the list with each class for absences.

This year Dr. Cottrell initiated student-managed study halls. There has been quite a bit of fumbling around and the study halls still require a great deal of teacher supervision. I appreciate State High a good deal more now that I can see it from the outside and compare it to other schools..."

For those who wish to write to him, Mr. Wienier's address is: 403 Bancraft Hall, 509 W. 121st Street, New York, New York.

Miss Grace Spaeth, former history and English teacher and well-known at State High as monitor advisor, left the unpredictable Michigan weather for the good 'ole' West this year. She is teaching at Mesa Union High School in Arizona and would be very happy to hear from any students. Her address is: Miss Grace Spaeth, Mesa Union High School, Mesa, Arizona.

The slogan of the State Highlights this year is "It's **Your** Paper." The editorial staff appreciates greatly the co-operation which it has had from the students in the form of contributions. The flow of gossip and Lowlights material has been very gratifying and several excellent serious articles have been written under student initiative.

Since some length limit must be made about the contributions, the staff has decided that the articles should be no more than 350 words long. It would also be appreciated if the writer's name were put on the articles so that he may be consulted for any necessary revision of the article. The author's name would not essentially have to go in the paper, but should if possible be known by the Highlights.





# Dear Santa:

Dear Santa,  
How about a blonde about five feet three?—Lester Gibbs.

Dear Santa,  
Please send me all the answers to the grammar test. I sure need them.—Charlotte Okun.

Dear Santa,  
I'd like an ice cream cone with a pickle on top.—Kenny Clafin.

Dear Santa,  
I'd like a thrill like Pat Herr had at South Haven.—Roberts.

Ed. Note: Who doesn't?

Dear Santa,  
Please send a soldier home from California.—Ann Diller.

Dear Santa,  
Please help me over my bashfulness.—J. T.

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me one certain good-looking Junior. I am getting tired of looking at my paper doll.—Opal.

Dear Santa,  
How about a report card complete with A's?—Jeanne Balch.

Dear Santa,  
I really don't want much for Christmas. If you'll bring me a man with an athlete's build, black hair, about six feet tall, a marvelous dancer, and with a cherry red convertible coupe, I'll be satisfied.—Gerry Klein.

Dear Santa,  
Please bring one certain St. Augustine fellow up here, a little more often.—A Senior girl.

Dear Santa,  
How about that blonde (sigh) Central man.—Molly Kabbe.

Dear Santa,  
Please don't bring me nuttin' but one long wig, tanks.—Jeanne "with the light brown short wig" Klimp.



Dear Santa,  
That junior girl is very nice. (hint)  
—Walt Storey.

Dear Santa,  
Please send Marg home quickly. — "Mouser" Amos.

Dear Santa,  
Couldn't you put a few extra hours in every day. This pace is getting me.—Janet Crum.

Dear Santa,  
Please send me an escalator! The barracks is a long way down—especially in this ice.—Joy Van Haften.

Dear Claus,  
I want a choo choo twain.—Stephen Crane.

Please send that blue book. It's my favorite color.—Wilbur.

Dear Santa,  
Please bring him home for my Christmas vacation.—Marilyn Schutz.

Dear Santa,  
Please, please give me a man. — Marion Kuhn.



Dear Santa,  
Do you think that certain junior girl is my type? P.S. I do. — Gene West.

Dear Santa,  
Please send a new, fully accredited course in etiquette to State's boys so they can use the Post technique. — State High girls.

Dear Santa,  
Please send by priority mailing two feet more in height.—Marcia "Flea" Foster.

Dear Santa,  
Please express to 727 Campbell three acres of snow and a hayrack.—Prof.

Dear Santy,  
Won't you send me that nice frosh? I have been a good boy.—Phil Avery.



Dear Santa,  
Please send tall, dark and handsome into my life again.—Jeanne.

Dear Santa,  
One round-trip ticket to Rockford. Although why round trip I don't know.—Bil Gilbert.

Pulseuse!!!!  
Repeat some of these Thanksgiving leaves and furlough around the Christmas formal time.—A few State High girls.

Dear Mr. Claus,  
I certainly would like a painless method of pouring grammar into Seniors' heads.—Miss Howery.

Dear Santa,  
Gee whiz, I'd settle for a picture of my Comstock man.—"Kitty".

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a tan convertible or is that asking too much. — Betty Coyne.

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a nice tall man.—"Tozer Ann."

Dear Santa,  
Please send a remedy to keep me out of accidents.—Jim Knauss.

Dear Mr. Claus,  
I sure would like one new, unsprained ankle.—Bill. Tuberty.

Thay kid!  
How about a date with a blonde 5 feet 2 inches, eyes of blue. —Larry Okun and Howard DeWitt.

Dear Santa,  
I want an Eskimo to take me to the Penguin Promenade.—Mary De Lano.



Dear Santa,  
I want a good-looking girl. — Jim Powell.

Dear Santa,  
Pretty please, bring me a little blond "frosh."—Jack Moss.

Dear Santa,  
Please send us a new crop of men. The ones we have now are getting stale.—S. H. girls.

Dear Santa,  
Please send me an alarm clock that doesn't alarm me.—Romagne Pringle.

Dear Santy,  
I want an M.P. for my skirt patrol.—Mr. Mills.

Dear Santa,  
Please send me an automatic shovel. I'm not as ambitious as I seem.—Nancy McQuigg.





# I Resolve..



... not to stare in choir. — Joan Mulder.

... to learn how to do the State High Hop.—"Slug" Rafferty.

... to get more haircuts in the future.—Hank.

... not to overbid!—We Four.

... I'm perfect, so I don't need to make 'em.—Klep.

... to drive with two hands on the wheel—when alone!—Dave Ritsema.

... to indulge in any more house-parties at Bonnie Castle. — Nancy Kesler.

... to try to tone down my irresistible appeal.—Chuck Peterson.

... to remove some of those grey hairs of Gladys Bowersox. — Home-room 15A.

... to be at least six feet tall by 1946. — Tommy Rosenbaum.

... to make a thorough study of all worms.—Shirlee Chapin.



... not to usher at football games. It proved disastrous. — Bob Huyser.

... to learn to drive the Juke Box in a manner in which Chuck and my brother approve.—Ida.

... never to lower myself to a "Pal" in our buddy club!—Bill Lortenz.

... to keep gas stamps with me, especially on dates!!!. — A Girl Who Knows.

... that there will never be another man in my life again, never, never, never!—Charlotte Kandler.  
Ed. Note: We don't believe it!

... to stay away from "petty larceny."—Jack Dorgan.

... to beware of ALL women! — Jim Stephenson.

... to learn how to dance and save the girl's feet.—Lester Gibbs.



... to be a gentleman at all times. — Cammy Clark.

... to read my physics before 1:30. — Maggie Tozer.

... I won't be seen with my women if I can help it.—Bob Kistler.

... to stay away from all women. — Jim Knauss.

... to have no more loves except my "Frosh Love."—Jack Moss.

... to girls, especially blondes, red heads, and brunettes. — Jack Lawrence.

... to try harder for D. S. — Marilyn S.

... to stop my blushing, really — R. J.



... to go in for Freckles and his friends' fads.—Melba Manning.

... to start a column on original entertainment after dances. — Burt Upjohn.

... to never have any more of Bill Gilbert's home-made Scotch. — Paul Nibbleink.

... not to jump in the girls' laps during basketball games.—Bob Burns.

... to ignore State High girls. — Jim Ralston.

... to stay away from Feltman & Curme.—Bill Ryan.

... to look at only Moe during the coming year.—Mary Monroe.

... not to pay any attention to the Central boys.—Eve DeVries.



... not to talk so much if humanly possible.—Marjorie Steen.

... not to be so "Click" happy.—Dick Barnes.

... not to spend any more sleepless nights or worry about those dangers called "Women"!!! — Norris Sutton.

... to do my work Swiftly and Nobly.—Becky Fuller.

... to get to Niles to see Cashbaugh's sister.—Pat Herr.

... to learn my German, "vielleicht!" — Betty Coyne.



## Cub Cage Team In League Race

After a poor gridiron season the fates have smiled on State High, and a conference title contender can be seen on the cage front. In their first four games the Cubs have split even, winning two and losing two, and promise better things after vacation. The first four games have brought to light some fine performances on the part of some Cub basketeers.

In the opener against Holland Christian, which State won 31-14, little "Berghoff" Burns was red hot and poured seven baskets through the hoop for 14 points to claim scoring honors, while Rudy Auxter's fine defensive work stood out.

The Niles Vikings opened the Cubs' conference schedule and defeated State after a hard-fought battle, 33-26. In this contest the all-round play of Dave Ritsema stood out for the home team, but Bill Cashbaugh of the visitors was too good as he scored 14 points to lead the Niles squad.

At South Haven the Cubs got back into the win column by trouncing the Golden Rams 33-21, as Burns again got hot and hit the hoop for 11 points. One highlight of this game was the brilliant play of sub forward Bill Ryan whose scrappy play led the Cubs to the runaway victory.

Last week the Cubs' lair was invaded by the Dowagiac Chiefs, who took the measure of the Cubs in a thrilling contest by a score of 27-26. The Chiefs were led to victory by Andy Moses who spent the summer in Kalamazoo and Joe Winchester, speedy forward. Even in defeat the excellent play of Jim Ralston cannot be overlooked. Jim scored 12 points and claimed most of the rebounds despite a height disadvantage.

The Cubs have a league record of one win and two losses, but they are still in the title chase and expect to stay here by whipping Three Rivers, S. Joseph, and Buchanan in their next three starts.

One of the most interesting people on the campus can be found any evening at State High basketball practice sessions. The "character" is reserve coach Fred Cheek. "Freddy" is in the Western V-12 unit, after serving for eighteen months in the South Pacific. He is quite an aviator and is currently trying to sell a fine Piper cub airplane to any buyer for 800 smackers. The versatile "Cheeks" also is a regular Gene Krupa on the drums in Mr. George Amos' band, and at the last basketball game was seen taking pictures from the sidelines. Right now his pride and joy are the reserve cagers who have chalked up four wins in five starts. With such a versatile coach we can't see how the reserves can help but win the remainder of their games.



### Sportlight

This week we turn our Sportlight to the basketball squad where we find a very interesting fellow in the personage of Dick Barnes, varsity center. "Tke," as he is commonly known around the campus, has been on the basketball squad for four seasons, and this year he has earned for himself a starting berth.

The center position is probably the most important on the team, because the center is responsible for setting up all plays as well as being a good scorer and ball handler.

In early games this season Barnes has shown the ability to fill his position very capably, and will be a very important cog in the powerful Cub machine which is driving toward conference and State honors.

Besides being a basketball star, Dick is also a letterman in tennis where he played number 3 man of the State Championship squad last spring and will no doubt be the number 1 man on this year's net squad. Two years ago "Ike" was ranked first in the boys' division by the Kalamazoo Tennis club but he was out of the city last summer and thereby couldn't retain his high rating, but he will help a lot in the drive to retain the State Championship for State High this spring.

As a sophomore Dick played half-back on the reserve football team and was best known for his uncanny passing ability which would have helped the varsity that fall but for a leg injury which prevented him from going out for the football team.

"Ike" is also very active outside the sports world and currently is devoting much of his time to debating where he is a member of the negative team. He is also active in dramatics and had a leading role in the spring play last year.

### Tough Games Ahead For Fighting Cubs

After chalking up two wins in their first four basketball starts, the State High Cubs face two tough games soon after Christmas vacation. On January 5 the Cubs will play host to the Big Bad Bears of St. Joseph who at present are leading in the Big Seven Title Chase. The Bears are led by Georgie Jackson, Phil Morton, Hosbein and Al Stockman. Stockman is probably the best long shot artist in the league and will have to be stopped if the Cubs hope to come out with a victory. Last year the Cubs split a pair of games with St. Joe winning at home 31-26 and losing at St. Joseph 40-29. The Cubs must win that one to stay in the Conference race and they will be out there fighting until the final whistle.

January 12 will find the Cubs journeying to Buchanan to play the "Battling Bucks." Buchanan has a hot and cold team which is very tough on its home floor. They were nosed out 34-32 by St. Joseph in their opener which gives some indication of their potential power. The Buchanan game is very important because the Cubs must also win this one to stay in the race and the Bucks will be trying desperately for an upset to stay in the battle for a first division berth.

#### BIG SEVEN STANDINGS

	W	L
Niles .....	3	0
St. Joseph .....	3	1
Dowagiac .....	2	1
State High .....	1	2
Three Rivers .....	1	2
South Haven .....	1	3
Buchanan .....	1	3



## To Be Frank

For our little character study of this week, we sought out one of the most interesting and well-known characters of State High, the honored and revered Mr. Frank Householder. Prevailing over his protests that such a subject was both horrible and uninteresting, we asked him to tell about his family. It seems that Mr. Householder is the father of two personable young ladies, Miss Mary Householder aged three, and her sister, the well-known Sally Householder, one year old. These two, he says, "have occasional meannesses due to environment rather than to heredity."

The pastimes of our subject consist of reading and tennis, which sport he took up at the ripe age of eight years and now he is coach to Western's tennis team (when there is a team to coach, he adds).

Mr. Householder is a travelled man, having run around Europe (figuratively, of course) a few years ago. While in Italy he acquired a taste for spaghetti which stuck when he left, even after eating nothing else for ten days. In fact, far from being choosy, our subject has quite a liking for most edibles, except liver, which aversion he attributes to the fact that he learned the liver is good for one.

Next we asked what his favorite type of literature is—about which Mr. Householder is known to be particularly well versed. The reply was that he likes both the classics and contemporary reading, though some of his classics are so great that they cannot be compared with the other type of work.

However, Mr. Householder seems to have gained most of his fame for being an ardent employer of that well-known type of humor, the pun. Knowing that no article on Mr. H. would be complete without it, we asked him his opinion of the pun. Is it the lowest form of humor as popular belief has it? What is, then? Etc., etc. His words of wisdom were as follows:

"The pun is the easiest kind of humor and it is pleasant; therefore it seems, that people over-indulge in it. I feel that the lowest form of humor is laughing at someone's misfortunes, such as falling down."

When we remarked that Shakespeare was a great punster, Mr. Householder replied that that fact was, indeed, a great consolation to the punsters of today.

"It is to be gathered, sir," we asked reverently, "that you don't find it difficult to pun?"

"On the contrary," he replied, rising and with a sagacious expression on his face. "I find it difficult NOT to!"

The first I'd really like to slam,  
The one who copies my exams.  
The other is the dirty skunk,  
Who covers his and lets me flunk.  
—"Weekly Aegis"—Oakland High.

## ABC's of State High

Artistic—Linden Griffin.  
Bashful—Wilbur (??????).  
Cute—Bobby Aach.  
Dignified—Glen Mellinger.  
Energetic—Martha Schuhardt.  
Friendly—Joanne Ogden.  
Genius—"Prof" Osborn.  
Handsome—Bob Kistler.  
Interesting—Ruth Morton.  
Jolly—Marilee Fonner.  
Keen—Marge Davis.  
Lively—Gail Gibb.  
Muscular—John Aube, Douge Beebe.  
Nice—Pat Fisher.  
Ooo ooh! — Lorraine Donoghue.  
Popular—Gene West.  
Quiet—Dale Griffith.  
Rugged—"Corny" Vander Weele.  
Sweet—Ellen Rood.  
Terrific—"Slug" Rafferty.  
Unique—We who are trying to make this thing out.  
Vivacious—Lola Cheyne.  
Whiz—Dick Dorgan.  
Exciting—Saturday night in Kalama-zoo.  
Yielding—teachers (?).  
Zestful—Pat Sipperly.

### Happy Birthday

December 21—Carolyn Gray  
December 27—Henry Berry  
December 28—Linden Griffin  
December 30—Hollis Weston, Jr.  
January 1—Bill Cox  
January 4—Virginia Glenn  
January 5—Charlotte Okun  
January 9—Jerry Hollowell  
January 12—Dale Griffith  
January 12—Stanley Veldt  
January 13—Connie De Hollander  
January 15—Jack De Boor

### "IF YOU PLEASE"

Just give me a man  
With a million or two  
Or one that is handsome  
Would happily do.  
A dashing young fellow is swell any day  
Or one that is famous would suit me O.K.  
But if the man shortage should get any worse,  
Just read the very first line of this verse.

—"The Rouge Recorder"



## Yule Yowl

'Tis Christmas eve, the lights are low,  
The moon shines on the fallen snow,  
The party's in full swing, you see,  
About the shining Christmas tree.  
A pretty picture, is it not?  
But wait! Before you go,  
A warning is in store for all  
Who are not in the know  
About the dangers that may rise  
E'en in fair Christmas season's reign,  
So open up your eyes.  
Beware, my son, the mistletoe,  
Whose waxen fruit doth shine  
Above the heads of innocents  
Who do not heed the sign.  
And walk beneath it wearing  
The pleasantest of smiles,  
Be careful where you step, my lads,  
These gals "'round here got wiles!"  
And tact as well as caution is a  
Necessary virtue,  
For surely this one time o' year it  
Cannot really hurt you  
To clap your hands in wild delight  
About a bunch of ties  
Whose colors, while you look at them,  
Are blinding your poor eyes.  
To keep from hurting Auntie's or  
Dear Cousin Mabel's feelings,  
Though afterward your stomach  
Has some quite convulsive feelings.  
And give a hearty chuckle for that  
Much-demented card  
Who gets his dates all turned about  
And makes things pretty hard.  
By thinking that it's April first,  
Instead of in December,  
And sends that box of chocolates  
Whose taste is something to remember.  
Oh, we know it's rather difficult  
For any normal party  
To suddenly discover that  
His family's going arty;  
That sister's set of oil paints  
Has gone right to her head,  
And kid brother's dropped his comic books  
To try the brush instead.  
And Mother's writing poetry,  
(At least she says it is),  
Because she got a fountain pen.  
And, also, Cousin Liz  
Is murdering the violin,  
Because in a book she's read,  
(one that she got for Christmas —  
and you wish the giver dead),  
The heroine played beautifully.  
The only thing that's rough  
Is that you're forced to live in  
The same house . . . kid, that's tough!  
But even though with Christmas time  
Come catastrophies, it's true  
That the good old Yule Time Happiness  
Outweighs them through and through.

By ALISON CLARK.

Boy: I feel like telling Mr. Gernant  
where to get off . . . again!  
Girl: What do you mean, "again"?  
Boy: I felt like it yesterday, too!

### BELIEVE IT OR NOT

Gene Vandenburg is getting a "G. I." haircut! (He hasn't had his top knot chopped for two months).