

Band, Orchestra Perform For Central

During the demonstration of instruments, "Ooh's" and "Ah's" were many as the Ferguson Jr. High Band and Orchestra performed at Central School on November 25. The concert and demonstrations were given to show the elementary school children the different instruments taught by the R-2 schools.

The Band played "Burnished Brass" and then each brass section played a part as a demonstration. The band also played "The Early English Suite" and the different woodwind instruments had a demonstration, then the "Washington Post March" with percussion instrument demonstrations.

The String Orchestra played "The Dargason" and had demonstrations by the different string instruments, and "The Childhood of Jesus." Then the Concert Orchestra played "Freddie and His Fiddle" and "When Johnny Comes Marching Home."

The Band and Orchestra are planning more concerts and demonstrations for other R-2 elementary schools on the Ferguson side of Highway 66. The Florissant Jr. High Band and Orchestra are also doing the same thing at the R-2 elementary schools on the other side of Highway 66.

Assembly Shows Value of PE

The importance of gym classes and physical training was the theme of an assembly on December 9th.

Mr. Patterson demonstrated a way to build up fingers standing on his hands, on top of a table.

He explained the proper way to lift a bar-bell and demonstrated with a 200 lb bar-bell. Mr. Patterson said that most boys could lift it, but, once it is up, what are you going to do with it?

Mr. Patterson won a gold medal at the Olympics in Berlin in 1936. He set three records in weight lifting.

He was accompanied in the performance by his wife, Elizabeth, who played the organ.

Christmas Vespers Presented Sunday By Vocal Groups

This year's Christmas Vespers were held Sunday, December 13, at 4:00 p.m. in the girls' gym. The program was started with the lighting of the candles while the A Cappella Choir sang "The Vesper Hymn," "O Come, O Come Emmanuel," and "Adeste Fideles." After the candles were lit the choir sang "O Magnum Mysterium," "Psallite," and two chorales from the "Christmas Oratorio" which are "Break Forth, O Beautilous Heavenly Light" and "Beside Thy Cradle Here I Stand."

The Girls' Glee Club then advanced onto the risers and sang selections from "A Ceremony of Carols" including the following: "Hodie Christus Natus Est," "Wolcum Yole," "There Is No Rose," "The Yonge Child," "Balulalow," "As Dew In Aprille," "This Little Babe," "Interlude" and "Deo Gracias."

After these songs were sung, the Madrigal Singers sang the selections, "Sing Noel," "A Hunter from Heaven" and "Fum, Fum, Fum."

The Madrigal Singers sat down and the Girls' Glee Club then sang "The Alfred Burt Carols." These include: "Caroling, Caroling," "Jesus Parvule (Poor Little Jesus)" and "We'll Dress the House."

For the final songs of the program the Choir sang "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear," "A Virgin Unspotted," "Jacques, Come Here," "How Unto Bethlehem," and the "Carol of the Bells. At the close while the candles were being extinguished "Silent Night" and "The Lord Bless You and Keep You," were sung by the choir.

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Drama Club Casts Give Four Performances of *Little Women*

LITTLE WOMEN was presented by the Drama Club at three school assemblies and one night performance. The seventh graders saw it on December 4; the eighth graders on December 7; and the ninth on December 8. The night performance was on a Thursday night, December 10, for anyone who wished to attend.

The play was directed by Mr. Lochmoeller and Mr. Blattel and most students said all the cast did an excellent job.

The cast for December 4 was as follows:

Jo — Jo Wheeler
Meg — Sue Essock
Amy — Barb Schmidt
Beth — Jackie Jaspring
Laurie — Robin Armbruster
Brooke — Beth Estabrooks
Marmee — Fran Caleca
Father — Kathy Loy
Prof. Bhaer — Carol Waldvogel
Aunt March — Martha McClure

The cast for December 7th was as follows:

Jo — Ann Livingston
Meg — Sheryl Feutz
Amy — Joan Meyer
Beth — Liz Woodall
Laurie — Kelly Cross
Brooke — Beth Estabrooks
Marmee — Cheryn Johnson
Father — Kathy Loy
Prof. Bhaer — Dorothy Starr
Aunt March — Martha McClure

The cast on December 8th was as follows:

Jo — Ann Livingston
Meg — Sue Essock
Amy — Barb Schmidt
Beth — Liz Woodall
Laurie — Kelly Cross
Brooke — Beth Estabrooks
Marmee — Cheryn Johnson
Father — Kathy Loy
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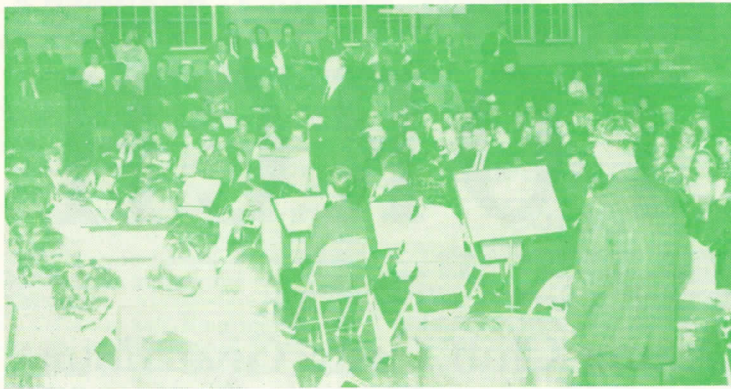
At the night performance on December 10, the cast was:

Jo — Ann Livingston
Meg — Sue Essock
Amy — Joan Meyer
Beth — Jackie Jaspring
Laurie — Robin Armbruster
Brooke — Beth Estabrooks
Marmee — Fran Caleca
Father — Kathy Loy
Prof. Bhaer — Dorothy Starr
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8th and 9th grade Drama Club players at 9th grade assembly in presentation of "Little Women" are from left to right: Barb Schmidt, Robin Armbruster, Carol Waldvogel, Ann Livingston, Kathy Loy, Cheryn Johnson, Susan Essock, and Beth Estabrooks.

Merry
Christmas



Our school band, playing for the PTG, with Mr. Stacy conducting

P.T.G. Features Safety and Band

Mr. Burneson, the Assistant Traffic Director on Safety Education for the AAA spoke on teenage car safety at the December 8th PTG meeting. He said that he believed that junior high students are, to a large degree, the forgotten age because of the lack of a school safety program. He also said that attitude is the most important difference between a safe driver and an accident prone one. He believes that teachers, as well as parents, should teach children, especially junior high age, the correct attitude for driving.

The meeting began with the playing of the Star Spangled Banner by the band. After the talk by Mr. Burneson, Mr. Stacy led the band in "Burnished Brass," the "English Suite," the "Christmas Suite" and the "Washington Post March." After a switch of seats, the string orchestra played "The Dargason" and the "Childhood of Jesus."

The meeting ended with the full orchestra playing "Freddie and His Fiddle" and "When Johnny Comes Marching Home."

Refreshments were served in the cafeteria after the meeting.

Mr. Barnes Presents Readings

"Let there be a whole mess of firmament!" This was one of the statements spoken by Mr. Emory Barnes during the assembly on November 19th.

The program included the reading of *The Creation*, by James Weldon Johnson. Another idea of the creation of the earth was expressed in his humorous reading of *The Green Pastures*, by Mark Connelly.

The story of *David and Goliath* was given a funny "twist". An example of this was when Goliath was described as "a prehistoric Cassius Clay."

At the end of the program, Mr. Barnes recited two nonsense poems.

Torch Staff Goes To Journalism Conference

Any improvements you have noticed can be traced to the Junior Journalism Press Conference at Washington University on Saturday, November 21.

The day was divided into three sessions, and each session into three divisions, from which we were to choose one. The lectures were given by such noted people as Spencer Allen, news director at KTVI and Mary Spencer, of the public affairs department of KSD and KSD-TV. Mrs. Mary Kimbrough, public relations director of Gardner Advertising Company, gave the keynote address of "Your Future in Journalism." She explained that, as journalists, we could not lean on "togetherness" but had to see what was going on rather than what the "crowd" wanted us to see.

During the lunch hour, a tour of the campus was conducted by students at the university.

Contests in the fields of feature writing, news writing, sports writing, and editorial writing, were held before the regular sessions.

Gaunt Junior High and Maplewood-Richmond Heights Senior High had the greatest number of points for schools in the contests.

Ninth Grade Classes Visit Art Museum December 2

Heading for the St. Louis Art Museum on December 2 were Mr. Sheridan's two ninth grade classes. The group participated in organized activities, which began with a one hour general tour of the galleries. This was followed by one hour of writing a paper on one of the paintings then a half hour of observation in a gallery of the student's choice. After lunch, the group was engaged in sketching in the main gallery of sculpture.

Class and Club Clippings

College Club

The election of officers was the main business of the College Club in its first meeting. The sponsors, Mrs. Brehm and Mrs. Chapman, presided over the election as John Shugert was elected president Jennifer Evans, vice president; Bonnie Stamm, secretary, and Elaine Pont, treasurer. The future plans of the club were then discussed and dues were collected. Meetings will be held the third Tuesday of each month. However, no meeting was held in November.

French Club

Christmas Party plans were made at the December 2nd meeting. Committees for food and games were chosen. Steve Brammeier, Marcia Gyax, Carol Frost, and Bonnie Stamm are food committee members. Elaine Pont and Terry Ames are the games committee. The party will be held on December 28th from 2:00 to 4:30 at the home of one of the members.

English Club

How to recruit new members was the main topic discussed at the last English Club meeting on December 8th. The members decided that new participants must be recruited before officers can be elected. If there are any 9th graders who would be interested they should contact Mr. Lager. Attendance at Tuesday afternoon meetings is not required.

It should be pointed out that attendance of a play soon after Christmas vacation and various field trips and excursions are now being planned.

Slide Rule Club

A very educational club is the Slide Rule Club which was started five years ago by Mr. Murphy, but now is conducted by Mr. Meyer. This year the club started on October 8, and will meet on Thursdays after school until the second week of January.

The twelve people in the club are learning how to multiply, divide, find square root, cube root, and other various calculations that the slide rule enables them to do.

Students participating in the club will find the slide rule very useful in their junior and senior years, with such courses as science and math.

The club meets in room 5, and all students in all grades are welcome to participate.

Glee Club

The Glee Club presented two assemblies on Monday, December 14, following the Vespers. At the first assembly, for group A, they sang the same songs as were sung at the Vespers plus "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer." At the second assembly there was also time for a Christmas medley which included "Silent Night", "Deck the Halls," "Pat-a-Pan," and "O Come All Ye Faithful." The assemblies each lasted about an hour during the second and third hour class period.

Science Club

The newly organized Science Club has attended the St. Louis Planetarium this month on December 12. After the regular meeting, the group was lectured on Conservation in Urban Areas, by Mr. Jenkins of the Missouri Conservation Commission. This talk was on December 14.

Art Classes

If you happen to go by the hall near room 110 and you notice a startling change in the Guidance Office, it isn't serious. The change is merely a part of our art classes' Christmas hall decoration, consisting of three dimensional turn-of-the-century English Shoppes. Finished by the ninth-graders in eight days, there is a bakery, a candy shop, a Santa's Workshop, and a Christmas caroling scene, to name a few. These displays represent hard work by our students, so please visit the hall. You may be surprised!

Choir and Madrigal

An assembly for Central School was presented on Thursday, December 17th by the A Cappella Choir. The group sang almost all the songs that they sang in the Vespers plus two others which are "What Child Is This" and "The Twelve Days of Christmas."

The assemblies for Ferguson Jr. High will be given by the A Cappella Choir and the Madrigal Singers, December 23. The on the program will be the same as those in the Vespers.

December 21 the Madrigal Singers are going to carol for the St. Louis Carolers Association in Clayton Inn. While there they will sing "Sing Noel," "Fum, Fum, Fum," "A Hunter from Heaven," "Greensleeves" and "Deck the Halls."



A Summer In France

Mrs. Finney, our eighth and ninth grade French teacher, spent 9 weeks in France this summer.

She left on June 16, the Monday after school was out. After spending two days in New York, in which she saw the World's Fair and visited United Nations sessions, she reported to the

French Cultural Services on Fifth avenue. She then checked in for a flight from Kennedy airport about midnight. She left on June 18th by Pan American jet and arrived at the Orly airport in Paris about 11 a.m. on June 19th. The next six days were spent in Paris, visiting various monuments in and around the city. Some of these included the Louvre, the market place, Les Halles, Versailles, Eiffel Tower, Montmartre, Chartres, etc. Also in Paris she attended a performance of Tschai-kowsky's 'Swan Lake Ballet,' at the Opera House and Rostand's 'Cyrano de Bergerac' at the Comedie Francaise.

She then left for Tours where for seven weeks she spent 8 to 9 hours daily in classes and cultural lectures. On weekends she made trips to points of interest near Tours. She could also rent cars and make trips back to Paris or to neighboring resort areas on the Atlantic.

At the end of the seven weeks she left by bus for an 8 day tour of south France where they stopped at Limoges, Toulouse, Albi, Carcassonne, Avignon, the Pont du Gard, Nimes, Arles, Les Baux, Orange, Clermont-Ferrand, Vezelay, Dijon, Troyes, Reims — where her farewell champagne dinner was held. Then it was back to Orly airport where she left in a new Pan American 727 jet. She returned home on August 22nd.

While in Tours Mrs. Finney was able to become acquainted with two French families and their way of life. She said this was a tremendous experience, one she will never forget.

Custodians of The Month

Since few of us know our custodians we have decided to feature two of them in each issue of the TORCH.

This month Ernest Stewart, who is the head custodian, and Paul Lamonica, are the custodians for the month.

Mr. Stewart has been here 10 years, while Paul started in '62. But Paul worked at McCluer one year before coming here. Both had other jobs before becoming custodians. To their good fortune neither has had a serious accident.

Both men are married. Mr. Stewart has one boy, 28. Paul has one child and is the proud grandfather of Scott Paul, 1½ years old.

As they work in no special place, you are bound to see them anywhere. But Paul usually is seen fixing jammed or broken lockers.

Both like it here, mostly because the people are so "nice." Paul has one request though:

PLEASE DON'T THROW
PAPER IN THE SNACK
BAR!



The two custodians of the month are Paul (middle) and Ernie, (right), but the little fellow on the left is Paul's grandson, Scott Paul, who is one and a half years old and just happened to be near his grandfather when we took this picture.

A Brother

by Pam Porter

A brother is a bothersome pest,
Always there when you want some rest.

There's always a fight for Channel 4 or Channel 2
The choice of Ben Casey or Captain Kangaroo

And when something new is bought,
He breaks it and never gets caught.

He always looks like he's just been fed,
And I count the hours until he goes to bed.

For then you cannot hear him peep,
Thank heaven, he is fast asleep!



A Texan was on his first trip to Australia. He was bragging about his home state when a kangaroo hopped by. The Texan stared and said, "I have to admit, your grasshoppers are bigger than ours."

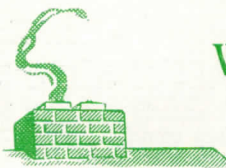
A school of sardines were swimming in an ocean. One sardine said to the other, when a submarine passed, "Look, a can of people!"

"Ba-a-a," said the first sheep.
"Mooo," said the second sheep.
"What do you mean Moo?"
said the first:
"I'm studying a foreign language."

Bill: "Why is it dangerous to go out in the spring?"

Bob: "I don't know, why?"

Bill: "The grass is full of blades, the trees are shooting, and the bulrush is out."



W-i-n-t-e-r

by Sherry Cooper

There are four good seasons,
As we must all agree.
But winter — freezing winter,
Is best of all to me.

Now summer is the time for traveling,
Across the ocean blue.
But who would have the money?
Surely not me nor you.

Spring is the time for planting,
And the rebirth of the trees.
For when the springtime does appear,
It surely does try to please.

Fall is the time for falling leaves
Dancing through the air.
Wouldn't it be glorious,
To find yourself up there?

Winter is the time for riding little sleds,
Making hot chocolate and the eating of breads.
Fireplaces are aglow — what could be happier?
Why nothing of course unless its spring, fall, or summer!



Fads 'n' Fashions

Some of Santa's helpers are keeping warm in their new winter coats:

Doll-maker Carol Haddenhorst is shown, front right, in a 3/4 length wool navy-blue sailor type coat. The collar is styled in a middy fashion with red trim. It also features a red, sailor knot tie.

Mitch Duclos, left rear, Santa's favorite drum maker is dressed in a royal blue, powder blue, and white ski-jacket. This hooded jacket is popular with the boys at Ferguson.

In charge of making candy is Janis Doll, front left, seen in a brown whalebone corduroy, full length coat. It is set off with a dyed raccoon collar.

Assembly line manager Keith Pigg, right rear, wears a multi-colored, plaid wool ski-jacket. A green fur lining completes this wintry look.



— TORCH BOX —

Dear Torch Box,

Adding some follow-up on your last issue, I live four miles from school and I'm involved in many after-school activities. In your last issue it was stated that I and many students like myself are supposed to walk home before five o'clock, the time it gets dark. Also what happens when there is five feet of snow on the ground? Is there no hope of an activities bus?

More Fight to Come

Dear More Fight,

I do sympathize with you. I too, live quite a distance from school and I'll be the first to admit that walking home in the snow isn't exactly pleasant; but ... the fact remains, the buses we use are also used later. I hate to disappoint you but I guess there is no hope.

Dear Torch Box,

Is "Torch" a person or a paper?

Wonder

Dear Wonder,

"Torch" is a paper. The Torch staff is people, I think.

Dear Torch,

Everyday I notice the bulletin board by the office with the names of the clubs on them. Most of them tell where the meetings are held and when. The Stamp Club is on the board but it doesn't tell anything about the meetings. Would you please find out if there will be a Stamp Club this year?

Interested

Dear Interested,

If you really want a Stamp Club check with the office about a sponsor and get some students to organize one.

Jill: "My room is decorated in early French Provincial."

Tilly: "Mine's done in Japanese modern."

Silly: "Mine is in Temporary disorder."

Wind-up Dolls

Tony Gschwender Doll ...

wind him up and he blushes

Debbie Stout Doll ...

wind her up and she gets louder.

Carol Haddenhorst Doll ...

wind her up and it unwinds

Kevin Roberts Doll ...

wind him up and he tells his mother.

Deana Hurst Doll ...

wind her up and she talks

Steve Miller Doll ...

wind it up and he hits you

Barry Rinderknecht Doll ...

wind him up and he says "en Francais"

Joan Walker Doll ...

wind her up and she sings

Janis Doll Doll

wind her up and she dyes her hair.

Jack Bouldin Doll ...

wind him up and he dances

Sheryl Feutz Doll ...

wind her up and she blows her nose.

Larry Hogan Doll ...

wind him up and he gives you a nickname.

Sue Albach Doll ...

wind her up and she calls you pig.

Ron Gabbard Doll ...

wind him up and he just sits there.

Sandy Pavletic Doll ...

don't even wind her up and she flirts

Mike Kruske Doll ...

wind him up and he breaks something.

Chris Dillon Doll ...

wind her up and she eats

Jim Schmuck Doll ...

wind him up and it costs him

Keith Lewis Doll ...

wind him up and his pants shrink

Pris and Pat Doll ...

wind them up and they switch classes.

Wayne Stephenson Doll ...

wind him up and he walks more bowlegged

Sue Kitcher Doll ...

wind her up and she pulls a fruit loop.

Ritchie Gorczyca Doll ...

wind him up and he runs around.

Larry Kurtz Doll ...

wind him up and he works a math problem.

Donna Combs Doll ...

wind her up and she winds up in the hall.

John Kasten Doll ...

wind him up and he speaks French

Doug Neiberding Doll ...

wind him up and he makes a wisecrack

Helen Boyce Doll ...

wind her up and she yells at Larry.

Mr. Lager Doll ...

wind him up and he sends you out in the hall.

TILLY TORCH

Dear Tilly,

I like this boy, but I don't know if he likes me. How can I find out if he likes me?

Wondering

Dear Wondering,

Tell some of his big-mouthed friends how much you like him, and he will soon find out.

Dear Tilly,

I'm beautiful, talented, charming, and intelligent. Every girl I know is jealous of me. What should I do?

Wonderful One

Dear Wonder,

I used to be conceited, but now I'm one of the nicest persons you'll ever meet.

Dear Tilly,

I've got a father who always brings home boys for me. How can I break him of this habit?

Flushed

Dear Flushed,

You have the wrong outlook on the situation. Make the best out of what you have and you have the best.

FJHS Alphabet

A athletic — Kay Foor

B bewitched — Susie Burns

C crazy — Candy Cromer

D dainty — Randy Barrett

E energetic — Barb Downs

F flirt — Dave Harting

G giggly — Carol Waldvogel

H humorous — Vic Meldrum

I irresistible — Doug Parker

J jolly green giant, Alan Evers

K killer — Ron Hogan

L lovesick — Dan Dailey

M mushmellow — Rich Deuser

N nuts — John Finn

O outgoing — Pat Scott

P puggy — Judy Browne

Q quiet — Barb O'Brien

R rogue — Ricky Fredrickson

S shy — Keith Gabbard

T tough — Dicky Mollison

U undefeated — Comets

V vivacious — Jane Mansfield

W Wild — Kathy Waddle

X extra special — freshmen

Y yuk-yuk — Chuck Sabatino

Z zero — test scores

A beauty parlor is where men

are rare and women are well

done.

Q: How do you make anti-freeze

A: Steal her wool pajamas!

John: "I heard the moon is going broke"

Tom: "How do you know?"

John: "The paper said the moon was down to its last quarter!"

Mr. McCormack Doll ...

wind him up and he plays the wrong note

Freshmen Dolls ...

wind them up and they goof

Comet Dolls ...

wind them up and they win!

Full Stockings

... To The Freshmen!!

Empty Stockings

... To The Eighth Graders

Holy Stockings

... To The Seventh Graders

Ferguson Jr. High

TOP TUNES

Leader of The Pack —

— Mr. Niehaus

Little Honda — Mr. Long

We'll Sing in the Sunshine —

— Mr. McCormack

Bread & Butter —

— The Cafeteria ladies

Little GTO — ... Mrs. Brehm

Sand in My Shoes —

— Mrs. Anderson

I Don't Want to See Tomorrow!

— Sung by all the students the day before report cards come out.

Walk Don't Run — Mrs. Ehrlich

Baby Love — Coach Quigley

I Feel Fine — School Nurse

Mr. Lonely — Mr. Lager

Oldies but Goodies

Fools Rush In —

— Sung by faculty when school begins

Needles & Pins —

— Home Ec. Classes

Funny Little Clown —

— Mr. Schopp

If I Had A Hammer —

— Mr. Arras

Dang Me — Mr. Cates

Kookie, Kookie, Lend Me

Your Comb — Mr. Spindler

Walk Right In (Sit Right Down)

— Mr. Ferguson

Does Your Chewing Gum

Lose it's Flavor? — Mr. Meyer

Momma Says Not To Put

Beans In Your Ears —

— Mrs. Jeffares (signed Carol)

Odds & Ends

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse . . . except . . .

Up on the rooftop anxiously awaiting Santa's arrival sits:

Reggie B. and Kay F.
Steve E. and Valerie P.
S. Burns and J. Mannino
Donna W. and Kevin H.
Karen G. and Phil H.
S. Haddenhorst and D. Parker
Eddie C. and Carol L.
Iris D. and Barry S.

The stockings were hung by the chimney with care in hopes that they wouldn't get burned.

Santa's descent down the chimney revealed not only soot but:

R. Deuser and S. Warner
Randy B. and Sally L.
Allen P. and Carol W.
R. Thompson and J. Bentley
Ron H. and Fairrel B.
J. Finn and L. Moore

Stop hiding behind the tree branches, Tony! Some of Santa's female helpers are looking for you!!

Waiting for Christmas under the mistletoe are:

Jim S. and Carol H.
K. Roberts and K. King
Larry H. and Helen B.

The fireglow now discloses tree ornaments hanging side by side:

K. Lewis and C. Jeffares
Frank and Cindy
Rich C. and Barb M.
Glenda and Mickey
Tarry B. and Pat B.
Frank and Sharon
Barry R. and Cheryn J.

Christmas came early this year for Jack B. He received quite a party!

Not only is mommy kissing Santa Claus but others seem to have the Christmas spirit too:

Jack B. and Sue T.
Wayne S. and Sandy P.
Rich S. and Kathy O.
Ronnie G. and Cathy T.
M. Kruske and S. Feutz
Stuart J. and Sue K.

It looks like the wrestling team is being extra good so Santa will be nice to them!

Ninth Grade Personality

If you hear a loud laugh which sounds like an airplane, you can be sure its this month's ninth grade personality. And if she has Mr. Meyer 6th hour and loves English, it is definitely her. If she is 5.2198 feet tall, has brown eyes, dishwater blonde hair, it is absolutely without any doubt her. One more thing is if she's constantly around Jim Schmuck it is Carol Haddenhorst. She was born October 20, 1949, and attended Central School. Her hobbies include being president of the Pep Club, in the English and College Clubs, and working out Mr. Meyer's algebra problems.

Merry, Merry Christmas ... To The Freshmen!!

Merry Christmas ... To The Eighth Graders Christmas ... To The Seventh Graders

Seventh Grade Personality

If you see a beautiful, charming, athletic, talented, petite, smart, friendly seventh grade girl walking down the hall it isn't this month's personality. Our personality was twelve on August 4th and is 4' 8" tall. Social studies is a favorite subject with her, and Mrs. Fox is her favorite teacher. She loves to play tennis and is a member of the Pep Club and Student Council. Previously she attended Griffith School. Have you guessed yet . . . that this month's personality is Kay Foer.

Book Corner

WINTER WHEAT by Mildred Walker

Reviewed by Sue Gore

Wars can seem to ruin peoples' lives. There were Ben Webb's shrapnel wounds and Anna, his Russian peasant wife. Ellen Webb had only noticed occasional silences and bitterness between her parents — until she met Gilbert Borden.

Ellen met Gil at College in Minneapolis. He came from a family like her father's. Ellen could hardly wait for Gil to meet her parents. The bareness of Montana, the difference between the Webbs, and Mrs. Webb's coolness toward him caused Gil to decide there was too much difference between them to make a good marriage. When he left the ranch, things were made worse by Ellen's having to get the truck out of the gumbo after he had gotten it stuck. It was then that Ellen began to see how much her parents "hated" each other.

When the wheat crop was hailed out, Ellen's hopes to continue college were ruined. She had to teach in a one room school in Prairie Butte. There she met Leslie Harper, a third grade student, who helped her see just how little "hate" there was in a most unusual way.

Mildred Walker shows vividly both the beauty and the bareness of the land, both the differences and the love between Ben Webb and Ann Petrovna Webb.

A few words cannot begin to describe the feeling in "Winter Wheat". The only real way is to read it.

Intramural Soccer

EIGHT GRADE

This year, because of a short-

by Billie Sadler

T M A S

*The Christmas Tree is all shiny and bright
And on the top is one great big light.
It has popcorn strings and cranberries too,
And all through the family not a one is blue
For this is the day that our Christ was born,
Early on this frosty morn.*



How Lucky Are We?

by Steve Brammeier

Around this time of year people seem to be at their best. Preparing for Christmas always seems to bring enjoyment to everyone.

The kids these days have it even better! You must have seen the toys they've come out with. One in particular comes to mind, the "Smarty Bird". This is a toy whose legs and eyes go around and round, its mouth opens, and shuts and it makes a noise!

Now let's look back into time. Here we find Christmas was a little different scene. If the people were lucky there was a Christmas tree and maybe some decorations.

After a meal of chicken or the like, the family would go into the parlor and play games and have a good time together. Then they would think of all the things they had to be thankful for.

Children then were lucky if they got an orange or an apple for Christmas. If you look closely though, you will find that they were as happy, maybe more so, than we are today.

In our frenzy of buying presents, running around and having a good time, we seem to have lost some of the true meaning of Christmas.

Eighth Grade Personality

If you're running down the hall by locker 108 and happen to knock down a 5' 4" tall boy, you just might have been lucky (?) enough to see this month's eighth grade personality, Dickie Mollison. Dickie, Dick or Richard, whichever you choose, was born on May 31, 1949. He likes all sports, especially baseball and football, which helps him in his favorite subject, gym, and teacher, Coach Haenssler. Dickie attended Griffith and Cool Valley Schools before coming here to Ferguson Junior High.

QUIZITOR

Question: What is the best thing to give a teacher for Christmas?

- BRAD ROBINSON: Me!
KATHY McCULLOUGH: better jokes than they tell.
CAROL HADDENHORST: a cake full of mousetraps.
MR. SIMMONS: a vacation
RAY MILEWCZIK: a red pencil that doesn't work.
KIRK SUTHERLAND: a bunny and an empty little black book.
MR. FERGUSON: a bottle of aspirin.
STEVE WILLIAMS: more students like me.
MIKE KRUSKE: Sheryl Feutz.
JIM GERDING: the hall pass you stole
JIM BURESS: nothing, with fur around it.
SANDY DIKES: Mr. Simmons some hair.
KEVIN ROBERTS: common sense.
LIN DEMPSEY: my . . . er . . . favorite sister.
HELEN BOYCE: typhoid fever
CINDY HELBERG: a gilded ball and chain.
SONNY PARDO: a one-way ticket to china.
KEN HEIM: Ron Lester's trumpet.
TOM HIZER: a moonshine still.
JEANINE BARNETT: a good-looking principal.
JUDY GISBURNE: an "F" on a stamp press.
STEVE NIXON: a tooth sharpener.
WAYNE STEPHENSON: mistletoe for Mr. Simmons.
JACK BOULDIN: poison
RITCHIE GORCZYCA: a brownie point.
JIM RICHARDS: censored
DALE WARNER: rat poison
DON DUNLAP: anything but a Larry Kurtz
JOHN DRESE: a voodoo doll and a box of pins
DEBBIE STOUT: a machine to take his/her place which allows gum chewing, note-writing, talking, and spitwad throwing.
RICH SPILLENKOTHEN: a love note to Mrs. Broholm.

If We Want To

by Joan Walker

Here we are, all back in school for another year and we find ourselves asking, "Why do they put so much emphasis on coming to school? Why are we here?" To quote Mr. Lager, "It is purely an accident that you are here and not spending your lives begging for food in China or India." We are lucky in what they say as they are constantly pointing out that we have a great opportunity in being able to go to school.

But why do we come to school? If you ask them, they always say, "Why, to get an education, of course." But then what is an education?

Education is the opening of a great door. Behind that door is the progress of twenty-five centuries; progress made by great men in all fields. Obviously a student cannot learn in twelve grades of school what it took all of mankind twenty-five centuries to develop. What those twelve years of study do for us then is to give us, in return for a little effort the ways and means of finding these things out for ourselves — if we want to! This is the opportunity that they want us to see; we can if we want to! After all isn't this the greatest opportunity in the world?

Who's Playing?

by T. Stallone

Do any of you ever get up at six-thirty in the morning just to do something for fun? Chances are your answer to this question, like most students, would be no.

It was brought to our attention recently that before school during the warm months, every morning for the last two years, two men have been seen playing tennis on our courts. Was this enough to arouse your curiosity? Well, it was for me and so upon questioning the two players, Mr. Dave Fulbright and Mr. Jim Greensway, they told me that they played just for fun. Mr. Greensway and Mr. Fulbright play tennis from seven until eight everyday except Sunday and until the weather gets too cold, when the temperature is about twenty degrees.

During the cold months the men say they get up early any way to hunt and fish.

The men also told me that come spring any teachers willing to play will be most welcome.



by B. Robinson

Remember last year when Santa was delayed by getting stuck in so many chimneys? This year, to get your goodies sooner, be prepared.

The first thing you must do is to set up small blue lights on the sides of your roof — like the ones they use at airports — so that Rudolph will not have any trouble landing.

Then, if you have enough time, widen your chimney. Make it round, with a 50-inch diameter. We haven't seen Mr. Claus since last year and who knows? He may have gained some weight since then.

As we all know, the easiest way to a man's heart is through his stomach — and Santa is all stomach! Leave an assortment of goodies on a tray and also leave the key to your refrigerator (if your refrigerator has one, otherwise just give him the okay to help himself).

Next write a note from some little boy, although you may be the oldest child in the family. Have it read:

"Dear Santa, here am my crismus list for thiz yeer. I will be vere disappointid if I do not get every one of them. I want: an Atlas-Redstone Missile, the S.S. Matsonia, the State of Vermont, One Thousand cases of Root-beer, 100 Stereo Albums, A Bedroom set, a Honda 305, and a Transistor radio. P.S. give my regards to Mrs. Claus.

Jimmie

Glancing over the list, Santa will naturally pick out the cheapest one, the radio—which is good because it is the most expensive item of your real gift list. Also, expect an apology for not getting all of them, and that he will try harder next Christmas.

Then, tape a large rectangular sign on one of the sides of the house, so Santa can see it clearly as he leaves. On the sign print in bold letters: THANK YOU — COME AGAIN.

Also, be very, very sure you put out the fire in your fire place on Christmas Eve. But in case you forget, leave an asbestos suit (size 43) on the chimney so that Santa won't singe his whiskers or anything else. If you are really desperate, and want a lot of things, here is a sure-fire method:

Set your alarm clock for two minutes to twelve and slip it under your pillow. When you awake sneak downstairs (or upstairs if you sleep in the basement. Just get up if you sleep in the living room) and wait



Aquarium Club

Visiting Mr. Rayfield occupied some of the club's time. The purpose of going was to see his prize guppies. Other than prize guppies, Mr. Rayfield has many different fish which they also saw.

If you have been in the library recently you have probably noticed the aquarium sitting on the check out desk. This aquarium, set up by the club, contains guppies, zebras, white clouds, and mollies.

Happiness for Students ...

- ...is seeing your name in the paper! (Eh, Tony)
- ...is being a 9th grader
- ...is getting a lettersweater
- ...is receiving the TORCH
- ...is being undefeated!
- ...is opening your locker on the first try
- ...is having gone to the dance
- ...is making a basket!!!
- ...is hitting the right person with your gym bag
- ...is counting all the holes in your Math room
- ...is bringing your own lunch
- ...is seeing someone sent out in the hall when it's your fault.
- ...is getting a large shower towel.



for St. Nick to "make the scene", then you can ask him in person for all the things you want. Of course none of these methods will work if you don't believe in Santa Claus, but then, who doesn't?

HIM

by C. Dillon

(This theme is a conversation expressing one person's viewpoint. The oral conversation is printed in bold type, while the thought is printed in light face type.)

* * *

Me Too! I just can't stand him. He makes me sick. His personality is that of a dead fish.

Now why am I saying that? He doesn't really make me sick at all! As a matter of fact I am rather fond of him. Rather fond? I adore the kid! He's the sharpest boy I know; with the best personality anyone could ever hope to have!

You said it! He is the most conceited person alive. And besides that he's so dirty and vulgar!

His modesty overwhelms me. Never have I met a sweeter boy. There's not a conceited bone in all of his 149 pounds of muscles. He told me so! As for being vulgar, he's not in the least little bit. It's just the way he cleverly says things.

Ya' know? I wouldn't trust him in a light bulb factory containing a million people.

But I sure will trust him Friday night. Although we're going to the party separately, I wouldn't let an earthquake keep us apart.

Its too bad our school had to get a big uncoordinated rotten egg like him. He takes one step and trips all over himself.

However, that's not true at all! She knows very well that he made the football team; he just had too much homework and had to quit. He's just wonderful!

You couldn't hate him more than I do. I wish he would fall down 200 flights of stairs and not die until he hit the final floor! Well, I'll see ya' later.

I wish she would take rat poison, that would keep her dying for two weeks! She's the one I can't stand! A foolish, jealous brat is what she is. She's just mad because he broke up with her. After all, it wasn't my fault.

Dude: "Look at that bunch of cows."
Cowboy: "Not bunch, herd."
Dude: "Herd what?"
Cowboy: "Of cows!"
Dude: "Sure, I've heard of cows."
Cowboy: "No! I mean a cow herd."
Dude: "What do I care, I have no secrets from them!"

Mother: "Johnny, what are you looking for?"
Johnny: "Nothing."
Mother: "You'll find it in the jar where the cookies were."

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Wrestling Team — 1964-65

The Ferguson Comets Wrestling Team is working on a winning streak of 28 wins including the four wins of this season and going back to the 1961-62 season. This year's team is again headed by Coach Haenssler and his assistant is Coach Meyer.

Following is listed the wrestling team in alphabetical order.

Dennis Bradford	Tony Gschwender	Greg Pigg
Danny Brazill	John Kasten	Bob Pogue
Charles Brennan	Larry Leezer	Tim Reeves
Richard Christman	Ron Lester	Chuck Richards
Dean Cook, Mgr.	Dennis Lewis	Randall Rubin
Steve Courtois	Keith Lewis	Jim Schmuck
Don Dunlap	Terry Mee	Alan Vandiver
Bob Feiler, Mgr.	Ron Meldrum	Jim Wallace
Mark Freeman	John Michels	Don Weiher
Ron Gabbard	Doug Nieberding	Ben Wilson

7th GRADE TABLE TENNIS
SINGLES WINNERS



First Row: T. January, D. Bregenzner; Second row: J. Maurer, K. Gabbard.

8th GRADE TABLE TENNIS
SINGLES WINNERS



First Row: D. Williams, T. Fluri; Second row: R. Barrett.

Intramural Soccer

EIGHTH GRADE

This year, because of a shortage of teams, the eighth grade played a double round robin. That is, each team played the others twice. There were four teams of 15 boys apiece.

Team	Won	Lost
Junior Bill	5	1
Cap. Dave Harding		
Sabby's Solution	4	2
Cap. Chuck Sabitino		
Leftovers	2	4
Cap. Tom Fluri		
Skeklunkers	1	5
Cap. John Finn		

Bill Small of the Skeklunkers was the top scorer this year with four goals.

SEVENTH GRADE

The seventh grade played a single round robin. They had five teams which, like the eighth graders had 15 boys apiece.

Team	Won	Lost
Hairs	4	0
Cap. Eddie Case		
Club Feet	3	1
Cap. Jim Kochbeck		
Lorna Dunes	2	2
Cap. Steve Edmundson		
Atoms	1	3
Cap. Keith Cliver		
Toeless	0	4
Cap. Frank Vanderkraats		

Dan Daily and Jim Maurer of the Lorna Dunes and Hairs respectively, were the top scorers this year with 4 goals each.



Table Tennis Intramurals

DOUBLES

Eighth Grade

- 1st — Don William and Tom Fluri
- 2nd — Randy Barrett and Randy Doerman
- 3rd — Rich Deuser and Barry Wall
- 4th — Dennis Maunder and Gary Taylor

These are the results of the eighth grade table tennis intramural doubles which were held on Tuesday, December 1st.

Seventh Grade

- 1st — Dave Bregenzner and Keith Gabbard
- 2nd — Jim Maurer
- 2nd — Jim Maurer and Sandy Smith
- 3rd — Bob Carr and Tom January
- 4th — John Cope and John Krueger

These are the results of the seventh grade table tennis intramural doubles which were held on Wednesday, December 2nd.



SINGLES

Eighth Grade

Eighth grade intramural table tennis was played on Tuesday, November 25 in the hallway between rooms 119 and 123. Thirty seven boys played. Following are the top four:

- 1st — Don Williams
- 2nd — Tom Fluri
- 3rd — Randy Barrett
- 4th — Ken Rahm

Seventh Grade

The seventh grade table tennis intramurals were held on Wednesday, November 26. With 27 boys playing, the following were the top four:

- 1st — Tom January
- 2nd — Dave Bregenzner
- 3rd — Jim Maurer
- 4th — Keith Gabbard

7th GRADE TABLE TENNIS DOUBLES WINNERS



First row (l. to r.): D. Bregenzner, K. Gabbard, S. Smith, J. Maurer; Second row: J. Cope, J. Krueger, B. Carr, T. January.

Ferguson Comets Down Hawks Win Opener By Twelve

Fergusons basketball team opened the season by downing Hazelwood Jr. High on December 11 by the score of 45-33.

The game, which was played at Hazelwood, included such interesting incidents as a Hawk scoring a basket for the Comets.

After a half-time score of 23 to 20 in Ferguson's favor, the Comets roared back the second half scoring 22 points while at the same time, holding the Hawks to 13.

Following are points and who scored them:

Baker, 19; Fluri, 10; Bouldin, 9; Miller, 2; Rinderknecht, 2; with Gorczyca, Richards, and Spillenkothan each getting 1.

BASKETBALL SQUAD FORWARDS

Player, position and Number	
Baker	24
Miller	11
Spillenkothan	13
Roberts	20
Heidel	15
Yong	10

GUARDS

Bouldin	25
Gorczyca	12
Stevenson	14
Richards	5
Fant	4
Pohtos	3

CENTERS

Fluri	22
Rinderknecht	23
Warner	21

GIRLS' SPORTS

Basketball intramurals for the 7th, 8th and 9th grades will begin the week after Christmas vacation. All basketball intramurals held in gym A will begin promptly at 3:20 and will end at approximately 4:30. All girls who want to be in the intramurals should have their teams at least semi-organized before the first meeting.

8th GRADE TABLE TENNIS DOUBLES WINNERS



First Row (l. to r.): T. Fluri, D. Williams, R. Barrett, R. Roerman; Second row: D. Maunder, G. Taylor, R. Deuser, B. Wall.

Cheerleaders Corner

Victory seems to be keeping the Comets busy and the cheerleaders wish to urge the student body to come to the games and matches.

This school spirit helps the team and it is your part of being a Ferguson Comet.

A chant to be used is:
Joe, Joe, do your best,
Remember your fighting for
FJHS!

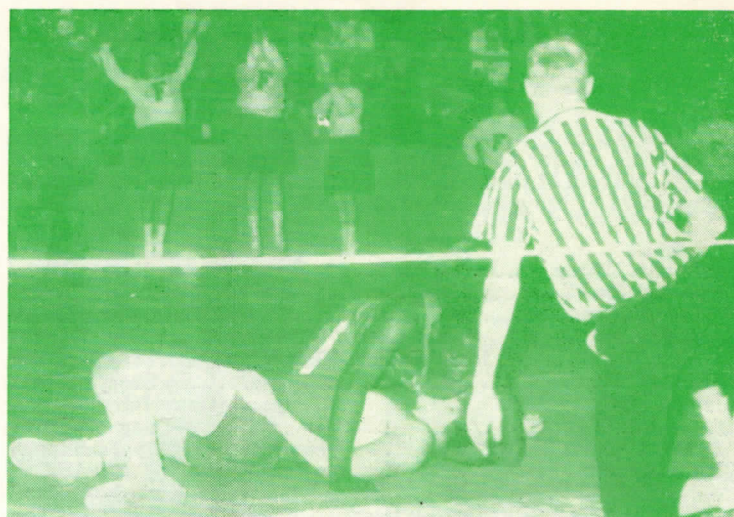
Two new Cheers are:
we're gonna fight tonight
(clap, clap)
we're gonna fight, fight, fight
we're gonna score tonight
(clap, clap)
we're gonna score, score, score
we're gonna win tonight
(clap, clap)
we're gonna win, win, win
we're gonna fight
we're gonna score
we're gonna win!

And another:
Here's a J for Jim
Here's a B for Bob
Here's a T for Tim - etc.
Here's a C for Comets
We've got the team, so
come on let's hear it!
We've got the team, so
let's show our spirit!
Yea, Team!

The intramurals will be scheduled thus:

7th grade: Monday afternoons;
8th grade: Tuesday afternoons;
9th grade: Wednesday afternoons.

The 7th, 8th and 9th grade PE classes have started playing basketball. Skill tests will be given before Christmas. The written tests will be taken some time in January.



Ben Wilson pins his man from Brittany

Comet Wrestling Team Takes First Four Meets

Comets Win Meet From Hoech

Hoech Jr. High School became victim number two of our Ferguson Jr. High wrestling Comets on December 7, by a score of 49-3 here on Ferguson mats.

Results were as follows:

Wgt.	Name	Result
95—	T. Reeves	pin
103—	D. Lewis	pin
112—	J. Schmuck	won-pts
120—	K. Lewis	pin
127—	B. Brennan	won-pts
133—	M. Freeman	pin
138—	G. Pigg	pin
145—	R. Gabbard	pin
154—	J. Kasten	lost-pts
165—	J. Wallace	pin
180—	T. Gschwender	pin
Hvy—	B. Wilson	won-pts

Matmen Win Again

Our Ferguson Matmen took their fourth meet of the season by defeating Normandy on December 14.

Tony Gschwender pinned his man in 24 seconds and Greg Pigg pinned his in 27.

Wgt.	Name	Result
95—	B. Pogue	pin
103—	D. Lewis	pin
112—	J. Schmuck	won-pts
120—	R. Meldrum	pin
127—	C. Richards	pin
133—	R. Rubin	pin
138—	G. Pigg	pin
145—	R. Gabbard	pin
154—	J. Kasten	won-pts.
165—	T. Gschwender	pin
180—	S. Courtois	pin
Hvy—	B. Wilson	won-pts

Wrestlers Start Season With Victory

Ferguson Junior High matmen took the first meet of the season by trouncing Brittany Junior High by a score of 41-8.

The meet took place on Ferguson mats on December 3rd.

Wgt.	Name	Result
95—	T. Reeves	pin
103—	D. Lewis	lost-pts
112—	L. Leezer,	won-pts
120—	J. Schmuck	pin
127 —	B. Brennan	tie
133—	M. Freeman	pin
138—	G. Pigg	won-pts
145—	R. Gabbard	pin
154—	J. Kasten	won-pts
165—	J. Wallace	lost-pts
180—	T. Gschwender	pin
Hvy—	B. Wilson	pin

Comets Win Third

Comets do it again! Our Ferguson matmen took their third wrestling meet of the season, this time from Riverview Central by a score of 40-13 here at Ferguson on December 10. Here is how the individual matches went:

Wt.	Name	Result
95—	T. Reeves	pin
103—	D. Lewis	pin
112—	J. Schmuck	won-pts
120—	R. Meldrum	pin
127—	B. Brennan	lost-pts
133—	M. Freeman	lost-pts
138—	G. Pigg	pin
145—	R. Gabbard	tie
154—	J. Kasten	lost-pin
165—	J. Wallace	pin
180—	T. Gschwender	pin
Hvy—	B. Wilson	pin