

## Drastic Changes For R-2 If Levy Fails Once More

Because of a failure to meet a 2/3 majority, the tax levy, which obtained a 60% majority vote, failed once again to pass on Tuesday, April 6th. The vote was for a 29c tax increase for the schools. The failure means that there will be some changes if the increase again fails when it is put up once more in a special election on the fourth of May. This time the increase will be 34c and will go for hiring new and keeping old teachers and keeping classes a reasonable size as the schools make way for many more students next year.

There will be no book fees next year if it passes and also at least 6 other things will be changed to make up the shortage.

1. The bus riding boundary will be moved from a mile to a mile and a half.
2. The book fee will be raised to \$15.00 for each junior and senior student
3. A material fee of \$4.00 for each elementary pupil will be charged.
4. There again will be no kindergarten.
5. All junior high athletics will be cancelled.
6. All non-instructional activities and use of the school buildings by outside organizations will be discontinued.

**MR. NIEHAUS ILL**  
Mr. Niehaus, principal, has suffered a mild coronary attack and will be in DePaul Hospital for an indefinite time. He is however, resting well and recuperating nicely.

## Three Students Tour Taum Sauk

Taum Sauk Pump-Storage Hydro Plant was visited by Larry Kurtz, Richard Christman, Walter Parker, and Mr. Essmann, their biology teacher, on Saturday April 24.

The tour was sponsored by Union Electric. The group of biology students from the St. Louis area left Northland Shopping Center at 7:00 in the morning. They rode in five buses. They arrived at the power plant at about 2:00 in the afternoon, after stopping at Fort Kaskaskia State Park, in Illinois for doughnuts and milk and at Ironton, Missouri for lunch, all furnished by Union Electric.

After arriving at Taum Sauk, the students were lectured about the function of the station and then were taken on a tour of the upper reservoir, where water is stored, and then through the entire generating plant. The tour continued on past the lower reservoir and the dam on the East Fork of the Black River. Taum Sauk itself is located about 10 miles from Hogan, Missouri, and 10 miles from Lesterville, Missouri in Annapolis County.

## Student Council News

The Student Council has been busy lately, working on the Spring Dance. Finally a date has been set and the plans about finished. The dance will be from 7-10 on May 7th and will cost 75c for both 8th and 9th graders. The Astronotes will play. They are a ten piece band, which includes two guitars and drums. The theme this year is "Paris in the Spring".

## Miss Gagnepain Joins Peace Corps

"I truly believe that the Peace Corps is serving a very important and worthwhile cause."

This was Miss Gagnepain's feelings about joining the Peace Corps. She will have three months of training this summer before she will become a Volunteer and be accepted for overseas duty. From there she will go to Chile for 27 months where she will teach piano and music in a university.

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# TORCH

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## ★ Honor Roll ★

### THIRD QUARTER

#### Ninth Grade

Rich Spillenkothen  
Joan Walker  
Carol Frost  
Barbara McClure  
Linda Dempsey  
Lawrence Kurtz  
Mary Kuryla  
Lawrence Telle  
Carol Wright  
Sandra Branahl  
Susan Gore  
Rebecca Lewis  
Richard Christman

Dale Yomans  
Nancy Evans  
Aaron Gaskin  
Walter Parker  
Robert Jones  
Kurt Larson  
Elaine Pont  
Connie Scates  
Loretta Kramme  
Karen Reisinger  
Cheryl Tuckett  
Jeannine Barnett  
Gary Behle

Barbara Dipaola  
Linda Lott  
Lee Maddox  
Joanie Pfeifer  
Mary Schmedeke  
Brenda Smith  
Patricia Babbitt  
Kathy Olson  
Susan Schwendener  
Cathy Tschannen  
Christine Clooney  
Kathy Reber

#### Eighth Grade

Nancy Day  
Debra Lands  
Lynn Trimpe  
Jane Bentley  
Elaine Elliott  
Ronald Thompson  
Patricia Garrett  
Judith Harte  
Jeanne Fischer  
Deborah Persels  
Deborah Rose  
Patricia Scott  
Phyllis Hansell  
Doris Trefny  
Janice Crader  
Sandra Dempsey  
Joyce Fiedler  
Nicholas Giordano  
Patricia Godfrey

Ann Livingston  
Catherine Maddox  
Norma Bauer  
Romona Millican  
Robin Armbruster  
Donita Latta  
Barbara Garvey  
Linda Hogan  
Thomas Satterly  
Donna White  
Charlotte Stevens  
Randall Doerman  
Donn Hohengarten  
Thomas Wallace  
Juanita Williams  
Cathy Carpenter  
Jane Mansfield  
Carol Russo  
Rebecca Bruder  
Karen Herbst

Michael Skeen  
David Cartwright  
Christine Chase  
Catherine Cross  
John Finn  
Christy Goodrick  
Marsha Leonard  
Susan McColl  
Carol Sneed  
Carol Waldvogel  
Joe Waltz  
Joyce Bierman  
Barbara Patient  
Donald Walters  
Susan Ameling  
Candace Cromer  
Leslie Moore  
Gwen Pace  
Denise Bussen  
Thomas Dappart

#### Seventh Grade

James Branahl  
Sherry Cooper  
David Fehrman  
Cynthia Fels  
Richard Haynie  
James Maurer  
William Price  
Nancy Alcorn  
Debra Bartelsmeyer  
Daniel Cross  
Richard Gotch  
Janice Adam  
Kenton Cropp  
Elizabeth Foote  
Susan Rogers  
Kristen Roholt  
Mary Thies  
Susan Haddenhorst  
Diana Harrison  
Rebecca Hedrick  
Helen Jezich  
Frances Magill  
Mary Schaefer  
Linda Kress  
Peggy Lewis

Elaine Masson  
Marsha Werle  
Robert Boiles  
Michael Notorangelo  
Pamela Porter  
Patricia Seagraves  
Susan Burns  
Bryan Finkelstein  
Judith Jacobs  
Michael Pyeatt  
Carolyn Apenbrinck  
Marvin Brown  
Gary Canup  
Catherine Eckberg  
Steven Mellis  
Ann Monnig  
Barbara Murkin  
Wayne Rickard  
Kathryn Temme  
Terry Volz  
Julie Wade  
Carol Weiss  
Charlene Kluge  
Randy Rudroff  
Lynne Parsons

Judy Browne  
Mary Moore  
Maureen Roberts  
Linda Balisle  
Connie Cooper  
Martha Cornwell  
Beth Grayson  
Robert Lohr  
David Noatch  
Carol Blind  
Edward Case  
Michael Fisher  
Douglas Goodman  
Terry Niblett  
Linda Rodefelf  
Stephen Sebastian  
Donna Whertvine  
Robert Carr  
Paula Scholz  
Keith Gabbard  
Nancy Roam  
Joanne Shimkus  
Charles Thierheimer  
Alan Wall  
Sandra Wallace

## Exchange Teacher Speaks to P.T.G.

Mr. John Couper, an exchange teacher from Retting, England, spoke to the April 12th PTG about education in England. He said that some of the main differences between U.S. schools and English schools are (1) the government pays 75% of the operational costs (no worry about passing tax levies). (2) and that the students, after taking the 11+ examination, are put into schools according to their academic standards and their rate of academic achievement.

Mr. Couper, who graduated from Oxford, also stated that most of the students who go to a Grammar School, in which he taught, go to college. Their colleges teach a general education for the first two years and then specialize to the degree that, in their last year, the students often have only one or two subjects. He also mentioned that the dropout rate is practically nothing.



## Band, Orchestra Present Spring Music Concert

The playing of our National Anthem marked the beginning of the annual FJHS Band and Orchestra Spring Concert on Tuesday, April 20th.

First on the program to perform were the members of the Concert Band. They played "Horizons West," "Tango For Band," and "Till Eulenspiegel's Merry Pranks." The combined Concert Band and Orchestra then performed "West Side Story Highlights" which included "I feel Pretty," "Maria," and "Tonight."

Next to perform was the Intermediate "A" Band. It is made up of 7th and 8th graders who are in 4th hour band class. At this, their first public performance they played "Death and the Maiden," "Bugle Boy Overture," "Tango Tropical," "Hansel and Gretel Overture" and "Jubilee" which is a medley of spirituals.

Finally as the finale of the concert, the Concert Orchestra performed. Its selection were "Freddie and His Fiddle," "Magic Melodies" including "Falling in Love with Love," "Strange Music," "I'll Follow My Secret Heart," and "The World is Waiting for the Sunrise," "Andantino and Overture," "Park Avenue Hoedown," and "When Johnny Comes Marching Home."

## GUIDANCE NEWS

Eighth and ninth graders have filled out their applications for freshman and sophomore years. Choir classes for future eighth and ninth graders are filled to capacity. Only those who speak to Mr. McCormack will be certain of getting in.

Seventh graders have been checked by the Guidance Office in levels assigned in cooperation with teachers. Next year's seventh graders have been visited and will be assigned to groupings by their teachers and the results of the Iowa Basic Skills Tests.

## Band, Orchestra Perform For Students

Our combined Concert Band and Concert Orchestra performed for the students in an assembly given on April 15, for group B. The Band played "Horizons West," "Tango for Band," "Till Eulenspiegel's Merry Pranks" and "West Side Story Highlights" which included "I Feel Pretty," "Maria," and "Tonight." The orchestra's attractions included "Freddie and His Fiddle," "Park Avenue Hoedown," and "When Johnny Comes Marching Home."

## Buses To Use New Driveway

A real need for safety brought about the new driveway on the west side of the East Building. The buses now enter the campus on the west side and leave at the road on the east. The reason is so that no student has to cross in front of a bus in order to board. The driveway was used for the first time on April 11. Mr. Thies, Transportation Supervisor, has been planning this improvement for about 4 years but it was only seriously considered by the administration last fall. The idea was Mr. Thies' and he said this is the first major safety measure to be taken by Ferguson Junior High.

## Choir, Madrigal Assemblies Given

April was quite a busy month this year for the Choir and Madrigal Singers. On April 22, the Florissant choir, Madrigal and Glee Club came to our school and gave an assembly during the 3rd hour. After the groups did their selections the combined choirs gave their performance. This included "The Sound of Music," and "Verdant Meadows." The Ferguson choir, Madrigal and Glee Club returned the honor on April 30. A few of the works done by the choir were "Madame Janette," "Hi Li Li - Hi Lo," "When Love Is Kind," "Three Hungarian Folk Songs," and "There Is A Lady." The Madrigal did "All Ye Who Music," "He Is Good and Handsome," "Down - a - Down," "Summer Is A-coming In," and "Down In A Flowery Vale."

Also during that week on Wednesday the 28th, the choir and Glee Club went to Ladue for the Suburban Music Festival. On this day the choir sang "Adoramus Christe" by Mozart, "Oh Light Divine" by Archaenglsky, and "Verdant Meadows" by J. S. Bach.

In the month of May on the 4th day the choir and Madrigal will present "An Evening of Music." In this, there will be a solo done by Cindy Burns with the choir. The choir will also do some folk songs and sacred music. The Madrigal will do two French chansons.

## Farmer Takes A Wife

Our school's noted Science Club farmer, Mr. McKinney, has recently taken a bride. On April 11, he married the former Miss Janice Bivens, a second grade teacher at the Lewis and Clark Elementary School. The couple honeymooned in Wisconsin and the Ozarks, visiting the Taum Sauk Mountains on the way.

## Class and Club Clippings

### Science Club

New additions to the Science Club's recent project in the courtyard are several varieties of pine, such as Scotch, Austrian, and White. Also added was a moisture test of bean and carrot seedlings to see how they grow under different moisture conditions.

The members hope soon to be able to make a walkway in the courtyard so that students may come to see the many trees.

### French Club

During the Spring meetings members of the French Club played games like Allup and Lottos. These games build vocabulary and Mrs. Finney awards candy to winners.

At the April 21st meeting, Judy Johns, talked to the group. She spent last summer in Brazil as a foreign exchange student. She showed her slides of the family she stayed with and some beautiful scenery of the nation.

The annual trip by chartered bus to French sites around St. Louis is planned for May 15. The members are anticipating an informative experience.

### Glee Club

This month finds the Glee Club preparing for three performances which include the County Festival, April 28, a concert at Florissant, April 30 and the Spring Concert here, May 4.

Some of the Songs to be performed are "Set Down Servant," a Negro spiritual, "Shule Agra" and "The Drinaun Donn," two Irish folk songs, "Non Nobis Domine," and "Miserere Mei," two Latin songs. The Spring Concert will also include "Ye Sons of Israel," "Deep River," and "No Man is an Island," two popular tunes, and others.

### Home Ec. Classes

Parents, faculty members, administrator's and students were invited to the Fashion Show given by one of Mrs. Lynch's 9th grade home economics classes on Thursday, April 29 during the day. The girls who participated in the Fashion show are: Diane Atwood, Diane Cardwell, Carol Cracchiola, Sheila Faupel, Darlene Farris, Linda Helwig, Debbie Kasten, Brenda King, Mary Ann Malloy, Donna Pretak, Debbie Seger, Dona Tye, Sharon Woodrome, Kathy Woodworth.

The theme of the show was "Spring Magic." The girls modeled the spring clothes that they made in home ec. classes.

They gave five shows throughout the day.

### Projection Club

The A.V. Club has been busy rounding up people to work in the A.V. room. Now they have enough people to cover each hour of every day. This means that no matter when you need something from the projection room there will be someone there to help you find what you want.

They have also had an election of officers. At one meeting they voted to combine the offices of president and vice president. Our new president, filling both offices, is Steve Taksal. Carol Sneed remains secretary.

### Spanish Club

Jose, a boy from Peru, was the speaker of the March meeting of the Spanish Club. He told of the geographical regions, some history, and the customs of his people. Before he arrived, the group played a new game, invented by Mrs. Garden, called "Scrabbellito."

At the April meeting a film was shown which told the highlights of the tourist industry of the peninsula of Mexico.

Judy Johns, senior at McClure, spoke at a special meeting held with the French Club, on April 21. She lived in Brazil last summer. She showed slides of her visit there.

The Spanish Club is now planning a Pinata Party to be held at the last meeting in May.

## Typing Students Enter Contests

Mrs. Jeffares' first year typing students were given an opportunity to be in a district typing contest on April 10. Mrs. Jeffares picked 14 or 15 of her students who she thought would do well on the contest and then after studying these students chose 3 to represent FJHS at Hancock High School in the novice speed and practical typing. The girls were Donna Combs, Kathy Olson, and Becky Lewis. They were competing against high school students from all over St. Louis. Donna was unable to go, Becky took second place in the practical typing contest and therefore she was eligible to go to the state contest at Columbia, Missouri.

Becky Lewis entered the state contest but didn't win any award. It was a great honor to have our school represented in this contest with pupils from high schools all over Missouri.

Why do elephants have wrinkles on their legs? Because their tennis shoes are tied too tight.



## — TORCH BOX —

Dear Torch Box,

Why are there so many yellow lines behind the school, where the buses load? It's hard to remember which ones are which!

All Mixed Up

Dear A.M.U.

You never were very good at map reading, were you?

Dear Torch Box,

I've heard stories that there is not going to be a "Talent Show" this year. I know this is a lot of hard work for the student council and that is not owed to us. But I and a lot of my friends have thoroughly enjoyed the shows in past years. If this rumor is true I hope someone can change their mind. Has it yet been decided?

Poor Talent

Dear Talent

I, too, enjoyed the talent show. But the way things are going it is unlikely that we will have one.

Dear Torch Box,

Why isn't there some kind of shelter between the old and new building, so we don't catch cold. Cold sufferer

Dear Cold,

Do you really think it is necessary to have a shelter and spend all that money building it? We don't even have enough class space as it is and the tax issue failed last month. So, it looks like we all will have to suffer.

## French Classes Have New Practice Teacher

One bright April morning, Mrs. Finney's students came to class to find that Spring had arrived in the form of a new practice teacher, whose name is Miss Nancy Merrick. At present she is completing her studies at Southeast Missouri State College. Her plans for next year are to teach French in Charleston, Missouri.

Miss Merrick has a variety of hobbies which include playing bridge, swimming, camping, knitting, and reading.

## Art Classes

On an all-out "get out and vote" campaign are the Ferguson ninth grade art classes and teachers. The classes have drawn several life-size posters illustrating what might happen if the levy doesn't pass.

The students have also submitted ten paintings to the Red Cross. All are accepted and will be sent to Europe, Asia, and Africa in the next year.

The Art Fair is going to have a Ferguson exhibit, the theme of which will be "America". The exhibitors and their works will be red, white and blue. They will be displayed in front of the M-2 cafeteria of McCluer all day May 8-9.



Above is Debbie Stout modeling her reversible madras and light blue denim wind breaker.

## Custodians Of The Month

This month we have two more custodians for you. Their names are Joe James and Bryan Moyer. Bryan is married and has four children and one grandchild. His former occupation was a farmer in Bardwell, Kentucky. He has been a custodian here 9 years. Every year he plants and cares for a large garden.

Joseph James, who is usually known as Joe, has been here 2 years. He is a father, husband, and a grandfather. He has 3 children and also has one grandchild. He has lived here in St. Louis all his life. He is an ardent Cardinal baseball fan. Previously Joe was a truck driver.



Custodians of the Month: Bryan Moyer and Joe James.

## New Teacher Joins Faculty

Mrs. Jenkins has replaced Mrs. Mansfield as an eighth grade English teacher. This is her first teaching job, but she was a practice teacher in Tennessee in 7th grade English. Mrs. Jenkins enjoys writing short stories and poetry, "but not for publication." She also enjoys sewing and reading, and has a dog that takes up a lot of time. She said she enjoys teaching in the eighth grade.

## Fads 'n' Fashions

This season has brought a whole new fashion revolution. The plain white shoe has been replaced by a whole array of pastel colors. Among the most popular ones are pink, yellow, blue, green and beige. Bows on shoes are great this spring, too.

Popular fabrics are suede, marshmallow and canvas of different colors. Shoe styles are either cut-out or rather high. Instead of the same old traditional styles, there is a vast selection. The tiny purse is completely "in" and large hand bags are strictly "last year".

The popular spring dresses are print baby-dolls, and shifts with painted on accessories. Madras and denim wind-breakers are also coming on the fashion scene.

Even shades of make-up have changed slightly. The chalky or "whitish" lipstick colors have changed to pale pinks and oranges, mocha and beige shades have taken over.

The popular sports wear include outfits of madras shorts with matching surfer shirts and the new white denim zippered ones. Also seen are the everlasting Ann Margaret blouses and cut-offs.

Lace is getting quite a bit of attention this spring. It is being seen on almost everything but shoes, even stockings come in various colors of lace. Sleeves and upper parts of baby doll dresses are in style when they're made of lace. Zippers have changed also and large ones with hooks called industrial zippers are being used on wind breakers, skirts, purses and shifts.

## TILLY TORCH

Dear Tilly,

I have red hair, blue eyes and 'am 5' 2" tall. I like a boy who is in my science class. I would love to have his I.D. ring or bracelet. What can I do to get him to notice me?

Hoping

Dear Hoping,

Play it cool doll, some of us have it and some don't.

Dear Tilly,

I am a freshman and I have never had a real boyfriend or a steady, what can I do?

Always Missed Freshman

Dear Always,

Look in the mirror; you might find out why.

Dear Tilly,

I have a problem telling whether or not this girl likes me. Would you tell me how I would know, without coming right out and asking her because I am bashful.

Bashful

## Seventh Grade Personality

Football, tennis and Mary Dokmo are his hobbies. His birthday is Sept. 3, and he is 12 years old. He is 5 foot 1 with light brown hair and blue eyes. His favorite subject is gym and his favorite teacher is Coach Quigley. If you don't know by now, this month's 7th grade personality is Dave Bregenzer.

## Eighth Grade Personality

Five foot two, eyes of blue, is more than a song to Dickie Mollison. It seems to fit this month's eighth grade personality, Debbie Bergfield. Debbie has blond hair, loves steak and is frequently seen around Dickie. Previously she attended Our Lady of Guadalupe School. Her favorite teacher is Mr. McKinney and her favorite subject is English. Debbie was 13 in February.

## Odds & Ends

April Showers bring

May Flowers

Roses: Greg and Kathy

Posies: Jerry and Robbie

Chrysanthemums:

Sandy and Ron

Apple Blossoms:

Tarry and Elaine

Daisies: Steve and Barb

Pansies: Jim and Phyllis

Johnny-Jump-Ups: John Kluge

Jack-in-the-Pulpit: Jack Young

Venus Fly Trap: Sue Turner

Snap Dragons: Tim and Sheryl

Golden Rod: Barry and Pat

Tulips: Sue and Stuart

Forget-me-nots:

Kathy G. and Dave Mc.

Carnations: Mark and Fairrell

Get Well Flowers: Mr. Niehaus

Gladiolus: John F. and Leslie M.

Petunias: Jane M. and Bill C.

Jonquil: Marta R. and Kevin C.

Honeysuckle: Dick M & Debbie

Corsages: Spring Dance

Narcissus: Persephone & Hades

## Ninth Grade Personality

We're not too sure about this month's personality, — Ronnie Gabbard. He might have been born on March 3, 1950, and attended Central and Howard Schools. He just might be 5'9", have black hair, has brown eyes, and weighs 150 but we are not sure. Ronnie says his hobbies are sports and building model cars. But that shows he lies 'cause everyone knows he has only one hobby and that's Cathy Tschannen! He isn't lying when he says he likes to talk back to teachers, except Coach Haenssler whom he likes best. No one knows for sure but he says he really does like chocolate ice cream. But you never can believe Ronnie!

Dear Bashful,

If she likes you, you will know it!





Dona Rees, Karla Stone, Marsha Peckmann, Judy Beeman and Betty Greig (not shown) win trip to Columbus in Bowling Tournament.

## QUIZITOR

QUESTION: What causes goosebumps?

Chris Roholt: geese  
 Don Russell: when you're chilled  
 Mannie Sanford: being happy and kissed  
 Zelda Le Abernathy: being happy and mad  
 Ronnie Bray: running the track on cold days  
 Chuck Covert: chalk, when teachers write on the board.  
 Steve Shea: when Mr. Katzler yells at you  
 Mr. Essmann: Barbara McClure  
 Mr. McKinney: cafeteria duty  
 Mrs. Masters: looking at my sixth hour class  
 Dale Gilltrap: doing the seal crawl for Coach Haenssler  
 Robbie Greuling: when you kiss a girl for the first time  
 Jim Streiler: sitting on atack in study hall  
 Patty Brightwell: my best girlfriend (N.R.)  
 Mary Moore: when they look in the girl's shower room  
 Victor Vroman: when a bug crawls up your back  
 Jerry Barbero: Steve Demere  
 Steve Cox: class  
 Steve DeMere: taking a hot bath  
 Lois Pellerin: Mr. McCormack's operas  
 Cricket Hill: report cards  
 Barry Morris: riding in Mrs. Brehm's GTO  
 Carol Jeffares: reading one of Shakespeare's excellent works  
 Cheryn Johnson: Neal McCall  
 Everett Lamb: being bit by a goose  
 Dennis Werremeyer: when you come to school  
 Ray Gilliam: scratching fingernails across the board  
 Dave Harting: horse-back riding on goose eggs  
 Ruth Ingerson: a hunchback goose  
 Ruthann Kleberger: when you go outside in the middle of winter wearing a bikini.  
 Mr. Spindler: flying large kites  
 Barbara Levy: when you get report cards  
 Mark Weeks: teachers  
 Marc McFarland: my baby brother standing on my head  
 Chuck King: a goose hitting you with a sewer lid  
 Gary Poggemoeller: a goose hitting you with a sledge hammer  
 Debbie Stout: a squid falling down the back of your blouse.  
 John Austin: cold air  
 Mr. Lager: homeroom (I'm sure he doesn't mean it)  
 Mr. Meyer: funny chill  
 Mrs. Finey: geese  
 Steve Carter: when you get cold

### Bowling Club

With only four weeks left, there is only one game separating the first and second place teams for the boys. The third place team is 12½ games out of second.

Team	Won	Lost
1. Bowl Rites .....	35	13
2. Wild Ones .....	34	14
3. Rolling Pebbles .....	21½	26½
4. Odd Balls .....	19	29
5. Rugged Ones ...	18½	29½
6. Pin Boys .....	16	32

### Boys' High Single

Rick Wedle .....	241
Ralph Rockamann .....	223
Barry Wall .....	202

### Boy's High Average

Ralph Rockamann .....	178
Dennis Wall .....	139
Dennis Lutz .....	139

### Boys' High Three

Ralph Rockamann .....	588
Rick Wedle .....	529
Mike Thalhammer .....	489

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For the girls, two teams are tied for second, three games out of first. The third place team is four games out of second.

Team	Won	Lost
1. Screwballs .....	32	16
2. Luck Strikes ...	29	19
3. Eight Balls ...	29	19
4. Gutter Balls ...	25	23
5. Odd Balls .....	23	22
6. Comets .....	21½	27½
7. Ten Pins .....	19	29
8. Pinspotters ...	15½	29½

### Girls' High Averages

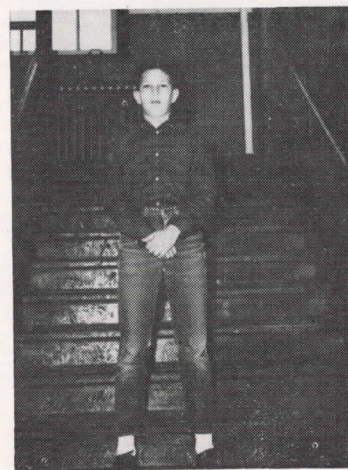
Karla Stone .....	130
Judy Beeman .....	118
Linda Finnerm .....	118

### Girls' High Three

Karla Stone .....	507
Fairel Brauch .....	426
Pam Wing .....	413

### Girls' High Single

Karla Stone .....	188
Judy Beeman .....	175
Pat Holt .....	170



Rick Wedle, 8th grader, Bowler of the Month of March for the St. Louis area in his age group, with a 529 series and a 241 game for which he received a trophy.

## What Will They Give Us?

by Joan Walker

Citizens of Ferguson-Florissant School District were asked to vote for an increase in the tax levy on April 6. There were 7,975 votes cast for this levy and 5,353 against it. This 60% majority looks good when it is placed against our President's 61% "landslide" victory. However, under an ancient, outmoded law, school operating tax rates over \$3.00 require a two-thirds majority.

At first glance it seems unfair that in such a critical matter the minority should rule, but how then can the communities around us maintain fine school systems with spacious classrooms and well-paid teachers? Surely, they too must bow to this law. The answer is simply that those communities realize their responsibility to the children and they care!

The people who voted against our tax levy argue that "I have to pay too many taxes now! I can't afford any more!" The truth is that they cannot afford not to pay this particular tax, but, unfortunately they do not seem to realize this. Arguments that a poor school system is degrading to the community as a whole do not impress them. But what about their own property; their homes and their land? Even if they do not have children a poor school system can hurt them where they seem to least want to be hurt; their pocketbooks. The small cost to the individual of maintaining a superlative school system seems much more sensible, viewed in this way.

The worst part of the entire school crisis, though, seems to be that so many of our own parents did not care enough to vote. There is no excuse for simple negligence. After all, the amount of taxes our parents pay to maintain a school system does not come close to the amount the school system pays to educate just one of us. Parents of more than one school age child are getting, perhaps, the best bargain anywhere.

The only question left then is how we can awaken the adults in our community to the reality they will face when they discover their children getting a poor quality education and their property considered poor-quality by the citizens of surrounding communities where people care. Do you have an answer?

There once was a hair curler that went on a boat trip. Do you know why it was seasick?

No, why?

Because of the permanent wave.



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## Orchestra Proves Boys' Intramural Musical Ability

The members of the FJHS Orchestra tensely awaited the judge's decision at the Orchestra Spring Festival held at Clayton High School on April 6. As Dr. Barnes mounted the platform and read from the notes he had taken during the performance, everyone sighed with relief and relaxed. In seven grading areas, the orchestra was given four A's, 2 B+'s and 1 B. Getting an A in intonation, as the group did, is very unusual for junior high school orchestras.

Also participating in the festival were Wydown (Clayton) Ritenour, Hoech, and Normandy Junior High.

A large part of the orchestra's success was due to its director, Mr. Fred Stacy, as he was very patient with the group during the Tuesday afternoon practices.

The pieces played by the orchestra were "Andantino" and "Overture" by Abel, "Finale" from St. Paul's Suite by Holt and "Johnny Comes Marching Home" arranged by Mateski.

## LIBRARY NEWS

The passing of Book Week (April 24 to May 1) left Mrs. Ehrlich with a big job before her; judging the contest entries.

These contest entries consisted of posters from the 7th grade library cross word puzzles from the 8th grade and the use of reference books to locate material on Shakespearean works by the 9th graders.

There will be book prizes awarded to each of two winners from each grade. The seventh-grade prizes are **Helen Keller**, by Lorena A. Hickok, and **The Secret of Terror Castle**, an Alfred Hitchcock mystery.

The prizes for the eighth grade are Little Women by Lou-

## Girls' Sports

The girls' P.E. classes finished their volleyball season about 2 weeks ago. They completed it with a written test and also skill tests. Also, while they participated in this sport, they also played deck tennis, badminton, aerial darts and cage ball.

The classes are now working on their physical fitness tests. These tests are composed of 7 activities such as pull-ups, sit-ups, and softball throw. The PE instructors hope to finish these tests within 3 weeks so they can go right into softball. If freshman girls want to, they can bring their own tennis rackets and play tennis during the softball games. There will be softball intramurals and all the girls are urged to participate in them. They will be arranged in the same order as the volleyball intramurals; Miss Meyer will have the 7th graders on Monday, Mrs. Fox will be in charge of the Tuesday night 8th grade session and Miss Jerzewiak will have the freshmen on Wednesday after school.

The results of the Volleyball intramurals are as follows:

### Ninth Grade

Team and Captain  
1st — Martinis

Mary Ann Mollo

2nd — Jerome Jerm  
Jackie Barnes  
3rd — Super Servers  
Kathy Benne  
3rd — Jolly Green Giants  
Sue Essock  
4th — 36ers  
Kathy Olson

### Track & Field Results

## 7th Grade

60-yd. dash —	M. Moore	7.5
100 yd. dash —	C. Prater	12.0
220 yd. dash —	M. Moore	27.2
440 yd. dash —	R. Haynie	73.3
880 yd run —	G. Warren	2:33.4
Broad Jump —	M. Moore	14' 8"
High Jump —	G. Brunner	4' 6"
440 Shuttle run		57.3
M. Moore, G. Brunner, J. Maurer, K. Cliver		

## 8th Grade

60 yd dash — D. Williams	7.3
100 yd dash — T. Wolfe	11.5
220 yd dash — T. Wolfe	27.4
440 yd dash — M. Mayberry	64.1
880 yd run — T. Satterly	2:44.0
Broad Jump — S. Poston	15' 4"
High Jump — T. Wolfe	5' 0"
440 Shuttle Run	55.8
D. Akins, D. Williams,	
D. Kasten, T. Wolfe.	

isa May Alcott and Wild Trek,  
by Jim Kijlgaard.

The ninth grade book prizes are **Seventeen** by Booth Tarkington and **Twenty-thousand Leagues Under the Sea**, by Jules Verne.

## MARTINIS —

Mary Ann Malloy, Nancy Driscoll, Mary Kay Wayland, Cheryl Tuckett, Terrie McCarroll, Linda Boetner, Rosalie Finkelstein, Georgina Engelage, Sheila Pappel.

## 8th Grade

Team and Captain  
1st — Watchamacallits  
Becky Squires  
2nd — Jerks  
Cheryl Williams  
3rd — Aphrodites  
Ruthie Ingerson  
4th — Leonard Lions  
Marsha Leonard

WATCHAMACALLITS —

Norma Baurer, Joyce Fiedler,  
Jo Wheeler, Marianne McCuis-  
tion, Marta Rallis, Doris Trefry,  
Becky Squires, Sue McCall,  
Kathy Smith, Pat Scott.

## 7th Grade

Team and Captain  
1st — Unpredictables  
Cheryl Webb  
2nd — Bee-Bop-a-needles  
Karen Gieke  
3rd — Keep-a-lofts  
Jane Fagan  
4th — Servers  
Susan Rogers

## UNPREDICTABLES —

Patty Seagraves, Nancy Statler, Ellen Lester, Sandy Fischer, Mandy Marshall, Linda Bonenberger, Kathy Montrey, Julia Brawley, Linda Bolishe, Judy Browne, Donna Eddings.

## Attention Freshmen Girls

We regret to say that there will be absolutely no swimming this year. If the 8th graders want swimming next year, they should talk to one of the P.E. instructors and see Mr. Ferguson.



The 9th grade girls volleyball team champions are: (1st row) Georgina Engelage, Rosalie Finkelstein, Sheila Faupel, Mary Ann Molloy, Captain; (2nd row) Kay Wayland, Cheryl Tuckett, Terri McCarroll, Linda Boettner. Nancy Driscoll was not present.



# Comets Run By Ritenour For Second Track Victory

Second victim of the track team this year was Ritenour Jr. High by the score of 68-27. The meet was held here on April 23. The results were as follows:

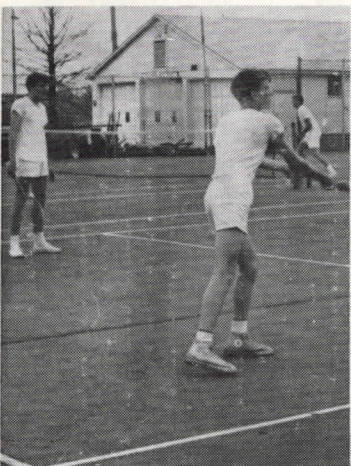
Event	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
60 yd. low hurdles	Kluge	Ritenour	Richards (tie)
100 yard dash	Rinderknecht	Courtois	Kasten
220 yard dash	Kasten	Courtois	Rinderknecht
440 yard run	Ritenour	Lineback	Ritenour
880 yard run	Schmuck	Ritenour	Young
440 yard relay	Ritenour	Ferguson	
Broad jump	Rinderknecht	Pesek	Stephenson
High jump	Kasten	Freeman	Ritenour
Pole Vault	Ritenour	Ritenour	Freeman
Discus throw	Wilson	Gschwender	Pesek
Shot put	Gschwender	Ritenour	Bouldin

## Tennis Team Win First 3-2

Our tennis team seems to have gotten off to a good start this year by winning their first meet of the season against Parkway Central. They won by a score of 3-2 on Ferguson courts on April 21.

Results were as follows:

<b>Singles —</b>	
G. Fluri, won	6-1
D. Dunlap, lost	1-6, 6-4, 1-6
R. Spillenkothén, won	8-6, 6-3
<b>Doubles —</b>	
J. Wallace, & S. James	lost
	2-6, 4-6
B. Kruger & S. Smith	won
	6-1, 6-4



Jim Wallace and Stuart James indoubles action against Parkway Central.

## Tennis Schedule

April 28, Clayton there,	4 p.m.
April 30, Parkway Central	
There,	4 p.m.
May 5, John Burroughs	
There	4 p.m.
May 12, Parkway South	
There	4 p.m.
May 19, John Burroughs,	
Here	4 p.m.
May 17, Clayton, here,	4 p.m.

## BOYS' INTRAMURALS

### 7th Grade Volleyball

The "Hairs", under S. Smith, won all 10 of their games, and were the top offensive team, averaging 15 points a game, and also the top defensive team, with their opponents averaging only 5.1 points. The top servers were J. Branahl and D. Parker, both with the "Baby Dolls." Each scored 28 points.

Team	Won	Lost
Hairs .....	10	0
S. Smith, Capt.		
Warriors .....	6	4
M. Notorangelo, Capt.		
Baby Dolls .....	6	4
S. Sebastian, Capt.		
Supporters .....	5	5
D. Daily, Capt.		
Weeds .....	3	7
M. McFarland, Capt.		
Huggars .....	0	10
J. Mannino, Capt.		

### 8th Grade Volleyball

Winning 18 of their 20 games, the "Ring-a-lings," under D. Harting, were the top offensive team, serving 14.6 points a game. The "Us" were the top defensive team, with their opponents averaging only 7.8 points. The top server was C. Sabatino of the Jayhawks, who scored 59 points.

Team	Standings	Won	Lost
Ring-a-lings .....		18	2
D. Harting, Capt.			
Us .....		17	3
M. Mayberry, Capt.			
Jayhawks .....		13	7
D. Atkins, Capt.			
Rags .....		7	13
M. Sommers, Capt.			
Pick ups .....		4	16
G. Taylor, Capt.			
Underdogs .....		1	19
A. Potts, Capt.			

## Track Schedule

April 30, Hazelwood P.M.	
here	4:00 p.m.
May 6, Berkeley, here	4:00 p.m.
May 11, Hanley, here	4:00 p.m.
May 14, Hazelwood A.M.	
There	4:00 p.m.

## Netmen Win Over Parkway So. For 2nd Victory

Winning again on Ferguson courts by a score of 3-2 were the Comet netmen. The score on April 23, when they played Parkway South, was identical to that of the first meet on April 21st with Parkway Central.

So far, Gene Fluri is the only singles man to have won both his matches. Winning on doubles in both his matches was Bill Kruger.

<b>Singles —</b>	
G. Fluri, won	6-3, 6-1
D. Dunlap, lost	5-7, 0-6
R. Spillenkothén, lost	3-6, 2-6
<b>Doubles —</b>	
D. Warner, won	
T. Nolde	6-1, 3-6, 6-3
B. Krueger, won	
G. Smith	6-1, 6-4

## Ferguson Wins 1st Track Meet

Riverview East became the Ferguson track team's first victim by the score of 69 to 26. The meet was held at Riverview East.

Jim Schmuck ran a tremendous one-half mile in 2:14.4 which was good for his first race.

100 yd dash — (1st) Courtois,	
(2nd) Kasten, (3rd) Rinderknecht.	
220 yd. run — (1) Kasten, (2)	
Rinderknecht, (3) Kluge.	
440 yd. run — (1) Gabbard, (2)	
Owens, (3) Roberts.	
880 yd. run — (1) Schmuck	
(2) Bowles (3) Young	
440 relay — (1) Ferguson	
(2) Riverview	
Broad Jump — (1) Riverview	
(2) Riverview, (3) Pesek	
Pole Vault — (1) Riverview	
(2) Riverview (4) Gorczyca	
High Jump — (1) Kasten	
(2) Freeman (3) Riverview	
Discus — (1) Pesek, (2) River-	
view, (3) Gschwender	
Shot Put — (1) Riverview	
(2) Gschwender, (3) Riv'w	
60 yd. low hurdles — (1) Kluge,	
(2) Richards, (3) Brazil	

## 13 Earn Letters In Basketball

The following boys earned letters for basketball this year, Greg Baker, Steve Miller, Rich Spillenkothén, Kevin Roberts, John Heidel, Jack Bouldin, Ritchie Gorczyca, Wayne Stephenson, Jim Richards, Claudell Fant, Gene Fluri, Barry Rinderknecht, and Dale Warner. Steve Miller and Greg Baker were elected co-captains.

These boys received patches; Bob Case, Guyon Smith, Jerry Boelhauf, John Gannon, and John Kluge.

## Tryouts For New Cheerleaders To Be Held Soon

Tryouts for the cheerleading squad for 1965-66 will be held around the middle of May. Before the tryouts will be four practices, or clinics, under the supervision of Miss Burgess, the cheerleading sponsor, and conducted by the present cheerleaders.

The cheerleaders main responsibilities are to attend all practices and of course to promote good school spirit. It is a time consuming activity; and it is important that girls have good physical fitness. The requirements for all girls trying out will be:

- 1 — Qualifications:
  - (a) 7th or 8th grade girl who will attend FJHS in the 1965-66 school year.
  - (b) Have C or above average. No F's.
  - (c) No unsatisfactory marks in conduct
  - (d) Good citizen both in and out of school.
  - (e) Must follow the rules listed below.
2. — Girls must try out in a small group, not less than 2 or more than 4. You are required to wear dark shorts, a light blouse, tennis shoes and socks. When you have organized a group, you must turn the names into Miss Burgess (room 113) by Friday, May 7. You will get your number May 10, in the gym. Two cheers will be given by each group; B-E-A-T (which is required) and any other cheer of their choice.
3. — Girls will be judged on the following:
  - (a) Poise
  - (b) Actions
  - (c) Peppiness
  - (d) Voice

Points from 0-3 will be given in each category and a girl will make the finals if she has a score of 9 or above.

The remaining clinics will be held on Tuesday, May 4, and Thursday, May 6.

The tryouts will be Wednesday, May 12, for 7th graders; and Thursday, May 13, for 8th graders.

## Girls' Bowling Team Will Go To Columbia

Marsha Peckmann, Dana Rees, Betty Greig, Judy Beeman, and Karla Stone combined for a 5792 six game total to take 10th place in the St. Louis District Bowling Tournament and win a trip to Columbia, Missouri, to bowl in the State Finals to be held May 1st.

They finished only 191 pins out of first place in which a total of 58 teams took part.