

# THE FALCON

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## INTER-COUNTY BAND

The Inter-County Band will be held at Upper Merion Junior High School February 9, 1961. This band consists of Junior high school students. They are Karl Rohe, 2nd Flute; Kenneth Herb, 1st Clarinet; Donna Strunk, 2nd Clarinet; David Spatz, 3rd Clarinet; Paul Garber, 2nd Alto Sax; Harold Boyer, 2nd Cornet; Lloyd Eagle, 3rd Cornet; Robert Meko, 2nd French Horn; James Powell, 4th French Horn; Kenneth Albright, 2nd Trombone; William Sands, 3rd Trombone; Robert Basco, Baritone; Larry Powell, Bass; Harry Overholtzer, Cymbals; James Galloway, Snare Drum. --G. Dunlap

## OUR TRIP TO FIRESTONE

On Tuesday, January 17, 1961, the Pottsgrove Business Education Club, under the supervision of Mrs. Wenhold, took a trip to the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company.

We were greeted by Mr. Story, the personnel manager. Mr. Story took us through the Firestone plant and showed us just how tires are made. After going through the plant, he took us through the different offices. Throughout the plant there are small offices along with a very large main office.

The Firestone Company employs 138 office employees besides the individual secretaries for the executives. There are many girls in the tabulation department. Here they check payroll cards and make up the payrolls.

We also saw teletype machines in operation and how messages were being received from the Akron Plant. Copy machines were demonstrated to us, showing how a complete page could be printed in two seconds.

The Firestone Company has many other large machines; such as, the I.B.M. card separator, off-set printing press and automatic typewriters.

--Charlotte Orlando

## POETRY

The A section of the sophomore class is reading poetry now. Their teacher, Mrs. Horn, has given the class an outline containing the different types of poetry, meter, and rhyme.

Mrs. Horn is also trying to teach the students the proper way to read poetry and obtain the feeling and meaning of the lines.

Poetry is a beautiful way of expressing oneself. What a pity that more people do not enjoy it! --S. Gregory

## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION CEREMONY

The Pottsgrove Chapter of the National Honor Society held its third annual induction ceremony January 6, 1961.

Harry White, president, gave the welcome address and explained the advantages of having a chapter of the National Honor Society in our school.

He then lit the candle of life and introduced Vanda Boyer, the secretary, who presented the inductees. They were Judy Neiman from twelfth grade; Carol Stein and George Millard from eleventh grade; and Susan Gohean, Carol Swinehart, and Michael Ulan from tenth grade.

The inductees were escorted to the stage where they recited the pledge and received the National Honor Society emblem pins.

Four charter members of the Chapter then spoke on the four ideals of the society and lit the candles of leadership, scholarship, character, and service.

Miss Rosenberry introduced Mr. Michner, who welcomed the new members, stressing the responsibility they have in the present and will have in the future. She then presented Mr. Radel, vice-principal, and Mr. Roberts, the sponsor of the National Honor Society.

The National Honor Society creates an enthusiasm for scholarship, it encourages a desire to render service to the school

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## MORNING DEVOTIONS

The morning devotional is one of the most important activities in which we all can take part. When the Bible is being read over the loud speaker, we should stop and realize how lucky we are to be able to worship as we please.

We should show our respect by stopping whatever we are doing and give our full attention to God, and to give Him a few minutes a day by saying and meaning every word of the "Lord's Prayer."

The salute to the flag should remind us of the free country in which we live. We should remember the respect it deserves and the tribute we owe it.

--Carol Wentzel

## NEW YEAR'S DAY

New Year's Day is the first day of the calendar year. It is celebrated as a holiday in almost every country. Generally, church services are held, with parties before or after them. New Year's is a time of gaiety in the Orient. Homes are decorated, and friends give each other gifts. In Europe, the day is celebrated by family parties, the giving of gifts, and visiting with friends.

In the United States, people attend church, go to the theater, or to various places of entertainment. Parties are held on New Year's Eve to "watch the old year out." At one time formal calls were made on New Year's Day, but this is no longer a general custom. Many people hold "open house" on the afternoon or evening of New Year's Day. Their friends come to call, and refreshments are sometimes served. This is an informal way of continuing the formal calls which persons once made.

--Annette John

## ATTITUDE

A person's attitude is a very significant factor in his general personality; it shows one's real character. One's attitude is showing constantly. A negative approach to anything will undoubtedly show poor character and poor sportsmanship.

Many times it is this one thing, which seems rather trivial, that decides whether or not a person has passed a test, made the honor roll, or scored team points. Attitude is talking about someone being interviewed for a job, or doing a homework assignment should always be positive.

Many more examples could be cited, but if, you observe for yourself, you may see how this could change your way of doing anything for the better.

--Carolyn Hunsberger

## THE DISCUSSION PIECE

In the lobby of our school is a very interesting discussion piece. It is always decorated with works by students or items from the library.

Perhaps the most interesting display of this year was immediately before the presidential election. Displayed were pictures and information on Republican and Democratic candidates.

Mr. Shafer and the Library Club sometimes display jackets from the new books in the library.

Now and then the F.F.A., the F.H.A., the F.T.A., and the future nurses make use of the showcase. Miss Fifer and Miss Andre place fine works of art done by the art students in the showcase.

Stop and look at the showcase when you have time, especially the one in the lobby!

--D. Bowman

F.H.A. MEMBERS TRY FOR JUNIOR DEGREES

Three members of our Future Homemakers of America Club will be trying to obtain their junior degree in homemaking.

The three girls, Nancy Levengood, Judy Robinson, Susan Gohean, will take the test within the next week.

After obtaining their junior degrees, the girls may go on and try for their senior degrees.

We wish these girls the best of luck in their homemaking careers. --M. E. Miller



## FALCONETTES TOP ST. PIUS X

On Wednesday, December 14, our girls' basketball team started their season right by taking a 64-8 win over St. Pius X's girls.

Nancy Buchholtz was high scorer with 21 points. Other high scorers were Phyllis Neiffer, 19 points; Carol Wentzel, 14 points; and Linda Young, 9 points.

The junior varsity followed the footsteps of the varsity with a 19-14 win.

--Judy Seregely

## FALCONS WHIP COLONELS

Coach Gene Harris mentioned something about the improvement in our basketball team. Well, if any of you were at the game that Friday night you would have seen what the Falcon coach was talking about. The fact that it was Friday the 13th, didn't seem to bother us, but Collegeville seemed to have their troubles.

Pottsgrove's Dave Hoffman put on his best performance of the season by leading the Birds scoring attack with 26 points. Bob Gauger and Roger Raspen controlled the boards for the Falcons as they handed the Colonels a 69-43 setback.

The J.V.'s lost a nip and tuck battle to Collegeville. Pottsgrove tied the game with less than 5 seconds to play, but just as the final period came to a close, one of the Colonels sank a desperation shot from half court to give Collegeville a 27-25 victory. --A. Hutt

## FALCONS EDGE TWIN VALLEY

Bob Gauger, with superb foul shooting in the pressure-packed fourth period, led our Falcons to a 49-48 victory over the Twin Valley Raiders.

The game was nip and tuck from the start, with the lead changing hands several times. With just seconds remaining, Bob sank two straight foul shots to put the Falcons on top. Time ran out before the Raiders could sink a basket.

High scorer for the evening was Bob Gauger with 18 points. Dave Hoffman followed with 14 points. --T. Cooney

## POTTSGROVE MATMEN LOSE

On January 11, the first wrestling meet of Pottsgrove's history was held. Our inexperienced team lost to the grapplers of Spring-Ford 55-3.

The only three points for the Falcons came on a decision by James McMichael. Wrestling in the 120 pound class, Jim edged his opponent on points.

Wrestling is a new sport so come out and support the team. They're going to improve as the season progresses.

--Tim Cooney

## JR. HIGH UNIT LOSES TO SCHWENKSVILLE

The Falcon Junior High Varsity Basketball unit dropped a 35-17 decision to Schwenksville Tuesday, January 10, on the Bluebirds' court.

High scorer for our team was Gregory Boone with 11 points.

The Radel-men, who were down by eight points at half-time, narrowed the gap to two points but could not put out that extra effort needed to surge ahead.

One could say that this contest was lost at the free-throw line, where our boys missed a couple of dozen shots.

--M. Ulan

## FALCONS GAIN SECOND STRAIGHT VICTORY BY DOWNING SCHWENKSVILLE 74-53

Our Falcons made it two in a row and evened their Inter-County League record with a 202 standing. The Falcons had little trouble in handling Schwenksville a 74-53 defeat.

Leading in the birds scoring department for the second straight game was Dave Hoffman with 26 points, while five of his teammates had over 10 points each.

In the preliminary, the Schwenksville J.V.'s handed Pottsgrove a 29-22 setback. Pottsgrove faces a powerful Lower-Moreland team in their next encounter at home. With a little more support, our Falcons have a good chance of winning their third straight victory. --Allen Hutt



## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On Monday, December 19, 1960, the fifth annual Christmas choral concert was given at 8 P.M. under the direction of Mrs. Bixler.

The junior chorus sang "Hark the Herald Angels Sing", "O Holy Night", "Musical Christmas Card", and "The First Christmas Morn". The soloist was Bonnie Czko.

Jeannette Madaras gave a violin solo accompanied by Robert Basco on the piano in "Toyland" and "Jesu Bambino."

The senior chorus sang selections from The Miracle of Bethlehem. Robert Mertz was the narrator and Carol Richard the accompanist. Soloists were Richard Steltz, Nancy Buchholtz, Norma Decker, and Richard Kalwaic. Ronald Sekellick and Joan Smale sang a duet.

Lighting was supervised by David Bartman. Judy Seregely

## DISTRICT CHORUS

Last year and the year before, two students, Nancy Buchholtz, and Richard Kalwaic were chosen for District Chorus. This year we've outdone ourselves; we now have five representatives from Pottsgrove High School: Nancy Buchholtz, first alto; Joan Smale, second alto; Richard Kalwaic, second base; Ronald Sekellick, first tenor; and Richard Steltz, second tenor. Judy Seregely

## DISTRICT ORCHESTRA

Three students from Pottsgrove High School have been selected for District Orchestra at Plymouth Whitemarsh High School January 19, 20, 21. They are: Terry Nettles, Clarinet; Richard Steltz, 1st Trumpet; David Bartman, Bass.

Gloria Dunlap

## UPPER SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT BAND

Upper Southeastern District Band will be held on April 20, 21, 22 at Delhaas

High School, Bristol, Pennsylvania. There will be thirteen Pottsgrove students participating: James Myers, Baritone (bass); Jay Novak, Baritone Sax; David Bartman, String Bass; Harry White, Bass Drum; Nancy Buchholtz, Alto Clarinet; Norman Arndt, Clarinet III; Beatrice Diehm, Clarinet III; Judith Hilderbrand; Clarinet III, Richard Kalwaic, Clarinet III; Terry Nettles, Tenor Sax; Howard Reitenbaugh, Trumpet II; Richard Steltz, Cornet I; Micheal Cepko, French Horn.

Gloria Dunlap

## VALLEY FORGE AREA BAND

Valley Forge Area Band will be held at Conestoga High School on March 15, 1961. From our school are: Gerry Lupold, Tuba; Dawn Brendlinger, Flute; Norman Arndt, 1st Clarinet; Beatrice Diehm, 1st Clarinet; Terry Nettles, 1st Clarinet; Richard Kalwaic, 2nd Clarinet; Judith Hilderbrand, 3rd Clarinet; Nancy Buchholtz, Alto Clarinet; William Saylor Alto Sax; Harry White, Drums; Jay Novak Baritone Sax; Mike Cepko, 2nd French Horn; Richard Steltz, (solo) Cornet; Howard Reitenbaugh, 1st Trumpet; David Gaugler, 1st Trombone; James Myers, Baritone; David Bartman, String Bass.

Gloria Dunlap

## RICHARD STELTZ

The Zeswitz Music Center held a contest among area dance bands. Richard Steltz won the award for best instrumentalist. Our dance band did not place in the competition. Gloria Dunlap

## Band Concert

On January 12, 1961, the Pottsgrove High School Band Presented a concert in the School auditorium.

Under the direction of Thomas G. Roberts, Jr., the band played: (1) The Star Spangled Banner (2) Two Scabriani Etudes -a- Melarcolique -b- Heroique (3) Les Preludes (4) La Banda Mascente (5) Grand Russia Fantasia (6) Hungarian Dances #5. & 6. The Dance Band contributed various numbers.

--Gloria Dunlap



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and community, it causes the student to evaluate himself, it encourages students to continue their education, it sets high standards for the academically talented, and a member of the National Honor Society is a preferred candidate for college scholarship and admission to college.

Admission into the National Honor Society stands for excellence in achievement not only in one field but in every field of endeavor. A student must attain full first honors at least once during his high school years and must maintain second honors after his acceptance into the Society. Unlike most organizations, the Society does not consider scholarship alone. This quality was considered too narrow a basis; therefore, the constitution of the organization recognizes four principle objectives. To scholarship must be added service, leadership, and character.

A student may therefore make the highest grades and still not be admitted to the National Honor Society if he does nothing for his school or if he shows traits of character that are undesirable. The students that have attained this high standard and have been chosen to become members deserve the highest praise for their excellent records.--J. Seregely

## TRIP TO HARRISBURG

Mrs. Rambo and Mr. Robinson a long with the Agricultural and Homemaking classes left for Harrisburg on January 12, at 8:15 A.M. to see the annual Farm Show in Harrisburg. There were 40 pupils altogether, 20 boys and 20 girls.

The homemaking class was most interested in the Homemaking exhibits.

The agricultural group was most interested in the vocational exhibits, agricultural machinery, live stock exhibit, and the judging and selling of live-stock.

After seeing these features they left the Farm Show Building at 2:30 and returned home at 6:00 P.M.

The theme for the Farm Show this year

was "Agindustry." It is an attempt to introduce mechanisms or machinery into agricultural. H. Maylath

## SPEECH CONTEST

The Future Farmer of America had their annual speech contest January 4 in our Agriculture room. The schools that participated were Central Bucks, Pennridge, and Pottsgrove. Leo Ciaciak, a Pottsgrove student, placed third.

Mr. Franny and Mr. Sabo were the judges. The winner was judged on content and presentation. Janet Hoffman

## NEW UNIFORMS

The Varsity cheerleaders got new uniforms this year. They wore them for the first time at the January 13 Pep Rally.

The one-piece uniforms are maroon and white jumpers worn with white blouses. They have six pleats that open up white. The captain's uniform is a white jumper worn with a maroon blouse.

The uniforms were made by Mrs. McCogney of Reading. --M. A. Istenes

V A L E N T I N E ' S D A Y

V-ictorious . . . . . Basketball team  
A-lmost done . . . . . Biology projects  
L-azy . . . . . Albert Conner  
E-xtra . . . . . Need for energy  
N-utty . . . . . Peggy Miller  
T-ough . . . . . Quarterly tests  
I-n a hurry . . . . . 7th Graders  
N-eat . . . Allen Hutt and Nancy Clapper  
E-ffort . . . . . To do homework  
S-teady . . . . . Walk to class

D-izzy in the halls . . . . . Wayne Hurst  
A-lways writing . . . . . Marsha Keeler  
Y-earning . . . . . For A's  
--L. Hobbs

The girl who thinks no man is good enough for her may be right. Then again, she may be left.



## SENIOR OF THE MONTH

Linda Young, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Saylor, is a senior of the month.

Linda is a member of the business education course. She was on the basketball, softball, and hockey teams and received an award in each sport. Linda also participates in the Pottsgrovian and the Chorus.

She is always good for a laugh, especially in Business English class.

She plans to become a communication-alist. Janet Hoffman

Tim Cooney, a senior of the month, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Cooney, 637 East Race Street, Stowe. Tim is an academic student who wants to become a photographer.

He has participated in football and golf. He is a member of the Varsity Club, Falcon, and was in the junior class play and junior assembly.

Tim's hobby is cooking. He loves to make pizza and spaghetti. His own cooking must agree with him! Janet Hoffman

Dawn Brendlinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Brendlinger, Route 18, Need-hammer Road, is in the academic course.

Dawn participates in such school activities as hockey, senior band and chorus, and Valley Forge Area Band. She is in Pottsgrovian and F.T.A., of which she is vice-president. Besides these activities, she was voted by the senior high school to be a member of the football queen's court.

Dawn plans to enter West Chester State College next fall. She will major in elementary education. In her free time, she enjoys swimming, reading, and eating steak. Her pet peeve is physics class. Norma Decker

Harry White is another senior of the month. He resides with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry R. White, 178 West Pine Ford Road.

Harry wants to be a math and physical

teacher. He hopes to enter Temple University and major in these subjects.

He is an active member of the band, track, and Slide Rule Club. He is president of the National Honor Society.

May success and happiness follow him always. Janet Hoffman

David Rumler, a senior of the month, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rumler, R. D. #3, Pottstown.

Dave recently received the honor of being a "Today's Teen-ager" in the Pottstown Mercury.

Dave, an academic student, plans to go to college but hasn't decided what subject to major in.

His school activities include baseball, football, and basketball.

Dave spends most of his free time hunting and fishing. Lucky guy!

Janet Hoffman

Bill Logan, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Logan, Route 663, Ringing Hill, is in the general course. An outdoors type, Bill participates in track and baseball at Pottsgrove. He hopes to pursue a career in professional baseball. During his spare time, Bill enjoys swimming, hunting, and fishing. His favorite food is steak.

Here's a clue for all interested girls: Bill dislikes girls without sense of humor! N. Decker

## POTTSGROVE LOSES FIRST I-C GAME

The Falcons lost their Inter-County League opener to the last year's champ, Jenkintown. If it weren't for the second quarter, Pottsgrove would have been in the game all the way.

There was one bright spot in the game for Pottsgrove as Bob Gauger scored 34 points, a new school record. Bob had 11 field goals and 12 points on the foul line.

Jim Koch and Bob Harrar led Jenkintown's scoring with 34 and 27 points respectively.

Pottsgrove also lost the jayvee game 35-29. Jerry Basco



## TWIN VALLEY DOWNS FALCONS

For the Falcons it was the second loss of the season, but for Falcon coach, this year, it is another problem of getting his team into winning column. The Falcon-Twin Valley game followed the same path as the previous St. Pius game where our Falcons seemed to fall apart in the last quarter.

During the Twin Valley affair, neither team gave any indication of who would be the victor until the final period. Only then did the Raiders give any indication that they would win. It was still a hand fought quarter although the Falcons didn't seem to have that final drive. That would have brought them a victory.

When the fourth quarter came to a close, it was the Raiders who walked off the floor with a 58-50 win.

--Allen Hutt

## CLUB VOTES CHANGE

The Politics Club, under the direction of Mr. Eugene Sabol, voted to become a chapter of the Pennsylvania Federation of Junior Historians.

The organization is devoted to the discovery of preservation of sites connected with local, state, and national history. The federation holds district and state conventions, at which the delegates tour sites of historical importance in the area.

In our Pottsgrove chapter, there are five members: J. John Stahl Jr., President; Michael Ulan, first vice president; Fred Ebert, second vice president; Charlotte Daub, secretary; and Ronald Kunzelman, treasurer.

Since there are eight officers suggested by the federation for each chapter, our chapter has the distinction of having three important officers vacant.

--M. Ulan

First Woman Patient: "I'm going to see a doctor. I don't like the looks of my husband."

Second Woman Patient: "Mind if I tag along? I don't like the looks of mine either."

## SCIENCE FAIRS

For those of you who are scientific-minded, we have two science fairs approaching. Along with the Montgomery County Science Fair we have one put on by the P.T.A. This is to be held in the spring and there will be a \$100 cash dividend for the winners.

There are some who have completed projects for various science courses and these may be entered.

So let's get to work and give our school a good reputation and representation in these fairs. It may benefit you greatly in the coming year.

--David Egelston

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In the first quarter they fell behind 16-7 and never did get into the game. In the third quarter the Falcons outscored Upper Dublin 17-15, but it was not enough as the Drakes outscored them 24-16 in the final stanza.

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Dave Hoffman led Pottsgrove with 17 points, while Bob Gauger and Roger Raspen each had 10.

In the jayvee game the Falcons also took it on the chin, losing 46-30.

--Jerry Basco

## COMING ATTRACTIONS ! !

Report card time again !

After the distribution of second quarter report cards, a parent teacher conference will be held.

The P. T. conference enables parents to call the school to make an appointment with certain teachers to discuss problems concerning their children.

The date for the conference is Friday, February 10, from 8:00 to 12:00 in the morning, 1:00 to 3:00 in the afternoon, and 6:00 to 8:00 in the evening.

--Marie Brunner



New Year Resolution (cont')

Robert Church, . . . listen to most of  
the teachers.  
Linda Newman . . . stop fighting with  
my sister.  
Catherine Showers . . . stop eating so  
many fattening foods.  
Carol Harp . . . no more Pete S. for me.  
Vicki Van Horn. . . . to get an "A"  
in math.  
Joyce Freeze . . stop eating spaghetti.  
--Peggy Neiman

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## YEARBOOK SALES

This year the yearbook campaign was prolonged for a few extra weeks to give the students a chance to order their yearbooks after Christmas vacation. The campaign was brought to a close January 13.

The sales for this year's campaign totaled 240 copies.

The Pottsgroviian staff would like to extend their thanks to the students who purchased yearbooks. We know they will find this the best yearbook printed at Pottsgrove High School. --Gloria Rulli

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Russian delegate: The abominable  
"No" man.

# NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

## Junior High School

Catherine Hasselhan. . stay on my diet.  
Jane Hart . . . stop playing boys for  
suchers.  
Eugene High ..do class work each night.  
Charlene Moses . . stop eating in the  
classrooms.