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Carousel Dance To Be Held For 8th and 9th Grade

Spring is sprung, the grass is here, the time of the "Carousel" dance is near.

The biggest and best dance of the year for 8th and 9th graders will be held this Saturday, April 30, from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. The dance will be held in the A gym, which will be decorated in shades of red. The dancers will have their own lovers' lane, especially equipped with park benches. For those of us who haven't the right to be in lovers' lane, a special feature has been added, "The Kissing Booth." For a reminder to all the deaf students in our school who haven't heard the energetic ticket salesman in the hall, tickets are only fifty cents, and will be sold at the door.

Come one, come all to Ferguson Junior High's greatest dance, and take a ride on the largest "Carousel" of the year.

Guidance News

The guidance office has stated that most schedules for the upcoming year have been filled out. Tenth grade schedules, recently filled out by ninth graders, have been sent to McDonnell for processing. This means no more changes may be made.

All sixth and seventh grade classes have also been visited. About 200 sixth graders have signed up for a foreign language.

Next years freshman class now has the choice of two full elective courses such as typing, art, home economics, music, speech or industrial arts.

Two Teachers Bid Farewell

Mr. Long and Mr. Geisler said their good-byes to students at the end of the third quarter.

Mr. Long, who taught seventh grade science, now has a full time job of selling Hondas at his two Honda shops. Mr. Warden took Mr. Long's place.

Mr. Geisler, a shop teacher, has taken the opportunity of working with General Electric. There was no one teacher to take his place so Mr. Arras and Mr. Lundstrum are combining the classes.

Choir, Madrigal Work On Program For Festival and Spring Concert

The past few weeks the Choir was busy working up their program for the annual St. Louis County Spring Music Festival. They went to McCluer Senior High on Thursday, April 28th to sing for the adjudicator. Selections they performed were "Lord for Thy Tender Mercies' Sake" by Farrant, "Agnus Dei," "Roots and Leaves" by Ralph E. Williams and "Weep, O Mine Eyes."

The Choir, Madrigal Singers, and Girls' Chorus will give a concert on May 3rd entitled "Evening of Choral Music." The Choir will sing the "Gloria" by Vivaldi with Cindy Burns singing soprano solo, choral selections from "Fiddler on the Roof," "Lord, for Thy Tender Mercies' Sake," and "Roots and Leaves," by Ralph E. Williams.

The Madrigal Singers will perform "Three Folk Songs" by Brahms, "Welcome, Sweet Pleasure" by Weelkes, "Weep, O Mine Eyes" by Bennett, "My Heart Is Offered Still To You" by Lassus, "Like As The Doleful Dove" by Tallis, and "Early One Morning," a 17th century folk song arranged by Cain.

Orchestra Rates 1st In Festival

This year's Suburban Orchestra Festival was held at Berkeley. Senior High School. The Ferguson Junior High School Orchestra placed first out of the six junior high orchestras participating.

The Concert Orchestra opened with "Farandole" by George Bizet. It was followed by "Brook Green Suite" by Holst performed by the String Orchestra. The Concert Orchestra closed with "The Great Gate of Kiev" from "Pictures at an Exhibition" by Moussorgsky.

In the ratings given for their performance, our orchestra received two A's and five B's. Other junior high orchestras participating were from Riverview Gardens East, St. Charles, Riverview Gardens Central, Florissant, and Berkeley.



Honor Roll



THIRD QUARTER

NINTH GRADE

Candace Cromer
Elaine Elliott
Joyce Fiedler
Deborah Persels
Jeanne Fischer
Sandra Dempsey
Patricia Scott
Patricia Thill
Alexis Land
Ronald Thompson
Thomas Wallace
Jane Bentley
Judith Harte
Cathy Carpenter
Ann Livingston
Carol Waldvogel
Patricia Garrett
Christy Goodrick
Linda Hogan
Randall Niehaus
Deborah Rose
Carol Russo

Carol Sreed
Lynne Viehman
Mary Burleson
Karen Herbst
Jane Mansfield
Jean McKenzie
Nicholas Giordano
Lynn Trimpe
John Finn
Marcia Haley
Donita Latta
Cathie Maddox
Gwen Pace
Charles Kmucha
Patricia Godfrey
Mary Gordon
Martin Hulbert
Diana Marshall
Rebecca Squires
Judy Woody
Janice Crader
Donald Tipton

Norma Bauer
Nancy Day
Rita Roth
Rebecca Bruder
Belinda Bumpus
Thomas Dappert
Randall Doerman
Donald Fish
Margaret Jacobi
Vicki Keith
Marianne McCuiston
Tom Satterly
Janice Ulmer
Barry Wall
Juanita Williams
Joyce Bierman
Sharon Chasteen
Barbara Garvey
Denise Bussen
Brenda Florea
Alyson Hassenforder
Diane Lovelady
Gregg Tiemann

EIGHTH GRADE

Sherry Cooper
Cynthia Fels
Richard Haynie
James Maurer
Nancy Alcorn
Daniel Cross
Helen Jezich
Vicki Bock
Frances Magill
Ann Monnig
Debra Bartelsmeyer
Susan Burns
Diana Harrison
Deborah Teepe,
Robert Boiles
Barbara Murkin
Patricia Seagraves
William Price
Susan Rogers
Charles Thierheimer
James Branahl

Carol Weiss
Kenton Cropp
Gary Canup
Edward Case
Catherine Eckberg
David Fehrman
Keith Fieldhammer
Janice Adam
Randy Rudroff
Lynne Parsons
Wayne Rickard
David Bregenzner
Connie Cooper
Cathy Burdorf
Bryan Finkelstein
Rebecca Hedrick
Peggy Lewis
Patricia Brightwell
Marvin Brown
Elizabeth Foote

Beth Grayson
Douglas Parker
Sharon Waing
Linda Balisle
Pamela Porter
Judy Browne
Pamela Pecoraro
Michael Pyeatt
Margaret Waterman
Linn Bussen
Randall Fish
Steven Mellis
Nancy Roam
Nancy Statler
Bruce Fay
Carolyn Apenbrinck
Mary Moore
Julie Wade
Robert Carr
Gregory Schoen

SEVENTH GRADE

Karen Banister
Theodore Barklage
Gayle Cherekos
Janet Hudson
Jacquelyn Mellis
Waren Speicher
Kathy Taylor
Mark Behle
Dennis Simon
Debra Branson
Bradford Ottwell
Ricky Upton
John Brooks
Nancy Buckner
Sylvia Himmel
Joy Hoemann
Carole Markley
Mark Questell
Christine Taussig

Deborah Altis
Beth Bieser
Diane Ewersmann
Steven Cartwright
Carol Parker
Vivian Stiffen
Kris Kateman
Nancy Martin
Gail Bolinger
Beth Fish
Mindy Goodrick
Pamela McColl
Keith McNames
Jill Payne
Julia Bryant
Pamela Earhart
Jack Moreland
Susan Stanfield
Linda Strickland

Gail Trimpe
Marvin Wilson
Michael Hughes
Deborah Tattitch
Sandra Dye
Sharon Bennett
Ann Cope
George Jost
David Russell
Chris Seyer
Dennis Teepe
Marcia Collins
Kathy Gygas
Gene Hilke
Deborah Kassebaum
Michael King
Lou Presnel
Pamela Smith
Gail Brown

No Winners in Kitchen Planning Contest

The number of entries in the Union Electric Kitchen Planning Contest in the St. Louis area totaled nearly 3,000. There were a few winners in the R-2 District. Two McCluer students won and from Florissant Jr. High there were four winners. Of the approximate 100 entries from FJH, unfortunately there were no winners. Oh well, maybe next year . . .



Girls' Chorus Performs At Festival

The Girls' Chorus performed at the St. Louis Suburban Vocal Festival on April 27. It was held in the gym of Riverview Central.

Mr. Joseph R. Flammerfelt was the guest adjudicator at the festival. Mr. Flummerfelt is the Director of Choirs, De Pauw University, Indiana.

The chorus sang "O Lord of Heaven" by Di Lasso (Cramer), "Ye Sons of Israel" by Mendelssohn, and "One Little Candle" by Mysels and Roack. They received an overall B rating.

The following junior highs attended the festival: Riverview East, Fairview, Riverview Central, Gaunt Junior High from Affton, and Ferguson Junior High.

FJH Musicians Perform Annual Spring Concert

The girls' gymnasium echoed with the sounds of music, Tuesday, April 19. The annual Spring Concert was presented by the Orchestra, Intermediate Band, and the Concert Band under the direction of Mr. Fred Stacy. Also a new addition was introduced. The Brass Quintet consists of two trumpets, a tuba, a French horn and a trombone.

After the "Star Spangled Banner" the Orchestra performed "Farandole", "Plink, Plank, Plunk", "Dance from the Brook Green Suite", and the "Great Gate of Kiev."

After a quick switch, the Intermediate Band, for the first time this year, performed "Valse Bluetie", "Bugle Boy Overture", "Tango Tropical" and "Heads Up March."

The Brass Quintet, also for the first time played "Fair and Warmer."

To conclude the evenings entertainment the Concert Band played "Concerto Americana", "El Festivo", "Highlights from West Side Story", and "Themes from Capriccio Espagnol."

Eight Enter Spanish Contest

Eight members of our 9th grade Spanish classes went to Washington University on Saturday, April 2. At the University the students participated in a test which was taken by students of high schools in the surrounding areas. The students entering from Ferguson Junior High were: Sandra Dempsey, Elaine Elliot, Joyce Fiedler, Betty Haferkamp, Marcia Haley, Ann Livingston, Carol Sneed,

9th Grader Takes Third Place In Typing

Ruthann Kleberger took 3rd place in speed in the St. Louis District high school typing contest which was held at Lutheran High School North on April 16. Ruthann will now go to Columbia, Missouri, for the Missouri State Contest on April 30.

Six of Mrs. Jeffares typing students were selected to participate. Sue Ameling, Phyllis Hansell, and Marianne McCuisition took part in the first contest, Novice Practical Typing. They were to type four letters in an allotted amount of time.

Following this contest, Jeanne Fischer and Don Williams, along with Ruthann, entered the Novice Speed contest. They took one- and ten-minute timed writing tests.

Girls Compete For Cheerleading

B-E-A-T BEAT RITENOUR! This is the cry from the boys' gym. Seventh and eighth grade girls have been practicing since April 5 and on May 9, will compete in the preliminary tryouts. Qualifications are to have a C- or above average and no F's. They may not have any unsatisfactory conduct marks. In the tryouts they must do BEAT and another cheer of their choice. They will be judged on voice, peppiness, poise, actions and their jump. The names of the finalists will be posted in the front hall on May 11. The finals will also be on May 11. Out of the finalists 6 eighth graders and 2 seventh graders will be chosen.

ART CLASSES

The art classes are off again at the fourth quarter. The seventh grade projects are landscape painting and they are learning the techniques of water colors. The eighth and ninth grade classes are both working in clay. The eighth graders are making tiles, ash trays, and jewelry, while the freshmen are working on pottery, ceramics, and sculptures. Some of the ninth graders will also be working on the spring dance.

On May 2, the freshmen are going on a field trip. They will have a busy day for they are going to Washington University, the United Hebrew Temple, the St. Louis Cathedral, and the Greek Orthodox Church, St. Nicholas. The subjects they will be studying are art, art and religion, art and history, and architecture.

and Lynn Trimpe. Although none of our entries won, all of them ranked very high.

Last PTG Meeting Coming Up

This year's last P.T.G. meeting is coming up on Tuesday, May 10th.

The business meeting will start at 8 p.m. and will last 15 minutes, with new officers for next year being elected. After the business meeting parents will be allowed to visit different classrooms as they please and may talk to the teachers. Many teachers will have work on bulletin boards. The parents will be allowed to visit until about 9:30 p.m.

Parents of next year's seventh graders are invited to the program and to stay a short time afterward to see the "R-2 Story", the Ferguson Jr. High film.

Red Cross Needs You and You

Throughout the summer months young adults will be needed to serve as Red Cross Volunteers in the St. Louis Bi-State Chapter.

Students of fourteen or fifteen years of age can help in many ways at hospitals, nursing homes, health clinics, recreation centers, chapter headquarters, motor service, the blood center, and at local bloodmobiles.

At a meeting here at school with a Red Cross representative about eighty students have already shown some interest in giving one day a week during the summer. This also provides valuable training for future jobs while meeting urgent needs of people in the community. If you're interested in volunteering call JA 4-2100, to make an appointment for an interview.

New Science Teacher Joins Staff

If you are wondering who the new 7th and 8th grade science teacher is—read on. His name is Mr. Warden. He is just out of college and this is his first teaching job. He attended Central Missouri State College at Warrensburg, Missouri. He is now living here in Ferguson but was born and raised in Warrensburg. Next year he is going to teach at Wentworth Military Academy in Lexington, Missouri. His hobbies include: motorcycling, swimming and archery. He has also traveled in the United States and is hoping to go to Europe some day. When asked how he liked Ferguson he replied, "It's my first time teaching in Jr. High and I am enjoying it."

Three Student Teachers Join Faculty of FJH

During the closing weeks of the fourth quarter we are fortunate to have with us 3 student teachers. One is Mr. Rogers, and he is learning along with the shop classes.

When first arriving at F.J.H.S. Mr. Rogers found it a bit confusing because it was so big. Mr. Rogers likes it here. "There are more things to do," he said.

Mr. Rogers attends Kirksville State Teachers College. This college is located in Kirksville, Missouri and Mr. Rogers is a native of Kirksville.

Mrs. Wells, one of our new student teachers, is helping Mrs. Brehm these last few months of school in her history classes.

Mrs. Wells was originally from Des Moines, Iowa, but now is married and lives in Brentwood. Upon arrival at F.J.H. she said that she was very impressed and liked it very much.

Attending Lindenwood College in St. Charles as a history major, Mrs. Wells enjoys reading, swimming, and golfing although she says she doesn't play very well.

There's also a new face in the science department of Ferguson Junior High School. It belongs to Mrs. Shoebottom who is a student teacher working with Mr. Essmann. She is teaching eighth grade general science and ninth grade biology. She now resides in Bridgeton, Missouri, and is attending Lindenwood University. She formerly attended the University of Oklahoma.

Library Helps Observe Special Week

National Library Week was celebrated in school and public libraries April 17 through April 23.

For National Library Week our library again had a bulletin board display, book lists, and book marks. Also we had our annual contests. Two book prizes will be awarded to the two best entries in each grade. The contests were questionnaires based on books. Results will be announced in the next issue.

A large sum of money was recently given to the library under E.S.E.A. The money amounting to \$2800 will be used to buy books not ordinarily available and some new filmstrips.

Mary Lynn Whiting, a student in the eighth grade, died on April 6 when she accidentally shot herself. Students and faculty extend their sympathy to the Whiting family.

"Gotta" Gripe?

By JANE BENTLEY

Is there something that bothers you in particular? Something that no one else seems to mind? That is your pet peeve. Everyone has one if they would take time to think about it. Do you have a pet peeve? If you can't think of one, in a survey taken of teachers' pet peeves or gripes, you may find yours. Here are some of the things that bother the faculty members of F.J.H.

Mrs. Coote's pet peeve is one of many teachers, rudeness and someone chewing gum loudly and energetically. So if you teacher has this pet peeve, don't chew gum, or at least keep it quiet!

Mrs. Garden is particularly bothered by all the candy in the teachers' room. A lot of girls at F.J.H. are bothered by candy too, especially those on a diet! But with this pet peeve, at least there are a lot of people who sympathize with you.

It is easy to see when Mr. Essmann said, "People who are afraid of earthworms," how this could be a biology teacher's pet peeve. Mr. Schopp doesn't appreciate small salads and Mr. Dodson, as well as other teachers, doesn't like students who don't study. Mrs. Anderson is one of many who declares "People who can't be on time," is the worst thing in the world. Miss Meyer has a gripe that perhaps only a girls' gym teacher could have. Girls who don't dress out, girls who don't take showers, girls who flunk, girls in general. However, girls in general may be something that bothers a lot of the fellows at Ferguson.

Two of our fine custodians were asked what particularly bothered them. "Spiders and roaches," said Donald Bishop. That may be one of your own pet peeves. Paul didn't seem to have a pet peeve but just said to thank all the kids for all the help they give him.

Here's a great one, a gripe of lots and lots of our married men teachers and men all over the world, or in the simple words of Mr. Spindler, "My mother-in-law."

Two similar answers were given: Mr. Brandenberger said his pet peeve was being disturbed in class and Mrs. Brehm who said "Interruptions." They might possibly be referring to the interruptions the Torch Staff makes! Mr. Sheridan is bothered by the Student Council and the ants in his desk. Miss Burgess doesn't like "people who leave their milk cartons and junk on the tables at lunch and people who welsh on bets."

Ninth Grade Personality

This month's personality has light brown hair, blue eyes and is 5 feet 3 3/4 inches tall. Her hobbies and interests range from swimming, talking, skating (both ice and roller), talking, sewing, talking, Thomas (also known as Tom) and talking. If you haven't guessed who it is by now I might as well tell you. It is Ruthann Kleberger.

She was born on November 20, 1950. Her favorite teachers are Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Jeffares. Her favorite subjects are typing and English. She loves everything there is to eat except nuts. Maxwell Smart on Get Smart is her idol and Get Smart is her favorite television program. She is in the concert orchestra and came in third in speed in the typing contest.

8th Grade Personality

The halls are alive, with the sound of Kris Tocco. Yes, this month's award-winning personality, Kris, is 5' 3 3/4" tall and has black hair and hazel eyes. Since her birthday on November 2, Kris is fourteen going on fifteen. These are a few of her favorite things — softball, Gym, Mr. Warden (her Science teacher), the T.V. show Get Smart, chicken, Keith Gabbard, bowling, and the color pink. During the year, she has participated in the Pep Club and the Bowling Club. Before coming to F.J.H.S., Kris attended Cool Valley.

Last, but not in the least, Mrs. Finney gave a list of her peeves. Some of the teachers and students out there in TORCHLAND are sure to find a pet peeve in common:

1. Students who go blank when the assignments are given and then wonder what they are supposed to do.
2. 9th graders who want to play but forget to bring their toys.
3. Students who can't follow simple directions when given in their native tongue.
4. Gabby people-students or otherwise.
5. People who have nothing to learn.
6. People who expect good grades without effort.
7. Perpetual and perennial grippers.
8. Negative people.

Find yours yet? Well, even if you didn't, you have some idea of what bothers our teachers.

— TORCH BOX —

Dear Torch Box:

What can I do about those awful health movies? I have health right after lunch. If I see another movie like I just saw, they may have a mess to clean up.

Almost sick

Dear Almost Sick:

If enough kids get sick or complain about the films, maybe your teacher won't show as many. Or, if that doesn't work, close your eyes during the worst part of the film.

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Dear Torch Box:

I'm an eighth grader and would like to be on the Torch Staff. How do I go about signing up for it?

Journalist

Dear Journalist:

You should have gotten your application from your English teacher. If you haven't, see Mr. Swift at the Guidance Office.

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Dear Torch Box:

When is Bermuda Day this year?

Wondering

Dear Wondering:

Bermuda Day will be held on Wednesday, June 1st.

Dear Readers:

Please don't use the Torch box just for Tilly Torch, and Odds & Ends. How about sending me some?

Seventh Grade Personality

April showers bring May flowers? It also brings Linda Kelly as our 7th grade personality for May. She has violet blue eyes and cinnamon brown hair. Linda is a purple pizza eater. — She thinks Miss Pope is really neat! Also math is her favorite subject. Her long brown hair is really "in" especially when she wears her favorite color, blue. Linda likes outdoor sports as anyone knows when they see her swing that softball bat or tennis racket. For being only 4'11" tall she is well known for her outgoingness. Hint: Her birthday is December 24th. And she loves animals. Stuffed, that is.

History, Rewritten

John Paul Jones: "Sir, I have not yet begun to fight, and, considering the complexities of the situation, it probably would be unwise for me to do so."

Davy Crockett might have been known as the "Chairman of the Mild Frontier."

Robert Fulton: "Most of them say it won't navigate upstream, and I have the utmost respect for majority opinion."

Odds & Ends

April showers have come bringing these flowering ninth grade romances!

Steve M. & Leslie M.
Sidney W. & Bill B.
Nicky B. & Gretchen
Janis H. & Neil H.
Gary L. & Judy W.
Tom S. & Jan U.
Vic M. & Barb W.
Jerry B. & Sally L.
Alan R. & Pat S.
Dave H. & Maureen R.
Don W. & Kathy W.
Gary P. & Jackie J.
Don R. & Carol W.
Bob M. & Pat G.
Terry & Sharon C.
Dennis M. & Sue H.
Greg F. & Debbie R.
Betsy G. & Craig P.
Gary W. & Jane B.
Tom C. & Ruthann K.
Ron T. & Donna W.
Bob W. & Sue A.
Ron H. & Karen G.

Spring is sprung! The flowers are rizz! This is where the action in the 8th grade is!

Cathy B. & Phil H.
Keith G. & Kris T.
Joe M. & Gail C. (9)
Joe B. & Kay F.
Keith H. & Barb D.
Mark N. & Kathy M.
Jim C. & Ellen L.
Bobby B. & Vicki S.
Pat M. & Joyce S.
Bob W. & Sue H.
Dale C. & Joyce K.
Clark B. & Liz F.

VOILA! Our 7th Grade Couples!

Dee Dee L. & David W.
Ken P. & Brenda M.
Gary M. & Carol T.
Rhett R. & Penny L.
Don W. & Julie B.

TWINS OF THE MONTH: Marta R. and Rich D. Marta has the hexagon glasses . . . Rich has the hexagon head!

Our new frogman — Chuck Sabatino!



Eli Whitney: "This cotton-pickin' thing will never work."

Teddy Roosevelt: "Speak softly and conduct disarmament negotiations."

Francis Scott Key: "The right person might be able to write a song about this."

Pardon Me, Your Slips Are Showing

by Mary Beth Burleson

Yes, unfortunately they are; every one of them. Just what are our "slips"? Those little things that all of us do when the authorities aren't looking. "Oh, but just this once won't hurt anything," we may say. Will it really do no harm? "Just this once" happens much too often, and soon there is a whole stack of "just this once's." Let's take a look at some of our "slips." What about that time at the assembly? Just because we were in a crazy mood didn't give us the right to boo or whistle, did it? Or how about the day you inconspicuously stuck a wad of "used" chewing gum under the table top in study hall? Remember when you wouldn't be satisfied with letting the chocolate pudding sit quietly on the corner of the tray, so you mixed it with your mashed potatoes?

If we were to be truthful with ourselves, we would all admit doing these and other offenses at one time or other. They aren't really bad offenses, but one thing leads to another. What prompts us to do these things? Practical jokes maybe? Practical jokes are essential in school life, but things cease to be funny when someone is hurt, good equipment is ruined, and machinery is no longer usable. Some people are in school only because they have to be. Their resentment toward anything which pertains to education causes them to damage it if they can.

What can we do about this problem? All of us must resist these little temptations. It'll be hard not to do them at first, but each time you succeed it will be easier not to do it the next time. Yes, our "slips" are showing. Let's see what we can do toward covering them up.

LITERATURE

There once was a dog named Mat,
Who tore up this master's good hat.

He got a hard swat
On his you-know-what,
And that was the end of that.
by Marjorie Tow
7th grade

There once was a fat, little pup-
py
That tried to swallow a guppy.
He opened his jaws
And sharpened his claws,
Then ate the poor guppy for
suppy.

by Julie Winters
7th grade

QUIZITOR

What would you like to see
in your dreams?

Linda Kelly — Me as Batman.
Tori Tieman — Robin rescuing
me.

Melba Mayo — Me riding with
Batman in his car.

Norman Wittkoetter — All
the teachers graves.

Miss Kilgore — A class full
of Einsteins.

Mr. Essman — June 3rd.

Ruthe Ingerson — The school
burning down.

Marilyn Voisey — A quiet day
in study hall.

Gail Crawford — Take one
guess!

Debbie Wing — A good look
at Bill Leonard.

Vicki Keith — An invitation
to the Spring Dance!

Yearbook Staff — Mr. Chan-
cellor's resignation as yearbook
sponsor.

Sallie Engleman — A good
looking guy (those are hard to
find).

Barb Haun — My name put
on the Honor Roll (ah Dreams!)

Kathy Sweeny — All the boys
with ties on.

Mr. Lowry — The bunnies at
the Playboy Club.

Mrs. Ehrlich — The books
come in completely processed
for a change.

Sandi Baker — WELL . . .

Mr. Simmons — 1966 N.F.L.
flag.

Brad Ottwell — Sleeping
beauty.

Jim Satterly — Underdog.

Barb Jare — Would you be-
lieve . . . ?

TILLY TORCH

Dearest Tilly:

You're the sweetest, kindest
most lovable person in the
world. Now, won't you tell me
who you really are?

Wondering

Dearest Wondering:

No, but I'm still sweet, kind,
and lovable.

Dear Tilly:

There is this girl (thing) 2nd
hour with me. She has some cute
clothes but they're all too big
for her. I tried to tell her but
she says that it's just my imagi-
nation. Please help me tell her.
Need Help!

Dear Need:

Buy her a full length mirror
and a tape measure!

Dear Tilly:

I have a problem. I'm madly
in love with somebody, Me! I
don't love anybody else, just me.

Is It Worth It?

by Sharon Chasteen

"What do you think you're
doing?" questioned Sandra as
Nick leaned over toward her
test paper.

"Well, I thought since Mr.
White left for a minute and you
always get "A's", that I'd just
take advantage of a golden op-
portunity," he stated as he ran
his finger down her paper past
16, 17, 18 and to number 19.
"Hmmm, digestion. Couldn't
have guessed a better answer
myself."

"But didn't you hear Mr.
White say that he was putting
us on our honor? Or doesn't it
make any difference to you?"
she declared.

"Yeah I heard but who cares.
He'll never find out and if he
did, he wouldn't say anything.
Besides, what do you care if
I'm 'morally wrong'?"

"It doesn't especially bother
me that you're wrong but don't
you think you're being a bit dis-
honest?"

"Don't worry, if the other
guys had the chance, they'd do
the same thing. So why pass up
a chance?"

"Of course you know that
copying my answer won't guar-
antee that you will pass the
course or the test."

"Maybe not, but it'll sure
help."

"Okay, but I'm glad it's not
my education that you are wast-
ing," she agreed.

"Why don't you just forget
it? You're getting to sound just
like a preacher."

And so on. This may really be
a typical conversation between a
student who cheats and one who
doesn't. As it probably turned
out, Nick got number 19 cor-
rect but still missed 3/4 of the
questions.

In a few weeks final exami-
nations will begin at F.J.H. Be-
fore you cheat, if you're thinking
of it, remember that particular
answer you're looking for won't
give you an "A". The person
from whom you cheat could get
your answer wrong. And who
needs extra questions wrong
when you could've gotten it
right on your own?

Also, just think of the prob-
lem you'll have if you get
caught.

Is there something wrong with
me? If so, what?

Me + Me

Dear You:

Yes, there is something wrong
with you. What, I don't know,
but trust me, there's something
wrong with you!

Fads 'n' Fashions

The kids of Ferguson sure
have a new spring in their step
with all kinds of marvey new
fashions. The saying April
showers bring May flowers is
proving true 'cause the gals of
Ferguson have all kinds of fab-
ulous, little flowers sprinkled
all over wild hip-hugger skirts
and on charming little feminine
suits. There's madras, madras
everywhere, and it looks just
great. Madras in skirts, shirts,
windbreakers, blouses, ties, and
belts. The gals have really gone
in for Weejuns and cute little
loaters in all colors. They also
like those little watches on
chains.

The guys too seem to like
madras this spring and it is
really fab. They are wearing Bo-
nanza shirts and surfer shirts
are "in" too. Gingham is "in"
big with them in shirts and ties.
Short-sleeved sweatshirts con-
tinue to be popular. Well, that
just about sums up the new
spring look.

Where The Action Is

by Jean McKenzie

How many times have you
been late to class because of
human traffic jams in the halls?
Or maybe you've been pushed
and tugged on so many times
that your clothes have been
marred or have become tacky
looking. Another thing is being
helped up or down the stairs by
the force of students on their
way to classes. These spots
seem to be where the action is
whether it be before or after
classes or going to lunch.

With the school being over-
crowded the halls are sure to be
stuffed. This is all the more
reason for kids to use a little
common courtesy in the corri-
dors.

If students would go directly
to their room and not linger to
chat with friends, this would
definitely help matters. Another
big offense in traffic jams is
people waiting for friends in the
hall. Although you should keep
to your right when walking
along, there are always some
who have to foul things up and
walk on the left. Students aren't
the only guilty ones, teachers
are in on the jams also. Many
teachers don't open their doors
before school or after lunch
shifts. This causes much con-
fusion. Kids are standing out-
side the door waiting to get in,
while others are trying to get
around to get to their own des-
tination.

This utter chaos could be
stopped if everybody, teachers
included, would just think of
others while being attacked or
attacking in the halls.

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DOUBLE VISION

by Carol Waldvogel and Sue Amelung

Everyone has heard of a pair of shoes, a pair of gloves, or a pair of socks. But have you ever heard of a pair of people? Well, FJH has exactly twelve pair of people, or as they're more commonly called, twins. Pairs of socks, shoes, and gloves are supposed to look alike, and have the same characteristics, but twins can be quite different and usually are. They don't have to like the same things or look alike. In fact, as in our one set of twins, they don't even have to be born on the same day.

Cathe Maddox, born 2 minutes before midnight, has her birthday on October 20, while her brother, Scott, was born 6 minutes later on October 21. Cathe enjoys dancing and Scott likes to fish. Cathe likes science most of all her subjects.

Although Brenda and Linda Fahland are identical twins, they don't dress alike. Linda was born 3 minutes before Brenda on August 14. Both of these seventh-graders enjoy swimming. When asked what their favorite subject is, Brenda's reply was English and Linda's was science.

Mrs. Broholm has quite a time in her A period class, trying to tell the identical Johnson twins apart. Diana, her sister's elder by 5 minutes, likes to listen to records and swim. Her favorite teacher is Mrs. Broholm and the class she likes most is French. Debby also likes swimming, but her favorite class is science and her favorite teacher is Mrs. Finney. They celebrate their birthday on May 10.

Our third set of identical twins is Tom and Larry Claffy and they are the only twins who dress alike. Their birthday is on December 21 and Tom is 1 minute older. If you call out one of

their names and they don't answer don't feel bad, people frequently get them mixed up. Both of them like gym, but Tom prefers football and Larry enjoys wrestling.

Ron's half of the Farris twins has the unusual hobby of keeping a donkey! Don's hobbies aren't quite as different as his brother's but almost. His are weight-lifting and collecting rocks. These, (shall we say unique?) twins were born on October 11, Don being born 16 minutes before Ron.

This year, FJH has a new set of ninth-grade twins, Don and Ron Burretta. Last year they attended "Our Lady of Guadalupe." Ron was born 3 minutes before his brother on June 5. Don likes Mr. Schopp most of all his teachers, and math out of his subjects. On the other hand, Ron likes Health and Mr. J. Meyer best. Ron also enjoys hunting, while Don likes to play golf.

Bruce and Janet Powell are one of the three boy and girl sets. They were born on March 26, and Janet is 6 minutes older. Bruce enjoys swimming and Mr. Geisler is his favorite teacher. Janet likes horseback riding and her favorite teacher is Mrs. Anderson.

It's quite a rarity that the Madrigal at FJH would have a set of twins, but this year Mary and Margaret McDonough both sing in the soprano section of the group. Although Mary had Health last semester, it was her favorite class and Mr. Simmons, her favorite teacher. Choir and Mr. McCormack are Margaret's favorites. Their birthday is August 30.

Debbie and Dan Herin are another boy, girl set. They were

Exchange News

Trivia — Taken from the "Rampage," East Ladue Junior High School.

Are you just average in your studies? Are you just a mediocre athlete? Do you have a terrific memory for only trivial things? Don't despair; a new game is made for you. It is a game that requires you to answer the most insignificant questions. This challenging game is called "Trivia."

The rules of "Trivia" are simple. You ask someone a trivial question and see if they can answer. Then they can quiz you.

Comic Books

1. Who was Superboy's girl friend?
2. What was Clark Kent's father's occupation?
3. Where do Batman and Robin live?
4. Who are Archie's two girl friends?

Old Television Programs

1. On "My Little Margie," who was Margie's father's boss?
2. What is Beaver's real name on "Leave It To Beaver?"
3. On "Ozzie and Harriet," who is Ozzie's next door neighbor?
4. Who, on the "Real McCoys" is the hired hand from Mexico?

Answers to "Trivia"

Comic Books

1. Lana Lang
2. He was the owner of a general store.
3. They live at the Wayne Mansion in Gotham City.
4. Betty Cooper and Veronica Lodge.

Old Television Programs

1. Mr. Honeywell
2. Theodore Cleaver
3. Thorny
4. Pepino

born on August 21, with Dan 30 minutes older. Debbie's favorite teacher is Mrs. Wertz. Dan has no specials.

Although Marilyn and Carolyn Tross are identical, they don't dress alike. Marilyn was born 5 minutes after Carolyn on June 12. Marilyn's hobbies are horseback riding and water-skiing. Carolyn's hobby is playing softball.

Debbie and Dorothy Wing are not identical and they don't dress alike. Debbie is the older of the two and enjoys water-skiing and home economics. Dorothy's favorite class is English and she says her hobby is boys. The girls were born on July 21.

Still another set of 9th grade twins is unusual in more ways than being identical. Bev and Bonnie Blanner were born at the same time on April 30. They don't dress alike but both enjoy waterskiing and gym. Bev's favorite teacher is Mr. Kimpfing and Bonnie's is Mrs. Brehm.

Behind the Scene

By JUDY HARTE and JANE MANSFIELD

What do teachers do after school? Do they go home and sit around impatiently waiting for the next school day to begin? Probably not. Or are they always involved in scoring tests? Perhaps, but did you ever think of hobbies? Teachers, although you may not realize it, are people too, with dislikes, likes, and interests. For example, Mr. Lowry, who teaches 8th grade history, has a likeness for gardening and raising foods while Mrs. Finney would rather cook them, French style. Our French teacher also enjoys collecting recipes, traveling, and knitting, as does Mrs. Murphy and other women teachers. On the other hand, some oddballs turn up who are more interested in sports, such as Miss Meyer, Miss Altemeyer, Mrs. Haug, and Miss Pope. Music was another favorite. Miss Lampert announced oil-painting in addition to music and Mrs. Coote was different from everyone with her interests revolving around sailing and collecting records. Mrs. Anderson has traveling as a favorite pastime but also likes music very much. Mrs. Garden agrees with Mrs. Anderson in that she likes playing the piano but also enjoys horseback riding. Mrs. Ehrlich collects stamps and does ceramics.

Mr. McCormack enjoys his music, but he tells us his favorite hobby is heckling sopranos. Most of the men in our faculty seem to go out for sports, and a large variety of sports was mentioned. Both of our Mr. Meyers like hunting and fishing, though Mr. C. Meyer would also like to stay home and listen to music. While Coach Kimpling likes to rough it camping, our new coach, Mr. Ryffel's, avocation is weight lifting. Mr. Essmann said that his favorite pastime is failing Candy Cromer. So, take heed Candy! While Mr. Simmons is beating his kids, Mr. Sheridan is chasing girls, girls, and more girls. Mr. Schopp wouldn't tell us what his hobby is, but ... everybody knows!

So you can see, teachers have plenty to do besides correcting papers. Don't worry about them getting sickly and pale behind a heap of papers, they have plenty to do.

French Club Takes Trip Into Past History

The Chatillon-DeMenil home, in south St. Louis, was the destination of the French Club on Tuesday, April 19th.

Part of the historic home is opened to the public, while the other part is still being restored. After a tour through the home, the club was served drinks on the patio next to the carriage house.

Track Team Wins In Meet With Ritenour

The Comets jumped back into action after two previous losses at home to beat Ritenour in a track meet held there Friday, April 22. Ferguson won every event except the 60 yard low hurdles. The results were as follows:

Event	1st
60 yd. L. H.	Ritenour
100 yd. Dash	Wolfe
880 yd. Run	Cole
440 yd. Dash	Rubin
220 yd. Dash	Wolfe
440 Relay	Ferguson
1 Mile Relay	Ferguson
Shot Put	Counts
Discus	Schultz
Pole Vault	Harting
Broad Jump	Kasten
High Jump	Ruediger

2nd	3rd
D. Williams	Ritenour
Ritenour	Ritenour
Warren	Ritenour
Smith	Ritenour
Ruediger	Ritenour

Will	Mayrose
Luecke	Ritenour
Ritenour	Schultz
Jones	Wolfe-Ritenour
Ritenour	Kasten

Ken Ruediger broke the school high jump record with a jump of 5'7". The final score was 76½ to 21½.

Bowling Club News BOYS STANDINGS

Team	W	L
1 Carpet Baggers	44	19
2 Play Boys	35	28
3 Bulldogs	32	31
4 Ninkempus Duds	31	32
5 Funny Bunnies	26	37
6 Lucky Strikes	22	41
Boys Hi Average:		
Bob Carr	148	
Bernie Brader	146	
Boys Hi Three:		
Barry Wall	530	
Bernie Brader	519	
Boys Hi Single:		
Mark Thalhammer	230	
Barry Wall	223	

GIRLS STANDINGS		
1 Go-Go Girls	46	17
2 Paul Revere and the Raiders	42	21
3 Pussy Cats	32½	30½
4 Gutter Girls	29	34
5 The Bunnies	29	34
6 Unknowns	26	37
7 Knockouts	26	37
8 Muff Outs	24½	38½
Girls High Average:		
Dana Rees	122	
Gloria Stilts	119	
Girls High Three:		
Dana Rees	496	
Kathy Carnahan	483	
Girls High Single:		
Dana Rees	225	
Kathy Carnahan	187	
Fairel Brauch	174	

Comet Trackmen Lose to Hoech

Hoech Junior High School defeated the Comets in a track meet held here on April 19 by a score of 60-35. The results were as follows:

Event		
60 yd. Low Hurdles	.....
100 yd. Dash	.....
220 yd. Dash	.....
440 yd. Dash	.....
880 yd. Run	.....
440 yd. Relay	.....
Broad Jump	.....
High Jump	.....
Pole Vault	.....
Discus	.....
Shot Put	.....

1st	2nd	3rd
Hoech	Hoech	Williams
Wolfe	Hoech	Kasten
Wolfe	Hoech	Kasten
Hoech	Rubin	Smith
Hoech	Hoech	Hoech
Hoech	Ferguson	
Jones	Wolfe	Monnig
Hoech	Hoech	Hoech
Hoech	Harting	Schultz
Hoech	Lueke	Mayrose
Hoech	Hoech	Will

Comets Drop First To Coolidge

The Ferguson Comets tennis team went down to a feat in their first tennis meet with Coolidge by a score of 3-2. The meet was held on April 19 at Ferguson. The results were as follows:

Player	Results
Fluri—	
Lost	3-6 4-6
Giordano—	
Won	2-6 6-0 6-1
Small—	
Lost	6-8 6-2 5-7
Doerman and Pauley—	
Lost	1-6 3-6
Tippit and Gilda—	
Won	6-4 6-1

Bowling Club

The ten finalists who were decided at Ferguson Lanes on March 9th and 16th were defeated at the District Tournament on April 9th and 16th. The girls were Fairel Brauch, Nancy Hatt, Gloria Stilts, Linda Rodef, Janet McClanahan. They bowled at Crossroads Lanes on April 9th and at Tropicana Lanes on April 16th.

The five boy finalists were Barry Wall, Mark Thalhammer, Bob Carr, Rick Wedle, and Rick Utley. They bowled at Tropicana Lanes on April 9th and at Crossroads Lanes on the 16th. The winners of the district finals go to the state tournament at Columbia, Missouri.



SPORTS NEWS

Girls' Sports

All grades have completed the volleyball season and here are some of the results:

7th grade, first place, Alley Cats. Members are:

Carol Tschannen, capt., Cheryl Pisarkiewicz, Pam Smith, Cindy Scherrer, Sharon Bennett, Ellen Arsenault, Ellen Norris, Cathy Reinish.

On March 28, the 8th grade defeated the 7th grade in an all star volleyball game. The 7th grade all star team was made up of:

Pisarkiewicz, high scorer, Arsenault, Scherrer, Humphrey, high scorer, Tschannen, capt., Paulson, Smith, Katemen, Fischer.

For the 8th grade team we had: Cooper, capt. and high scorer, Grayson, Kutzler, McGrath, Harrison, Straughn, Frasier, Statler, Whertvine.

And last but not the least the results of the 9th grade intramurals: 1st, Cans; 2nd, Muff-Outs; 3rd, Scott's Team; 4th, Harte's Team; 5th, Comettes; 6th, Latta's Team.

The Cans were: Candy Moore, capt., Donna Douglas, Nancy Woodworth, Debbie Bergfeld, Sara Tocco, Norma Bauer, Barb Grenier, Mary Ann Bernsen, Marilyn Benne.

High scorers were Bergfeld with 24, Barger with 12, Douglas with 17, and McGrath with 14.

Before the next intramural sport, softball, there will be intramurals in aerial tennis, cage ball, deck tennis, and shuffleboard.

The Physical Fitness testing has begun. There has been a change in the testing from the pull-up test to the fixed arm hang. This is done with and overhand grip on the bar. She raises her chin above the bar and holds that position as long as possible. The watch is stopped when the chin touches the bar, goes below the bar, or she tilts her head back to keep from touching the bar.

Score from this second Physical Fitness Test will be used to determine the patch awards. You must have at least an 80 percentile in each test.

"Here's hoping we'll have many girls wearing the Physical Fitness Patch Award," said Miss Jerzewiak.

Trackmen Lose To Bulldogs

The Comet trackmen lost their opener April 14 when they met Berkeley. The score was 52-43.

Winning events for Ferguson were Terry Wolfe who won the 220 yard dash and Tom Counts who won the shot put. Also winning for Ferguson was the 440 relay team who won when Berkeley's team was disqualified for going out of their lane. Members of our relay team are Bob Jones, Don Williams, Dwain Akins, and Terry Wolfe.

Event

60 yd. Low Hurdles	.....
100 yd. Dash	.....
220 yd. Dash	.....
440 yd. Dash	.....
440 yd. Relay	.....
880 yd. Run	.....
Discus	.....
Pole Vault	.....
Shot Put	.....
High Jump	.....
Broad Jump	.....

1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Berkeley	Williams	Berkeley
Berkeley	Wolfe	Berkeley
Wolfe	Berkeley	Berkeley
Berkeley	Jones	Rubin
Ferguson		
Berkeley	Mayberry	Ketchers'e
Berkeley	Shultz	Jones
Berkeley	Harting	Cook
Counts	Berkeley	Berkeley
Berkeley	Kasten	Berkeley
Berkeley	Wolfe	Jones

HUMOR

A secretary, late for her lunch appointment, explained, "The man who was following me walked very slowly."

When the boss hired a shapeley new secretary, everyone expected his wife to explode. Instead, she said, "I'm delighted. Henry won't DARE come home late for dinner any more!"

The first aid specialist, instructing a class of Girl Scouts, asked, "Why does a surgeon wear a mask while performing an operation?"

One little girl replied, "So that if he makes a mess of it, the patient won't know who did it."