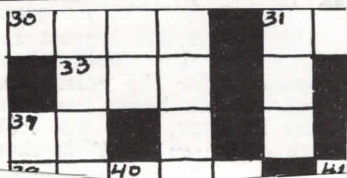


# TORCH

Vol. II  
Number II

NOVEMBER 1963

Ferguson  
Missouri



Plans for the 1964 yearbook are all ready underway with Bill Nelson and Sara Penhale as co-editors. The staff, chosen by Mr. Schopp, its sponsor, also consists of Cathy Gibbs, chairman of the line copy committee; Noel Steinman, chairman of business; Ed Krueger, chairman of action shots; Janis Mead, chairman of correspondence; Mike Fischer, chairman of layout; Linda Wallace, chairman of art; Steve Burns, chairman of typing; and Steve Hermeyer, chairman of photography.

Having attended a yearbook workshop, the committees have new ideas on layout to make the yearbook more interesting. However, any student suggestions will be welcome.

A contest, to increase student interest, will be held for the best action shot. All students are eligible and details will be given later.

## GUIDANCE NEWS

High school curriculum will be discussed with the 8th graders by Mr. Fathman, Mr. Dudley, and Mr. Swift, the guidance counselors, in their study halls. All eighth graders will be welcome to come to the guidance office to receive help in making out their four-year high school plan.

Many freshmen have inquired about the results of the Differential Aptitude Tests taken in the eighth grade. All freshmen are encouraged to come to the guidance office and talk over their results with Mr. Fathman, Mr. Dudley, or Mr. Swift.

Ninth grade citizenship classes recently took the Kuder Vocational Interest Test. The guidance office has the material to interpret the tests. Many freshmen have come to the guidance office to use the material that is available. The response has been greater than ever before, Mr. Fathman informed us.

## Eighty Singers In A Cappella Choir

The Ferguson Junior High School A Cappella Choir, directed by Mr. C. L. McCormack, has been selected from the 8th and 9th grade music classes. This group meets one evening a week to study music for performance. They seek to become a good sounding choral group dedicated to the performance of music from all periods of musical literature.

On Sunday afternoon, December 15, the Choir will make its first public appearance in the Annual Christmas Vespers presented by our school.

Several new works will be added to the Choir repertoire this year. One of the most outstanding will be movements from the "Vespers" by Mozart. Two French carols will be performed for the first time by this group, "Jacques, Come Here", and "Patapan."

Two outstanding works performed by the Advanced Choir (9th grade) will be a choral fantasy by Johann Sebastian Bach upon the chorale, "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" and Victoria's "O Magnum Mysterium."

## ★ Honor Roll ★

### FIRST QUARTER

The Honor Roll is based on a current grade point average of 3.333 which is between a B and a B+. The points for the grades are as follows: A — 4 points; B — 3 points; C — 2 points; D — 1 point, and F — no points. Plus and minus grades are not figured in for the grade point average. Subjects not meeting daily do not carry full credit in points, for instance physical education. An asterisk before a name indicates a 4.0 grade point average or all A grades.

### Seventh Grade

Norma Bauer	Gabrielle Domermuth	Susan McCall
Jane Bentley	Elaine Elliott	Ramona Millican
James Bonebrake	Joyce Fieldler	Deborah Persels
John Broholm	Jeanne Fischer	Don Ransom
Belinda Bumpus	Brenda Florea	Deborah Rose
Mary Burleson	Barbara Garvey	Marvin Shaefer
Marsha Butler	Nick Giordano	Patricia Scott
Cathy Carpenter	Patricia Godfrey	Carol Sneed
David Cartwright	Mary Jo Gordon	Larry Tippit
Sharon Chasteen	Judith Harte	Ronald Thompson
Janice Crader	Karen Herbst	Doris Trefny
Candace Cromer	Donita Latta	Lynn Trimpe
Nancy Day	Ann Livingston	Mary Underhill
Sandra Dempsey	Barbara Lum	Kathy Vanderkraats
Randall Doerman	Jane Mansfield	Thomas Wallace
		Everett Williams

### Eighth Grade

Patricia Babbitt	Sheryl Feutz	Joan Pfeifer
Terry Bartholomew	Carol Frost	Elaine Pont
Steve Brammeier	Aaron Gaskin	Sandra Quillo
*Sandra Branahl	Susan Gore	Susan Schwendener
Gail Buss	Marcia Gyax	Sallie Shepardson
Richard Christman	Robert Jones	Richard Spillenkothen
Donna Combs	Larry Kurtz	Ronnie Stamm
Patsy Cranmer	Kurt Larson	Debra Stout
Linda Dempsey	Rebecca Lewis	Larry Telle
Christina Dillon	Jim Marco	Cathy Tschannen
Susan Essock	Barbara McCluer	Susan Turner
Beth Estabrooks	Kathy Olson	Margaret Underhill
Nancy Evans	Walter Parker	Terry Varner
	Sandra Pavletic	Joan Walker

### Ninth Grade

Sharon Bass	Paul Cartwright	Sharon Moss
Jane Bidleman	Virginia Chapman	Hilary Farsons
Bette Bosch	Richard Dunford	Sara Penhale
Linda Brendell	Mike Fischer	Jim Richardson
Richard Brooks	Cathy Gibbs	Darlene Rumer
Dennis Brown	*Vicki Grubbs	Ted Schadenos
Jane Buchholtz	Jennifer Kirschner	Donna Storey
Steve Burns	Dave Martin	Sally Waldvogel
Carolyn Burt	Janis Mead	Donna Watson
Sandra Campbell		

This Issue Is Dedicated To  
THE MEMORY OF

JOHN F. KENNEDY

1917 - 1963

PRESIDENT OF THE  
UNITED STATES

JANUARY 20, 1961 — NOVEMBER 22, 1963

"Ask Not What Your Country Can Do For You  
Ask What You Can Do For Your Country"

## Student Council Makes Plans

Student Council members have been busy making plans for the future. Sometime soon the students will be called upon to make contributions to the orphan fund to support Constantina Tsakayanni, our Greek orphan. As \$180 is needed by May, it is hoped that the students will contribute generously.

Only the last minute details have yet to be decided upon for the Christmas Dances for the eighth and ninth graders. Both dances will be on December 20. The eighth grade dance will be from 3:15 to 5:00, while the ninth graders will have theirs from 7:30 to 10:00. Both dances will be held in the large girls' gym, where a band will provide the music. There will also be an admission price to both dances.

## Exchange News

If you're over Florissant Junior High way and see rockets in the sky, don't worry. Chances are they were built and launched by the members of Florissant's Rocket Club. The club got permission to fly the rockets from city officials.

Three boys from Nipher and one from North Kirkwood Junior High appeared on Hootenanny on KTVI. These boys make up the folk-singing group, the Catalina Four.

Baton twirlers of Florissant Junior High are practicing hard and are planning to twirl at their basketball games.

In addition to six girls, there are two boys on West Ladue's cheerleading team this year. The boys call out plays so the fans know what is going on. Sometimes they will be called on to do flips and jumps.

## Cheerleaders' Corner

Hi there cats,  
We're glad you're here,  
Why don't you stick around  
While we teach a little cheer,  
We say "Come to all our games,  
And cheer the Comets on to fame"

Let's have all you loyal F.J.H.'ers out to the wrestling matches and basketball games to root the Comets on to two more undefeated seasons.

To start the cheering off right, let's be sure all the new students know our school song. Here's to each student who's true to our loyal faculty Ferguson, we are pledging to you our loyalty, our loyalty, We'll stand by you and come what may.

We'll be the champions of the day,  
As we march right along, we will sing our song to old Ferguson.

## Band To Give Concert

A concert for the PTG will be given by the 'A' band on the night of December 10, at 8 p.m.

Some of the arrangements that will be played are "Sonatina for Band" and "Evening in Rio," and many others. Mr. Stacy will conduct the performance which will last about forty to forty-five minutes.

## Science Classes Take Trip To Planetarium

Visiting the newly constructed Planetarium in Forest Park on October 24th proved to be an interesting experience for the 125 students in Mrs. Visnaw's and Miss Thurman's eighth grade science classes. Mr. Dudley, the guidance counselor, accompanied them on the trip.

The students were most impressed by the fact that the films seemed very real and they felt as if they were really going on a trip to outer space.

## Back Injury and Operation Keep Miss Jerzewiak Out

Because of a back injury and an operation, Miss Jerzewiak, one of our girls' gym teachers, has been unable to be at school for two months. She taught one swimming lesson to the ninth grade girls before her accident.

Substituting for her is Miss Ambrose who is a graduate of Ferguson High School and Good Counsel College in White Plains, New York. She also attended St. John's University in Jamaica, New York and Washington University.

Miss Ambrose finished the swimming lessons, started the hockey and soccer programs, and completed the physical fitness tests for Miss Jerzewiak. Miss Meyer also fills in a few periods for Miss Jerzewiak.

According to the office, if the doctors give their permission, Miss Jerzewiak is expected back the first or second week in December.

## Memory Expert Shows Skill

An assembly entitled "Training One's Memory" was held on Oct. 30, 1963. Mr. Wallace and his assistant, Paul Morris, started off by memorizing 26 playing cards.

His second test was concerning math. He mentally subtracted a row of ten figures from another. Then he placed the numbers into rows of five figures making six columns and added them together.

Mr. Wallace's last test was done with pages torn out from a 1300 page Montgomery Ward catalogue. After they were distributed among the audience, he attempted to describe any page asked of him.

His skills showed that one could train his mind to remember almost anything.

## Madrigal Singers Selected

Fourteen ninth grade students have been selected by Mr. McCormack as personnel for the Ferguson Junior High School Madrigal Singers. Steven Burns, Teresa Burns, Carolyn Burt, Virginia Chapman, Mark Connelly, Leah Geiger, Jon Griffith, Damon Kerby, Linda Loesch, Kathy Marshall, Janis Mead, Bill Nelson, Susan Scheinbrum, and Paul Schmittel, are the singers.

The Madrigal Singers are selected from the A Cappella Choir on the basis of musicianship and interest in performing music composed for the small ensemble with emphasis upon the madrigal, chanson, and motet of the 16th century. The ensemble meets one evening a week.

This year the group will perform several songs from a cycle of folksongs having medieval poems concerning the Virgin Mary as their subject. These were composed by Johannes Brahms and are called the "Songs of Mary" (Marienlieder). These, plus a French chanson and carols will be sung in the Annual Christmas Vespers.

As in past years the ensemble will perform for the St. Louis Christmas Carols Association at the Clayton Inn and the Frontier Room of the Montclair.

The second semester will find the Singers studying English madrigals and motets of the 16th century and music by more recent composers using works of William Shakespeare as a text. This will be in celebration of the "Bard of Avon's" four hundredth anniversary of his birth.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Mrs. Ehrlich has issued a bulletin of services the library offers. Some of the main services are: reading lists of new books received, allows 1-6 students to come to the library from classrooms to do independent research without the teacher in attendance, and individual film strip previewer and record player for students who have make up work to do. These must be used in the library. All students should have library passes unless accompanied by a teacher.



they took a trip to the plant. The trip was planned to demonstrate to the class things about mass production and different occupations. The group, accompanied by Mr. Swift, Mr. Padley and Mr. Fathman, was shown the steps in making a car.

The class left at 9:00 a.m., they returned at 12:30 p.m. with reports of most interest in the engines and new Corvettes.

## Mr. Schmidt Performs In Physical Fitness Assembly

An assembly on physical fitness on November 6 was performed by Mr. Otto Schmidt and his assistants, who were Mark Evers, Brian Correll, Vicki Grubbs, David Martin, Mary Jane Martin, and John Claffy.

Mr. Schmidt is an excellent example of a physically fit person. He has been in all forms of athletic events since high school.

He started off the assembly with a few balancing acrobatics. Then he did numerous stunts on the trampoline. He demonstrated the knee drop, the flip, and some somersaults.

This assembly was serious as well as humorous. His athletic effort and ability were truly remarkable and made the assembly very astonishing.

## Yearbook Staff Members Attend Berkeley Clinic

Mr. Schopp, yearbook sponsor and six staff members attended an all-day yearbook clinic at Berkeley Sr. High on October 24. Topics such as layout, line copy, art, and photography were discussed by a representative of the American Yearbook Company.

The staff members who went, Sara Penhale, Bill Nelson, Noel Steinman, Jan Mead, Mike Fischer, and Cathy Gibbs, were given an illustrated talk about layout problems, along with an entertaining movie.



Yearbook staff members who attended the Berkeley workshop are Mr. Schopp, Cathy Gibbs, Janis Meade, Sara Penhale, Noel Steinman, Mike Fischer, and Bill Nelson.



### — Crossword Puzzle Clues —

#### ACROSS

- 1 Large orange fruit for pies
- 5 Iron block on which hot metals are hammered into shape.
- 7 Rhode Island (abbr.)
- 8 Exclamation of surprise
- 10 Short for Edward
- 12 People, came on Mayflower
- 15 Fifth month of year
- 16 Wet or damp
- 17 Biblical city, home of Abraham.
- 18 —rmont, a state
- 20 Corn
- 24 Perform
- 30 To have in the hand or possess
- 31 Kilometer (abbr.)
- 32 Opposite of Ma.
- 33 Wreath of flowers
- 34 Gleam or glisten
- 37 Same as 7 across
- 38 Radio (abbr.)
- 39 having teeth of a specified nature.
- 41 Twice or two
- 42 Courage
- 43 Cylindrical metal container
- 44 Edible potalolik roots
- 46 Kentucky (abbr.)
- 47 Lubricate
- 48 Same as 8 across

#### DOWN

- 1 Place where Pilgrims landed
- 2 Word meaning for
- 3 Scottish skirt
- 4 Not any
- 6 Foliage of a tree or bush
- 9 Slang for hello
- 11 To stain or color
- 12 Central Intelligence Agency
- 13 Total
- 14 Custom
- 19 Hand firearm used by pilgrim
- 21 Electrified particle
- 22 'Red skin'
- 23 Traveler for religious reasons
- 26 Day of celebration
- 27 Drink of malt and hops
- 28 Government Issue (abbr.)
- 29 Gathering of crops
- 35 Lord (abbr.)
- 36 Thanksgiving bird
- 37 Refer to number 1
- 40 at
- 41 a bucket scoop for dipping up water and removing it from a boat.
- 44 Jewish word, usually taken offensively.
- 45 Used as an expression of surprise annoyance.
- 47 at

## Orchids & Onions & Other Things

You've heard of orchids and onions, well here are a few new ones:

Tulips to the football team for an undefeated season. Turnips to any defeated teams in the future.

Mums to those who went out to the games. Mushrooms to those who didn't.

Sweet Peas to the cheerleaders for cheering our team to victory. Spinach to the kids who threw all the paper airplanes at the games.

Rosebuds to the girls who took our advice and got rid of bird's nests. Roaches to the scags that didn't.

Sunflowers to the kids who stay on the right side of the yellow line. Squash to those who don't.

Gardenias to the poster committee for their beautiful job. Garlic to those who never volunteer for anything.

Carnations to the teachers who don't give homework over the holidays. Cauliflower to those who do.

Pansies to the writers of this wonderful article. Peppers to those who don't like it.

## Odds & Ends

Here we are again, Huntley and Brinkley, with the latest edition of the local news.

Kathy Mc. - John W.

Annina C. - Matt L.

Ruth I. - Jack Y.

Joyce B. - John F.

Joy B. - Terry B.

Chuck K. - Kathy W.

8th — Alec B. - Cathy M.

Alan V. - Carol H.

Liz Q. - Dennis T.

Is it true, Bet, that you lost a three dollar bet?

Congrats to our '63 football team! Hope the basketball team does as well!

Now you girls have a really good reason to go out after boys — LETTER SWEATERS.

Eyeballs — glass or real — call on Bruce K. for a good deal!

We are real glad Mike Wilson is back with us after his automobile accident in which he was seriously injured.

Sutton Stevens, do you know about your secret admirer? She is in your biology class.

Welcome back to school Mrs. Connelly, after your illness.

IT'S NOW:

Liz & Gerry; Linda & Dave; Candy & Dave J; Alan & Becky; Rose & Mark; Bet & Ron; Teresa & Forest.

STEADIES:

Mary Jane & Jim; Ginny & Jim; Laura & John.

Congrats to Ginny for being number 1 on the letter sweater list, then Laura, Fran, Jacque, and Mary Jane.

Congrats to Coach Haenssler for his baby girl named Gayleen born at 10:40 p.m. October 28 in Jewish Hospital.

And keep Odds & Ends informed through the Torch Box.

Why don't most elephants go to college?

Because most elephants don't get through high school!

## TILLY TORCH

Dear Tilly,  
How do I get popular?  
Lonesome

Dear Lonesome,  
Circulate.

Tilly

Dear Tilly Torch,  
How do I get my girlfriend's girlfriend away from her when I'm with her?

A girl friend's  
girl friend hater

Dear Girl friend's

Girl friend hater,  
Get your girl friend's girl friend a girl friend.

Tilly

Dear Tilly,

My problem is that I like a certain boy( and he knows this) but he likes Vicki S. Another boy likes me. What do I do?  
Puzzled

Dear Puzzled,

Give-up and leave both alone. If he leaves Vicki S. go with him, if not well . . .

Tilly

Dear Tilly,

I tried pulling the rubber band on his teeth as you said but he failed to take the hint. What now?

Rubber-band puller

Dear Rubber-band puller,

Pull further, let go and he'll bounce away forever.

Tilly

Dear Tilly,

How do I get a certain teacher off my back?

Backache

Dear Backache,

Try Soap!

Tilly

### T.V. Match-Ups

My favorite Martian —

MR. SCHOPP

Mr. Novak —

MR. BOELSEN

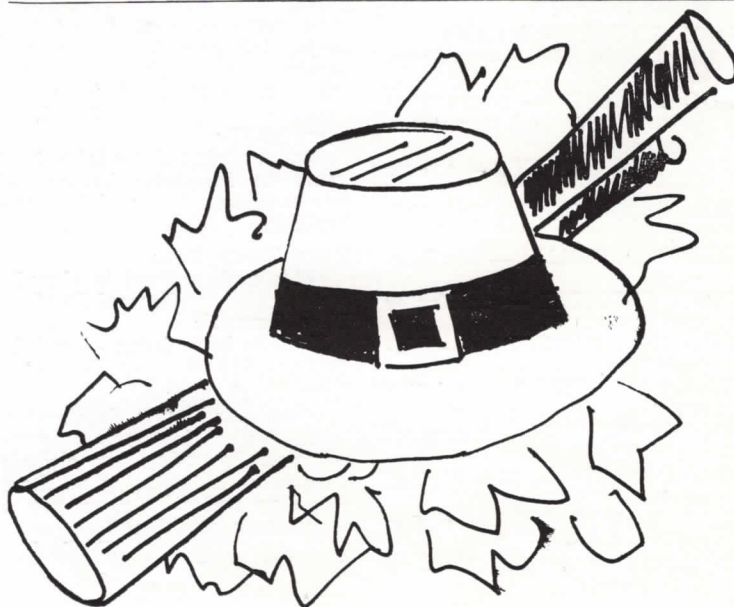
Grindl —

CAROL JEFFARES

East Side-West Side —

FERGUSON JR. HIGH

FLORISSANT JR. HIGH



# THANKSGIVING — 1863-1963

## A PROCLAMATION

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The year that is drawing toward its close has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added which are of so extraordinary a nature that they can not fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever-watching providence of Almighty God.

No human hath devised, nor hath any mortal hand worked out these things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God.

It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and voice by the whole American people: I do, therefore, invite my fellow-citizens in every part of the United States to set apart the last Thursday of November as a Day of Thanksgiving and Prayer to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington this third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three.

By the President: ABRAHAM LINCOLN

## Thanks For What?

by Cathy Gibbs

Thanksgiving today is still the time to give thanks. Give thanks for what?

Give thanks for being allowed to grow up in the face of the possibility of destruction by atomic warfare, in the face of government repression, in the face of overpopulation, or the setting up of a government welfare state?

Do we give thanks for advanced courses, early specialization, teachers who discourage questions? Do we give thanks for fixed elections, labor unions, taxes, segregation?

No, these are things we need to think about but we do need to give thanks for the freedoms allowed us — to worship as we choose, to think, to talk, to elect our representatives, to yearn for more freedom — for ourselves and all the world.

## Thanks Every Day

by Kathy Marshall

What does Thanksgiving Day mean to you? Does it just mean getting two days off school and stuffing yourself?

This Thanksgiving Day let's sit down and count our blessings. We really have quite a few, for instance the opportunity for an education. If we recognize this as a blessing, we will all probably take better advantage of this opportunity and do better in school, thus opening the way to a more successful life.

But, surely, you say, just one day of this won't help us much. No, of course not, so instead make every day Thanksgiving and we will all be happier.

# QUIZITOR

This month's question is:

"What would you most like to find stuffed in your Thanksgiving turkey?"

DICK TREAT — dressing  
LINDA LOESCH — undressing.

SUE ALBACH — someone to do my tests and homework at school.

JANET MONTREY — a cute boy.

MR. McCORMAK — Bill Nelson.

BETTY COURANZ — Mr. Lager.

JOHN LEHNEST — an Easter egg.

DENNIS BRADFORD — Madam Nhu.

9th GRADE GIRLS — a letter sweater.

KATHY WHITE — worms (I don't like turkey).

GARY GREY — Mr. Blattel, mashed.

MRS. LAWRENCE — a few million dollars.

MICHELE HARTMANN — an A in Spanish.

## — TORCH BOX —

Dear Torch Box:

I'm on the 5th lunchshift. My locker is up by room 204. There is a possibility of being late to my 5th hour if I go to my locker after lunch. So can we take our coats to 5th hour?  
I.P.M.

Dear I.P.M.;

Students should not take their coats to 5th hour because it causes discomfort and it's unhealthy.

Dear Torch Box:

Why can't we eat in class?  
General Food

Dear General:

Your're in to learn — not to eat.

Dear Torch Box:

What should you do about a teacher who threatens to punish you by using an electric generator to make your hair stand up and who gives you a shock now and then?

Shocked.

Dear Shocked:

Grin and bear it.

# Student Guide To Proper Etiquette

## Specifically Designed To Promote Good Manners In The Cafeteria.

1. Never try to hurry the lunch line by pushing and shoving, yell "FIRE!"

2. Never complain bitterly if you find an unidentifiable object floating in your soup. Save it to show to the Board of Health the next time they are snooping around.

3. Never talk loudly in the cafeteria, as it will disturb the digestion of others, YODEL!

4. Never try to swipe extra food when the attendants aren't looking unless you've lined your pockets with waxed paper.

5. Never use an undignified tone of voice when demanding your money back, scream, Help, Robber, Thief!

6. Never try to get the attention of someone on the other side of the cafeteria by whistling or waving. Go back to the kitchen and send smoke signals.

7. Never get out of hand if your friend receives a larger helping than yours. Go get your big brother!

8. Never become unruly if there is no available seats in the cafeteria. Take your tray out on the lawn.

9. Never make unkind remarks if the cook serves you a partially burned portion. Wait for her after school.

10. Never discuss unpleasant subjects in the cafeteria, such as the accident you saw on the way to school. Give them a play by play description of your recent appendectomy.

11. Never expect the other student to fall for that old "Someone's sitting here" line when you're saving places for your friends. Put tacks on the chairs.

12. Never sulk if you don't happen to like what is on the menu. Drop your plate!

13. Never raise your voice during a disagreement in the cafeteria. Throw (rice) pudding.



# Fads 'n' Fashions

Brr . . . it really feels as if winter is here. Along with the new season came an array of new coats, skirts, and sweaters.

On the school scene we see that suede and corduroy coats are worn by the boys, and many of the girls, with the addition of fur collars.

Mohair sweaters in pastel colors, which are often teamed up with the new wide whale corduroy or herringbone skirts, are real favorites of the girls.

The newest and biggest attraction for the whole school (especially for the gals!) are the handsome letter sweaters. Come on guys, they will look much better on the girls than on you!

Well, that's all for now. See you next moth, same time, same place, with the newest Christmas fashions.

## Seventh Grade Personality

A strawberry blonde with lovely hazel eyes is this month's seventh grade personality. She stands five feet four inches tall and is on the Student Council. Do you know who it is? It's Candy Cromer.

Candy was born on March 7, 1951, in St. Louis and has lived here all her life. Before coming to Ferguson Junior High, she attended Lee-Hamilton.

Candy likes to draw and her favorite sport is swimming. Mrs. Chapman is her favorite teacher and her favorite subject is social studies. Candy's hobby is collecting china. Her favorite food is steak.

The name "Candy" fits her perfectly, because she's so sweet and liked very much by the students.

## Eight Grade Personality

Kathy Olson is this month's eighth grade personality. She has blonde-brown hair and brown eyes. She stands out in the halls all 5' 8" of her, and likes just about everyone.

Kathy's favorite subject is history and she likes all of her teachers. Kathy is a member of our Student Council, French Club, Pep Club, and A Cappella Choir.

She previously attended Walnut Grove School.

## Ninth Grade Personality

French is the favorite subject of this month's personality, Fran Frey. She is 5' 4", has green eyes and brown hair. Her activities include being secretary of the Student Council, and treasurer of the Pep Club. Her interests revolve around dancing and Ron Downs. Fran, who is now 14, has attended Central School, Vogt School, McCluer Junior High, and now Ferguson Junior High.

## — THE TORCH —

This is a monthly newspaper published by and for the students of Ferguson Junior High School. It is published for the enjoyment and information of the student body, faculty and parents. The staff is composed of the members of the ninth grade journalism class.

Co-Editors ..... CATHERINE GIBBS, KATHY MARSHALL  
 Assistant Editors ..... SARA PENHALE, BETTY BOSCH  
 News Editors ..... CAROLYNN BURT, JANET VANDIVER  
 Copy Editors ..... LINDA WALLACE, JANE BIDLEMAN  
 SALLY WALDVOGEL, SANDRA CAMPBELL  
 Feature Editors ..... LINDA LOESCH, TERRIE BURNS  
 Exchange Ed. . . CYNTHIA STEPHENS, SHARON JUECKSTOCK  
 Boys' Sports Editors ..... DENNIS BOEMKER, ED KRUEGER  
 Girls' Sports Editors. . . MARLENE DOOLEY, LYNNE WHITLING  
 Photography ..... STEVE HERMEYER, PHIL POWELL  
 DISTRIBUTION ..... BRUCE KRUEGEL, MIKE TROKEY

News Reporters and Feature Writers

CHARLES BARGER, DAN DUNCAN, BOB JINKERSON,  
 CHUCK MCKIBBEN, LUCY MILLER, ROGER RABUS,  
 KATHLEEN REED, MARY STEPHENS,  
 MARSHA WATKINS

SPONSOR ..... Mr. R. D. Swift

### French Club

Meeting in the Home Economics Room, the French Club heard a lot of comments Monday night, October 22, when the members each had a taste of various cheeses, French bread and pastries. Grape and pineapple punch along with French candy topped the party.

The cheeses, Camembert, Gruyere, Part Salut, and Roquefort, were all of French origin. The pastries, croissants, and the candy, petit fours and Bon Bon Napoleons, were enjoyed by everyone.

At the next meeting, November 11, the members discussed a Mardi Gras party for which they hope to invite the Spanish Club. Later in the meeting, the members reviewed some of the songs for the Mardi Gras and Christmas caroling.

### Drama Club

"I am expecting . . ."  
 Three girls burst in with "Surprise, surprise."

These lines always bring a laugh by the members of the drama club which will give its annual play by the end of January of the early part of February, as it now stands.

Rehearsals for the hilarious play "Goodnight, Uncle George" are being held every Monday on stage and every Wednesday in room 111 under the sponsorship and of Mr. Blattel and Mr. Lochmueller.

### Aquarium Club

Members of the Aquarium Club have obtained the use of a twenty-gallon tank which they are in the process of setting up for the breeding of Bettas (Siamese Fighting Fish). The fish will soon be introduced into the tank. Water Sprite, an aquatic plant, and filtering media have been purchased. Club members will probably breed various species of Tetras in the future.

### Conversation Club

Our Western Civilization is the topic of discussion for this year's Conversation Club. To give the members a greater appreciation of their culture and civilization, Mr. Lager, the sponsor, is explaining the background, progress, and advantages of our Western Civilization.

The first few lectures have been about how the early Greeks began the idea of democracy and the advantages of the Western Civilization over Communitistic or underdeveloped civilizations.

The club meets every Wednesday and has planned to take a few trips to museums, plays, or other interesting places.

### College Club

Elected as officers at the College Club's first meeting, held on Monday, October 21, were Tim Travis, president; Bruce Kruenegal, vice-president; Carol Morris, secretary; Linda Roy, treasurer; and Ed Krueger, organizer. The sponsors are Mrs. Brehm and Mrs. Chapman.

The meetings will be on the third Monday of the month. The dues are twenty-five cents every meeting.

### Spanish Club

Linda Rutledge was elected president of the Spanish Club at a recent meeting held in Room 202. Other officers also elected (then) are: Sue Turner, vice-president; Liz Merkle, secretary; Gail Buss, treasurer. Larry Kurtz was appointed activity committee chairman. Social committee chairmen are Fred Irvin and Doug Nieberding. A committee for membership rules was also set up.

It was decided by the members that dues will be a nickel per meeting. New members are welcome.

### Football Intramurals

"The largest turnout in the 7th grade since I have had intramurals," was Coach Quigley's comment on 7th grade touch football this year, in which 60 boys turned out. The winning team was the Cry Babies with R. Barrett and R. Doerman as Co-Captains. The leading scorer of the season was Vic Meldrum of the Dodgers with 3 touchdowns and 1 extra point.

The Hornets took care of the 8th grade football intramurals for which 70 boys turned out. The co-captains of the Hornets were J. Pohtos and M. Kruske. Leading the scoring at 24 points was B. Rinderknecht. Coach Quigley had this to say in regard to this phase of the intramural program, "This year's 8th grade seemed to lack the desire to play in comparison to other 8th grades."

### Soccer Intramurals

The 8th grade intramural soccer title was taken by the PJ's whose captain was J. Kasten and high scorer was D. Warner with 6 goals. Sixty boys turned up for this event.

The Cry Babies struck again this time in 7th grade soccer. R. Barret was captain of the winning team. G. Stymiest of the Cry Babies and R. Peuser of the Dodgers tied for high scorer with 2 goals each.

### Spillenkothan Wins First In Free-Throw Contest

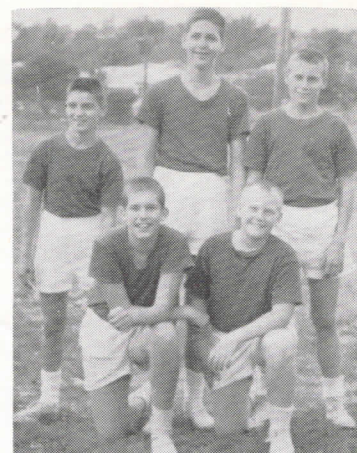
A mammoth free-throw contest was held again this year. In the 8th grade, R. Spillenkothan took first with 65 good out of 100. Not far behind was R. Gorczyca with 61. A three way tie for third by C. Fant, M. Kruske, and G. Fluri was broken when C. Fant sunk 13-20 in a shoot off.

## Wrestling Schedule — 1963-1964

Day of Week	Month	Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Tuesday	December	3, 1963	St. Louis U. High,	There	4 p.m.
Thursday	December	5, 1963	Hanley,	Here	4 p.m.
Tuesday	December	10, 1963	Riverview Central,	There	4 p.m.
Thursday	December	12, 1963	Hazelwood,	Here	4 p.m.
Monday	December	16, 1963	Normandy,	Here	4 p.m.
Thursday	December	19, 1963	Brittany,	There	4 p.m.
Monday	January	6, 1964	Normandy,	There	4 p.m.
Wednesday	January	8, 1964	St. Louis U. High,	Here	4 p.m.
Thursday	January	16, 1964	Hazelwood,	There	4 p.m.
Wednesday	January	22, 1964	Riverview East,	Here	4 p.m.
Friday,	January	24, 1964	Ferguson Freshmen	here	4 p.m.
& Saturday	January	25, 1964	Wrestling Tourney,	1 & 7	p.m.

## Basketball Schedule — 1963-1964

Date	School	Place	Time
Friday, December 13th	— Riverview Central,	There	4 p.m.
Tuesday, December 17th	— Hazelwood	Here	4 p.m.
Friday, January 10th	— St. Charles	There	4 p.m.
Friday, January 17th	— Hanley	There	4 p.m.
Tuesday, January 21st	— Normandy	Here	4 p.m.
Thursday, January 23rd	— Ritenour	Here	4 p.m.
Tuesday, January 28th	— Brittany	Here	4 p.m.
Friday, January 31st	— Berkeley	There	4 p.m.
February 4th to 7th	— R-2 Tournament at Florissant		
Friday, February 14th	— Hoech	Here	4 p.m.
Tuesday, February 18th	— Riverview East	There	4 p.m.



Some members of the Seventh Grade Intramural Touch-Football Champions, The Crybabies, are standing from left to right, D. Johnson, B. Will, and D. Williams, leading scorers in front row, are co-captains R. Doerman and R. Barrett.



Leading scorers of the Hornets, 8th Grade Touch-Football winners are top row, left to right: D. Warner, B. Rinderknecht, J. Kasten, and co-captains M. Kruske and J. Pohtos.

# Football Team Ends Season Undeclared, 45 Earn Awards

Ferguson Jr. High ended its football season undefeated and untied, with a record of five victories and no defeats. The Comets capped their season with a victory over Hoech. They earlier downed Riverview East, Hanley, Riverview Central, and Normandy. Some forty-five boys earned awards and gained considerable experience as teamwork paid off for the Comets throughout the season.

First string linemen, who stood their ground with determination throughout the entire season, are listed as follows: Dave Langlev, center; Mark Trotta, l. guard; John Kammeier, r. guard; John Claffy, r. tackle; Berry Maurer, and Nick Rallo, both played equally well at left tackle; Mark Evers, r. end; and Pee Wee Rallo at left end.

When asked about the line Coach Taff had this to say, "The line pretty well speaks for itself. They were good offensively and defensively. The line is essential to the success of any play."

Al Holmes, halfback, captured the Freshman Individual Scoring record from Rich Bernsen with a season total of 65 points. The team total was 148 and the points scored against them amounted to 26.

The boys received their awards in the form of letters and patches. The player lettermen are as follows: Borders, Brooks, Claffy, Correll, Dix, Downs, Evers, Fivecoat, Foor, Graham, Groby, Haintel, Hankins, A. Hill, F. Hill, Hofer, Holmes, Kammeier, Langely, Larigan, Livingston, Livsey, Madden, Martin, Maurer, Mikulin, N. Rallo, P. Rallo, Steger, Stephens, Thornsberry, Tobias, Trotta, Wilson, and Managers Morris, Potts, and Treat.

Patch earners were Craft, Griffith, Langeneckert, Moellman, Padgett, Schultz, Tierney, and Wallace.

## GIRLS' SPORTS

Seventh and eighth grade girls have finished their physical fitness tests and have started playing soccer. They learned the rules and skills of soccer and then had a written test on them.

Ninth grade girls learned to play hockey and had a written test on the rules and skills of hockey. There was no varsity hockey team this year because of Miss Jerzewick's injury, as she has always been in charge of the team.

Basketball intramurals will be started shortly after Thanksgiving.

## Comets Run Over Hoech In Last Grid Game

Ferguson's Junior High Comets defeated the Hoech Huskies 35 to 6 on October 25 for an undefeated football season of 5 victories and no defeats.

The Comets opened up the scoring with a run by Albert Holmes, a pass to Gerry Fivecoat, and a short run by Jim Thornsberry for a touchdown. After the touchdown, a pass was thrown to Mark Evers for the extra point.

The Comets scored again in the first quarter on a run by Al Holmes from the 15. He also scored the extra point on a run.

The Comets ended their scoring in the first half with another dash by Al Holmes to the 35, Matt Larigan to the 10, and a pass to Doug Dix for the touchdown. Al Holmes scored the extra point after a delay of game penalty.

Al Holmes started the scoring off in the third quarter on a dash from their 40. Mark Evers caught a pass for the extra point.

The Hoech Huskies scored their only touchdown of the game in the third quarter on a run. They tried to kick the extra point, but were unsuccessful. Hoech tried an onside kick but it failed.

We scored our last touchdown on still another run by Al Holmes to the 50 and a pass to Matt Larigan. Al Holmes scored the extra point on a run.

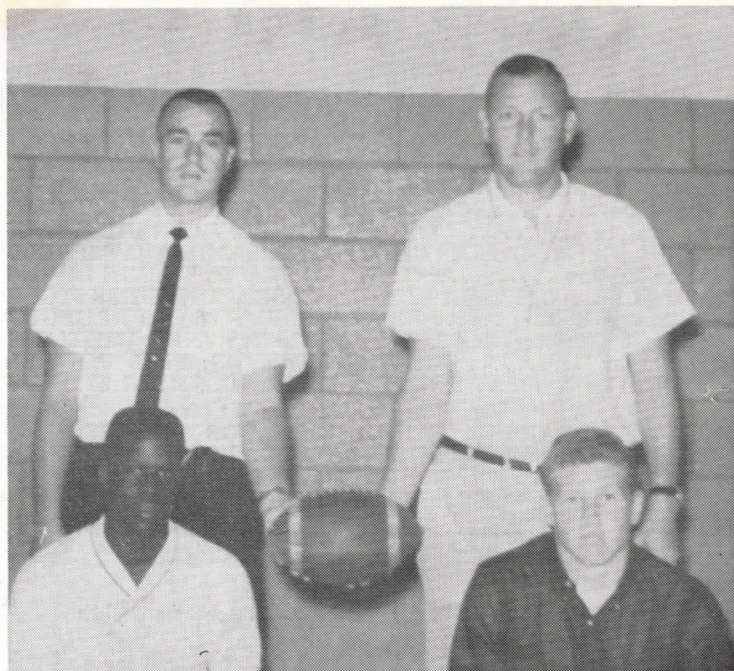
The outstanding players of the game were Al Holmes, Doug Dix, John Claffy, and Matt Larigan.

## Wrestling And Basketball Teams Start Practice

This year's Ferguson Junior High basketball and wrestling teams both started practice late in October.

Of the many boys trying out for both of these sports only 18 to 20 will make the basketball team and only 22 to 27 will make the wrestling team. Both teams have another cut to make.

Our school is starting a new wrestling tournament called the "Ferguson Freshmen Tournament." The tournament will be the first freshmen wrestling tournament held by the R-2 District and teams entered include



Football co-captains Al Holmes and Matt Larigan pictured with Head Coach Taff, at the right; and Assistant Coach Haenssler, on the left.

## Cross Country Team Wins At Brittany Meet

A four-way cross-country meet at Brittany on October 25 was dominated by Ferguson. Out of the approximately 50 boys running, the Ferguson runners outran all but four who finished in the first 10. The scores for the 1 3/4 mile run were: Ferguson, 20 pts., 1st place; C.B.H.S., 50 pts., 2nd place; and Hanley, 72 pts., for 3rd place; with Brittany bringing up 4th on 104 pts.

A Hanley runner took the number one slot, next came the Ferguson men R. Stewart and T. Fox, a second apart. Other outstanding runners were T. Senadenos, S. Williams, and B. Nelson.

In its first season as a varsity sport, Cross Country proved highly successful with an undefeated team. "Hard work paid off," was all coach Long, who is responsible for the sport, said. The lettermen are as follows: T. Fox, T. Senadenos, S. Williams, Russ Stewart, Mark Stewart, B. Mack, J. Kelly, R. Belew, T. Grotrain and B. Nelson.

Coolidge Jr. High, from Granite City, Illinois, Hazelwood Jr. High School, Normandy, Riverview Central Jr. High, Riverview East Jr. High, St. Louis University High School, Florissant Jr. High, and Ferguson Jr. High School.

The teams are being coached by Mr. Haenssler (wrestling) and Mr. Kimpling (Basketball).

## Bowling News

Bowling is now well underway as the teams have been settling down to the different positions according to their won and lost records.

Below are the team standings for the two leagues and the high bowlers in each league as of last week except for the girls standings which are from two weeks ago.

### BOYS

	Wins	Losses
1—Winners	15	6
2—Gutterdusters	14	7
3—Alley Cats	13½	7½
4—Pin Pushers	13	8
5—Pin Breakers	8	13
6—Ten Pins	8	13
7—Strike Out	7½	13½
8—Strikes	5	16

### HIGH SERIES

1—Cliff Taylor	597
2—Bob Shea	562
3—Mr. Boelsen	516

### HIGH GAME

1—Mr. Boelsen	226
2—Bob Shea	224
3—Cliff Taylor	214

### GIRLS

	Wins	Losses
1—8 Balls	15	3
2—Alley Cats	12	6
3—Spares	10½	7½
4—Gutterdusters	10	8
5—Turkeys	7½	10½
6—Teenmates	7	11
7—Petticoat Pals	7	11
8—Team 8	4	14

### HIGH GAME

1—Linda Burdorf	166
2—Rosina Holmes	166
3—Kitty Setvak	157

### HIGH SERIES

1—Kitty Setvak	406
2—Linda Brendell	403
3—Sue Hartmann	395