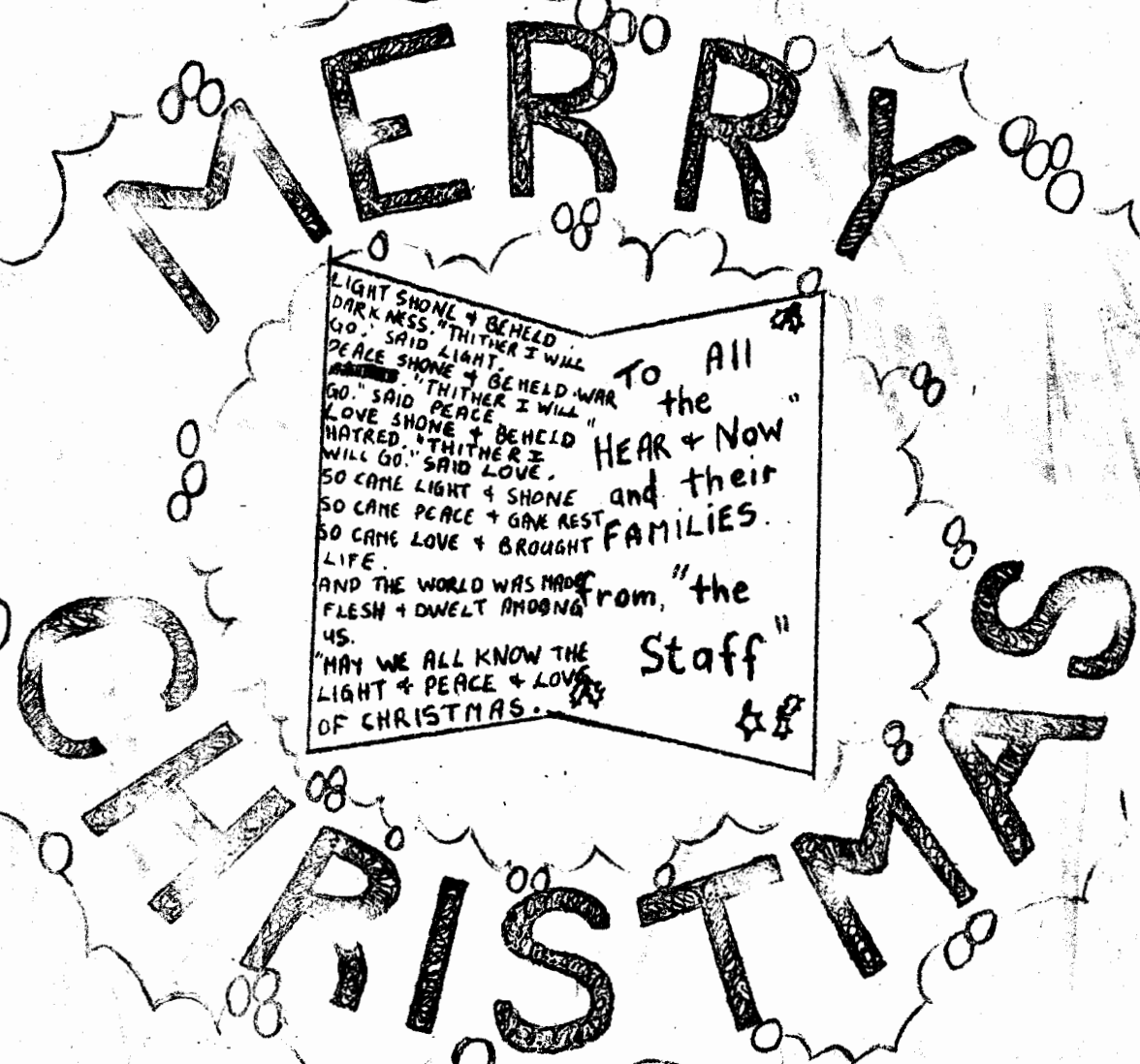


GLADYS

NEWSLETTER of the "NEAR & NOW"



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PERFORMANCES

Dec. 8	Night	RECORDING SESSION
Dec. 14	Afternoon evening	Old Folks, City of St. Lambert St. Lambert united Church, Choirs
Dec. 15	Evening	Royal Charles School (St. Hubert)
Dec. 16	9:00-3:00am	United Aircraft
Dec. 17	Evening	St. Francis of Assissi (Xmas Singing)
Dec. 22	evening	CHRISTMAS CAROLING (St. Lambert)
Dec. 30&31	Day	Decorating for Legion Dance. * Tentatively.

DP.

SHIRI-UNIFORM COMMITTEE REPORT

34 questionnaires answered:

Votes pro uniforms of some sort	30
Votes against uniforms	3
Votes pro wearing the red shirts in future performances	24
Votes against	3

(only 17 answered this question)

As a committee we could not make a definite decision in regards to funds for new uniforms. Twenty-five members said they would be willing to spend money, but some qualified this in regards to the amount and type of uniform they would be willing to spend money on.

Recommendations of The Committee:

We recommend that the executive committee make the decision when to wear the red shirts with the conditions that the group know at least a week in advance, preferably via the newsletter and with the option that the group as a whole can veto such a decision.

We also recommend that when we receive the crests that they be sewn on the left breast pocket area of the red shirts. This will eliminate any discrepancies as to when to wear the crests and on what.

In addition to be considered for the future:

Girls: - same style navy blue skirt or dress pants, blue the same style sleeveless, v-neck sweater vests - in blue (to be worn with the red shirt.)

Boys: - dark grey slacks, same sweater vest as the girls (no decisive decision since boys not adequately represented)

Also in connection with a formal performance that a dressed style of short dress in coordinate colours such as blue dress - red yoke or red dress - blue yoke.

A further suggestion was made to put on a variety show or fashion show in combination with a concert to raise money to be used exclusively for the procuring of uniforms on the assumption that we do not get a sponsor.

REMINDERS!!!!!!

GRACE - It has been 2 months, or 3 weeks, or 60 days now since the crests have been ordered, and plenty of time for all of us to have paid for them. \$192.78 is needed to pay for them and only \$101.50 has been received. Will these people please pay SOON:
 DEAN JOHN JOHN ALLISON TIF MARC JOEY BILL PERRI
 PHIL MARY BOAN BRUCE ANNI SHEILA GAB R. ANDREA
 JO-ANN CLIFF TONY. You can drop the three fifty (\$3.50) off at Barb's, 287 Dulwich Ave., any day or night of the week. When the crests come in they won't be given out till all have paid! By not paying, you are being very unfair to those who have!!
 So please get \$ in soon.

DP

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: Glen - Jan. 8th - 19 years
 Sheila - Dec. 29th - 18 years (it's o.k., you're legal)

With

To Clement C. Moore or a new

"THE APOLLO 11 TO CLEMENT C. MOORE ON AN EVENING WITH THE HEAR AND NOW FAMILY."

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the group
 no one could sing, for we all had the croup;
 the stockings were chosen with infinite care,
 in case of performances we'd know what to wear;
 each one was cosy in their sleeping bag,
 while visions of stardom started to sag;
 holding tight to our kleenex and suff'ring with colds,
 we wondered what the night was yet to behold,
 when up from the stairway there came such a clatter,
 we dare not venture the cause of the matter.

Away in a corner where some tried to sleep,
 we all made a plan and decided to creep.
 The light from a window on the freshly waxed floor
 gave a lustre of eeriness that we all deplored,
 there on the steps (which at first we did fear),
 sat a little old man dressed in jolly red gear.
 Upon recognition, we began the applause,
 for the man who would save us, our friend Santa Claus.

He arose to his feet and aware of our want,
 proceeded to wake us, categorically named;
 up tenors, up basses, sopranos and altos,
 awake descants and you with falsetto;
 to the sound of guitars, to the pound of the drum,
 to piano, flute, tamborine, run, run, run,
 during the haste I was sure we would learn,
 to recapture our voices, to sing as we yearned;
 donned in our nightclothes without any shoes,
 we raced to our music room, Santa came too.

The room was decked with boughs of holly,
 we were yet to be full of folly;
 when up from the roof came the sunniest sound,
 and down came his bag with a most musical bound.
 There Santa stood beneath the bright tree,
 discussing his plans with the executive committee;
 he was dressed all in red, except for his chest,
 where there appeared a white bird on a crest.

His coat was embroidered with wonderful notes,
 and to our surprise they started to float;
 taking them carefully and opening his sack,
 he mixed them with bottles from that magical pack;
 thus elixirs and potions he made with a toast
 with these instructions, down our throats they did coast.
 It seemed to refresh us this melodic brew,
 and all our voices it seemed to renew;
 to their original strength and as if on "folly",
 the clearness of, a bowl full of jolly.



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"A wink of his eye and a twist of his head
 Soon gave us to know we had nothing to dread;"
 The silence grew — we all had a vote;
 To decide what would be our beginning note.
 On the count of three, to the clang of a gong;
 Burst forth a chorus of "A Gift of Song."
 There was only one deed that he asked us to pay,
 To "love one and another" in our best able way.

Yet I heard him exclaim, as he drove out of sight,
 Merry Christmas to all and to all a Good Night!

T.D.

FIRST PARENTS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT.

On Thursday, Nov. 23/72 the Parents Committee consisting of Jim Brown, Jim McMurdo, Bob Proctor, Norm Lang, Francis Collins & Elizabeth Purdie, met with Richard Friend and Glen Collins, to discuss a possible performance for Christmas.

In the first few minutes of the meeting, this idea was shot down since we didn't have enough time to make arrangements and learn new special Xmas songs as well as make a taping. (Dec. 31st.)

We decided instead to have a "big performance" with several hundred people, a couple of \$ each, in some hall, in late January - early February. Also for the present, do performances in hospitals and old folks homes during the Christmas season. In connection with this large performance, a co-committee consisting of Glen, Mark, Corrie, Judy, Brian and Rich Page has been formed to work with the Parents Com. on the arrangements, so that, next time, we will be able to do it by ourselves.

G.C.

REMEMBER WINTER...?

Last December, a group of fifteen of the Year 8 Now, decided to continue the old fashioned tradition of Christmas caroling! consequently on a brisk, moonlight evening, a perfect setting in which to sing the Christmas message, they started out on their merry round of good-will.

First stop was the Lewis' house, Meredith being ill and unable to join us. We stood outside singing joyously by the dim light of dripping candles and were rewarded with delicious shortbread cookies. Then down the street to Oak Avenue, to stop at the homes of Burritt's and the Luce's, where the happy strains of Jingle Bells echoed through the frosty night. This was followed by further renditions of the Christmas message sung outside the homes of various citizens, all of whom appeared pleased with our efforts.

Finally, numb with cold, we returned to the Palmer's welcome fireplace where we merrily "defrosted" with the aid of hot tea (the Palmer's national drink) and assorted goodies.

This year we hope to go caroling again, on Friday the 22nd., perhaps down on Victoria Ave., if you are planning to go on this "outing" please give your name to Bin, as he plans to have all back to his home for refreshments.

D.P.

INTERVIEWS

Alison Bruce: Soprano

Dateline: Catherine Booth hospital, Montreal, December 3rd, 1954. A Bruce is born! Name? Ali, Stretch, Tinkerboll (alias Alison).

Elle demeurait à St-Bruno jusqu'à l'âge de sept ans. Elle a fréquenté le Lindergatten français, Victoria Park, St-Lambert Elementary, CCHS, Champlain College. As a child of two, she nearly drowned after falling off a five foot bridge. However, her mother promptly rescued her from the mud and water.

Quand Alison avait dix ans, elle a voyagé en Angleterre. Elle a fait ce voyage pour visiter ses parents. It was at this time that Alison first realized how badly she wanted a rabbit.

While we are on the topic of rabbits, we would like to mention that Alison has a Lab-cocker dog named Cindy and a cat named Fiddles. Alison had a budgie, but one day when it was flying around, it perched on the fish tank and while stooping over the edge, it slipped and fell to its doom. Alison still hopes that some-

day, in the future she will acquire a rabbit. We would like to commend Alison for keeping alive this noble hope for eight years.

Alison is the eldest child in a family of seven. She has two brothers and two sisters. And Alison definitely does not think that "Bruce" is a corny name.*

Alison is very active in sports and she is Judy's rival as field-hockey coach. She is also a swimming instructor. Alison also lists as an activity "School-bus chasing". Alison may be the first to give instruction in swimming after school buses.

This summer, Alison worked as a helper at the Hermitage Club in Hagog.

This year at Champlain, she is studying Human Anthropology, Ecology, Psychology, French and English. Alison hopes to be a primary school teacher, after her B.A and B.Ed.

Elle aime chanter avec le "Eear and How" et elle s'amuse bien avec tout le monde. Elle n'a pas de remarques négatives au sujet du groupe. Her favorite songs are "As Tears go by", "A Simple Song of Freedom", and "A Gift of Song". Alison is tired of "Reach out and Touch" and when she sing sings "Seolaimon", she realizes how tired her feet are. Alison also sings in the St-Andrew's church choir.


In our closing remarks, we would like to say that we hope Alison gets her rabbit. Best of luck in all things in the future, Stretch!!!



J.P.

* See Gladys, Edition 1, Volume 1, October 1972, page 4, Tonot Interview.

SANTA'S STOPOVER IN ST-LAMBERT: by Thomas C. Willard
and Jo-Ann E. Strathdee.



Our favorite jolly old gentleman arrived for a brief visit in St-Lambert on Saturday, December 2nd, 1972. After landing in the vicinity of Victoria, he paraded through the streets, obstreperously vociferating the words, "Ho-Ho-Ho" and waving to the crowds. Two celebrated reporters from the "Hear and Now" newsletter, Gladys, obtained the rights for an exclusive interview with the man from the Pole.

Miss Strathdee: Santa Claus, are you familiar with our publication, the Gladys?

Santa: Why yes, my dear, ho-ho-ho, I read it every month. As a matter of fact, I personally know Gladys very well. I've always thought of her as the finest cow I've ever met. I'm looking forward to reading her story in your next publication.

Mr. Willard: Well, I'm glad to hear of your enthusiasm for our work. Have you decided what you are giving to the deserving members of the "Hear and Now"?

Santa: Well, now, my boy, ho-ho-ho, I haven't decided on what to get everyone yet, but here is tentative list for some of the kids:

Ray- a two year unconditional guarantee for his car.

Gerrie- A year's supply of dental floss and a box of Trident sugarless gum.

Alison- maybe an English rabbit.

Marg- a new pair of rubber gloves. Also, to all the kids who worked so hard cleaning the church floor, a plaque honouring them.

Karen C.- a new Viking helmet and Christmas greetings from everyone.

Debbie Palmer- a new staff for the Gladys.

Al- a year's supply of guitar strings.

Judy- a new field hockey stick. (watch out Alison).

Pam- a new-improved-people-pleasing-pink-fairy-godmother-wand.

Jim- 3 finger picks and 2 thumb-picks.

Marc- two eggs meenside down, two pieces bacon parallel, two pieces toast side by each, chip, Mac Donut, 2 Popsi, das all.

Chris- a new anthology of jokes written by "kooks and wordos" from all over the world.

Miss Strathdee: That's quite a list Santa. I'm sure you will please us all.

Santa: Ho-ho-ho, little lady, don't you know my motto is, "I ain't to please".

Mr. Willard: I'm sure you do.

Santa: I must be off now, my reindeers are getting restless.

Miss Strathdee and Mr. Willard: Good-bye, see you on the twenty-fifth.

Santa: Good-bye, ho-ho-ho, Merry Christmas to all, ho-ho-ho!

After the preceding interview, Santa flew directly to the Pole, where he will make the preliminary preparations for the great night. Santa is scheduled to make more appearances in ST-Lambert and throughout the world.

We are so sorry to announce that there are no more interviews this month, due to a lack of organization on the part of the interviewers.

Yes. Gladys was scheduled for this newsletter. However, a clumsy bull knocked over eight gallons of milk, and Gladys had to be read-

RE INDEXERS: Please change on your telephone list the following:
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from Debbie Palmer.

JP

FAVOURITE SAYINGS OF FAVORITE PEOPLE:

Andrea: Roots! Roots!
Red Norman: Leave my red out of this, you genad!
Marg: ()
Tip: Oh my gawd!
Tom: I don't have a saying. I never say things twice, I never say
things twice.
Marc: Salut! (Sally who?)
Arni: **GENSORED**
Phil: Mi ya babe! (wink! wink!)
Judy: Sorry, I don't really want to say this and you'll think I'm
wrong and I have nothing against.....but.....

JP

12 DAYS OF THE YEAR & NOW.

On the 1st day of Christmas in the group you'll see all of us singing on keys	"	two "barks" in "C" etc.
" 2nd	"	three music books etc.
" 3rd	"	four part harmony etc.
" 4th	"	five Soloists etc.
" 5th	"	six pianos playing etc.
" 6th	"	seven guitars strumming etc.
" 7th	"	eight descants dancing etc.
" 8th	"	nine sopranos singing etc.
" 9th	"	ten altos ahing etc.
" 10th	"	eleven tenors tapping etc.
" 11th	"	twelve basses booming etc.
" 12th	"	

TD

Gladys is now 3 months old and this is our last edition of 1972.
We hope both parents and "you people" are enjoying them as well
as find them useful.

EJ

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Merry Christmas
to all!

the Staff