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*Who'll Reign
at the
Sophomore
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Honor Society Inductees



The new members of the National Honor Society are: (L to R) Betty Price, Kenneth Albright, Sharon Lefever, Joel Lenko, Roxanne Miller, Jeannette Madaras, Matthew Plevyak, Ellen Meyer, John Minnick, Shirley Bell, Vicki Van Horn, and Barbara Biezup.

Sports Awards Presented To Hockey, Football Teams

The annual fall sports award assembly was held on January 27 in the school auditorium. Conducted by Francis Winterbottom the assembly honored the athletes for their participation in fall sports.

Annual Magazine Campaign Begun At Kick-off Rally

The annual magazine campaign was launched February 4 with a

Honor Society Inducts Twelve New Members

The Pottsgrove Chapter of the National Honor Society presented their induction assembly to the Pottsgrove student body on January 10, 1964. At the beginning of the program the present members of the organization enacted an informal meeting considering applicants for admission to the society. Gerald Meyers, president of the society, presided over the meeting.

P. H. S. Receives Evaluation Results

On January 2, 1964, the school district received a laudatory report by the evaluation team, which visited Pottsgrove High School in November, 1962.

The evaluation results were received from the commission on secondary schools of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. It stated that Pottsgrove High School was placed on its List of Accredited Secondary Schools.

Results Revealed

The visiting committee commended the school's general program in many areas. Recommendations were also offered which, to a large extent, are already being inaugurated. One statement in the committee's report seemed to manifest a unified impression, "Pottsgrove High School is a very good

Carol Norton, vice president; Donna Strunk, secretary; David Spatz, treasurer; and Peter Fredrickson made informal speeches conveying the quality traits all new inductees must possess. After the close of the meeting, the new inductees were announced.

From the senior class: Betty Price.

From the junior class: Shirley Bell, Jeannette Madaras, Sharon Lefever, and Kenneth Albright.

From the sophomore class: Barbara Biezup, Joel Lenko, Ellen Meyer, Roxanne Miller, John Minnick, Matthew Plevyak, and Vicki Van Horn.

Evelyn Ochar presented their pins and membership cards to them. Gerald Meyers presented the new inductees to Miss Jessie H. Rosenberry, high school principal. She accepted them with congratulations and in turn, presented the inductees to Jacob E. Dailey, who accepted them on behalf of the Pottsgrove Jointure.

Mr. Dailey praised the new inductees and their parents as well.

John LaFish presented awards to the championship hockey team on behalf of the Board of School Directors and the Varsity Club.

Blazers were re-presented with new 1963 emblems to the second year champions: M. Abrams, B. Alderfer, M. Bush, C. Dunlap, R. Gephart, C. Norton, D. Strunk, C. Bernhart, C. Smith, and Mrs. Flamm, the coach. The above team members also received individual trophies.

New blazers for 1st year champions were awarded to: D. Bealer, L. Fisher, L. Holloway, and S. Stein.

Gold hockey sticks were presented to: D. Bealer, L. Fisher, L. Holloway, S. Stein, E. Eppler, J. Feight, and C. Reed.

The hockey girls honored Mrs. Flamm with a special award.

Football Squad Awarded Trophy
Donald Hartman presented football awards from the Board of School Directors and the Varsity Club.

The football squad was awarded maroon-and-white sweaters. Receiving these were: G. Antrim, R. Basco, J. Basile, R. Binczak, S. Davidheiser, J. Dugger, L. Eagle, R. Favinger, J. Gauger, J. Gnoza, J. Hanley, R. Gustaff, J. Kochel, W. Mauger, G. Meyers, M. Novak, R. Reider, H. Reigner, B. Neuman, and coaches, Kenneth Harclerode, Theodore Kershner, and Robert Rheel.

As recognition for its first place rank in inter-county league football, the varsity team received its first championship trophy. Miss Jessie H. Rosenberry presented the award to Ronald Favinger, captain; James Dugger, co-captain; and the coaches.

A special award honoring the coaches was presented by the team.

Hockey Expert Addresses Group
Mrs. Jennifer Shillingford, the nation's authority on goal-keeping, commended the teams for their victorious season. Mrs. Shillingford spoke to the student body about her experiences on the playing field and as a referee.

Jacob E. Dailey closed the program by congratulating the athletes and coaches for their ability and pride in bringing these honors and awards to Pottsgrove.

Musicians To Play In Annual Concert

The Valley Forge Area Band will present its fifteenth annual concert on Thursday, February 27, 1964, at 8 p.m. The affair will be held at Upper Merion High School.

The Valley Forge Area Band is composed of 140 musicians from 15 high schools in the Valley Forge area. It is under the direction of the band directors from the various area schools which participate.

Members of the band plan to rehearse on Monday, February 10, Tuesday, February 18, and Wednesday, February 26. Rehearsals are conducted one to four p.m. at Upper Merion High School.

The following students were selected to represent Pottsgrove in the Valley Forge Area Band: Marilyn Shaner, first flute; Gerald Dori, third clarinet; Nancy Bechtel, alto clarinet; Carolyn Rutter, bass clarinet; Robert Reber, baritone sax; James Powell, French horn; Robert Meko, fourth horn; David Swenk, first trumpet; William Sands, first trombone; Harry Overholtzer, drums; and Larry Powell, bass.

Coming Events

- Feb. 5—Valentine Dance
- Feb. 6-7—Parent-Teachers Conference and Workshop
- Feb. 12—P.T.A.
- Feb. 14—Color Day
- Feb. 25—Varsity Club Banquet
- Feb. 28—Dance - Student Council
- Mar. 11—P.T.A.
- Mar. 13—Dance - Business Ed. Club

runs until February 17.

Four prizes are awarded daily to the persons who have the largest totals. On Color Day, February 14, special prizes will be awarded.

The small mascot sports maroon and white ribbons with "Pottsgrove Falcon" written on them.

Those students who sell subscriptions for Life, Look, Redbook, or Better Homes and Gardens magazines receive pencils. If a pencil has a red head, the student receives a silver dollar. It is possible alternate prizes of tickets to the World's Fair may be offered.

The goal of the campaign is \$4,500. The money will be put into the Activity Fund and the class treasuries proportionately.

Pottsgrove Receives Praise On Sportsmanship, Ability

Pottsgrove athletes were commended by the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association. Two officials at one of the basketball games were impressed with the sportsmanship of the team members.

The game mentioned was the Collegeville-Trappe game of January 17. "An apparent 'winning goal' was made by a Pottsgrove player." However, "the final buzzer had blown before the ball left the shooter's hands," and the goal did not count. Consequently, Pottsgrove lost the game by one point.

Team Members Thank Officials

It is to be expected that the spectators and players especially would feel quite disappointed. But, immediately after the game they took the time to thank Mr. March and Mr. Parker, the officials, for officiating a "nice game."

Rare Display of Sportsmanship

Mr. March made the comment that "such good sportsmanship is rarely shown these days." He went

Outcomes Expected

Some of the outcomes expected from evaluation programs are the improvement of secondary education, a professional evaluation of the program existing in the individual school, and the accreditation of the school. This accreditation status assures graduates a better chance of acceptance by colleges.

Student Experiences

The evaluation was a unique experience for not only the teachers and their individual programs, but it impressed the student body as well. Many students may recall participating in panel discussions and frequent improvised interviews.

as the other members of the society.

After the ceremonies, a tea in honor of the inductees was held in the home economics suite. The reception for them and their parents was prepared by Mrs. Sara Rambo and the girls in the home economics class.

The induction ceremonies were prepared by the National Honor Society and its sponsor, Ralph F. Murgia.

Leo Ciaciak Takes Second Position In Annual Contest

Leo Ciaciak, a Pottsgrove senior, placed second in the area public speaking contest which was held at Pottsgrove on January 16.

Leo competed against boys from Bucks, Lehigh, and Montgomery counties. His topic viewed the timely subject of agricultural chemicals. In his speech he presented the grave question "Does man have the power to destroy his surroundings by the misuse of pesticides?"

Senior Has Experience

Leo's previous experience in public speaking is interesting. As a freshman he started with a third place in the area contest followed by another third in the Soil Conservation District's annual pageant.

Then on to his sophomore year and his finest season where he took first place both in the local and area contest and continued to represent Pottsgrove at the regional contest.

Leo's junior year saw him take a number three position in the area contest on the subject of radiation.

The public speaking ability of Leo is utilized frequently. On February 4 he addressed the student body as chairman of the magazine campaign. Too, he often speaks for the senior class and agriculture department.

Harman Writes Letter

In another letter, the Falcon Staff, was congratulated by Dr. Allen C. Harman, County Superintendent.

Dr. Harman expressed in the letter his appreciation in receiving the November 27 issue of The Falcon, which contained an article on National Education Week.

He remarked that the articles in the paper are well written, the arrangement of the paper is attractive, and the pictures add much to the appearance of the paper.

Stop and Look!

by Vicki Van Horn

Have you ever sought for beauty within our school? No, our auditorium is not comparable to the Bolshoi Theater, nor is our football field in any way reminiscent of the Roman Coliseum. But have you ever paused, breathless, at the stair landing and glanced at the snowy masterpiece framed by the edges of the window? In the mornings this same area is often flooded by sunshine, an oasis of warmth and light. The enclosed garden shows grace and charm in the autumn, sparkles with its veil of ice during the winter, and blooms, delicate and dainty, with the arrival of spring.

Seek beauty within our hallowed halls, too. Find it in the building each morning during the silent meditation, in the symmetry of the gowned chorus, and in the calm of an empty classroom. Regularity and proportion cast harmony and exist in countless tiny matters, as a newly washed blackboard or neatly arranged shades. Look at your school again! Isn't it beautiful?

Juniors Sport New Rings

At last the juniors at Pottsgrove have received their class rings—after much impatient waiting.

The style of this year's ring is similar to last year's. The stone is rectangular in shape and comes in a variety of sizes and colors. The ring style was chosen by the students in the beginning of the year. They were given a choice of five stone shapes.

Rain Foils Mole Caper

Shakespeare's proverbial "Tam-ing of the Shrew" might possibly have been attempted by some ambitious Pottsgrove student had not the heavy rains washed our little visitor away.

For several days prior to January 9, 1964, many students marveled at, and commented on, the quilted-appearing snow pattern on the north lawn adjacent to the cafeteria ramp.

On Thursday, January 9, many of

Centered on the stone is the school emblem. On one side of the ring is a Falcon with the numerals 19, and on the other side is a portion of the school building with the number 65. Highlighting the setting of the ring is an antique finish.

Superstition Runs High

This year the students will be turning their rings 65 times since they will be graduating in 1965. The purpose of the turning is to bring good luck to the wearer of the ring.

Wandering around our school building, it is very likely that you may find girls sporting a Pottsgrove ring on each hand, or even more likely, a Pottsgrove ring side by side with another school ring.

Usually all that can be seen of

Classroom Capers

Mrs. Richards asked her seventh grade reading class what the prefix "peri" means, and was given the answer, "Perry Mason." For the spelling of perpendicular, Mr. Rheel received "purpin dickler" from his seventh graders.

Walk in 107, and look on the ledge above the blackboard. A picture of Jim Gauger is proudly displayed there by Mr. Murgia. The picture was a Christmas present to Mr. Murgia from Jim.

Gerry McGee and Stan Yarmush have found that their "Do Not Disturb: Inter-County League Meeting" sign hung on their classroom doors does not fool their teachers for too long.

Carol Dunlap has signed up for the weight lifting course. But James Basile has listed her weight as 160 pounds which means Carol will certainly have a lot to live up to.

Chivalry is not dead! John Buckwalter gallantly carries Anna Laurer, who had the misfortune of breaking her foot while ice skating, up the cafeteria ramp every morning.

Mr. Boehmer and Mr. Murgia have been caught in the act! After school one day, Grezelda caught them measuring each other on the woodwork in Mr. Boehmer's room.

Bruce Godshall, an eighth grader who lives to help people, goes around to his classmates and checks their EARS. He then informs his patients whether or not their ears are dirty.

The senior class's intramural volleyball teams have very appropriate names with **Wennie's Winners**, **Kathy's Coolies**, **Murgia's Mafia**, **Ralphie's Relects**, **Boehmer's Boil-**

Will You Be Prepared?

Two months from now, eighth graders will sit in the auditorium faced with possibly the greatest decision they have yet made. Will they be prepared? The importance of selecting the proper course cannot be overestimated. When choosing, many factors should be evaluated. One should ever keep in mind the occupation one plans to pursue. All subjects should be considered on the basis of their relationship to the future and their capacity for service.

Many decisions have been regretted for numerous reasons. Commercial students have found their training has not prepared them for academic careers. Even if they are sophomores they find it virtually impossible to transfer to an academic class. On the other hand, academic students who try secretarial work are lost without the proper training. A course should never be chosen simply because a friend is taking it. Friends may often try to persuade you to select the same subjects. Before you relent, be very sure it is the right thing to do. Your future may be the price of an unwise decision.

Medieval Patron Saint Inspires Sophomores' Valentine Dance

'Tis said that on Saint Valentine's Day the Patron Saint will smile on maidens the world over. In Medieval times the first youth who saw a maiden in the morning, or the youth whose name she drew from a box, was her "Valentine," or chivalrous knight. He gave her a gift, often flowers, and attended her gallantly.

Scouting the School

By Fred Jacob

Dr. Gustave W. Weber, President of Susquehanna University, has accepted an invitation to be guest speaker at the Commencement Exercises. Many local people may recall him in his former capacity as Pastor of St. James Lutheran Church.

It's official! Next year all science pupils must make science fair projects.

By a 17 to 8 vote, the junior class

The origin of the day concerns a priest named Saint Valentine, who lived in the third century. He was supposed to have the power of healing lovers' quarrels and often was beseeched to bring back straying lovers. His gentle sweetness of character made him so beloved that the Emperor, Marcus Aurelius Claudius, feared for his throne and had Saint Valentine beheaded. After his death, it became the practice to celebrate his birthday with giving sweets and flowers. Thus, the custom of gift-making started and grew.

Valentine letters full of love were the old time custom. Nowadays, if one does not wish to bestow a more substantial gift, a card will do.

Girls at Pottsgrove usually ex-

for the opening of classes were amazed to see a dark brown furry little rodent about four inches long rushing madly through his system of tunnels. Alas, the mystery was solved. The mysterious "lines" in the snow were the raceways for a field mouse, or perhaps a shrew judging from the way he energetically raced through his tunnels.

Plans were in the making for the capture of this land-poaching rodent, but Friday's heavy rains destroyed his snow tunnels and might possibly have washed him away. It is to be hoped that our furry visitor sought a drier climate if he chanced to survive; the property values are greater, the climate healthier, and one does not need insurance for rain-damage!

Student Council News

What's happening in our school? Are our suggestions ever considered? Those are just a few of the many questions going through the minds of the student body. The students may rest assured that something is being done concerning their interests.

A committee has been assigned the topic of "more sports for the junior high."

A program was launched to see Mr. Winterbottom concerning the possibility of soccer, tennis, and cross-country teams for the school.

It was suggested that the school hang pictures throughout the halls and lobby. A committee is now in conference concerning this matter.

The program for color day is in the programming committee. Planned for the day honoring our colors is a competitive volleyball game between the juniors and the seniors.

With most teenagers it is the custom for the boy to give the girl his ring, when they are going steady. In most cases the boy's finger is quite a bit larger than the girl's. Ring guards are worn by those who do not like the tape.

Falcon Staff To Sponsor Contest

The Falcon staff is sponsoring an essay contest. The topic for the entry is "How Can We Improve Our School."

A particular method may be chosen and expounded upon or numerous nations may be discussed. Regardless, the entry must include 100 to 200 words either typewritten or formally written on plain paper.

Judging shall be based on (1) worth, (2) presentation, and (3) appearance in that order. Each entry must be signed by one student only, and it will become the property of the Falcon staff.

All entries must be brought to room 101-103 no later than March 15, 1964.

The best paper will be printed and the writer will be awarded; among other things, a free subscription to the Falcon of 1964-1965.

New Teacher Duo Joins High School Faculty At P.H.S.

With the coming of the new year, Pottsgrove High School added two new teachers to the staff.

Miss Elaine Rothenberg, the new home economics teacher, is a graduate of Indiana State College. She was previously a student teacher at Turtle Creek High School. Miss Rothenberg volunteered, "I like Pottsgrove very much, and I hope to teach here for some time." Her main interest is sewing, and she enjoys all sports.

Mr. Wilson, new to our industrial arts department, is a graduate of California State College. Before coming here, he taught at Laura Lamar High School for two years and Juniata Joint High School for three years. When asked his plans for the future, Mr. Wilson said that he hopes to teach here for a number of years. His hobbies include golf, fishing, and basketball.

ers, Flying Flappers, and Gypsy Savages, HONORING their senior homeroom teachers.

Mr. Winterbottom announced to the world that Ron Rhoades would have to have shots for rabies after a mishap in gym class.

play committee many decided on a play last week. The choice: **Jury Room**, a three act drama, over **Publicity Mad**.

I finally found out why the ag. boys are traveling to the Ringing Rocks School so often. They are landscaping and planting shrubbery there in accordance with a plan developed by Mr. Robinson.

"They are, without a doubt, one of the best in the United States!" exclaimed Mr. Roberts. He referred to the Haverford Junior High School Orchestra that performed for the 7th grade and Pottsgrove elementary pupils two weeks ago in the auditorium.

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pect an invitation to the valentine's dance from their favorite boy as well as the usual card or gift.

The theme of this year's dance is "Fantasy in Red." The decorations will carry out this motif. The guests tonight will find the tables decorated with centerpieces resembling red and white lily pads with red cupids in the center. Suspended from the ceiling will be a large red heart. The Royal Bel Aires will provide the music in the school gym from 8 to 11.



76 Pupils Compete In Science Fair

The annual Science Fair was held on Friday, January 31, and Saturday, February 1. The projects were on display 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. P. H. S. pupils, 17 in senior high and 60 in junior high, did projects in the various fields of science. The fair was judged by four outside people, who awarded prizes to the outstanding projects. These will probably go to the Ursinus fair.

For the first time, science fair products were not compulsory.

Falcons Win Over Drakes; Take Thriller

Coming from ten points behind at half time, 34-44, Pottsgrove's Falcons emerged seven points victorious on Jenkintown's court. The game was highly contested as both teams scored frequently. Leading the visitors was Ron Favinger with 21 and Jerry Dori with 17. Helping out were Peter Fredrickson scoring 14, Rod Binczak 10, and John Psota 9.

Streak Halted

Pottsgrove's nine game winning streak was stopped on January 7th against Muhlenberg 67-52. It was the Falcons' first game after winning the Royersford Tournament. The team had a poor shooting night, although John Psota managed 16 points and Ron Favinger 11. The Muhls had five players in double figures and out-rebounded the home team.

Opening League Victory

Coming off of the jolting loss to Muhlenburg, the Falcons opened their Inter-County League schedule by bombing Lower Moreland 88-48. Pottsgrove used a full-court press the entire night, and the Lions, after jumping out to a 3-0 lead, gave the Birds little trouble. Ron Favinger led the Falcons' scoring with 31 big points. John Monck tallied 20 and John Psota contributed 10.

Lose Squeaker

The following game saw the Falcons lose a heart-breaker to Collegeville-Trappe by a mere one point. Pottsgrove came up with a fourth period rally led by Pete Fredrickson, who led all scorers with 18 points. It fell short, however, when John Psota's jump shot was ruled after the buzzer, giving the Colonels the slim margin for a victory.

Rutter Seeks League Crown

This year, Mr. Rutter expects his jayvees to receive a shot at the Inter-County championship. The jayvees are working together as a neat team.

Two top offensive players are Dave Tillger and Mat Plevyak and with Dave's 22 point average and Mats 14 point average they should stand a good chance of changing the tide of Upper Dublin's victories.

Two defensive students are Jack Hipple and Kenny Bauer who also average eight points each, but Kenny's making us wonder lately whether he is defensive or really an offensive player. The fifth position on the team has been alternated between John Voychik, Harvey Endy, and Joe Creml.

Romp Over Twin Valley

For the second time this season, the Junior Varsity basketball team romped over the Twin Valley Raiders. Led by Dave Tillger and Mat Plevyak with 20 and 16 tallies respectively, the young Falcons had little trouble copping their sixth straight victory by a 63-22 count.

2nd Over Pius

On December 20th the junior Falcons completed their two for two sweep of the St. Pius J.V. team by a 48-31 score. Ken Bauer topped all scorers with 11 points, and Jack Hipple checked in with 10.

Muhlenberg Ends Streak

Mr. Rutter's team went down to its first defeat of the season at the hands of a classy Muhlenberg five, but not before a real battle was fought. The final count was 59 to 55 in a game which saw the lead change hands several times. Dave

Falcon Grapplers Show Power In Rout of Muhlenberg Muhls



Coach Gene Harris watches proudly as basketball co-captains Ron Favinger and Pete Fredrickson present Royersford trophy to Miss Rosenberry for the school's trophy case.

Pottsgrove Scores 46 to 8 Victory In Team Effort

On January 3rd, the Falcon grapplers displayed their best team effort of the season with an overwhelming 46 to 8 win over Muhlenberg.

Muhlenberg, usually noted for a fine team and a good hard fight, was caught off balance as 50% of the Falcon matmen wrestling that day pinned their opponents. Falcons Britton, Meko, Guldin, Brunner, Gauger, and Davidheiser pinned their Mules, while light Dennis Keene won a forfeit as Muhlenburg had no one to wrestle his spry weight of 97 lbs.

Falcons Tie Rams Before Students

The Spring-Ford-Pottsgrove meet of January 8, 1964 was something unique in Pottsgrove history. To acquaint our students with the sport of wrestling, the last two periods of the day were taken to hold this meet in the gymnasium before the student body.

The first match of the meet was a Pottsgrove victory as Spring-Ford forfeited to Dennis Keene. Although only Falcon Joe Migala pinned his man, Pottsgrove won several decisions with Britton, Herb, and Migala top scorers. The spectators found this to be a most enjoyable afternoon very well spent viewing top notch wrestling competition if not only to get out of classes. The final result was a 25-25 tie.

Pottsgrove Captures Crown In Annual Holiday Tourney

"Panicville," to coin one of broadcaster Les Keiter's favorite phrases, gripped 1100 enraptured fans in the Spring-Ford gymnasium on December 30 as arch-rivals Pottsgrove and St. Pius battled for the coveted Holiday Tournament trophy. Only by the barest of margins, 51-50, when a St. Pius foul try went "in again, out again, Finnegan" with two seconds remaining, did the trophy come to rest in the Pottsgrove display case.

An electrifying steal and layup by Ron Favinger put the Falcons up by one mark. Each team then missed opportunities to put it away in the dying seconds as the Falcons copped the Holiday Tournament for the first time and ran their victory string to 2-0.



Route of Bluebirds

Having lost to Collegeville, the Falcons took it out on Schwenksville by a 67-43 margin. Pottsgrove found it easy going after being deadlocked 8-8 in the first quarter. Ron Favinger tallied 28 points, Jerry Dori 16, and John Monck 11.

Rip Bridgeport

Pottsgrove made their I-C record 3-1 with a 55-31 triumph over Bridgeport. The Falcons led by just two, 23-21, at half time, but held the Dragons to only 10 points the entire second half while scoring 32. Favinger again led the team with 18 points and John Monck and Pete Fredrickson had 12 each.

The Falcons, now 4-1 in league play, had a bye on Friday, January 31. Their next game is at Lower Moreland and then Upper Dublin at home.

losing cause.

Easy League Opener

The young Birds met Lower Moreland on their home boards in the league opener. The final score read 55-17 in favor of the Ruttermen in a game which proved to be little competition for Tillger and company.

Collegeville Falls

The Junior Varsity team made it two league wins in a row with a 56-46 final tally over the Colonel J. V. five. Ken Bauer canned 17 points in the winning effort.

3rd in Row

January 21st saw the Falcons travel to Schwenksville for the first league encounter played on strange boards. The switch caused little disturbance, however, as the Pottsgrove five won 46-24.

Although neither team could manage to build more than a five point lead, the Falcons had to fight an uphill battle throughout most of the second half. An outside jumper by John Monck with about two minutes left put the team within one and set the stage for Favinger's layup.

Co-captain Favinger was a tower of strength all night for the Falcons as he netted 23 points and hauled in 12 rebounds. John Psota contributed 11, and some flawless ball handling and 2 clutch buckets by Pete Fredrickson helped steady the club in the early going.

Spring-Ford Falls First

In the preliminary game played on December 26, the Falcons quickly eliminated the Spring-Ford Rams by a 61-50 score. Pete Fredrickson led the Falcon attack with 18 points and Ron Favinger checked in with 15 to insure the victory.

Burkert Forecasts Successful Season

Head Coach Arlen Burkert started practices with his Jr. High boys in early December and will continue until February. Coach Burkert said he feels his boys are shaping up nicely and feels this year will be a successful year.

Falcons Dump Daniel Boone

Pottsgrove played its first game at home with Daniel Boone in a non-league game. Pottsgrove won in the last minutes of play with some fine shooting by Tom Bauer, Larry Monck, and Dennis Stultz. The final score for this fine victory over Daniel Boone was 50-41.

Pottsgrove won its first league game at home with Conshohocken on Friday, January 17, with a score of 52-16. The high scorers for this game were Tom Bauer and Larry Monck.

After six months, the last battle of the 63-64 professional football wars has been fought and with this in mind, a slight recap might be in order.

In the Eastern Conference of the National Football League, the powerful New York Giants, led by the ageless Y. A. Tittle, once again proved to be the number one team. Our not too high-flying Eagles could manage only two victories and a last place berth in the same conference.

In the Western division, which, in the past few seasons, has been dominated by the Green Bay Packers, the flag was captured by the Chicago Bears.

The title game proved to be that old battle between that irresistible force and the immovable object. The Giants, who upheld the best offensive record in the league, met the Bears, owners of the top defensive credentials. As most of us know, the immovable object once again remained adamant as the Chicago Bears prevailed.

Over in the fledgling American League, the outcome of the title game was reversed. The San Diego chargers, winners in the West and owners of the top offensive statistics, were able to overcome the eastern defensive power, the Boston Patriots.

Intra-Mural League Started

Getting back to the local scene, an intramural basketball league was started by the Upper Pottsgrove Optimist Club. The league consists of six teams and it seems to me that the team to watch is a group of burners labeled the "Wild Gnus."

Gap Closed

After our three straight hard-court victories over Pius this year the series now stands at six wins and five losses in favor of Pius.

The Falcon grapplers suffered a setback when they lost to Pottstown 34-24. Meko, Stultz, Davidheiser and Migala pinned their men while Banus decisioned Schaffer.

Falcons Bow to Downingtown

At an away-meet at Downingtown, the Pottsgrove wrestlers lost 37 to 25. Downingtown presented a good show and a tough fight, but many Pottsgrove grapplers scored. Del Muto won a decision, and Guldin, Banus, Davidheiser, and Migala pinned their men.

Every winning streak is complemented by a losing one, and for every one of the good days, we usually have two bad ones. However, we are confident that our wrestlers will pick up and make an excellent showing for Pottsgrove this year.

Roberts Too Powerful

For the seventh straight time, Owen J. Roberts reigned supreme at the Roberts-Pottsgrove wrestling meets. Owen J. made its usual good showing as the final score tallied 31-20.

Pottsgrove highlights of the meet were: Barry Britton at 103 lbs. won a decision as did Jim Guldin at 127, and Stan Davidheiser at 154. Joe Migala at 180 won the only pin, and heavyweight Dennis Brile won a forfeit.

Basketball Calendar

Senior High Basketball

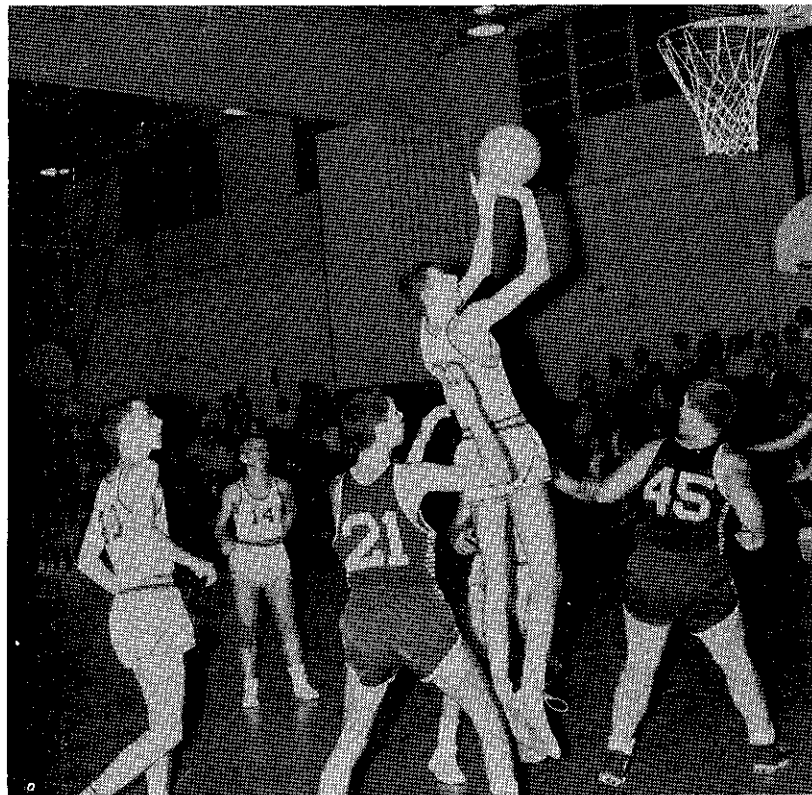
Feb. 4—Lower Moreland A
Feb. 7—Upper Dublin H
Feb. 11—Collegeville-Trappe .. A
Feb. 14—Schwenksville H
Feb. 18—Bridgeport A
Feb. 21—Jenkintown H

Junior High Basketball

Feb. 4—Conshohocken A
Feb. 11—Bridgeport H
Feb. 14—Collegeville A

Girls' Basketball

Feb. 5—Bridgeport H
Feb. 12—Upper Dublin H
Feb. 19—Schwenksville A



J. Creml (40) and H. Endy (14) watch as D. Tillger scores for J.V.'s.

Music Department Presents Instrumental, Vocal Solos

On Friday, January 24, a junior high school solo assembly was given. "Fleur de Lis" by Beethoven was the first piano selection given by Kathy Teszner. Next was a flute solo, "Handel Sonata No. 5," given by Janet Petrilla and her sister, Carol, as pianist. Susan Bernhart, Alice Elliot, John Kulp, and David Petrick gave a clarinet solo, "Clarinet Polka." "Flight of the Bumble Bee" and "Tenderly" made up the marimba solo of Polly Prutzman. JoAnn Moyer accompanied her. Rebecca Overholtzer played "Povane" on the flute.

"Climb Every Mountain" was the vocal selection of Susan Lamb. David Richards then delivered a trombone solo, "Indian Love Call." Carol Petrilla's organ solo, "Spring is Here," followed. Grieg's "Piano Concerto" was performed by Patty Sands. James Herb, Richard Keim, and Robert Richards concluded with a trumpet trio, "My Buddy Polka."

Piano accompanist for the assembly was Patty Sands.

Senior High Assembly

Another solo assembly was given on Friday, January 30, for the senior high school.

The program began with Marilyn Shaner on the flute with the selection, "Prelude in C# Minor." James Powell performed "Mozart Horn Concerto, 3rd Movement" on the French Horn. An accordion solo by Cheryl Grace followed with "Rhapsody #1 in D Minor." "Carnival of Venice" was executed by David Swenk on the trumpet with a piano accompanist. "Childhood Scenes" was featured by Linda Nettles as a piano solo.

A trombone solo "Thoughts of Love," performed by William Sands, concluded the program.

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The wind was rough
And cold and blough:
She kept her hands

F.T.A. Will Attend Regional Meeting

On February first, six members of the F.T.A. will travel to William Tennent High School for the Southeastern District Regional F.T.A. Convention. At this annual convention, regional officers will be elected. There will be a panel of outstanding speakers on "Human Relations," "The Wide Range of Abilities," and "New Methods."

Those attending the convention will be Vicki Van Horn, Sandra Eby, Linda Pillsbury, Sandra Moses, and Marilyn Heil. Accompanying the group will be Addison Davidson, the club's co-sponsor.

Six Represent PHS In District Festival

The three day Upper Southeastern District Band festival will be held on February sixth, seventh, and eighth at Spring-Ford High School. Mrs. Powell Middleton from West Chester State College will direct the 150 piece band in their concerts on Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m.

Six members of the Pottsgrove band, James Powell, Robert Meko, Marilyn Shaner, William Sands, Nancy Bechtel, and David Swenk, have earned positions in the band. Over 600 people auditioned from the 35 participating schools.

William will be the second chair



DONNA STRUNK



DAVID SPATZ

Who's Who In P. H. S.

Donna Strunk is a well-liked senior among Pottsgrove High School students. She has shown ability in many extra-curricular activities, among them field hockey, basketball, and intramural sports.

Besides all of these, Donna is a member of the Varsity Club, Business Editor of the Pottsgrovia yearbook staff and Secretary of the National Honor Society.

Field Hockey

Donna has been a member of the hockey team for the past four years, and last season she was named to the Honor Team at Woodbridge Hockey Camp held at Ursinus College. Upon Donna's graduation, the varsity hockey team will lose an important link in a chain of eleven excellent hockey players who have captured the Inter-County League Championship for two years running.

Basketball

Basketball is also one of Donna's favorite sports. She has also been a member of the basketball team

That senior boy seen at all basketball games (and practices) at Pottsgrove High School as Mr. Harris's head manager this year is none other than David Spatz. Besides being basketball manager he participates in several activities. He takes part in track and band, is treasurer of the National Honor Society, and boy's sports editor of the Pottsgrovia. Also, as a member of the Boy Scouts, he has achieved the organization's highest rank, Eagle Scout.

David is taking the academic course. He states that trigonometry is his favorite subject, and we know he is one of Mr. Moyer's top pupils. His favorite pastimes include most all sports with swimming high on his list. Dave has many hobbies, but stamp collecting, he says, is definitely his most enjoyable.

Since the Pottsgrove High basketball team has done so well thus far in the season, and Dave is the

Junior High News Briefs

Mrs. Heffner's Handicraft Club is busy learning either the rudiments of knitting, embroidery, and related arts or continuing with previously learned skills. Some of the students are knitting ski caps and scarves or crocheting bottle covers. Several members made their own Christmas gifts.

The Golf Club and Mr. Bartman are naturally hampered by the weather so they devote their club periods to discussion about golf.

The Debating Club, headed by Mr. Conley, has spent their club periods in discussion of topics such as school attire and the coming Presidential campaign.

The members of Mr. Dibble's Model Club have been assembling plastic airplanes and automobiles.

Albright Chosen For Third Season

Kenneth Albright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Albright, Route 663, is playing for his third year in the State F. F. A. Band. The junior agricultural student of Pottsgrove also plays the trombone in the high school band.

This group, the Future Farmers of America Band, is under the direction of Professor James Dunlop, who is also director of the Penn State Blue Band at Penn State University. The State Band presented concerts at the State Farm Show in Harrisburg during the annual show on January 13-18. The F. F. A. State Band also will play at Pennsylvania State University during the annual F. F. A. Summer Convention.

NEWS SPLASHES

Two of the undefeated co-ed volleyball teams are the Wild Cats

It chilled her through
Her nose turned blough,
And still the squall
Faster flough.

And yet although
There was no snough,
The weather was
A cruel fough.

It made her cough
(Please do not scough);
She coughed until
Her hat blough ough.

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trombone, while James and Robert placed fourth and tenth respectively in the French horn section. Marilyn will play as the fourth chair flute; Nancy will assume fourth chair alto clarinet; David will play the thirteenth trumpet.

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for four years, and this year Donna's guard position has her hustling every minute, working along with the rest of the team for a basket.

Recently a foot injury brought Donna to the bench, but Donna will doubtlessly soon be back in there.

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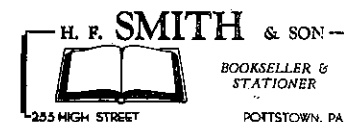
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opinion of this year's ball club. "This is the finest team in Pottsgrove's history. I don't think they should lose another game this season," he commented recently.

After graduation David, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Spatz, 216 Berks Street, Stowe, plans to attend college. He would like to continue his education at either Clarkson College of Technology or Brown University. Dave wants to study applied mathematics at college.



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and the Beetles. Both are from Homeroom 11-2.

The ping pong tournament is really lagging ever since the news that the "champ" must play Mr. Rutter, Mr. Winterbottom, and Mr. Dori.

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