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Voters Of R-2 School District To Vote On Proposed Bond Issue and Tax Levy

Voters of the R-2 School District will go to the polls on Wednesday, February 19, to decide on the proposed \$1,300,000 bond issue and tax levy for a 2 year period of \$4.05. The tax levy, an increase of 50c over the present rate, will provide funds to comply with the increased operational costs of the ever enlarging enrollment of the district.

The bond issue will provide for 2 elementary schools, additional instruction rooms at McCluer High School, and future sites in the northern and southern areas of the district. So that rooms now used by special personnel at Vogt School can be returned to classroom usage, an addition will be made to the administration building.

Both the bond issue and tax levy will require a 2/3 majority vote. If the majority is not obtained, a second proposal will be submitted. This would call for a change to \$3.64, an increase of 9c over last year's levy of 3.55. This proposal requires only a simple majority vote. If the 2/3 majority is not obtained in the first election the following cut-backs in the school program will have to be made:

- 1) Cut out entire kindergarten program.
- 2) Charge \$10 book fee for all secondary students.
- 3) Charge \$20 fee for driver education.
- 4) Eliminate eight teaching positions in addition to the 32 kindergarten positions which would be closed.

Since the growth increase of the district will be 2273 by 1965, more classrooms must be made to accommodate this growth. \$500,000 remains from the 1962 bond issue. This amount would, when added to the receipts of the sale of new bonds, provide elementary and secondary facilities which are urgently needed. Since approximately 25% of the R-2 School District is yet undeveloped, it is essential that the Board of Education purchase additional property for school buildings.

Although the R-2 district has the greatest number of children in the county, it is 18th in cost per pupil. Urging passage of this bond issue and tax levy to help remedy the urgent shortage is the Citizens School Crisis Committee headed by Mr. Johnson Poor and Dr. Daniel P. Roman.

Whistler Whistles At Assembly

"Whistling can be used for something other than hailing cabs and whistling at girls." Proof of this was given when Mr. Fred Lowry headlined an assembly for the students of building B on January 30 in the girls' gym. In his program Mr. Lowry demonstrated his ability to whistle one tune, or two tones at one time, providing both melody and harmony.

Mr. Lowry, who is best remembered as being a member of the Horace Heidt Band, did the whistling for actor John Wayne in the movie "The High and the Mighty". This theme, "Yellow Bird", "Indian Love Call," and the finale from the "William Tell Overture," were performed, and will be featured in an album by Mr. Lowry in April.

Mr. Lowry, who is totally blind, tours all over the nation giving school assemblies. "The Blind Whistler" as he is sometimes called, makes a special point of giving programs for the schools of the blind, so that he may "inspire these children to overcome their handicap and get the most out of their lives."

Yearbook Sales & Pictures Almost Complete

Sales of the '64 yearbook have totaled about 750 so far and they are still available at the Student Council box in the cafeteria. Action shots are still welcome and may be given to any staff member.

★ Honor Roll ★

SECOND 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 point. 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

Susan Ameling	John Finn	Leslie Moore
Norma Bauer	Jeanne Fischer	Deborah Persels
Jane Bentley	Brenda Florea	Deborah Rose
Joyce Bierman	Nicholas Giordano	Thomas Satterly
James Bonebrake	Patricia Godfrey	Patricia Scott
John Broholm	Christy Goodrick	Carol Sneed
Rebecca Bruder	Mary Gordon	Ronald Thompson
Belinda Bumpus	Marcia Haley	Donald Tipton
Mary Burleson	Phyllis Hansel	Larry Tippit
Marsha Butler	Judith Harte	Doris Trefny
David Cartwright	Karen Herbst	Lynn Trimpe
Christine Chase	Linda Hogan	Mary Underhill
William Cole	Vicki Keith	Kathy Vanderkraats
Janice Crader	William Kuester	Kathy Waddle
Candace Cromer	Debra Lands	Carol Waldvogel
Sheryl Curry	Donita Latta	Thomas Wallace
Nancy Day	Ann Livingston	Diana Watkins
Sandra Dempsey	Barbara Lum	Barbara Witzke
Randall Doerman	Jean McKenzie	Donna White
G. Dommermuth	Jane Mansfield	Robert Will
Elaine Elliott	Ramona Millican	Mary Woodall
Joyce Fieldler		

Eighth Grade

Patricia Babbitt	Marjorie Faerber	Sandra Pavletic
Jackie Barnes	Sheryl Feutz	Jeanie Pfeifer
Sandra Branahl	Carol Frost	Elaine Pont
Eldon Bryan	Ronald Babbard	Mary Schmedeke
Gail Buss	Aaron Gaskin	James Schmuck
Richard Christman	Susan Gore	Susan Schwendener
Donna Combs	Lawrence Kurtz	Sallie Shephardson
Steven Courtois	Linda Lott	Rich Spillenkothan
Linda Dempsey	Rebecca Lewis	Cathy Tschannen
Craig Dearden	Kurt Larson	Cheryl Tuckett
Chris Dillon	Jim Marco	Sue Turner
Susan Essock	Barbara McClure	Margaret Underhill
Beth Estabrooks	Kathy Olson	Joan Walker
Nancy Evans	Walter Parker	

Ninth Grade

Jane Bidleman	Mike Fischer	Sharon Moss
Bette Bosch	Catherine Gibbs	Sara Penhale
Linda Brendell	Gale Giebe	Donna Quint
Richard Brooks	Vicki Grubbs	James Richardson
Jane Buchholz	Sharon Jueckstock	Darlene Rumer
Steve Burns	Jennifer Kirschner	Teddy Senadenos
Jacque Burris	Kenneth Kockbeck	Cathy Shenk
Carolyn Burt	Barbara Kraft	Donna Smith
Sandra Campbell	Kathy Marshall	Mary Stephens
Paul Cartwright	Kathleen McCoy	Richard Treat
Betty Couranz	Janise Mead	Sally Waldvogel
Richard Dunford	Larry Murphy	Donna Watson
Ann Dekmo	Steven Montigne	Romelle Witzke

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Everyone seemed to have a lot of fun at both Student Council Christmas Dances. The red and white streamers and balloons, the bleachers decorated as huge presents, and the big silver Christmas tree made evident the Christmas season. Attendance prizes were given to 8th graders Arlene Turner and Richard Christman; and 9th graders Karen Dampewolf and Linda DeClue.

The recent wrestling tournament kept Student Council members busy selling and collecting tickets. Also they sold candy

LIBRARY NEWS

The library has taken in several new paperback books. These however, are processed with hard plastic coated covers. Many are already duplicated in large editions, which makes more copies of those books available. They are not part of the exchange club.

bars, pretzels, and soda.

Student Council members have started making plans for a student / faculty basketball game, the variety show, and the Spring Dances.

Class and Club Clippings

French Club

Having only a small group for the last two meetings, the French Club moved back into Room 204 for their meetings. At these meetings the entertainment, date and novelties were discussed for the Mardi Gras. Also a longer discussion on the cooperative luncheon was held.

The Mardi Gras has been planned for February 11th. Masks are to be worn and a King and Queen are to be crowned.

The cooperative luncheon has been scheduled on April 1 for the 9th grade members and the administration. Wednesday, April 7th is planned for the larger eighth grade group.

Bowling Club

The big story in bowling this month is Steve Shea winning the Missouri State Christmas Tournament. Steve won the Prep Boys Division with a 233 and a 180 game at Ferguson lanes.

Now here is the monthly placement of the teams and the high games and high series:

GIRLS —

Team	Won	Lost
1 Eight Balls	27	12
2 Alleycats	26	13
3 Turkeys	21½	17½
4 Teenmates	21½	17½
5 Gutterdusters	20	19
6 Petticoat Pals	17	18
7 Spares	16	23
8 Team Eight	9	18

High Games

1 Hartmann	167
2 Burgdorf	166
2 Holmes	166

High Series

1 Setvak	437
2 Brendell	410
3 Holmes	406

BOYS —

Team	Won	Lost
1 Gutterdusters	27	9
2 Alley Cats	22½	13½
3 Pin Pushers	19	17
4 Winners	18	18
5 Ten Pins	16	20
6 Pinbreakers	16	20
7 Strikers	14	22
8 Strike Outs	11½	24½

High Games

1 Taylor	243
2 Boelsen	226
3 Shea	224

High Series

1 Taylor	597
2 Shea	562
3 Boelsen	516

Pep Club

At a Pep Club meeting on January 8th, the big "Welcome" sign for the wrestling tournament was made. Posterpaper was issued to small groups so they could make posters advertising the tournament, color day, wrestling matches, and basketball games.

Conversation Club

The selection of fifteen topics to be introduced to the Conversation Club by informed lecturers was the purpose of the meeting held January 15th. Topics chosen varied from "Food" to "What is Modern Art?", and "Famous Trials". The club also made tentative plans to visit such points of interest as the Art Museum, juvenile court, and the St. Louis Library.

Meetings will be held every Wednesday until the end of April.

Band

"Sonatina for Band", "Fantasy for Band", both by Frank Erickson; and "Slavonic Dances," by Dvorak are just three of the selections that will be performed at the DAR Award Presentation on February 20th. There will be over 100 members performing at this performance. These arrangements will also be performed at the Spring Festival with others.

This year, for the first time, the "B" and "C" bands will make a performance. Yes, they will perform at the Spring Festival as a combined unit of about 85 members. They are to play the "Ballet Scene" by Tchaikowsky-Walters, "Battle Hymn of the Republic" by Howe-Steffe-Irons, "Dolores" by Waldteufel-Olivadoti, "El Toro" by Harold Walters, "Forst Shadows" by Joseph Olivadoti, "Manhattan Beach" by Sousa-Cofield, "Tenth Regiment" by Hall-Frank, and "Yankee Clipper" by Olivadoti.

Art Classes

The Scholastic Art Awards Show is the main topic of conversation among art students. The showing of the Eastern Missouri Regional Exhibition, which will begin on February 22 and end on March 7th, will take place at Stix West Roads. Teachers from all of Eastern Missouri and two counties in Illinois, both high school and junior high, will enter their student art into the Eastern Missouri Regional Exhibition.

Teachers from our school are entering about 900 pieces altogether. If any of the artwork takes a blue ribbon it will proceed to New York to be in the National Scholastic Exhibition.

Orchestra

The orchestra of Ferguson Junior High will be playing at the school festival this spring. There are about 40 members in this year's orchestra. Two soloists will be chosen out of these to play solo parts of one piece to be used in the festival while the rest play accompaniment parts. Another piece to be used is "Adagio and Allegro."

Aquarium Club

Mr. Lyman Rayfield, an experienced local aquarist, gave a talk on tropical fish to the members of the Aquarium club at his home on January 30. A hobbyist for twelve years, Mr. Rayfield has at the present time fifteen aquariums in a special room in his basement. Recently he won the first place trophy for the best fish in a guppy contest sponsored by the Mississippi Valley Guppy Club of which he is a member. He has supplied many dealers with his strain of magnificent fancy guppies throughout the St. Louis area, and repairs and builds aquariums also.

Anyone wishing to see the young Bettas in their new tank and the recently set up community aquarium is invited to stop by room 104 during his leisure.

Projection Club

The 8th and 9th grade Projection Club officers, elected at the January 16th meeting, are as follows: Debbie Dawkins, president, 9th grader; and six chairmen who represent each period. The projectionists who are in study hall report to Mr. Spindler and wait for necessary assignments.

The 7th grade also has a separate club which is strictly for training purposes. They will then be prepared for 8th and 9th grade projection work.

SHOP CLASSES

"Sorry but that leg is about two inches off," said the two shop teachers to their ninth grade shop classes. The ninth grade boys have just finished the footstools and are glad of it.

Now they are starting on planter lamps which are being made out of cedar, tin, and iron. One of the shop teachers said that it would take his class a good two months to finish their projects.

College Club

Sergeant Gregory from the Air Force visited the College Club on January 20th. After a short talk, he showed a film entitled, "First Hundred Days in the Air Force." It demonstrated the basic training from the beginning to the end.

Dues were collected from those who had not previously paid.

Exchange News

The flag which flew over the Capital Building on October 24, United Nations Day, now flies at all West Ladue Junior High assemblies. The flag will be raised and lowered by a color guard of either Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts.

DAR Sponsors 8th Grade Contest

In order to encourage a greater appreciation of our American heritage, the Daughters of the American Revolution sponsored a contest last month for eighth grade American history students.

"A Revolutionary Patriot" was the title of the composition the students were asked to write. The history teachers chose 30 compositions which were sent to the O'Fallon chapter of the DAR, where the winners will be chosen.

The winners will be announced on February 20th at an assembly for the 7th and 8th grade students.

Students Urged To Apply Now For Mark Twain Institute

The 1964 session of the Mark Twain Institute will be held at Clayton High School from Monday, June 15 through Friday, July 24. Students will be chosen on the basis of individual merit. Academically able secondary students, grades 9 through 12, are encouraged to apply. The deadline for application is February 15. Students may take only one course and will not be given credit towards high school graduation.

Courses which may be taken by freshmen are English Composition and Literature, First year Chinese, First year Japanese, German, and Russian (must have had one year of a foreign language), Art form, modern Algebra, Biology, earth science, political philosophy, and history of East Asia in modern times.

GUIDANCE NEWS

Mr. Fathman, Mr. Dudley, and Mr. Swift will be visiting the ninth grade study halls in the near future to discuss the planning of their 10th grade schedules. Students not having study hall should report to the guidance office to receive the schedule plan. In March students will be given the final papers by their English teachers.

In filling out their schedule, the freshmen will choose three electives. Dramatics will be offered in 7th hour and students will be given a credit in fine arts. Drama students will be excluded from all other after school activities. German will be offered as a new elective to the sophomores next year.

Valerie Ideka, a seventh grade student of Steger Junior High in Webster Groves, is a niece of the Prime Minister of Japan, Hayato Ideka. She has never seen her uncle in person, however.

HOW DO YOU RATE AS A VALENTINE?

Here, girls, is a chance to see how you rate as a valentine. Choose the best answer and follow the grading instructions at the bottom.

- What would you do if your bracelet got caught in your boyfriend's back collar button?
A. Call for Dudley Do-Right
B. Pop the Collar Button
C. Put the other arm around to take it off and then . . .
- What would you do if you're wearing a purple dress to the dance and your boyfriend brings you red flowers?
A. Change your dress
B. Stick the flowers in his ear
C. Stay home — who needs a dance to have fun?
- What would you do if your girlfriend started giving your boyfriend the "eye"?
A. Tell her to "Cut it out."
B. Duel at dawn
C. Write to Ann Landers
- What would you do if your boyfriend showed up to meet your parents in a Beatle haircut?
A. Tell your dad to put the shotgun away
B. Tell him to use Brylcreme
C. Pick up your mom after she faints.
- What would you do if you liked a boy who is a 90 lb. weakling?
A. Send him to Judo-Karate place.
B. Drop him for a 95-lb he-man
C. Protect your little man
- What would you do if you spilled spaghetti on your boyfriend's letter sweater?
A. Cut the spot out
B. Break up till he sends it to the cleaner
C. Stick it in ammonia.
- What would you do if you found your girlfriend's color lipstick on your steady's collar.
A. Double it with your own
B. Meet her in a dark alley
C. Write a song about it
- What would you do if your little brother spied on you at the show and threatened to tell?
A. Charge him a quarter for the lesson
B. Let him tell, your Mom's the one who taught you
C. Get Bill Hofer to choke him
- What would you do if your mom always leaves the porch light on when you come home from a date?
A. Stay in the car
B. Wear sun glasses
C. Don't let it bother you
- What would you do if you found out that your boyfriend wears lifts in his shoes?
A. Wear sinkers
B. Have him rat his hair instead.
C. Knit him a pair of thick socks.

TILLY TORCH

Dear Tilly,

How do you get your letter sweater back when she wouldn't give it back even when I asked for it?

Cold

Dear Cold,

Next time you see her say, with the sweater on ask her "aren't you hot?" When she says yes, you should help her off with the sweater because you are so nice and want it back.

Tilly

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Dear Tilly,

Who writes these preposterous articles for the Torch?

Disgusted

Dear Disgusted:

No comment!!

Tilly

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Dear Tilly,

I like two boys but I can't pick out which one I like better. What'll I do?

Two Too Many

Dear Two Too Many,

Two heads are better than one, so keep them both around awhile.

Tilly

P.S. I'll take the one left over.

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Dear Tilly,

I'm a teacher and would like to know what should be done about the present teenage problem. Can you give some advice on this subject?

Worried

Dear Worried,

My advice is to stay away from us! It may be contagious.

Tilly

P.S. A psychology book might aid you in understanding us.

Torch Late But Bigger

The Torch Staff wishes to explain the long period of time since our last publication and the lack of a separate publication for the month of January.

We thought it advisable to hold publication for, first, the Honor Roll, and then the tremendous amount of sports news, especially the tournaments, and also for news and comment on the school election.

NOW total the number of points for each answer and find which bracket you're in.

- 1 — A-5; B-3; C-10
- 2 — A-3; B-5; C-10
- 3 — A-5; B-3; C-10
- 4 — A-10; B-3; C-5
- 5 — A-3; B-10; C-5
- 6 — A-10 B-5 C-3
- 7 — A-3; B-5; C-10
- 8 — A-3; B-10; C-5
- 9 — A-5; B-3; C-10
- 10 — A-3; B-10; C-5

30-44 points — Touch-Me-Not
45-59 points — Misfire
60-74 points — Lukewarm
75-89 points — Sweet Treat
90-100 points — Heart-Throb

VALENTINE CUSTOMS

For those of you with a valentine, it is heart and flowers time again. So for those with an enemy, it is appropriate to send them a 5c valentine; for a casual acquaintance, a 15c one will do; for the best friend, a 25c valentine is very touching, and a 35c card is for your true love.

Valentine's Day was originally celebrated on February 14th as a festival of romance and affections. People sent greeting cards called valentines to their sweetheart. Single girls had many ways of learning the identity of their future husband. Some girls pinned five bay leaves to their pillow on the eve of St. Valentine's Day. They pinned one leaf to each corner and one in the center. They believed this could cause them to dream of their future husband.

The Valentine custom did not begin until 1700 when nuns and monks made small cards with German script. Ever since then, girls have been anxiously awaiting a "35c card."

AN EDITORIAL

by Cathy Gibbs

As November 1964 approaches, the rush of Presidential campaigning gets wilder. Everyone in political circles is beginning to map out his, or now her, strategy, even if they are not planning to run for the presidency.

Since in a few years, we will be electing the leaders of our country, we should and must take an interest now. We must learn to study the facts and choose our candidate carefully and on merit.

President Lyndon Johnson, while seemingly untouched by the flurry and confusion which heralds the first state primaries, must be privately mapping out strategy and choosing a running mate, now a hard choice for the Texas Democrat.

The Republicans are as divided as always with a liberal (Rockefeller), a conservative (Goldwater), a dark-horse middle of the roader (Scranton) and for the first but not last time in history a woman, (Margaret Chase Smith).

Of course, there are always a few isolated groups campaigning for losers like Stevenson or Nixon. Others have their own private choices — Al Capp, Steve Allen, Winston Churchill (he's an honorary American, remember).

There are (excluding these last) the major candidates for the presidency for 1964-1968. Make your own decision and don't allow yourself to be influenced by others.

A Taxing Issue

Although some people have raised questions in regard to the bond issue, and a very few outrightly oppose it, the majority of the students wholeheartedly approve of the bond issue to be voted on February 19.

Our parents on that date have a chance to make our lives and our community more beneficial as the bond issue and a tax levy both will be up for approval on that date.

The bond issue will provide for two new schools, new rooms at McCluer High School, and an addition to the administration building. This is extremely important because without it there will be a greater number of students in most classrooms making it harder for all of us to learn.

The tax levy will also make a difference to all of us. If it doesn't pass, we'll all have to pay a higher book-rental fee making it hard on many of us.

Even secondary students, or perhaps we might say, especially secondary pupils should realize the need for the growth and development of our schools and aid to teachers. Many strongly advocate the continuance of kindergarten.

So in conclusion we strongly advise that you influence your parents and get them to vote "yes" for both the tax levy and the bond issue and we urge the passage of both because of the provisions made for teachers and new classrooms needed now and in the near future.

T-V MATCH UPS

Adventures in Paradise:

a boy's trip through the girls' locker room.

Bullwinkle & Rocky:

Mr. Niehaus and Mr. Ferguson.

Twilight Zone —

the faculty room.

Thriller — our assemblies

Bozo — Mr. Meyer

Meet the Press —

Journalism Class

Chiller Theater —

The AIBS Biology films

Naked City — boys' locker room

To Tell The Truth — a test.

You Don't Say — CENSORED

Concentration — Algebra

Match Game — Odds & Ends

Column.

Death Valley Days —

Exam Week

Divorce Court — Tilly Torch

Arrest & Trial —

A trip to the office.

Petticoat Junction —

The Girls' locker room

Love of Life —

Mr. Lager and Miss Daly

The Object Is —

Well, what do you think?

Super Car — Mr. Long

Popeye — Mrs. McCollum.

Fads 'n' Fashions

With Old Man Winter blowing in stronger and stronger, we see that many of the latest styles are designed for warmth. Among these are the rabbit fur gloves and furry headband earmuffs which both come in a variety of colors. Many of the boys are wearing turtle neck dickies which are topped off by those crazy new "Beatle Haircuts".

Taking a look back at the school dance, we find that the fashions were absolutely stunning. The mohair and velveteen dresses in pastels, black, and reds really made big hits. To set off the A-line and straight skirts were the ever popular flats and the high heels, and stack heel shoes.

In the picture, Mickey, Kathy, and Ginny are wearing their dance dresses. Mickey's choice is a mint-green mohair with an A-line skirt. Falling softly around her neck is a small circle scarf. Kathy's selection is a lovely pastel pink suit. This two piece suit has three-quarter length sleeves and a straight skirt. Ginny is wearing a smart black velveteen dress with a light touch of lace trimming the neck and sleeves.

Traveling from building to building, mohair sweaters help to keep out the cold. Since Christmas, the sweaters have increased in popularity.

Looking into our crystal ball for next month, we see that the jumpers with those "really big" arm holes will be a future fashion that will be teamed up with the new "mock-crock" flats.

ORCHIDS & ONIONS & OTHER THINGS

Orchids to those who resolved to read the TORCH this year.
Onions to those who throw it away unread.

Begonias to the kids who cheered our team at the tournament.

Beetles to those who stayed at home.

Magnolias to the teachers who didn't give semester finals.

Maggots to the teachers who gave real stinkers.

Geraniums to the kids who bought year books.

Grasshoppers to those who are not planning to.

Philodendrons to the guys who have a nose

Praying Mantises to the guys who don't.

Daisies to Fantasia Fink for her wonderful, witty remarks in the Quizitor.

Dragon Flies to the guys who can't think of anything clever to say.

Jonquils to all you kids who have your birthday in Febraury.



Showing Christmas Dance Fashions are left to right Ginny Chapman, Kathy Olson and Mickey Schlichtemeier.

QUIZITOR

The Quizitor question for this month is: What New Year's resolution did you break first?

Mrs. Hale — I didn't make any.
Mickey Schlichtemeier — not to yell at my little sister.

Chris Erickson — go to bed without my transistor.

Tina Tallone — never to talk again in class.

Donna Combs — what resolutions?

Pat Robinson — talking.

Mitch Duclos — I made one but I forgot it.

Louie Dauten — not to gargle during choir class

John Gardener — getting up in the morning.

Julian Turnbough — not to walk in front of black cats.

Tim Shannon — to pay attention in class.

Miss Meyer — to pass all my students

Kathy Thanos — not to fall asleep in class

Bob Case — to give up girls.

Janet Vandiver — that I would not hop any more freights to Chicago.

Doug Loesing — I'm lucky, I didn't make any to break

Mrs. Cornwell — I never make them cause I know I'll break them.

Kitty Setvak — to like Mr. Dodson.

Fantasia Fink — not to suck my thumb.

"What is the difference between an ex-boyfriend and a husband?"

"One kisses the missus and the other misses the kisses."

— TORCH BOX —

Dear Torch Box,
When are we going to have the Talent Show?

Talented

Dear Talented,
Ask the Student Council.

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Dear Torch Box,
What should I do about people who put pencil marks on my white blazer?

Neat & Clean

Dear Neat & Clean

Get a large eraser.

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Dear Torch Box:
How can I get into Journalism next year? Journalism isn't on the schedule sheet.

Hopeful Reporter

Dear Hopeful,
If you are in an A or B English class, your teacher will get applications in April or May.

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Dear Torch Box,
Why don't we have "dress-up day?" z

L. E. G.

Dear L. E. G.,
Take your pick, Bermuda Day or Dressup Day, we can't have both. There is only 180 school days, you want to waste 'em all.

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Dear Patty Questioner:
Try Ann Landers.

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Dear Readers:
Don't just use the Torch Box for Odds and Ends and Tilly, we need help too.

SEVENTH GRADE PERSONALITY

Hark! Is it true? Is it true? Is the Jane Mansfield the seventh grade personality of the month? No, a Jane Mansfield is the one! She has short ash blond hair, blue eyes, and is five feet two inches high. In order that you may all give her a birthday present, her birthday is on June fifteenth.

Although her favorite subject is English, Mr. Meyer is her favorite teacher. She likes to play basketball and she just adores horses. Jane Mansfield is a member of the Student Council.

Before coming to Ferguson Junior High, Jane went to Griffith School.

Eighth Grade Personality

Lee Hamilton has never been the same since it lost Carol Jeffares two years ago. Carol is 5' 2½" tall, has brown eyes, and dark brown hair. Her favorite subject is science, and her favorite teacher is Miss Daly. Carol's hobby is sports, and her favorite sport is softball. She was born on November 20, is 14 years old and still kicking.

Odds & Ends

Well out with the old and in with the new. That's how it is with couples this year.

Here are some of the New Year couples:

Laura & Matt; Pee Wee & Elroy; Liz M. & Dan L.; Karen & Wayne; Dale Davis & food; Pumpkin & Al; Vicki & Nicky.

Still there are the old faithfuls:

Fran and Ron; Linda and Mark; Ginny and Jim F.; Mary Jane and Jim T.

Overheard at a certain party, Elroy saying, "I'd rather fight than switch!"

What's on at the Tick-Tock? Tell 'em Gomer says hey!

It is now known that Ann Dokmo's favorite song is "Louie, Louis." Could this have anything to do with Louie from Florissant?

I hear every night that a certain sophomore named Paul calls Linda L. for a nice, long conversation.

Whats this about our Speed and That sophomore.

The Question of the Month: Who gives the wilder parties — John or Pete?

We all want to know which of the five Liz M. likes.

NINTH GRADE PERSONALITY

If you ever hear someone yell "Hey, Toe!" and then see a five foot three girl with light brown hair and blue eyes turn around, you're seeing the ninth grade personality of the month, Jane Foote. She has attended Slade School in Illinois, Moline School, McCluer Junior High, and now Ferguson. Although Mr. Lager is her favorite teacher, his book reports are her pet peeves. Jane is poster chairman of the Pep Club and her hobby, strangely enough, is cracking her knuckles and toes.

PSALMS 23½

Mrs. Visnaw is my teacher, I shall never forget.

She maketh me to study for my tests, she leadeth me through my science book.

She restoreth my brain, she teacheth me everything she can for my grade's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the halls of FJH I shall think of her, for my report card is with me. Her cool smile and sweet disposition comforteth me.

Thou preparent a test on every unit, she recordeth my grade, my F's runneth over.

Surely D's and F's will follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the 8th grade for ever and ever.

— Fred Irvin, 8th Grade

What's yellow and black and lies at the side of a road?

A dead school bus?

Book Nook

THE DAY AND THE WAY WE MET

by Mary Stolz

"Pop and Ned and Morgan, all changed. And she, herself, caught in her love for Geoff like an animal trapped by a beam of light, was changed. Yet, what had she expected? That they would, the four of them, go on to the end of their lives unaltered? Morgan, the mother-sister; Pop, the still-reachable dreamer; Ned, the competent, good-humored little brother; and she, the girl who liked to read and thought of love as something that made other girls unpredictable".

Could seventeen-year-old Julie Connor ever even begin to replace Morgan? Could she manage an entire household? Could she keep her father's spirit alive? Could she protect her young brother from juvenile delinquency? Could she win Geoff's love?

She soon learns all this is impossible if she continues thinking of only herself, as she has been accustomed to doing. She discovered how important it is to learn patience, understanding, and also how hard they are to learn. Can she do it?

Mary Stolz has portrayed her characters as only an author with an understanding and an insight of teenagers can do.

Another of her books, **Hospital Zone**, in which nineteen year old Honey Kirkwood, a true flirt finds her true love, is also in our library.

— Reviewed by K. Reed

SPECIAL QUIZ FOR TEACHERS

"What do you think of the Beatles?"

Mr. Blattel — They should be crushed.

Mrs. Ehrlich — They are highly overated.

Mr. Fathman — They don't play music and they don't sing songs.

Mr. Ferguson — They are horrible

Miss Gagnepain — I'd rather not say.

Coach Kimpling — someone should step on them.

Mr. Lager — No comment

Mrs. Lawrence — It's not fit to print.

Mr. McCormack — I can't say

Coach Quigley — They're swingers

Students View Light Sight

"As you notice I am talking to you over a Microphone which has no cord," said Edward Gray, Public Information Superintendent for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. This was of little surprise to the students of Group A who had just seen a demonstration of some of the most up-to-date equipment of the Bell Company at an assembly the afternoon of February fifth.

The high point was reached when Mr. Gray played music over a beam of light! Augmenting this was a display of how Telstar works and maser and photo-electric energy.

Able assisting Mr. Gray was Mr. Lamb, Commercial Representative of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

Library Adds Books for All

The library has several new books for interested readers. For civic minded people it has: Abraham Lincoln; His Speeches and Writings; Civics for American; The Congress; We Elect a President; The American Political Dictionary; The Supreme Court.

For those thinking about careers: Careers in the Biological Sciences; Stage Struck; Your Future in Hospital Administration; Unusual Careers.

For those interested in science: Compton's Illustrated Science Dictionary; Science Model Making; The Fascination of Numbers; Fun with Figures. . .

For Sports fans: The Young Sportmen's Guide to Bowling; Highlights of the World Series; Table Tennis.

For historical readers: The U. S. in World War I; The Key to St. Louis; Abraham Lincoln, Friend of the People.

Some interesting fiction: The Mystery of the Marble Angel; The Mystery of Morgan Castle; The Myster of the Midnight Visitor.

Miscellaneous: They Got Back (R.A.F.); Silence Over Dunkerque; Dim Thunder.

These are only a few of the many interesting books our library has. Drop in sometime if you like a good book.

Mr. Schopp — Too much

Mr. Simmons — They are as acceptable as any other singers.

Mr. Swift — The worst noise I've ever heard.

Comets Defeat Florissant And Win Another 1st Place Trophy

Squeeze Bye Hazelwood

Our basketball team picked up their second win of the Florissant Tournament on February 6th by the very close score of 31-30 over Hazelwood. The game was so close during the last few seconds that Hazelwood might have won if it had not been for the traveling violation called against one of their players in about the last two seconds of the game.

By winning this game the Comets gained the right to play Florissant for the championship.

The scoring was limited to four players.

Evers 11 Thornsberry 8
Maurer ... 11 Larrigan .. 1

After a slow start in the first quarter of play in the championship game with the host school, Florissant, the Ferguson Comets progressed on to a 38-30 basketball victory on Friday night, February 7th.

With this win the Comets were awarded another first place trophy to match the wrestling one. Other trophy winners were Florissant 2nd, Hazelwood 3rd, and Berkeley 4th.

Points Scored

Evers 16 Downs 5
Maurer 4 Larrigan .. 3
Thornsberry 6 D. Martin .. 1

Four days of exciting basketball games comprised the tournament held at Florissant Junior High from February 4th to February 7th. Eight teams competed for one of the four trophies awarded.

Cage Team Edges Berkeley 36-34

A quick lead of 13 points gained by the Comets in the first half of the game played at Berkeley Jr. High on January 31st prevented the Bulldogs from overtaking the Comets in the second half.

Ferguson had a good first half offensively and defensively. With all of Ferguson's men, B. Maurer, M. Larrigan, M. Evers, R. Downs, and J. Thornsberry, scoring, the Comets were able to chalk up 26 points while they held their opponents to 13 in the first half.

But the second half was all Berkeley as the Bulldogs moved up their score by 21 points whereas Ferguson was held to 10 for the half. Still, Berkeley's effort wasn't enough to overcome Ferguson as the Comets edged over them to Victory with a final score of 36-34.

Evers 15 Downs 4
Maurer .. 10 Larigan ... 3
Thornsberry 4

PERSONALITY MIX-UPS

Beatles — Forrest Hill, John Wildermuth, Bill Livsey, and Bill Hofer.

Phyllis Diller — Caryn Steinbruegge.

Jackie Gleason — Rich Schultz

Carol Burnett — Linda Roy

Jolly Green Giant — Mark Evers

Beauty and the Beast — Vicki Grubbs and Nicky Rallo.

Win First Over Pattonville

The Comets started off big in their opening basketball tournament play at Florissant by defeating Pattonville 52-36 on February 5th. By winning this game, we advanced to play Hazelwood in our next tournament game. The individual scoring was spread among many players.

Maurer 9 Fischer 5
Martin 9 Graham 4
Evers 6 Downs 2
Belew 6 Hill 2
Thornsberry 6 Langley ... 1

Tarzan — Damon Kerby

Zorro — Jim Moss

Boo Boo Bear — Brian Correll

Felix the Cat — Paul Morris

Woody Woodpecker — Mike Wilson

Captain 11 — Bob Jinkerson

Lucille Ball — Hilary Parsons

Mike Mercury — Andy Hill

Musical Mi'ch — Mr. McCormack.

King Kool — Doug Dix



Eighth grade table tennis doubles champions — top row: Gene Fluri and Doug Neiberding, first place; second row: Tony Gschwender and Ritchie Gorczyca, second place; and bottom row: John Kasten and Don Dunlap, third place.

Comets Lose To St. Charles Pirates

All hopes for an undefeated basketball season were shattered on Friday, January 10th, as St. Charles Pirates upset Ferguson 46-49. The Pirates came back strong in the fourth quarter to overtake the Comets in the last few minutes before the end of the game.

The Comets took a fast lead with Barry Maurer, Matt Larigan, Mark Evers, Jim Thornsberry, and Ron Downs starting for the Comets. By the end of the first quarter the Ferguson team had a 4 point lead. With the help of Mark Evers' 12 points this lead was increased to 13 points.

That 13 points lead proved unlucky for by the end of the third quarter Ferguson's lead had dropped to 7 points. The Comets were slipping and it proved their downfall in the 4th quarter when to the Pirates 16 points, they could muster only six. This brought the score to a disappointing 46-49.

M. Evers	16
M. Larigan	12
A. Hill	6
B. Maurer	4
R. Downs	4
J. Thornsberry	3
D. Martin	1

Wrestling Summary

Ferguson's 9th grade wrestlers ended their season with a 10-0-0 record in regular matches plus a first place trophy in our tournament. Our team scored 470 points during the regular season and our opponents scored only 7 points. We averaged 47.0 points per meet and our opponents averaged only 7.7 points per meet. Our fastest pins and best individual records were as follows:

(Continued Column 4)

Bulldogs Muzzled By Comets 51-22

Ferguson's Comets came thru with another solid victory for their fans. Victims of the Comets were the Brittany Bulldogs, the sixth team to fall this season. The game was played at home on January twenty-eighth, with the score ending at 51-22.

The regular starting lineup of Mark Evers, center; Barry Maurer, right forward; Matt Larigan, left forward; Jim Thornsberry, right guard; and Ron Downs, left guard; took the court looking forward to an exciting half. And an exciting half it was, for with the aid of his teammates, Barry Maurer was able to chalk up 14 points in only 2 quarters of play to help Ferguson's half time score up to 23 compared to 11 for Brittany.

The second quarter saw a host of new Ferguson players all of whom proved valuable to Ferguson as can be seen by the final score of 51-22, in favor of Ferguson.

B. Maurer	19
R. Downs	5
M. Evers	4
D. Martin	4
A. Hill	4
R. Belew	4
M. Larigan	3
J. Thornsberry	2
J. Foor	2
J. Kammier	2
M. Connelly	2

Girls' Intramurals

Basketball intramurals for the seventh and eighth grades have begun after school. On every Tuesday and Wednesday the girls have their games.

The following are the teams and their captains:



Coach Haenssler off the mats after receiving the first place trophy in the Ferguson-Florissant R-2 Tourney.

Ferguson Beats Normandy For Seventh Win

The Comets went to Normandy and downed the Vikings for their seventh consecutive victory of the season by the score of 38-16, on January sixth. We had previously defeated them 53-3, so it seems they have improved. The big match came at the end when Rich Schultz wrestled a 280 pound giant. Pee Wee Rallo and Al Holmes were over-weight, so Pee Wee didn't wrestle, but Al Holmes moved up a weight class.

Wt.	Name	Result
95	Grottrian	lost, pts.
103	Echols	pin
112	Bastian	lost, pts.
120	Fox	pin
127	Moellman	won, pts.
133	Tierney	pin
138	Holmes	pin
145	Dix	pin
154	N. Rallo	pin
165	Claffy	pin
180	Craft	lost, pin
HW	Schultz	lost, pin

EIGHTH GRADE

Knobby Knees — Suzanne Fortner
Basketeers — Cathy Tschannen
Hoodlums — Chris Loewe
Petticoat Pals — Rita Stevenson
Butterfingers — Sue Essock
Dribblers — Judy Gisburne

SEVENTH GRADE

Rocket's — Candace Moore
Basket Babies — Ann Livingston
Jolly Green Giants — Jackie Jaspring

Also, there is one team that does not have a name or a captain, so it is called Team A.



Seventh grade table tennis doubles champions — top row: Ricky Frederickson and Tom Fluri, first place; second row: Neil Gardner and Nick Giordano, second place; bottom row: Barry Wall and Rick Deuser, third place.

Wrestling Intramurals

After the intramural wrestling program was completed, Coach Quigley had this to say, "The future looks pretty bright considering how these boys performed in the tournament."

Following is a list of the winners of the seventh, eighth, and ninth grades. (Wrestling is the only intramural sport for freshmen.)

Ninth grade winners and their weight classes are: 75, Kemerling; 85, Klamm; 95, Potts; 103, Montigne; 112, Socia; 120, Gardner; 127, Evans; 133, Nelson; 138, Davis; 145, Mack; 154, Madden; 165, Poston; 180, Brintin; Heavy wht., Schemiederer.

The eighth grade winners and their weight classes are: 75, Stevens; 85, Brown; 95, Vandiver; 103, Mitchell; 112, Meldrum; 120, Austin; 127, Martin; 133, Gabbard; 138, Micheals; 145, Kasten; 154, Wilson; 165, Gschwender; 180, Bonner; Hvy-weight, Geruling.

The seventh grade winners and their weight classes are: 75, Mitchel; 85, Headrick; 95, Miller; 103, Deuser; 112, Harting; 120, Williams; 127, Meldrum; 133, Salemie; 138, Young; 145, Checkett; 154, Garrett; 165, Satterfield; 180, Anderson.

WRESTLING

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Fastest Pins

J. Craft	25 sec.
T. Fox	28 sec.
J. Claffy	29 sec.
A. Holmes	30 sec.
N. Rallo	35 sec.
L. Rallo	36 sec.

Individual Records

Holmes	13-0-0
Fox	13-0-0
N. Rallo	12-1-0
Dix	11-2-0
Schultz	11-2-0

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**Basketball Squad Girls' Varsity
Downs Hanley Basketball Team**

Wins and Loses

Shaking off their previous road loss the Comets placed four men in double figures as they ran over Hanley 51-26 at Hanley on January 17.

The Comets came in strong the first half led by Ron Downs, who scored a total of 8 points, followed by Barry Maurer and Mark Evers with four. With Matt Larigan completing the team they held Hanley to 8 points in the first half while scoring 18.

In the second half the forwards Barry Maurer and Matt Larigan sprang to life. Barry popped 5 through the hoop to make him high man with 14, and Matt completed 5 field goals and one free-throw to bring his game total to 11. Mark Evers, with four field goals, brought his game total to 12.

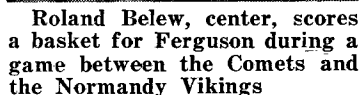
B. Maurer	14
M. Evers	12
M. Larigan	11
R. Downs	10
J. Thornsberry	4

Two girls' varsity basketball games have been played, the first was against the McCluer Sophomores on January twenty-fourth, here, with McCluer winning 17 to 10.

The second game held here on January Twenty-seven against Florissant Junior High was a victory by a score of 26 to 21. If any other games are scheduled, they will be in a future issue.

The members of the team are, Linda Bayless, Laura Beshler, Pam Broyles, Sandra Campbell, Marlene Dooley, Leah Geiger, Rosina Holmes, Mary Jane Martin, Mary Ellen Martineau, Kathy McCoy, Sara Penhale, Linda Rutledge, Donna Smith, Jeannie Trent, Gladys Volz, Nancy Watkins, and Deborah Williams.

The team practices every Tuesday and Thursday evening after school and Laura Beshar is team captain.



Comets Come Out Victor In Game With Ritenour

Ritenour appeared at first to be qualified to match Ferguson in the home game played on January 23, but Ferguson as can be seen by the 54-39 score eventually came out the victor.

A one point lead held by Ritenour at the end of the first quarter seemed only to spur the Comets on throughout the rest of the game. With the help of Mark Evers' outstanding shooting the Comets were able to gain a solid lead of 8 points.

Ritenour fared little better at the hands of Ferguson in the second half for the Comets out-matched them by 7 points to bring the final score to 54-39.

Ferguson Runs Over Normandy

Fergusons entire bench was afforded a chance to play in a 52-12 basketball victory over Normandy here on January 21. Of the 15 Ferguson men to find their place on the court only 3 failed to score.

If the shooting ability of the Comets was outstanding their defense was doubly so. During the entire game the Comets held Normandy to 1 field goal and they gained only 10 points from free-throws.

At the end of the 1st quarter the score stood at 10-15 in favor of Ferguson but by the end of the 1st half the Comets had added 11 points to their cause and Normandy was unable to add any.

Seven points was the most Normandy could get in the last two quarters of play while the Comets scored 30. The final score was 52-12 in favor of Ferguson.

M. Evers	11
B. Maurer	8
M. Larigan	8
J. Thornsberry	4
D. Martin	4
A. Hill	2
J. Foor	2
J. Kammier	2
M. Connelly	2
R. Belew	2
D. Langley	1

HUNTERS WITH WINGS

Lou Gaeta will appear on February 21 in an assembly called "Hunters With Wings." This assembly will consist of mostly a demonstration of falconry.

M. Evers	24
B. Maurer	12
R. Downs	12
J. Thornsberry	6

Eighth grade table tennis singles champions 1. to r.: Jerry Hogland, third place; Gene Fluri, first place; and Doug Nieberding, second place.



Cheerleaders' Corner

We cheerleaders want to thank all the fans for helping cheer the Comets on to an undefeated season in wrestling, but we still need crowds to come to the remaining basketball games.

Here are the words to several chants so there's no excuse for not yelling:

Hey-ey, Ho-o, Come on Comets,
Let's go! (repeat)
Jump high, Jump low, Come on
Comet's let's go! (Repeat)
Mark, Mark (name of player)
In, In, Make that basket,
we want to win! (Repeat)
Comets let's get (Clap, clap,
clap) two more, Make a
basket, raise the score
(Repeat)

Wrestlers Win Championship In R-2 Freshmen Tournament

Three Comets Take First Place Ribbons

Ferguson Junior High was victorious at its wrestling tournament held here on Friday, January 24th, and Saturday the 25th. This was the first R-2 wrestling tournament for freshmen. Terry Fox, Doug Dix (who dislocated his shoulder during his match), and Al Holmes took first place ribbons.

Our closest opponent was Coolidge Junior High from Granite City who finished just 3 points behind us. We didn't wrestle Coolidge during the regular season but they would have given us a good match. Trophies were given to the four teams with highest scores which were Florissant, 4th Hazelwood, 3rd, Coolidge 2nd, and Ferguson 1st.

Other individual results for Ferguson wrestlers were as follows: Correll 6th place, Bastian 3rd, Borders 4th, Moellman 4th, L. Rallo 3rd, N. Rallo 2nd, Claffy 3rd, and Schultz 2nd.

The final team results were as follows:

Ferguson	99 points
Coolidge	96 points
Hazelwood	96 points
Florissant	50 points
Riverview Central	49 points
Normandy	28 points
Riverview East	4 points
St. Louis U. High	0 points

Comets Win Over St. Louis U. High

St. Louis U. High became victims of the Ferguson matmen for the second time this season on January eighth, to the score of 46-8 in our gym.

Wt.	Name	Result
95	— Cross	pin
103	— Echols	pin
112	— Borders	won, pts.
120	— Fox	pin
127	— Jones	lost, pin
133	— Holmes	pin
133 1/2	— Dix	lost, pts.
145	— L. Rallo	pin
154	— N. Rallo	pin
165	— Claffy	pin
180	— Craft	pin
HW	— Schultz	won, pts.

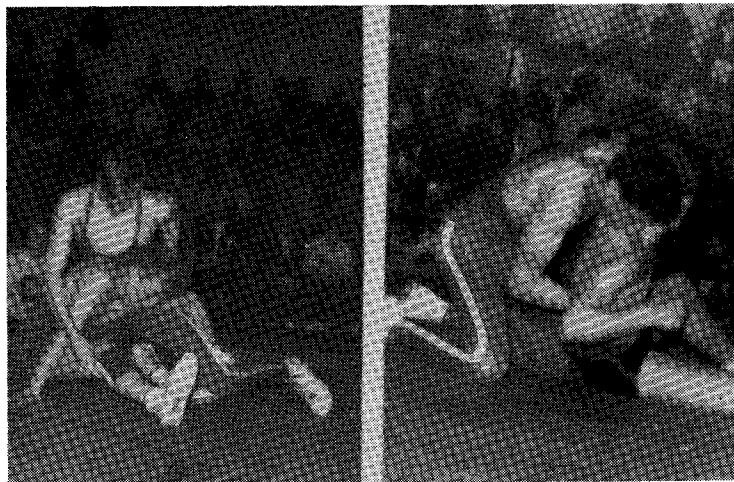
Matmen Smash Brittany 51-5

Our wrestling Comets made it six in a row by defeating Brittany Junior High 51-5 on December ninth, on their mats.

Wt.	Name	Result
95	— Correll	pin
103	— Grottrian	pin
112	— Bastian	won, pts.
120	— Fox	pin
127	— Jones	won, pts.
133	— Holmes	pin
138	— Dix	pin
145	— L. Rallo	pin
154	— N. Rallo	pin
165	— Claffy	pin
180	— Brinker	lost, pin
HW	— Schultz	pin



Mr. Ferguson awarding Doug Dix the first place ribbon for the 138 pound championship.



Pictured to the left: Terry Fox a few second before pinning his opponent from Coolidge during the R-2 Tourney. And to the right Pee Wee Rallo is working for a pin against his opponent from Hazelwood.

Ferguson Wrestling Team Wins All Ten For Perfect Season

Run Victory String to 22 Straight Finish 58-0 Over East

Ferguson Downs Hazelwood For Second Time

Our 9th straight wrestling victory came about by defeating Hazelwood Junior High 32-16 on January 16, there. This is the second time we have wrestled Hazelwood and they have improved. The first time we beat them 38-16, but this time we didn't get as many pins. Our team suffered two casualties, Jerry Craft with a cut above the ear that bled a lot during the match and John Claffy with a bloody nose.

Wt.	Name	Result
95	— Grottrian	Won on pts.
103	— Bastian	lost on pts.
112	— Borders	won on pts.
120	— Fox	won on pts.
127	— Moellman	won on pts.
133	— Holmes	pin
138	— Dix	pin
145	— L. Rallo	lost on pts.

Our matmen defeated Riverview East's team 58-0 for the highest scoring victory of the year. This was their last match of the season leaving them a 10-0-0 record. The team has carried our school record for the most consecutive wrestling victories to 22 straight and we hope next year's team can add to this record.

Wt.	Name	Result
95	— Correll	Pin
103	— Bastian	Pin
112	— Borders	won pts.
120	— Fox	Pin
127	— Moellman	Pin
133	— Holmes	Pin
138	— Dix	Pin
145	— L. Rallo	Pin
154	— N. Rallo	Pin
165	— Claffy	Won on forfeit
180	— Craft	Won on forfeit
HW	— Schultz	Won on forfeit

154	— N. Rallo	pin
165	— Claffy	lost on pin
180	— Craft	lost on pin
Hvywt.	— Schultz	pin



Al Holmes, wrestling his opponent from St. Louis University High School, won on a pin a few second later.