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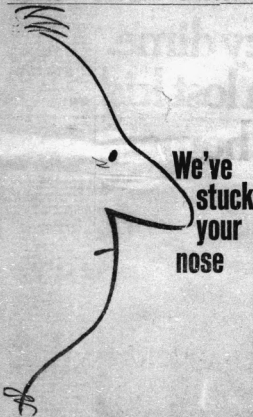


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HOLIDAY PROG. AT HERTEL MIDDLE SCHOOL

The West Herchel Middle School Council will present its annual Holiday Program to be held at the school, 490 Herchel Ave., on Thursday, Dec. 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the School Auditorium.

A Christmas musical, "And Christmas Is In The Air" will be presented by the West Herchel Singers, under the direction of Mrs. M. Nassi. The Berry Choir, led by Mrs. T. Hayes will present the musical background.

Paul Cicchi will direct the school band in selections of big songs. They will be wearing the new bright patches for their new uniforms. The West Herchel School Council with the proceeds of the evening sale conducted last Spring. A "Crazy Quiz" competition and the Miss Cane Scholarship are the program will conclude the program.



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The Board of Directors of First Empire State Corporation, parent of the Manufacturers and Tradesmen Trust Co., Buffalo, N. Y., announced today that it has increased its quarterly dividend from 10 to 12 cents per share. The dividend declared is at the rate of 3% on the price.

SHARES ON THE INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE BANK, and to pay the Dec. 24th to all stockholders of record at close of business Dec. 24th.

VETERANS NEWS

(From page 6) Veterans, and in 1971 to receive VA hospital benefits provided the veterans a veteran must have served 90 days or more, pay of which must have been discharged honorably or with a disability, and must have been discharged under certain discharge conditions. A regular medical examination of a discharged veteran may be of value for death benefits provided the veteran meets the service requirements stated above.

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