

## Jr. High Game Tonight

To fill out a rather busy week of school activities, the Blunt Jr. High basketball teams will play at home tonight.

Agar will furnish the opposition with the first game starting at 7:00 p.m.

The Little Monarchs will be out to win their first games of the season tonight in the final tune-up for next week's invitational tournament here.



## MERRY CHRISTMAS

Christmas is the quiet that begins late on Christmas Eve, after the tree is trimmed and the presents wrapped and placed beneath its boughs. It's the quiet of being alone with thoughts of those you love.

Christmas is the quiet that precedes the shout of children's joy when they first see the glistening tree. It's the precious, still moment of awe when you can almost hear them thinking, "This is the best Christmas ever!"

Christmas is the quiet that descends when guests are gone and we sit by the fire, tracing memories in patterns of flame. It's that one still moment before someone says, "Remember when..." and we all do. Then we are grateful and glad---both  
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## MONARCHS SUBDUE HIGHMORE, 72-63; STILL UNBEATEN!

Blunt's Monarchs stretched their unbeaten string to six games in a row and moved into a tie for first place in the Little Central Conference last night by defeating Highmore, 72-63, at Ft. Pierre.

The Black and Gold is now 2-0 in LCAC play and 6-0 on the season. Onida is also 2-0 in the conference and will host Blunt in a showdown for the top spot on Tuesday, Jan. 7.

Last night's victory was well-earned and was anything but easy. For the fourth game in a row Blunt had no such thing as a comfortable lead.

In the opening period the Monarchs fell behind 8-3 and 10-5 before one of their frequent sudden outbursts put them ahead. Field goals by Ed Welch, Russell Spaid, and Buddy King within 45 seconds gave Blunt an 11-10 margin. Succeeding buckets by Ted Massey, King, and Spaid were matched by Highmore baskets before the Pirates tied it up at 17-17 to end the quarter.

The score was tied at 19 and 21 to start the second period when the Pirates again took charge. Not until 3:31 remained did Blunt catch up again as three Massey points made up a 29-26 deficit. Welch tied the count at 31-31; King and Massey then scored to give Blunt a 35-31 edge. The half ended at 37-34 in favor of the victors.

In that first half Blunt had a distinct advantage from the field, outscoring Highmore 17 baskets to nine, an edge of 16 points. But at the free throw line the Pirates were  
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for the memories and for those with whom we share them.

---From the writings of Pearl S. Buck

BLUNT (72)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Massey .....	7	4-5	4	18
Welch .....	5	2-6	4	18
Spaid .....	3	4-5	5	10
Harkless, Gale .....	0	3-5	3	3
King .....	6	5-8	1	17
Sevening .....	2	2-2	3	6
Doyle .....	0	0-0	0	0
Kirsch .....	0	0-0	2	0
Kimbley .....	0	0-0	1	0
TOTALS .....	28	20-31	23	72

HIGHMORE (63)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Spletstoeser .....	4	11-14	3	19
Paynter .....	2	3-6	5	7
Davis .....	1	1-3	2	3
McKelvey .....	3	1-2	5	7
Gline .....	5	7-7	5	17
Degooyar .....	1	2-4	1	6
Day .....	2	2-2	3	6
TOTALS .....	18	27-38	24	63

BLUNT ..... 17 20 18 17--72  
 HIGHMORE ... 17 17 15 14--63

Officials: Pickner and Kerns.

BLUNT-HIGHMORE

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deadly, hitting 16 out of 20 attempts to the Monarchs' three out of six shots.

A field goal by Massey on a great pass from Gale Harkless got the Monarchs rolling in the second half for a 39-34 lead. It was increased to six on two occasions.

Following two free throws by Harkless at 4:37, Blunt led 45-41. Suddenly the Pirates caught fire and scored eight straight points to jump ahead, 49-47. But Spaid hit four free throws, King and Welch field goals for eight straight BHS points. Les Sevening's bucket with 40 second left made it 55-49 at the end of

the third period.

Three points by Welch to start the last frame gave Blunt its biggest lead of the game to this point, 58-49. It was up to ten points at 60-50 following a bucket by Massey, but a field goal and three more Highmore free throws cut the edge to only five points with 4:47 to be played.

The Pirates continued to apply the pressure, creeping to within three at 62-59 and four, 65-61. A field goal by Welch and three points by King kept the Monarchs in the lead. It was 65-61 with 2:50 remaining.

From this point on, Blunt did not score from the field but displayed some of their own free-throw accuracy when Massey made two (67-61), Sevening two (69-63), King two (71-63), and Welch one (72-63).

The Pirates made 11 of 19 free attempts in the second half to end the game with a respectable 27 of 38. Blunt made 17 of 25 in the second half and had 20 of 31 in the game.

Highmore lost three starters as fouls in the final period. Blunt was without the services of Spaid for much of the fourth period because of five fouls.

This game ended the pre-holiday schedule for the Monarchs of Coach Dick Vosberg, who have found that they have to "hang in there" to achieve victory. In the Wessington and Harrold games they were behind in the fourth quarters but scrapped to victory anyhow, and now the string has reached six games.

Two weeks from tonight the Monarchs travel to Wood to warm up for the Onida Warriors whom they play on the following Tuesday. Then will come a Jan. 9 date with Sunshine at Ft. Pierre, and then the first C.P.A.C. tournament on Jan. 13-14-15.

The pairings for that tournament:  
 Jan. 13: Sunshine vs. Harrold.  
 Jan. 14: Blunt vs. Sunshine-Harrold winner; Stephan vs. Palo.  
 Jan. 15: Third-place and championship games.

Judging from the first month of the season, it could be an interesting meet.

## FRESHMAN FACTS

In math they are studying graphs. In Algebra I they are studying how to multiply a polynomial by a polynocial.

The Freshman and Sophmores got the tree in the assembly decorated last Monday.

While practicing for the Christmas concert Wednesday, Rhonda wanted to skate on the way back from the gym to the school and, well, you can guess the rest!

Some of the plans the Freshmen have for the Christmas vacation are:

Sharon Harkless-Well I think some of our relatives are coming up and I plan on doing some work.

Wanda Ping-Some of our relatives are coming to our house to spend the day.

Rhonda Massey-We plan to spend a week of our Christmas in Texas visiting our relatives.

Janelle Adams-I think we are planning to go to Deadwood for a day or two and spend the rest of the time at home.

Dale Peterson-We plan to stay home for Christmas and do a lot of hunting for rabbits.

Viola Boyles-We plan on staying home, but some of our relatives are coming down.

Well that's all for this week!

---Sharon Harkless

## Hold Holiday Dinner

Sunday at 5:30 p.m. was the time and the Lowell King home was the place for the faculty Christmas Party.

Faculty members, and their wives or husbands were present. The dinner was brought by everyone potluck style. There was also an exchange of gifts.

The center of attraction for the men was the colored TV set while the women spent the evening visiting.

---Ramona Peters

## Music Dept. Performs Christmas Concert

The annual Christmas concert put on by the Blunt High music department was a wonderful success Wednesday night as the weather outside helped to set the scene.

At 7:30 the chorus began by singing "O Come, All Ye Faithful." The first half of the concert was set up in spiritual form with the singing of such songs as "Do You Hear What I Hear" by the boys glee club, "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" by the B tripple trio, and "Every Little Lamb Needs A Shepherd," a selection by the A and B triple trios in which Kate Mitchell sang a solo. The all-state chorus members sang two of their songs from all-

state that went well with the occasion. The choir sang one song from all-state of two years ago, "He Is Born," and also the pretty song, "Tiny Little Baby Boy."

The second half of the concert was fun for most of the chorus members. At that time the fun and familiar songs were sung, starting out with the entire chorus singing "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas," and later by singing "Deck the Hall," "White Christmas," and "Silent Night."

"Jingle Bells" was sung in a new arrangement by the choir.

"I'll Be Home for Christmas" was sung by the girls glee club, followed by the boys singing "There's No Place Like Home For The Holidays."

The chorus president, Rick Walker, presented Mr. Knox with a gift in appreciation from the chorus.

All in all they had a wonderful, enjoyable, and memorable evening and look forward to seeing you at the spring concert in May.

---Don Kietsmann

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: Mr. Knox---  
"Come on, baby!" (It must be explained that he said this to his car when it would not start after the game last night.)

# GRADE SCHOOL NEWS

## SEVENTH GRADE .....

In history we had to report on some happening in American history. Here is what we reported on:

Pam S.: Abraham Lincoln; Pat M.: Civil War; Mike M.: Paul Revere's mid-night ride; Richard N.: Boston tea party; Loren S.: Civil War; Sylvia A.: Boston tea party; Robbie Robbins: Paul Revere's ride; Beverly W.: George Washington; Danny F.: Wright brothers; Gayle K.: Boston tea party; Steve K.: Titanic; Joe W.: Abraham Lincoln; Gary J.: Pearl Harbor attack; Linda F.: Titanic.

We got our tree up and decorated. We plan to have our party Friday at 2:00. Already we have some presents under our tree.

Our class and all the high schoolers have been practicing for the school concert, and we hope everybody enjoyed it.

## SIXTH GRADE .....

We congratulate Joe Metzinger on his fine colored illustration of the Twelve Days of Christmas. This was a home project which began some days ago.

Other illustrated songs were made in school. Barbara and Jeanita made a poster for "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day." Felt-lettered bells were made by Barbara L. and Elette to represent "Jingle Bells." Gail and Nadine chose "Silent Night." Mary and Teresa worked on "White Christmas."

The reading of "Tom Sawyer" was finished this week. We are listening to "Let's Be Right About Flag Etiquette," which was given to us by the Auxiliary.

We all enjoyed the Christmas concert presented by the high school Wednesday afternoon. That's a lot of songs to learn. Five of us returned to hear the evening performance.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

## THIRD GRADE .....

We are all glad our program was a success. We hope you all enjoyed it, those who attended.

We also enjoyed the music concert, and thanks to Mr. Knox for inviting us for the afternoon.

This Friday we have all been waiting for. The gifts have been arriving, and all are eager to find out what's inside.

The class made gifts for our mothers and we hope they all enjoy them as we enjoyed making them.

Merry Christmas to all and we'll be with you in '69.

## SECOND GRADE .....

Colleen Colson was absent three days of this week because she and her family left early Wednesday to go to Texas for the holidays.

Thanks to everyone---students, teachers, and parents---who helped make our program a success last Tuesday evening. Even the weatherman was helpful.

And didn't old Santa Claus look good? We think he's gained a little weight since last year!

Wednesday afternoon we went to the high school concert. We enjoyed it a lot and are proud of our singers and Mr. Knox.

All of us here in second grade hope you have a merry Christmas and a fine new year.

## FIRST GRADE .....

We are enjoying our Christmas tree which we decorated on Monday.

I wish to thank all of the children in the program for the manner in which they conducted themselves. We are happy to have it over and get back to our regular routine.

Thanks to all the parents who furnished the cookies and coffee and the committee who wrapped the gifts (Continued on following page\*\*\*\*\*)

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and had such a lovely and festive looking table. We all enjoyed it. We are finishing up gifts this week and will enjoy our holiday. A very merry Christmas to you all!

Well, that's about all we good little boys and girls in the sophomore class were doing last week, so I'd better say 'bye until next time. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all you people who read this paper!

---Buddy King

SOPHOMORE SLANTS

English is getting very exciting as we all get to know Mrs. Hoyt. She tells us her definitions for some of the things that are done today by the "groovy teenagers." Her definition for today's dance is someone hollers across the floor for someone to come and dig holes with them.

Frank, are you sure you had a cap or helmet or whatever it was when you got on the bus last Friday night? And by the way, it doesn't look as if you got rid of your roller-skates yet! Frank, is it more fun to go rabbit hunting than go roller skating?

June, what time did you get home last Saturday morning, and is there a sophomore boy that might have some idea what time it was?

Mrs. Hoyt overheard a conversation between a couple of our grade school gentlemen during intermission of the concert who had had 24 cookies and thought he should go sneak some more.

Hey, June, what was so funny at the concert the other night that you had to stop and laugh right in the middle of a song?

Mr. Nelson thinks there might be some hope for some of the world history students yet this year. So work real hard, all you kiddies.

Last Friday when we played Harold, we had one of our old and best fans from last year back. Elmer, what did you think of the game?

Randy, we typing II students do wish you'd hurry and get well because that class is really boring without you.

SENIOR SENTENCES

The only senior going on a trip during Christmas vacation (and we mean the kind of trip where you actually travel places) is Linda Ogan. Her family leaves today for California to visit her dad's brother and his family. They will return around the second of January.

Mary Junkman will be attending the Miss Holiday contest Dec. 27-28. Her chaperones will be Mike and Sandy Doyle.

Some of the seniors' comments on the ACT tests were:

Janet---I didn't mind the English and the social science, but the rest? Ugh!

Jon---The English and math sections were easy, but the rest was hard.

Jean---Ick, they were horrible.

We're doing the same old things in our classes---some work, some do nothing.

A bolt was lying on the floor beside her desk, so the teacher blamed Janet Goc for breaking the desk. Janet replied, "Oh, I didn't do it; it just fell out when I sat down!"

---Mary Junkman

LOST: Somebody picked up Keith Welch's shoe rubbers at the concert Wednesday night and left his own pair there. If you are that person, Keith is wearing your rubbers and will happily exchange with you.

WILL BUY: Will buy your rabbits. Contact Calvin Olson or phone 962-3048 or 962-3483.

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# SPORTS!

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## BLUNT WINS FIFTH; GLENHAM DEFEATED

The Blunt Monarchs remained on the undefeated list Monday night when they downed a good Glenham team, 60-55, at the Agar Legion Hall.

The Monarchs were never behind in the game, but their leads weren't very comfortable most of the way. The biggest spread of the entire game was only 12 points, that coming with three minutes to play.

A good first period saw Blunt shooting 50% (10 out of 20) from the field, but the Monarchs got out ahead only by eight at one point with 2:03 remaining. Two field goals by Russell Spaid, three by Ted Massey, two by Gale Harkless, and one by Bud King along with a free throw from Ed Welch got them that far, ahead by 17-9. But a Glenham rally coupled with buckets by Welch and Massey made it only 21-16 for Blunt at the buzzer.

The defenses took over in the next quarter. Blunt had only three field goals in 12 shots, by Welch, King, and Les Sevensing, along with two free throws by Massey for eight points in the quarter. Glenham had only 15, so it was a tight 29-27 at halftime.

Three points by Spaid in the first minute got Blunt off to a good start in the second half, but Glenham came back to pull to within three points at 4:23. Consecutive field goals by Welch, Spaid, and Welch gave the Monarchs their biggest lead so far, nine points, but a last-second Glenham shot scored to make it 43-36 with one period to go.

Welch had eight and Spaid five of the team's 14 points in that period.

Rich Doyle's three free throws put Blunt up by 10 points. Blunt was able to maintain a spread of from seven to

ten points throughout the period. Blunt managed to get ahead by 12 at one point, but the Eagles got back to within seven twice more, and a basket with six seconds left cut the final score to five points.

The Monarchs shot 43.5% for the game and made 10 of 16 free throws. The Eagles made 13 free throws but missed 14 others.

Ed Welch again led Blunt in scoring with 15 points, but Massey had 13 and Spaid 11. Gosch had 24 for Glenham.

Blunt was able to shut off two of Glenham's starters almost completely, but Mike Jackson came off the bench to score 12 points in the second half to keep the game interesting. The Monarch defense again had a good game, their press forcing numerous turnovers by the Eagles.

BLUNT (60)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Massey .....	5	3-5	2	13
Welch .....	7	1-2	2	15
Spaid .....	5	1-3	5	11
King .....	4	0-0	3	8
Harkless, Gale .....	3	2-2	3	8
Sevensing .....	1	0-0	3	2
Doyle .....	0	3-4	1	3
<b>TOTALS</b> .....	<b>25</b>	<b>10-16</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>60</b>

GLENHAM (55)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Lindeman .....	1	0-2	1	2
Schlamer, D. ....	5	0-0	4	10
Gosch .....	8	8-12	3	24
Casey .....	1	2-5	1	4
Schlamer, M. ....	0	1-1	1	1
Jackson .....	6	2-7	3	14
<b>TOTALS</b> .....	<b>21</b>	<b>13-27</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>55</b>

BLUNT .....	21	8	14	17	60
GLENHAM .....	16	11	9	19	55

Officials: Nelson and Knox.

## CPAC Standings

	W	L	Pct	Left
Blunt .....	3	0	1.000	5
Harrald .....	3	1	.750	4
Stephan .....	1	2	.333	5
Pole .....	1	2	.333	5
Sunshine Bible .....	0	3	.000	5

# Monarchs Edge Harrold, 59-57

The Blunt Monarchs and the Harrold Cardinals played an exciting four quarters of basketball at Ft. Pierre Friday night, and when it was all over, Blunt had won by two points, 59-57.

It was just one more in a long series of close games between these two rivals, who could possibly play each other at least three more times this season.

Blunt had five more field goals than Harrold, but the Cardinals had an advantage of eight free throws over the Monarchs.

Coach Dennis Marso's Cardinals got off to an early lead before Blunt tied it up twice during the first period, which ended with Harrold ahead, 12-11.

Except for a basket by Ted Massey, Harrold roared away in the second period to lead by eight. Blunt got back to within three on baskets by Buddy King, Gale Harkless, and Rich Doyle, but with 2:54 to go in the half, Harrold again led by eight. This set the stage for one of Blunt's patented splurges. After Jack Buchanan had given his team that eight-point bulge, the Monarchs kept Harrold from scoring the rest of the half while King, Les Sevensing, Doyle, and Ed Welch were scoring to bring Blunt back into the ballgame, down by one, 33-32, at the half.

Buddy King and Ed Welch put Blunt on top in a hurry to start the second half. Buchanan put Harrold ahead again, then Massey scored for Blunt and a lead of 38-37. During the remainder of the period the teams exchanged baskets, Blunt nipping up a three-point lead on four different occasions only to have Harrold cut it to one point each time. The third quarter score was 44-41 for the Black and Gold.

The final period was full of tension. Buchanan, who always seemed to get Harrold a bucket when they needed one the most, made it only 44-43 but Welch hit and it was 46-43. Massey, who had 11 of his 17 points at vital times in the second half, scored for a

five-point margin with 6:45 left. But it was short-lived because within the next two minutes Buchanan's next two field goals and one by Rick Bauer had tied the score at 48-48.

The Cardinals took the lead for the first time since halftime when Buchanan made a free throw at 4:24. Five seconds later, however, Gale Harkless did the same to tie the score once again. Harkless and Buchanan traded baskets for a 51-51 tie.

At the 2:53 mark Les Sevensing's free shot gave Blunt the lead for the final time, and Massey increased it to three, 54-51. Buchanan's two free shots were matched by Randy Harkless's important two-pointer with only 1:21 remaining in the contest.

Meyers brought Harrold back to within one, 56-55, at 1:07. But Massey came through with a free throw (57-55) and a clutch field goal at 0:58, and Blunt led by four. Harrold got a basket by Meyers to make it 59-57 with 0:35 to go.

Harrold was able to get the ball back once again before time expired. They had the shot that would have tied the score but missed it, and Blunt was in possession as the buzzer sounded.

Ted Massey's 17 points led Blunt in the scoring column. Buddy King, who did not start the game, scored 12. Jack Buchanan also had 17 for Harrold, Roger Meyer had 15, and Rick Bauer 10.

BLUNT (59)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Massey .....	7	3-8	3	17
Welch .....	4	0-2	2	8
Spaid .....	0	0-0	2	0
Harkless, Randy .....	2	2-2	3	6
Harkless, Gale .....	3	2-4	5	8
Sevensing .....	1	2-5	3	4
King .....	5	2-4	2	12
Doyle .....	2	0-0	0	4
<b>TOTALS</b> .....	<b>24</b>	<b>11-25</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>59</b>

HARROLD (57)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Parks .....	4	1-2	5	9
Bauer, R. ....	2	6-7	2	10
Meyer .....	5	5-11	2	15
Buchanan, J. ....	6	5-5	4	17
Berrien .....	2	1-3	3	5

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# Blunt B's Defeat Glenham, Harrold

Coach Ron Basalby's Blunt B's won two more games this past week, stretching their season's record to 4-1.

At Agar on Monday night the Monarchs went ahead for the first time in the middle of the first quarter and then led all the way to beat Glenham, 57-33.

Trailing 7-2, the B's, on five points by Jerry Ogan and two by Mark Kozel, went ahead and never trailed again. Blunt led at the first quarter stop, 15-10. By halftime the score was 35-20.

Had it not been for one Glenham player, Thompson, their team would have been further behind. He had 16 of his team's 29 points in the first half, ten of them on free throws.

The third quarter was a light one in scoring, ending up 43-25. Blunt increased its margin and won by 24.

Harry Kimbley's 19 points led Blunt's scoring column. Charlie Boyles had nine and Jerry Ogan seven. Thompson scored 20 points in the game for Glenham.

Against the Harrold Cardinals last Friday, the Blunt B's played a see-saw first quarter after which Harrold led, 7-6.

An exciting but low-scoring second quarter ended in a 17-15 lead for the Cardinal team. The game was still close after three periods as Harrold led, 22-21.

Jerry Ogan's basket to start the fourth period put Blunt ahead to stay, 23-22. A field goal and a free throw by Frank Goc increased the lead to four, and Gary Harkless made it six.

The Monarchs maintained a four- to seven-point lead the rest of the way, the final score ending at 32-27.

Blunt shot 33% for the game in which Jerry Ogan scored 14 points. Heints had 12 for Harrold's B team.

## BLUNT-HARROLD (Continued from preceding page)

Barnes	0	1-1	1	1
TOTALS	19	19-29	17	57
BLUNT	11	21	12	15--59
HARROLD	12	21	8	16--57

Officials: Hansen and Liedle.

## KOZEL'S CORNER

The regular season has ended in NFL football with only the championships left.

The Minnesota Vikings became the champions of the Central Division as they downed Philadelphia 24-17 while Green Bay edged Chicago, 28-27.

With Bart Starr out with injuries, Zek Bratkowski had the job of quarterbacking the Packers, but when he was injured, Don Horn, just reactivated that morning, came in to throw two touchdowns and set up a third with a long pass to put the Packers ahead, 28-10. The Bears then scored 17 straight points and had the ball on the Green Bay 44 but couldn't move it, and the Packers took over and held on to win 28-27.

Cleveland will play Dallas on Saturday for the East championship, and Minnesota will be at Baltimore on Sunday for the West championship.

---Mark Kozel

## LCAC Standings

	W	L	Pct.	Left
Blunt	2	0	1.000	3
Onida	2	0	1.000	3
Ft. Pierre	1	0	1.000	4
Agar	1	2	.333	2
Highmore	0	1	.000	4
Harrold	0	3	.000	2

**FOR SALE:** 289 cu. Mustang Cobra set-up. Two four-barrel set-up with manifold. Contact Gary Otteson, Box 283, Blunt, S.D.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

## Blunt Seeks #7 At Wood Jan. 3

The undefeated Blunt Monarchs will face three more opponents before the next issue of this newspaper appears.

There is one game during the holiday vacation--Friday, Jan. 3, when the Monarchs make the long trip to Wood.

The Wood team has not yet posted a victory this season, having lost to Kennebec, Calena, Presho, Martin, Draper, Witten, and Vivian. The Wood "B" team won its first game of the season Tuesday when it defeated Kennebec.

Shortly after school resumes, Blunt goes to Onida to meet the highly-rated Warriors, who have rolled over six opponents to date. Their closest call was Tuesday night's 10-point victory over Agar. Onida has also defeated Gregory, Murdo, Harrold, Draper, and Cheyenne-Eagle Butte. Before meeting Blunt, the Warriors will play at Gettysburg tonight, against Willow Lake and Bryant at Clark next week, and at Highmore on Jan. 3.

Two nights after the Onida battle, the Monarchs return to SPAC action when they meet Sunshine Bible Academy at Ft. Pierre. This will be a return match against the Crusaders, whom the Monarchs defeated 85-28 earlier this month.

## B's Drop 45-34 Highmore Game

The Blunt High "B" squad was held to four free throws in the first quarter last night and never could catch up to the Highmore B's, who won the game at Ft. Pierre, 45-34.

The first period score was 14-4. Blunt got its first field goal with 3:29 left in the half. The intermission score was 21-12 following two periods in which Blunt shot 13%--three of 23 attempts.

The Monarchs trailed after the third period, 38-22.

Leading scorer for Blunt was Don

## BLUNT TO HOST JR. HIGH TOURNEY

Blunt will play host to three other area schools in a four-team invitational grade school basketball tournament next Saturday, Dec. 28.

First-round action in the afternoon will find Harrold playing St. Lawrence at 1:30 p.m., followed by the Blunt-Ree Heights game at 3:00.

The consolation game will be played at 6:00 p.m. with the championship to follow at about 7:15 p.m.

Admission prices will be 50¢ for adults and 25¢ for high school and grade school students.

Trophies will be awarded to the top three teams in the tournament, according to Coach David Lockhart.

Following tonight's games with Agar and the Dec. 28 tournament here, Blunt's grade school basketball teams will play host to WashPierre teams on Monday night, Jan. 6, the first day of school following vacation.

Kietzmann with ten points. Harry Kimbley scored eight. Jerry Ogan and Mark Kozel contributed seven apiece.

Roger Splettsstoesser scored ten for Highmore. Roger Day and Mike Mason both hit for nine points.

The Blunt B's record is now 4-2. In the ICAC "B" squad standings, Blunt stands 1-1, having defeated Harrold in their other conference game.

The B's next game will be at Wood on Friday, Jan. 3.

Check the texture of the holly in your wreaths! An old European superstition says that if the holly has a scratchy or prickly surface, the husband will rule the family for the coming year, but if the leaves are smooth, the wife will be the boss!

## EDITORIAL

With sixteen days of vacation here, there will be a lot of spare time in which to hop in the car and take off for a spin or two. And that in itself means trouble.

It doesn't take a lot of traffic (although there will be plenty of that, too) to cause accidents---just one car can have a beautiful smashup.

Auto accidents are the number one killer of 15- to 24-year-olds (four times higher than any other cause). Highway accidents took the lives of more young people last year than were killed in Vietnam in the five previous years.

We hope---in fact, we plead---that you resist the temptation to have a good time with your car during this vacation. Drive somewhere safely---if you must drive at all---and then have your good times after you get there.

And if you all do this, all of you and all of us will have a merry Christmas and a happy new year!

## ONE YEAR AGO . . .

Issue of December 22, 1967:

Despite treacherous weather outside, a large crowd attended the Christmas concert. . . Mrs. Madsen, fourth grade instructor, had to miss the grade school program when the bad roads forced her to remain in Lake Preston. . . Blunt trailed 7-4 after a strange first quarter but came on strong to whip Highmore, 52-35. Joe Junkman scored 29 points for Blunt. . . Camilla Olson was chosen DAR representative. . . Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hoyt entertained the faculty for their annual Christmas dinner and party. . . Rich Doyle received torn ligaments and muscles when his arm was fallen on in a scramble during the Harrold game. . . Mr. Knox got excited at a game at the Pierre Indian School. He jumped up, lost his balance, bounced off three people, and ended up in the next row of bleachers. . . Because of the bad highways, Mr. and Mrs. Baseley headed for Onida on the gravel---and got stuck in a snowdrift.

## TWO YEARS AGO . . .

Issue of December 22, 1966:

The Monarchs completed their pre-holiday schedule with a 6-2 record, the two losses being to Wessington and Erwin. A basket by Rod Parks sent the Erwin game at the Huron Arena into overtime, but the final score for Erwin was 45-43. . . . For the first time in Coach Vosberg's coaching career, Blunt defeated a Highmore team and did it well, 94-58. . . . The faculty met at the Robert Jolley home for their Christmas dinner. . . . Mrs. Aasby, Mr. Knox, and Mrs. Steals directed the Christmas concert which included numbers by students in the fifth, sixth, and seventh grades. . . . The sixth grade class enjoyed a movie about the composer, Beethoven, on his birthday Dec. 16.

Music Activities  
Resume Shortly

Blunt High music students, relieved now that the Christmas concert is over and the extra practices are finished, will get back to work quickly when 1969 arrives and school resumes on the 6th.

The first major activity following vacation will be the Region VI contest at Mobridge on Wednesday, Feb. 12, involving soloists and small ensembles. Students desiring to take part in the local solo competition will spend the month of January practicing, and an elimination contest will be held about Feb. 1.

The chorus will begin practicing soon after New Year's for the Capital City Festival in Pierre on March 29. The choir will also present a program for the PTO sometime in the spring. The large-group contest at Mobridge has been set for Friday, April 11.

Seventh and eighth grade students will sing with the chorus in the April contest at Mobridge. Whether they will be allowed at Pierre is not known at this time.

# Grades 1-6 Present Christmas Program

The students of the first six grades presented another delightful Christmas program Tuesday evening as a full house of parents and friends looked on.

Following a welcome by Matt Massey, all six grades combined with a rousing version of "Deck the Hall" to set the stage for the program which followed.

The first half of the program was presented by grades one, two, and three, and consisted of songs and speaking parts.

Highlighting the second half by the grades four, five, and six was a radio play, songs, and spoken parts.

The program was climaxed by "Have a Happy Holiday," the Christmas wish for all of the audience from the first six grades.

Announcer for the program was Mary Jolley. Teachers responsible for the program are Mrs. Olerud, Mrs. Jolley, Mrs. King, Mrs. Basalay, Mr. Lockhart, and Mrs. Steele.

Coffee and cookies were served by a committee of ladies from the P.T.O. Santa Claus arrived following the program to meet the little youngsters and to distribute, with the help of the teachers, treats to all of the students through the courtesy of the P.T.O.

## FIFTH GRADE .....

We had a science test Thursday over the chapter on seasons and changes.

We are not making our mothers anything this year because we have been busy with the Christmas program and other things.

We are all looking forward to having a good time this afternoon at our party. We would also like to thank the mothers who brought the refreshments for our party.

We are all excited for our vacation to come and to find what good old Santa Claus has brought us.

Merry Christmas, folks, and as

Tiny Tim says, "God bless you, everyone"  
---Carrie Jo Eckman

## T.V. HIGHLIGHTS

### Tonight, Dec. 20:

6:30 p.m.: One of the highlights of any holiday season is the presentation of "The Nutcracker," which combines a heart-warming story with superb ballet and Tchaikovsky's immortal music.

### Saturday, Dec. 21:

6:00 a.m.: A chance to watch history in the making as Apollo 8 blasts off for the moon.

12:30 p.m.: NFL Eastern Conference championship---Dallas vs. Cleveland.

### Sunday, Dec. 22:

12:30 p.m.: NFL Western Conference championship---Minnesota vs. Baltimore.

6:00 p.m.: "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," a cartoon holiday special.

7:00 p.m.: Ed Sullivan's Christmas show.

8:00 p.m.: The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour's Christmas show.

### Christmas Eve, Dec. 24:

10:30 p.m.: Christmas show by the Ray Conniff singers.

11:30 p.m.: Christmas Eve service from First Lutheran Church of Sioux Falls.

12:30 a.m.: Christmas cantata.

### Christmas Day, Dec. 25:

12:30 p.m.: Christmas concert by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir of Salt Lake City.

4:00 p.m.: Young People's Concert by the New York Philharmonic.

5:30 p.m.: "Vladimir Horowitz at Carnegie Hall," one-man piano concert.

Saturday, Dec. 28: Blue-Gray Game and Sun Bowl Game (Arizona vs. Auburn).

Sunday, Dec. 29: NFL Championship Game.

Wednesday, Jan. 1: Cotton Bowl and Tournament of Roses parades, followed by Cotton Bowl game (Texas vs. Tennessee).

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

# Teachers Plan Holiday Travels

Several of Blunt's 13 teachers will be hitting the road shortly to travel to the homes of relatives and friends for the holidays. Here are their replies to our question, "What are your plans over Christmas vacation?"

Mr. Vosberg: Basketball, basketball, and more basketball! And wait for the "old man" to come down my chimney.

Mrs. Hoyt: I intend to thoroughly enjoy the "16 days of Christmas," have friends over for Christmas and New Year's, attend a wedding, do a little housework, and read several books.

Mr. Nelson: My plans are indefinite as to time, but I will go to Flandreau for two or three days. Otherwise I am going to loaf as much as my wife will let me.

Mr. Knox: We will spend Christmas with relatives at Cavour. Otherwise I plan to take in some basketball games at Sioux Falls and other places, go to Wood for our game, get music ready for the Moberge contest, and welcome in the new year.

Mrs. Weiss: We will spend Christmas Day at Faulkton. The rest of the two weeks I plan to spend cleaning house and catching up on things.

Mr. Lockhart: My family and I plan to visit my parents in Oklahoma. We may get a chance to enjoy some warm weather while we are there.

Mrs. King: I plan to spend the vacation at home this year and do some family entertaining.

Mrs. Olerud: Enjoy myself and the family, relax, and visit with the grandchildren.

Mrs. Jolley: We plan to spend a few days with relatives in Vermillion. The grade tournament is Dec. 28, so we'll be here for that.

Mrs. Baseley: We plan to spend Christmas in Huron. We may also do a little after-Christmas shopping in Aberdeen provided Mr. Baseley is willing.

Mrs. Steele: We plan to be home. I have yards of material to sew and a stack

## READ ALONG WITH MONTY

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## Happy Birthday

- Dec. 22: Susan Erickson.
- 24: Buddy King.
- Jan. 2: Helen Kiepkke.
- 9: Debra Marshall.
- 10: Len Albright.

----Enola King

of books to read.

Mr. Baseley: Well, it looks as though I'm going to Aberdeen to do some after-Christmas shopping! Most people do their shopping before Christmas. Also I plan to spend hours in the gym hoping to prepare the team for their upcoming games.

Mr. Sprague: A few days here, a few days with parents. We like to spend Christmas Eve and morning in our home and then head for family gatherings. We'll plan to do some ice fishing, too.  
----Sharon Metzinger and Linda Ogan.

Christmas is when you send greeting cards to all your friends to set them up just in case you want to freeload off them on your next summer vacation!