The Voice should be in every Negro home every other Friday evening. — Why? Because from its inception it has accomplished the following in the interest and welfare of the Negro people of this community:

1. It has given part-time employment to 16 newsboys and five agents.
2. It is the only reliable and dependable colored newspaper in Monroe County for Negroes by Negroes.
3. It has been the only outlet in Monroe County through which the Negro has the opportunity to publish his social, religious, political and fraternal news.
4. It has urged the Negro to build and support his own businesses.
5. It has urged the Negro to spend his money where he receives some returns.
6. It has sponsored the idea of Negroes centralizing their purchasing power.
7. It founded the Afro-American Co-operative Buyers' League of Western New York in 1934—adopting the slogan "Spend Your Dollars Wisely."
8. It has demanded an investigation of discrimination charges and assault charges at the N.Y. State Employment Office, receiving the complete cooperation of the honorable Governor Lehman and Elmer Andrews, head of the State Division and local manager Paul Smith.
9. It took initiative in pushing the Anti-Lynch Bill and the NAA CP Button Crusade, selling 200 buttons.
10. It promoted the work of the National NAACP and the local unit using news releases constantly from general headquarters.
11. It spent $568 with local orchestras and bands, $180 with out-of-town bands in the promotion of charity and benefit dances and gave away $62 in prizes to the dancing public.
12. It urged, through a representative speaking before the City Council, that colored nurses and interns be admitted to city-paid hospitals.
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Bard of Avon

Many high school students know very little about one of the greatest literary figures of all time, William Shakespeare. It is hoped that this brief article will shed light on his life and his work.

Shakespeare was born in Stratford-on-Avon, Warwickshire, England in 1564. There is little known about him very early on. When he was in his teens, he was apprenticed to a town butcher to learn the trade. It was said by the popular story that if he was killed, he would do it in his sleep. We see, even in this early stage, the seeds of his literary talent. Later he married Anne Hathaway, whom he loved very much. The two were very happy and had twins. The Shakespeare lived a happy family life, in Stratford.

During this time Shakespeare was becoming increasingly interested in writing and acting.

In 1592 Shakespeare went to London where he soon became recognized as a writer and an actor. He was so good in fact, that he incurred the jealousy of his fellow actors in the company. It was while he was in London that Shakespeare wrote the well-known plays: "The Taming of the Shrew" and "Cymbeline." Just three years after going to London he returned to Stratford where he bought a house called "New Place." He then settled down to the life of a country squire, writing plays and enjoying the nature surrounding him. He often walked for hours in the woods, gathering ideas for his plays. He loved country folk and had somewhat of an aversion to people who worked in the city.

In later years, Shakespeare wrote many plays which are too numerous to mention. We can understand through the quality of three plays as "Hamlet," "Macbeth," and "Othello," what a great artist Shakespeare truly was. Ben Jonson, the greatest critic of the time, praised him lavishly.

Shakespeare died in 1616, fifty-two years after his birth. But in those fifteen years after his death, he had written plays which are unsurpassed to this very day, and contributed to the intellectual development of the world.

Flight to Freedom

In Budapest, a hunted Nationalist of seventeen hides in a wind- driven, lighted shack, near death from the heavy frosts. At last, however, he succeeds in his struggle and begins a long flight to freedom.

Onward toward the becoming border he travels, pressing on tirelessly. His every step as determined, guided on by the thought of freedom, freedom from Communist oppression. John's party makes its final dash in the darkness of early morning. Steps before the border the group is sighted by the border guards. As the entire group enters a swift moving, icy stream, the Hungarian soldiers fire on the fleeing freedom seekers, and so ends the journey for thirty-two of the two score escapees.

Once he is safely into Austria, his rage give way to relief and warm clothes. Having reached, as soon found at a refugee center, in Vienna John boards a plane destined for the border. He assists in the escape of many other freedom seekers.

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**Santa Claus in Different Countries**

The idea of Santa Claus bringing presents to children goes back to St. Nicholas in the fourth century. When only a boy, he was made bishop of Myra in southwest Turkey and became the patron of children. He is said to have given three bags of gold to the daughters of a poor man, who could not afford to provide dowries for them.

Today in the Netherlands, Belgium, and parts of Germany he comes yearly on St. Nicholas Eve, December 5, to ask about children’s behavior. He then returns and gives gifts for the good children on December 6 and switches for the bad children. In some countries he comes in the daytime and others at night.

In some lands he drives a horse and cart; in others he rides a horse or donkey, sometimes accompanied by a colored helper. In Scandinavia he Hurries across the snow in a sleigh drawn by a fleet of reindeer.

Santa’s name in other countries besides the ones already named are: In England he is popularly called Father Christmas. French youngsters say Pere Noel; in Germany he is Kriss Kringle from the German word Christkindel, meaning Christ child. Dutch children call him St. Nicolaas or Sankt Klaus. From these names the Americans say Santa Claus and St. Nicholas.

**CHRISTMAS**

Christmas is here
Bringing a Cheer,
White snow falls to the ground
Not making a sound.
Christmas is full of joy,
Bringing each child a toy,
Christmas is full of joy, yes,
But now let us hear the best.
Our little Lord Jesus lay in His bed,
Made out of straw for His sweet head.
Help me, too
My One and Only
I've got a girl who's loving and coy;
She's the only girl who fills my heart with joy.
I've got a girl who's so understanding;
I've got a girl who's just a happy landing.
I've got a girl who kisses so nice;
I've got a girl made of sugar and spice.
I've got a girl who will always be mine,
Yes, my girl is ever so fine.
I know some day she'll have to go,
I just can't imagine that this is so.
My girl can't compare with any other,
Because my "one and only" girl
Is my mother.
Christmas in Many Lands

By Glavy Simone

Christmas is a day of joy, of arts and crafts, and of fun and games. It is a time of giving and receiving gifts, of family gatherings, and of special food and decorations. The Christmas season is a time of magic and wonder, of hope and love.

Musical Twists

Title: "Christmas Cheer"

Lyrics: Christmas is a time of joy and cheer, With music and decorations everywhere. The tree is adorned with lights so bright, And the carols fill the air with delight.

Chorus:

Christmas is a time of love and peace, With family and friends to be near. The spirit of giving is in the air, And happiness is everywhere.

Verse 2:

Christmas is a time of giving and sharing, With gifts for those we love and care. The spirit of Christmas is in our hearts, And we celebrate with happy hearts.

Chorus:

Christmas is a time of joy and cheer, With music and decorations everywhere. The tree is adorned with lights so bright, And the carols fill the air with delight.

Title: "Christmas in Many Lands"

Lyrics: Christmas is celebrated in many places, From Russia to Spain, and from France to Japan. In Russia, it is a time of reflection and meditation, Of thinking of the past and the present.

In Japan, it is a time of family gatherings, Of sharing meals and exchanging gifts. In France, it is a time of celebration, Of music and dancing and feasting.

Chorus:

Christmas is celebrated in many lands, From Russia to Japan, and from Spain to France. It is a time of joy and happiness, Of love and peace and friendship.

Title: "Christmas in Many Lands (Cont.)"

Lyrics: Christmas in many lands is a time of reflection and meditation, Of thinking of the past and the present. In Russia, it is a time of family gatherings, Of sharing meals and exchanging gifts.

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