

*Students
Await
April 4;
It's Such a
Big Day—*

The Falcon



*The Senior
Class Trip
and
The Junior
Class Play.*

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Gohean Wins Science Fair Grand Award

Susan Gohean, Pottsgrove senior, was chosen the senior high school grand prize winner at the annual P. T. A. Science Fair held in the high school gym on March 13. Susan's project also won first prize in the senior high physics category.

William Reynolds, also with a physics project, won the grand prize, as well as first in physics, in the junior high school.

The projects, before being entered in the fair, were screened by Pottsgrove science teachers. The teachers chose 126 projects for the school fair and 25 of these for the Montgomery County Science Fair at Ursinus College on March 22 - 25.

Receiving second place award in the senior high school with a project in chemistry was James Tallman. Robert Meko, zoology winner, received a third place award.

In the junior high, second place winner was Kay Van Buskirk, chemistry. Donald Spatz was third place with a zoology project.

Reber Wins First Award

In the senior high school, winners in their categories were: botany, Robert Reber, first; Jay Meloy, second; Charles Orlando, third.

Juniors To Present "In The Doghouse"



Vincent Falcone slumps to the floor with a blissful smile on his face and much help from the sidelines. Others in the cast are: (left to right) R. Bunivec, E. Testa, C. Wyshock, T. Brandt, L. Ciciak, D. Strunk, E. Wentzel, D. Nace, M. Abrams, S. Drumheller. Kneeling are M. Kurtz, C. Wagg, S. Makarevitz. (Photo by PicKar)

Junior Chorus Will Give Annual Spring Musicale

The Pottsgrove Junior High Chorus under the leadership of Mrs. Nancy Bixler will present its annual spring choral concert on April 18 at 8 p.m. in the Pottsgrove High School Auditorium. The Junior High Dance

Jrs. To Act In Comedy On April 4

In the Doghouse will be presented by the junior class in the high school auditorium Thursday evening, April 4 at 8 p.m. The matinee performance for the student body will be presented Wednesday, April 3.

As the curtain opens, it is not an ordinary Saturday morning at the Shelby residence. Today is the day of the big rummage sale. Diana Shelby, alias Marcia Kurtz, handles her assignments as committee chairman of the sale with authoritative and shattering determination. Howard Atwood as played by Thomas Brandt is a leader in school activities, a fellow-committee member, and definitely interested in Diana.

Other student committee members are Eve Burgess, Carol Bates, Benny Cambridge, and Fred Vincent, as played by Martha Abrams, Elaine Testa, Ronald Bunivec, and Leo Ciciak respectively.

Nace Portrays Donovan

The building in which the sale is to be held is owned by a very mercenary man, Henry Donovan, played by Daniel Nace, whose disappearance from town has left the property vacant for 30 years. When

Ulan To Preside Over Convention

April 3, will see Michael Ulan in West Chester wielding the gavel at the annual conference of the Pennsylvania Federation of Junior

Marsha Swartz received honorable mention.

In the chemistry division, William Drendall and Barbara Kohsiek were awarded second and third respectively, while Harry Overholtzer was given honorable mention.

David Hauseman was the second place winner in senior high physics and Carol Smith was third place. Honorable mention was given to Gerald Dori.

Tobias First In Physiography

Barry Tobias placed first in the physiography division and Sandra Moses was second.

In zoology second place winner was Darlene Nace, third was James Shaner, and honorable mention went to Phyllis Ravenscroft.

In the junior high school the winners in botany were: Judy Johnson, first; William Green, second; Kendrick Hoffman, third; and Ellen Meyer, honorable mention.

In chemistry John Minnick was second, Elaine Davidheiser was third, and Debby Maack won honorable mention.

Paul Stulac was second in physics and David Tosher was third. Honorable mention was given to Roxanne Miller.

In physiography Barry Britton was first, James Dori, second, and Fred Reed, third. Honorable mention was presented to Susan Lamb.

Edward Bieleiski and Pat Buchert were second and third prize winners respectively in zoology. Larry Grimley received honorable mention.

Pupils To Publish Literary Magazine

Pottsgrove pupils are preparing for publication a literary magazine which should be completed in May.

This digest will be a composite of poems, short stories, and essays written by junior and senior high school students.

Band will also be featured in the program. The program will feature two soloists. Polly Prutzman will play a marimba solo and Patti Sands will be featured in a piano solo. Solo parts with the chorus will be played by Linda Skean and Monna Leven-good.

Numbers in the program will include, "They Call It America," "George M. Cohan's Patriotic Fantasy," "Halls of Ivy," "The Inch Worm," "I Wish I Was," "While We're Young," "Look for the Silver Lining," and "Catch a Falling Star."

The Junior High Dance Band will also be featured in a number of selections including "Muskrat Rumble," "Cherry Pink and Apple Blossom White," "Hanigun's Boogie," and "Red Sails in the Sunset."

Seniors To Take Annual Class Trip

The seniors will travel to New York City for the annual two-day class trip, April 4. They will leave at 5:45 a.m. from the Pottstown Reading Station.

When the group arrives in New York at about 10:45 a.m., they will board a boat for a visit to the Statue of Liberty.

In the afternoon they will have a guided tour of the United Nations. After the tour, there will be assignment of rooms at the Taft Hotel.

In the evening the group will take an N.B.C. Studio Tour. A group picture will be taken at the observation roof. There will then be a downtown tour, which terminates about 11:00 p.m.

At 8:00 a.m. the next morning the group will take a tour of the residential section of up-town New York. Following this tour, they will enter Radio City Music Hall for a three-hour stage and screen show.

Library Opens Evenings

The Pottsgrove High School Library will be open each Thursday evening from 6:30 to 9 p.m. beginning tonight. The evening library hours will accommodate those students who have a difficult time completing their library research during the regular school day. Students must follow the rules and regulations as stated in a letter to parents. Those students who do not comply with the stated rules will be denied evening library privileges.

Elliott Takes Top Honors In Annual Spelling Contest

Alice Elliott, an eighth grader, won the spelling contest held on Friday, March 8, for seventh and eighth graders. The contest was sponsored by the Norristown Times Herald.

She will go to Norristown to compete against "champions" from other school districts, on Friday, April 26. If she wins at Norristown, she will receive a 24 volume set of the Encyclopedia Britannica, and an expenses paid trip to Washington, D. C. with a chaperone. This will be in preparation for the National Spelling Bee which is held in Washington.



Mihalik Places Second

The alternate winner was Stephanie Mihalik of the 8th grade. The words which decided the champ were "nonchalance" and "mischievous." After Stephanie misspelled the word "nonchalance," Alice had to spell it correctly, then had to spell another word, "mischievous." This made Alice the winner and Stephanie the runner-up.

The contestants from the home-rooms were chosen by a written spell-off during a homeroom period.

historians; Michael is President of the Eastern Division. The spring convention is the highlight of regional activity. From there the focus centers on the state conferences at York and Gettysburg this year.

In addition to Michael, David Egelston, James Shaner and James Tallman will represent Pottsgrove.

The agenda calls for the group to hear an address by Christian Sanderson, a teacher and lecturer, and to take tours of the Chester County Court House, the headquarters of the Chester County Historical Society, the Britton Home, and the West Chester Daily News.

The group will be accompanied by Eugene J. Sabol, the chapter's faculty adviser.

Mr. Donovan unexpectedly arrives in town demanding two hundred dollars for the use of his property, Diana finds herself in the Dog-house.

Donna Strunk attempts to keep the Shelby household running calmly and smoothly over the week-end. Donna plays Mrs. Randal, the Shelby's housekeeper.

Ruth Willis, Evelyn Wentzel, is an "eager beaver" real estate agent who is trying to sell the Shelby's house.

Mayor Gaylord Singleton played by Vincent Falcone, has a glamorous niece, Phyllis Hayes. Sonya Makarevitz plays Phyllis who, although a stranger in the community, quickly makes an impression.

Adding to the commotion of the day is Miss Bessie Patterson. Bessie is an eager, gushing, and too-enthusiastic woman, who is trying to hypnotize herself back to the age of seventeen. Miss Patterson is portrayed by Susan Drumheller.

Wyshock Plays Eccentric Part

Chris Wyshock is Lucinda Morgan. Miss Morgan is a white-haired eccentric in her late sixties.

The deputy sheriff is a muscular and conscientious man of thirty. Waldo Whipple is determined to perform his official duties in a righteous and rigorous manner. Charles Wagg enacts the deputy sheriff.

Prompters for the play are Sandy Ecker, Carol Norton, Mary Ellen Millard, Sandra Moses, and Evelyn Ochar.

Julius J. Raymond is directing the production.

Boys Win Award For F. F. A. Work

Jeffrey Crater, Kenneth Albright, and Barry Moyer achieved the Area Farmer degree of the Bucks-Lehigh-Montgomery Counties. This degree is held by only 10 per cent of the total membership of the area.

Wise Decisions Must Be Made Early

By Jane Petrick

"Gypsy, Gypsy, tell me please, what my future will be." In our ever changing world, no gypsy is needed; we can all determine our own future.

We must first decide, shall I be a graduate or a drop-out. Limiting our education limits both our earning power and our job security.

At this time of year, everyone is busy making course selections. Most of the juniors already have their careers chosen. However, if our future is undecided, we should consult the guidance office to help us discover our abilities and real interests.

For college-bound juniors, the guidance personnel recommend that juniors get college catalogs and pick several colleges that they would like to attend. They should also plan to visit these colleges in the late spring and early summer.

Those of us planning to attend the service academies should take the College Boards on May 18. To prepare for these tests, we can use the book in the library entitled, **How to Prepare for College Entrance Examinations.**

For both juniors and sophomores not considering college, there are many trade and business schools for further education.

Our college-bound sophomores should be sure that they have taken the proper courses and have begun to consider future tests.

Wise decisions made now are investments that will pay attractive dividends in the future.

Students Voice Strong Feelings Against Proposed School Merger

A dilemma faces the Pottsgrove School System. The state government, under Governor David Lawrence, passed a law which, in brief, stated that all school districts with less than 2,500 students must merge with another school district.

Some of the Pottsgrove students have very strong feelings about merger. Here are a few of those feelings:

James Tallman—"I believe that the merger is not the best thing for Pottsgrove students. I think that Pottsgrove students would lose many opportunities for activities if we were to merge with Pottstown."

Judith Hildenbrand—"I think that if we merged with Pottstown we would lose our individuality."

Sheryl Pomerantz—"It is my opinion that there will be friction



Is it true, Pat Bush, that you stop in the lavatory after school to "brush your teeth?"

Who is the junior girl that was caught crawling around on the floor looking for one of her "bugs" the day of the Science Fair.

JUST MUSING WITH MIKE ULAN

Hark, all ye budding, young, romantic future engineers. Here's one to top: At a Midwestern university recently a student devised a "kissometer," a device to measure the attraction between boy and girl during the course of a kiss.

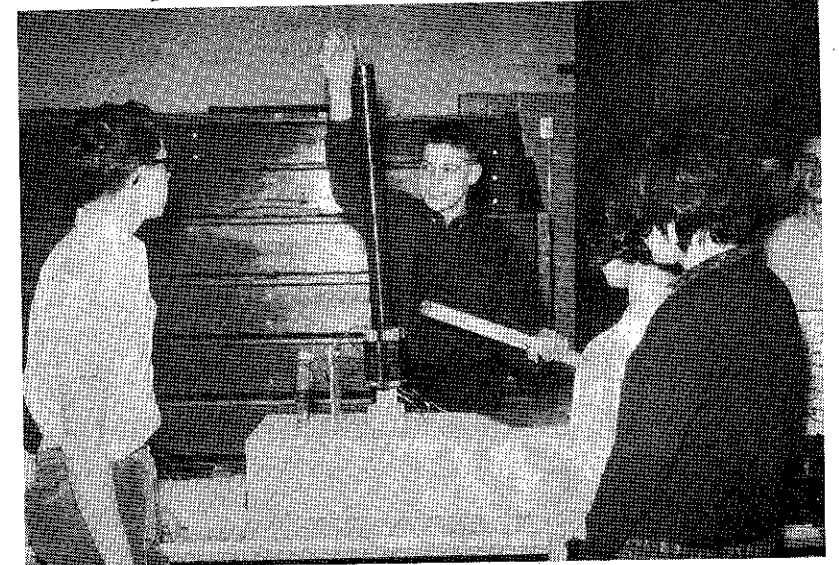
The two people using the machine held an electrode in one hand while "osculating." A weak electric current passes from the electrodes through the mated lips, causing a needle to move on the "kissometer," which registered readings of: "Try a little harder," "That's better," "Now you've got it," and "WOW!", flashes a light; and makes loud noise.

There are those who insist that we do not fully realize how much we appreciate something until we are forced to do without it. A group of British railway riders should know.

Recently a rail line in the United Kingdom distributed a questionnaire to the patrons of its Leeds to London run, asking the riders which they appreciated most in their train service: speed of rail travel, comfort of the trains, or the punctuality of the line in meeting its schedules.

The riders were given an ideal opportunity to judge the relative importance of speed, comfort, and punctuality, for on this particular morning, a cold, blustery winter work day, the train was twenty minutes late leaving Leeds, it traveled at only half its normal rate of speed because of engine trouble, and the car was cold because of a heating system failure.

Reynolds Demonstrates Project



William Reynolds demonstrates his prize winning science fair project for the benefit of fellow-students.

Space Wonders Challenge P. H. S. Science Department

Maybe you have noticed several students each morning before school and each afternoon before school is over taking a walk to the field at the south end of the building. These students are members of Clyde Dry's ninth grade Earth and Space Science course.

Down in this field is located a "homemade" weather station where the pupils can check the various changes in weather during the day and from one day to another. Among the many instruments in the weather station are a sling psychrometer, a device for measuring relative humidity, and also a rain gauge by which one can measure the amount of rain or other precipitation.

Alumni Active In Many Ways

Many of Pottsgrove's graduates are now in the news at college and universities. Others are very busy in the business world.

Sharon Lee Crater, a 1958 graduate of Pottsgrove High, graduated from Penn State with a Magna Cum Laude degree. She now works for the state government in California.

Kutztown senior Joseph Morello was recently accepted as a fellow-student at the University of

Numerous Courses Available

This is only one of the many classes found in Pottsgrove High School's science department. There are the physics and physical science classes taught by James Rutter, chemistry and advanced chemistry with Donald Hartman, and another class with Mr. Dry, biology. All

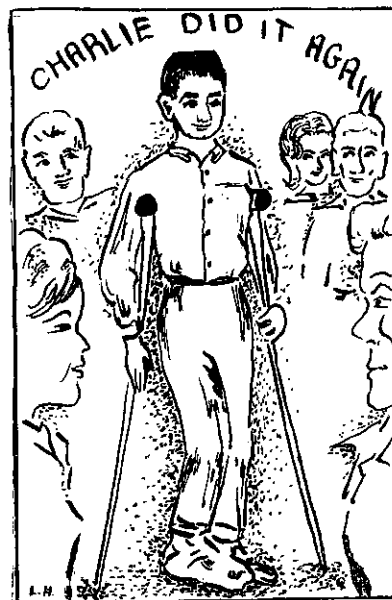
Susan Drumheller—"I disagree with the merger because Pottsgrove has made a name for itself and has established its own traditions."

Jeanette Madaras—"The merger is bad for Pottsgrove because close student-teacher relationships would be severely limited."

Michael Ulan—"I think that we are academically superior to the Pottstown High School now. We offer more courses than Pottstown High School does, and we have more active participation in our activities. I think that a merger would be good for some schools, but to merge because we don't meet a minimum amount of students is ridiculous."

David Hauseman—"Why merge? Our school has an excellent educational program now. The person who lacks exceptional ability would not be able to participate in extra-curricular activities."

Ron Favinger—"I don't want to merge, and I don't think anyone else does either."



would be shown particularly about his teachers and fellow classmates.

I guess the girls at Pottsgrove are "too feminine." The softball girls are having a bad case of breaks, aches, and pain. See Carol Cleaver and Kathy Donahue for details.

There's never a dull moment in 12-B physics class with Rich Morello and Jerry Lupold, the two natural born scientists. Rich wanted to know what a bottle of mercury would look like beaded on the floor. By experimentation he found out. Jerry "discovered" a way to wash window shades using a J-tube.

The seventh grade girls claim the best kind of shoes to wear to dance with a seventh grade boy is steel tipped brown shoes.

Why do you feel so bad about wearing glasses Gene Koch? A lot of famous people wear them, including "Willie the Worm."

Philip Gerberick claims he wants to be a nurse, but he doesn't seem like the type Ben Casey or Dr. Kildare would fall for.

Is Mr. Burkert really trying to out-do Jackie Kennedy when it comes to fashion? 7-C claims he models the cutest lace aprons.

Janet Flickinger is always caught blowing bubbles with her multi-color gum in homeroom. In fact, Mr. Rheel seems to be making a game of guessing what color gum she chews each day.

What teacher was seen standing in line to see the midnight horror show in the Pottstown theater?

Jeff Crater and Susan Rosen, I was just wondering who your publicity agent is. I've noticed you have become regulars in the Pottstown paper.

Grezelda told me she sees Fred Jacobs traveling back and forth to school with a seventh grade girl. Shame on you Fred!

— Dawn

isting between smoking and lung cancer. Two insurance companies, one in California and one in Wisconsin, lend support to those who maintain that a link does exist. These companies grant a five per cent discount on life insurance premiums to policy-holders who sign a statement that they have never and will never smoke.

Seniors Visit Area Hospital; Local Institution

It started about six weeks ago when the senior health classes began their study on mental health and retardation. Both senior girls and boys could be seen in the school library looking for more information on these subjects besides that presented in the classroom.

Then came the day when these same students were seen walking around the halls in the morning, boys dressed in suits and ties and girls as neat as usual. They were waiting to leave for the annual trip to Pennhurst State School and Norristown State Hospital. Half of the class went to Pennhurst and the other to Norristown.

Maybe you have noticed a slight change in the actions of these students. The shocking sights which they beheld made a lasting impression on these pupils.

At Pennhurst they were overwhelmed at the state of the deformed children. A child reaching his lean arms from a crib, in order that he may embrace someone, is a sight which will always remain in the memory of an individual.

Another lasting impression was attained at Norristown when the students were exposed to the pitiful sight of people who shut themselves in their own little world.

West Chester State College announced that Pottsgrove graduates, Robert Wirag (Class of 1960) and Phyllis Neiffer (Class of 1962), were among the students named to the Dean's List.

More of Pottsgrove's graduates are also busy studying to make the Dean's List. Harry White and Jeffrey Prunner, members of the Class of 1961, made the list at Temple and Penn State respectively.

Carol Richard who graduated with the Class of 1962 is busy with studies and activities at Gettysburg College. She was named to the Dean's List for the first semester. Carol is also a member of the choir which will tour Europe this summer.

Carolyn Hunsberger, former editor of *The Falcon*, is now writing front page articles for the bi-weekly paper at Kutztown State.

school alone. In the junior-high school, Miss Doris Wesner, Theodore Kershner, and Gene Harris carry on the general science classes.

Classes Enter Science Fair

All science classes had been running at a furious pace recently because of the annual P. T. A. Science Fair. When walking into any of the science rooms, one was confronted with numerous types, shapes, and sizes of science fair projects.

Besides this preparation there is the "fun feature" of senior high sciences, lab period. In biology the students got a chance to display their surgical skills by dissecting frogs. Chemistry allows many experiments with chemicals of all sorts to find their reactions with certain elements, and physics lab gives the prospective scientist a chance to show his talent.

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Track Begins With Meet At Owen J.

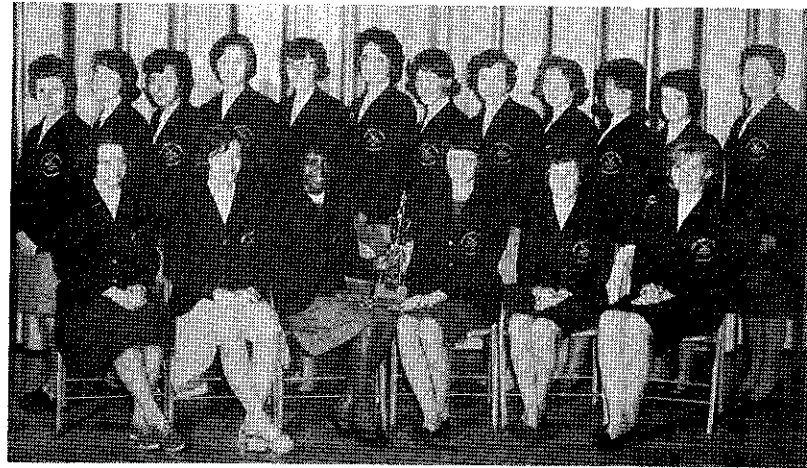
Spring is here and with it comes track. Pottsgrove High School is no exception as boys reported March 11 for the first track practice. Their first meet is early for track season as they run against Owen J. Roberts on March 29. This is the second year as head coach for Kenneth Harclerode, who is expecting a few wins this year with his returnees. Everyone from last season will be back with the exception of three graduated seniors, Lenny Magliochetti, John Miller, and Fred Ebert. The veteran lettermen returning will be Dave Boyer and John Koche in the 100 yard dash; Bob Basco in the 440 yard dash; Jerry Basco and Stanley Davidheiser in the 880 yard run; Mike Novak, David Spatz, Herbert Geiser, and Jim Basile in the mile run; Jim Gauger, who runs the hurdles; Gerry Meyers, who throws the disc; and Larry Banus, who throws the javelin.

The team received a shock, however, when Charles Gambino broke his ankle running the hurdles in the gym. He usually won the shot, the disc, and came in first in the hurdles. He expects to be able to throw the shot and disc but probably won't be running until the end of April.

This year's team will be running in 11 meets, not including the Montgomery County Meet and the District 1 Meet. Along with the increase in meets, the team will be in competition with mostly Ches-Mont teams.

Volleyball Takes Students' Interest

Falconettes Win Championship



Members of the Inter-County League Championship Hockey Team are: Standing, left to right: Carol Dunlap, Phyllis Ravenscroft, Donna Strunk, Martha Abrams, Sandra Ecker, Carol Norton, Carol Smith, Roberta Gephart, Barbara Alderfer, Margaret Bush, Carol Bernhart, Mrs. Flamm, coach. Seated: Carol Swinehart, Carol Cleaver, Marion Daye, Kay Schultz, Linda Albright, Suzanne Gregory. (Photo by Pickar)

Athletes Receive Awards For Fall, Winter Sports

Pottsgrove athletes who took part in the fall and winter sports programs were honored in a special assembly on Friday morning, March 1, in the school auditorium.

Members of Coach Jacqueline Flamm's Inter-County Championship Hockey Team received maroon blazers from the Varsity Club.

Harry J. Pollock, representing the Pottsgrove Joint School Board, awarded gold pins to Coach Flamm and team members.

Receiving blazers and gold pins were: Kay Shultz, Marian Daye, Linda Albright, Carol Cleaver and Carol Swinehart, twelfth grade; Margaret Bush, Roberta Gephart, Carol Norton, Donna Strunk, Sandra Ecker, Phyllis Ravenscroft, Martha Abrams, Barbara Alderfer, and Carol Dunlap, eleventh grade; Carol Smith and Carol Bernhart, tenth grade; Suzanne Gregory, manager. Patricia Babel and Dorothy Leopold received gold pins.

Harris Eagerly Anticipates '64; Lauds '63 Unit

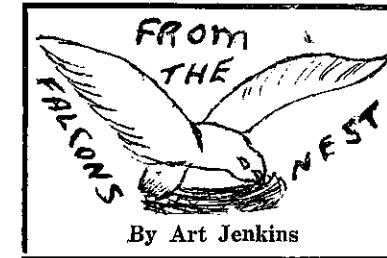
Basketball is a funny game. Temple came within four points of knocking off Kentucky, Columbia upset Penn—and Pottsgrove got a piece of second place in the Inter-County League.

While nearly everyone else was crying the blues about the loss of all five starters from 1961's cham-

Falcons Meet Cardinals In 1963 Season Opener

Four Lettermen Report For Practice, Coach Views "Rough Year" Ahead

Coach Francis Winterbottom opened senior high baseball practice this month as 25 candidates reported for practice in the gym. "With only four of last year's lettermen returning, it looks like a rough year ahead," said the perennial second place finisher in the Inter-County League. The season opener is scheduled for April 4, when the Falcons meet Upper Dublin.



The Pottsgrove Falcons, whose second place finish made them the surprise team of the Inter-County League, have claimed another distinction as Pete Chryst, the senior hotshot, earned a first team berth on the All Inter-County coaches team.

Pete, the tall, thin guy who is known to his friends as "Slink," was named to high honor by virtue of his 189 points scored in I-C league play.

Rounding out the first team were three men from the champion Upper Dublin Cardinals, Dean Yontzy, Hal Cottom, and Dick Snyder, and Mike Puscar, the Bridgeport ace.

An encouraging note for the Falcon basketballers of next year is the fact that two underclassmen received honorable mention. The distinguished ones were big Ron Favinger, the jumping junior, and John Psota, the sparkling sophomore.

The four returning lettermen are Jim Armstrong, who alternates between pitching and catching, Ron Kunzelman, an outfielder and catcher, and Roger Bowers, the first baseman. These three are seniors. The lone underclassman in the group is Dennis Daisy, a junior who started last year at third base but will probably switch to shortstop this season.

Armstrong Heads Pitching Staff

As every baseball coach realizes around this time of year, the bulwark of any team is its pitching staff, and the Pottsgrove nine for 1963 presents a star-studded mound staff. The pitching staff is headed by big Jim Armstrong, a senior who sports a big 5-0 record from last year. Charles Hoffman, Pete Chryst and Gerry Lupold round out the senior pitchers. Two sophomores make up the rest of the staff as Buddy Smith and Don Schlichter, two former junior high hurlers, move up to places on the big team.

Catchers Inexperienced

Also important in baseball are the men with the tough job of crouching behind the plate and stopping all those fast balls and curves, the catchers. This year's catchers are relatively inexperienced as varsity backstops. Jim Armstrong caught only three games last year while Ron Kunzelman, the

For Intramurals

Intramural Volleyball has become a big favorite for most Pottsgrove students during the past year. Students have also taken a big interest in Co-Educational Volleyball, which takes place during gym classes.

Francis J. Winterbottom is running a tournament called a double elimination tournament which is composed of ten teams. This tournament is being run prior to Pottsgrove's entering a volleyball team in the District I tournament. For a double elimination each team must lose two matches before being eliminated. The Trojans, the Spiders, and the Owls are so far undefeated. The tournament is played during floating periods.

The names of the ten teams participating and their captains are as follows: Road Runners—Robert Meko; Owls—Terry Istenes; The Undertakers—Richard Miller; Heroes—Peter Fredrickson; Cobras—Ronald Gustaff; Injectors—James Rinehart; Spiders—Jerry Basco; F. A. Team—Clifford Bealer; Mets—Stanley Yarmush; and the Trojans—Joseph Tillger.



school principal, presented Francis J. Winterbottom, Pottsgrove athletic director, the Silver Whistle Award. This award was given to Pottsgrove by the PIAA officials for the best sportsmanship shown out of 40 schools in District I.

Two Receive Gold Awards

Gold awards were received by two seniors. Wilmer Hoffman was presented with a gold award for his three years' participation on the varsity football team. Nancy Clapper received her gold award for being on the varsity cheerleading squad for three years.

Other awards were given to the junior varsity and junior high hockey teams, the varsity, junior varsity and junior high football teams, the girls' junior and senior high basketball squads, the boys' junior and senior high basketball team, the varsity and junior varsity matmen, and the varsity, junior varsity, and junior high cheerleading squads.

Faculty Nip Birds With 54-42 Score

The Varsity Falcons put up a good, but vain fight against the players of the faculty. The final score of 54-42 does not tell the true story. The Falcons crept to within a few points of the faculty but could not muster the extra digits to take the lead.

Arlan Burkert, Gene Harris, and Theodore Kershner led the team in point production. Kenneth Harelerode, Robert Rheel, Clyde Dry, Francis Winterbottom, and Clarence Bartman also did well.

The faculty took advantage of many breaks and found the basket in the clutch.

As a result the varsity had a comparatively hard time but everybody played and scored.

James R. Rutter was coach for the faculty and Wilmer Hoffman was coach for the Varsity.

pionship team, Coach Gene Harris was quietly and confidently building up a respectable unit with what he had.

"I had hopes for a good season," said Harris, but even he had to admit that it was better than he had thought it would be. "Because of the lack of experience, it took a while for them to jell, but they really came along by the second half of the season," he added.

"Every season has its high point, what was Pottsgrove's?"

"Jenkintown away," was the response. "It was our first league game, and we had lost three in a row. In fact, the team was at a point where they had to win or forever be discouraged. We came from behind in the last quarter and overtime period, and really showed a lot of fight. The first three quarters of the Upper Dublin game I'd have to put as an equal to it, too," Coach Harris decided.

Harris Speculates On 1964 Season

Shortly after Harris was pondering the question, "How do you see the Falcons next year in comparison with the rest of the I. C. League?"

"Upper Dublin and Lower Moreland will be tough, and Collegeville and Jenkintown much improved. Pottsgrove? We have good potential, two returning starters, and a team that will hustle and work. Overall, we will have more speed, height, and experience."

Harris, when pressed for a reply, even went so far as to name a starting team of juniors and sophomores if he had to play a game tomorrow. Favinger, Psota, Monck, Binczak, and Fredrickson appear to be the ones to beat.

Members of this year's exciting and well-balanced J.V. unit also figure prominently in varsity plans, but it is too early to tell yet, who and how much.

Previously, Harris had remarked that he really looked forward to next season.

lem Magicians came to play in Pottstown, 1300 people watched them whip the City League All-Stars 87-59. Seeing a team like the Magicians in action always makes one wonder how they would fare if they would enter the NBA and "play it straight."

They have all the necessary materials; a seven-foot pivot man, a terrific dribbler, great shooters, remarkable teamwork, and plenty of experience playing together. Maybe they could beat the Celtics.

While the subject of the Magicians game is present, it would be appropriate to mention Pottsgrove's contribution to that night's entertainment. I refer, naturally, to Arlan Burkert, the Pottsgrove faculty member and star of the faculty team. The former Kutztown State College flash scored 10 points in a vain effort by the Church League All-Stars to fight off the Montgomery Elks, champions of the City League. The Elks won this preliminary contest 59-47.

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We of Pottsgrove High School should offer condolences to our friends at St. Pius High, whose stirring march to the PCIAA state title was abruptly halted by St. Rose of Carbondale, 70-49.

Sports Calendar

April

- 1—Baseball - St. Pius - Home
- 2—Softball - Spring-Ford - Home
- Track - O. J. Roberts - Away
- 4—Baseball - Upper Dublin - Home
- 5—JV Baseball - Twin Valley - Away
- 8—Baseball - Collegeville - Away
- Track - Phoenixville - Away
- 11—Baseball - Schwenksville - Home
- 13—Montgomery Co. Track Meet
- 15—Baseball - Lower Moreland - Away
- Softball - Wilson - Home
- 16—Softball - O. J. Roberts - Home

at all behind the plate. Ron Gustaff, a sophomore, played his ball for the junior high last season.

Of course, no baseball team could function without the fielders. This year's field positions will probably be held by veterans as Ron Kunzelman, Bob Roeder, Pete Fredrickson, Bob Gilbert, Dennis Daisy and Roger Bowers.

Varsity Veterans Will See Action In New Season

Pat Bush, Roberta Gephart, Bonnie Eczko, Carol Bernhart, Carol Smith, Linda Fisher, and Linda Nettles are the only varsity veterans to appear on the softball squad this year, although there were 121 girls reporting for practice, which started Wednesday, March 13.

Coach Jacqueline Flamm stated that this year she is making an effort to keep as many girls as possible on the team to give more girls a chance to take an active part.

In previous years there were only two teams, whose members were selected from the ninth to twelfth grades. This year, however, there is going to be an additional team consisting of eighth graders. These eighth graders will practice only on Wednesdays and will be coached by Mrs. Barbara Lindemuth.

Gephart Captain

For the past two years Roberta Gephart, better known to her friends as "Bertie," has been captain of the varsity team. She has been one of the team's all around players and last year led her teammates in home runs with seven. She was followed by Linda Fisher, who had two, and Carol Smith with one.

The Falconettes will open their season against Spring-Ford on April 2.

Pollock Takes First Place In Area Oratorical Contest

Michael Pollock, an eighth grade student, was declared the winner of the Optimist International Boys' Open Oratorical Contest sponsored by the Pottsgrove Optimist Club. Second place winner in the contest held at the Lower Pottsgrove Elementary School on March 26 was John Minnick.

The official subject and title for this year's contest is "Youth's Approach Toward World Forces." The competition is held on a local, state, and national basis.

The first place winner from this area will meet with the finalist from the other areas to compete in the regional contest and then go on to the national contest. First, second, and third place winners in the local contest will receive trophies. Prizes for the regional and national contests will include several wrist watches and scholarships.

Last year John Minnick won the district contest and went on to represent this district in the regional meet at Lebanon.

Robert H. Schneider and Ronald K. Schafer are advising the four Pottsgrove entries in the preparation, delivery, and presentation of their orations.

Pupils Take Tests For Scholarships

Judith Hildenbrand, James Tallman, Michael Ulan, Robert Moyer and James Shaner took the test sponsored by the American Association for the United Nations last week.

It took them three and one-half hours to complete the test, for it had essay and objective questions.

The highest scorers were James Tallman and Michael Ulan. Their papers will now be judged on a state and national level. Top winners will receive scholarships. Winners will be announced in the spring.

Another test, sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution, was taken by Judith Hildenbrand. Judith was selected by the senior class to represent Pottsgrove.

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F. T. A. To Attend State Convention

Sandra Moses and Linda LaPish, members of the Future Teachers of America Club, will attend the Fifteenth Annual Pennsylvania Future Teachers of America Convention at the John Harris High School, Harrisburg, on April 5 and 6. New state officers will be elected at the convention which will be attended by F. T. A. members from schools throughout the state.

The girls will be accompanied by Daniel H. Greulich, faculty sponsor.

Thirteen members of the F. T. A. Club were present at the Eleventh Southeastern Region Convention at Central Bucks High School on February 9.

Students attending were: Dawn Bowman, Elizabeth Beck, Judy Bernhart, Judy Hildenbrand, Martha Abrams, Sandra Moses, Kay Van Buskirk, Vicki Van Horn, Sandra Eby, Marilyn Heil, Linda Pillsbury, Cheryl Reed, and Nancy Sovizal.

P. H. S. Will Host Chorus Auditions

District Chorus tryouts will be held at Pottsgrove next year announced Mrs. Nancy Y. Bixler, choral director.

Pottstown High School will be host to the concert in which students from schools throughout the entire southeastern part of Pennsylvania will participate.

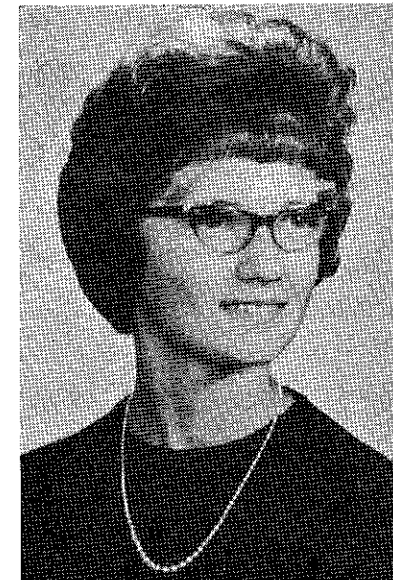
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JUDITH HILDENBRAND

One of Pottsgrove's outstanding contributions to the field of music is Judith Hildenbrand. Ever since seventh grade, Judy has been a member of the band in which she now holds the office of Secretary-Treasurer.

She has been a member of District Band for two years and the Valley Forge Area Band for three years.

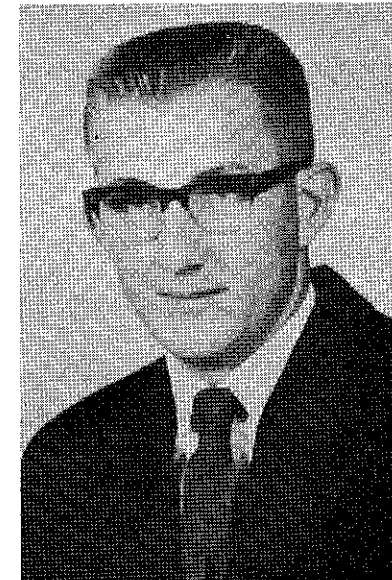
From the aforementioned, it is quite obvious that her main interest is music closely followed by dancing.

"I don't like rock and roll," says Judy. "I enjoy listening to classical records of which 'Rhapsody in Blue' is my favorite."

Judy's other school activities include being the President of F. T. A. and singing in the Chorus.

Being an industrious member of the academic course, she was accepted at Kutztown State College to major in elementary education. Physics is her favorite subject "because everything you learn is so practical."

When asked about the merger, Judy quickly said that she thought it is very bad for students to be put into such a large high school. "This limits the activities and does not give students a chance to express individuality," she said.



MICHAEL BUCHHOLTZ

One of the nicest looking cars in Pottsgrove's parking lot is a '58 black Pontiac Chieftain belonging to Michael Buchholtz. Mike takes a lot of pride in his car and he claims, "There's nothing I like better than cleaning it up and going on a long ride on a spring day."

Mike, who is a seventeen year old senior in the Industrial Arts course, is well occupied with activities both in and out of school. Attaining second honors both first and second quarters, he contributes much time to his studies and still finds time to be an extremely active member of church and social functions.

A member of New Hanover Church, Mike participates in the Luther League and Church Council. He is also assistant scoutmaster with the Lower Pottsgrove Boy Scout Troop 143.

Mike has a varsity letter in track and has been a member of Varsity Club for the past two years.

He claims his plans for the future are not definite, but stated "Shop is my favorite subject."

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The Grace M. Reimard Chapter of the Future Homemakers of America is presently engaged in trying to win a Red Rose Chapter award. The award is won by evidences of club activities and projects.

A scrapbook containing all the things that the club does must be kept also.

On February 4, the officers of F. H. A. went to Methacton High School to help them get a Methacton F. H. A. Chapter started. Mary Ellen Millard, Cheryl Detwiler, Pat Bush, Bonnie Eczko, and Lorraine Pelko accompanied Mrs. Sara Rambo to the school.

Installation of Officers

A ceremony for the installation of Methacton's officers was the first order of business. After the ceremony, refreshments were served in the school cafeteria.

The Future Homemakers observe their National F. H. A. week during the week of March 31 to April 6. Every year during this week each of the women teachers receive a red rose from the club.

For a money raising project this year, F. H. A. is selling pens. The pens sell at ten cents each, and some are still available in Mrs. Rambo's room or from any F. H. A. member.

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