

THE WAPITI



ELK POINT HIGH SCHOOL

QUARTERLY



Seasons  
Greetings

### The Song of Christmas.

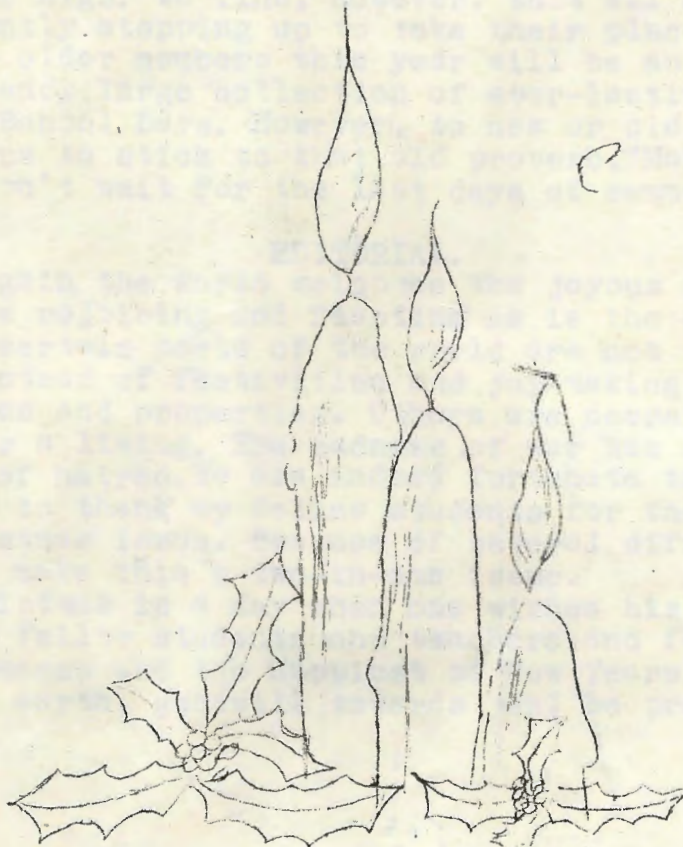
The long journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem---a new Star in the sky --- heavenly music above the hills of Judea --- the soft flutter of angel wings --- the swift journeying of the shepherds --- Mary and Joseph and the new-born Child --- the coming of the Wise Men with their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

From these inspiring things the Song of Christmas was fashioned more than twenty centuries ago. The years have added new notes of happiness. Carols and songs upon the air --- candles gleaming into the night --- secret whisperings in the home --- greetings going from friend to friend --- deeds of love and mercy done in the name of the Child.

No great symphony or composition can match the Song of Christmas. It rises above the clatter and roar of the city; it throbs through the scattered town and hamlet; it sings through sunlit islands of the south; it permeates the frozen wastes of the Northland. In ever-widening volume its strains the echo around the world.

Before its magic, the hosts of darkness take flight. It touches the slumbering chords of memory; it heals old hurts and scars; it binds loved ones in a closer and deeper tie. There are no friendless or forsaken within its sound; under its influence, the strong reach out to help the weak. Peace and Love and Joy, these are its loudest notes, and they are the song for all men. The Song of Christmas is the greatest of all songs because it is understood by every heart.

THE STAFF.



### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE.

Everybody wants something. The practical man knows how to get what he wants. The philosopher knows what people ought to want. The ideal man is the man who knows how to get what he ought to want.

The High School student should choose as soon as possible, the right vocation for the fullest development of his abilities. Now drive toward that end with all the intelligence and energy you possess. Only when you have become qualified can you convince the employer that you are the right person for the job. Leisure should be used and not spent.

R.E. Beattie B.A.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

On behalf of the "Old Timers" of the High School I wish to extend a hearty welcome to all of you new Knew students who have come to join our ranks. I realize that my greeting is late but the thought is there anyway. No doubt you are all just as we used to be, - confused, especially when it comes to changing rooms, handing in assignments and all the rest of our informal ceremonies (as one might call them.) We are glad to see so many new faces. We also find that we have been invaded by a class from the Junior High. We find, however, that all of the new students are gallantly stepping up to take their places with us long beards.

To the older members this year will be another volume to add to their already large collection of ever-lasting memories of good old High School Days. However, to new or old students it may be best for us to stick to that old proverb, "Make hay while the sun shines"; don't wait for the last days of summer.

Vern Raham.

### EDITORIAL.

Once again the world welcomes the joyous days of Christmas. People are rejoicing and feasting as is the custom of the season. However, certain parts of the world are not quite so bright and merry. Instead of festivities and joy-making, people are watching their lives and properties. Others are desperately trying to find enough for a living. The madness of war has left these people hungry and full of hatred. We are indeed fortunate to live in Canada.

I wish to thank my fellow students for their help in publishing this Christmas issue. Because of several difficulties, we were forced to make this a two-in-one issue.

As Christmas is a day when one wishes his best to his friends, I wish my fellow students and teachers, and friends the Merriest of Christmases and the Happiest of New Years. May the thought of "Peace on earth, goodwill towards men" be prevalent in your minds.

Eugene Dembicki.

# LITERARY

## A LAST REVENGE.

"That's the last time that bull is going to get me up on the haystack!" said fiery tempered Jack O'Connors as he rushed into his batchelors shack. Taking his rifle from the wall, he continued to mutter grievances against this treacherous beast, who, three times had made him reach and climb for high-heaven to save his neck. This would be the last. Carefully he made his way down the coulee to the river-flat, without attracting the bull's attention. When Jack had reached the spot directly below his objective, at the foot of a steep embankment, the bull raised his head and watched the old pioneer with deep interest as he raised the gun to his shoulder. True to his red hair and Irish nature, was his fury and he hesitated to lay just one more curse upon his enemy. Drawing near to the edge of the cliff, the bull made a perfect silhouette and a wonderful target. Bang! went the rifle and the stricken animal came rolling and tumbling down the embankment. There was no time for Jack to escape the plunging body which came toward him. A minute later as he sat up and looked at the still body below him, he said in a somewhat subdued tone of voice, "You always did insist on having the last word, didn't you?"

M.S.J.

## PROBLEM POEM.

A poem, a poem, a poem to write,  
A poem, a poem, before tonight.  
Something funny, -about our school  
Something clever, but I'm a fool!  
About the students? About the teachers?  
Maybe inspectors, or Red Cross speakers?  
Hallowe'en costumes, our homework to cuss,  
Conventions for teachers, but still we fuss.  
Oh! inspiration, I plead with you,  
Please come to me, I've a poem to do.

M.L.H.

## ALBERTA SALT COMPANY.

Mr. Eires is the Superintendent.

The Alberta Salt Company plan to begin operation about the middle of April 1948. From one hundred and twenty to one hundred and fifty tons are to be shipped out daily from Lindbergh. This may first have to go to warehouses in Edmonton for further distribution.

There will be forty-two labourers employed, plus an accountant, a stenographer, a lab. worker and the manager. Four female workers will be employed in the packaging department. There will be a seven day week, with three shifts a day, each shift being eight hours long. The smoke stack is to stand eighty-seven feet above the ground. The three main buildings of the plant are; the evaporating room, the brine heating building and the refinery.

This salt will be made into many different forms. There will be table block, iodized and free running salt. In the spring the company will build sixteen homes for the employees. A town sight has been purchased from Mr. Pasmore. Mr Eires, the plant superintendent is now residing in Elk Point.

Doreen Lindquist.

# NEWS & VIEWS

The new skirt length fad seems to have no effect on the High School girls with the exception of one or two.

We wish to take this opportunity to express our sympathy to a certain student for his painful earaches of late. Too bad he missed so much school.

It seems the Latin class of 1947-48 has been visited by a magician, for a number of them have disappeared.

Even though the Junior High is getting younger, it seems that the High School boys still find interests there.

Its too bad the doors in our school have a tendency to stay open.

May we congratulate you, Pat, for your most magnificent golf drive. Maybe the gophers will find that ball.- I couldn't.

Grade 1X seems to have settled down to the regular routine/ or have they?

We appreciated the holiday Mr. Jacobson gave us, when he went to the sale.

We see Virginia is still getting a bang out of life. Or maybe bangs.

Miss Katherine Herman addressed the student body on the importance of the Red Cross.

No they are not crazy, and they haven't lost their voices, its just the Drama class doing a pantomime.

He came by surprise, but he came. Who? Why Mr. Reeves, the inspector and he spent two days.

Mr. and Mrs. Nissen have returned from their trip to Denmark. They both seem to have enjoyed their trip.

The local Y.P.S. had an enjoyable trip to Vegreville on Nov. 1st. Dr. and Mrs. Ross served a delightful lunch before they left for home.

It snowed slightly Nov. 7, we guess winter is here.

The ferry on the river is no longer working, so Bill tells us.

Evie seems to have fully recovered from her appendix operation, for she is back dashing from room to room.

A car was struck by the train at the crossing, but fortunately no one was injured.

The C.N.R. dragline has been digging a drainage ditch down by the railroad.

Mr. Emmott enrolled several of the students in the St. John's Cadets in a recent ceremony held in the hall.

A pretty white kitten seems to like school. Its visits are quite frequent. Know anything about it Evie?

# HUMOR

## SPORTS

This year no organized sports were carried on. There were no softball nor baseball games held since the beginning of school. The only sport high-light; however, was a golf tournament open to all the students in the high school. This event was divided into three different classes: Boy's Open, Girl's Open, and Mixed. Winners were as follows;

Girls; Margaret Hobden.

Boys: Andrew Borutki.

Mixed: Andrew Borutski and Margaret Hobden.

At a meeting of the Student's Union held on Oct. 24th prizes were presented. The victors seemed quite satisfied and felt rewarded for their long walks to the golf course.

As for winter sports, nothing definite has been planned. St. Paul wrote to the Sport's Committee asking the High School hockey team to join a league. We all sincerely hope that the sports will not be neglected through the winter.



# HUMOR

The desks of the 11 and 12 room are jinned or are the students? Or do Margaret Hobden and Dan just fall out of desks for the fun of it.

Our "Sweet" Inspector proved to be a dud. Reeves is the name.

Surprise! Surprise! No cops after our High School Hallowe'eners.

The grades nine and ten have set a record for far better alibies and excuses than were ever used by any previous classes. Boy, do they tell some whoppers.

How many edges to a cube, Lily?

Poor Social Studies 111's did the U.N ever stick'em. Worse than it stuck Austin and Vishinski. We wonder who felt the worst.

Question of the week: Does anyone know where Chicken Lake is?

We wonder who felt sorry for the little white kitten. Hint.

Peter certainly is a docile looking lady-friend, John.

Mr. Jacobson: "What is wind?"

Grade 1X student: "Air in a hurry!"

Mr. Beattie: "Who can tell me what an island is?"

Stella: "It's a hunk of land that went for a swim and got stuck!"

People have been doing strange things these last years. Planting a melon seed and getting a watermelon.

No bricks in our basement.

Vern's paragraphs run to beautiful poetic words and phrases lately. Genius Vern or to many "Ranch Romances."

Joan has been making Doreen very comfortable these last few days, warming her feet.

Evie wants her name in the paper, so here it is; "Evie!"

Vern - "Why did the little moron go to the football game?"

Den - "Why?"

Vern - "Because he thought a quarter-back was a refund!"

"What started the Grand Canyon?"

John, "Looking for a penny in the ditch!"

Pat, "Say I heard that a rabbit ate your watch, what about it?"

Grace, "Perfectly true, Pat. The rabbit heard that it was a twenty-four karat watch!"



# YOUTH ACTIVITIES

## ELK POINT YOUNG PEOPLE'S CLUB.

Rev. Blackmore re-organized the Elk Point Young People's Club in the United Church on Sept. 14th. 1947. The executive was elected as follows:

President - Vern Raham  
Vice President/ Gertrude Keck  
Secretary- Doreen Lindquist  
Treasurer- Margaret Hobden

Several other necessary committees were elected. The next meeting was held on Sept. 21th. Rev. Blackmore led a discussion on "Juvenile Delinquency". He also stressed the fact that Mrs. Edwards and Miss. L. McCann had donated some money to the club. The Legion Hall is used for the social functions that were held, which are:

Sept. 25th. -Games Night  
Oct. 2nd -Wiener Roast  
Oct. 9th. -Mock Trial  
Oct. 25th. -Hallowe'en Party which the St. Paul

group attended. On Nov. 1st. some of the members attended the Cavalcade at Vegreville. Dr. Wiegierinck, Rev. Blackmore, and Mr. Robertson furnish the transportation. A weekly function is held each Thursday night.

## SCOUTS AND CADETS.

The main event in Scouts since the last publication of the "Wapiti" was the summer camp. On July 8th. Scouts arrived at Lake Whitney under the leadership of Vern Raham. The Scouts all had an enjoyable time and after a week they returned to Elk Point.

Since the new Scout year has commenced this fall, a new Troop Leader and two new Patrol Leaders have been appointed.

Mr. Emmott, the Superintendent of the St. John's Ambulance Association was here, in Elk Point on Oct. 15th. to enroll the St. John's Ambulance Cadets and St. John's Nursing Cadets. There were sixteen Ambulance Cadets and ten Nursing Cadets enrolled. Dr. Miller is the Divisional Surgeon and J. Jacobson is Officer-in-charge of both divisions. Mrs. Sumpton is the Lady Superintendent of the Nursing Cadets. Vern Raham was enrolled as Sergeant and Andrew Borutski and Eugene Derbicki were enrolled as Corporals. Muriel Hain was enrolled as Sergeant and Joan Sumpton and Jean Marusyk as Corporals of the Nursing Cadets.

After the investiture there was a group committee meeting held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sumpton.

There will be a Remembrance Day parade on Tuesday Nov. 11th. of the 1st Elk Point Group and Cadets.

## THE GIRL GUIDES.

From June 27th to July 4th. the Girl Guides attended a summer camp at Lake Whitney, under the leadership of Mary Loftus, the former Captain. For amusement the Guides played ball with the Rangers and the Scouts. Mr. Kates and Sydney came to the lake the girls went motor-boat riding.

The Girl Guides are now under the leadership of Captain Sumpton and Lieutenant Blackmore. Gertrude Keck has recently accepted the position as Troop Leader. There are now fifteen girls in the group, including three tenderfoot guides. Last week an enrolment ceremony took place, in which Mrs. Blackmore and Helen Prusak were enrolled.

Next month the Guides plan to have a tea. They hope many will attend.