

BHS's Super Sophomore Salesmen Sell Sweets

By WARREN HARDY

Know of anyone who needs 5710 pounds of Christmas candy? The sophomore class at Birmingham high school does, or rather did, until more than 5000 area residents recently purchased the candy from soph salesmen trying to bolster their class treasury.

Smooth talker of the class was Bill Cheer, who put his foot in enough pounds to sell 108 pounds of candy. Mary Cook, who wasn't quite as glib, sold 108 pounds, while Liz Weber and Jim Loudens pounded enough pavements to peddle 82 pounds each.

The sophomores' staggering bill for the loot was \$7,566.88, with \$2,597.77 clear profit for the exchequer.

WHEN THE CASES of choconates arrived, a hasty communique issued from the office of Ross A. Wagner, principal, stated that it was uncertain if a weight of the several tons of candy and several dozen students working on distribution could be supported by the floor of any room. Traffic of the cases quickly divided the stream of porters into two separate stations.

Preliminary unloading was accomplished by ultra heavy-duty crew, taking only 26 trips from the truck to the rooms to deliver 263 cases of fully wrapped treats.

Upon arrival in the rooms, separate groups hastily but efficiently unloaded the cases and divided them among homeboys with great skill and precision.

For a moment, it was difficult to tell whether the work was going on in Birmingham high school, a department store, or an African safari.

UNINTELLIGIBLE sounds

'Twas Two Christmases for Exchange Teacher

By JEAN DAY

Last December at this time Vera E. Grim, Bloomfield Hills English teacher, had celebrated her second Christmas of the season.

As an exchange teacher in the Netherlands, she already had participated in St. Nicholas Day festivities on Dec. 5 with her Dutch students. That is the date for the traditional exchange of gifts in Holland, Germany and Denmark.

Much of the Dutch festivity is centered upon the element of surprise, Miss Grim recalls. Gifts are wrapped to conceal their identity with the sender writing a poem in which he talks about the recipient, while remaining anonymous.

WHILE AMERICAN youngsters entertain visions of a rosy-cheeked Santa in a sleigh, Dutch boys and girls see a St. Nicholas who disembarks from a boat to ride a white steed through the countryside, accompanied by his helper, Black Peter.

Miss Grim enjoyed this version first hand when the Dutch woman in whose apartment she stayed had her neighbors dress up as St. Nicholas and Black Peter for her.

IN SPITE of this limitation, she admits that it's good to be back in this country again. A year in the Netherlands, she says, the Dutch were long time although participating in a Fulbright award in the International Educational Exchange Program of the Department of State.

Before she left Bloomfield Hills,



PREPARING FOR one of 26 trips Birmingham sophomores made into the high school with cases of chocolates for their recent candy sale, sophs David Carlisle (left) and Jeff Atkinson haul cases from inside the truck. Working with them is the delivery truck's driver.

Three Red Cross Chapters Get Special UF Money

The United Foundation has allocated a total of \$112,116 to three local chapters of the American Red Cross to provide emergency services to Hungarian refugees.

Small reserves of the local chapters and surpluses in the United Foundation treasury due to the over-subscription of recent Torch Drives will be used to meet chapter quotas in the current nationwide drive for \$5,000,000.

The Detroit and Wayne county chapter was given \$100,000 to help meet its quota. The Macomb county chapter was allocated \$10,000, the Oakland county chapter \$8,116, to help meet their quotas in those areas covered by Torch Drive solicitation.

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WITH JANE THOMPSON at the piano, Barnum junior high school Press club members sing carols and enjoy a Christmas treat at a party after school last week. From left are Pat Lyndall, Emily Minor, Barbara Koch, Diane Downey, Karen Pasuth, Cheryl Brokaw, Betty Sulist, Bonfile Berkol, Betsy Garrison and Mollie Mosher. The girls write The Eccentric's weekly Barnum news column, with Betsy as editor-in-chief.



BOXES OF GIFTS which only that morning had been brought to Wing Lake school by each of its students are loaded onto a truck to be distributed to six families whose names have been submitted by Junior Red Cross. Helping with the work are (from left) Wally Wengert, Susan Lasker, Mrs. David Walker Lee, Red Cross home service representative, Cheryl Moore, Dennis Jarosz and Dick Hertzler. Mrs. Lee accepted the new clothing, toys and food gifts which each child placed in its proper box after marching to the stage in an assembly on Tuesday of last week.

Denisons Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Roy and Mrs. Walter Denison of Mt. Oak parents of John P. Denison of Bloomfield Hills, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with family and friends at a buffet luncheon Saturday in the Harmon club, Detroit.

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BARNUM JUNIOR HIGH NEWS

The Barnum choir, under the direction of Miss Majel Brettez, and the orchestra, led by Mr. Robert Katcher, recently presented the annual Christmas concert.

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In Olivet Concert

Participating in a recent Christmas concert at Olivet college, Olivet, Mich., was Lawrence Crowley, of 1986 Northlawn, Birmingham, who is a member of the college chorus and ensemble.

Craft Classes Set

Registration begins next Wednesday for craft and hobby classes at the Birmingham Community House, with most classes scheduled to begin the week of Jan. 14.

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Committee Work On New Year's Eve Dance Preparations

"Top Hat" is the theme of the young peoples' New Year's Eve dance, set for 8:30 to 1:30 in the Birmingham Community Hall.

Fithian Is Expert In Rifle Firing

Army Pvt. Howard D. Fithian, 22, son of Mrs. Henry H. Fithian, 608 Stanley, Birmingham, recently qualified an expert in firing the M-1 rifle at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Troy Zoning Still Intact Says Judge

TROY—Troy zoning still stands despite an opinion handed down Nov. 19 by Oakland County Circuit Judge George E. Hartwick that zoning here was not in effect because no decree has been asked for in a zoning dispute in the Meyrick vs. Troy case.

Fined For Larceny

After pleading guilty to charges of simple larceny in Birmingham municipal court last week, a Detroit woman whom Birmingham police said took a squirrel stole from a store, was fined \$50.

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