

# TORCH

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## Choir, Glee Club Perform Vespers

A crowd of approximately 500 attended the annual Ferguson Junior High Vespers, Sunday, December 12th. It began as the choir, under the direction of Mr. McCormack, sang "Adeste Fideles" and the candles were lit. The candlelighters were Dennis Teepe and Craig Cook. After that the choir sang "Cantate Domino" by Pitoni and the "Gloria" by Vivaldi. Gayle Placial was the accompanist. They were followed by the Girls' Glee Club, directed by Miss Lampert, singing "In David's Town", with Barbara Patient as soloist. "Break Forth O Beauteous Light" by Bach, "Ave Verum" by Saint Saens, "Bring a Torch Jeanette, Isabella," (a French Carol), "At Eventide It Shall Be Light," and "Sing Gloria" by Katherine Davis. Gail Crawford was the accompanist. Then the Madrigal Singers sang "Psallite-Praetorius," "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" by Praetorius, "The Old Year Is Fled" (Greensleeves) and "Deck the Halls." The choir then finished the program with "Fairest Lord Jesus" (Rick Knight and Jane Mansfield, soloists), "The Nightingale" by Tchaikowsky, "Lute-Book Lullaby" by Friedell, "Jacques Come Here," "Patapan" and "Carol of the Bells."

The candles were extinguished as the choir sang "The Vesper Hymn."

## Guidance News

The Guidance Department has just announced that ITED tests, taken at the beginning of the year by 9th graders have been returned from the state testing. After the holidays conferences can be arranged to reveal how well you did on the test and also to discuss high school plans.

Ninth graders, also after the holidays, will take the Kuder Preference Test in their Citizenship classes. Students who took citizenship in summer school will be allowed to take the test home and do it there.

The main activity at the present time is interviewing eighth graders who have requested in-

Pinterviews.

## Art Department Sponsors Open House

Open House, sponsored by the Art Department, was held December 15 for parents of the Art students. One of the main attractions was the Christmas Village, the theme of which was Gloucester, Massachusetts. The village consists of six houses, which are replicas of the houses still standing in Gloucester. There are two stores, Tin and Wares and The Antique Flower Shop, and also the Old Mill Works. The Log Cabin on display has its interior and exterior decorated. Last but not least is the wharf area where the ship the "Speedwell" is located.

Carolers from the Music Department were provided as an extra for the guests.

The students had many projects on display. The ninth graders had some of their American block prints, paintings, and antiqued flowers. Hand crafted Christmas cards were done by the eighth graders. The seventh grade room was decorated by their projects which were given to their parents.

The Home Ec Classes prepared cakes and Yuletide punch for the guests.

Thursday, the day after the Open House, a baking contest was held, boys against girls. The articles were judged and most of them were eaten during class time. The best ones were served at the teachers party held after school.

## Homerooms Make Cheerboxes

This month Ferguson Junior High is spreading Christmas cheer by making CHEER BOXES. They are being made by the homeroom classes of Mr. Chronister, Mrs. Garden, Miss Grossman, Mr. Jones, Mr. Kavanaugh, Mrs. Mennerick, Mrs. McCollum, Mr. C. Meyer, Mrs. Murphy, and Miss Pope.

These boxes contain a washcloth, soap, a toothbrush, toothpaste, a comb, a ball point pen, a handkerchief, a joke-book, and

## Students Attend Christmas Dances

### Quintet Plays For Assembly And Demonstrates Instruments

Informing students about brass instruments by demonstrating and answering questions was the assembly presented by the Saint Louis Symphony Brass Quintet on November 29. Don Stolz and Vern Cresslear, trumpets; Kaid Friedel, French horn; John MacNulty, tuba; and Mel Jernigan, trombone, played several pieces as well as demonstrated their instruments.

"King's Fanfare" by des Pres opened the program after which followed introductions and a trumpet demonstration. That all brass have three things in common; a mouthpiece, tubing, and a bell, was explained.

The brass ensemble then played "Die Bandelsagerlied," a German song, and "Canzona #2" by Gabrieli. This last piece used different instruments playing the theme one after another which produced an echo effect.

In the French horn demonstration, the instrument was compared to a rubber hose with a mouthpiece and funnel on the other end. Surprisingly, it played.

"Three Intradas" by Pezel and a trombone demonstration were next on the program. On the more modern side, "Waltz" by Harris intermixed with a fox trot was presented.

The largest instrument of the quintet is the tuba. Usually the tuba is associated with an "oom-pa-pa" rythm but it is also used fluidly.

The question and answer session resulted in FJH students learning more about the brass instruments. Such questions as these were asked: "Can you play a scale by moving the position inside the bell of the French horn?, How many feet of tubing are there in a tuba? Are there mutes for tubas?, and How is the tubing on brass instruments shaped?" The answer to Pat Lowrance's question, 'How heavy is a tuba?', was answered by letting her go up on the stage and hold it.

The finale, "This Old Man" arranged by Nagel, ended the musical moment.

a puzzle. They are distributed by the Red Cross to needy children overseas at Christmas.

TIMBER! If you were one of the persons caught under the many falling Christmas trees, then you were at the eighth or ninth grade dance.

After a discouraging start, ticket sales picked up, and Friday, December 10, it was obvious the dances that afternoon and evening were to be a roaring success as hundreds of students joined in the fun. As the eighth graders walked into their dance after school at four o'clock, they entered a green wonderland. There were green streamers that stretched from bleachers to the bleachers forming a green ceiling. There were green Christmas trees, green table cloths, green, green, green. The only contrast to the green decor was the psychos who turned out to be red hot.

Walking into the ninth grade dance on the same day we feasted our eyes on the same decorations only the quality of them had changed. The DuTones were the band at this dance and their sound was great.

Attendance prizes given at both dances were pink or white stuffed poodles and Kingsmen and Beach Boy record albums. At the ninth grade dance Pam Bronson and Dave Harting showed their dancing talent.

We would like to thank the Student Council for the work they put into the dance and the students for the school spirit they have shown.

## Miss Hanley Speaks At Meeting

"Sex Education for the Adolescent" was the title of the talk and discussion given by Miss Helen Manley, a recognized authority on social hygiene. The PTG meeting was held on Dec. 14 at p.m.

Before the program began, Mr. Eugene Knight sang "Silver Bells" and "The Christmas Song" to bring in the Christmas spirit.

Miss Manley then spoke to the parents and showed a film on "The Physical Aspects of Puberty."

Refreshments were served in the cafeteria after the discussion.

## Library News

Mrs. Spellmeyer is the new temporary assistant to Mrs. Ehrlich. She helps with book processing and orders.

The library is proud to say it has already received 750 new books this year.

The library has had a festive air with a tree and bulletin boards decorated for Christmas.





A few of the 9th grade Art Students are shown in front of the Antique Flower Shop which is part of the Gloucester Village Art Display in the west building. Standing, left to right, Brenda Ellis, Jane Williams, Karen Williams, Pat Fox, Joyce Bierman. Sitting, l-r, Bernie Brader, Lindy Brown and Nancy Bunte.

### Madrigal Singers Go Caroling

Our Madrigal Singers joined in the Christmas spirit by caroling at Clayton Inn for the St. Louis Carolers Association on Monday, December 22.

Their selections included the songs they sang in the Vespers and also a few familiar Carols such as "Silent Night" and "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

Also on Tuesday of this week the Madrigal Singers sang at the Ferguson Methodist Church. The program was the same as at Clayton Inn.

All proceeds from their caroling will go to help the needy people in and around greater St. Louis.

### Christmas Groups Sing At Three Assemblies

Choir, Girls' Chorus and Madrigal gave three Christmas assemblies for students on Wednesday, December 22. They were third hour for the seventh grade, fifth hour for the eighth grade, and sixth hour for the ninth grade.

All three groups sang most of the selections they sang in the Vespers, with the exception of a few pieces.

### Yearbook Staff Takes Tour

The yearbook staff toured the American Yearbook Company plant in Hannibal, Missouri, on December 6. The purpose of the tour was to see the different ways of putting yearbooks together. Mr. Chancellor, Brenda Brightwell, Kathy Mahler, and Kathy Vanderkraats were accompanied by Mr. Combs, the American Yearbook representative for the St. Louis area.

Our yearbook is under con-

## Exchange News

### Sloppiness vs. Neatness

Taken from **The Jarrett Broadcaster**, Jarrett Jr. High, Springfield, Missouri.

Most teenagers do not realize the value of a good appearance on the road to success. Nearly 90% of the promising jobs in America require neat dress and careful personal grooming.

Too many teenagers think they can wait a few years to start dressing neatly. They haven't tried to break a strong habit. Being "sloppy" is a hard habit to break with the younger generation.

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### A Coach's Sing Along Survey

Taken from **Plymouth Rock**, Plymouth Jr. High, Webster Groves, Missouri.

"Make it easy on Yourself"  
Only do 50 push-ups this time.

"Catch Us If You Can"  
We ran in the shower

"We Got to Get Out of This Place"

The Windows are closed in the locker room.

"Midnight Hour" is when basketball practice lets out tonight.

"California Girls" can do more push-ups than you bums can.

"Where the Action Is"

When the hot water goes off in the showers.

sideration to be a sample yearbook for other companies to copy.

## Class and Club Clippings

### Art Classes

Since the completion of the Christmas Village, art students have been busy with projects to be displayed at the Open House. The eighth graders have been working on Christmas card prints. The ninth graders have been working on American prints. Seventh graders have been finishing some projects which will be given to their parents.

With the permission of the Student Council the art students created and executed the Christmas decorations in the main hall by the office.

### Pep Club

Plans for the forthcoming wrestling tournament and for the making of a banner, were discussed at the meeting on Monday, December 6th. Since few students came to the meeting, Miss Kilgore asked if they still wanted a Pep Club.

Members are urged to attend the meetings and the games. At the games they should wear their colors, sit together in a section, and YELL!

### Standings of Boys Bowling League

1—Carpet Baggers	
2—Play Boys	
3—Funny Bunnies	
4—Bulldogs	
5—Lucky Strikes	
6—Ninkempoop Duds	
Boys Hi Average:	
Bernie Brador	146
Bob Carr	148
Boys Hi Three:	
Bernie Brader	519
Mark Thalhammer	510
Boys Hi Single:	
Mark Thalhammer	230
Barry Wall	223

### Standing of Girls Bowling League

1—The Go-Go Girls	
2—Pussy Cats	
3—The Bunny's	
4—Gutter Girls	
5—Muff-outs	
6—Paul Revere & Raiders	
7—Unknowns	
8—Knockouts	
Girls Hi Average:	
Fairel Brauch	118
aDna Rees	119
Girls Hi Three:	
K. Carnahan	483
K. Gilda	396
Girls Hi Single:	
K. Carnahan	187
K. Gilda	165

### French Club

Students in the French Club have now tasted a bit of France at a Taste Party held December 8. The members munched and crunched on Gruyere and Roquefort cheese, French Bread, Petits Fours, grape drink and French candies. This was the last meeting before the Christmas holidays.

During the Christmas vacation the club will have their annual Christmas Party, to be held at President Merilee Willman's house on December 30. The members will eat some of the traditional Buches de Noel, cakes that are rolled in the shape of a log, play games and sing French carols.

### Slide Rule Club

In the final meeting of the Slide Rule Club, held on November 29th, members were treated to a test consisting of computation with the slide rule.

After the test, they were all refreshed with a coke.

### Band and Orchestra

The Band and Orchestra have given two more concerts. The first was at LeeHamilton on November 23, and at Griffith School on December 7.

In addition to three pieces the Band has played previously, they have added a Christmas piece called "Of Festive Bells and Ancient Kings." The Orchestra pieces are the same.

### Concert Orchestra

Along with the "A" Band and regular Orchestra, the Concert Orchestra, on December 7, performed in a concert at Griffith Elementary School. Songs played were "A Liltin Latin" and "Farandole."

The next concert will be January 18 at Walnut Grove.

Practices are held Tuesdays after school.

### Aquarium Club

At the last few meetings of the Aquarium Club the members have decided to place an aquarium in the library for the enjoyment of the whole school.

The fish that will be on display will be guppies and platie fish.



## THE TORCH

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## Basketball Team

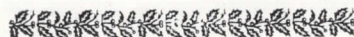
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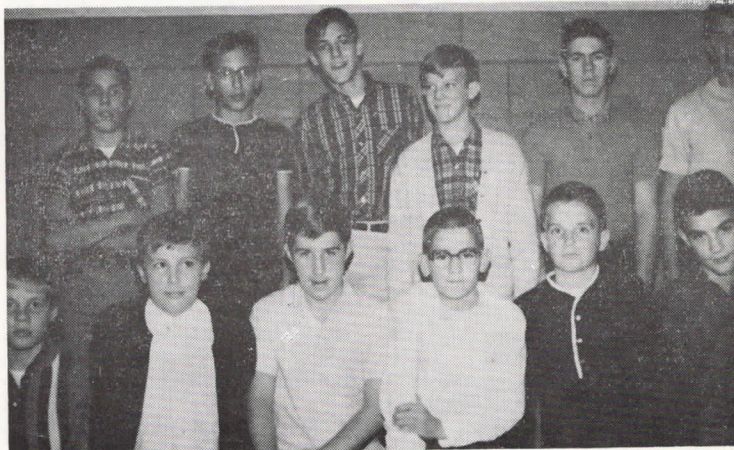
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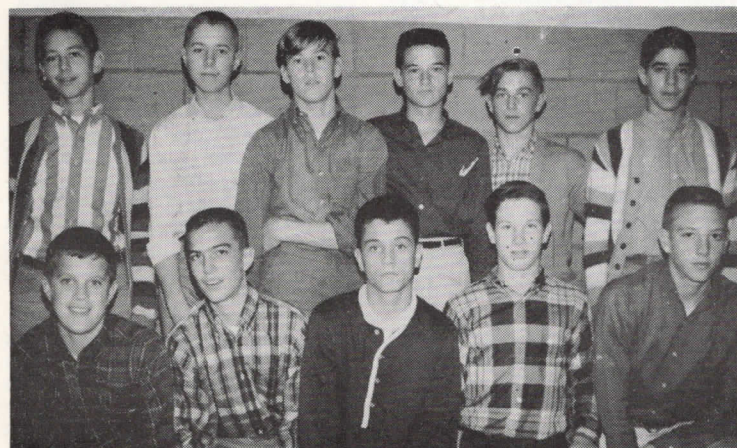
# I N T R A M U R A L S



THE CHAMPIONSHIP 8th GRADE Intramural Football Team, The Hairs, are from left toright, top row: E. Case, J. Fechter, Capt. M. Moore, D. Russel, D. Ayers, and J. Maurer. Bottom row: D. Bregenzer, S. Smith, D. Daily, P. Houghton, R. Haynie.



THE WINNING 7th GRADE Intramural Soccer Team members are top row, left to right: K. Pohtos, M. Lamkemeyer, R. Martin, J. Sneed, B. Leonard, D. Vombey. Bottom row: D. Wocdall, D. Finnazzo, S. Kurtz, J. Moreland, M. McCown, J. Satterly.



MEMBERS OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP 7th GRADE Intramural football team. The Imperials, left to right, top row: K. Mack, K. Pohtos, T. Herberger, B. Beegle, M. Hill. Bottom row, L. Claffy, D. Woodall, D. Jones, P. Chambers, T. Claffy. Captain, K. Pohtos



THE WINNING 8th GRADE Soccer Team members are, top row, left to right, G. Brunner, E. Case, J. Fechter, M. Moore, D. Russel, D. Ayers, J. Maurer. Bottom row: T. Niblett, D. Bregenzer, S. Smith, D. Fehrman, P. Houghton, R. Haynie.



# Wrestling Team Wins 5th Meet

The Ferguson Comets continued their winning streak as they defeated the Riverview Central Sabers by the score of 43 to 3 on December 15.

The Comets managed to get five pins while the Sabers didn't get any. The fastest pins were turned in by Bill Brotemarkle in 1 minute 58 seconds and Alan Montrey in 1 minute 57 seconds.

Wgt.	Name	Result
95	Miller	Won-pts
103	Vandiver	Won-pts
112	Montrey	pin
120	Rubin	Won-pts
127	DeMere	Won-pts
133	Meldrum	Pin
138	Williams	Lost-pts
145	Harting	Pin
154	Boyd	Won-pts
165	Brotemarkle	Pin
180	Anderson	Pin
Hvy	Salemie	Won-pts

## Wrestlers Down Brittany 49-3

The Ferguson Wrestling Comets tromped Brittany in a meet three by a score of 49-3 on December 12th.

The fastest pin of the meet was 2:58, accomplished by Bob Miller.

We took all weight classes with the exception of the 180 pound class. The following boys won their matches:

Weight	Name	Result
95-lbs.	Bob Miller	Pin
103-lbs.	Don Walters	Pin
112-lbs.	Al Montrey	Pin
120-lbs.	Rick Knight	Won-pts
128-lbs.	Al Rubin	Won-pts
133-lbs.	Vic Meldrum	Pin
138-lbs.	Don Williams	Pin
145-lbs.	Donn Hohengarten	Pin
154-lbs.	Dave Harting	Won-pts
165-lbs.	Bill Brotemarkle	Pin

## Ferguson Scalps Prather Chiefs For Second Win

In the second meet of the 1965-66 wrestling season the Ferguson Junior High School Comets trounced the Prather Chiefs from Granite City by an overwhelming score of 52-0 at a meet in Granite City.

The near perfect meet for our wrestlers was the result of 8 boys winning on pins which are 5 points each and four winning on a point decision for 3 points each.

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95	Miller	Won-pts.
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112	Montrey	Pin
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127	DeMere	Pin
133	Meldrum	Pin
138	Williams	Pin
145	Hohengarten	Won-pts
154	Boyd	Pin
165	Brotemarkle	Pin
180	Anderson	Pin
Heavy	Salemie	Won-Pts

## MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

180-lbs.	Steve Anderson	Lost-Pts
Hvy	Bernard Salemie	Pin



# SPORTS NEWS

## Wrestling Team

1965-1966

Dwain Akins	John Beeman
Jim Bonebrake	Bill Brotemarkle
Nicky Boyd	William Broyles
William Cole	Dennis Cook
Stephen DeMere	Ricky Frederickson
John Finn	Randall Guenther
Patrick Harper	David Harting
Donn Hohengarten	Gary Largent
Richard Knight	Victor Meldrum
Robert Miller	Charles Mitchell
Alan Montrey	Alan Potts
Alan Rubin	Bernard Salemie
Tom Schultz	Teddie Smith
Peter Schwierjohn	Roger Statler
Martin Sobelman	Millard Vance
Dennis Vandiver	Don Walters
Donald Williams	Everett Williams

## Comets Defeat Normandy

By a score of 46-7 the Comet wrestling team defeated Normandy in a meet held here on December 13.

Al Montrey, Don Williams, Pat Harper, and Bernard Salemie pinned their men in the first period as the Comets won their fourth in a row.

Weight	Name	Result
95-lbs.	Miller	tie
103-lbs.	Walters	won-pts
112-lbs.	Montrey	Pin
120-lbs.	Knight	Pin
127-lbs.	DeMere	Pin
133-lbs.	Bonebrake	Lost-pin
138-lbs.	Williams	Pin
145-lbs.	Harting	won-pts
154-lbs.	Boyd	won-pts
165-lbs.	Brotemarkle	Pin
180-lbs.	Harper	Pin
Hvy	Salemie	Pin

## Comets Walk Over Holman

By defeating the Holman Jr. High Panthers 46-6 in their gym, the Ferguson Junior High Comets picked up their first wrestling victory of the season on December 6.

The Comets won on pins in every match except four. The quickest pins were by Don Williams in 33 seconds and Bob Miller in 34 seconds.

Weight	Name	Result
95	Miller	Pin
103	Walters	Lost-pts
112	Montrey	Lost-pts

## Girls' Sports

The clicking and clacking of hockey sticks has ended and the results of the girls' hockey intramurals are as follows:

1st Defenders, Lynn Viehmann Captain, Joan McGrath, Pam Weisbrod, Carol Russo, Jane Williams, Janice Roth, Rosemary Osborn, all with perfect attendance and Susan Hackett, Pat Sweeny, Sally Janish, and Jo Ann Dickerson.

2nd Cockey Hockey Team, Cecily Hutchison, captain.

3rd Harte's Hockey Team, Judy Harte, captain.

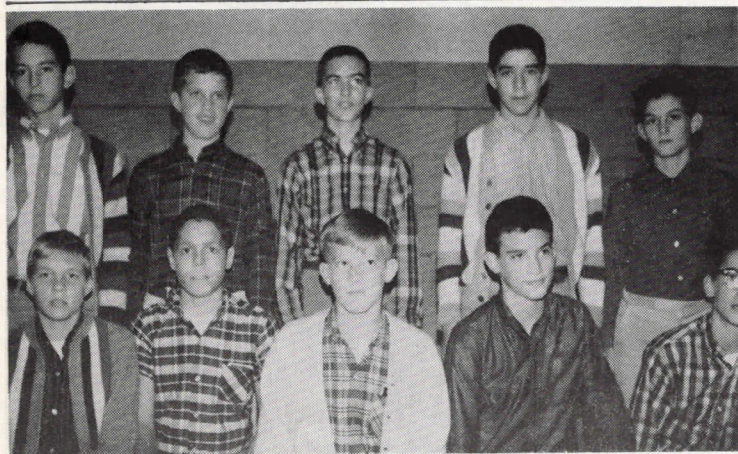
"I was very pleased with the enthusiastic and fine turnout for hockey," Miss Jerzewiak said. "We had a lot of good, sturdy players in spite of Cheryl Williams' bruised index finger and Jo Ann Dickerson's swollen lip. Our compliments to Pam Weisbrod, who improved greatly, Cecily Hutchison, whose outstanding enthusiasm kept her team inspired. Some of the best offensive players were Ruthe Ingerson, Cheryl Williams and Rosemary Osborn with Toy Barger as a good defensive player."

Due to good weather, hockey was played until the first part of December. The only remaining thing is to choose the stars from the teams for intramurals awards, which will be awarded at the end of the year for participation in the four major sports. These are soccer for the 7th and 8th grade and hockey for the 9th grade, basketball, volleyball, and softball for all grades. To qualify for an intramural award it is required that you participate in all four sports. Awards will not be based on the team winning first place, but instead on the value of the players to the team and regular attendance and participation.

In the 7th and 8th grade bombardment the 8th grade beat the 7th grade and will challenge the 9th grade.

The next sport is basketball and since the gym will be used for various other activities during December, teams will be organized before the Christmas holidays but games will not begin until after the first of the year.

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127	DeMere	Pin
133	Meldrum	Pin
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8th GRADE BADMINTON DOUBLES Championship, top row, left to right: E. Case and D. Bregenzer. TABLE TENNIS Champions, S. Smith and J. Maurer. S. Smith was also singles champion in badminton and table tennis and T. January, free throw champion. Bottom row: 7th GRADE BADMINTON DOUBLES Champions, D. Woodall and K. Pohtos. TABLE TENNIS singles champion, J. Sneed. J. Saterly, singles badminton champion and J. Treat, free throw champion.