

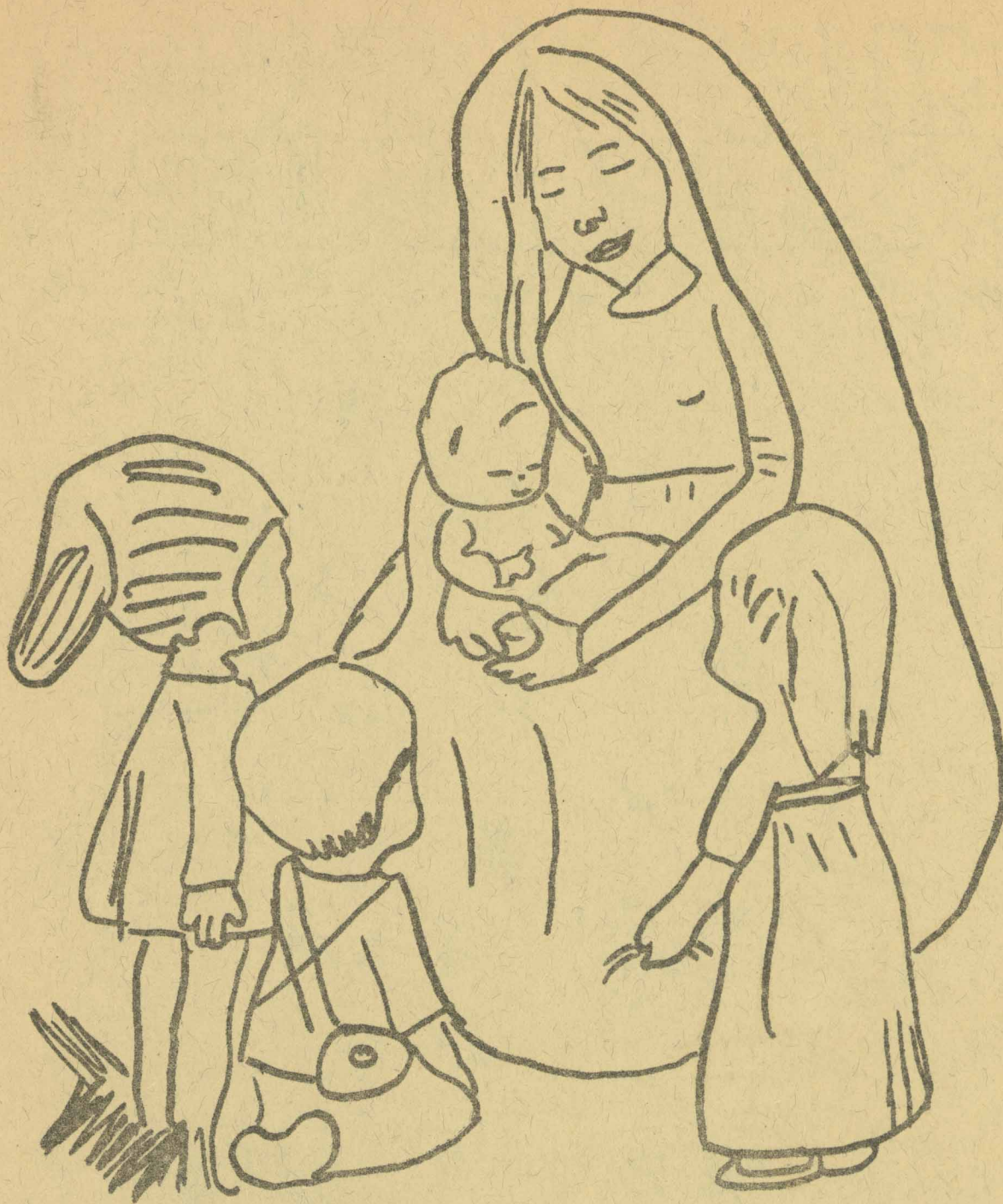
# THE 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET INFORMER

M E C Y C H E S T M A



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## CLASSROOM NEWS

### A CHRISTMAS CAROL

In our 5th period Reading Class we are reading Charles Dickens book "A Christmas Carol". We do different things for each chapter. One of the things we do is take a few lines from the book in which he describes something, and we have to draw it.

by Sandy Edwards  
7A

Hi! As you have noticed, our school has been getting a lot of new kids. Well, our class has one of them. His name is Brock Rennicker. He's from a town that is across the River.

We had to vote in our room. The question was, "If you could eliminate 1 person from this class, who would it be?" We all voted on Jeff Renicker.

by Keith Shumaker  
7C

In Mr. Raber's room we got another new student. His name is Bernie Postlethwaite, and he's from Rootstown.

by Lori Lengler  
7E

Since the last time I wrote class news, we got a new girl in our class. Darla German moved here from Sacramento, California. She has a twin sister, Donna. Welcome to Dover, Darla and Donna!

by Penny Bailey  
8B

In Mrs. Morris' room third period we all sat down to watch a TV program, and somebody yelled to turn it up. When Mrs. Morris walked over to the TV to turn it up, the tape was running all over the floor.

So Jodi White, Paul Bair, and Kevin Dalpaiz went up to help her rewind it, and they rewound it backwards. So, they had to start over, but Mrs. Morris was standing on it. So they finally got it on after 10 min., and it worked fine.

by Kim McIntire  
8C

During our reading periods Mrs. Pritchard from the Reading Center has been working with us. We do skills dealing with skimming and scanning. We are learning these skills to help us with school work and other things. Mrs. Pritchard will be visiting all the 8th grade classes and helping them with skills to do with reading for two weeks each.

by Amy Contini  
8E

The class news in 8G is just the same as always. In Home Ec we're doing laundry and learning how to fold clothes. Is there such a thing as a professional clothes folder? If there is, I think the test Mr. Luyster gave us might tell us if we should go into that field. In Science it's just like a soap opera: we're learning "how the world turns". In Reading we've just gotten out of I.T.A. and gotten into harder words like run, Spot, run.

That's the way it is in class 8G.

by Jack Edwards  
8G

## "Talk With the Principal"

Kim McIntire and Ivy Doney interviewed Mr. Marshall, and this is what they came up with.

He enjoys being Principal at Dover Middle School because it isn't very much different from grade school. We asked him what he thought of the system, especially the lunch hour and the lockers. He replied, "I think the system should have happened a long time ago." He has decided not to give us extra time for lunch because on November 9th he and the Student Council ate together; they were the last ones in line, but they still had time to eat and talk. He said, "There is too much horse playing and talking, and if they didn't do that stuff, everybody would have time to eat." His reply about the lockers was, "Students must learn responsibilities, and you are only permitted at your locker at the end of 2nd and 4th, the beginning of 5th, and at the end of 7th. This helps keep noise down for the High School who are in class." We asked him what he didn't like about the system, and he replied that he would rather see the 6th through 8th grades in one building and fewer steps.

by Kim McIntire and  
Ivy Doney

## CREATIVE CORNER

### A CHRISTMAS STORY

I like the cold winter wind as it blows past me. As it stings my face I think Christmas the gift giving time of year the Christmas dinner. The cheerful carolers coming to sing for you.

by Kenny Smith

## Creative Corner, cont....

lights  
colored, frosted,  
flashing, twinkling, shining  
bright, merry  
candles

by Blaine Snyder

## Christmas Poem

Christmas  
snow cold  
waiting whispering peeking  
joyful

by Lenny Umpleby

## Snow

Snow is white like cotton  
and so soft and fluffy as it swirls  
down to the ground like a white  
blanket  
over all the country side.

by Jeff Baker

Winter is for making snow men and  
snow cabins  
and to have snow ball fights  
and to see the ground covered with  
white snow  
That's winter

by Jeff Baker

## Snow

white, fluffy  
falling, throwing, tasting  
sparkling, hard  
ice

by Dale Shonk

CREATIVE CORNER, cont...

Christmas is Here

Happy children count the day,  
when Santa will come their way.  
Children's hearts filled with love  
and cheer,  
fearing that St. Nicholas won't  
be here.

The elves and Santa worked all  
day,  
to load Santa's small red sleigh.  
The weather didn't seem to permit,  
that long Christmas Eve trip.

The morning silence was broken  
with screams and cheers,  
for everyone knows that Santa was  
here.  
The children are overwhelmed with  
joy,  
as they sit and hold their toys.

by Carol Cramer

	Gifts	
secrets	packages	
wrapping	waiting	yelling
big	small	
	boxes	

On Christmas Day  
I like the frosty winter air  
And when the cold wind blows  
My hands keep warm in mittens  
And boots help warm my toes  
But I can't think of ANY way  
That I can warm my nose

by Russ Porter

A Christmas Story

I like the cold winter wind  
As it blows past me, as it  
Stings my face I think Christmas  
The gift-giving time of year, the  
Christmas dinner, the cheerful  
Carolers coming to sing for you.

by Kenny Smith

Christmas Day

The time finally came when I had  
to go to bed.

My dad said, "Get in there before  
I smash your head!"

The morning finally came when  
I got to go down.

While I was "walkin" down the  
steps I fell over Santa's cookies  
and felt like a clown.

I finally got to the tree where  
all the presents were.

My dad said, "Get away from  
there!" I said, "Yes, Sir!"

After we ate, I finally was allowed

But when I got there, my brothers  
and sisters made too much of a  
crowd.

Mom said, "Leave, so Charley can  
get through."

When I opened the box, there was  
Winnie the Poo.

I was so happy I threw a fit.

Mom said, "Calm down before you  
do a split."

The day was over, night time came.

I was so sleepy I thought it was  
going to rain.

It snowed all night and all day  
long.

I picked up my sled and put it  
over my shoulders, I was so  
strong.

Mom said, "This is Home Sweet  
Home."

But now it's the end of this Poem.

by Tricia Mallernee

## CREATIVE CORNER, cont...

### The Christmas Story

This is the story of how Jesus was born.  
It was a happy occasion, not one to mourn.  
The little boy Jesus was born in a stable.  
Not in a hospital bed, or on top of a table.

There was no room to stay at the inn.  
But at least Jesus was born among kin.  
Many people saw the bright star.  
They came from foreign lands, who knows how far.

There were shepherds and kings,  
Who were wearing big rings.  
They gave Him some presents,  
Not food nor pheasants.

They all came to worship because he was so great,  
Except for King Herod who was full of hate.  
Mary, so soft and mild,  
Was the lady to give birth to the Christ child.

by Carol D.

### Christmas Time

Christmas time is here again,  
Summer's out and winter's in,  
Presents are opened and people come 'round,  
I can hear the sleighbells' joyfull sound,  
Santa's laugh and chuckle come,  
And then the fun has just begun.

After Christmastime is gone,  
Everything always goes wrong,  
Kids get bad,  
Teachers get mad,  
Because all of the kids come back.

### Christmas Meaning

- C is for the Christ Child born on December 25th.
- H is for happiness and hope, happiness that everyone has and hope for the good things that will happen to us.
- R is for Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer that is in every little child's heart.
- I is for Israel in which He was born.
- S is for the sins He died for.
- T is for The Three wise men and Temples He grew up in.
- M is for the many people He looks down on for their safety because we're his flock of sheep.
- A is for the Adorable children that are born.
- S is for all the smiling people on earth and in creation.

by Sonya Marshall

### Christmas Thoughts

Christmas, Christmas is here!  
Joyful sounds ring through your mind.  
You think of how He was born,  
In a manger so small.  
The angels sing, their praises ring.  
For all the world to hear.  
He had three kings kneel before Him.  
To bring Him gifts like gold,  
frankencense and myrrh.  
Now you have heard the Christmas story.  
You go home and open presents,  
And at last you say the last words to all.  
Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!

by Patty Brown



## CREATIVE CORNER, cont...

### Winter Wonderland

I love to go walking in the snow  
Sometimes I don't even know where  
to go.

The red birds I see, so free when  
they fly  
So graceful they go, up in the sky.

I lie and await my winter wonder-  
land  
With the snow untouched, looking  
so grand.

The snow so lovely, always to me  
I like it deep, up to my knee.

The snow has just fallen so smooth  
and white  
And the sun beams down to make  
all bright.

Oh, yes I await my paradise  
And all the snow so glittery and  
nice.

by Robin Thompson

### One Snowy Night

One snowy night in Bethlehem  
A baby boy was born,  
The wisemen and the shepherds  
came  
It was not a night to mourn.

The star shone brightly up above  
The baby was named "Jesus",  
God sent him as a gift of love  
To save us and to please us.

Then one day so long ago  
He died upon the cross,  
And now when we think of it  
We grieve a terrible loss.

We celebrate this time each year  
With songs and cheers of praise,  
We think of all the shepherds  
fear  
In those, the wonderful days.

### What Does Christmas Mean?

When I was but a youngster,  
Christmas meant one thing - that  
I'd be getting lots of toys that  
day, but I learned a whole lot  
different when Mother sat me  
down and taught me to spell  
Christmas this way:

C is for the Christ Child born  
upon this day

H is for Herald Angels in the  
night

R means redeemer

I means Israel

S is for the star that shown  
so bright

T for three wise men, they who  
traveled far.

M is for the manger where He  
lay

A for all He stands for.

S means shepherds came.

And that's why there's a  
Christmas Day.

Submitted by Ivy Doney

### Christmas To Me

Christmas to me  
Is a time to be  
Very happy  
And full of glee  
Christmas is a time to cherish  
For very soon, time will all  
vanish.

Before you know it Christmas is  
gone

And again you will awake at the  
break of dawn.

Christmas is a time to give,  
Christmas is a time to live,  
Christmas is a time to love,  
Like they do way up above.

by Rhonda Ritenour

CREATIVE CORNER, cont...

The Winter Season

The star.  
Jesus was born,  
In a manger with hay.  
The wise men broght him oils  
and myrrh.  
Christmas.

Winter.  
The church bells ring.  
They ring in happiness.  
The church choir accompanies them.  
Hear them.

by Rachel Mercer

It's Winter Time

It's winter time  
The snowflakes fall  
It's Christmas season  
For one and all.

Let the children sing,  
Their eyes shining bright.  
Santa will be coming,  
Throughout the night.

by Mitch Murphy

Playing Outside

Cozy,  
Bundling up,  
Throwing snowballs,  
Sliding down icy, cold, snowdrifts,  
Freezing.

Windy,  
Sledding downhill,  
Creating snow figures,  
Ice Skating in nearby fishponds.  
Happy.

by Patty Miller

Close Encounters of the Christmas Kind

It was December 22, and up at Santa's castle everyone was preparing for Xmas. Santa was sitting at his desk, and all of a sudden his door burst open and Rudolph bounded in shouting, "Santa! I just saw a U.F.O.!" Santa turned around and said, "Rudolph, with your nose so bright, how much have you had to drink tonight?"

"Santa," replied Rudolph. "You know the only time I drink is New Year's Eve!"

"Oh, I guess it won't hurt to have a look," said Santa. So he and Rudolph went outside to have a look, and what do you think they saw? They saw a U.F.O! It landed and a man walked out and said: "Greetings. I am Mork from ORK. Who are you?" Santa said, "We are Santa and Rudolph from the North Pole."

Then Mork said, "What is the curious fluffy white stuff laying on the ground?"

"Why, that's snow," said Rudolph. "Don't you have snow on Ork?"

"Yes, but we call it the fluffy white stuff!" Then he said, "Boy, you Martians sure have weird names!"

Santa said, "We're not Martians. We're from Earth."

"ZAZ-BOT," replied Mork. "I was on Earth 20 Bleems ago. I was supposed to go to Mars this time. Well, gotta go."

And he climbed into his spaceship and headed for the stars.

THE END

by Paul Rogers



## Christmas Eve

Funfilled,  
Trimming the tree,  
Full of joyous spirit,  
Dreaming about next day to come.  
Eager.

Ready,  
Decorating,  
Getting ready for bed,  
Dreaming of wint'ry holiday.  
Silent.

## What's Happening With Student Council

Suzy Stofan is the secretary of Student Council. Suzy says that there are a lot of things going on to keep members of the Student Council busy and on the go.

First of all, there is the canned food drive to help needy people. This is being organized by Doug Dearth. There is a barrel at the end of the first and second floors in which to place canned goods. This activity began Dec. 5th and ended December 15th.

Second of all, there is a door decorating contest. This is also being handled by Doug. All decorations will be up by Tues., December 19th. They will be judged on Wednesday, Dec. 20th.

There will be a Christmas tree that will be decorated. It is being organized by Sherri Gunnoe.

After Christmas vacation is over, and everyone is back to school, there will be a dance. There is no definite date on this. When a date is decided upon, all the student body will be notified.

Until the next issue.....

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

by Rhonda Ritenour

## Student Study

I interviewed Polly Armstrong; she is very smart, and she gets on the Honor Roll.

I asked her how she liked the school this way, and she said, "It's OK I guess. But I have a lot of friends in the High School that I would like to see more of." I asked her if she would like to go all over the school to change classes. She said, "I don't know. I never did it before. I suppose it would be fun."

I asked her if she got any special attention from her Dad. Polly said, "Nope! He teases me a lot though. I hear he talks about me and my habits in other classes." I also asked her if she liked all her teachers. Polly said, "Yea, I guess. They're all pretty nice except when I get out of hand. (sometimes) Ha! Ha!"

I asked her if she liked sports. She said, "Yea! I enjoy every sport there is except baseball. It doesn't thrill me. Neither does golf! Yuck!"

Polly said that she likes the food here. She said the pizza, milkshakes and french fries were the best.

by Melinda Mason

**\*\*Advisor's Note:** Polly does receive special attention from her Dad on occasion. Recently he was "caught" kissing her in the hall after school by some teachers who shall forever remain unidentified!!

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EXTRA, EXTRA, EXTRA

What Does Christmas Mean to You?

Jeff Smith-lots of girls and presents  
Mr. Immel-lots of thankfulness  
Holly Kandel-a big supper and gifts  
Lisa Boline-lots of presents and vacation  
Charlene McHenry-vacation time and candy canes  
Suzy Stofan-SANTA CLAUS!!  
Tracy Herron-lots of presents and snow  
Merry Keffer-sharing love by giving gifts  
Kathy Swihart-lots of presents  
Evelyn May-crying when Frosty melts  
Val Pretorius-Having Fun! (Lots of it!)  
Jodi White-finding a special gift under the tree (Tim A.)  
Joan Wherley-Snow and presents and all that stuff  
Sherri Eisrich-lots of presents (really good ones)  
Jane Karl-sitting on Santa's lap  
Dana Gasser-watching Fred Flintstone take over for Santa Claus & parties  
Julie Smith-Santa & his cute elves and lots of guys, especially D.P.  
Mary Rieger-seeing Rudolph on TV  
Matt Mathias-getting & giving presents  
Dave Polce-getting out of school  
Mr. Corder-getting a break from Vinton Bair and celebrating with good beverages  
Cathy Feller-mistletoe time  
Dana Eigner-mistletoe time  
Beth Rini-mistletoe time  
Paul Bair-Mr. Corder making a fool of himself on Xmas Eve

by Kim McIntire &  
Ivy Doney

Rumor Has It....

Ivy and Scott are going strong.  
Mike M. better leave R.S. & L.D. alone.  
Deb-n-Donn are still goin' strong.  
S.G., S.G. & L.B. are available.  
Amy M. is a flirt.  
P. Rogers is Polish.  
Mickey likes strawberries.  
B.B. & S.G. flirt a lot.  
E.G. & M.M. are in love.  
Mr. Connor makes 8-E use too much paper.  
Number 62-n-J.R.  
T.M.-n-T.E. are still goin' strong.  
C.B.-n-J.M.  
T.W.-n-J.E.  
Gary Smith & Tricia Mallernee really hit it off.  
T.D. has a crush on Mrs. Toomey.  
J.W. & T.A. are goin' strong.  
J.S. is in love with D.P.  
S.S. & M.R. are "very weird"  
8-D loves Mrs. Morris.  
S.T. still loves J.T.  
Beth & Dana are wild & crazy girls  
K.R. loves S.M.  
S.M. is Mork in disguise.  
H.K. loves Mr. Corder.  
Lori is still dizzy!

Basketball Interview -- Tracy  
Sheaffer interviewing  
Todd Wagner

Do you think you will have a pretty good team?

I think we will win half of our games at least.

Who are your five main men?

Doug Dearth, Todd Wagner, Tracy Sheaffer, Paul Rogers, and Bob Devney.

Do you guys have a lot of spirit?

No! Everybody just stands there.

How do you think the "A" team will turn out?

Probably pretty good, but they will lose a few.

How do you think the other teams will do against our defense?

Not too good, because everybody hustles.

Who do you think gives the team more spirit -- 8th grade cheerleaders or 7th grade cheerleaders?

Eighth grade cheerleaders, because they're more to look at.

Do you think the "B" team will make it to the tournaments?

Yes! Definitely!

What does your coach think about the players and how do you think we will come out over all?

He tries to let everybody play at our practices. He tries to teach us the fundamentals. I think the team likes him.

Who do you think will be the toughest team to play?

Indian Valley North.

Basketball interview, cont...

How many games does the team play?

So far, only ten, plus tournaments.

Does the team plan on any tours of anyplace or to go anywhere?

Mr. Swinderman is planning to take us to Ohio U. in Athens, Ohio at the end of the season for a week-end.

What Do You Want for Christmas?

Danny Hurst-Baby This and That

Kevin Swinderman-a stereo

Dale Miller-A Trans Am or a trip to Colorado

Doug Telle-a trip to Colorado

Dave Bleininger-a Trans Am

Scott Kellicker-Freshmen girls; mostly M.C.

Lisa Nixon-a really cute looking guy

Melissa Stephens-Two front teeth

Pam Alesiano-Santa all to myself

Tracey Judy-Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer

Amy Contini-8 tiny reindeer and 3 snowmen

Lori Lengler-Jolly old St. Nick

Kyle Miller-Digger the Dog

Mr. Daniels-the greatest gift anyone could ask either for or receive - LOVE

by Keith Shumaker

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"DEAR AGNES"

Our response to "Dear Agnes" has been great! Keep your letters coming in. Give them to your Informer reporter or Mrs. Eaton, and "Agnes" will help you solve your problem in the next issue.

Dear Agnes,

My friend and I have this problem that may not seem like much, but it is. There's this kid who keeps coming around whenever we're at our lockers, and he kicks them shut and tries to get our combinations. We were late for class once, and he won't stop doing it. Help!!

Sign Us,  
Annoyed

Dear Annoyed,

Consult the teacher whose class you are late in. He'll help you put a stop to it.

Agnes

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Dear Agnes,

I have this problem. There is this guy I really like, but I went with him once before, and we broke up. Then about a month later, I started to like him again. We went to a party together and did a lot of other stuff. Then one day all of a sudden he dropped me. I like him A LOT! What should I do?

Lost Love

Dear Lost Love,

The next time he comes around, play hard to get. Otherwise, he'll use you.

Agnes

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Dear Agnes,

I really like this guy, but he doesn't like me. Should I try hard or soft?

Concerned

Dear Concerned,

Like the commercial says, "Soft'll get 'em every time."

Agnes

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Dear Agnes,

I have a friend who always butts in line. I tell her that she is doing the wrong thing, but she never listens. So last week I told Mr. May. Now she is so mad at me. I was only trying to do what I thought was right! Help!

Signed,  
Scared

Dear Scared,

I'm really proud of you. You really did the right thing. Your friend is just immature. There is plenty of time to get through the lines without butting

Agnes

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Dear Agnes,

What if you like someone and you've tried everything to get him to like you? You don't think he likes you, but he acts like it, because he looks at you all the time and smiles at you. Agnes, what should I do to get him to like me?

Signed,  
Stuck on Him

Dear Stuck,

Maybe he likes you, but he's shy or he likes you as a friend. Have someone ask him if he likes you; if he does, you've got it made. If he doesn't, give him up. There's nothing you can do.

Agnes



"Dear Agnes," cont....

Dear Agnes,

I have this friend (I'll call her Agnes), and she likes this boy (I'll call him Chris). Chris doesn't like Agnes at all. Agnes keeps calling Chris and she tells me he never talks. Should I tell her or let him?

Puzzled

Dear Puzzled,

You should stay out of it. No one asked you to tell anyone anything.

Agnes

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Dear Agnes,

My problem isn't just my problem. It's also a bunch of girls in my class. There's this boy in our class, and all he does is try to show off his smarts. (I don't know how the teachers put up with him). Well, once we get into Social Studies, he and our teacher sit there and talk about Mars and how long it takes to get there! I'm bored of him! Please tell us what to do about him!

Signed,  
Bored

Dear Bored,

The next time this happens, raise your hand and tell the teacher that you wish to discuss Social Studies, not Science.

Agnes

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Dear Agnes,

I have a problem. A couple of weeks ago I broke up with a kid that I went with for a long time. I liked another boy and thought he liked me, but obviously he didn't. For some reason I don't appeal to him. I've tried everything! What should I do?

Any suggestions?

Signed,  
Feeling Bad

Dear Feeling Bad,

Maybe it's because you are not being yourself!

Agnes

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DID YOU KNOW.....

The largest clam shell weighed 579½ pounds.

The heaviest cat weighed 43 pounds.

William A. Fuqua stood motionless for 5 hours, 40 minutes.

The largest tomato weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

The largest watermelon weighed 197 pounds.

by Keith Shumaker

SURVEY: "WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH  
'WASSAIL'?"

Don Cozart - Hang it on a wall  
and throw darts at it.

Sherry Gingery - wear it.

Terri Meese - throw it away.

Tom Morris - give it to Jeff-N-  
Leslie

Polly Armstrong - stick it in  
Dana Gasser's ear.

Hugh Chambers - put it in Mr.  
Corder's coffee cup.

Tim Bissel - chew it up and spit  
it out.

Sue Eichel - put it in Mrs. De  
Eaton's hair.

Missy Stephens - put it out for  
Santa on Christmas.

Mickey Mamarella - give it away.

Connie Doidge - give it to Steve  
and hope he'll love it.

Rod Sherrell - eat it.

Paul Burrier - pass it around.

Paul Stewart - figure out what  
it is.

For those of you who aren't sure,  
"wassail" is the spiced beverage  
usually associated with festi-  
vities during the Christmas  
season. You've got the right  
idea, Hugh!

by Amy Contini

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Dec. 22-Christmas Recess Begins

Jan. 2-School Resumes After  
Recess

Jan. 4-Basketball Game-Wooster-  
(Home)

Jan. 4-Wrestling Match-Wayne-  
dale-(Home)

Jan. 8-Basketball Game-Indian  
Valley North-(Away)

Jan. 8-Wrestling Match-Tusky  
Valley-(Away)

Jan. 11-Basketball Game-Strasburg-  
(Home)

Jan. 15-P.T.A. Meeting About  
Shoplifting

Jan. 15-Martin Luther King Day-  
NO SCHOOL

Jan. 16-Basketball Game-Coshoc-  
ton-(Away)

Jan. 18-Wrestling Match-West  
Holmes-(Away)

Jan. 20-Basketball Game-New Phila-  
(Away)

Jan. 23-Basketball Game-Jewett-  
Scio-(Home)

Jan. 26/  
27-Wrestling Tournament-  
Waynedale

\*Jan. 27-Basketball Game-Cambridge-  
(Home)

Jan. 30-Wrestling Match-New Phila-  
(Away)

Feb. 1-Basketball Game-Wooster-  
(Away)

Feb. 5-Basketball Game-Garaway-  
(Away)

Feb. 7-Wrestling Match-Claymont-  
Tuslaw-(Away)

Feb. 17-Wrestling Tournament-New  
Phila

Feb. 19-President's Day-NO SCHOOL

\*8th Grade only

by Kelly Reichman