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Studying and Study Hall

by Mary Kay McKemie

Have you ever glanced at your class-mates around you in study hall? There's the girl over in the corner who spends most of the hour fixing her hair and powdering her nose. And the girl who lays her weary head down upon that open book and sleeps right through. Or the two girls behind you that chatter away the hour. These girls don't realize how much can be accomplished in one hour. At 3:10 when these girls much trod home with an armload of books, the girls who used that study hall can skip merrily off to have that well deserved coke. Which one are you?

ANCIENT SUPERSTITIONS

by Sharon Brown

"...knock on wood." Many people have repeated this phrase after making a prediction. Have you ever tossed spilled salt over your left shoulder? Most people very emphatically say they aren't superstitious, but many of their actions day after day have some superstitions to them.

Giving a pin or any sharp object to a friend will supposedly terminate that friendship, unless the other doesn't thank them for it. Other superstitions are: black-headed pins must not be used when having a dress fitted, and finding a safety pin means good luck.

Today we cover our mouths when yawning because it is good manners to do so, but many, many years ago, people put their hands over their mouths so they wouldn't lose their breath and die.

I'll bet you cross your fingers when making a wish, hoping that this will help the wish come true. This gesture comes from the superstition that the cross was the sign of perfect unity, and that when two lines crossed, any wish was held at the center of the lines until it was granted.

"Cross my heart and hope to die" is a statement you probably have said many times when wanting to indicate you were telling the absolute truth. Nine times out of ten this is said while the index finger makes a large cross over the heart. The heart, long ago, was believed to be the seat of wisdom, and it was taken for granted that the heart always knew if you were telling the truth or not.

Superstitions are fun. If you have a few superstitions of your own, don't fight them with scientific laws, just view them with amusement.

Members

Advertise D. E.

For the past three weeks, the junior and sophomore students have been entertained in their home room by a representative from Distributive Education.

Dan Anderson and Alan Borders, members of D.E., began their talks Thursday through until the 2nd of April. They visited each junior and sophomore home room, taking about ten minutes of their time in order to sell Distributive Education.

At the end of their talk, sheets of paper, containing more information of D.E., were distributed to students who were interested in retailing or merchandising.

Colors, Flower, Motto Chosen

The senior class colors, flower, and motto for graduation have been chosen. The class motto committee and its advisor, Mr. Cleo Dopp, chose cherry red and silver as the class colors. The class flower is the red carnation. "In our endeavors, great or small; we will do them well, or not at all" was chosen as the motto.

Many people have been wondering what last year's class chose for their colors, flower, and motto. For those people, the colors were blue and white, the flower was the white rose, and the motto was "When one door shuts, another opens."



This recent snap shot shows the Termites performing at the Mid-winter Night's Dream Dance. They are shown from left to right: Vernon Pryor, Tom Feger, Richard Micko, and Roger Bierbaum.

Termites Sign Contract

On Sunday night, March 8, 1964, Lanphier's Termites Signed a five-year contract with the Gimcmntu Recording Company. The contract was signed on the steps of the Grey, Smith and Jones Building in Decatur, Illinois, while dozens of photographers and reporters hovered near to get a glimpse of the overnight famed group. The members of the group are: Vernon Pryor, Richard Micko, Roger Bierbaum, and Tom Feger, all seniors of Lanphier High School.

When asked their reaction to their sudden fame Vernon Pryor, drummer, answered, "I never believed it could happen to us, its like walking into a dream."

The Termites were discovered on Saturday, February 29, when they made their first public appearance at Lanphier's Mid-winter Night's Dream Dance. After that night one thing after another took place. They were scheduled to appear at clubs, dances and teen-age sing-a-song programs. Photographs of the

Termites were flashed across the world and appeared in almost every paper. This resulted in the contract with the Gimcmntu Recording Company.

At a recent press conference with the Termites, Mr. G.I.M. Clever, president of the company, made this remark; "Their musical ability is average, their voices—well, but their looks, wow! Truthfully, however, these fine boys are a little combination of every country. The mopy hair from the African jungle men, the manner of dress typical of Europeans, and the sound is to the likeness of the American rock-n-roll." "This," said Mr. Clever, "attributes to their worldly success."

Of course this is only the beginning for the Termites. As they go about the world, collecting millions, we can be proud that mankind has designed a human insect, the Termites.

Incidentally the name of the recording company stands for — GEE I AM CLEVER FOR MAKING THIS UP.



Editorials

LIGHT THE WAY OF **FREEDOM**

The New Things Don't Please

One of the fads which seems to have swept the girls at Lanphier or at least the underclass ones is the very unsightly knee socks.

Although popular with many girls this new covering seems to be very unpopular with boys and even with some girls. As one girl put it: "They're alright for bermudas but not with skirts." Many boys feel the knee socks are hideous and derogatory.

These items of apparel are very casual and informal. Boys are not allowed to be casual and informal in their dress. Why should the administration tell boys to dress properly when the girls are dressing "down"?

For sportswear out of school, knee socks are fine, but in school where clothing effects behavior these "things" should be banned.

BY D. MEYER

Spring Has Sprung!

If you were to choose any season of the year which you like best, nine out of ten times, you would probably choose Spring.

What has it got to offer you that makes your spirits lighten, your days seem brighter? Is it the grass turning green? The flowers blooming? Or, the near ending of another school year? If the latter is your answer, you're in trouble!

Speaking from that high vantage point as a senior, it is especially sad to the senior, who looks back on his, or her, high school career and sees no National Honor Society awards, no scholarships, no high grades in any one field.

Yes, this is sad, for most seniors admit that they had the ability, they had the desire, but they were lazy!

Now, as they are nearing graduation, and this is the last spring of their senior year and to some the last spring of their textbook education, they might say, "What can I do now? There are only a few weeks left."

They can still study. With the remaining weeks of school before them, they can review as sophomores and juniors can do. They can be ready for those final exams which will go down on their record. Maybe they won't make superior honor roll, or even honor roll, but they will know they finished the race right with the best of them. They tried!

BY C. LAVIN

I Was a Dropout

Hi! Glad to meet you, George. What do I do for a living? Well, it's like this. I was a high school dropout. No, I don't make quite that much! Well, I have never been promoted. They don't promote an uneducated person, and dropouts ain't exactly educated. You want to know when I dropped out? It was during my junior year. I had just turned 16 the month before. Anyway, I looked out the window one morning and decided I wanted to go back to bed, so I did. It couldn't have been worse if I would have decided to go to my death bed! Oh, don't get me wrong, I like this job. What I don't like is the fact that one doesn't get far digging ditches. What do I intend to do you ask? What can I do. I'm too old to go back, George. No, I guess I'll just stay right here. Thirty years ago I made the wrong decision and I'm still paying for it today. I've only one thing to say, heaven forbid the next fool to make the same mistake.

BY R ASAFAILO.

Shall We Pull Together?

A long time ago when weddings were being celebrated, it was the custom to sing and dance and drink for three days. In this particular village, those in charge built a large cask, into which all the townspeople agreed to pour a bottle of their finest wine.

"If I pour a bottle of water into the cask," reasoned one citizen to himself, "the dilution will be so slight that nobody will know the difference."

So when the celebration began and the wine cask was tapped, it turned out to be nothing but pure water. Everyone in town had figured it the same way—"My little bit will never be missed."

Now, if we compare this little story to the efforts of this 1964 High School graduating class, we can readily see that success will be accomplished only if we all pull together and each one does his or her part.

I should like to suggest that we stop our bickering, forget jealousies and personal animosities, and work as a team for the balance of the year — to remove the stigma of being a below-average graduating class. We have a great school here at Lanphier, so let us add our pride to it and thus uphold the great tradition that has grown through the years.

STAFF MEETS THE PRESS

Several weeks ago, the entire Journalism class visited the Tribune Printing Company to see the process used in printing the Lanphier Light. Mr. Carl Rudin, the owner of the company, showed the students step by step how the paper was printed. The var-type machine, which is used for typing copy, was demonstrated, and a sample headline was made on a similar machine. Mr. Rudin then quickly pointed out many other steps involved in printing the paper. He told how the paste-ups were photographed and then transferred to a metal plate. At last the presses rolled, and each member of the class received a copy of the paper "hot off the press."

Father and Son Relationship

Do I fear the force of his words—
The slash of his hands
His terrible threats—his constant demands
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Yeah! My ol man—The stubborn mule
He got all hot—when I missed school
He said "Stay home tonite—cause you missed school"
Easy there Pops, Play it cool—Or we'll engage in another duel

Well we exchange blows—as you can see
and new we're both—in misery
He said "If you leave—over me you'll walk
Well I found out—he wasn't all talk

Then he said "If you leave—Don't come back
But back I came—and hit the sack
He's still real mad—and he took my car
Like this is going—much to far

Well if you have—an opinion to voice
Tell me now—to take my choice
I can tell him I'm sorry—which I'm not or go on burning—very hot!

I guess one of these days—I'll see the light
and then I'll know—who was right
So I'll go along—and worry and wait
But by then I'm afraid—it will be too late
So maybe I'll run—maybe I'll stay
But I fear either choice—will lead to dismay
So listen here buddy—believe if you can
I'll walk through life—but I'll walk like a man

—Larry Danner

Mark Twain, in 1883, was the first author in history to turn in a typewritten book manuscript to his publisher. His double-spaced, one-side-of-the-page typing style so delighted the editors that it is being followed to this day.

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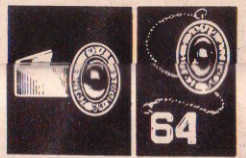


The nicest thing has happened this season with colors. The big five colors will soon appear with new excitement and splendor as they have never appeared before. Daisy yellows, flag navies, all whites, pop reds, and sun greens will be the top fashion colors for the season.

Fashion experts with their new looks and ideas seem to focus their color patterns on these five colors. Pin stripes accented by the new colors are as cocky as the British singing Beatles, especially in linen or flannel suits. Brass buttons marching two by two up and down the front of coats and coat-dresses will be seen in the store windows shortly. Material of corduroy and twill have come into the scene, also bearing the five big colors.

What to wear with these fine brilliant colors may be the question in your mind now. With daisy yellows you may see black or dark pins, printed scarves, pale green handbags, and strapped yellow kid shoes. Flag navies cling strongly to red and white. Navy shoes tipped at the toe with a touch of red, a piece of gold jewelry, and a red or navy leather bag might compliment a navy outfit. All whites look their best with reds, yellows, or shiny blacks. Round-toed, black patent T-strapped shoes with matching handbag may be a suggestion with this all white attire. A black polished stone with a dotted red scarf may give the outfit a dashing appearance. Pop reds look the nicest with white and blues. Accessories consisting of a white leather handbag and gloves cuffed in white leather may be worn. To top the color scheme, a white or red stone pin may be worn having the ensemble bafooted with tiny-heeled red leather pumps. Sun greens are at their prettiest when they appear with corals, beiges, and blacks. A sun green shift may be highlighted by a coral pin with matching coral earrings. Either suede or black patent sandals might appear underfoot. A black patent bag accented with white kid gloves would be fitting in this color project.

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- . . . a home
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without a home.

What did Tarzan say when he
saw the elephants with sun
glasses coming?

He didn't recognize them. He
thought they were movie stars.



You know, 1 and 1 really is two!!
Really it is.

Laketown Sinclair

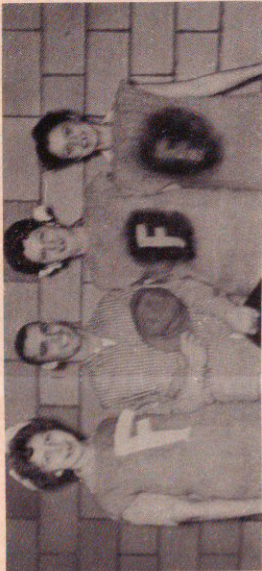
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that Janet Fix gets notes just before sixth hour, but she won't let anyone read them or tell who sent them?

that there are less than nine weeks of school left?

that if anyone wants long narrow strips of carbon paper, the *Light* editor will be very happy to give him some?

that Elaine Wilson doesn't know the difference between rooster and roster? Do you?

that some seniors are walking around with words like: perspicuity, expatiate, recalcitrant,

Soon after the newlyweds came back from their honeymoon, the bride cooked her first chicken.

When the husband began to carve it, he asked, "What did you stuff it with, dear?"

"I didn't have to stuff it," she replied, "it wasn't hollow."

and auspicious flowing from their tongues? Know what these words mean?

that there is no gossip, presently, circulating about Edna Jason, Paul Emmons, Warren Tracey, Janet Combs, Sandy Bradley, Howard Pence, Cheryl Bailey, Frank Guerro, Mary Weibking, Ralph Abbot, Linda Cates and George Downey?

that Greg Hunt makes a great homemaker with a Holiday Inn iron?

Hootenanny: A mixture of a goat and an owl.

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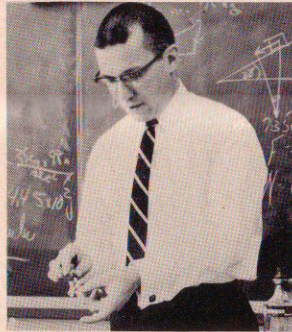
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A-pril - showers
P-retty - Nancy Hayes, 10
R-ough - the Lions!
L-ill - the weather
L-likeable, the juniors

F-foolish - the sophomores
O-old - the sniors
O-oh, spring hurry
L-laughable - this column

-by Mary Kay McKamie

Answers to Puzzle in Last Issue

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| 4. JB | 3. Barthel |
| 6. Franz | 5. BR |
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| 26. SH | |



Now the narcotics go in this way.

Ancient News?

Many of us have, at one time or another, wondered what were some of the early forms of communication in various parts of the world. If you're curious, here is a bit of ancient news that will prove interesting.

Tying a string around your finger stems was an ancient form of communication. This was developed to a high degree in the Peruvian Quipus. A cross-bar, generally forming groups, hung from string that was knotted and looped into different shapes. "Making Quipus" became so perfected, this instrument was used to record important historical events.

Romans once wrote on tablets of wood or bronze. From this developed a method of using the same tablet many times. They covered the tablet with wax which permitted use over and over again. The word "sincere" originated from this form of writing. "Sincere" from the Latin "Sine cera" (without wax) meaning an original, or undisguised by a covering element.

If you were an Egyptian back in 3000 B.C. or 4000 B.C., you'd draw a bird for the letter "w". . . and a palm leaf for the letter "y".

Ancient Greek writing used to resemble a field plowed by an ox—that is, one line moved from right to left, and the next line moved from left to right.

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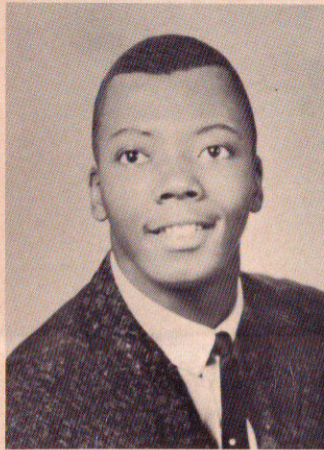
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Pettit Keeps City Scoring Crown



All-State center, Calvin Pettit finished with the city's highest average of 19.73 points per game. The all-Stater ended the season with 573 points in 29 games.

Pettit made 218-492 field goal attempts finishing with a .444 percentage. Cal also made 137-186 free-throw attempts hitting at .755.

Pettit ended his prep basketball career with a 19.5 average in 88 games. He scored 434 points as a sophomore, and 712 as a junior. The All-Stater ended his third season with a total of 1,719 points.

The 38 points scored against Mt. Vernon this season was the highest in Cal's career. As a junior he scored 36 points and as a sophomore he scored 30 points.

Pettit, the only three-year man, saw good records for the teams. In his sophomore year the team had a 19-6 record. His junior year, when the Lions finished 3rd, the team ended with a 29-5 record. This year the team ended with a 22-7 record which resulted with a berth in the Sweet Sixteen. The win-loss record for the last three seasons is 70-18.

Ed Killion, Leon Shanklin, and Dave Barthel were the only three other Lions playing in 29 games. John Zimmermann became eligible for city competition after the beginning of the second semester.

Killion hit .462 with an average of 12.89 points. He finished the season with a total of 374 points.

Shanklin finished with 311 points with an average of 10.72 per game.

Barthel, with an 8.76 average, ended the season with 254 points. Dave shot 82-129 for a .689 from the free-throw line.

Zimmermann hit 67-146 from the field ending with a .459. John made 46-65 at the free-throw line hitting a .708.

The Lions brought home both the Regional and Sectional championships. The trophies may be seen on the landing of the main lobby.

Lions To Vie In Centralia Tourney Again

CENTRALIA, ILL. (Special)—Four new tough teams—Mt. Vernon, Duable of Chicago, Streator, and Thornton of Harvey—have been added to the 1964 16-team Centralia Holiday Tournament set for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday Dec. 28-29-30.

Long regarded as one of the finest prep meets in America, the 1964 tournament will feature eight Southern Illinois top teams and eight of the best schools from Central and Northern Illinois.

Centralia Athletic Director, Jimmy Evers, and Tournament Manager, Duane Kessler, both term the 1964 meet as one of the most representative of various sections of Illinois since the tournament opened in 1943.

Returning to the 23-game meet will be 12 of the 1963 entries, including 1963 champion Stephen Decatur of Decatur, 1963 runner-up Belleville, 1963 consolation winner New Trier of Winnetka, Benton, Champaign, Edwardsville, Herrin, Lanphier of Springfield, Marion, Quincy, Salem, and host Centralia. Not returning will be Auburn of Rock-

ford, P inckneyville, Canton, and Cahokia. The 16th team was DuSable, the first Chicago entry in a decade.

Several of the teams are expected to be real powerhouses next year with one of the new entries—Mt. Vernon's junior-heavy team—being tabbed as the pre-tournament favorite.

For the first time in the history of the tournament, five of the schools—Mt. Vernon, Benton, Marion, Herrin, and Centralia—will come from the tough South Seven conference.

In enrollments, the 1964 field will be the largest in history with all of the entries coming from schools with enrollments above 800. All but three of the schools—Herrin, Benton and Salem—have enrollments over 1,000, while 10 of the schools have more than 1,500 students. Four of the schools—Belleville, DuSable, New Trier, and Thornton of Harvey—have more than 3,500 students enrolled.

Current enrollment of the 16 schools is almost 33,000—an average of slightly over 2,000 per school.

The 1964 meet will again have a total of nine sessions with a morning, afternoon, and evening schedule for each of the three days. Pairings will be announced in mid-December.



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