

Coming Events

- January 3
Senior Orchestra Program
January 8
Girls Glee Program
January 9
Shop Pictures
January 10
Captain Jones, Magician
January 30
Graduation at 1:30 P.M.

RED CROSS WORK DISPLAYED

Each year, Hollenbeck Junior High School has an exhibit of toys games and clothing made by the various homerooms, on display on the lower floor of the Administration building. This year the exhibit was on display from December 11 to 13. The gifts will be given to the Junior Red Cross, which will distribute them to charitable day nurseries and homes, the toy loan libraries, Children's Hospital and veterans' hospitals.

FOUR PUPILS MAKE ALL-CITY ORCHESTRA

Four musicians of our Senior Orchestra succeeded in entering the All-City Junior High School Orchestra which meets at Virgil Junior High School.

The four were Rosie Kotanjian, violin; Albert Malis, clarinet; and Fred Vanderpool and Harold Williams, cellos.

CHORISTERS DISBAND

After this term is over the Choral Club will no longer be continued. Miss Kaye who is the present leader of the Girls Glee Club will teach a straight social studies course and Mrs. Johnston will again conduct the Girls Glee Club.

The Choral Club is going out in a blaze of glory though. It has participated in three events so far, the Girls Installation, the Armistice Day Program, and the A9 Emblem Party. On schedule for them is singing Christmas Carols through the halls, and taking part in the graduation program.

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May I wish each one of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May each one of you be thankful that you are living here and not in a war-torn country.

May each one of you so live that you will make this country better because you are here.

Sincerely,

J. C. REINHARD

My sincere wishes to all our Hollenbeck family for the merriest Christmas and Happiest New Year.

E. H. Buck

Christmas Eve

The Yule log was burning on the hearth,
 Snapping, glowing, crackling, in delight,
 Throwing weird shadows upon the gray walls,
 And reflections of red around elise by.
 Fascinated, I watched, as the flames leapt up eagerly:
 Then suddenly they parted and revealed to me a child in a manger.
 It brought back the Christmas Eve of long ago,
 The Christ Child's birth in Bethlehem, and the three wise men,
 With their gifts of gold, myrrh, and frankincense.
 Then gradually the vision faded, and with a start,
 I realized that the fire had died.

—Mary Nakako

Front Cover

The Siren Staff wish to express special thanks and appreciation to Loreto Jiminez who designed and cut the picture on the front page of this issue. Loreto also made the Thanksgiving design.

Skeptical

A Santa Claus here, another one there,

In every down town store;
 I heard that there was one of them,
 But not a score or more.

If I can see a Santa Claus
 Wherever I may peek;
 I'll think that they are born at least

Once in every week.

William Camil

Spirit of Christmas

There stands our Christmas tree
 All shining green and red,
 "Peace on earth, good will towards men"

It means my father said.

But when I look at the tall, white candles,

On the tinsel covered bough,
 It means but one thing to me.

Yum, yum, yum and wow!

Bella Rabinourtz

Doctor (to patient in the hospita : Weil, how did you get here?

Patient: Flu.

—Junior Scholastic

New Year Resolutions

Mr. Reinhard—"My resolution is never again to say, 'Attention, please, Attention,' and 'That is all, I thank you,' over the P. A. system."

Chief Justices—"We resolve to give the guilty and innocent a fair trial."

Mr. Blanchard—"I don't make my resolutions until the eve of December 31.

Mrs. Coon—"To give more and harder work is my resolution."

Miss Cooke—"I resolve to trade my boys off for girls."

Mr. Briggs—"All my A9's will get straight A's (He hasn't any A9's)

Mrs. Ray—"I have made a resolution to always be good."

Mr. Schwartz—"Not to grow any more is my resolution."

Mr. Tunney—"if I get the flu my resolution will be broken."

Mr. Abbot—"I resolve not to resolve for I can't live up to my resolution."

Miss Jones—"As I tell my girls to stop chewing gum, I resolve to stop chewing myself."

Christmas Requests

Naomi Grey-wants A in Spanish.

Rubin Krasn-a tew inches.

Jimmy Shannon-someone his own size to pal with.

Alex Koss-Sense of humor.

Irving Ziff a good dancing partner.
 Mary Nakako-someone to match wits with.

Charlotte Beigel-ability to get to the point.

Esther Feldman-skill in playing Ping Pong.

Marvin Doberman - ability to dance well.

Bernice Sherman-to be in the 6th period French class.

Evelyn Waldman-to be in H. R. 120.

Bernard Guriwitz- A in Algebra

Margaret Herman ability to answer Spanish questions correctly

Louie Bravo-to be left alone.

Christmas Greetings

Shenien Omedeto
 Bon Noël
 Feliz Navidad
 Fralachen Niya Yor
 Froliken Weinachten und
 Glückliches Neu Jahr
 S-Novem Godem
 Lashana Tova Tekatevoo

Christmas in Many Lands

Jane Kornoff, of 243, tells us that the Russians celebrate Christmas in church. They sing Christmas carols, make speeches and give gifts, after which a prayer is said by everyone.

In Germany, according to Margaret Moellendick, everyone has a Christmas tree. They also have a large feast, after which the Christ-kind or Santa Claus brings the presents. (We wonder if he does this year.)

Wilma Brawley, of 249, learned from her grandmother that the Irish celebrate Christmas by inviting all of their relatives and having a large Christmas tree. They have a large feast before which they say their prayers.

The French, says Marie Martinal of 264, celebrate Christmas by first going to church. After this they have a big dinner. During the night groups of people go about singing Christmas carols in the streets. On New Years they give and receive gifts. This is also done in Canada.

Her grandmother told Carolyn Hirshfield, of 148, that the Polish peasants celebrate Christmas in this manner: Since they cannot afford to buy decorations for their trees they string popped corn and hang cakes and candies on the trees. The candies and cakes of many varieties are shaped like animals, objects or people.

A Laugh or Two

"I say, waiter, there's an ant in my soup!"

"Surely not, sir. M a y b e it's one of those vitamin bees we hear so much about."

- Queen's Garden

**Musical Notes**

Mr. Abbott has recommended that some of his ace wind players should take math, or at least learn to tell time.

There may be some doubt as to who is the best musician in the band, but it has been proven that Dan Bogdanov is the best wrestler.

Robert Jurado seems to have made an amazing recovery from his broken leg. (?)

There is either a club starting in Senior Orchestra or three girls of quite different sizes and shapes are trying to be triplets. To be exact they are Elvira Armendariz, Rosemary Mikelian, and Rosie Kotanjian.

Our "star" cellist, Martin Rubin, will soon be back in harness.

Reward for Winners

Well, boys, it looks as if you haven't been working in vain out there at the lunch pavillion, for Mr. Ball said that we'll have an aud call (and what an aud call) for the lunch period group that gets the most points near the end of the term. So far the lower division is leading by 24 points. C'mon you upper division boys let's make a race out of it.

Mr. Ball also wants all students of Hollenbeck to stay out of the halls when they're not to be in them, and said, "Each and every boy in this school is a safety monitor and it is his duty that he and his friends conduct themselves as worthy students of Hollenbeck Junior High School.

B9's STUDY ENGLAND

Mrs. Cornyn's B9 social living classes have finished studying the invasion of England in 1066 which they hope will be the last of them. They are now weeping and laughing over Charles Dicken's "Oliver Twist", a very worthy classic.

THRIFT NEWS

In our last issue, the statement that Marvin Licht was the president of the Thrift committee was a mistake. *The Siren* apologizes to the president Arnold Rich for this error.

Thrift banners for the month of November were awarded to—

7th Grade—145

8th Grade—121, 147

9th Grade—148, 241

Mrs. Bingham would like to mention the fact that only one boys' homeroom won a thrift banner and it was a B7 homeroom, too. What's wrong with the boys?

Mrs. Bingham also declared that she would like this year to be better and bigger than the previous one. Come on, students, let's pitch in and try hard!

THANKFUL FOR HOLLENBECK

After reading a letter from one of their former classmates, Juliette Reyes who transferred to another school, the A9 homeroom girls of 130 are certainly thankful that they are in Hollenbeck. The news that Juliette wrote in her letter was that the school she now is in does not have A9 dancing, no homerooms, and few aud calls.

WHAT?

did the soap say to the bathtub?—I'll give you a ring Saturday night.

did the carpet say to the floor?—Don't move, I got you covered.

did the mayonnaise say to the icebox?—Shut the door, I'm dressin'.

WHAT A GUY!

He's jolly, round and gay,

He has a pleasing way;

He's known in every land,

To young and old he's grand.

He brings us joy and bliss,

Not a child would he miss;

His carriage is a sight—

He'll be here Christmas night.

Pearl Rubenstein

All A's Last 10 Weeks

Takeo Nishara
Lillian Bleviss
Margie Herman
Haruko Iwanaga
Eleanor Boyarsky
Harvey Anton
Haruko Machikawa
Rosemary Mikelian

THE ICONOCLAST

Santa Claus is coming,
So the children say,
They don't know that Santa
Rides the modern way,
He rides the Union Pacific,
Or the Sante Fe;
But never no more, no more—
Rides his reindeer sleigh.

Henry Edelstein

To The Colors

"One nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

How many times we say those words, and hear them, not stopped to realize what they mean.

We are one nation, united. We may be poor, but we are also rich. Rich in the fundamentals of a democracy, rich in power of free speech and free thought.

We are not bound to our country by the forceful power of a dictator, but instead we are allowed to speak as we please, and think as we see fit.

Why, even now as I sit here writing I expressing MY thoughts. Other may disagree, but I am sure that every patriotic American DOES agree with me whole-heartedly and in his heart is praying that henceforth, as before, we will do our utmost to obtain peace both in spirit and in soul.

—Eileen Umans, B7 H.R. 225

We reprint the article, "To the Colors" from the Los Angeles Examiner of November 9th.

Penny Bars Out

In reply to the request made by the BS girls of homeroom 227, to have penny candies in our cafeteria, Mr. Morris of the student body store says, "Penny candies are all right for grammar school but not for junior high. There will be more confusion, it will take longer for the students to decide, and anyway most of the students seem to be satisfied with the nickel-bars. No, I'm afraid we can't have them."

An American

by Annete Graupe

What's an American?
'Round town goes a rumor,
He's gentle, he's mean,
He's sad, he has humor.
I think he likes an easy life,
I don't mean he's lazy;
Why shouldn't he, when he has a knife,
Cut the knot, I pray thee?
He's ambitious, there's no doubt,
He starts his work on Monday,
Hastes through the week, year in year out,
And never rests but Sunday.
He adores a joke and also a pun,
Well, to be short, he likes to have fun.
His soul is gentle, to strangers he's kind,
Seldom so friendly a host you will find.
He does like to flatter, he's also polite,
His feelings he hides behind smiles ever bright.
But when once in danger, his country and Lord,
Then he'll get up, then he'll swing his sword,
Then he will fight, unto the last man,
For freedom and truth in this glorious land.

Annette Graupe who wrote the poem, "An American," is a German Jewish immigrant who visited our school last term.

HOLLENBECK MUSICIAN PLAYS AT ORPHEUM

David Schaene concert-master of our Senior Orchestra played at the Orpheum Theatre as guest star on the Hal Styles State Revue, for one week, November 27 to December 3.

He received his contract by taking first prize on the "Sing A Song With Mike" program broadcasting from the Orpheum Theatre and coming over KMPC.

Since his performance David has been considering further offers in and around Los Angeles. Previously he had appeared on various charity programs and has gained popularity as a violinist.

Sad But True

A telephone conversation:

"Hello! Thatchoo Kit?"
"Sure. Stu, ain't it?"
"Betcherlife! Whenja gitbaek?"
"Smorning; whenjoo?"
"Lilwilago. Javvagoodtime?"
"Uh-huh."
"Whereja gokit?"
"Seonsun. Werjoo?"
"Mishgun; jevver go?"
"Javvananyfun?"
"Uh-huh. Lots. Wener ya comin-over?"
"Safnoon."
"Srite! Well, slong."
"Slong."

—The Minute Man

Of Course

"There is one word in the English language that's always pronounced incorrectly."

"What is that?"

"Why, incorrectly."

—Queen's Garden

Yes, My Darling Daughter

Ernie: Mother, did you ever flirt when you were young?

Mrs. T: Yes dear, I'm afraid I did.

Ernie: Were you punished for it?

Mrs. T: Yes, dear I married our father.

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Since our last issue of *The Siren*, many A9 activities have taken place. The Emblem party held the spotlight on December third. The presentation of the emblems was made by Mr. Reinhard and Mrs. McWilliams.

Next in importance was snapshot day, December sixth. All A9's who didn't have the flu were shooting their friends.

SENIOR B's

American Legion Award Program

The B9 class put on a program on the P. A. on November 27, which featured the first two winners of the American Legion Award, Ann Kurily and Chester Ito. Mr. Reinhard interviewed them as to the qualities required for winning the award. The program was announced by Shirley Gootkin.

B9 Council Meets

A representative from each of the B9 homerooms met in 226, as a B9 Council to make a survey of citizenship conditions throughout the school, in order to find out how the B9's can act as leaders in improving good citizenship. Their findings will be laid before the B9's at an aud call after the Christmas holidays.

Pinocchio Skit

On Wednesday, December 11, a P. A. program was presented by Miss Tower's homeroom dramatizing scenes from Pinocchio which the homeroom had embroidered on their Red Cross quilt. Those taking part in the program were Charlotte Saxon, announcer; Fanny Ginsberg, Pinocchio; Adele Handler, Gepetto; and Mildred Meldomedo who took the parts of both Jimmy Cricket and the Blue Fairy.

Radio Class Presents Kipling

On December 4, Mrs. Coffin's Radio English Class presented for the B9's Rudyard Kipling's story, "How the Elephant Got His Trunk." Martin Rubin told the story, announced by Buddy Weber and Harry Lazar, with a biography by Helen Miller.

Give Not "Gimmie" Jr. Red Cross Slogan

Miss Yerian, who is in charge of the exhibit says: "This is by far the best we have ever had."

Prominent among the display were 25 quilts, stenciled boards, reed work trays and baskets, dresses, carts, 72 writing boards, marble games, wooden ducks and dogs.

Heard In 265

With Christmas just around the corner we did a Walter Winchell and had our ears to the keyholes and heard the scrubs saying their prayers to Santa.

"Dear Santa, I would like to have a doll that's tall, dark and handsome and resembles Glark Gable," is the plea of Roberta Pulido.

Ruth Rizzian would like a red silk flare dress—This reporter has yet to see a red silk flare dress. Sounds good.

Mary Rodriguez says, "I'd like a bracelet with a necklace to match." I'll bet she'll settle for a loafer jacket.

Lucy Acosta has been wishig for a bike for years. Ah! Come on Santa, throw the kid a bike, and while you're at it throw one to Wilma Palmer.

Now that you've heard the requests, Santa, the girls would appreciate it even without benefit of snow, jingling bells or reindeer.

—Carolyn Hirshfield

ODDS N' ENDS

Mrs. Collins took group pictures of her A9 homeroom, and gave one to each girl.

Mrs. Bingham's silk worms are hatching too early for they are hatching right now, and they were expected in March.

Dancing, entertainment, and refreshments were the highlights of a party given by Miss Crum to her homeroom boys in the celebration of Christmas.

KWIZ KIDS CHOSEN

"School Kids Kwiz" is heard on the air every Thursday evening on KECA at eight o'clock. It is headed by James Samuel Faey, principal of Dayton Heights School. "School Kids Kwiz" was the first children's quiz program to be produced anywhere. Now it is being imitated widely from coast to coast.

Boys and girls enrolled in the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades may enter the tryouts to represent their schools. Hollenbeck had a preliminary quiz tryout and Jonas Beraru, Doris Somoyloff, Sheva Wetstein and Stanley Goldman who won the preliminary tryouts will appear on the "School Kids Kwiz" sometime this year.

First and second prizes will be two 19-volume sets of "The World Book Encyclopedia," and for the third prize there will be awarded six two-volume sets of the "New Century Dictionary."

The boys and girls receiving merits awards from the preliminary tryouts are:

Seventh Grade, Helen Edelman, Marilyn Rubin, Sylvia Schroder, Jonas Beraru, Selma Katell, Jerry Byer, Alice Weiss, Betty Schmidt, Eillen Umans, Doris SaSmoyloff.

Eighth Grade, Sheva Wetstein, Joseph Portney, Nicholas Alexakis, Kenneth Kinkleman, Selma Ehrlich, Stanley Goldman.

Remember when we announced that B9 Girls' homerooms, Gym and 241 were going to have an attendance contest? Well, 241 won and a program and dance is due to them.

Mrs. Rasmussen and her pupils have very generously donated much extra time to painting toy ducks for the Red Cross.

Fashion Note for Men

There will be little change in the pockets this month.

—Exchange

SPORTS SLANTS

With Harvey Ornstein

Although homeroom 120 lost in the A9 league, they came right back and swept the Miss and Out football championship from under H. R. 222 and 204. A three-game series was scheduled between 120 and B. R. for the championship. But two games was all 120 needed to cinch the title for which all the boys' homerooms in the school contended.

We especially liked the record for the season that Pete Novikoff turned in, as those who saw him play will agree. When all looked black in the 204-120 game, Pete leaped about seven feet (well it was at least two feet) to snap Paul Shubin's pass away from the 204 secondary. Pete duplicated this performance in the 222-120 game, as again he did in the B. R.-120 encounter.

We might as well get all the football off our chests. We wrote in the last edition of *The Siren* that homeroom 222 was going to play homeroom 246 the last of a three-game series which would decide the ninth grade football championship. Well, the game was played, and 222 was crowned ninth grade champs. You guessed it, Terrazas to Saicido for the winning and only score of the game.

Sports Dope

Homeroom 226 will have some baseball team next year. They should win the ninth grade championship hands down. Why? Well, look whom they have—Izzy Yedinsky, ~~the~~ ball pitcher; Alvin Annenberg, slugging catcher who can really slug; Steve Castellian, good shortstop who seldom drops a ball; Steve can also hit. One thing they have that most other homerooms lack is plenty of fighting spirit.

Now that Jacob Cruz has been transferred to 246, if he and Anthony Amador can get together they can make it hot for other ninth grade rooms in sports.

December 10, 1940

GIRLS SPORTS

The upper division volleyball winners are A9 H. R. 243, B9 H. R. 249, and A8 H. R. 147. Their athletic managers are Pearl Kreisman, Frances Sylvio and Eleanor Ybarro. Homeroom 249 is the division winner, as it had the most players playing the same number of times.

The lower division winners are B8 H. R. 127, A7 Gym and B7 H. R. 225. Their athletic managers are Amanda Pinedo, Catalina Calzada and Doris Samayloff. A7 Gym is the division winner.

This is the first time this system has been used for volleyball. With the co-operation of the players and umpires, it has proved very successful.

HIT PIN

The season of hit pin has started. Noon games will begin as soon as all the arrangements are made. The rules of hit pin are somewhat similar to those of baseball.

Here are a few of the difficult ones:

1. A dead ball (one bowled that hits the kicker above the knee) does not count as a "ball"—it is just taken over.

2. A kicker never "takes a walk" after 4 balls—she has a free kick at home. If this free kick is kicked foul she is out.

3. The bowler (pitcher) cannot step outside of his 12' by 4' box with any part of either foot when howling the ball. Penalty is a free kick by kicker.

4. The kicker as she kicks the ball must have one foot entirely within home circles. If not it is a strike.

5. The kicker shall not hit the ball with any part of the body above the knee.

6. The kicker is out—if a foul or fly is caught; if she knocks down any Indian club by personal contact; if she has three strikes; if a legally bowled ball knocks down the club at home; if she after starting to run, intercepts a fair ball before a fielder has touched it.

Mr. Gray, Guest Speaker at Thrift Meetings

On December third, Mr. Avery J. Gray, head of the School Saving's Department, spoke at the lower and upper division meetings. He talked about attendance and using time wisely. He also pointed out that everyone should be honest, should work, earn, save, and spend.

The Battle Goes on Forever

Kern Avenue Junior High School is leading the attendance list roll call, with Hollenbeck a close second.

During the first month of school Hollenbeck placed twentieth on the attendance list. We have made a great comeback to second position.

Kern Avenue is 1.35 points ahead of us, and they say they can keep their position. It seems now that Old Man 'Flu holds the decision in his hands.

Truthful

In case of rain and flood, stand on the Siren. It's always dry.

HA Ha Ha

"When your wife is wiping the dishes, wipe the dishes with her," advises a home economics teacher, "When she's mopping the floor, mop the floor with her"

Quick Retort

Diner: This steak is like the weather this evening—rather raw.
Restaurant Manager: Yes?
Well, your bill here is like the weather too,—unsettled.

There are other rules, but all girls should know them and the object of the game; also, how to field a ball and run, by now. The game gives each girl lots of running and plenty of stretching in fielding balls, good exercise throughout.

Please give the gym teachers your co-operation as you did in volleyball.