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Student Council Camps Out For Weekend of Fun

Mr. Sheridan, co-sponsor of the Student Council, spent Friday, November 5, to Sunday, November 7, with the FJH Student Council members at the YMCA Lakewood Camp for some good, clean healthful fun. The weekend campout was a reward for their services to our 1600 students. The group was also chaperoned by Mrs. Anderson, Miss Burgess, Mr. Fathman, Mrs. Murphy, all of the school faculty and Mr. Mellis, Mr. and Mrs. Branahl, and Mr. and Mrs. Bentley, parents of three of our representatives.

After a marshmallow roast, group singing led by Mrs. Murphy and dedicated to English garbagemen everywhere, and a midnight pillow fight with feathers flying all over the cabins, everyone settled down.

When Mrs. Murphy came the next morning to call the boys to breakfast, she didn't have to say a word. A container of water was tied to the door knob by a string, and it made quite a noise as it fell to the floor, splashing Mrs. Murphy.

A football game, boys vs. girls, in which the boys won, 12-7, and a tug-o-war in which Doug Parker fell into some of what had been left by a horse a few days before were some of the other activities before lunch after which Jane Mansfield distributed the water wings, and the students went out on the lake in canoes for three hours of boating.

Saturday supper was a candlelight buffet with natural decorations. Later, a wiener roast around a great fire with cider featured Mr. Sheridan doing the Charleston. A moonlight party in the mess hall closed out the day as all went to their cabins for some sleep.

Sunday was highlighted by church and then canoe trips in which Miss Pope, Miss Burgess, and Mr. Sheridan tipped over and Ron Thompson was thrown in the lake and came out with

Buy Your VIEW

"It's bigger an' better than ever!" are the words used by the VIEW staff to describe this years upcoming yearbook. It will contain over 72 pages of such things as group shots, individual pictures and over 60 classroom and action shots all for the price of \$2.25! The theme and cover design, however, are being kept secret.

Many more group shots will be taken sometime in December. As of now, the football team, pep club, aquarium club, cross country, and cheerleaders have had their pictures taken. Distribution will occur probably on Bermuda Day during the last week of school.

**BUY Your VIEW Next Week!
Last Chance!**

Guidance News

The guidance office is at the present time busily engaged in interviewing eighth graders about the high school plans they recently filled out. These interviews are done during a study hall, or if one is not being taken, personal interviews may be arranged. After Thanksgiving, conferences with ninth graders will be started concerning their high school plans.

Students receiving two or more bad grades during the past three weeks have also been invited to have a conference. Our guidance counselors also urge that any student who has a question concerning report cards may arrange for a conference at any time.

seaweed hanging from both ears.

The real climax of the trip came when Tom DeGeare hauled down his mentionable unmentionables from the top of the flagpole. As they were being brought down, the group recited the Pledge of Alligiance and sang the "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Finally, the group pulled out at about 2:30 and everyone seemed to have had a great time.

★ 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.

NINTH GRADE

Elaine Elliott
Patricia Garrett
Jane Bentley
Ronald Thompson
Janice Crader
Tom Wallace
Thomas Satterly
Patricia Scott
Ann Livingston
Norma Bauer
Joyce Fiedler
Mary Gordon
Debra Lands
Catherine Maddox
Carol Sneed
Lynn Trimpe
Susan Ameling
Alexis Land
Joyce Bierman
Mary Burleson
Candace Cromer
Jeanne Fischer
Donald Tipton
Carol Waldvogel
James Bonebrake
Lindy Brown
Cathy Carpenter
Nicholas Giordano
Donn Hohengarten
Sandra Dempsey
John Finn
Christy Goodrick
Barbara Lum
Leslie Moore
Deborah Rose
Charlotte Stevens
Judith Harte
Deborah Persels
Belinda Bumpus
Sheryl Curry
Donita Latta
Rosemary Osborn
Judith Woody
Karen Herbst
Jane Mansfield
David Cartwright
William Cole
Brenda Florea
Linda Hogan
Martin Hulbert
Charles Jordan
Charles Kmucha
Gwen Pace
Rebecca Squires
Janice Ulmer
Kathy Vanderkraats
Lynne Viehman
Barry Wall
Jane Williams
Merilee Willman
Barbara Garvey
Jean McKenzie
Ramona Millican
Gail Crawford
Marcia Haley
Margaret Jacobi
Diana Marshall
Mary Newman
James Oakley
Maureen Wilson

EIGHTH GRADE

Gary Canup
Debra Bartlesmeyer
Daniel Cross
Keith Fieldhammer
Linn Bussen
Frances Magill
Wayne Rickard
Sherry Cooper
James Maurer
Ann Monnig
Susan Rodgers
James Branahl
Marvin Brown
Deborah Daussman
David Fehrman
Beth Grayson
Diana Harrison
Peggy Lewis
Julie Wade
Patricia Brightwell
Nancy Statler
Robert Boiles
Deborah Teepe
Kenton Cropp
Richard Haynie
Patricia Seagraves
Cynthia Fels
Catherine Eckberg
James Giedinghagen
Barbara Harkin
Janice Adam
Linda Balisle
Randall Fish
Linda Kress
Steven Mellis
William Price
David Bregenzer
Michael Pyeatt
Bruce Fay
Nancy Roam
Pamela Pecoraro
Susan Burnes
Edward Case
Connie Cooper
Judith Jacobs
Bryan Finkelstein
Martha Cornwell
Elizabeth Foote
Rebecca Hedrick
Helen Jezich
Marc McFarland
David Noatch
Lynne Parsons
Mary Schaefer
Charlene Kluge
Susan Haddenhorst

SEVENTH GRADE

Karen Bannister
Mark Behle
Joy Hoemann
Janet Hudson
Jacquelyn Mellis
Dennis Teepe
Warren Speicher
Gayle Cherekos
Mindy Goodrick
Pamela McColl
Debra Branson
John Brooks
Steven Cartwright
Carole Markley
Pamela Earhart
Nancy Martin
Vivian Stiften
Keith McNames
Roger Youmans
Deborah Altis
Robert Gannon
Christine Taussig
Michael Hughes
George Jost
Julia Bryant
David Russell
Theodore Barklage
Beth Bieser
Kathy Gygax
Deborah Kassebaum
Linda Laramie
Mark Questell
James Sneed
Kathy Taylor
Wanda Boyle
Nancy Buckner
Beth Fish
Karen McNeill
Nancy Miller
Jill Payne
Pamela Smith
Susan Stanfield
Jeffrey Treat
Ricky Upton
Ann Cope
Dennis Simon
Cathleen Cullen
Carol Parker
Melanie Riley
Chris Seyer

Vicki Bock
Richard Gotch
Etta Tate
Terry Volz

P.T.G. Will Hear Talk

"The Physical Aspects of Puberty" will be the topic of the coming PTG meeting. Miss Helen Manley, the speaker, is the Executive Director of the Social Health Association of Greater St. Louis. The program will be held on December 14.

Home Ec Girls See Demonstrations

Aromas of fudge, pie, cocoa, and egg nog filled the hall near the home economics rooms recently. Both the Milnot Company and the Union Electric Company have had demonstrations for the home economics classes.

While making fudge for the ninth graders and instant pie and cocoa for the eighth graders on November 3rd and 4th, Mrs. Helen Pruett, Home Economist for the Milnot Company, mentioned many of the uses of Milnot and the advantages of using it — price and nutritional value. She gave the girls cooking tips about the uses of Milnot.

Near the end of the hour after a sample of Mrs. Pruett's cooking, each girl was given a recipe book and a can of Milnot.

After showing the girls a wide variety of Christmas decorations on November 15th and 16th, Mrs. Susan Travathan of the Union Electric Company made Mexican chocolate fudge and instant egg nog.

To put all the girls into the spirit of Christmas, Mrs. Travathan showed them decorations for the table, door, wall, the Christmas tree, and gift wrapping. Two particularly clever ideas shown were an Advent calendar using a piece of candy for each day, and an all-season apron with buttons on felt figures.

Each girl, given a recipe book, followed the recipe while Mrs. Travathan made the fudge in a teflon-lined electric skillet and the egg nog with the help of a portable electric egg beater.

As bell time neared, Mrs. Travathan said that she saw how worried the girls were because there wouldn't be time for the fudge to cool and revealed a dish of fudge made the hour before. Ah!

Secretary Sees Terror Of Dungeon

Haunting the fifth room of the dungeon is a demon whose presence is a horror to many, the bloody head of a calf, presently the head is an instrument of Professor S-- who uses it in instructing his classes in substitution for a human corpse.

An art instructor who uses the fifth room later in the day, Monsieur S--, upon seeing the bloody mass, informed a secretary to dispose of the head. The following day, the creature was still terrorizing the dungeon. Monsieur S--, enraged, sent a small box to the secretary. When opened, it revealed the eye of the calf.

Music Fills Air In Assembly

Music certainly did fill the air when the students of FJHS sang several songs under the direction of Mr. Charles King on Nov. 11. Ferguson was quite honored to have Mr. King who has performed on TV and in the movie, "Carmon Jones."

After a lively vocal warm-up, which was assisted by Don Ransom, the entire group sang, "If You're Happy and You Know It." We were then privileged to hear Mr. King sing two spirituals. Richard Knight, Sally Litzinger, Ron Thompson, and Carol Waldvogel entertained us by leading the song, "Its Me." The students of Ferguson could have had free lunches the following day had they been able to sing "Rock a' My Soul" correctly, but, unfortunately, the syncopation was too tricky for them.

Judging by the tremendous applause, it seems everyone had a wonderful time at the assembly.

Torch Staff Goes To Conference

This issue of the TORCH should show an improvement resulting from the Junior Journalism Press Conference which many members of the Journalism Class attended. The conference was held at Washington University on Saturday, November 13.

The day was divided into sessions in each of which there were three topics students were to choose from. Jim Kincaide, TV News Commentator, KMOX-TV, Rex Davis, Program Director, KMOX Radio, and other noted people gave such lectures as News Analysis, Writing for Radio, News Writing, The Failing Press, and many others.

A luncheon was served at Wohl Center. During this time, a tour of the campus was conducted.

Contests in the fields of news writing, sports writing, feature writing, and editorial writing were held before the regular sessions. Florissant and Hanley Junior Highs had the greatest number of points in the Junior High division.

Brass Quintet To Present Two Assemblies

A brass quintet consisting of five brass instruments from the St. Louis Symphony, will give two assemblies, one at 1:30 and the other at 2:30 on November 29. The program, arranged for us by Mr. Stacy, our band and orchestra director, will be approximately forty minutes long.

Class and Club Clippings

Concert Orchestra

A concert with a brief demonstration performed by the Concert Orchestra along with the Band and Orchestra, was held at Bermuda Elementary School on November 9. The Concert Orchestra played "Liltin' Latin."

The next concerts will be held November 23 at Lee-Hamilton, and December 7 at Griffith. "Liltin' Latin" and possibly "Farandole" will be played by the Concert Orchestra.

Creative Writing Club

Is Mrs. Murphy complimenting or criticizing when she says that material coming from the students in the Creative Writing Club is interesting? These students have been working on characterizations and short stories. The play "Arms and the Man" was seen by some of them November 19 at McCluer. Students wishing to participate in this club can still join or just turn in stories they want criticized to Mrs. Murphy in Room 105.

Bowling Club

The FJH Bowling Club is always looking for new members. If you like to bowl and have time off after school on Tuesday, talk to Mr. Lowry or Mrs. Morris.

Meanwhile, their first tournament will be sometime in December.

Science Classes Take Trip To Planetarium

To see a program about the use of light in star measurements, 220 ninth grade science students left school at the beginning of the second hour on October 28. Where did they all go? They went to the Planetarium in Forest Park.

This program was one of a series of four trips the science classes will make. The purpose of the first trip was to acquaint the students with the Planetarium. All the St. Louis County schools will be participating in the programs the Planetarium is giving.

Committee Plans Dances

Plans for the 8th and 9th grade dances are getting underway. A dance committee composed of four ninth graders and four eighth graders was chosen at the student council meeting November 15. It will choose a theme and plan the decorations.

The 8th grade dance will be held on December 10th from 4:00 to 6:30. The 9th grade dance will also be December 10th from 7:30 to 10:30. The Dutches have been contracted to provide the music.

Art Classes

Hard work will be the scene in Mr. Sheridan's ninth grade classes for the next couple of weeks. Their latest project is advanced linoleum block printing. Some will be printed in a repeating fabric design, while others will be printed and used for pictures. A few will be printed on weathered wood to be hung up. They are pictures of early American scenes, between the years of 1840 and 1920. Besides the printing they are beginning construction on the Christmas Village and related decorations. The theme is Gloucester, Massachusetts, a town in New England at Christmas. It will show the past and present of the town.

The eighth grade is contributing to the Christmas spirit by making hand printed cards of non-American Christmas designs. Each will print about a dozen cards and place them in boxes. They are also helping in the construction of the Christmas Village.

Miss Stite's classes are making stained-glass windows, a mural, and decorating the inside of their room with a Christmas scene. They will also do their part on the village. They will be decorating the entrance to the faculty room and room 110.

The village will be on display in the hall by the art classes. December 15 there will be open house and anyone can come and see the project.

Shop Classes

The eighth grade shop classes are starting on wood work while the ninth graders are doing stools.

One ninth grade class, the fourth hour, taught by Mr. Geisler, is making toys for the Red Cross for Christmas.

Slide Rule Club

Do you know your cubes and roots? The Slide Rule Club members do, because that was the topic of their November 15 meeting.

The lucky fifteen members take a test on November 29, over all previous work.

Band, Orchestra Give Concert

The first concert for the Band and Orchestra was Tuesday, November 9, at Bermuda School. The Band played "Concerto American," "Londonderry Air," and "Train in the Night." Then the orchestra played "Plink, Plank, Plunk," and "Brook Green Suite."

Life Is Wonderful Fresh in Freshman

EDITORIAL
by Jean Fischer

Every morning junior high school students in the town of Ferguson, Mo., begin another day. They grab a bite to eat, catch a bus or walk to school, go to their locker, and arrive at their first hour class to start work. Three or four classes, a break of 45 minutes for home-room and lunch, two or three more hours, and school is over and by 3:50 most students have arrived home. Dinner, homework, and television keep them busy until bedtime.

This brief outline of an average day for a 7th, 8th or 9th grade student doesn't make life appear very exciting or important, does it? However, if we would look farther, we can find dozens of wonderful things crammed into an ordinary 15 hour period. These wonderful things go unnoticed by most of us, but let's look at what our lives are like.

First let's start with "grabbing a bite to eat." This everyday occurrence of breakfast seems rather boring, doesn't it? Well think how this would appear to a person in India who is lucky to have three poor meals a week. Also, having a school within three miles is pretty handy. Some students have to walk five or more miles over rough roads to get an education, while those of us who live more than a mile from FJHS merely have to walk to a bus stop for a trip to school. Next, going to a locker, taking out some books, and running to a classto hear a lecture would be heaven to some. Having excellent text books and well-educated teachers are two outstanding features of our system of education. Lunch served to everyone at a low cost is another service. Television and a third meal are two unheard of luxuries to many students in other parts of the world.

Thus concludes another typical day jammed full of wonderful, unappreciated gifts. May we especially look at what life has to offer at this time of year.

Seventh Grade Personality

Hey boys! Guess what? This month's personality is a girl who has green eyes and light brown hair. She is five feet tall, is in the Pep Club, and on the Student Council. Have you guessed yet who she is? No? Read on. She loves fried chicken and mashed potatoes and boys (John). Still haven't guessed? Read more. Her favorite teacher is Mr. Katzler and roller skating is her favorite sport. Science is her favorite subject. Can't guess yet? Come on! It's Penny Lloyd!

Fads 'n' Fashions

by Ruthe Ingerson

The F in freshman is for friendship. Friendship is something indispensable that everyone has witnessed at one time or another. All of the freshmen at Ferguson are friends among themselves and with the seventh and eighth graders.

The R in freshman is for responsibility. We, as freshmen, take on the responsibilities of being leaders. A freshman should be able, in situations that call for it, control himself in order to set a shining example.

The E in freshman is for elucidation. One should always be ready to explain his actions and his theories to his classmates and teachers. He should always be clear and plain in everything he does.

The S is for saluted. Everyone salutes a freshman who is an active citizen of the school. His fellow students should look up to him for guidance and advice. Any freshman who is looked upon as being a leader, should be proud to be one of the few saluted freshmen.

The H in freshman is for heritage. He has inherited the right to become the best citizen in school.

Ninth Grade Personality

Can you identify this month's personality? He has brown hair, blue eyes and stands five feet eight and a half inches tall. Another clue is that his birthday just happens to be April 11.

If you still don't know who he is, before coming to Ferguson he went to both Moline and Griffth Schools. His favorite teacher is Coach Ryffel and his favorite subject is health. He also was on the football team and says he likes all sports.

The final clue is his name Donn Hohengarten. If you still don't know who it is, I give up.

Eighth Grade Personality

You say you haven't heard of Haddenhorst? Well, "If you knew Suzy like I know Suzy," you'd know that this month's eighth grade personality, Sue Haddenhorst, is a 5 ft. 1 in., blue-eyed blonde. Some of her main interests are playing the piano, swimming, and Bryan Finkelstein. Filled with school spirit, Sue is the vice-president of Pep Club. Although Mrs. Finney is her favorite teacher, history is her favorite class. On Saturday nights you will usually find her eating a pizza while watching "Shindig."

Before coming to this school, Sue attended Lee Hamilton and Central Schools.

Oh! And don't forget to wish her a Happy Birthday on December 15.

QUIZITOR

Well, old Ferguson Jr. High may not be a fashion capital, but with some of the snazzy modes, mod or otherwise, you could never guess it.

A well dressed girl on this campus would not be caught dead without at least one pair of suede shoes (a lot of them are in the wildest colors). And naturally you're hopeless if you don't have a suede clutch-bag to match. While I'm on the subject of shoes, I have to say that those little black Ghillies are really in. Shoulder strap purses have come back.

To go along with these chic accessories are skirt and sweater coordinates in all of the fall and winter colors particularly olive, rose, and blue. A lot of the girls have knee socks to match to top off some of the most "lovely" out-fits on campus. Dresses are still modish but now they are wool which is twice as good. Those charming white nylons or over-the-knee socks look absolutely great with black suede shoes. Circle bracelets and matching rings are really the fad and almost everyone has seen them.

The velvety velours are very popular with the boys. And now corduroy and velvety Bonanza shorts seem to be worn a lot. Boys are wearing suede shoes and loafers to go with their neat outfits.

The Quizitor Question of the month is: "What would you do if you found a turkey in your tank?"

Jeff Brackett: complain to the gas station.

James Giedinghagen: feed it to my tiger.

Steve Brendell: fly away

Michael Kern: It might be better than turkey in the straw

Marta Rallis: call it Candy (you know, bird brain).

Belita Myers: Paint it yellow and black and call it kitty.

Tiger: That's an insult to us tigers.

David Noatch: Throw away the jug marked XXX in the glove compartment.

Jerry Smith: I'd trade it for a Marlin and look for Flipper.

Cathy Burgdorf: What tank? I don't have a tank, do you have a tank?

Danny Brown: Take it out with a final filter.

Judy Faerber: I'd get Mr. Essman to dissect for me.

Miss Burgess: Look out for Greece.

Ken Gurrieri: I'd eat it raw

Bob Dalton: I'd get some booze and celebrate.

Van Mayros: I'd go nuts

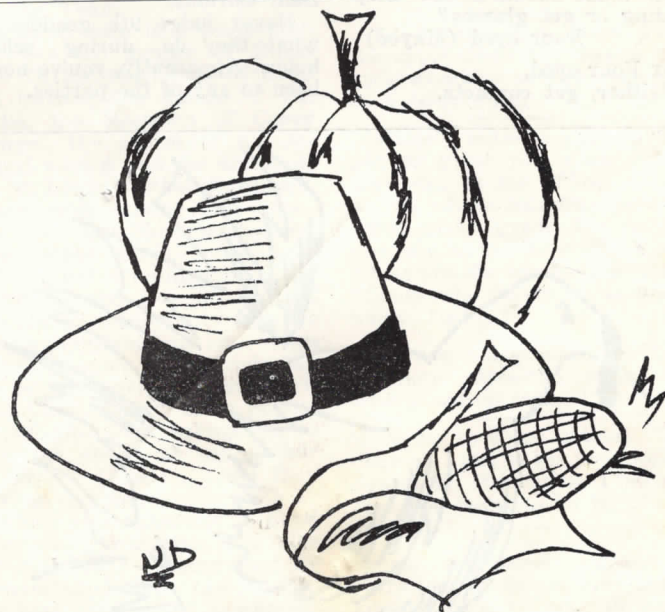
Candace Moore: I'd dress it

Mary McDonough: I'd stuff it

Victor Vroman: I'd turn on the engine.

Dale Gilltrap: I'd tank the turkey.

Mr. Simmons: I'd go gobblin' down the road.



As the Indian fishing guide and I were paddling up a lake, he pointed to the far shore. "There's a boys' camp on that side of the lake, and a girl's camp over there," he said.

Noting my quizzical expression, he added, "The reason they

put 'em that way is so everybody'd learn to swim."

There was a day when adults spent more time walking children than dogs. Maybe — if we stopped for a moment to think — that would tell us something.

TILLY TORCH

Dear Tilly,

I think I'm as cute as the rest of the girls in the ninth grade but none of the boys like me. Please help!

Cute as the Rest

Dear Cute as the Rest,

Well, that makes two of us. None of the boys like me either. I wonder why . . .

Dear Tilly,

Do you know any way I can keep Rich Deuser (Romper room Play boy) from bothering us seventh graders?

Seventh Grader

Dear Seventh Grader,

You figure out a way to keep him from bothering the eighth and ninth graders, and we'll figure out a way to keep him from bothering seventh graders.

Dear Tilly,

I got trouble. My English teacher says I am flunkin English, but that ain't so. I am my classes top English student. I dunt no what to do. Please help me.

Depressed Seventh Grader

Dear Depressed,

I agree you're the best but since you're in the minority you'd better keep quiet and get to work.

Dear Tilly,

I am a bookworm. If I keep on reading like I do, I will have to get glasses, but I love to read. What should I do? Stop reading or get glasses?

Four eyed (Maybe)

Dear Four eyed,

Neither, get contacts.

Dear Tilly,

I've got a pot-belly, fuzzy hair, long, thin legs, and big hands. What can I do to make myself beautiful?

Ugly But Beautiful

Dear U.B.B.

You will have to give me one more bit of information before I can help you — are you a boy or a girl?

Dear Tilly,

How about a new fashion with lipstick? Something like putting two different colors on — a different color on each lip so that they blend together in a certain way.

Fad Starter

Dear Fad Starter,

I had the idea that lipstick and other makeup was used for the purpose of accenting the natural features in such a way that it looks natural.

Dear Tilly,

Why don't you give reasonable answers sometimes. It might be a change for the better.

Slandered

Dear Slandered,

Ask a stupid question, and you'll get a stupid answer.

Dear Tilly,

What do the 9th graders do for fun? All I see them do is stand around.

Curious 7th Grader

Dear Curious,

Never judge 9th graders by what they do during school hours. Apparently, you've never been to any of the parties.



+ Book Nook +

Quest of the Lost Santa Isabel, by Thelmar Wyche Crawford, is a book of adventure.

The book begins with Carol Foster, who is to inherit her great Aunt Melinda's Rancho Santa Teresa, moving to California. The ranch is famous for its prized palomino horses and Carol's mother is to manage the ranch. Carol's cousin, wealthy Tony Alcaez, from Baja Country is to come to the ranch to attend school.

Bettina and Bill Sutterland, the famous archaeologist, are preparing an expedition to search for the Santa Isabel, an old Jesuit Mission in the Sierra de San Pedro Martu Mountains. According to the legend, when the Jesuits were expelled from lower California in 1769, their chain of missions was given to the Franciscans. Nobody ever found the vast wealth the Jesuits were said to have left behind. This is the treasure Professor Sutterland and his group hoped to find.

Before the expedition can get underway trouble strikes.

Thieves rustle the ranchers best cattle, and during one of the raids, five of the precious palominos vanish without a trace. Even the large reward offered for them goes unclaimed. Finally the expedition sets off. There is wild desert and mountain country with no roads, scanty water supplies, and deadly rattlesnakes. Then there are man-made perils to overcome — slashed tires on the jeeps, the dynamiting of the only known entrance to the canyon of Santa Isabel, the wrecking of the rescuing helicopter. These are just some of the mishaps the little group meets.

But do they find the lost Santa Isabel? What is the hidden treasure? Who has the missing palominos? The answers to

Odds & Ends

Congratulations to all the boys who participated in Junior Varsity Football and Cross Country this year at Ferguson Junior High. To the following boys will be given a letter award. Also the following girls will be given (we hope) a sweater which the boys sweated and strained to get.

N. Boyd and Debbie B.
V. Meldrum and Barb W.
J. Bonebrake and Judy W.
D. Williams and Sally L.
B. Will and Ann L.

The rest of the lettermen haven't been caught — YET!

Many thanks to the coaches and students who gave us their support at the games.

— from the Ferguson Junior High Football and Cross Country teams.

Here are some 8th grade couples who'll have to wait till next year:

Dave B. and Mary D.
Bryan F. and Sue H.
Jim M. and Liz F.
Craig C. and Gail C. (9th)
Bob C. and Valerie R.
Don A. and Linda B.
Noel G. and Gail M.

And to these couples we hopefully say, The freshman dance ain't far away!

Ruth Ann K. and Tom C.
Terry B. and Sharon C.
Al Montrey and Rose L.
Jim C. and Peggy B.
Gary P. and Gretchen P.
Nick G. and Patty G.

Hey! Pam R. — Who is this Steve M. from McCluer?

Bryan F. What's this about playing "Nature Boy" at the S.C. Campout?

Who is the cheerleader that Dennis M. likes?

We always knew the Student Council was patriotic but wasn't that just a little ridiculous?

And now, last but not least by any means, here are our future athletes:

Jeff F. and Sue B.
Ken P. and Dee Dee L.
Jackie M. and John B.
Steve K. and Pam W.
Lonnie G. and Brenda M.
Steve K. and Carolyn T.
Don W. and Lisa L.
Robin H. and George J.
Bob C. and Val R.
Sue M. and Victor B.
Karen B. and Rhett R.
Jack G. and Mary G.
Warren S. and Julia B.

Teenager in coffeehouse: "I got my folks' permission to grow a beard, but nothing comes."

these questions in the **Quest of the Lost Santa Isabel** make fascinating reading for most teens.



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— TORCH BOX —

Dear Torch Box,

I am here to make a protest that concerns a lot of people who come early. I don't mind coming early, but how come we have to be in class by 7:40 without a warning bell? If you don't wear a watch you're in trouble.

Bell Lover

Dear Bell Lover,

Get in touch with John Cameron Swazey. (The Timex Man).

Dear Torch Box,

Why do teachers like to send you to Mr. Ferguson instead of Mr. Niehaus?

Confused

Dear Confused,

That's his job.

Dear Torch Box,

Why can't we have visitors at ninth grade dances? All other schools reserve it for the school and their dates.

Dateless on dances

Dear Dateless,

That seems to be the policy of junior high schools around here. McCluer however does allow it. You'll just have to stay home and sweat it out until next year or find yourself another date.

Dear Torch Box,

I am an eighth grader and I think it is really dumb that the Christmas dance right after school on Friday. I think eighth graders are old enough to have dances at night.

Night Dancer

Dear Night Dancer,

You think that's bad. Last year we had our dance on a Saturday afternoon.

Torche's Believe It Or Not!

The longest recorded fingernails were reported from Shanghai in 1910 in the case of a Chinese priest, who took 27 years to achieve nails up to 22 inches in length.

In Lee's case, reported in 1888, a 15-year old girl, yawned continuously for a period of 5 weeks.

If you would like to get rid of a friend or two, TORCH recommends the barbiturate "thiopentone." It will cause the victim to stop breathing within 2 seconds.

The world's worst driver is believed to be Mrs. Luella Puett, 81, of Detroit. To date she has 97 traffic offenses.

The duration record of walking on hands is 871 miles accomplished in 1900 by Johann Huslinger, who in 55 daily 10-hour stints, reached Paris from Vienna, averaging 1.76 miles per hour.

For you out there in Torchland who are sick of piano lessons, you may be interested to know the fastest time recorded for smashing an upright piano to pieces so that it will pass through a 9 inch diameter hole was set on February 22, 1963, in 4 minutes and 51 seconds.

Hey Rich D. You've got a competitor! It is recorded that the biceps measurements of a Frenchman, Claude Seaurat was 4 inches at the age of 26.

What Is A Blind Date?

(from MAD MAGAZINE)

Between the time a boy starts dating and the time he gets married, he is guaranteed to come across a creature called a "Blind Date." Blind dates come in an assortment of sizes and shapes . . . all ridiculous.

Blind dates are found everywhere. Their names appear in discarded address books, and their numbers on telephone booth walls. Blind dates are arranged by everyone, including agencies, relatives, and guys who - up until you see what they've stuck you with - were your best friends.

A blind date is Neatness with a run in her stocking, Primness with mustard on her chin, shyness with a loud voice, Poise with her slip showing, Femininity with a hint of mustache, and Hysteria in a gymsuit.

A blind date is Yogi Berra in pedal pushers, Irene Ryan in a bikini, Fred Gwynne in a shift, Shirley Booth in stretch pants, and Dan Blocker in hip-huggers. She is the girl across the street who looks like the boys next door.

A blind date is never a show-girl, a model, a cheerleader, or a farmer's daughter. She is always a nurse's aid, somebody's clunky cousin from out of town, or a member of the Girl's Field Hockey Team.

A blind date is a composite: She has the gender of Elizabeth Taylor, the figure of Richard Burton, the hairdo of Dr. Zorba, the elocution of Casey Stengel, the charm of an untipped waiter, and the aroma of the St. Louis Football Cardinals' locker room during half-time.

A blind date likes nice-looking boys, night clubs, moonlight walks, little compliments, some attention, and lots of respect. She doesn't particularly care for insults, laughing out loud when you first meet her, introducing her to your friends as an April Fool joke, taking her to Supermarket Openings, asking her to split the check, or taking her to Lover's Lane . . . and then leaving her there.

When you take out a blind date, you can't win. Who else can ruin your evening just by showing up? Who else laughs out loud during the newsreel? Who else wears Vicks Vapo-rub for cologne? And lipstick on her teeth? Who else puts on galoshes to go surfing? Who else still has diaper rash at 17?

Who else has a measurement of 38-25-38 . . . on her leg?

Might as well face it . . . blind dates are losers and rejects. They are a plague and a blight. They are funny-faced, double-

What Are Your Blessings?

As the Thanksgiving season approaches many students are counting their blessings. These are some of the blessings they counted:

Lloyd Wagoner: The cooks: someday they'll poison the teachers.

Eddie Case: My girlfriend

Carol Blind: Mrs. Comer's joke time.

Mr. Essmann: Tranquilizer breaks.

Connie Cropper: Mrs. Comer

Chuck King: Mr. Ferguson (censored)

Tom Doherty: Johns, isn't everybody?

Liz Harris: Holes in my math room ceiling.

Liz Foote: Mr. McCormack's daily saying.

Marilyn Garvey: Those delightful cafeteria lunches.

NEWS from other Schools

West Ladue's Vernita Runnels helped to prove that girls are as good as boys by running the three-quarter mile in three minutes and thirty-four seconds. This rivals the boys' cross-country record.

What's a tackle?

This question was answered by some of the sports-minded Hanley girls. They said:

Pushing

It's messy!

You have to touch someone!

It's cruelty to dumb animals.

Ever since Eve gave Adam the apple there has been a misunderstanding between the sexes a bout gifts.

There's nothing like a little girl to greet you after a long hard day at the office, reports a man whose daughter just entered second grade. The moppet met him at the door with a hug, a kiss and the comforting words, "Guess who threw up at school today, Daddy?"

I once knew a boy with a magnetic attraction and a girl with a will of iron.

Doctor to obese patient: "I've done all I can to get your weight down, Mr. Murphy — I suggest that you learn to be jolly."

chined, wax-eared, pigeon-toed, hairy-legged, baggy-eyed, knock kneed, baby-fatted, time-consuming things.

But at the end of the evening, when you take her home, and she turns softly to you and shakes your hand and slams the door in your face . . . you shout after her the words that millions who have dater blind dates have shouted before . . . "Can I see you again next Saturday night?"

Comets Lose Final Game of Season

In the final game of the 1965 football season the Ferguson Comets fell to Hoech, 20-7.

The grid action started with a Ferguson kick. Then with a series of three first downs and some fine playing Hoech made the first touchdown of the game. The extra point was no good.

The second quarter began when Hoech recovered a fumbled ball but lost it after four downs. Terry Wolfe and Nick Boyd helped the situation with a nice run by Wolfe and a pass reception by Boyd. But once again Hoech took over and made their second touchdown. The extra point this time was good.

At the half-time the score was 13-0 in favor of Hoech.

The third quarter saw Hoech kicking and the Comets receiving, but Hoech again overpowered the Comets and with a pass interception and a first and ten scored their third touchdown. This extra point was good and the Comets did little else this quarter.

As the fourth quarter started things began looking better for Ferguson, and with the help of some good running were able to make their only touchdown. The extra point was good and Ferguson continued to play well but the time ran out leaving them stranded. The final score stood at Hoech 20, Ferguson 7.

Outstanding players in this game were Donn Hohengarten, Terry Wolfe, and Nicky Boyd.

Sixteen Boys Win Letters For Cross Country

The following boys received letters in cross country:

Akins	Monnig
Bartels	Nance
Bomar	Patterson
Broyles	Smith
Finn	Waltz
Giordano	Williams
Hobbs	Beeman
Mitchell	Suter, Mgr.

These boys received patches:

Ashline	Mirth
Barbero	Ruediger
Heyn	Small
Hulbert	Stoecklin
Lamb	Walters
Miller	Vance

Basketball Players Begin Drills and Conditioning

For the first two weeks of practice, the Ferguson basketball Comets have been drilling on skills. Now the team will be working on conditioning.

So far about eleven players have been cut from the team. With one cut remaining the following are still on the team: Dennis Bartels, Roger Bomar, Nick Boyd, Tom Counts, Rich

Wrestlers Work To Get Ready For Holman

Our 1965 wrestling team has been working out and getting into shape for the season which begins December 6, at Holman.

This year there were fewer boys coming out for wrestling than any other year. Once again the main event of the year is the wrestling tournament which will be held here, January 28 and January 29, 1966. When asked how the team works out Head Coach Haenssler said, "Exercising, running, exercising, and more running." The team averages four cross-country every night after school.

There are still 34 boys on the wrestling team roster. Names of the boys on the team will be published in a later issue of the TORCH.



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Wrestling Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place
Monday December 6,	Holman,	there
Wednesday, December 8	Prather	there
Thursday, December 9	Brittany	here
Monday, December 13	Normandy	there
Wednesday, December 15	Riverview Central	here
Wednesday, December 22	Coolidge	here
Thursday, January 6	Riverview East	there
Tuesday, January 11,	Ritenour	there
Thursday, January 13	Clifford Kirby	there
Thursday, January 20	Hazelwood	here
Wednesday, January 26,	Hoech	here
Friday and Saturday, January 28 and 29	Tournament	here
Head Coach: Elbert Haenssler	Asst. Coach John Meyer	
Team Name: Comets	Colors: Red and White	

Football Season Ends 2-3

The 1965 Comet Football season came to a close with a team record of 2-3-0 and a .400 average. Both of the coaches seemed pleased with the team performance.

Head Coach Ryffel had the following to say about the team, "We lost our first two games by such a small margin that it was bound to show on the boys, and it did. Although we had scoring opportunities in both games we did not capitalize on them. We played well enough defensively to win either game."

The turning point of the season was at Hazelwood when we came back at the half, six points down, and took the ball game away with a fired-up team effort.

Our ball club took hold the remainder of the season with power sweeping, bucking, and a "monster" defense.

The following boys lettered in football this year:

Steve Anderson,	John McGrath
Jim Bonebrake	Vic Meldrum
Nicky Boyd	Tom Satterly
B. Brotemarkle	Tom Schultz
Tom Counts	P. Schwierjohn
Rich Deuser	Gary Taylor
Dave Harting	Larry Tippit
Ron Hogan	Bob Will
D. Hohengarten	D. Williams
Bob Jones	Terry Moore
Mike Mayberry	

A little boy asked his mother, "Why are brides always dressed in white?" The mother replied, "That's to signify purity, love, and sweetness."

The little boy: "Then why are grooms dressed in black?"

Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	place
Friday, January 7, 1966	Berkeley	here
Tuesday, January 11, 1966	Hanley	there
Friday, January 14, 1966	Normandy	there
Tuesday, January 18, 1966	Hazelwood East	here
Friday, January 21, 1966	Riverview East	here
Tuesday, January 25, 1966	Brittany	there
Thursday, January 27, 1966	Hazelwood West	here
Friday, February 4, 1966	Hoech	here
Tuesday, February 8, 1966	Ritenour	there
Friday, February 11, 1966	Riverview Central	there
February 16, 17, 18 and 19	Tournament — Florissant, 4 & 6:30	
Head Coach: Robert Kimpling		
Team Name: Comets		

Team Colors: Red and White

Deuser, Tom Fluri, Nick Giordano, Mike Heyn, Ron Hogan, Dennis Kasten, Mark Mirth, Steve Monnig, Ron Nance, Ken Ruediger, Tom Satterly, Randy Stoecklin, Gene Stymiest, Gary

Taylor, Larry Tippit, Dave Whitney, Bob Will, Terry Wolfe, Mike Sommers, Ronnie Bray, Steve Brooks, Neil Hollenberg, Van Mayros, Tim McCoy, and Joe Turner.