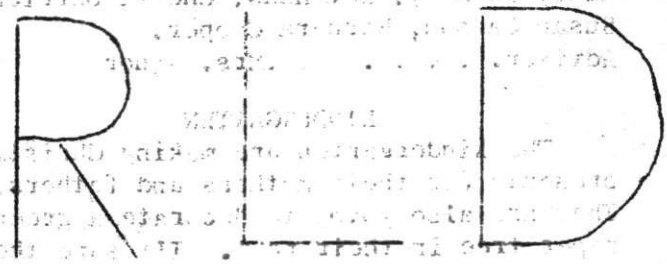
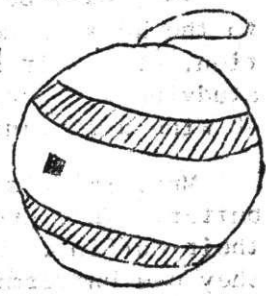
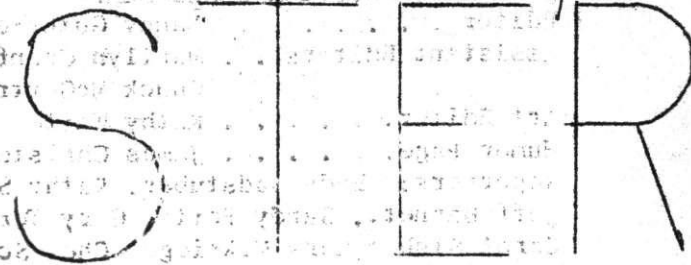
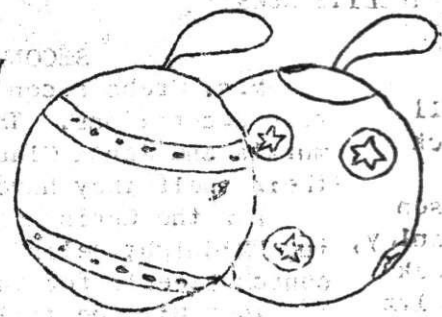
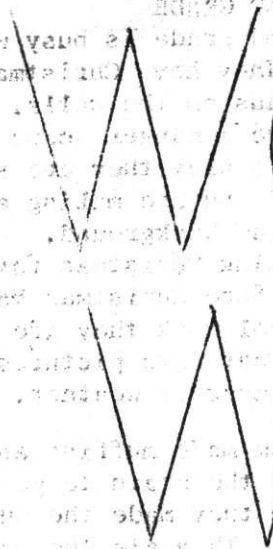


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CHORUS PRESENTS PROGRAM

The fifth and sixth grade chorus under the direction of Miss Lawrence presented delightful Christmas music in a program for Wooster children Thursday morning. They sang several numbers, among them, "O Come All Ye Faithful" and "Angels We Have Heard on High." This was the first program this year that the chorus has presented. However, in the spring, combined choruses from all Rocky River elementary schools will present a program in the high school auditorium.

OUR SCHOOL MADE ATTRACTIVE

Miss Brafford's room has decorated the bulletin board in the upper hall. It shows the Wise Men talking to the Baby Jesus' bed to give Him gifts. They also have made a Christmas tree with ornaments and presents for the upstairs showcase.

Mr. Hoffman has made the downstairs case very attractive with wall hangings and napkin holders. Mrs. Smith decorated the downstairs bulletin board with a group of children singing in a choir.

CHRISTMAS TREE LEGEND

Do you know how and where the Christmas tree custom began? It began in Alsace, France. The first decorated tree was in Strasbourg, France. But the custom never got to America until much later. In 1851 in Cleveland, Ohio, on Christmas Day many people got a shock. Right there in their church a tree stood. The people were very angry at this. But Pastor Henry Schwan insisted that it was an old custom. The people said they needed proof. He soon learned that a German lad in Wooster, Ohio, had brought the Christmas tree custom over with him. Soon after people saw the Christmas tree in a home they liked the idea. Ever since we've had Christmas trees.

"THE TREE'S MESSAGE"

The stockings hang by the fire,  
The room is cozy and snug;  
The children are tucked into bed,  
The dog's curled up on the rug.

The snow how it whirls outside,  
The trees how far over they bend;  
The wind how it seems to whisper  
As though a message to send.

If you listen very closely  
Maybe you can hear,  
As they wish you a Merry Christmas  
And a very Happy New Year.

Martha Leshner

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KINDERGARTEN

The kindergarten are making Christmas presents for their mothers and fathers. They are also going to decorate a green paper tree in their room. I'm sure the Kindergarten are going to have a Merry Christmas.

"A QUESTION"

Is Santa Claus coming to your house?
There should be no cause
For you to pause.
Just think,
Don't blink,
Is Santa Claus coming to your house?

Carol Bishop - 201

FIRST GRADE

Miss Gribben's first grade is getting ready for Christmas. They are making ornaments for the Christmas tree. They made a scene of the night before Christmas with houses, trees, snow and Santa Claus in it. They made Christmas trees that stand up. They wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The pinatas that were used in the Christmas play by Mrs. Evans' first graders were brought from Mexico by Mrs. Conant. They were made of paper and that kind is harder to break than plaster. Mrs. Shupp and Mrs. Evans performed an operation on Polly, the pinata used in the program, but at the proper time she refused to let the candy fall. Arnie Schuller saved the day by throwing in a plateful of candies that Mrs. Evans had given him.

SECOND GRADE

Mrs. Grob's second grade is busy with room decorations. They have Christmas murals and Santa Claus on the walls. On their shelf they have a manger scene. For the Christmas play they are singing "Midnight Bells" and are making a church steeple for the background. They will be taking Christmas favors to the Welsh Home before Christmas Vacation. In their school work they are studying weather. They have pictures showing different phases of weather.

Mrs. Smith's room made muffins and butter. They ground the grain to go in their muffins. When they made the butter they had buttermilk. They ate the butter on their muffins and on crackers. The children designed their own place mats and used them for their Thanksgiving party.

The class has several projects. They made choir singers to look like themselves. They are making Christmas ornaments and decorations. In their room they have a display of children's dictionaries and now they are making their own sound and picture dictionaries.

THIRD GRADE

Miss Adam's class wrote a letter to President Eisenhower telling him they hoped he would feel better. They are also making Christmas decorations for the Welsh Home which are little favors that will be placed on the table next to the plates.

Mrs. Brigg's room welcomed a new girl to their room. She is Joyce Vizzard from Lincoln School, Lakewood.

During National Book Week they went to the Rocky River Public Library. Miss Wilder, the librarian, showed them all through the different rooms. When they were finished looking around they went to the auditorium downstairs where a poetess talked and recited some of her poems.

"NEW YEARS"

A New Year is coming near
So put some cotton in your ears,
There will be a New Year's evening
And with noise you'll be leaving.

Jeff Barnett - 201



FOURTH GRADE

Miss Drafford's room is making gifts for their mothers which are red and white striped dusting mitts. We are starting to make pen-pal Christmas cards. The decorations in the room are quite nice. We have big and little green stockings above the blackboard decorated with Christmas designs.

Our room is responsible for decorating the tree in the lower hall. We hope you will like the way we do it. Your balls and bulbs make it attractive.

Diane Boymer - 205

Miss Dann's fourth grade went to Severance Hall and enjoyed a concert presented by the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra. They have been busy making gifts for their parents.

"THE WINTER WIND"

The winter wind sounds like a cat's purr sometimes,  
 But mostly it sounds like thousands of sirens going past my house.  
 I've seen the winter wind do its tricks.  
 It takes off people's hats  
 And then it practically will get a person frozen.  
 I've had the experience.  
 I'll tell you right this minute and no other time  
 To be careful and look out for the winter wind.

Peggy Goist - 207

FIFTH GRADE

Mrs. Slack's fifth grade has been making musical booklets of the great composers. The children have made reports and put them in the booklets with notes and musical signs. They will include about eight stories of great musicians when finished. The booklets are now on display in the music room.

The class has also been giving reports on various subjects. They are learning to give discussions orally to the class with only the topics of each paragraph on a small card which they glance at. They have discussed Trips, Current Events, Science, History, Sports, and many more things. The class enjoys these reports.

Rusty Anderson  
 Mary Jane Cummings - 202

Our room has been making Christmas gifts for our mothers and fathers. For our mothers we have been making little pins. It is a holly leaf made out of felt with little pine cones on it. There is a bow at the top. For our fathers we're making plastic holders for their pens and pencils. We are using the blanket stitch on them. We are awfully busy now that Christmas is coming.

Anne Filson - 207

The children of room 203 have been working very hard on our large Christmas ornaments. We have put various Christmas designs on them and are going to hang them from the electric fixtures.

Ralph Moderst brought us a large Christmas card. We open a little window each day, and there is a little picture inside and a poem to go with it, for the first twenty five days of December. It is very pretty.

Kathryn Riley - 203

SIXTH GRADE

Mrs. Agnor's class went over to Mr. Hoffman's room to view the colored movie, "Our Mr. Sun" which was recently presented on TV.

We have a very interesting ant colony. We have harvester ants which have made tunnels throughout the ant palace.

The mumps are getting to be a pest in our room. Several boys have them or have had them recently.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Vacation.

We received an ant colony but the ants haven't come yet. We hope they will come soon so that we can study them and see how they live.

For Christmas we made letter-holders. First we sanded them and then cut designs or painted them. After that we shellacked and varnished them. Some of them are down in the showcase.

Barbara Waters - 208



## TAX STAMP WINNERS

The winners of the tax stamp contest since the previous issue of the paper are:

11/13/57	Mrs. Grob	\$ .53
11/20/57	Mr. Hoffman	5.52
11/27/57	Miss Adams	1.67
12/ 4/57	Mrs. Dann	.92
12/11/57	Mr. Hoffman	2.45

During this month of December one should be able to collect a large number of tax stamps. After you do your Christmas shopping save your tax stamps and bring them to school. Help your room to help your school.

## FASCINATING FACTS

Rainbows may be seen at night.

Rainbows were observed and mentioned by Aristotle, and are not common. When the sun shines through a sheet of falling rain, it is very apt to form a rainbow. The same effect is caused, now and then, by moonlight. Even strong electric lights shining through rain and mist have caused this phenomenon.

Fish can be caught in the Sahara Desert.

Strangely enough, there are many underground streams in the Sahara Desert.

By digging through the sand into these subterranean waters, a desert fisherman can obtain fresh water fish.

The Earth is three billion years old.

Various methods have been used to determine the age of the Earth. The resulting estimates vary from 200 million to 2 billion years. Recently, however, scientists found that they could estimate the age of the earth with fair accuracy by finding out how long uranium, a radioactive metal, takes to decompose. According to this method, the Earth is about three billion years old.

Jerry Kessler - 207

"PETE"

I know a little boy  
Who's always full of joy  
He has so many pets  
His mother always frets.

One of these pets is a pretty  
pigeon

I think he likes me just a  
smigeon.

Whenever his cage I'm near

He coos and coos for me to hear.

Dennis Pfeiffer - 203

## THE OHIO SEAL

In the hall downstairs by the main entrance there is the Seal of Ohio hanging on the wall. Have you ever wondered how we got the Ohio seal and what it stands for? This is the story:

There were some men talking about our state problems. It was dawn when they were finished. They saw the sun rising from behind Mount Logan. They said, "The rising sun of a new state, Ohio!" The sheaf of wheat means the bounties of nature. The bundle of seventeen arrows means that Ohio was the seventeenth state. The rising sun behind the range of mountains means that Ohio was the first state formed in the Northwest Territory.

## THE ROVING REPORTER

Two reporters went out to secure the children's opinions on two important questions. The question asked of the lower grade children was, "What present do you want most for Christmas?"

Virginia Miedlich wants a Betsy Wetsy Doll.

Timmy Koster wants an electric train.

Christine Anderson wants a Ginny Doll; Don Moncrief, a pocket radio; Billy Badstuber, a hockey game; Dennis Copeland, a remote control car; Chip Anderson, a hockey game; and Sherry Feitz wants a camera.

The question asked of the upper grade children and teachers was, "What do you think about Vanguard blowing up?"

Diane Beres: I think it was a useful experiment."

Dave Kindt: I think it was a mechanical goof."

Diane Durning: "I think the weather was too bad."

Bill Heenan: "I don't know."

Dick Taylor: "It was a goof."

Mr. Cilimburg: "It was a useful experiment, that showed how far behind Russia we are in the missile field. In the future I think that such important experiments should be top secret and no information given out to

reporters.



# Christmas Tidings

## GREETINGS FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

I wish to extend my best wishes at this holiday season to all Wooster children and their families. I hope you will not only have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year but a very joyous vacation.

Edith Shupp

## A CHRISTMAS STORY

In the later part of the twentieth century people will forget Christmas. This may not happen, but that is what some people believe.

The story is that when Indian Summer comes it will get very cold and people will go down to Jamaica or South America and have a lot of fun. The kids will go to school, come home for lunch, go back to school, then come home. By that time the child might get an idea that he wants a certain toy, so his parents would buy it.

But going swimming and having a lot of fun and always getting everything they ask for will make them forget Christmas. A boy or girl will ask his parents for something and they will buy it. The children will get so many presents all year long that they will not recognize Christmas when it comes. But when they realize what they have done, they will never forget Christmas again.

Jeff Barnett

As told by Rev. Goist.

## CHRISTMAS IN MANY LANDS

"Christmas in Many Lands" was the play held last Friday, December 13, in the Wooster School auditorium for the parents. The characters in the family scene were Tom Copeland, Diane Beres, Tom Yeaser, Gloria Mann, and Lynn Corbacho.

Each class portrayed a custom and sang a carol, as the group discussed how Christmas was celebrated in many lands. We are happy to congratulate each room on the good work they did.

## A CHRISTMAS CONTEST

Enter our Christmas contest: How many individual decorations do you believe there are on the tree in the lower hall? Venture a guess and place your estimate together with your name and room number in the box marked "Wooster World News" in room 201. The winners will be announced over the public address system Friday afternoon. Submit your entries before 2:00 P.M. Friday.

## A CHRISTMAS TALE

On Christmas night Santa and his reindeer bold  
Arrived at our house in the snow,  
Wind, and cold.  
Down the chimney came Santa and  
his pack with a bound,  
And his eight reindeer on the roof  
not making a sound,  
Santa filled the stockings with  
goodies and toys galore,  
Then sat down and ate the snack  
I had fixed the day before.  
Then Santa jumped to his feet,  
Having finished his Christmas treat,  
And sprang up the chimney before you  
could say,  
"Have a Happy Christmas Day!"

Joan Draper - 203

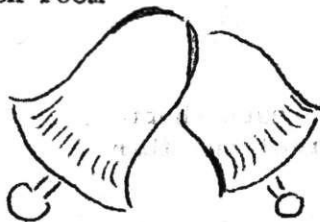
Missy Norbert - 202

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

In the event of overnight snow or inclement weather of such severity that the opening of school might be affected, it is suggested that pupils and parents tune in on radio and TV stations KYW, WERE and others. The broadcasting stations will be given the information if there is any change of schedule for the Rocky River Public Schools.

This should make it unnecessary to make telephone inquiries to the school principals or superintendent.

Thoburn S. Davis  
Superintendent.



# THINK

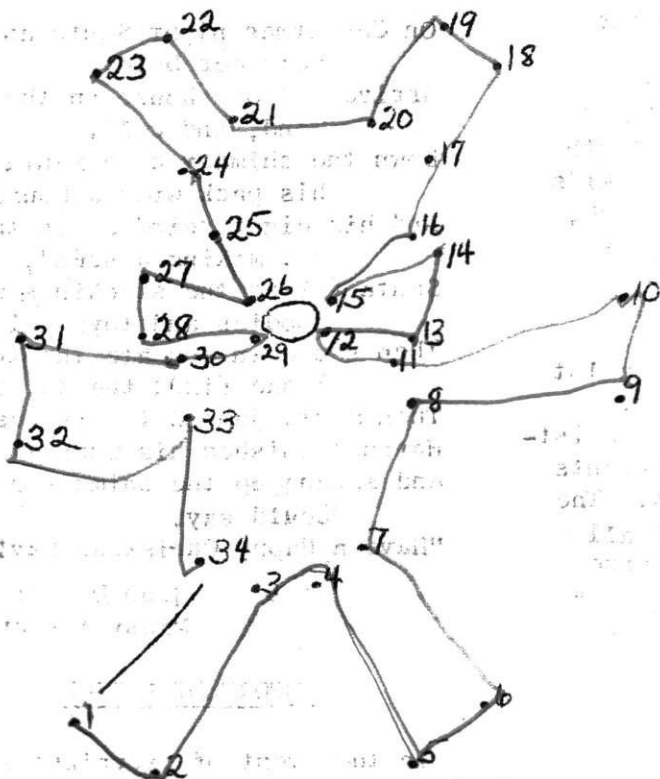


AND

# GRIN



Follow The Dots  
to a Christmas Gift



## RIDDLES

1. What is the difference between a new Christmas penny and an old nickel?
2. What kind of Christmas candles burn longer, red or green?
3. A very small girl with very small legs got so excited at seeing Santa Claus on the street corner that she jumped across the street. How did she do it?

## ANSWERS

1. Four cents.
2. Neither - they both burn shorter.
3. She crossed the street and then jumped.

## LIMERICKS

A cheerful old bear at the zoo  
Could always find something to do.  
When it bored him, you know,  
To walk to and fro,  
He reversed it - and walked fro and to.

There was a young lady named Lulu,  
Who was running away from a Zulu;  
Her grandfather caught her  
And drenched her with water  
And said, "Now I hope that will do, Lu."

There was a young lady of Niger  
Who smiled as she rode on a tiger  
They came back from the ride  
With the lady inside,  
And the smile on the face of the tiger.

There was an old man from Peru  
Who dreamt he was eating his shoe.  
He awoke in the night  
In a terrible fright  
And found it was perfectly true!

ANSWER TO PUZZLE IN  
THE PREVIOUS ISSUE



Season's Greetings  
from the Staff.