

Language students celebrate Christmas

Spanish Club

An old Mexican custom, the breaking of the "pinata," will climax the Spanish Club Christmas party. An activities committee, headed by Molly Milligan, president of the Spanish Club, has been meeting on alternate Tuesdays to plan the party. "We are also going to play some Spanish and Mexican games and the advanced Spanish students are going to present a part of *Las Posadas*," Molly said after the last meeting of the committee.

Las Posadas is a Mexican Christmas custom which symbolizes Mary's and Joseph's search for lodging in Bethlehem. It is a procession of householders who walk from house to house in their neighborhood singing the traditional carols. The procession is formed every evening during the week before Christmas. Members of the group seek lodging every night. On Christmas Eve, the host gives an especially large party for them.

The Spanish Club Christmas party will be held December 28 at the home of Carolyn and Cathy Vesper.

Besides special meetings like the Christmas party, the Spanish Club members meet twice a month. The members have been playing Bingo and Scrabble in Spanish at their past meetings. They have also been investigating the possibility of getting Spanish Club charms or pins.

Brock nominated for Rhodes award

Charles Brock, a 1961 graduate of Webster, was chosen as a candidate for a Rhodes Scholarship. He competed with twelve other candidates from six Midwestern states and was eliminated in the final round.

Winners of the Rhodes Scholarships are awarded two years of study at Oxford University, England, in any field of their choice. A stipend of \$2500 a year is provided from funds left in the will of Cecil Rhodes, British empire-builder who made a fortune in the diamond mines of South Africa. The awards are based on scholarship, leadership, and activities during the candidate's college career.

At present, Brock is completing a four-year economics course at Northwestern in three years. He has served as president of Phi Eta Sigma, scholarship honorary fraternity, and Norlegama, leadership honorary fraternity. He has been national novice debate champion, resident counselor to freshmen, and a student senator. Last spring, he was named outstanding member of his class.

Earlier this year, Brock was recipient of the Roy C. Osgood leadership-scholarship award by Kappa Sigma fraternity. This award is made annually by a fraternity commission which reviews the college records of seniors in more than 100 colleges.

During his years at Webster, Brock was active in numerous activities. He was an ardent participant in debate and band activities and a member of the track and swimming teams for four years. He was awarded the Hixson Award for service in his senior year.



Photo by Paul Santa Claus distributes gifts to Latin Club members.

Latin Club

The Latin Club held its Christmas party December 12 in the cafeteria. Heading the celebration were Susan Kice and Roy Harris singing "White Christmas" and "The Christmas Song". Also joining in the holiday spirit with several songs were the J.C. L'ettes, a group of senior girls chosen each year from the Latin classes. Caesar's legions and other aspects of Roman life became the prime target for mock carols sung by the J.C. L'ers, a group of senior boys.

The arrival of Santa Claus immediately followed this entertainment. Portrayed by Roy Harris, the jolly, white-bearded old fellow "ho-hoed" his way into the audience, bearing gifts for all.

The traditional Christmas edition of *Latinus Rumor*, the club's official magazine, was distributed several days prior to the party. The publication offers such features as cross-word puzzles, jokes, letters from the alumni, stories on Roman and Greek history, and a special column, entitled "Olympus Offguard", dealing with mythology.

In accordance with its custom of performing a good deed for the community at Christmas, the Latin Club bought 36 bedspreads for the Farmington Orphanage. The money was raised by a cookie sale and other activities.

French Club

The French Club celebrated Christmas "a la francaise" in the cafeteria December 11. The members were hosts for all the French teachers in the school and for Mrs. Georges Massot, the French exchange teacher at Hixson Junior High. The group of 80 French students and teachers had special entertainment and traditional French refreshments at the Christmas party.

The partygoers participated in traditional French folk dances and sang Christmas carols with French lyrics to get the real spirit of Noel. Mrs. Billie Koons, sponsor of the French club and head of the French department, led the folk dances which she learned in Normandy during one of her trips to France. Jim McDonald's band accompanied the carolers. Walter Dunajick, drum-player of the McDonald combo and a student of Mrs. Koons, arranged the engagement.

When all the partygoers were bushed from dancing and raspy from caroling, the hosts served refreshments. Mrs. Koons provided "les buches de Noel"—traditional French Christmas cakes that look like medium-sized yule logs. The cakes are rolled and cut like American jelly rolls, but they usually have no filling. In France, families eat them after midnight Mass on Christmas Eve.

Frisco bell placed in entrance lobby

The honored Frisco Bell has a new location—the nook at the top of the Conference Room steps near the old senior school entrance.

In preparation for displaying the bell, the Varsity Club has cleaned and polished it, and painted the inside orange. A new, carpeted platform, with chain guard attached, will serve as a stand for the huge trophy.

The Frisco Railroad Line gave Kirkwood the large bell which has been awarded to the Turkey Day game winners each year since 1952. This year Webster placed the huge trophy at the main entrance on Color Day and rang it between classes to promote school spirit. The bell is usually rung only after touchdowns at football games.



Photo by Dempster

High-kicking French students (l. to r.) Brenda Pogue, Jan Hedrick, Ann Forry, and Carol Hemphill present an original skit, "Vive France et Amour."

French classes plan, produce skits

"Irma la Douce", "Little Red Riding Hood" and "Peter Pan" were presented in French without English subtitles. These and about twenty other comical skits were produced by groups of students in Mrs. Billie Koons' French classes last week. The skits provided humorous entertainment besides studious learning experiences.

Mrs. Koons has used student-produced French skits as a teaching device for several years. In writing the French scripts, students had to use grammar skills, and in acting the parts, had to employ conversational talents.

The student playwrights pooled their literary talent to write original dialogues. The plots could be borrowed, but no pony translations of well-known stories were allowed.

The comedy of the skits was often in the incongruity of casting. For instance, Little Red Rid-

ing Hood and her gang were portrayed by boys and Peter Pan and his high-flying crew were played by girls.

Some of the staging was extra elaborate; one group of girls even dyed their hair for a "Can-can" skit. Although most of the plots were parodies, a few original skits were presented. A farce about French drinking called "Booze and Bruises" featured an oversized French baby with a unique baby-bottle.

The skits were evaluated in two ways. Mrs. Koons graded the students on their productions. The rest of the audience, including the other acting troupes of the class, other French classes and other French teachers voted for the most popular skit.

When the votes of all teachers and students were polled, Mrs. Koons announced the winning group and presented each member of the troupe with a prize.

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