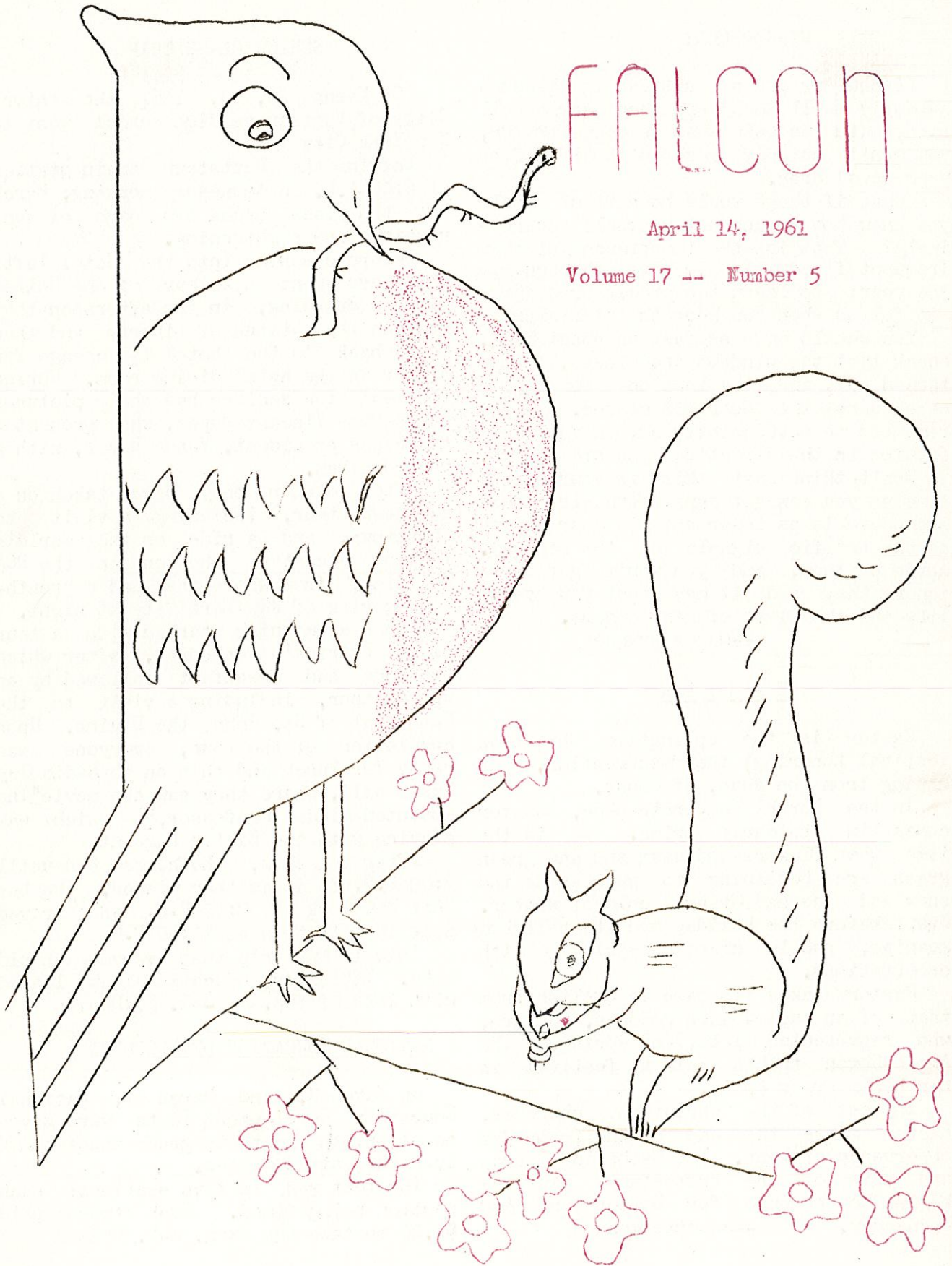


# FALCON

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FIREDRILLS!

If one day you are sitting in class and suddenly smell smoke and then hear a bell ring, would you know what to do next? No, you don't quickly rush to the lav. for your usual drag.

What if there would be a fire? Would you know how to conduct yourself accordingly? That is the importance of the frequent fire drills we have throughout the year; to learn the proper procedure to follow when you hear the fire alarm.

You should move as fast as possible, check that the windows are closed, lights turned out, and the last one out should make sure the door is closed. Also, remember to move quietly and in an orderly fashion in the direction you are to go.

Don't think that this is your recess time so you can get some fresh air. This procedure is as important to your safety as the traffic signals on the highway. Abide by them, and you won't get hurt; ignore them, and it may cost you your life and the lives of many others.

--Marie Brunner

E A S T E R

Easter is the springtime Christian festival honoring the resurrection, or rising from the dead, of Jesus.

In the North Temperate Zone, Easter comes in the early spring. It is the time when flowers and warm sun and green grass are beginning to push aside the snow and ice and dreary cold of winter. Even before the holiday had its religious meaning, people greeted spring with celebrations.

Easter takes its name in English from that of an Anglo-Saxon goddess, Eastre, who represented light, or spring. The Anglo-Saxon tribes held a festival in her honor every April.

In most of the Christian churches, Easter marks the end of the forty-day observance of Lent. The Catholic Church and some of the Protestant churches begin to prepare for Easter on Ash Wednesday.

--Annette John

SENIOR CLASS TRIP

On March 29, 30, 1961, the Senior Class of Pottsgrove High School went to New York City.

Leaving the Pottstown train station at 6:00 A.M. on Wednesday morning, March 29, the class began two days of fun, rushing, and sightseeing.

Before checking into the Hotel Taft, the class went on a tour of the United Nations Building. In the afternoon they visited the Statue of Liberty and then went back to the hotel to change for dinner in the hotel dining room. During the meal ten seniors had their pictures taken with Vincent Lopez, who presented the class president, Vanda Boyer, with a record album.

After dinner they were taken on a downtown tour, including a visit to Chinatown, and a ride on the world's fastest elevator, the one in the RCA Building, from where they had a breathtaking view of New York City at night.

The next morning started with a tour of St. Patrick's Cathedral, after which everyone had breakfast followed by an uptown tour, including a visit to the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. Upon completion of the tour, everyone was ready for lunch and then on to Radio City Music Hall, where they saw the movie "The Absent-Minded Professor," which was playing with the Easter Pageant.

After the show, the class had until 7:00 P.M. to do as they wished. The bus left New York at 7:00 P.M. and arrived home in Pottstown at 11:00 P.M.

This is one trip that everyone should take. It is very educational and loaded with lots of fun. --G. S. Dunlap

NATIONAL EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT

On March 7, and March 11, National Education Development Tests were given to all ninth and tenth grade students all over the United States.

The test was in five sections; each section being timed. Each student paid \$1.00 to take the exam. --D. Bowman





SPRING-FORD vs. POTTS GROVE

On Saturday, March 25, Pottsgrove High played Spring-Ford High in an exhibition baseball game with the battery of Bill Logan and Wayne Hurst. Logan struck five out in two innings and was replaced by Bob Raybold in the fourth, with Fred Bixler as catcher.

By the time the sixth inning rolled around, Pottsgrove led 4-3. In this inning, Jim Armstrong went into pitch and Dave Reitmeyer to catch. Armstrong struck two out in a row and then walked two.

Final score was 5-4 Spring-Ford.

--D. Reitmeyer

#### CHEERLEADERS

On Monday, March 13, during floating period, the cheerleaders met in the gym with Mr. Giangiacomo, the sponsor. They discussed appointing a president, vice president, and secretary-treasurer.

There was a tie between Patsy Dimon and Mary Ann Istenes for president. Until it is broken, Pat Dimon will be acting president. As for vice-president, Janet Kozel was elected, and Nancy Clapper was elected secretary-treasurer.

Also the Varsity must decide whom they want for captain next year.

--C. Orlando



POTTS GROVE WINS OPENER 1-0

On Tuesday afternoon, April 4, Pottsgrove opened the season with a 1-0 victory over Twin Valley. The battery for Pottsgrove consisted of Jim Myers, a southpaw on the mound, and Wayne Hurst behind the plate.

In the first three innings, Myers retired seven of the nine men to come to the plate. In the fifth inning, he retired one of the three men to come to bat; and in the sixth innings, retired two of the three men to come to the plate.

The game could strictly be classed as a defensive contest with Myers as the outstanding hurler. --D. Reitmeyer

#### POTTSTOWN vs. POTTS GROVE

On Wednesday, March 29, Pottstown and Pottsgrove got together for a scrimmage baseball game.

The battery consisted of Bob Raybold, pitcher, and Fred Bixler, catcher.

Pottstown started off with three runs in the first, but the fourth was Pottsgrove's inning. Fred Bixler started it off with a single, and Pottsgrove made two runs.

In the fifth inning, Pottsgrove got their last run. Then in the seventh Paul Chryst got a hit and stole second. While Roger Bowers had two strikes on himself, Chryst stole third. With Chryst on third and Bowers on first, Dave Reitmeyer came to bat and got a single to drive in two runs and end the game 5-4 Pottsgrove. --D. Reitmeyer



## VANDA BOYER PARTICIPATES IN CONTEST

The National Office Management Association (NOMA) conducted a contest in approximately 20 of the surrounding area schools. The contest was conducted in order to find the "ideal" secretary in the Pottstown Reading areas.

Participating from Pottsgrove, was Vanda Boyer. Vanda, on March 14, 1961, went to Governor Mifflin High School to take the test.

The test was given in different intervals for the different types of tests. The test consisted of typing, shorthand, spelling, dictation and transcription, bookkeeping, business English, and Mathematics. ---M. Brunner

## REPORTS IN CLUBS

For the past few weeks, the students, in the Pottsgrove Business Education Club, under the supervision of Mrs. Wenhoid, have been giving reports.

Some topics were "How to be Popular," "How to be the Girl for the Job," "How to Correct your Errors," "Introduction of Women into the Business World," and, "Good Manners."

These reports have helped us to learn more about the business world, and are very interesting to hear. ---C. Orlando

## F. H. A. BY-LINE

On Thursday, March 16, members of the F. H. A. Club presented a gold emblem pin to Mrs. Rambo, the sponsor.

Susan Gohean was chosen by the girls as a candidate for nomination for vice-president in charge of recreation in the annual state elections held at Penn State.

Nancy Levengood, president of F.H.A. club, was chosen as a delegate to represent our school at the annual F. H. A. Conference at Penn State June 12, 13, and 14. ---Mary Ellen Miller

## THE SCIENCE FAIR

The first annual Science Fair sponsored by the Pottsgrove P.T.A. was held Wednesday, March 8, in the high school gym at 8 o'clock. Wednesday afternoon, 74 projects were set up in the gym.

These projects were in three fields, physics, biology, and physiography. Three prizes were awarded in each field. They were gold, bronze, and silver metals. The grand prizes in the senior and junior highs were \$25 savings bonds.

In physics, David Bartman, with his project "sound verocity", was the grand winner in the senior high. In the junior high department John Minnick won the grand prize. This seventh-grader's project was a drawing of the skull with a complete explanation.

Other winners in the senior high were Nancy Buchholtz, Arthur Jenkins, and Susan Gohean, biology division; Norman Arndt, and Surelee Tosher, Physiography; and Terry Nettles and Harry White, Physics division.

Junior high winners were David Tosher and Judy Feicht, biology; David Hausman, and Jerry Egolf, physics; and Nancy Bechtel, Barbara Evans, and Malcolm Jackson, physiography.

The judges were Robert Enaminger, a geologist; E. L. Eckfeldt, an engineer from General Electric Co.; Dr. Robert Staigner, a professor of chemistry at Ursinus College, and Robert Guildin Sr., from the Doehler-Jaevs Corp.

Thursday morning pupils viewed the exhibits during the first and second periods. ---J. Basco

## SOFTBALL PRACTICE BEGINS

March 27 saw the start of the girls 1961 softball season, with about 40 girls turning out for practice. After cutting is completed, there will be about 20 girls on the squad.

The first game will be at Pottstown Wednesday, April 12. ---J. Hunsberger



## FIFTH ANNUAL MUSIC CONCERT

On May 4 and 5, 1961, the Pottsgrove Chorus, Concert Band, and Dance Band will present the annual music concert.

On May 4 the Chorus and Dance Band perform, and the Senior Concert Band on May 5. ---G. S. Dunlap

## DISTRICT AND REGIONAL CHORUS

On March 9, 10, and 11, the representatives of Pottsgrove High School Chorus went to Woodrow Wilson High School for District Chorus. The representatives were Richard Kalawaic, for his third year; Richard Steltz and Ronald Sekellick, for both their first year.

For the three days they stayed at the homes of Woodrow Wilson students.

On April 14, 15, and 16, Richard Kalawaic, Richard Steltz, and Ronald Skellick are going to Cedar Cliff High School Camp Hill, Penna, for Regional State III Chorus. This is Richard Kalawaic's third year and Ronald Skellick and Richard Steltz will be experiencing their first.

Guest conductor will be Dr. Clide Dengler, choral Director of Upper Darby High School. --- C. Wentzel

## DANCE BAND ASSEMBLY

One of the most enjoyable assemblies of this school year was presented by our own Dance Band on Friday, March 24. The theme of the assembly was jazz--from its beginnings to its present day counterpart. Narrating the program was an off-stage voice. This was Harry Overholtzer, who portrayed a gremlin.

Among the jazz forms played were ragtime in the earliest form, blues, dixieland, boogie-woogie, bebop, and cool and progressive jazz. Outstanding examples of these types of music are Wabash Blues, Cool Canon, High Society, Jump for Jason, and Peter Pistol.

The assembly closed with examples of dance beats from foreign countries. Highlights were "No Other Love", "Lichtensteiner Polka", sung by members of the German class, and "The Night Is Young and You're so Beautiful". ---Norma Decker

## MR. ROBERTS LECTURES ON SOUND

Thursday, March 23, Mr. Roberts, our band director, spoke to the combined physics classes. His topic was sound waves and acoustics, the science of sound.

Mr. Roberts explained the acoustics of the room to us. The sides are built in such a way that they absorb much of the sound. The ceiling is made of soft plaster so it also absorbs much of the sound.

Several of the band members participated in the lecture. They demonstrated the different notes on the clarinet, saxophone, trombone, trumpet, brass fiddle, and the tympany drums.

We feel that the lecture was very helpful in our study of sound and sound waves.

---J. Hoffman

## JUNIOR HIGH CHORUS AND BAND CONCERT

On Tuesday evening, March 21, 1961, a concert was presented by the Junior High School Chorus and Band in the school's auditorium at eight o'clock.

The chorus sang "Comin' Thru the Rye" "I heard a Forest Praying," "Thank the Good Lord It's Friday," and "Penny Parade" under the direction of Mrs. Bixler. Soloists were Bonnie Eczko and James Duggar, singing "God Bless America" and "Where in the World (But in America)" respectively.

The Band, under the direction of Mr. Roberts, played "La Banda Nascenti," "Diane" an American Folk Suite, "Washington Post" "American Patrol," "Si Trocadero," "Semper Fidelis," "The Star-Spangled Banner," and "Serenade D an Insomniac," a novelty narrated by Harry Overholtzer.

---J. Seregely

## DREXEL SCIENCE TRIP

On March 28, 1961, 10 senior physics students, along with Mr. Dry, attended a science symposium at Drexel Institute in Philadelphia.

Four main speakers addressed the group of Philadelphia area high school students. The basic topic of discussion was the missile and satellite program of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (N.A.S.A.). --Jean Hunsberger



## SENIOR PERSONALITIES

This senior is a member of the business Education course. Her most outstanding feature is her smile. She was elected to the Color Day And Football Court. Miss M. is also in Pottsgrovian, softball and hockey.

During her three years in senior high she has participated in the junior class play and was a class officer in tenth grade.

A few of her hobbies are dancing, skiing, boating, and telling jokes.

She will enter Pierce Business School in the fall. Do you know who she is?

Peggy Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Miller, R. D. #3, Pottstown.

Our next senior is a petite, blond-haired member of the business course. Among her activities are Falcon-circulation manager, Pottsgrovian, class play eleventh and twelfth grades, and Varsity Club.

Upon graduating from school, Miss J. plans to become a dentist receptionist.

She enjoys all Italian foods and also likes to bowl. Can you guess who?

Annette John, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert John, R. D. #3, Pottstown.

J--- P----- is a member of the academic course. Because of his high marks, he was inducted into the Pottsgrove Chapter of the National Honor Society, of which he is now treasurer.

Other activities include playing in junior varsity basketball in his second and third years, Participating in the junior play, and serving as president of the student council.

He plans to enter Pennsylvania State University in preparation for a career in engineering.

Outside of school activities, he enjoys water skiing, swimming, and ice skating. Who is he?

Jeffrey Pruner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pruner, R. D. #3, Pottstown.

--N. Decker

This senior is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne \_\_\_\_\_, 115 Elm Street, Stowe. This senior is a member of the business education course. She is 5'4" and has black hair. Her ambition is to graduate and then get a job as a secretary. She has participated in the Falcon and Pottsgrovian. All during high school she was on the honor roll.

Because her favorite hobby is dancing she learns all the new dance steps very quickly.

Although she loves to eat spaghetti and pizza, she still stays slim.

Can't you guess who?--Yes, Lorraine Wade.

Another senior for this month is \_\_\_\_\_, son of Mrs. Anne \_\_\_\_\_, Grosstown Road, Stowe.

He has participated in football, track, basketball, and the wrestling club. In his junior year, he was "King of Good Sportsmanship."

\_\_\_\_\_, who is a member of the Shop course, plans to go to a school in Reading. He doesn't plan to study any special subject.

His favorite food is apples.

The Falcon wishes him the best of success always.--You are right--M. Migala.

--J. Hoffman

## BELL TELEPHONE

On Friday, March 24, Mrs. D. R. Foley, a representative of the Bell Telephone Company, came to Pottsgrove to explain to the business education students in the eleventh and twelfth grades the job opportunities and benefits of working with their company.

By the use of a picture board, she showed different jobs available with the company. She also told us about the salaries, advancement, insurance benefits, and the different positions open to people applying for jobs with the company.

--L. Wade



## SPRING

Spring has returned to Pottsgrove High School. With its advent have come the inevitable baseball games, track meets, top-down convertibles, boys hanging around looking at girls, and, last but not least, girls hanging around knowing that the boys are watching them, trying to look as though they do not notice or care.

Just what is spring? Any weatherman will tell you that it is the season of the year between the Vernal Equinox and the Summer Solstice, the time when the sun's direct rays fall between the Equator and the Tropic of Cancer.

A naturalist would say that the season is the time of year when the animals that hibernated, the birds that migrated south, and the seeds that have lain dormant all winter come out into their full glory.

A romanticist might relate the old story of the birds and the bees. Just what does spring mean to you?

--M. Ulan

## TRACK SEASON

Our Falcons have started their third track season this year. Mr. Dori expects much from this year's team, which is loaded with veterans. Harry White and Jay Novak are this year's captains.

We hope the boys do well and wish them all luck.

Candidates are Harry White, Jay Novak, Russell Lenhart, Charlie Gambino, Michael Buchholtz, Michael Cepko, Lenny Maglicchetti, Joseph Slaby, and Larry Burns.

Also, Terry Nettles, Wayne Hurst, Bill Logan, Jim Sitko, Dick Marks, Laverne Boyer, David Boyer, George Dougherty, Norm Arndt, Alan Rhoads, Jerry Myers, Bobby Rimel, Joe Tillger, John Greis, Jim Rinehart, and Leroy Kilmer.

Also, Herbert Geiser, Dave Hoffman, Jim Nothstein, Fred Ebert, Tom Kalwaic, and Henry Horvath.

--Tim Cooney

## SENIOR CLASS TRIPS

Each year the classes are getting larger, and it seems that it is becoming harder to get enough money together for the trip to New York.

Most students don't realize it, but it takes at least \$23 per person to spend two days in New York. This pays for everything except meals, which are at one's own expense.

Students must earn all of this money with the dances and the plays the class sponsors, and by selling Christmas cards and candy. Each person must do his part of the work, or no trip.

Students attending Pottsgrove are lucky because they are given the privilege of going to New York. Many other schools have put a stop to class trips. Students go to New York to learn and to have fun - fun that is the reason. As long as this is remembered, class trips will be continued. --Judy Seregely

## CROSS COUNTRY RACE

The girls in our school are in training for the coming summer. Everyone has probably seen the girls running around the track during gym classes. These girls are preparing for the cross country.

Mrs. Flamm told the girls that during President Eisenhower's administration, a program for the improving of the physical fitness of the nation's youth was begun. Now President Kennedy is advancing this program. There will be a cross country contest held for the girls of the nation. The winner will be presented a certificate.

All the girls are timed by Mrs. Flamm when they run this three-quarter of a mile. As of Tuesday, April 4, the top time in our whole school was five minutes and two seconds, held by Carol Bernhart.

--Susanne Gregory

## NATIONAL F.H.A. WEEK -- 10-15

This week, April 10-15 is National F. H. A. Week. The national flower for the F. H. A. Clubs is a red rose. Members of our F. H. A. Club have given all of the women members of the faculty a red rose to wear this week. Members of the club are also wearing red roses.

--Mary Ellen Miller



### HOW DO YOU INTEND TO IMPROVE YOUR SENIOR YEAR?

Jerri Seasholtz---have a good twirling corps  
 Sandra Juhasz-----doing everything better  
 Kitty Newhard----work harder on my studies  
 Kathy Ludy-----study harder  
 Surelæe Tosher-----stop giggline and STUDY  
 Susan Peach-----pass geometry now  
 H. John Stahl, Jr.----gaining more friends  
 Norman Arndt-----studying harder  
 Richard Steltz----not study and watch T.V.  
 Shirley Keeley-----get better grades this  
                   year, so I'll be a senior next year.  
 Ron Seltman -----apply myself more  
 Barbara Mohler--getting to my senior year  
 Judy Evans-----work harder  
 Carolyn Hunsberger--pass physics and trig.  
 Charlotte Daub----improve my English grade  
 Shirley Mund-----pay attention in class  
 Jayne Overholtzer-----study harder  
 Patti Miller---stop letting my mind wander  
                   --Jill Weidner

### ESSAY CONTEST

The annual seventh Armored Division Association essay contest this year will be written on the subject, "My Responsibility as an American Citizen".

High school students in 10th, 11th, and 12th grades are eligible to enter.

Essays must not exceed 600 words and must be sent to Douglass T. Greene, retired Major General of the U. S. Army, 835 Morgan Avenue, Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania, before May 15, 1961. Essays must be signed by the writer and one of his or her parents. Prizes will be as follows: first prize, \$50.00 savings bond; second and third prizes, \$25.00 savings bond.

--David Egelston

### "WAKE UP AND READ"

The following list of "What Young Americans Are Reading" was taken from two issues of This Week magazine from the Sunday Bulletin. The first was dated December 19, 1960, and the second March 12, 1961. The titles of the books marked with an asterisk are among those in our school library. A brief review of the contents of each of these books follows.

### IF YOU COULD CHANGE ANYTHING YOU WANTED TO ABOUT SCHOOL, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

Kathy Ludy-----have more dances  
 Surelee Tosher-----a school store  
 David Miller-----have a drag strip out  
                   on the driveway  
 Helen Maylath-----bringing in certain  
                   people to school  
 Patti Miller-----comfortable chairs,  
                   without splinters  
 Susan Peach-----have more time between  
                   classes  
 Sandy Juhasz-----trade boys with those  
                   of Pottstown High  
 Shirley Keeley-----uncrowded buses  
 Richard Marks-----nothing  
 Jayne Overholtzer----Thunderbird for  
                   driver education  
 Joan Smale--have school from 12 to 3:00  
 Jerri Seasholtz--  
                   have a shorter school year  
 Charlotte Daub--  
                   have second-year bookkeeping  
 Linda Mest---reduce amount of homework  
 Tom Buckwalter----being allowed to go  
                   school grounds for lunch.  
                   --Jill Weidner

### PENNANT DANCE

On May 29, the National Honor Society will sponsor a record dance.

Admission will be either 25¢ or a pennant.

Come and have a terrific time the day before Memorial Day!

December 19, 1960

- \*1. Anna Karenina - Leo Tolstoy  
One of the greatest novels ever written, it tells of two love affairs, one happy, one tragic.
- \*2. The Caine Mutiny - Herman Woink
- \*3. Of Human Bondage - W. Somerset
- \*4. On the Beach - Nevil Shutz
- \*5. Exodus - Leon Uris
- \*6. The Nun's Story - Kathryn Hulme  
Sister Luke, a missionary nurse in the Congo, finds she cannot achieve the humility she needs to become a nun.

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