

OLD HICKORY *Regional Journalists Attack 'Gobbledygook'*

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Contest Judges Musical Skills, Students Compete for Awards

By Shirley Jones

Weeks of hard work, practicing and memorizing will finally pay off for Jackson band members as contest time nears. Band students from both St. Joseph and Elkhart counties will participate in the contest to be held Saturday, Jan. 25, at John Adams High School.

The following Saturday's contest includes competition in piano, voice, and strings.

Each student is required to pay an entry fee for each event he enters. This fee covers cost of judges and medals given for a first or second place rating.

150 students from Jackson are entering the contest and many are participating in up to nine ensembles.

Students receiving a first place in Group I may then go on to the state contest to be held at Butler University in Indianapolis. The local contest is sponsored by the Northern Indiana School Band, Orchestra, and Vocal Association.



CONTESTS MEAN REHEARSALS for saxophonists Craig Merrick, Dale Wall, Scott Shafer, Jeff Allen. (Photo by Jack Drake.)

Scrap Metal, Pipes Weld Into Inexpensive Blade

By Craig Merrick

An old hot water heater, some scrap metal, about three dollars worth of new pipe and paint, and a lot of imagination and hard work are the components of an "experiment" by junior Tom Kurzhall. Tom has completed a snow blade of original design in Mr. Dale Emmons' fifth hour Vocational Machine I class.

Starting from scratch, Tom found the old water heater and most of the metal lying around his farm. The water heater was cut in half for the blade. Tom then spent about three dollars for a piece of new pipe and a can of red paint. New plows cost \$75 or \$80.

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"The War on Gobbledygook" will be the topic of Notre Dame professor Edward Fischer at the area Journalism Day tomorrow in the University's Center for Continuing Education.

Mr. Fischer, a professor of Communication Arts, has written over 600 magazine articles and a number of books. He was on the editorial staff of the South Bend News-Times and the Chicago Herald-Examiner.

Often involved with producing films, Mr. Fischer has been on the faculty of the Institute for

Secretaries Gain Job Experience

Offering on-the-job experience to 20 Jackson girls, 16 local firms co-operate with the South Bend Community School Corporation by participation in the Co-operative Office Education (COE) program.

The program was initiated at Jackson three years ago to acquaint future secretaries with actual work situations. Office experience is gained while the girls receive school credits.

Each girl works a total of 15 to 33 hours a week. Eighty per cent of all participating girls continue working after graduation, according to Mrs. Elaine Schenck, coordinator of COE.

Joyce Morris works at Allied Products; Debbie Riddle, Linda Kilburn, and Sandra Paczkowski train at Associates Investment Company. Capitol Life Insurance employs Marlene Tompkins.

Judy Ginther is employed at Crowe, Chizek and Co.; Jan Schell at First Bank and Trust; and Barbara Nimitz at South Bend Gates Chevrolet.

Also participating in the program are Terry Martin at Mishawaka Gates; Sharon Beutel and Jan Ellis at Gilbert's; and Nancy Long at J. C. Penney.

Training at the St. Joseph Bank are Marga Roberts and Becky

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Film Producers and the Institute for American Broadcasters. He has written and performed in many other films.

Following Mr. Fischer's speech, Journalism Day will continue with work-shops including such topics as broadcasting, advertising, yearbook, creative writing, sports, and photography. Tours of the Convocation Center, Campus and WNDU-TV studio will be offered.

Other speakers include Roland Kelly, WSBT Newscaster; Bob Towner, Tribune sports writer; Father Francis Phalan C.S.C.; Phillip H. Ault, veteran Newsman; Ray Dobbs, representative of Root Photographers; and James Bell of Taylor Publishing Company.

Luncheon will be served at noon, with Jackson publication adviser, Mrs. Lois Claus presiding.

Sue Ryon, Old Hickory editor and winner of the 1968 news-writing contest, will conduct the closing session at which awards will be presented.

AFS Seeks Two Homes

Homes must be found for the 1969-1970 Jackson foreign exchange students. Although the funds have already been secured for the new students, homes have not been located.

Any student interested in housing an exchange student next year or wishing further information should contact Mrs. Sylvia Kercher. These homes must be selected in the near future or the privilege of having two foreign exchange students will be forfeited.

Andres Directs SC Book Sales

Offering Jacksonites an opportunity to purchase low-priced paperback books, the Student Council bookstore is now in its second year of operation.

Under the direction of senior Bruce Andres, and assisted by senior Janene Welling and freshman Denise Johnson, the bookstore has contributed \$50 to the Council's general fund so far this year.

Student suggestions of titles are welcomed by the bookstore chairmen, who select and order books from the Readmore Bookstore.

Located between the cafeteria and gym, the bookstore is open for business from 11:35 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Lynn Vies for State Miss Title

Senior Lynn Dickerson is now participating in the state Junior Miss Contest. Held in Frankfort, Ind., the competition takes place Jan. 16, 17, and 18.

Criteria for judging include a talent presentation, personal interview, scholastic record, physical fitness, formal competition, and personal appearance.

Chevrolet, Howard's Photo Laboratories, Breck, Inc., Scott Paper and the Eastman Kodak Co. will present prizes and awards.

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Homecoming Contains Class Hall Decorations

Hall decorating will be one of the new activities of this year's Basketball Homecoming. Freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors each will be given a hall to decorate.

A teacher committee will judge the halls on spirit, originality, and theme. A trophy will be presented to the class with the most attractive hall.

On Feb. 1, the Homecoming queen is to be named during halftime of the Jackson-North Liberty game. Differing from the Football Homecoming, the festivities will include only Jackson students.

The queen's court will consist of eight senior girls with the queen chosen by all-school vote.

Royal Derbies Promote Tiger Spirit, Enthusiasm

Bright-blue derbies bobbing in a sea of victory-hungry Jacksonites reflect Tiger spirit and enthusiasm.

Sold by the Senior class to bolster class funds for the Senior prom and promote school spirit, the derbies sell for one dollar. Senior class president John Hummer expects a great demand for derbies prior to the LaSalle game tonight.

Dave Bowman, vice-president of the senior class, said over 200 derbies are still available. Sized in both medium and large, they can be purchased before home games and after school.



MR. EARLY dons his derby fashionable at Jackson.

College, Training Engage Former Jackson Seniors

Almost 56 per cent of the class of 1968 are presently enrolled at a college or university, according to a recent guidance office survey. Out of 245 graduates, 137 are attending academic institutions.

Breaking down this figure, males attending college have the edge. Seventy-seven boys stated they were in school, as compared to 60 girls.

Twelve boys and 12 girls have entered other technical training schools, comprising 10 per cent of the graduates.

Business Attracts 15%

Fifteen per cent of the class are working at business occupations. Girls in this field number 32, while only five boys reported they were employed (besides those attending school at the same time.)

Males however, led females in entering industrial and service jobs. Nine per cent of the class, including 20 boys and three girls, are involved in this area.

Military service was the choice

of 13 boys and one girl. This figure comprises six per cent of the total graduates.

Only one per cent of last year's senior class is unemployed. No boys claimed they were seeking work, but two girls said they were currently jobless.

One girl is now a housewife with no employment outside the home. Just one boy is married, while three girls are, two of whom hold jobs.

Out of 245 graduates, 238 replied to the questionnaire. Two boys cannot be located, while five girls are also being sought.

Colleges Enroll 137

Of the colleges chosen by students, Indiana University---Bloomington campus heads the list with 26 Jackson grads. Thirteen boys and an equal number of girls attend classes there.

Purdue ranks second, with 24 JHS alumni. Girls slightly outnumber the boys, with 14 as opposed to the males' 10.

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Weight Grades

No homework, infrequent tests, an indifferent teacher--such are the elements of a snap course. At the opposite end of the scale are honors classes, which shower assignments on students, pop difficult tests, and aim at challenging the pupil in every way.

Honor class students often find themselves in these courses through no choice of their own. Recommended by well-meaning teachers, they suddenly find themselves in a more taxing class requiring work above their normal load.

It seems unjust that some students are able to select an easy course, yet others are placed in a more difficult one.

Even more unfair is a grading system in which one student receives an "A" for little work in a snap course while another earns a "B" for the same effort in an honors class.

As long as students are not informed of placement in advanced classes, they should at least be graded on a par with the work they will be doing. The pupil who chooses a snap course does so to obtain an easy grade with minimum effort, yet receives the same mark as an honor class student who works to maximum potential.

Weighting grades is a solution to the problem. Every "A" in an honors course would be worth five points as opposed to four points in regular classes. Four points would be allotted for "B" grades, and so on through a descending scale.

Since the ultimate aim of earning good marks appears to be college admission, it is interesting to note that most universities weight the prospective entrant's grades. If a student has been in one or several honors courses, his grades in those classes are placed on the 5-4-3-2-1 point scale instead of 4-3-2-1.

Colleges recognize these students who do more challenging work. They reward the higher achievers with grades corresponding to their effort.

It is time high schools adopted the same attitude.

Lynn's Commentary

Form Your Party Now!



By Lynn Dickerson

Although it may seem much too soon to begin thinking of Student Council elections, in little over a month the political parties should be basically formed. Much of the trouble and confusion in the elections results from late formation of parties.

This will be the third year for a party election of Student Council officers. This method, similar to that of public elections, was chosen for a number of reasons.

First, it familiarizes future citizens with how elections are run in this country. It prepares the student for his role as a voter in choosing important leaders. Secondly, it creates a sense of unity among the officers. It also sharpens student interest and participation in the elections.

Last year, only two parties were formed. At the last minute, an appeal for a third party was made. (a third party had been formed the previous year.) The purpose of the third party would be to sharpen the issues and to add to student appeal by offering still other alternatives. The last-minute appeal had no effect because interested students had no time to plan a political party.

The first meeting for the organization of political parties will be Feb. 28. Anyone may form a party, with the following rules: An application containing the signatures of 50 student support-

Counselors' Corner

College-bound seniors should keep in mind that the achievement test will be given on March 1.

Schedules for next year will be planned for freshmen, sophomores and juniors during January and February. Students should think about their choice of classes for next year.

The deadline for applying for scholarships and financial aid at most colleges is Feb. 1.

School Must Go On



'Ice Box Blues' Thwart Calorie-Conscious Fatties

By Rick Hammond

Obesity is one of America's greatest problems. It is a "sickness" that 90 million Americans have had to deal with.

To the obese (better known as fatty) trying to take off fat is far harder than putting it on. No fatty likes to hear someone remind him of the "sick" condition he is in, so he attempts to lose the heavy bulk he carries around with him by a process known as dieting. (Shudder!)

Nose Past Bakery

Naturally dieting presents many problems such as walking past an open bakery holding one's

nose or listening to one's stomach shrink during study hall. There is always the problem of staying away from the fatty's worst enemy, the icebox! In an effort to solve the "ice box blues," the dieter might suck his thumb or bite his nails.

The biggest problem is deciding what to eat the next day. His diet chart recommends toast crumbs and egg shells for breakfast. At lunch he may enjoy such delicacies as shrimp tails with lemon rinds. His favorite meal of the day is dinner when he enjoys one half cup of tea from a tea bag previously used 100 times.

Clothes Create Trouble

Another predicament involves tubby's wardrobe. It is truly an embarrassing experience to walk down the halls and suddenly have your pants come undone. Your shirts fit too loosely and may come unbuttoned.

Because of these problems it is necessary to buy new clothing which will cost an amount beyond imagination, but the dieter feels and looks better, even if it does cost him more than he can bear.

Dieting is an everlasting struggle to be fought by the bravest of souls. The only thing tubby can do is hold his head high, keep his abdomen in, and "think thin!"

'Submarine' Spotlights Beatle Wit

By Sue Ryon

"...Sky of blue, sea of green-- In our yellow submarine..."

Skies are truly a panoramic blue in the Beatles' new full-length visual epic of their plights in Pepperland. "Yellow Submarine" appears to be deeply symbolic-- but it is actually a simple cartoon pitting good guys (the Beatles and inhabitants of Pepperland) against bad guys (the Blue Meanies.)

Psychedelic flashes of gimmicky characters highlight the Beatles' journey. In their struggle against the Blue Meanies, the Beatles encounter Snapping Turks with huge cavernous mouths set in pot-bellied stomachs, stilt-like Apple Bonkers, and a curious Boob who recites everything in verse.

Songs Provoking

Throughout the movie, old Beatle songs continually shed insight into the images projected upon the screen. "I feel a song coming on" becomes a perpetual cliché.

Subtle humor is the keyword in "Yellow Submarine." Outrageous puns and odd animals contribute to the entertainment. In a voyage through sea-like settings, a particularly novel creature uses his funnel-shaped mouth to suck up the submarine, background, and finally himself.

Moments of truth exist in the cartoon too. In illustrating the duration of 60 seconds, numbers and bent watches zip across the screen for an entire minute-- which almost seems interminable.

Spoofs Movies

"Yellow Submarine" is, in essence, a spoof on movies. Its theme--good guys always win-- is borrowed from every existing script. The Beatles' unlikely victory over the Blue Meanies is accomplished through use of the song "All You Need is Love." The improbability of their triumph over ridiculous odds represents the trite "happy even after" endings found in most TV and movie plots.

Truly a classic of its kind, "Yellow Submarine" is perhaps the first major attempt at movie animation that rises above the Bugs Bunny level.



SCRABBLE on a giant scale or are Greg Drover and Alan Taggart actually working to keep the outdoor sign up-to-date? (Photo by Dave Fischgrund.)

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Women Shoot Holes In All-male Pastime

By Kris Hodson

Women have integrated Jackson's previously all-male rifle team. The innovators are Susan DeCroes, Roberta Mortensen, and Linda Pore.

Somewhat skeptical at first, the men are nevertheless "shooting sharper" as "no one likes to be beaten by a girl," according to president Mark Bone.

Not inexperienced with handling firearms, the girls' credits are impressive. Susan has earned her NRA expert award and instructs riflery at Camp Eberhart.

Roberta learned the art from her father, a state trooper; she has hunted with him often.

Linda also has hunting experience with her father and is familiar with both a .22 caliber shot gun and a deer rifle.

The trio all rank well in the upper half of approximately 25 members. Out of 50 possible points per target Susan's average is 47. Roberta's totals 45, and Linda shoots a 38.

"We enjoy having the girls in the group," Bone admitted, "They brighten up the scene."

The season began in November

and will continue indefinitely through the school year.

Recently a practice match with Adams resulted in a Jackson defeat by 100 points.

Feb. 10 marks the next match with Mishawaka Demolay. Susan and Roberta will be competing on the first team along with Bone, Mike Wickizer, and Geoffrey Pangrac.

Student Tutors Get Satisfaction

A young boy previously unable to count has succeeded in learning through the aid of the Student Tutoring Program designed to help underprivileged children at Franklin and Perley elementary schools.

Terri Thoner, junior who tutors at Franklin, feels that "more students should be involved in this program, so that these children can really be helped." Karen Pyclik, sophomore, looks forward to going every week. She said, "I like working with the kids and find it very satisfying for myself."

"It's working real well," according to Darlene Potts who tutors at Perley. She likes the chance to get to know the children and their problems. Darlene, who helps a second grade boy with reading and arithmetic added that "he's doing a lot better than when we started."

Other students who regularly participate in this program are Cindy Streich, Pam Richardson, Penny Shaffer, Barbara Freeman, Melinda Sharp, Ami Isenhower, Bill Howell, And Michael Merrick.

Girls Work On Jobs

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Deepe. Marcia Livengood is employed by the South Bend Community School Corp.; Cathie Colmer at the Teachers Credit Union; and Nancy Hendricks at Underwriters, Inc.

Paulette Toth is employed at the Water Works and Karen Smith at Sears Roebuck. Debra Rushon is a receptionist for a doctor in the Sherland Building.

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SHARP SHOOTER Roberta Mortensen checks the sights of her rifle in preparation for matches to come. (Photo by Dave Fischgrund.)

'Resolutions' Bring in the New Year

By Andrea Poulos

Hark! Hail the new year? After that sluggish, headachy feeling wears away, you find yourself confronted with the tedious task of determining your New Year's Resolutions.

Don't fret; now resolutions are made as easy as picking compatible numbers. Read over the following resolutions. Pick the ones that pertain to you.

1. Study, study, study, (ha, Ha, ha)
2. Take that super-duper mind-reading course.
3. Go on more lively dates
4. Be a witty conversationalist.
5. Save your money earnestly
6. Be polite AND kind to your parents
7. Listen graciously to what others have to say
8. Throw more parties
9. Concentrate on an exciting, breath-taking hobby
10. Have more rollicking good times

Okay. Look at the numbers you've just chosen. There are a few catches. Number 2 can't possibly go with number 5, nor can 6 go with 8. Similar setups are numbers 4 and 7, 1 and 9.

But then there are those few that go very nicely together, such as 3 and 9, 8 and 10, 8 and 9, or all six at once.

Mix them and match them to your own personality, or try it with a favorite friend--and Happy New Year!



GARY POYNTER and Mike Powers brave the cold weather for an ice skating orgy.

Car Registration Curbs Speeders

Drag racing and speeding have been cut down in the school parking lot since Jackson's car registration campaign at the beginning of the school year.

About 400 decals were issued to students for a 25 cent fee. These stickers are for the purpose of reporting reckless drivers after a warning to the license bureau. Three such calls may result in the revoking of the student's driver's license.

Cars that are reported and do not have the decals will be "subject to administrative discipline."

Sales and registration were conducted by the Student Council.

Universities Attract 137

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Indiana University (South Bend) claims 11 girls and 7 boys for a total of 18 students. Close behind is Ball State with 13 boys and 3 girls.

Four boys and two girls attend Indiana State, while two boys and two girls are enrolled at Valparaiso.

Grand Rapids Junior College attracted four boys with nearby Grand Rapids Bible College entering one male.

Two students apiece are registered at Albion College, University of Colorado, DePauw, Manchester, Miami of Ohio,

Notre Dame, Rose Polytechnic Institute, and Wheaton College.

Only one student each attends the following colleges: Bethel, Bob Jones, Butler, University of Cincinnati, a college in Belgium, Davenport College, Drake University, Hillsdale, University of Kentucky, M.I.T., North Central College, University of Michigan, Western Michigan, Southwestern Michigan, Michigan State University, Wabash, University of Plano, Rangely College, Saint John's University, Susquehanna, Smith College, and University of Wisconsin.

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Michigan at Ireland



KIM LAMAR is off to a flying start in Jackson's victorious dual meet against Mishawaka. (Photo by Bill Mielner.)



ASSUMING a tuck position, Trell Wechter is head over heels about diving. (Photo by Bill Mielner.)

Wrestlers Gain Two Victories

After three opening losses, the Jackson wrestling team under Coach Dale Rams has rolled easily over its last two opponents. On Dec. 17 before vacation, the Tiger wrestlers easily beat LaVille 35-13.

Winners for Jackson included Smith, 95 lbs.; Peterson, 112 lbs.; Claywell, 127 lbs.; Moore, 133 lbs.; Christy, 138 lbs.; Slagle, 145 lbs.; Ullery, 154 lbs.; Cukrowicz, 165 lbs.; and Shonkwiler, Hvy.

Last Thursday the grapplers won their second dual meet of the season by crushing Marian's Knights 45-5. The Tigers took 11 out of 12 matches against the Knights. Jackson winners were Smith, 97 lbs.; Shady, 105 lbs.; Peterson, 114 lbs.; Grimmer, 122 lbs.; Claywell, 129 lbs.; Christy, 135 lbs.; Moore 140 lbs.; Ullery 156 lbs.; Cukrowicz, 167 lbs.; Kelsey 177 lbs.; and Shonkwiler, Hvy.

Lions, St. Joe Weekend Enemies

Tetzlaff Sets Gym Record Against New Prairie Five

By Hugger Dake

Perhaps the toughest weekend of the season awaits the Jackson basketball team as the Tigers will play two tough NIVC rivals La Salle and St. Joseph tonight and tomorrow night.

However, there is one consolation for Coach Bob Taylor and his Tiger squad on this perilous weekend. Both important conference games will be played in the Jackson gym.

Tonight the Tigers will be attempting to bring the "Big Shot Cannon," the trophy symbolizing

the Lion-Tiger rivalry, to a never-before-seen environment, the Jackson trophy case.

Jackson has never defeated LaSalle in a varsity contest. In the first year of the Tigers' existence they were defeated twice by the Lions, 60-55 and 66-63. In the third meeting between the two sister schools Jackson was defeated by LaSalle in the Tigers' gym 97-56. In last year's contest at LaSalle, the Tigers lost a close overtime struggle 78-74.

Coming into the game tonight LaSalle boasts a 5-6 record. Last Friday night, the Lions were defeated at Riley 91-76 as they dropped their fifth straight game after winning four in a row. Earlier this season the Tigers beat Riley by five points in the opener for both teams. Senior Curtis Lake led LaSalle in scoring with 19 points.

Last Saturday the Lions ended their losing streak by smashing Washington, 61-46 at Washington as senior Chuck Henderson led the attack with 17 markers. Both games last week for the Lions were played without the services of their leading scorer for the year, Dennis Nowicki, who was out with the flu.

Tomorrow night the Tigers entertain the St. Joseph Indians. The Tigers also have never beaten the Indians in varsity basketball competition. Jackson has lost to St. Joe 65-40, 60-47 and 76-64 respectively in their three-year rivalry.

This year the Tigers face a visiting Indian quintet sporting a nifty 11-1 record, losing only to Riley in the Holiday Tournament.

Last Friday St. Joe defeated NIVC foe Clay, 64-54, and Saturday the Indians journeyed to Lafayette and mowed down Lafayette Catholic 72-55.

The Indians, rated as one of the top teams in the area, are led by senior veterans Paul Fredlake, Tom Dennig and Dale Lesicki.

Senior Jerry Tetzlaff ripped the Jackson High School and gymnasium scoring record by whipping in 42 points last Saturday as he led the Tigers to a 84-72 victory over the New Prairie Cougars. Tetzlaff hit a 40 per cent clip, pumping in 12 of 24 fielders. He also shot a fine 18 of 23 free throws.

Mark Sickmiller helped the cause with 13 points. Sickmiller was the leading rebounder for Jackson getting 23. Tetzlaff nabbed 19 for the Tigers.

The victory upped Jackson's season record to 7-3 and dropped the Cougars to 8-5. Jackson's B-team defeated New Prairie 51-46.

Jones Sets Record; Tankers Still Perfect

By Howie Haines

Coming off the Christmas vacation without any meets (but plenty of Dunlap-directed practices), the Jackson swim team picked up its winning ways with wins last week over Washington and

Mishawaka. Meets with Clay and Kokomo are scheduled for today and tomorrow respectively.

The Tigers overwhelmed Washington. The medley relay team of Mike O'Brien, Bill Dodd, Chris Jones and Dave Jessup opened the meet with a decisive first. Barry Gerard was first in the 200-yard freestyle and Jeff Saylor won the 200-yard individual medley. Jay Ettl, co-captain, won the diving with a record point total. Mike Rose won the 400-yard freestyle and Jim Johnson powered in first in the 100 breaststroke.

Friday the tankers bested Mishawaka to pile up their seventh consecutive dual meet victory this season. This time the medley relay of Doug Callantine, Jim Johnson, Brian Mickow and Steve Claus took first and, in the process, set a new school record of 1:50.9. Gerard again won the 200 free and O'Brien was first in the individual medley. Jessup won the 50 free and Dave Young had the winning points in diving.

Chris Jones set a school record with a time of 57.4 in the 100-yard butterfly. Rose finished first in the 100 freestyle and Kim Lamar wrapped up the 400 freestyle.



PHYS. ED. students are instructed in stunts on the balance beam as Miss Patricia Dunnuck supports a "volunteer." (Photo by Jack Drake.)

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