

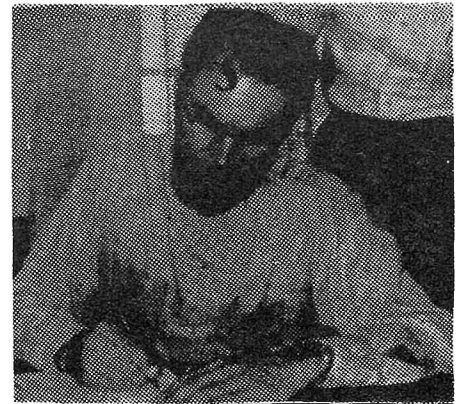
# Board Purchases Lot

The school board purchased the lot for the new building on Monday, November 19, it was announced earlier this week.

The sale was officialized at the office of John B. Fisher in Intercourse. Harold J. Ranck, the chairman of the school board, and John U. Glick, owner of the land, were present.

The sale price of the 10.5 acre lot was \$47,290. The board paid cash for the settlement amount. The balance is due in yearly installments.

The building committee has now been authorized to proceed with clearing the land and arranging for the purchase of a Morton building for an auditorium.



John Glick signs the agreement for the sale of the lot.

## Mustard Seed

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Redesign our heading.  
Details this month

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## Faith Slips at Maranatha

Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, two bus loads of students left FMH at 10:00 to visit Maranatha Christian School. The three hour trip was filled with excited chatter.

Immediately after arriving, the fellows used their stored-up energy in an afternoon of playing football. What a game! Maranatha won with a score of 46-7. It was a lot of fun anyway.

The girls shared in several volleyball games as well as cheering for the fellows as they played.

Maranatha provided a delicious supper following the recreation. Afterwards, those not in Chorale boarded the bus for home. Chorale prepared for the evening program, which was presented at the school.

Saturday night Maranatha hosted Chorale members. The next morning Chorale gave a program at East District Menn-



Girls cheer while guys compete on slippery field.

onite Church. After eating lunch in a variety of homes we met at the church at 2:00 to start for home. Everyone will remember this weekend as a terrific experience.

-Martha Smucker

## Lapp Hospitalized

Mr. Lapp was admitted to Lancaster General Hospital on October 15 to undergo tests and treatment for stomach ulcers.

Flowers from faculty, student council, and others helped to brighten his stay. It was a good day when he could start receiving solid foods again. A visit from his 5 year-old son Joseph among the visits of family members and friends was another highlight for him.

Mr. Lapp says "I don't understand why this experience was necessary but trust that the Lord is working out His purposes through it all."

## Juniors Clean Up

On October 19<sup>th</sup> we juniors went to Mr. Lapp's place to clean up after a fire had damaged his son Joseph's bedroom and smoked the rest of the house.

Some of the boys raked  
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# Historic Brandywine Visited

The trip to Brandywine Battlefield Park, Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, was a learning experience for everyone in the Sophomore U.S. History class.

Immediately after second period, Mrs. Bowman, Kaye's mother and Mrs. Groff, Steve's mother, came to provide assistance and transportation. Riding in Aaron Lapp's van and Mrs. Bowman's car was a lot of fun!

## OOPS, We Slipped !

In last month's issue of Mustard Seed, it was incorrectly stated that Melody Stoltzfus, the home economics teacher, had graduated from Lancaster General School of Nursing. She graduated from Willow Street Vo Tech as a Licensed Practical Nurse.

## Thank You !

I want to thank each one, who, as a part of the Faith Mennonite High School have in various ways remembered me and my family in the past weeks by your concern, prayers, financial contributions, and words of encouragement. A special "thank you" to Mr. Gochnauer, staff, and substitutes.

The experience of the fire at our house was especially real for Fannie and the children. We praise God for His faithfulness and your helpfulness. We really appreciated the work which the Junior class did that Friday and the blessing they were to us in this.

The Lord did have many blessings for me in my hospital experience. I desire to continue to walk with him and share these. He saw I needed rest more than I did.

Again, thank you, and God bless you richly. -Mr Lapp

After arriving at the visitor's office, the group walked around looking at interesting exhibits. Following a film about the battle, one of the guides led them to Washington's headquarters. The house was simply furnished but it was very interesting. At the end of the walk stood an ice house which also served as a jail. Leaving this house they went to Lafayette's headquarters. They were intrigued by the lumpy straw tick beds. There were fireplaces in every room. Above one was a warm, dry cupboard in which he kept his gun powder. Outside stood the large sycamore tree under which Lafayette's wounds were dressed.

Because of this trip, history became alive and the Brandywine Museum will long be remembered by the class.

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## Coming Next Month

\* Alumni Update

\* Reader's Write--

We encourage your response to articles in our newspaper. Next month's edition will feature a column for your comments.

## CONTEST!

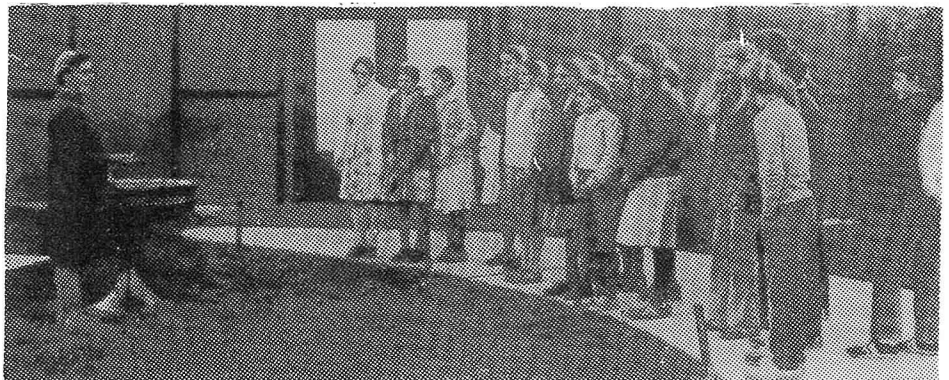
We, the editorial staff, are sponsoring a contest to redesign our newspaper heading. This contest is open to anyone who is not on the editorial staff or an advisor to the Mustard Seed.

The winning entry will be awarded a 1980 Silver Crest.

Entries submitted should be 7½ inches wide and 2 inches long! They must include the name "Mustard Seed", the date, the school name, and the volume and issue number.

Entries must be original and must be received at the school on or before December 17. One may submit as many entries as he pleases. The winning entry will be printed in the January issue.

The editorial staff resumes the right to revise or reject all entries.



Miss Witmer presents lecture to New Testament Survey class during recent visit to the tabernacle.

# Meet Your Board Chairman

Board member, pastor, father, farmer, and patron--all of these describe the chairman of our school board, Harold J. Ranck.

A patron of the school with two children attending and two having already graduated, Mr. Ranck, along with his wife and family, operate a dairy farm in Cochranville. Besides being a farmer, he is also pastor at Farr Creek Mennonite Church, Elkton, Md.

Mr. Ranck became interested in starting a Christian high school when he saw the need for solid education that backed up the parents and the church's teaching and training program. He stated that Biblical training in school encourages a child in his walk with God and helps him in combating the evils in the world around him. Also, by being taught in various areas of life, one is able to better praise God as he serves in the different areas.

Working through problems of insufficient funds, lack of adequate facilities, along with the need for lots of time for meetings, Mr. Ranck saw the working together with others as a growing experience as well as a challenge. Also, because of various problems that have been solved, the board realizes the great need to trust in God.

As he was looking ahead to the building program, Mr. Ranck was very optimistic and said they would keep moving ahead by faith. "By having a larger school with more students and faculty members, we could achieve a more well-rounded educational program. However we can never be at the place where we cannot continue growing. We need to learn new concepts and principles from our mistakes as we rely on God to direct us. Let's continue



to pray and give God glory for strengthening and prospering this school."

—Marv Stoltzfus

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## Principal's Corner

We are Faith Mennonite High School - special, unique, distinct in many different ways. But we are also one of many other high schools of the same denomination, who form only a small segment of the Mennonite schools in the United States. These schools are only a part of the total evangelical Christian school movement.

All over America, Christians are seeing the need to have their children taught from God's point of view, not only at home and in church, but also at school.

In our complex society, Christians need to work together to teach God's truth to children and youth as never before. While churches split into many small pieces over petty issues, Christian schools are blending together across denominational lines in the work of the Lord.

The Mid-Atlantic Christian School Association, of which FMH is a member, listed a membership of 150 schools last year. The Association of Christian School International received memberships from 1051 schools in its first

# Mystery Supper Haunts Freshmen

Golden Glow, Cloud Nine, Cornered Pulp, Stuck up...! Such a menu to choose from!

This is what we freshmen faced at our mystery supper held at Lisa Boll's home on October 26<sup>th</sup>. We stayed after school and played baseball before going to Lisa's home, so by 6:30 we were hungry.

We were given a few minutes to place our order. And then the fun...! How do you eat a baked potato or baked corn without utensils? Somehow we managed and enjoyed it all amid the many howls of laughter. I think Amos ended up with a "tummy ache", but he soon forgot it as we played games. One game required Saraetta to comb and add barrettes to Dan's hair, and Ronnie had to dress like a girl!

The evening was packed with good times. "It was a blast!" squealed Sandy. "The supper was great and we got to know the kids better," added Betty.

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year of existence last year.

We as Faith Mennonite High, while distinct, feel privileged to be a part of this larger Christian school movement. We recognize that not all our board members have their students here. However, all send their children to a Christian school. We are also thankful that, of the students who transfer to other schools from FMH, most go to **Christian** schools.

It is possible to view FMH in two ways: (1) as a special, distinct, only "solution" to Mennonite high school education, or (2) as one alternative of many in "God's School System."

I believe the second to be healthier and more Biblical. What about you?



# Council Kicks Off Sub Sale

"Well Jonas, what are the two of us ever going to do with five sub sandwiches?"

"I say, why don't we invite Jacob and his wife over for dinner that night?"

"Yes, let's ask them right away. We can use the phone at the neighbors."

And with that, Student Council ended the kick-off for the 1979 sub sale. To Becky Stoltzfus (alias Anna) and her Jonas (Mr. Gochnauer), Student Council members Dwilyn Beiler, Freida Stoltzfus, and Betty Engel demonstrated the right and wrong way to sell subs. (You know, those long sandwiches with uh..., uh...

well, you know what they have in!)

The sub sale will be held on Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. Students will be taking orders for the subs through Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. The price for the sandwiches this year is \$1.10 each.

Student Council has set a goal of 3,000 subs. The money raised will be used to fund student field trips and chorus tours and to acquire audio-visual materials for the school.

Area persons not contacted by students may place their order by calling (717) 442-8818.

## Yearbook in the Dark

Listening to the chatter coming from the darkroom makes you wonder if the yearbook staff may be having some problems. Incidentally, they are! Meeting the deadline for completion, getting payment with orders, being at the right spot for unusual photos, and trying to understand the developing process are only a few.

The Staff, working about 4 periods a week, is trying hard to create an appealing yearbook but much work and many headaches go into the making of one. After school hours may be needed as the deadline of December 15 approaches. They do, however, seem to have lots of fun working together as a team.

The hard-working yearbook staff of six, along with Miss Witmer as their advisor, is as follows: Dolores Breneman, lay-out editor; Dwilyn Beiler, darkroom washer; Lori Weaver, literary editor; Bev Harhish, secretary; Gene Deiter, business manager; Paul Hess, photographer.

### Mr Lapp, con't

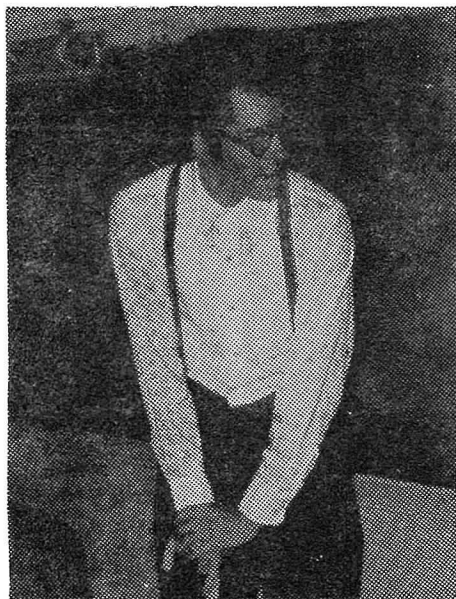
leaves, dug potatoes, washed cars, or mowed the lawn while the girls washed windows and cleaned the house.

We all felt good about using this opportunity to help the Lapp family while Mr. Lapp was hospitalized.

- Dawn Newswenger

## Datebook

- Nov. 21 - Thanksgiving Vacation begins at 2:00 P.M.
- Nov. 27 - Thanksgiving Vacation ends at 8:30 A.M.
- Nov. 30 - Sub Sale.
- Dec. 4 - Pictures taken by National Studio.
- Dec. 9 - Chorale Program at Mt. Pleasant 7:30.
- Dec. 13 - Christmas Concert 7:30.
- Dec. 21 - Christmas Vacation begins 2:00 P.M.
- Jan. 2 - Christmas Vacation ends 8:30 A.M.
- Jan. 6 - Gospel Team Program at Lincoln University.
- Jan. 13 - Chorale Program at Mellingers 7:30.



"You ordered some, too!"

## Library Expands

Inch by inch the shelves in the school library are being stocked with books. The largest expansion has been in the biography and fiction section.

On the reference shelf a 30-volume set of Encyclopedia Britannica has been added.

Books are costly and the growth of the library seems slow, but we are grateful for each year's new additions.

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