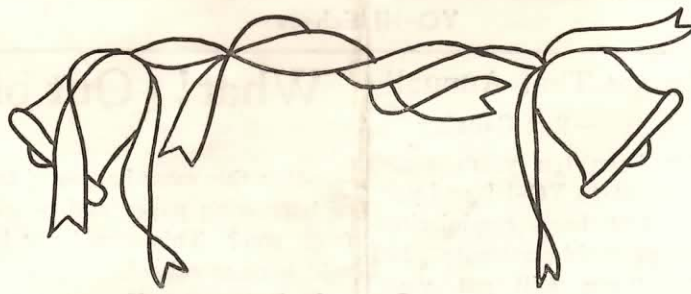


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## YO-HI Wins Three Trophies at Music Contest

YO-HI won three trophies at the International Music Contest in competition with 900 Japanese and 300 foreign students from 35 elementary, junior high, and senior high schools who gathered at the Kanagawa Prefectural Music Hall on November 23.

The Yokohama winners were the YO-HI band; Darlene Parr, soprano solo; and Kay Bailey, piano solo.



### *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*

*I heard the bells on Christmas day  
Their old familiar carols play,  
And wild and sweet the words repeat  
Of peace on earth, good will to men.  
I thought how, as the day had come,  
The belfries of all Christendom  
Had rolled along the unbroken song  
Of peace on earth, good will to men.*

— Henry W. Longfellow



King and Queen of the Snow Ball were John Killen and Mary Benson.

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Happy New Year

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## JUNIOR SNOWBALL IS BIG SUCCESS

### Killen, Benson Are King, Queen

The junior class sponsored the "Snow Ball," a semi-formal Christmas dance, in the YO-HI gym on December 13. The Mellowtones played excellent music and the dance floor was always crowded.

Highlight of the dance was the announcement of the results of the King and Queen contest. YO-HI seniors Mary Benson and John Killen were selected the royalty for the dance.

The evening was pleasantly arranged with many talent

performances by YO-HI students.

Miss Barbara Edwards and Mr. Fred Root, class sponsors, took an active part in the dance as well as its preparations.

Refreshments enjoyed were cupcakes and punch.



Mrs. Kendall Slentz directs the YO-HI band during the music contest. The band won a trophy in the instrumental groups division. Miss Elaine Hulse, music director at YO-HI, was a judge at the contest.

## PTA Sponsors Senior Scholarship

The YO-HI PTA is sponsoring a \$500 scholarship for the outstanding senior to attend the college of his choice.

At a recent meeting of the PTA it was decided that the scholarship fund would be their project for this school year.

Leadership, character, service, and scholastic standing will be the bases for determining the winner.

A committee appointed by the PTA, consisting of both parents and teachers, will select the winner.

## Senior Day Is Friday

The senior class will take over the operation of the school and classes on Friday, December 20.

Senior president Ray Franklin will be acting principal, vice-president Mike Fujimoto will be the vice principal, and secretary Vicki Vesser will be the office secretary.

Other seniors will teach all the classes that day.

## Five Seniors Selected Semifinalists in Merit Scholarship

Five YO-HI seniors have been named semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship competition.

The semifinalists named outscored 300,000 fellow seniors, and thus moved a step closer to the \$4 million in Merit Scholarships to be awarded in the 1958 program.

The YO-HI semifinalists are Charles E. Moore, Ray G. Franklin, Karen D. Lawson, Lloyd S. Williams, and Margaret C. Matthews.

Merit Scholarships are sponsored by over sixty business and industrial firms, as well as by professional societies, foundations, and even individuals.

The semifinalists now face a rigorous, three-hour College Board examination, to be given in testing centers throughout the US on January 11. Students whose high scores substantiate their earlier test performance will become finalists in the competition.



## New Teachers Add Extra Classes

Two new teachers, Mrs. Jane Dodge and Mr. Ray Miller, started their classes December 9.

Mrs. Dodge came from Kyoto High School where she taught English. She teaches English I, II, and III at YO-HI.

Mr. Miller taught at YO-HI last year and has been teaching an eighth grade this year. He recently recovered from a battle with hepatitis which he contacted on a trip to India this summer. Mr. Miller is now teaching Algebra I, Plane Geometry, and General Math.

With the arrival of these new teachers, the office formed nine new classes to relieve over-crowded classes and provide a better physical education program.

## Office Lists Honor Rolls

Honor Rolls for the second six-weeks period are listed by Mr. E. A. Hill, Principal.

A student must have a 3.8 grade point average to be placed on the high honor roll. A 3.0 grade average with no C's is the regular honor roll requirement.

### HIGH HONOR ROLL

#### Seniors :

Ray Franklin, Jeannette McClure.

#### Juniors :

Nina Davis, Vicky Denton, Bill Ferguson, Yvonne Fittz, Lawrence Harada, Jeff Hutson, Robin Ruzek, Maynard Levenick, George Quick.

#### Sophomores :

Maryanne Bucha, Sam Burney, Susan Doyle, Peggy Goshorn, Ed Losure, Clara McClure, Joel O'Connor, Sharon Rice, Elizabeth Rogers.

#### Freshmen :

Eddie Fernandez, Leslie Geer, John Rawls.

#### Eighth Grade :

John Caranci, Winston Cunningham, Max Horn, Jacquelin Jackson, Heather MacLeod, Elizabeth Metz, James Mount, Andrea Paiste, James Pollacek, Douglas Powell, Kathy Quick, Michael Shea.

#### Seventh Grade :

David Davis, Phyllis Goldman, Curtis Morris, Janice Pinar, Scott Chronister.

## Change That Annual!

—Rex Gallaher

It's been ten years since you went to YO-HI, and you have just been reminiscing with your old classmate. He asks, "you still got your '57-'58 annual?" You answer, "Sure." So the two of you sit down and begin to remember old friends when you come to—ugh—you guessed it, the grade school.

This will be the thing of the future unless it is stopped now! For years the students at YO-HI have griped, but nobody does anything. Can we do anything?

Yes, the grade school could have a small autograph book of their own with class pictures, the school's picture, and pictures of the teachers. This would not only be cheaper but it would be more fun for the grade school students because they would be supplied with several pictures of themselves which they could trade with the other students. This would eliminate the grade school from our annual and lower the cost to us.

Could this be the answer to our problem? What about it, teachers?

## What Christmas Means to Me

—Heather MacLeod

Christmas to me is the time of happiness and goodwill to all. It is the time of the year when we should forget our past troubles and start anew, as the world did when Christ was born.

When I was a small child, I thought only of Santa Claus and toys and gifts. I didn't realize the thought behind Santa and the gifts. As a person grows older, he seems to begin to realize the true meaning of Christmas. He begins to think of it as the time our Lord was brought to this earth for everyone.

Now, I think Christmas will always mean the time of happiness and friendship.

## What! Out of Paper Again?

—Pat Conner

Has this ever happened to you? Do you ever get tired of borrowing paper and pencils and having people borrow from you? This would not happen if school supplies were sold here at school.

As it is now, if you run out of paper or pencils you have to wait until lunch time to buy them and by then a whole morning has gone by and what did you do? Naturally, you borrowed or did without—and perhaps received a misconduct slip as well.

This would certainly be a profitable project for the student council to sponsor. Isn't there an unused room near the front entrance that would be perfect for this sort of thing?

## Semester Exam Schedule Announced

Semester examinations will be given in all classes on January 22, 23, and 24. Principal E. A. Hill announces the following test schedule:

January 22  
1300-1500 Period II  
January 23  
0900-1100 Period III  
1300-1500 Period IV  
January 24  
0900-1100 Period V  
1300-1500 Period VI

Students with "A" averages for the semester may be exempt from the exams upon the recommendation of the teacher.

## Rescue Our Coats

—Barbara Gray

Why can't junior high have wall lockers for coats and books as the high school students have? We wear coats, too.

There must be many lockers available in Japan since so many troops are moving out.

We now stack our coats on steam pipes and radiators. We also have them on the backs of our chairs, where they fall to the floor and get dirty easily. The teachers also disapprove of this location for our coats.

The colder it gets, "presto!" More coats and more cluttered places with our mufflers, gloves, boots, and—coats.

## Cliques around YO-HI

—Ann Carney

*Stop! Take a good look around you. Do you belong to a clique?*

*A clique is a good thing if you belong and have a good time with all your friends. But think of the other fellow who isn't in a crowd, who is shy and slower to make friends. He wants to have as much fun as you do, but because the kids are cold to him, he shies away and is afraid to make friends.*

*New students sometimes fall in with the wrong crowd because it is so hard to make friends with the ones they would really like to know.*

*Consider the other person. You don't have to make him your best buddy, but at least try to be friendly.*

*Stop! Do take a good look around you! Do you like what you see? Trying to be friendly isn't very hard.*

## Junior Hi Gets Cut from YO-HI Social Program

—Heather MacLeod

The junior high students have been banned from all high school social functions. This was put into effect just previous to the Christmas Snow Ball.

Quite naturally, the junior high students don't agree with this decision and want to know why the high school has done this. We are not a part of the elementary schools so we can't attend their social functions and we are not permitted to participate in high school functions.

The junior high doesn't have a student council, and we don't have any way to get money or support a social function. That is why we are asking what we are supposed to do? Won't someone please give us a solution or a suggestion?



La cucaracha



i saw you.....

hi, this is la cucaracha. i am in and out of classrooms where i overhear bits of things i thought i could pass on to you.....what is the square root of goobly-gop times the square root of goobly-gop.....here, smell this.....now, who is the next lucky volunteer.....speaking of fractions someone said, but mr. mclaren, you have on your top what i have on my bottom.....how some people can be so—childish is beyond me.....i hate happy people.....it is not because you are mentally retarded or ignorant but only because you are a crazy sophomore .....mother, may i go out and play with grandfather .....no, son, you dug him up three times already.....he shot an elephant in his pajamas; how he got in his pajamas i will never know .....

odd what you hear around school sometimes.....do some of these sound familiar.....get it. got it. good. merry christmas everybody.

- W - hite : Christmas.
- H - ere : (almost) 1958.
- I - nitiative : what we have.
- T - hink : of the true meaning of Christmas.
- E - verybody : enjoy your 16-day vacation.
- C - ongratulations : Juniors for beautiful Snow Ball.
- H - ow about : a "Spring Ball" ?
- R - emember : buy your annual !
- I - nspiration : basketball squad and Coach R. E. Radford.
- S - anta Claus : coming.
- T - errific : Basketball team !
- A - Iso : Happy New Year.
- S - atisfied : All after Christmas dinner.

The Root of Geometry

If by chance you "just so happen" to walk past D-125 and "just so happen" to hear from within a series of rhythmic repetitions of the phrase "side angle side equal side angle side" do not be alarmed. Geometry is being taught—New York geometry, that is. Stay a while and you most likely will learn something.

Before long you will no doubt see the teacher edge towards the blackboard and take in his hand an oversized compass. Th's he will maneuver most tactfully. Another more simple contraption which he possibly will use is a piece of string colored with chalk which, when held taut against the blackboard and snapped quickly, will produce a remarkably straight line.

"What is the assignment?" will rarely be a question in this particular room. If one sits perpendicular to the floor and in one of the four parallel rows, one can see in the front left hand corner of the room a door upon which, in bold black ink, are posted the daily assignments.

Next, the exclamation "Prove it!" most likely will startle you.

The Japanese New Year

—Jan White

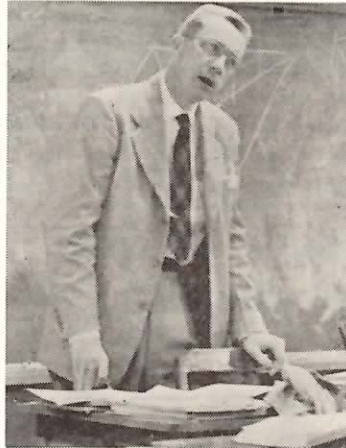
*There is no day in Japan like New Years and the three to five day following. Hot spring resorts are crowded to capacity.*

*Friendliness is the keynote, for all enmity is forgotten and forgiven forever, and foes are friends again. Callers leave cards at the homes of friends, wishing them a "Happy New Year". At the entrance to most houses is a receptacle for callers' cards. It is impossible to receive all visitors and return their compliments. Millions of greeting cards are sent through the mail. Presents are given and gifts of orders for merchandise are made by tradesmen and businessmen. Work is taboo while this gala spirit prevails.*



Pianist Kay Bailey, YO-HI senior, won the instrumental solo trophy at the International Music Contest.

This quite possibly will be followed by an interesting statement which says: "If there is one fraction on the right and one fraction on the left, and only one fraction on the right and one fraction on the left, the two can be cross multiplied. When? If there is one fraction on the left and..." All of this takes us where? To the root of geometry taught at its best by one of the best.



The Root of Geometry

We resolve :

- .....to make better grades.
- .....to stop chewing gum in school.
- .....to clean our lockers.
- .....to participate more in Yo-Hi activities.
- .....to mind our manners in assemblies.
- .....not to give wormy apples to the teachers.
- .....to win the basketball tournament.
- .....to wash our gym clothes once a week.
- .....to be on time for class.
- .....to let our teachers know and announce the news before we spread the gossip.
- .....not to run downstairs or slide down the banister.
- .....to keep all these resolutions (if we can).
- .....to throw away useless pieces of paper (this column).

Meet Your Seniors

Ray Franklin

*Ray, an oldtimer at YO-HI, has been in Japan for five years. When asked to recall what he first noticed about the country, he replied, "Tokyo Bay, naturally." Before coming to YO-HI, Ray attended Chulavista High School in San Diego, but for only one month.*

*The popular senior is kept busy with the duties of senior class president and lettermen's club president. He is also the one and only remaining member of last year's National Honor Society.*

*Among Ray's favorites are mathematics and science, his favorite subjects; football, his favorite sport; and southern fried chicken, his favorite food.*

*His future plans include college at MIT where he will major in electrical engineering.*

Mrs. Fast Is New Teacher

Mrs. Bertha Sills Fast replaced Mr. Ray Miller as an eighth grade teacher on December 9. Mr. Miller now teaches in the high school.

Mrs. Fast was formerly stationed at North Camp Fuji, Kobe, and Miho.

SC Sells Book Covers

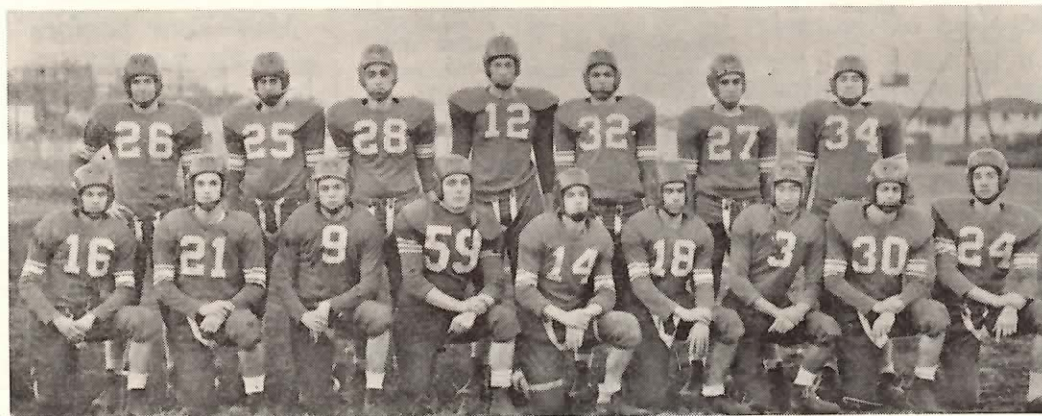
The rosy countenance of the traditional red devil now covers the books of many YO-HI students as a result of the sales on December 3 and 11 which were sponsored by the student council.

The remaining book covers will go on sale after Christmas vacation.



The junior high class presidents are: front, eighth grade: Chip Powell, Jackie Jackson, Bucky Carney; back, seventh grade: Donna Richardson, Gary Drackett, Ronald Eguchi, Curtis Morris.





These seniors played their last high school game in completing a successful season for the YO-HI Red Devils. Back: John Killen, Gary Esch, Ray Franklin, Olin Mason, Jim Cunningham, Sam Barker, and Dave Tracy; Front: Earl White, Dave Nock, Jerry Jackson, Beau Riefenrath, Larry Rowe, George Casey, Mike Fujimoto, Tom O'Toole and Harold Eubanks.

## Football Team Holds Banquet Barbara Sherman Named Football Queen

The football banquet, sponsored by the lettermen's club, was held at the Seaside NCO Club. Guests were Col. and Mrs. Robert Cliffe, Chaplain and Mrs. Irwin C. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hill, Coach and Mrs. Ernest Radford and their son Dave, and the YO-HI cheerleaders. Many parents also attended.

Coach Radford announced the names of the girls who were selected by the football players as football queen candidates. Barbara Sherman, YO-HI freshman, was elected queen, and Jan Stetler, junior, and Barbara Boyle, junior, were chosen her attendants.

After a prayer offered by Chaplain Bailey, George Casey introduced Col. Cliffe who gave a short talk congratulating the team on its

highly successful season and for its winning the Far East championship.

Coach Radford directed his address to the parents. He named Sam Barker and Ray Franklin co-captains; Beau Riefenrath most valuable player; and Jerry Jackson most inspirational player.

Dave Tracy presented the coach with a gift expressing the gratitude of the team for his coaching this past season.

## Yokohama Keglers Topple Zama

A team selected from the Neet Nac bowling league swept three out of four games from Zama at the PX lanes Saturday, December 7.

The team consisting of D. Payne, B. Payne, D. Ragsdale, J. Olson, and K. Miyamoto won two games, then slipped by the tough Zama team in total pins 2348 to 2344.

High bowler for Zama was D. Beardsley, YO-HI alumni, with a 564 series and a 189 high game. Heading the Yokohama bowlers was Miyamoto with a 504 series and 175 high game.

## Red Devils End Season, Rout JSDA 33-13 J. V. Tromps Tachikawa 34-0

The Red Devils ended the football season in fine fashion by making a last half parade of TD's to turn back the hard-crashing backs of the Japan Self Defense Academy on Saturday, November 16.

Don Dubose was scoring leader, making three tallies. Beau Riefenrath and Fred Eichorn each scored once.

Earlier that morning the JV's skunked Tachikawa 34-0.

Bob MacLeod, the team's high scorer, made three touchdowns as Mike Fujimoto and Bob Fredericks contributed one each. The team finished the season with two wins and one tie.

## Lettermen Sponsor Intramural Tourney

The YO-HI lettermen are planning to sponsor an intramural basketball tournament where each class will have one or two teams entered. The club is trying to schedule this event for the Christmas holiday. An admission of 25 cents will be charged to raise money for future activities of the club.

A committee has been selected to write a club constitution in order to set regulations for members, official letters, and activities.

The club has decided to have red jackets with neutral sleeves and knit collars. Something new will be the little metal pins.

## YO-HI BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

### Home

Jan. 28 Sei Gakuin  
Jan. 31 Aoyama  
Feb. 4 ASIJ  
Feb. 7 Narimasu  
Feb. 14 Kei Hoku  
Feb. 18 Meiji Gakuin

### Away

Jan. 14 Narimasu  
Jan. 17 Kitano  
Jan. 21 Kei Hoku  
Jan. 24 Meiji Gakuin  
Feb. 21 Sei Gakuin  
Feb. 25 Aoyama  
Feb. 28 ASIJ

### Attention Students:

For the newcomers to YO-HI and ones who still don't know all of it, here's the school song with all the words. Let's learn it!

*In the shadow of Mount Fuji,*

*Stands our school so dear; Yokohama High forever, S'ng we loud and clear.*

*Wide and far though we may wonder*

*As the years go by, Our love for thee will never falter*

*Yokohama High.*

## Junior High Begins P. E. Program

The junior high has incorporated a physical education program into its daily schedule. Mr. Leo Ellis, eighth grade teacher, is the instructor for both boys and girls.

The girls play on Tuesday and Thursday. The boys attend P. E. classes on the other days. All classes are held on the asphalt tiling by Beach Chapel.

Although conditions are somewhat crowded and many students feel that they still do not receive enough exercise, the program is much better than the previous recess periods.

The students have calisthenics and then play volleyball or do lay-ups, hook shots, or long shots on the basketball court.

The music program was changed in order to provide for the P. E. program. When the boys are in P. E., the girls are having music classes.

## GAA Will Begin Noon Program

GAA will be held every noon beginning January 6. The program will be under the supervision of Miss Helen Close, girls physical education teacher.

Girls wishing to participate must bring their lunch to the gym, change clothes, and then eat lunch. If you are not in physical education class, consult Miss Close and she will assign you a locker.

Volleyball will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays. On Mondays and Wednesdays there will be speed ball outside. Friday co-ed volleyball will be played in the gym.