

# Sub Sale Tops 2400

On Friday, November 30, we students of FMH were buzzing with excitement as we prepared for our fourth annual sub sale. The subs were made at the Ben Smoker residence in their large cannery, not far from the school.

But where were the rolls? Just as we were ready to go to the cannery Mr. Lapp announced that the rolls had not arrived. What a blowout! For this meant standing in

chorus for an additional hour. Finally, after Mr. Gochnauer could no longer put up with us, he sent us out for Phys. Ed. and left for Lancaster to get fifty dozen rolls to give us a start. And you guessed it! About fifteen minutes later the rolls arrived and finally at 11:30 the work began.

We worked about an hour to fill the lunch orders.

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## Mustard Seed

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Redesign our heading.  
Details this month

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## FMH Adopts First Student Handbook

The new student handbook has been approved and will be shared with students early next year, principal James E. Gochnauer announced this week.

The new handbook, which will contain information for prospective students as well as current students, has sections on general, academic, conduct, and student services information.

Included will be a newly approved admissions policy, a revised statement on social activities, and various written statements to clarify areas which were only verbally explained before. Unrevised are the dress code, the absentee policy, and the course requirements.

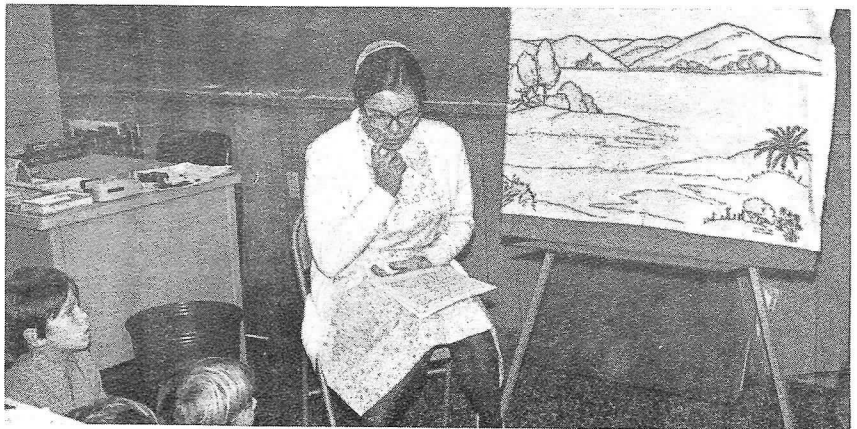
According to an open letter to students which appears at the front of the booklet, principal Gochnauer antici-

pates "that this will bring us to a point of common understanding and expectation."

Both parents and student will be required to sign the student pledge which occurs

at the end of the booklet.

Handbooks will be made available to students in a special assembly the first week of January.

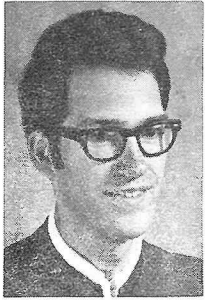


For two weeks, speech class had the opportunity of telling stories to children from Linville Hill School. Above, Lynnette Zimmerman is captivating third graders with an African missionary story.

## Principal's Corner

It's Christmas time again!

This is a busy season for all of us. Some are giving gifts, others are receiving gifts, and still others are simply exchanging them. Families will be getting together for meals, churches will be having special programs, schools will be presenting their Christmas programs, and all of this will be for the purpose of supposedly exalting Christ.



Jesus reminds us, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Paul said, when writing to the Corinthians in regard to their gift to him, that he speaks "Not with respect of want", but "that grace may abound unto your account."

This year the Senior class at FMH will be caroling in a local jail. There they will have opportunity, in connection with a local prison ministry, to share the good news of Christ's birth, with many who have no other way of hearing. Other classes will be doing projects similar to this. As these students share Christmas cheer with others they will be giving of themselves to bring joy to others.

People seek various ways to find happiness. In sharing with others I believe our students will find real fulfillment this Christmas.

In what will you find your happiness this Christmas season?

## Coming Next Month

- \*New heading
- \*Guest Editorial-Miss Witmer
- \*Meet the Building Committee

# Variety...the spice of life

## Help!!!

So far we have received **no** entries for our new heading. We understand that some of you are working, so...we're **extending the deadline** to the end of Christmas vacation.

Mail entries to Mustard Seed, Faith Menn. High Sch. Remember - - you get a free yearbook if we use your head!

## Datebook

- December 21 - Christmas vacation begins 2:00 p.m.
- January 2 - Christmas vacation ends at 8:30 a.m.
- 6 - A Gospel Team program at Lincoln University.
- 7 - Pa. State Farm Show, no school
- 13 - Faith Chorale at Mellingers, 7:30 p.m.
- 21 - Parent/Teacher Fellowship at 7:30 p.m.
- 24 - End of First Semester
- 28 - Second Semester begins, new schedules go in effect.
- February 1 - Quarter Report Cards due.
- 6 & 7 - Parent Conferences in p.m. Students will need transportation at 12:20 noon.
- 10 - Faith Chorale at Hersheys at 7:30 p.m.

"Must we practice for chapel now? Can't we play volleyball or soccer instead? Let's wait 'til next week to start."

These are a few comments made when a class is asked to have chapel devotional period. Each class has had one presentation so far. There were skits, chorics, and singing used to help present a theme.

Every other Tuesday we have chapel in our homerooms. Some classes joined together in singing and giving personal testimonies.

On Thursday of each week a speaker, chosen by the Pastorial Board, shares with us. Three singing groups, the Aaron Martin family, Joyful Servants, and the Fishermen Quartet sang for us. Songs sung by the Martin family were composed by Mrs. Martin. The music sung by the groups was very inspiring.

The teachers also have a chance to share. The last three times Miss Witmer had chapel she told us how to grow in having our personal devotions and in our prayer life.  
-Kaye Bowman

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# Juniors Initiated at Philhaven

We juniors enjoyed a unique experience as we all hopped into the vehicles that were waiting for us after chapel on Tuesday, November 27. The one hour ride to Philhaven was definitely worth it, especially after we had seen the treatments and programs offered there. It was a different place than most of us expected. Along with giving help to extremely ill individuals, they offer counsel and care to people who have social, marital, or other problems.

We arrived around 10:15 and were ushered into a big room called the Counsel Room. There we were all seated around a large table and given a general introduction to Philhaven. Our guide, Don Wert, told about the love and treatments given to the patients and explained how Philhaven, being a Christian institution, was different from

other mental hospitals. He then showed the class through the halls, the cooking and recreation rooms, and the chapel.

Just before lunch, we viewed a video tape on T.V. where we saw an example of help given to people there. We then ate lunch in the "Counsel" room. After lunch we had a chance to have our own "Expressive Therapy". Paper and crayons were passed out and each had a chance to express his feelings on paper and explain it to the class.

Once again we piled into the vehicles and headed back to school, glad for the day of fun and the privilege of having visited Philhaven.

-Eunice Lapp

## Sub Sale, con't

Then we ate our lunch and finished up shortly after 2:00.

The total number of subs made was 2,500. In keeping with tradition Marv Stoltzfus sold the most by selling 240. One person suffered after getting the top of her thumb in the meat slicer and a few had tears from those horrible onions. But through it all we had a really good time.

Marv Stoltzfus received a \$15 gift certificate to Provident Book Store for the first prize. Second prize, a \$5 gift certificate to the same place, went to Betty Engel who sold 170 subs. Those who sold 100 or more received a \$2 bill and those who sold 20 or more had a free sub for lunch. The total number of subs sold was 2,500.

-Elaine Nolt

## FMH Chorale Presents...

"Praise the Lord, Let songs of joy break forth..." Faith Chorale had the opportunity of praising the Lord Sunday evening, December 9 at Mount Pleasant Mennonite Church. Throughout the program God was being glorified for sending His only Son and for allowing Jesus to be the Saviour of our personal lives.

Being Chorale's first Christmas program and feeling unsure of some of the less acquainted songs, we depended on God to calm our spirits, and help us master our songs. We are grateful to the Lord for this.

After the program, we went to different chorale member's homes where we enjoyed more fun and socializing.

-Martha Smucker

## Alumni News...

Brenda Bowman, a 1979 graduate, is now a busy college student at the Lancaster General Hospital where she is taking a three year nursing course. The workload is extremely heavy but Brenda feels it is worth it all.

Highlights of her work and training come on Friday mornings when she is on the hospital floor for three hours. There she takes temperatures, blood pressures, pulses, etc. She also feeds and bathes patients.

Dorm life was a surprise to her, with both its good and bad points. She praises the Lord for her Christian roommate and says that through her college experience she has grown spiritually.

Brenda's weekends are

also full since she has a job on Saturdays at Farmer Brown's.

Another 1979 graduate, Anna Mary Hollinger, is employed by the Denver Nursing Home. She works day shifts and is kept busy. In the morning she begins by waking patients. Then comes breakfast and duties such as combing hair, shaving the men and giving baths.

During the day she distributes ice, feeds patients, and some days makes beds. Anna Mary loves the patients and becomes attached to them even though many are a bit grumpy and set in their ways.

Anna Mary also worked at home this fall, helping with digging sweet potatoes and husking corn.

- Sylvia Gehman

# Board Revises Plan to Finance New Building

The school board, at its regular meeting on December 11, voted to drop the 75% requirement on funds needed to proceed with the new building. Based on the decision made at the Tuesday evening meeting, building will proceed stage by stage as soon as it is physically possible to do so.

According to Allen Lee Stoltzfus, the finance committee chairman, the change came as a result of concern from patrons that this method of raising money was not one which was familiar to our general constituency. It was felt that this may hamper the progress of the building unnecessarily.

Others on the board stressed that the decision to change was completely a board decision. "At the patrons' meeting (held to explain the financing of the new building) there were people at both ends of the spec-

## Taffy Tug-o-War

Friday, December 7, finally came. Why was this day so important? To us sophomores it meant a taffy pull social at Rose Esh's home!

The evening was packed with pulling taffy and playing games. "Do you love your

trum. Some thought we should have 100% (of the money); others didn't think we needed any," one board member stated.

It was also noted that building plans have proceeded much more slowly than anticipated, leaving the time to raise 75% of the money and build the building unrealistically short.

Currently plans are being drawn for approval in Harrisburg. The building committee is also expected to begin clearing the lot early next year.

neighbor?" What a dumb question! Of course we do! and all that shaking and wagging- No wonder Aunt Sally died!

Such a pulling that was! We pulled and jerked 'till we finally got the swing of it. But not everybody did! One lump of taffy stretched to the floor but was recaptured and pulled like the rest. By the end of the evening we could hardly open our mouths.



## Unorthodox Mennonites?

Sunday morning, December 9, Anabaptist History class had the pleasure of visiting a Greek Orthodox Church in Lancaster.

The service, which lasted nearly 2½ hours, was performed in both the Greek and English language. As each member entered the church, he acknowledged his belief in Christ Jesus by lighting a candle and placing it in a candle stick holder. He paid much respect and honor to the Virgin Mary by kissing her icon.

All through the service the priest recited his liturgy and the choir would then respond by singing in Greek. Also, two men who excelled in chanting, responded in singing Byzantine music.

Each Sunday they burn incense and the priest nearly smokes out the sanctuary with the sweet smelling savour.

At the end of the service, they participated in communion as well as a memorial service in honor of some former saints that have gone on to eternity.

-Martha Smucker

Elaine Nolt had an experience which gave her aches and pains for hours afterwards. She tripped over Steve Groff who was lying on the floor, and flew eight feet in the air. Now what, you may ask, was Steve doing on the floor?! We were just topping the evening off with a game- Hide and Seek.

- Rose Esh

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