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The purpose of this contest was to type at a steady pace with no errors allowed. This accounts for a lower speed rate. Peggy Neiman

HONOR SOCIETY DANCE

Tonight, February 26, 1960 the National Honor Society will sponsor a record dance in the high school cafeteria. The Student Body is invited to attend. They may bring guests of the opposite sex.

Specialty dances are being planned. Plan to come and have a ball! -C. Varady

WHY TAKE HOMEMAKING?

There are many vocations derived from the homemaking field. Some of these include personal work, teaching, journalism, radio broadcasting, research, designing, and selling.

If one obtains a teaching certificate, she will be able to find work in a nursery, a public school or a college. It would be possible to specialize and teach certain aspects of homemaking.

If one is interested in food, she can find employment in the manufacturing, selling, testing, researching, or advertising of food. Jobs are always open for nutrition specialists in hospitals, medical clinics, air lines, school lunchrooms, and public eating places.

Students also learn about canning, which enables food to be saved for a long period of time. --Varady

NINTH GRADE ASSEMBLY

The ninth grade assembly was a take-off on television programs.

The first program was a reproduction of Li'l Abner, stressing the fact that this year is leap year.

The next program was an imitation of Arthur Murray's Dance Party. Judy Shaner and Suzanne Thomas performed an acrobatic dance and later in the program performed a tap dance duet.

Following this, there were three couples demonstrating the jitterbug dance.

Other acts were a solo tap dance by Verna Carey, a piano solo by Barbara Herb and a demonstration of the calypso and of the stroll.

The last program was an imitation of Art Linkletter's "Kids Say the Funniest Things." --H.E. Miller

VALENTINE'S DAY

Valentine's Day is celebrated on February 14 as a festival of romance and affection. It comes on the feast day of two different Christian Martyrs named Valentine. But the customs connected with this day probably come from an ancient Roman festival called Lupercalia, which took place every February 15. The festival honored Juno, the Roman goddess of women and marriage, and Pan, god of nature.

The Romans probably were the first to have the idea of Valentine's Day. Young men and women chose partners for the festival by drawing names by chance from a box. Then the partners exchanged gifts as a sign of affection. Many such courtships ended in marriage.

Years ago, people held many beliefs in connection with Valentine's Day. An old English superstition warned that it was bad luck to bring snowdrops into the house before Valentine's Day if any unmarried girls in the home hoped to be married before the end of the year.

Single girls had many ways of learning the identity of their future husbands. Some girls wrote her boyfriends names on bits of paper and rolled each paper in clay. She then dropped the clay into water. The first scrap of paper to rise to the top was supposed to contain the name of her true lover. These things would seem very silly to us today.

In the United States, Valentine's Day became popular in the 1800's at the time of the Civil War. Many valentines of that period were hand-painted. Many old valentines, usually valued for their decorative qualities, have become collectors' items.

---Pat Miller

SCHOOL SPIRIT

Did you ever hear a student complain about the school spirit of our school? Although these students complain about it, they do absolutely nothing to improve it.

Have you been to a home basketball game this year? If not, you are promoting a poor school spirit and hindering the great school spirit we should have.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Lincoln was one of the world's truly great men. Under his leadership, the American Union was preserved. War only made Lincoln believe more strongly that democracy is the best of all forms of government. In his Gettysburg Address and in other speeches and writings, Lincoln expressed the deepest beliefs of the American people. He also created some of the finest examples of American literature. Lincoln had great power as President, but he never lost touch with the common people. He never hated anyone, and never wanted revenge. In spite of Lincoln's high position, millions of people, even in his own time, knew him as "Honest Abe" and "Father Abraham."

With all of Lincoln's spirit he sought to heal the wounds of four years of war. But he was not permitted to carry out his plans. On the night of April 14, he attended a performance of Our American Cousin at Ford's Theatre in Washington. A few minutes after ten o'clock, a shot rang through the crowded house. John Wilkes Booth, one of the best-known actors of the day, had shot the President in the head from the back of the presidential box. Leaping to the stage, Booth caught his spur in the folds of the American flag. He fell and broke his leg, but he limped across the stage brandishing a dagger and crying "Sic semper tyrannia" (Thus ever to tyrants).

---Annette John

All the students of our school want our teams to win, but how can they win when no one comes to support them? Without this vital support, our players feel that it doesn't matter to you the students of Pottsgrove, whether or not they win or lose.

So you see, if you come out to the games and cheer our boys on, victory is certain but, if you stay home and our boys lose a game, you should feel partly responsible.

---Mary Ellen Miller

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FALCONETTES TRAMPLE COLLEGEVILLE TRAPPE

January 27, 1960, the Pottsgrove girls' basketball team slaughtered their hostesses 64-10. Co-captain Anita Gambino, who scored 31 points had a field day in this game.

Also a co-captain, Eileen Pinder led the defense in rebounds and interceptions. The Falconette forwards were calling some new plays and the guards were employing their new defense; both worked very well.

The JayVees did not follow in the footsteps of the Varsity, for they lost 27-40. Pattie Panfile

FALCONETTES YIELD TO UPPER DUBLIN 35-31

February 3, 1960, the Falconettes, playing their home court, could not manage to over-power the Upper Dublin team. Linda Young tallied 14 points to take first honors in the scoring column.

It was a very close game from the start, but Upper Dublin broke the tie at the last quarter. Our girls took many shots in this period, but they couldn't make them count. The Pottsgrove forwards made 5 foul shots out of 29, while Upper Dublin made 3 out of 9. This just wasn't the Falconette's day. Keep fighting!

The J.V. team slaughtered their opponents 46-23. Carol Wentzel racked up 21 points to place her team to victory.

--P. Panfile

POTTSGROVE MATBOYS PRACTICE AT HILL SCHOOL

The Pottsgrove wrestling team went to the Hill School to engage in a practice meeting. The practice session was conducted in almost the same manner as a regular meet. There were 3 rounds, each 2 minutes long. If a man was pinned any round, they would break the hold and start over. No scores were kept during the meet. The main purpose was to expose the boys to experience. A. Hutt

FALCONS BOW TO JENKINTOWN 94-47

The Falcons were completely outscored in every quarter. The strength of the Drakes proved too much for us. For the

FALCONS LOSE OVERTIME TO DRAGONS

The Pottsgrove Falcons lost a thrilling close game to Dragons of Bridgeport 73-71. The Falcons held an 11-8 lead at the end of a quarter, with Dave Hoffman setting the pace. The Falcons continued their lead into the third quarter, and with a minute and a half remaining in the regulation time, they still held a four-point advantage. With but 25 seconds remaining, the Dragons tied the game.

The Falcons jumped back in the lead in the overtime period led by Dave Hoffman, who hooped 8 points. Suddenly the Dragons tied the game and with but a second left in the game, a Falcon player fouled an opponent, who slipped to the line and connected twice to ice the game 73-71. The Falcons were led by Dave Hoffman with 29 points. B. Wirag

FALCONS SUBDUE DRAGONS

The Pottsgrove cagers got revenge on the Bridgeport Dragons in a 61-45 win. The Falcons, who dropped a 71-73 overtime decision at Bridgeport, leaped back at the Dragons to hand them their sixth loss of the season.

The Dragons led by 1 point in the opening minute of the game. From then on, it was Pottsgrove all the way.

At the end of the first quarter, it was 13-7, Pottsgrove out in front. At the half, it was Pottsgrove in front 30-17. Then the Falcons poured it on with 19 points in the third, and 12 to give the Falcons their third win of the season.

Big Bob Gauger was the gun for the birds with 21 points and a brilliant defensive show with 18 rebounds. Dan Reider also made good with 15 points.

In the preliminary contest, Pottsgrove lost to the Dragons 33-42. Fred Bicksler tallied 14 points, followed by Craig Hauseman with 6. A. Hutt

Falcons, Bob Gauger had 13 and Roger Raspen and Dave Hoffman chipped in 8 each.

Our Jayvees also lost, but only by a four-point margin 43-39. Gus Neuman led the scoring with 18 while Craig Hauseman netted 13. C. Schmoeyer

60 GRADS

Carl Shaner

Our first Senior of the Month is Carl Shaner. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Shaner, Rt. 20, Pottstown, Pa.

Skeeter is a member of the Industrial Arts Course, the Band, and the Chorus.

Skeet works part-time in the Sandwich King. His favorite food is "Peoroggies" and his pet peeve is female drivers.

His ambition after graduation is to join one of the services.

The Falcon wishes Skeeter the best of luck.

Barbara Moyer

Barbara Moyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frances Moyer, Sanatoga, is in the Home Economics Course.

Unlike Skeeter, Barb defends woman drivers. Her favorite food is spaghetti.

Barbara is an avid sports fan. She plays on the basketball team and softball team. She is also a member of the Future Homemakers of America.

Her future plans are still uncertain, but whatever she decides to do, we wish continued success.

Omar Kulp

Our next Senior of the Month is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Kulp, Gross-town Road, Stowe.

Omar is a member of the Academic Course. His main ambition is to attend college.

His favorite food can't be singled out, because he likes most everything in sight.

He is a member of the Chorus and the Pottsgrovian. A main hobby of his is attending those wild class parties.

Mary Ann Moletress

Mary Ann Moletress, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Moletress, 236 Lemon Street, Stowe, is a member of the Academic Course.

Her favorite food is ham&cheese sandwiches. She is a member of the Chorus,

Music Appreciation, FHA, Pottsgrovian, Falcon, and was a member of the cast for the Senior Class Play.

Upon graduation, Mary Ann would like to go into Airline Training.

Good Luck, Mary Ann.

Mary Ann Rozsas

Mary Ann Rozsas is a member of the Academic Course. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Rozsas, 308 Race Street, Stowe. Her birthday is October 18.

Mary Ann likes steak, and she dislikes snobs, mainly because she's very friendly towards everyone and can't understand the ways of a snob.

Mary Ann is the secretary of the senior class, the captain of the safety patrol, secretary of FTA, secretary of Student Council, and Associate Editor of the Falcon. She was in the Senior Class play and is in the Chorus.

In November, Mary Ann was a member of the Homecoming Queen's Court. (Pretty as a picture!!!)

Mary Ann, the proud bearer of the Daughters of American Revolution Award, would like to teach after graduation. Luck in everything, Mary Ann.

Daniel Reider

Daniel Reider, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Reider, Vine Street, Stowe, is also a member of the senior class.

Danny is a member of the Industrial Arts Course. His birthday is June 20. Sometimes, you may hear the guys call Danny "Panic" What a riot that causes.

Danny is very athletic. He has played football, is playing basketball, and in the spring will play baseball. He is also in the Wrestling Club and Chorus.

Plans for the future are still in skeleton form, but whatever turns up, Danny will make the best of it.

- Meade

COLOR DAY

This year Color Day was held on January 21. The highlight of the program was the crowning of the King and Queen of Good Sportsmanship. This year's Queen was Susan Kozel and the King was Michael Migala. After their acceptance speeches, a gym exhibit was presented by members of the Leaders Club.

Richard Marks and Michael Migala demonstrated what they had learned in wrestling Club. Everyone looked forward to the annual basketball game between the varsity team and the men's faculty. Our boys won, but the faculty put up a good fight.

-J. Hoffman

OPINIONS ON COLOR DAY

Yvonne Kozak - "I think we should have it every year."

Ronnie Gustaff - "It's O. K."

Norma Decker - "I think it's a good idea."

Jim Fisher - "I think Color Day is the day on which we should show our pride in our school colors."

Richard Marks - "I liked everything, especially the wrestling."

Thomas Kalwaic - "It should have more to it."

Audrey Lingenfelter - "It should last all day."

-J. Hoffman

HONOR SOCIETY MEETING

The Pottsgrove Chapter of the National Honor Society held its first meeting of the year Friday, February 5.

Plans for a record dance to be held in our cafeteria were discussed and a dance committee was appointed.

The members voted to keep the officers who were elected last June. They are:

Walter Sitko -- President

Carol Varady -- Vice President

Marjorie Pastelak -- Secretary

Charles Schmoyer -- Treasurer

Chairman of the pennant committee, Marjorie Pastelak, reported that all of the pennants had been sold and the original bill paid.

-J. Hunsberger

WPAZ TEENAGE PARTY LINE

Saturday, February 13, Pottsgrove High School was represented on the WPAZ Teenage Party Line by Ronald Seltman, Geraldine Seasholtz, Judy Steiner, and Timothy Cooney. Among the questions asked by the announcer were "What do you think of the Jack Paar incident?", "How do teenagers regard Valentines Day?", and "Do you feel that you are given too much homework?"

The panel felt that Jack Paar would return to his weekly show and that his widely publicized departure could have been a publicity stunt.

On the whole the panel felt that Valentine's Day didn't mean as much to them now as it did when they were younger. As to homework, students unanimously agreed they received a fair share of it but not an excessive amount.

After the program, these students were treated to a free lunch at Woodley's Milk Shake Bar in Stowe.

-N. Decker

VALENTINES' DANCE

The sophomore class presented the Valentine Dance, February 4, in the gymnasium. Joe Mack's Dance Band supplied the music.

Special dances were "John Paul Jones Dance" and a multiplication dance.

The "King and Queen of Hearts" were elected by the sophomore class. They elected Virginia Wirag and George Millard.

The chaperones for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Horn, Mr. and Mrs. Moyer, Mr. Dry, Mr. Snell, and Mr. Eichnor.

PARENT TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

The Parent-Teachers' conference was held on February 12. It was a conference between parents and teachers, they discussed grades and attitudes of the children.

The teachers were asked to make suggestions to the parents on how the child might improve in his school work.

HONOR ROLL FOR SECOND QUARTER

Grade 7, First honors--Charles Orlando, Betsy Alting, Sandra Elby, Marcia Swartz, Sally Acker, Kenneth Herb; Second honors --Judy Feight, Robert Basco, David Hausman, Carol Bernhart, Bonnie Ritter, Barbara Gerberick, Wayne Gregory, Stanley Plevyak, Jay Melov, Dorothy Dry, Charlotte Lynch, Donna Beacraft, Sherye Ponerantz.

Grade 8, First honors--David Spatz, Phyllis Ravenscraft, Margaret Hunsberger, Marilyn Shaner, Gail Schneider, Peter Frederickson, Carol Norton; Second Honors --Linda Aspona, Susan Drumheller, May Ellen Millard, Gerald Meyers, Donna Strunk, Gerald Brant, Robert Nothstein, Jane Gross, James Dugger.

Grade 9, First honors--Joseph Tillger, Judy Hunhart, Susan Gregory, Janet Norton, Kay Schultz, Jane Ann Petrick, Donnell Decker, Barbara Curry, Carol Swinehart, Gertrude Willauer, Michael Ulan; Second honors--Janet Kozel, Dawn Bowman, Herbert Geiser, Nancy Cellucci, Judith Noton, Pauline Schmoyer, William Drenahl, John Basco, Arthur Jenkins, Joanne Liss, Susan Gohean, Barbara Antush, Madeline Lengyel, Patricia Herb.

Grade 10, First honors--Richard Steltz, Phyllis Neiffer, John Miller, John Stahl, Carol Richard, Robert Sovizal, Nancy Favinger, Diane Johnson, Carol Stong. Second honors--Linda Mest, Frederick Zenzski, George Millard, Janice Tunnicliffe, Carol Hunsberger, Raymond Keim, Brandt Hollinger, Mary Ann Istenes.

Grade 11, First honors--Judy Seregely, Vanda Boyer, David Gaugler, Mary Ellen Miller, Judy Neiman, Sharon Acker, Harry White, Robert Sitko, Jean Hunsberger; Second honors--Judith Endy, David Rumler, Nancy Buchholtz, Barbara Saylor, Rachael Will, Lorraine Wade, Patricia White, Sandra Flickinger, Norma Decker, Richard Kalawaic, Jeffrey Pruner.

Grade 12, Walter Sitko--First Honors. Second honors--Patricia Panfile, Marjorie Pastelak, Patricia Guadagno, Judy Ann Mercer, Kathleen Frederick, Charles Schmoyer, John Stahl, Gary Mest, Eileen Pinder, Mary Ann Rozsas.

JUNIOR HIGH CLASS OFFICERS

The following students were elected president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer respectively in their respective classes.

7-1--Eileen McIlve, Charles Orlando, Robert Hanley, Tommy Brunner.

7-2 -- Robert Basco, Barbara Kissic, Russell Wentzel, Jane Steiner.

7-3 -- Barry Tobias, Nancy Sovizel, Stanley Plevyak, Sandra Eby.

7-4 -- Sally Acker, Gail Clemens, Marsha Swarch, Dorothy Dry.

7-5 -- Kenneth Herb, Thomas Levensgood, Cheryl Lloyd, Galen Sechrist.

7-6 -- Joanne Zent, James Galloway, Carol Smith, Joseph Hartman.

8-1 -- Kee Robinson, Phyllis Ravenscroft, William Renninger, Susan Drumheller.

8-2 -- Kenneth Eck, Paul Sabold, Bonny Eczko, Barbara Alderfer.

8-3 -- Marsha Kurtz, Marilyn Shaner, Jay Philips.

8-4 -- Gail Schneider, Dick Miller, Harry Overholtzer, David Saylor.

8-5 -- John Gries, James Dugger, Peter Fredrickson.

9-1 -- Herbert Beiser, James Armstrong, Linda Swavely, Vincent Falcone.

9-2 -- Charles Gambino, Regina Showers, Judy Hildenbrand, Janet Norton.

9-3 -- Karen Horst, Carol Cleaver, John Basco, Pat Bush.

9-4 -- Robert Gilbert, Ronald Kunzleman, Michael Bucholtz, Daniel Cochie.

9-5 -- Helen Pinder, Burton Smith, David Webb, Cheryl Detweeler.

--Mary Ann Istenes

WHY GO TO COLLEGE?

"A college education is a 'must' if plan to enter any of the leading professions; such as, medicine, law, dentistry, theology, engineering, architecture, nursing, teaching, home economics, and modern agriculture. Even though you are not sure you want to enter a profession, the need for education is still there. Don't overlook the fun of learning as one of the advantages for a college education.

--Judy Seregely

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT BAND DANCE

On February 12, 1960, a record dance was held for the members of the Southeastern District Band in Pottsgrove High School cafeteria. Girls from the senior high were invited to attend. Dress was informal.

-----Seregely

JUNIOR CLASS PLAY CASTED

The juniors have selected their class play, "Constable Jerry from Fulton's Ferry", a comedy in three acts, to be presented in early April.

The cast has also been selected and consists of Tim Cooney, Richard Kalwaic, Howard Reitenbaugh, Ron Kulp, Jeff Pruner, Larry Geiser, Vanda Boyer, Sharon Acker, Annette John, Judy Steiner, Sandy Flickinger, Gloria Rulli, Peggy Miller, Ronnie Johnson.

Play Practice will begin February 23 after school.

-----J. Hunsberger

LIBRARY

This year in our school library, we have more books available than we ever had before. We have better library equipment and a better library system because of the new facilities. A brand new set of Encyclopedia Britannica, a new set of World Book, and numerous other books have been added to our collection.

Learning to use a library properly can be perhaps one of the most valuable assets. Many people do not even know why there is a card catalogue. They do not realize the work that is put into any library, regardless of its size. It isn't merely stamping the date on a book that is to be taken out. It's shelving books, making out overdue slips, arranging newspapers, and magazines, making cards for new books and adding the names of these new books to the register, repairing worn-out or damaged books, signing almost 100 hall passes in one period, and stamping magazines. Believe it or not, this is just a fractional part of the work done "behind the scenes."

==C. Hunsberger

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FALCONS BOW 55-46 TO LOWER MORELAND

Tuesday, February 9, 1960, the Lower Moreland Lions managed to pull away from our Falcons in the last quarter to clinch a 55-46 Intercounty League victory.

Our Falcons got a fast start to lead the Lions 806 at the close of the first period. It was a close contest and the Falcons failed only 3 points, with a 36-33 score at the end of the 3rd quarter.

In the last quarter, after Ron Sekellick and Danny Reider fouled out, the Falcons lost their spark. The Lions outscored then 19-13 in the last period to take home a victory.

Roger Raspen led our scoring with a big 18 while Barty Magliochetti chipped in 10.

Our Pottsgrove High Jaycees lost 49-29. Mike LaHoda led the Falcon Jaycees with 9 points and Gus Neuman contributed 8.

--C. Schmoyer

FALCON FIVE DEFEATED, 71-45

January 26, our Falcons suffered their second straight loss at the hands of Upper Dublin's Cardinals. The loss was the Falcon's third of the I-C League season.

The Falcon's, forever behind, put up a futile attempt to stop the onrushing Cardinals. Bob Gauger, in a losing cause, sparkled by scoring 27 points, twelve of them in the second quarter. Roger Raspen was second high scorer as he netted six points.

In the preliminary contest, the Baby Falcons were set back by the Cardinal Jayvees, 41-31. Ron Neuman paced the Baby Quintet with ten points; Mike LaHoda followed with six. -- T. Cooney

Bob -- "The girl I marry must have a sense of humor."

Gus -- "Don't worry, pal; if she agrees to marry you, she'll have to have." --Unknown

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