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Many Home Rooms Working On Red Cross Projects

Homerooms here at Ferguson are working on projects for the Red Cross this year.

Mrs. Masters, room 224, Mrs. Mansfield, room 8, Mr. Meyer, room 207, Mr. Dudley, room 127, Miss Robin, room 200, Mr. Townsend, room 103, Mrs. Comer, room 118, Miss Thurman, room 125, Mrs. Hanweck, room 114, and Mrs. Garden, room 203, will be packing "cheer" boxes. These contain such things as soap, wash clothes, tooth brushes, and tooth paste, and will be sent to boys and girls in disaster areas. There will be a total of about 110 boxes.

Fifty cartoon books will be contributed by Mr. Sheridan of room 109, the library assistants, and Miss Thurman.

Mr. Sheridan's class is also contributing 20 Christmas stockings. These are for men and ladies. The gifts are wrapped, and there are such things as toothpaste, tooth brushes, combs, soap and wash clothes, and for the men, stretch socks and cigarettes, while the ladies have headscarves and talcum powder.

The ninth grade fourth hour shop class is making ping pong paddles.

The home ec department has been provided with 150 yards of material from which they will make about 40 or 50 dresses by the end of the year. These will be in sizes that should fit girls in their teens. The Red Cross will distribute these dresses as they see fit. The classes will also be knitting slippers, which will probably be used in old folks homes.

If we have missed any classes which are participating in Red Cross projects please let us know.

Madrigals Chosen

This year's Madrigal group contains eighteen students. They are Carol Jeffares, Sally Litzinger, Penny Norman, Sue Turner, Joan Walker, (sopranos), Kathy Olson, Cheryl Spotswood, Cathy Tschannen, Carol Waldvogel (altos), Steve Brammeier, John Finn, Ricky Knight, Terry Mee, Ted Nolde (tenors), Niles Mincher, Doug Nieberding,

Yearbook Staff Gets Busy

With new sponsors Mr. Chronister and Mr. Chancellor, and a new staff the 1965 VIEW promises to be bigger and better than any yearbook in the history of Ferguson Junior High School.

These staff members are busy gathering pictures, taking them, writing prologues, etc.:

Eldon Bryan	B. Brueckman
Fran Caleca	Ron Mundy
Janis Doll	Carol Wright
B. Brightwell	Dona Tye
Kathy Mahler	Gary Villani
Gail Robinson	Dennis McGrath
John Beeman	Doug Loesing
Mitch Duclos	

Yearbooks have been on sale for the past couple of weeks and will be sold only on Fridays for about two more months.

BUY A YEARBOOK

Student Council News

For Jim Branahl, Judy Browne, Kay Foor, Rich Johnson, Robert Knipp, Rose Leon, Doug Parker and Donna Whertvine, November 3rd was the big day. It was the election for Student Council members in the seventh grade, the election was held in the home room classes. The first meeting they attended was held November 5. At this meeting the purpose and procedure of the Student Council was explained to them.

Also at this same meeting the eighth and ninth grade dances were planned. The eighth grade dance will be held on December 19, Saturday afternoon, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. The ninth grade dance will be held that Saturday evening from 7:30 to 10:30.

Chuck Richards, and Richard Spillenkothen (basses). At Christmas the Madrigal Singers will sing "Fum, Fum, Fum," "Sing Noel," "A Hunter Came from Heaven," and various Christmas carols.

★ Honor Roll ★

FIRST QUARTER

The Honor Roll is based on a current grade point average of 3.333 which is between a B and a B+. The points for the grades are as follows: A, 4 points; B, 3 points; C, 2 points; D, 1 point, and F, no 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. Names are arranged with highest grade point average first.

Seventh Grade

Bryan Finkelstein	Linda Kress	Sherry Cooper
James Maurer	Robert Lohr	Randall Fish
Naomi Shihab	James Branahl	Gary Canup
Diana Harrison	Debra Bartlesmeyer	Deborah Bowman
Daniel Cross	Mary Thies	Linda Rodenfeld
William Price	Elizabeth Foote	Cynthia Rose
Mary Schaefer	Diane Rumer	Richard Haynie
Robert Boiles	Janice Adams	Valerie Belli
Susan Haddenhorst	Barbara Murkin	Carolyn Apenbrink
Peggy Lewis	Keith Fieldhammer	Linda Balisle
Susan Burns	Julie Wade	Linn Bussen
Pamela Porter	Alan Wall	Connie Cooper
Kenton Cropp	Donna Whertvine	Deborah Teepe
Susan Rogers	Richard Gotch	David Bregenzer
Cynthia Fels	Marsha Werle	Keith Gabbard
David Fehrman	Nancy Alcorn	Michael Notorangelo
Judith Jacobs	Catherine Eckberg	Lynne Parsons
Marvin Brown	Frances Magill	Steven Mellis
Ann Monnig	Douglas Goodman	Paul Millican
Patricia Seagraves	Wayne Rickard	David Noatch
Rebecca Hedrick	Michael Pyeatt	

Eighth Grade

Jane Bentley	Jeanne iFscher	John Finn
Debra Lands	Judith Harte	Jane Mansfield
Elaine Elliott	Nancy Day	Deborah Rose
Randall Doerman	Mary Burleson	Carol Waldvogel
Barbara Garvey	Ann Livingston	Cathy Carpenter
Deborah Persels	Lynn Trimpe	Martin Hulbert
Janice Crader	Christy Goodrick	Norma Bauer
Joyce Fiedler	Donna White	Karen Herbst
Ramona Millican	Patricia Scott	Nicholas Giordano
Ronald Thompson	Dorothy Armbruster	Susan Ameling
Doris Trefny	James Bonebrake	Susan McColl
Leslie Moore	Sandra Dempsey	Lindy Brown
Tom Wallace	Catherine Cross	Linda Hogan
Patricia Garrett	David Cartwright	Donita Latta
Catherine Maddox		

Ninth Grade

Carol Wright	Richard Spillenkothen	Deana Hurst
Sandra Branahl	Richard Christman	Ted Nolde
Susan Gore	Kurt Larson	Sandra Quillo
Barbara McClure	Susan Schwendener	Cheryl Tuckett
Steven Courtois	Joan Walker	Karen Vemmer
Carol Frost	Linda Dempsey	Christiana Dillon
Walter Parker	Nancy Evans	Kathy Olson
Lawrence Kurtz	Karen Reisinger	Rebecca Youngberg
Rebecca Lewis	Patricia Babbitt	

with harp accompaniment.



President Lyndon B. Johnson was not only the winner of Ferguson Junior High's presidential election but also on November 3 in the national election. He won over the Republican presidential candidate, Barry Goldwater, by a landslide.

Johnson's 486 electoral votes from 43 states and 41,727,846 popular votes defeated Goldwater's 26,197,960 popular votes and 52 electoral votes from the seven states of Alabama, Arizona, Georgia, Idaho, Louisiana, Mississippi and South Carolina.

8th Graders Visit Planetarium

One-hundred and twenty-two eighth graders from Miss Thurman's first and fifth hour classes and Mr. McKinney's first and second hour classes participated in a field trip to the McDonnell Planetarium on Tuesday, November 17.

The show was entitled "Light, the Stellar Messenger" and it presented information on light and telescopes as well as the usual presentation of the stars.

Miss Thurman said that the show was one of the best presentations she had ever seen, and that it included a great deal of information.

Class and Club Clippings

Cheerleaders Corner

All of the new cheerleaders along with the student body wish to congratulate the victorious Football and Cross Country teams for their undefeated seasons.

Collecting new cheers for basketball and wrestling is part of the work of the cheerleaders now preparing for the coming seasons. The practices are held on Mondays and Wednesdays.

A few chants that will be introduced are:
Thunder, thunder, thunderation
We're the Comets delegation.
When we fight with determination

We create a big sensation!

Also:
See that basket, see that rim
Come on (player), put it in!
Put it in (Clap, Clap),
Put it in (Clap, Clap),
Put it in, Put it in, Put it in
Sink it (player), Sink it!

A new cheer is:
Yeah Red, Yeah White,
Ye'h, yea , red and white
We're gonna fight, fight, fight!
We're gonna score, score, score!
We're gonna win, win, win!
We're gonna Fight!
We're gonna score,
We're gonna Win!

French Club

A Christmas Party, Mardi Gras, and bus trip to historical French settlements in and around St. Louis will be the main activities in French Club this year. Such was the vote at the October 21 meeting when the Planning Committee outlined its program. Members also discussed the possibilities of the Spanish Club, which will begin second semester, also taking part in the Mardi Gras. Mrs. Finney's slides from her trip to Tours, France, were shown to members at the meeting on November 4.

Guidance News

Guidance counselors are keeping themselves busy by talking over the results of the ITED with the freshmen. All freshmen should have had a conference with a counselor, if not they should soon. They are also advised to bring their parents with them, for it will be to their benefit. They may use their study hall, home room time, and before or after school.

Choir To Give Assemblies

The A Cappella Choir will present a Christmas Assembly for the Central School. The Choir will sing songs and carols for the holiday season. The Madri-

Library News

Well, book week is over with and this year's decorations are being done by the art classes of Miss Klein and Mr. Sheridan. Miss Klein's students contributed the designs for the bookmarks which were given to the students along with booklists. Mr. Sheridan's classes created a fall effect in the library with the use of various posters and by the stained-glass effect on the library doors.

Also, this month, it was announced that since the opening of school almost 600 books have been added to our library. These and all other new books are continually on display and students may check them out at any time.

A donation in honor of Mr. Clark was given to the library to be used for reference books and Mrs. Ehrlich would welcome any suggestions students might have to make.

Drama Club

Little Women based on the novel by Louisa May Alcott is being presented by this year's Drama Club. The play will be presented to the school on December 4, 7, and 8 and an evening performance will be given on December 10 at 7:30.

The following people will play the parts for three performances: Anne Livingston as Jo; Sue Essock as Meg; Beth Estabrooks as Brooke; Martha McClure as Aunt March; Robin Armbruster as Laurie; Carol Waldvogel as Professor Bhaer; Kathy Loy as Father; Fran Caleca as Marmee; Mary Woodall and Jackie Jaspriing will split Beth's part. Barb Schmidt and Joan Meyers will split Amy's part. The single performance: Jo Wheeler will play Jo; Sheryl Feutz will play Meg; Kelley Cross will play Laurie; Dorothy Starr will play Professor Bhaer and Cheryn Johnson will play Marmee.

Hoech, Here

Thursday, December 10 4 p.m.

Riverview Central, Here

Monday, December 14 4 p.m.

Normandy, There

Thursday, December 17 4 p.m.

Coolidge, Here

Thurs. January 7, 1965 4 n.m.

Training sessions for seventh graders began during the week of October 26. Seventh graders who were able to operate A. V. equipment, were licensed as trainees and are running the equipment under the supervision of an eighth or ninth grader.

gal Singers will also participate in the program on December 17.

On Wednesday, December 23 the Choir will present an assembly for the Ferguson Junior High. This will include a Carol Sing by the the student body.

Orchestra and Concert Orchestra

Central School will be visited by our Orchestra and Concert Orchestra on November 25th during the last three hours of the school day. "The Childhood of Jesus", which is a piece for muted strings, and the last movement of St. Paul's Suite which is called "Dargason" will be performed by the orchestra. The Concert Orchestra will play "Freddie and His Fiddle" and "When Johnny Comes Marching Home." The members of the orchestra are now busy polishing up these pieces.

On December 8th, the Orchestra and Concert Orchestra will perform at a PTG meeting. On January 20, orchestra members will go to Cool Valley School, and, on February 17, they will visit Lee-Hamilton School. The purpose of these performances at grade schools is to acquaint the students with the orchestra instruments.

Science Club

Among the several changes in our school is a new activity, the Science Club. Sponsored by Mr. Townsend, Mr. Meyer and Mr. McKinney, the club is exclusively for eighth and ninth grade students interested in science. It is suggested that all members have a B average in all solid courses, especially those concerning science; be able to make all Monday meetings; and have a high degree of interest in science.

In their second meeting on November 16, the club elected its officers; president, Ron Thompson; treasurer, Sue Ameling; secretary, Jane Bently; and program chairman, Pat Scott.

English Club

The newly organized English Club held its first meeting on Tuesday, November 3rd in room 107. The club's sponsor, Mr. Lager, explained the proposed activities to the thirteen students who attended. These activities include writing short stories, essays, and short dramas, listening to short stories and plays on records, and possibly attending a performance of one of Shakespeare's plays later in the year.

The club will meet on the first, second, and fourth Tuesdays of every month, so as not to conflict with College Club. All students (ninth grade) who feel that they would enjoy these activities are invited to join.

Band

"Till Eulenspiegel's Merry Pranks" is the main project of the band. Among other pieces are "Night in Manhattan", "The Christmas Suite", "Burnished Brass", and "Early English Suite." Selected members of the band and the concert orchestra will play for several schools in the area and for the P.T.G.

Bowling Club

At the organizational meeting on Wednesday, October 28, students interested in joining signed up and paid a dollar for membership, etc. They bowled a game to determine averages and to help set up teams. As it came out, there are 6 teams of three for the boys and 8 teams of 3 for the girls. The club meets every Wednesday after school at Ferguson Lanes and starts at 3:45.

The sponsor is Mrs. Morris for the girls, but as yet there isn't a sponsor for the boys.

The costs are \$1.05 for three games, 10 cents for shoes and .05 cents for the banquet fund. If you miss a week you must give 35 cents to the banquet fund. If you miss three weeks in a row you are dropped from your team. The money for the banquet is used to throw a party the week after the bowling is over. At the party there will be food as well as trophies awarded to both boys and girls for high game, high average, high series, to the 1st place team and possibly to the second place team.

Pam Wing has offered to be the girls' secretary and Ralph Rockamann has offered to be the boys' secretary. If you are interested in joining the Bowling Club, there is still plenty of room for you so come on out.

Girls' Glee Club

Getting ready for the Christmas Vespers keeps the Girls' Glee Club hard at work. The main numbers will be "Ceremony of Carols" by Benjamin Britten, "Sing Gloria," by Katherine Davis, and "The Alfred Burt Carols," by A. Burt and Wihla Hutson. Ceremony of Carols was written for a boys choir and is to be accompanied by a harpist. The Glee Club will be accompanied by Mrs. Maria M. Pinckney, who has played with the New York City Center Opera Co., the St. Louis Symphony, the National Canadian Ballet, the Toronto Opera Festival, the Stokowski Orchestra at Carnegie Hall, and the ABC Television Staff Orchestra. After four seasons with the St. Louis Symphony, Mrs. Pinckney resigned from her post in order to devote more time to her family, teaching, and her duties as American Harp Society president of the chapter for Missouri and Southern Illinois.

Shop Classes

If you happen to walk into Mr. Geisler's shop classes in the near future you will hear the buzz of the electric wood saws. Wood working is the classes present occupation. This is the first project with power tools for the classes.

Because of not enough storage space, the class projects will be limited.

Sportsmanship

- an Editorial -

by Brad Robinson

At the next school game, listen and see if you can hear people who are booing. Why 'boo' at a team or individual player? If they are doing their best, they can do no more. Some one has said, "A boo is a reverberation of air through the empty spaces of the cranium". — Leave your boos at home.

If your team loses, why blame or criticize your coach? He is the same coach that led your team to victory in other games. Why do some people desert their team when they are behind? That is the time when they need you the most. Why do some people ridicule your team if it loses? The players can do no better than to give their best. If you think you could do better, why aren't you out there playing? Why do some people give excuses and alibies when their team loses? The really big man takes defeat without a whimper. Then again, if they win, why do they act overbearing? They may lose the next game.

Why ridicule players on the opposing team? Would you like opposing teams to ridicule your players? Also, why do people cheer when an opposing player makes a mistake? Are you glad to see a players misfortune?

Why aren't you refereeing if you are such a rules expert? Remember to be a good sport — not a spoil sport and show a little sportsmanship at the next game.

Mr. Burneson Will Speak On Safety at Dec. PTG

Mr. Burneson, assistant safety director of the AAA, will be the speaker at the next PTG meeting on December 8. He will speak on car safety and teenagers.

The band is going to be another attraction at the meeting. They are scheduled to play the following pieces: Burnished Brass, Early English Suite, Sousa's Washington Post March, and the Christmas Suite.

— TORCH BOX —

Dear Torch Box,

Why don't we have an activities bus after school like they do at the high school? Some people hate to walk.

Sore feet

Dear Sore Feet,

The transportation department feels that as our school is more centrally located than the high school that there are no students living too far from the school to be able to get home before dark. Also, the buses used by our school are afterwards in use transporting elementary students from school.

Dear Torch Box,

Why can't the buses wait in the same place after school each day? I have missed my bus several times because of this.

Tired of Looking

Dear Tired,

Take that one up with your bus driver. I'm with you all the way.

Dear Torch Box,

Please tell me why seventh graders can't be in the Drama and English Clubs. Also, please inform me why there isn't any Spanish Club this year and why there isn't a club pertaining to literature for the seventh graders only! Thank you.

A Wonderer

Dear Wonderer,

Last year only the freshmen were allowed in the Drama Club, as was the case with many clubs. This year, however, eighth graders may also join the English Club (which is a new addition), be in the Madrigals, and the Drama Club.

There is no Spanish Club as of yet because Mrs. Riemer couldn't fit it into her schedule. No seventh grade literature club was started because it is believed not enough interest could be stimulated.

You should consider yourself lucky, for when this year's freshmen were in seventh grade, they had to wait two years to join these clubs, whereas you only have to wait one.



Choral Music To Be Heard At Vespers

Ferguson Junior High Choir, Glee Club, and Madrigal Singers will present the Annual Christmas Vespers on Sunday, December 13 at 4:00 p.m.

The Vespers is a yearly concert given by the choral music department. With the lighting of candles the choir will open the program with The Vesper Hymn and "Adeste Fideles." The choir will sing a 16th century motet, "O Magnum Mysterium" and carols of many lands including "Silent Night," and "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear."

The Madrigal Singers will sing several carols including a German folk song by Brahms, "A Hunter from Heaven."

Benjamin Britten's "Ceremony of Carols" will be the main feature by the Girls' Glee Club with harp accompaniment.

Changes - 2064

by Sandy Branahl

The year is 2064. The place is the inside of a large plastic bubble located 50 miles above the earth. It is Thanksgiving Day and the members of the family are getting ready to sit down to dinner. When they are seated, the father takes a knife and strikes a large plastic turkey on the floating table. The Turkey falls apart and out of it tumbles a variety of pills, food pills that is. Each person takes an amount of green, brown, red and white pills and quickly swallows them. The family talks for a few minutes and then leaves the table.

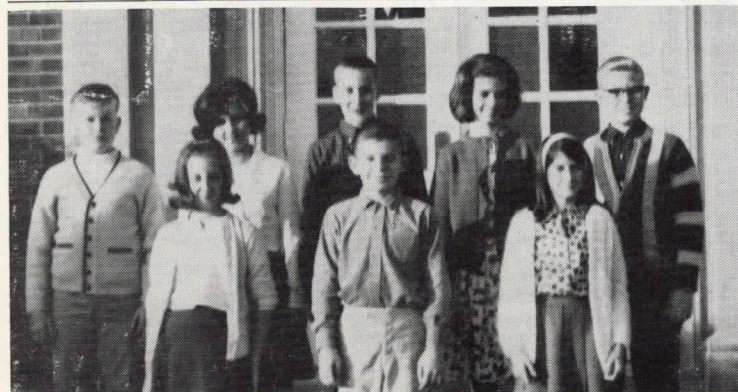
Sound fantastic? Maybe so, but remember this is 100 years from now. The Thanksgiving dinner traditional in 1964 is still observed, in a way, in 2064. Thanksgiving Day is the only day in the year when the people actually sit down at a table for dinner. For all other meals they simply eat on the run; they just swallow a few flavorless pills wherever they happen to be.

Also, the old tradition of eating turkey is remembered, though not observed. The days are long gone when people ate dead animals which were baked, fried, stewed, or boiled.

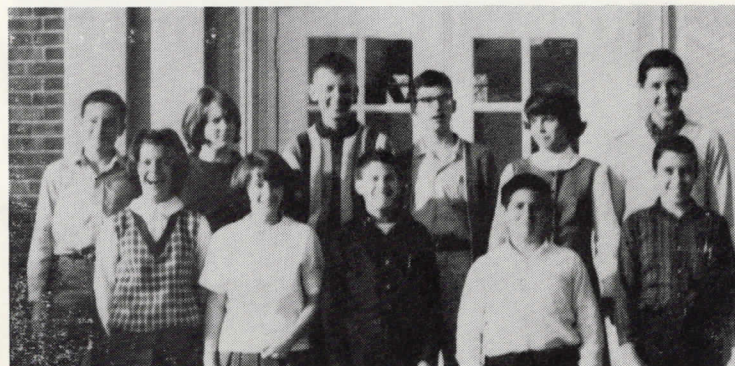
There are many differences in Thanksgiving Day, 2064, but as we look to the future we see one custom that remains. Before eating their dinner of pills, as before a turkey was eaten years before, all heads are bowed in a prayer of thanks.

Special Teacher Feature

One of the little known but greatly appreciated teachers of Ferguson Junior High is our speech teacher, Miss Ashworth. She works with people who have difficulties with their speech every Tuesday afternoon in her office, room one. This school is only one of five schools at which she teaches for the St. Louis County Special District. In addition to her teaching, Miss Ashworth enjoys sports and reading.



Seventh Grade Student Council members from l. to r., top row: Richard Johnson, Rose Leon, Jim Branahl, Donna Whertvine, Robert Knipp, and, bottom row: Judy Browne, Doug Parker, Kay Foor.



Eighth and Ninth Grade Student Council members from l. to r., top row: Ron Thompson, Pat Scott, Steve Brammeier, John Shugert, Kathy Benne, Terry Bartholmew, and Bottom row: Jean McKenzie, Sue Ameling, Dave Cartwright, Chuck Sabatino, Nick Giordano.

TILLY TORCH

Dear Tilly,
I am new here and haven't many friends. Do you know a sure-fire way to get some?

New and Blue

Dear New and Blue:

Just be yourself and you're bound to have friends. Wait and see.

Dear Tilly,

Can boys ever change their minds? A boy liked me. At first, I didn't like him very much but then I really liked him a lot. So what does he do? Go and drop me. I still like him and have for a month. I've tried everything! He just doesn't like me. I've given up, but I'd still like to know if boys ever change their minds.

Just Wondering

Dear Just Wondering:

Keep hoping, you never can tell, he still might change his mind.

Dear Tilly,

I have a red, white and blue shift that I love to wear. No one likes it. What should I do?
Fashion Fresh

Dear Fresh,

Get off the flagpole and join the crowd.



Odds & Ends

The Mayflower has brought to our shores new Pilgrim Pairs. Ye olde 9th graders have formed a new pact:

Ron G. and Kathy O.
Jack B. and Kathy B.
Keith L. and Carol J.
Tim R. and Cindy H.
Tarry B. and Pat B.

Here ye, Hear ye! Comet braves undefeated in football and cross-country!!! Ye Comets get hep! Don't lose thy pep!

Along with the Indians introduction of corn, also came American letter sweaters. The custom involved is "brave give um to squaw!"

Under the Pilgrim's hat we find:

Denny V. and Barb W.
Randy B. and Sally L.
Dave H. and Sue A.
Niles M. and Jean Mc.
Chuck S. and Cheerleaders

Out shooting turkeys behind the bushes are those wild 7th graders, right Kay?

Joe M. and Sue B.
Keith G. and Debbie D.
Sue H. and Doug P.

Ritchie G. seems to be doing a lot of running around, just like those wild turkeys.

Turkey greetings to Sallie from all the Freshman! "Gobble, Gobble".

Congratulations to Coach Quigley for he became the father of twin papoose boys, Timothy Patrick and Michael Richard on November 9th.

Mr. Niehaus, those of us who went to the World Series want to thank you, belatedly, for excusing us from school. Not many principals would have done that. Thank-you for being so good natured. We really appreciated it.

Fads 'n' Fashions

The fashions seen around the campus of FJHS this fall are from the barely there to the most in coverage — however you wish. Overall, the move is back to simple, tailored lines. Sweaters, skirts, and jumpers have long been the favorite costumes for school, and this year is no exception. Coming on strong are the sling shifts, sling shot shoes, suede jumpers, skirts, and vests; those crazy snake designs, above the knee socks and diamond design nylons. Also, anything that has stitching seems to be the rage. Mohair sweaters are still as popular as ever before, as well as looped mohair dresses and skirts. Large checks seem to be favorites for jumpers and shirts.

Coat apparel hasn't been seen that much yet because of the long warm spell, but guesses are you'll be seeing lots of wide-whale corduroy coats with loose, two piece belts in back, double breasted brass buttons in front, and perhaps a fur collar. Other popular fabrics and styles are suede with white stitching, madras all-weather coats, and the wool empire coats. Girls at those Friday night parties will be seen coming in those new "two-faced" ski-jackets. When they arrive and reveal their entire outfit, you will notice that most of them will be wearing stretch pants and mohair sweaters and low-cut boots.

The Ferguson guys are seen donned in their ever popular Italian loafers, and ya-ya boots are gaining more and more popularity. They will keep warm in various colored windbreakers and those great plaid parkas. Styles in shirts have changed very little. Still "in" are the pin striped shirts. Madras shirts and belts have become familiar sights on campus. Black, green, and beige continentals are taking over in the pants department.

Of course, we musn't forget the most popular fashion seen about this time of the year — Letter Sweaters! No one has ever quite decided which sex's fashion to catagorize it under, male or female. Which would you say?

So, until next month, when more winter clothes will be featured — choose the styles right for you and be adventuresome and daring with the new '64-65 fashions, and your winter wardrobe will have a big lift!

Turkey meat for 9th graders

Turkey bones for 8th graders

Turkey feathers for 7th graders



7th Grade Personality

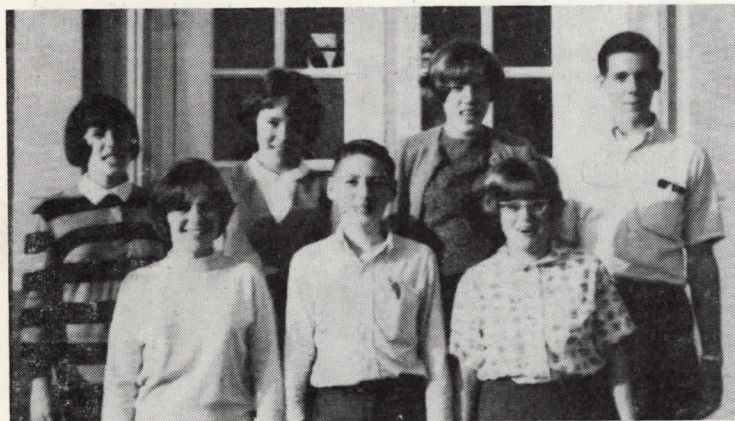
Dan Daily, lady's man of the 7th grade, is this month's personality. Three-fourths of his 5' 1" body is devoted to girls and the other fourth to baseball. He is 12 years old and his birthday is November 24th. Dan attended Walnut Grove and Griffith schools. His green eyes, long eyelashes and brown hair help him considerably with the girls. Mr. Blattel is his favorite teacher.

8th Grade Personality

If you go to page 238, second column from the left, in your St. Louis Suburban Telephone Directory, and then proceed to the twenty-first name from the top, and finally dial JA 1-1995, you will be talking to this month's personality, Jean McKenzie. Besides being in the telephone book, she is on the teen modeling board at Stix, student council, and belongs to the science club, pep club and a cappella choir. This brown-eyed 5' 3" telephone owner was born May 2, 1951 and has attended Lee-Hamilton and Griffith elementary schools. Science is her favorite subject and she likes horseback riding and all her teachers.

9th Grade Personality

If, while strolling down a football field during the game, you happen to pay a compliment to the end, who in turn lights up like a Christmas tree, you no doubt have hit on Elmer. Brown-eyed Elmer Anthony Gschwend is this month's personality. Elmer, who is usually referred to as Tony was born on April 18, 1949 and is apparently still kicking. The mark of Elmer can be seen on Saint Sebastian and Ascension Schools. Tony's whole life seems to revolve around all sports, with his favorite class being gym and the coaches his favorite teachers. All of his 6 feet 1 inch enjoys sports as his hobby and football is his favorite sport, which possibly helped to make him co-captain of our football team.



Student Council officers and committee chairmen from l. to r., top row: Carol Jeffares, Bulletin Board Committee Chairman; Sandy Branahl, Honor Roll Chairman; Kathy O'son, Secretary; Larry Telle, Vice-President; Bottom row: Sue Turner, Treasurer; Doug Andrews, President; Chris Dillon, Calendar Committee Chairman.

— THE TORCH —

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Comet Runners Finish Season With 4-0 Record

Eleven Boys Win Letters

Ferguson's cross-country team finished the season with a record of 4 and 0.

They beat Florissant Jr. High 19 to 41, Hanley Jr. High 26 to 36, Brittany Jr. High 18 to 43 and in a triangular meet, they beat Florissant and Hanley 18 to 42 to 71. In cross-country 11 members received letters and 13 received patches. The letter winners are as follows:

Jerry Boelhauf	Dennis Lewis
Don Bowles	Keith Lewis
Harry Brown	Dave McGinnis
Billy Burton	Dennis McGrath
Jerry Hogland	T. Wolfmeyer
Larry Leezer	

The following boys earned patches:

James Bayless	Alan Rudolph
Gary Behle	Dan Stinebaugh
Dan Brazill	Gary Villani
B. Brueckmann	Don Weiher
Stuart James	Steve Williams
Thomas James	Dale Youmans
Robert Owens	

Comets Out Run Florissant, Hanley

In a triangular meet, Ferguson Jr. High cross-country Comets defeated Florissant Jr. High and Hanley Jr. High by the score of 18 to 42 to 71 in that order.

The meet was held October 21 on Ferguson's Field. In the meet our boys took these places.

2nd — Don Bowles
3rd — Larry Leezer
4th — Jerry Boelhauf
6th — Jerry Hogland
8th — Dennis Lewis

Grid Team Wins 4th Straight Shutout

Our Ferguson Junior High football team defeated Ritenour 25-0 in an exciting fourth game of the 1964 football season.

The first quarter began by Ritenour receiving the kick. They were unable to make the goal, however, and were forced to hand over the ball to Ferguson who made good use of their chance and sent Barry Rinderknecht plunging through the Ritenour line 70 yards for the first Comet touchdown. The try for the extra point was no good.

Ritenour began the second quarter by kicking to Ferguson. A fifteen yard penalty was handed to Ritenour which, of course, helped Ferguson. Jim Schmuck, Ferguson's end, then intercepted a pass and ran 20 yards before being downed. This helped set up the next touchdown which was again made by Barry Rinderknecht. This time it was from 10 yards out and Barry also made the extra point on a pitch out play.

To begin the third quarter Ritenour kicked off to Ferguson and later Kevin Roberts ran 50 yards down the field for Ferguson's third touchdown. The extra point this time was unsuccessful.

Ferguson then kicked to Ritenour who fumbled the ball allowing Ferguson to recover. Steve Miller, Ferguson's quarterback, then threw a pass to Jerry Pesek which was good for 50 yards and a touchdown. The attempted extra point was again no good.

The fourth quarter came and went with no more excitement other than the cheering of Ferguson's fans at the quarter's end.

Outstanding players of the game included Barry Rinderknecht, Steve Miller, Jack Bouldin, Jerry Pesek, Kevin Roberts, and Jim Schmuck.



Eighth Grade Touch Football Champions the "Cretons" are top row, l. to r.: A. Evers, T. Behle, R. Barrett, J. Bonebrake, T. Wolff, and kneeling, R. Doerman, C. Sabatino, N. Boyd.

7th Grade Intramurals

This year in seventh grade touch football intramurals, eight teams of ninety boys played. The games were held after school from October 1st until October 22nd. The order in which they placed, the teams, captains, and records are as follows:

	W	L	T
1st — Hairs			
D. Bregenzer	7	0	0
2nd — Winners			
R. Piskulich	6	1	0
3rd — Ferg. Terrors			
D. Ayers	4	2	1
4th — Fleetfinks			
D. Daily	3	2	2
5th — Rams			
E. Hill	3	4	0
6th — Bulldogs			
J. Mannino	2	4	1
7th — Dragsters			
G. Brunner	1	6	0
8th — Blitzs			
B. Snyder	0	7	0

Mike Moore of the Hairs was the top scorer this season with 30 points.

Freshmen Run Against Sophs

In an invitational Freshman-Sophomore cross country meet on the campus of the St. Louis Branch of Missouri University on November 3rd our Ferguson Comets did very well for ninth graders. Here is how we placed individually out of over 100 students:

40 — Leezer
41 — Wolfmeyer
42 — Lewis
43 — McGrath
46 — Brown
53 — Hogland
55 — Burton

Out of some 15 schools both senior and junior highs Ferguson ranked 10th, and 1st among ninth graders. McCluer's Sophomores took first, second, eighth, ninth, tenth and seventeenth. They also came in first as a team among all the schools. Their team included some boys who were members of the Ferguson Junior High cross country team last year.



Seventh Grade Touch Football Champions, "The Hairs" are top row, l. to r.: J. Maurer, D. Bregenzer, E. Case, J. Krueger, A. Wall, G. Canup, T. Wilson. Bottom row: M. Notorangelo, M. Smith, D. Goodman, B. Finkelstein, D. Russell, M. Moore.

Comets Finish Another Season Undefeated With 5-0 Record

Ferguson Junior High School ended its 1964 football season undefeated and untied with a record of five victories, no ties and no defeats.

The Comets capped their season Friday, October 30th. with a 20-6 victory over Hazelwood Junior High. They earlier downed Riverview East Junior High 33-0, Hanley Junior High (University City) 19-0, Normandy Junior High 25-0 and Ritenour Junior High 25-0. Some forty boys gained considerable experience as teamwork paid off for the Comets throughout the season.

This year's team scored a total of 122 points and had only 6 points scored against them in five games.

The following boys won letters:

Jack Bouldin (co-captain)	Tony Gschwender (co-captain)	Gerald Pesek
Larry Brawley	John Kasten	Jim Pohtes
Steve Courtois	Bill Krueger	Barry Rinderknecht
Don Dunlap	Mike Kruske	Chuck Richards
Gene Fluri	Larry Kurtz	Kevin Roberts
Ron Gabbard	Ron Lester	Jim Schmuck
Jim Gerding	John Michel	Rich Spillenkothen
Phil Gruling	Steve Miller	Wayne Stephenson
	Doug Nieberding	Dale Warner
		Jack Young

The following players won patches:

Gerald Austin	Rich Christman	Bill McGowan
Mike Balisle	Ritchie Gorczyca	Ron Meldrum
Larry Blair	John Heidel	Jim Wallace
Bob McConaghy	Ben Wilson	Don Wilson
Mark Freeman		

The three team managers, Alan Vandiver, Tim Reeves and Dennis Bradford all received letters.

The members were evaluated by the coaches according to:

- 1 — Amount of game participation.
- 2 — Contribution to teams during practices and games.
- 3 — Self improvement.
- 4 — Attitude, effort and cooperation displayed at practices and games.
- 5 — Attendance and promptness at practices and games.
- 6 — Sportsmanship and good citizenship.
- 7 — Academic status.

Gridmen Defeat Hawks 20-6 For 5th Win

Although the Comets won, the single touchdown scored by Hazelwood in the last game of the 1964 season destroyed Ferguson's unscored-upon record. The Comets dropped the Hazelwood Hawks by a score of 20-6.

The action started by Jack Bouldin, Ferguson's tackle, kicking the ball a short distance to Hazelwood who fumbled the ball, allowing Ferguson to recover. The Comets were however, unable to score and were forced to hand the ball over to Hazelwood.

Hazelwood was able to gain a first down but they were then made to punt to Ferguson who fumbled the ball. Hazelwood then quickly recovered the ball on the Ferguson 10 yard line. Hazelwood could not force their way through the Ferguson line and ended up handing the ball back to Ferguson on the Comet's own 20 yard line. Ferguson did not better this time than they had before and had Jack Bouldin punt which ended the first quarter.

In the second quarter the ball was in Hazelwood's possession. The Hawks were forced to punt however. Steve Miller received the ball on the Ferguson 20 yard line. Then Barry Rinderknecht and Kevin Roberts both made 1st downs. Barry was able to run to within 1 yard of the goal line on a hand-off play before being pushed out of bounds and then he was able to make the touchdown on the next play. He also went over for the extra point.

Hazelwood received a kick from Jack Bouldin on their own 32 yard line. They made their way to the Ferguson 48 yard

Girls' Sports

If you happen to see any girls limping in the halls with bruised legs, you know they must be 9th grade girls who have been playing hockey. The hockey and soccer seasons were completed the second week of November. The girls took their tests and now have their test grades.

They have now started playing basketball. For all you athletic minded girls, basketball intramurals will be started within 3 or 4 weeks. All classes will be included in this program. More intramural information will be printed later.

line before the quarter ended.

Miller received the ball for Ferguson on our 33 yard line. Two first downs allowed the Comets to get within reach of the Hazelwood goal. Kevin Roberts went through on a hand off play for Ferguson's second TD. Barry Rinderknecht made the extra point.

The Hawks then took the ball on their own 37 yard line on a kick by Jack Bouldin. On their fourth down Hazelwood punted to Jim Schmuck who ran 35 yards before being tackled on the Hazelwood line for Ferguson's final score. The attempted kick was unsuccessful.

Hazelwood received the kick on their 15 yard line. After getting off a successful pass play Hazelwood went from the Ferguson 25 yard line for the single touchdown scored against our Ferguson Comets during the course of the entire season.

This was the last touchdown and there were no more outstanding plays except a fine pass interception by Ron Gabbard on Ferguson's 30 yard line.

Outstanding players of the game were Jack Bouldin, Kevin Roberts, Barry Rinderknecht, Wayne Stephenson, Jim Schmuck and Ron Gabbard.

BASKETBALL

SCHEDULE

Friday, December 11	4 p.m.
Hazelwood (*PM), there	
Friday, December 18,	4 p.m.
Normandy, Here	
Friday, January 8, 1965	4 p.m.
Riverview East, Here	
Friday, January 15,	4 p.m.
Riverview Central, There	
Friday, January 22,	4 p.m.
Hanley, Here	
Friday, January 29	4 p.m.
Brittany, There	
Friday, February 5	4 p.m.
Hazelwood (*AM), Here	
Friday, February 12	4 p.m.
Ritenour, Here	
Tuesday, February 16	4 p.m.
St. Charles, There	
Friday, February 19	4 p.m.
Holman, There	
February 23 - 26 1965	
9th Grade Basketball Tournament, Here	
* AM & PM refers to the shifts at Hazelwood.	

WRESTLING SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 3	4 p.m.
Brittany, Here	
Monday, December 7	4 p.m.
Hoech, Here	
Thursday, December 10	4 p.m.
Riverview Central, Here	
Monday, December 14	4 p.m.
Normandy, There	
Thursday, December 17	4 p.m.
Coolidge, Here	
Thurs., January 7, 1965,	4 p.m.
Prater, Here	
Tuesday, January 12	4 p.m.
Hazelwood (*AM), There	
Thursday, January 14	4 p.m.
Coolidge, There	
Tuesday, January 19	4 p.m.
Hazelwood (PM) Here	
Thursday, January 21	4 p.m.
Riverview East, There	
Wednesday, January 27	4 p.m.
Ritenour, Here	
Friday and Sat. January 29 & 30	
Ferguson-Florissant 9th Grade Tournament at Florissant	
* AM&PM refers to shifts at Hazelwood.	



Barry Rinderknecht races for a touchdown in the Hazelwood game