# SPIRIT OF DOUGLAS

Volume 1 Number 2 Nov.-Dec. 1967



"It's beginning to sound like Obristmas"

Thanksgiving Day of 1967 has gien way to the sound of bells, whispering voices, the singing of carols, the rustling of packages, and all that makes this time of the year happy and exciting.

We, in America, have a lot to be thankful for every day in the year; therefore, in this issue of the "Spirit of Douglas", we would like to combine our thoughts of "thanksgiving" for our American way of life and our American heritage with the happy empectation of sharing gifts with others during this Christmas season. As God sent into That gives us lots of confidence. the world his Son, the Christ Child, as a gift freely given in love, let each of us try to give our gifts with unselfish love this Christmas season.

# OUR AMERICAN HERTIAGE

Mrs. Christiansen's first period reading class has been working on an American unit in reading. Mary Jane Wyatt -- a day After studying the unit in their text, they all worked on projects relating to America.

Some of the things they have been doing are: reports on "Life in America in the 1800's", the Statue of Liberty, and Alan B, Shepard, Jr., drawings of our flag from 1777, of the eagle on our American Seal, and of the "Freedom 7"(Shepard's space ship); a bar graph of the American population from 1840 to the present; a pictograph of states in the Union from 1840 to the present; "countdown" for our first American in Space; and booklets of American songs and poetry. Also, each pupil wrote on the topic "What America Means to Me". They even had reports on two typically American things-the ice cream cone and the hot dog!

They've had a great time learning about America through their projects. Following is a poem from one of the projects.

America is Hot Dogs With lots of Chilie on top. America is freedom And not a "melting pot"!

America is an Eagle Standing proud and bold. America is Maine And its weather so cold.

America is Beautiful Looking out to two seas. America is Flowers, Mountains and trees.

America is Miss Liberty Standing out to all the immigrants, America is her torch

By Debbie Lea Fields

What is Thanksgiving?

Students and teachers tell what they think Thanksgiving is ...

Henry Greene--something you eat

Jerry Watford--happiness

Denise Meade--time for turkey dinner

Mrs. Gibson--time for feasting

Phil Dingus--the 25th

Dewey Bowman -- time to give thanks

Mike Worrell--Thanksgiving is Mrs. Orfield "thanksgiving"

Donald Foote--a nice season

#### THANKSGIVING PLAY PRESENTED

Mrs. Orfield's room gave a Thanksgiving play to the 6th grades. In November they also participated in the publicity for American Education Week. Jean Fulp, Anna White, Katie Ellis, Melissa Malcolm, and Ellen Blevins had their pictures placed in the paper demonstrating some of the home economics activities.

# WIN A PRIZE!

#### CONTEST BLANK

AGEN	T 0012'S	NAME	
Your	NAME		
TIME			

By using this form and the clues listed below you can win a prize. First, read the clues and then write the first and last name of the person you think agent 0012 is on the first line, your name on the second line, and the time you put your name on the blank on the third line. Then place your contest blank in the box in front of Mr. Breedlove's office. YOU CAN ONLY GUESS ONE TIME! The winner will be determined by the time recorded on the blank.

### CLUES

- 1. A friends name is Beanie.
- 2. C is an average grade for a seal who rides a bike.
- 3. This agent's assignment is to blance a ball.
- 4. You wouldn't find this agent in the desert, but you would find it in the water.
- Seal the letter tightly, so tightly that spikes will be needed to keep it closed.
- 6. Five foot two, eyes are blue
  HAS ANY ONE SEEN SECRET AGENT 0012?

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec. 15 at 1:30-Play: "Christmas around the world.

Dec. 19 at 3:00-Christmas holidays begin

Jan. 2 at 8:30 Holidays end

## FIFTH GRADE NEWS

Mrs. Bondurant's homeroon has formed a club named "Fifth Grade A Room Club". The officers are:

President-Pattie Little Vice President-Paul Williams Secretary-Steve Holland

They are also working on ceramics. Along with all of these activities they have welcomed a new student, Betty Lou Jefferies.

## A TRIP TO BRISTOL CAVERNS

Mrs. Redmon's homeroom recently visited Bristol Caverns. The class was accompanied by Mrs. Earl F. Johnson and Mrs. D. B. Shultz.

They have lost two students, David Shultz and Ricky Oliver, but they have gained a new student, Sherrie Stanley.

In science Curtis Johnson, Scott Spears, Bobby Kearfott, Jean Eastridge and Suzie Dingus have been doing experiments on the weather.

#### SIXTH GRADE ART

Mrs. Gibson's art classes have completed their abstract drawings and the weaving of Thanksgiving baskets. They are now working on ceramics.

#### CLASS OFFICERS ELECTED

The homeroom of Mr. Saunders has elected the following officers:

President-Don Slagle
Vice President-Victor Barrett
Secretary-Jerry Watford
Ass't. Secretary-Henry Greene
Sgt. of Arms-Dewey Bowman
Ass't. Sgt. of Arms-Edward Johnson

Mr. Saunders is also working with a group of students from his room and Mrs. Gibson's room on the following interest groups: art, science, drama, and hobbies.

(Con't on Next Page)

## INTEREST GROUPS CON'T

Denise Meade is the Science Club president, and in the Hobby Club Ronnie Smith is chairman of the "Rock Committee", and Donald Emmert is chairman of the "Coin Collection Committee".

#### USEFUL ITEMS BEING MADE

are putting the finishing touches on their book ends. The boys have Clifford Blaylock, Carlos Lee, and original designs. Their next project will be to make notebooks from samples of wood paneling.

The girls in home economics are really excited that they are finally getting a chance to try their luck at sewing. Some of them are making dresses, while others are making aprons or blouses. We might add that Mrs. Culp is making ball are still the favorite games a pretty Christmas tablecloth.

## HERE AND THERE

DOUGLAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CONTRIB-

P. T. A. attendance winner for the nile Delinquents 11 to 5. month of November was Mrs. Redmon's homeroom.

On Nov. 16-17-18 in Richmond there was a meeting of the National Council of Mathematics. Miss Baumgardner represented the elementary division of our schools. Miss Nina of relays. Garrett, a math teacher at Va. Hi, was invited to display some of the geometric drawings from her classes.

ROBERT BUNCHE HAS BEEN APPOINTED BUSINESS MANGER FOR THE SPIRIT OF DOUGLAS.

#### SHARING WITH OTHERS

Douglas Elementary School is pleased to have the opportunity to help others during this Christmas Season. Each room is preparing a bon to share with those in need.

#### MISSING YOU!

MISS HENDERSON is still recovering from illness at home. We all wish her a MERRY CHRISTMAS

We would like to congratulate Nancy Hurt on her participation the "Nutcracker" presented by the Bristol Concert Ballet Company.

We would like to compliment the following boys also on their participation in the Boys' Club Choir: All the boys in the shop classes Ronnie Oliver, Ronnie Smith, Hal Cole, Barry Smith, Cecil Sykes, been coming up with some very nice Henry Greene, David Gudger, Charles Wilson, and Ronald Cloyd.

> We know each of these groups have worked hard to get ready for their

# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION?

Kick ball, football, and battlein the boys' classes.

Henry Greene's team bowed to Percy Wilson's team 11 to 0 in kickball. The Hell's Angels rolled up UTED \$39.00 TO THE JUNIOR RED CROSSA score of 10 to 5 over the Farrias. The Dirty Dozen defeated the Juve-

> Donald Foote's team had an easy victory over Lonald Penders team in football, 42 to 0.

Mrs. Orfield's class has been having a lot of competition in a variety

Miss Campbell's class recently had a talent show. Deborah Willis and Jean Ramsey were chosen as the winners by the class.

The boys have had a battleball tournament. Group two shot to the top position after defeating groups one, three, and four. In another contest the Hell's Angels and the Farrias beat the Juvenile Delinquents and the Dirty Dozen three games to one game.

THE SPIRIT OF DOUGLAS will not be published in January, but we will be glad to take any news you have now or later.