

# Mustard Seed

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## Icicles and Muddy Snowballs

R-rr-rr-rring! "Hello, Harnish's."

"Hello, Mr. Gochnauer speaking. Are we still having the senior social regardless of the snow-covered roads?" You know we won't be there by 7:00!"

With all the food prepared, the Mystery Supper had

to proceed. Sixteen out of eighteen finally made it between the hour of 8:15 and 9:15. Games were being played till everyone appeared.

At 9:30, thoroughly famished, we entered a candlelit room and the supper began. The evening was full of surprise and laughter as some managed

to eat peas with nut cups, and jello salad with the help of a knife, as well as eating dessert before the main meal.

Following the meal, we watched a comedy film which was enjoyed by all. After this, light refreshments were served and everyone left by 11:45. The evening was a great time of fun and fellowship.

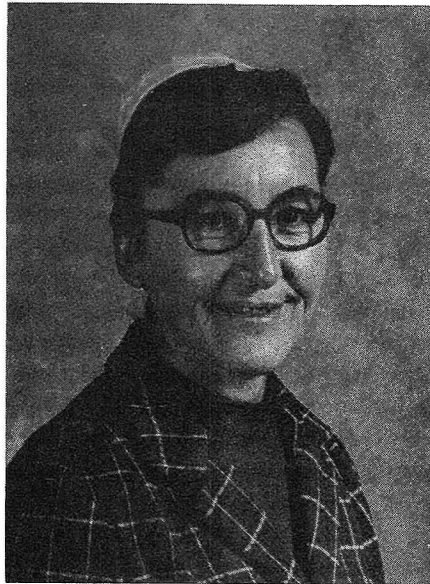
-Martha Smucker

## Who's Who in English

Yearbook advisor, co-advisor of Mustard Seed, Art and English teacher, ladies chorus director, library supervisor, and freshmen's advisor are some of the varied activities Lois Witmer is involved in. She comes to us as a graduate from Eastern Mennonite College as well as Millersville State College where she obtained a masters in Education with her major in the area of reading. She has also taught elementary grades before coming to Faith in the fall of 1977.

Miss Witmer enjoys her school work and spends many hours at it. Throughout the summer she can be found in her garden or meeting tourists at the Mennonite Information Center where she gives lectures in the tabernacle or gives help to tourists. The winter months may find her working on art, writing, and music, her favorite hobbies.

In addition to her busy school schedule she finds time to teach an adult ladies Sunday School class. She



serves as chairman on the Nursery School Steering Committee and is active in an adult chorus at Willow Street Mennonite Church where she is a member.

Miss Witmer is very optimistic about the program at FMH. She enjoys working with high school students and desires to see the school grow. She is presently residing in Bridgeport.

-Marv Stoltzfus

## Beiler Wins Heading Contest

On January 10, the Mustard Seed staff with their advisor, Mr. Gochnauer, judged the contest entries and voted Lloyd Beiler the winner.

Beiler, who took a course in art at Lancaster Mennonite High School, is the junior class president at FMH. He submitted two of the four entries received.

Beiler's entry is not necessarily permanent but it will be used for at least the remainder of this school term. He will receive a free yearbook.

The entries varied in style from contemporary to traditional lettering while others included artwork. The staff thought that the traditional heading was in better keeping with the style of lettering that is currently being used.

They express appreciation to those who submitted entries.

-Rose Esh

## Principal's Corner

The guest editorial this month is by Lois A. Witmer, co-advisor to the Mustard Seed staff. See article on front page.

By the time this article appears our "Happy New Year" greetings will all be over. And probably by now we have become used to writing 1980 when dating something. When we become accustomed to something, it loses its sense of newness. In Ecclesiastes Solomon wrote, "There is nothing new under the sun." Are there really no new ideas to come from us? Have the generations before thought of and accomplished all there is to know and do? Hardly!

Do "new" things become old too quickly for us? How can we retain some of the vitality, the freshness of something new? God is the author of all creativity. He, as a loving Father, desires to bestow gifts of creativeness on His children. These ideas will be fresh, alive and new!

If each year is new, then each month is also. And likewise, each day and each moment! What a gift from God if we see life from this vantage point and enter each moment with a sense of aliveness. Usually we don't segment our lives into moments. We need not, but if we see a few moments of each day as special, our day will seem alive and new.

The Apostle Paul said, "Old things are passed away, behold all things have become new." Old ideas, old habits and attitudes, the old life of sin...passed away! All things, each moment, each venture, each goal reaching to attain a constant life in the "new". That's victory! Is this too big a goal for 1980?

## Team Presents Program

Gospel Team presented a program at Lincoln University, a mission church in Oxford, on January 7. There were some nervous feelings as it was the first one of this school year. Despite a pitch pipe that wouldn't cooperate and a few uncertainties here and there, the presence of Je-

sus gave them strength and grace to carry through.

The audience was reminded of the rewards of displaying an humble spirit and the blessings that come from a close relationship with Jesus. The songs "Stepping on the Clouds" and "Jesus is Coming Soon" also reminded them of the joy related with Christ's return to earth.

In addition to this program, Gospel Team also has programs scheduled at Fair Haven, Oak Wood, Farr Creek, Weavertown, New Danville, and Weaverland.

-Eunice Lapp

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GUESS WHO?

Answer next month

## Alumni News...

Charlotte Lapp, a 1978 graduate, is thoroughly enjoying the rewards of teaching 19 lively third and fourth graders.

She finds that it takes creativity to plan for interesting class periods, but the joy of seeing them grow is rewarding. The most consuming job of teaching, and probably the most boring, is correcting papers.

Charlotte is also involved in her youth groups' chorus and Bible studies.

A graduate of 1979, Cynthia Brenneman, is also enjoying an exciting experience

at Mountain View Christian School, which uses Alpha and Omega curriculum. She teaches a first grader and answers questions which other students have. She also does some secretarial work.

In the evenings Cindy and her family eat supper with the students at Sharon Bible Institute and afterward they join in the fun of vigorous volley ball games.

Cindy is eagerly looking forward to the third term of Bible Institute when, Lord willing, she plans to be a student there herself.

- Sylvia Gehman

## Datebook

- Jan. 21 - PTF 7:30 p.m.
- Jan. 25 - End of second quarter
- Jan. 27 - Chorale program at Parkesburg Mennonite Church
- Jan. 28 - Second Semester begins
- Feb. 1 - Report cards due
- Feb. 2 - Gospel Team program Fair Haven Mennonite Church
- Feb. 6-7 Parent Conferences in p.m.
- Feb. 10 - Chorale program at Hersheys' Church
- Feb. 18 - In-service day for teachers, no school
- Feb. 24 - Gospel Team program Oakwood Mennonite Church.
- Mar. 16 - Gospel Team program Farr Creek Mennonite Church

## Coming Next Month

\*PHOTO ISSUE!

\*Meet the building committee

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furnishings and clothing were lost.

To this family the juniors gave a large Christmas basket and a New International Version of the Bible. In addition, the class gave them a check to help them get "back on their feet". The money came from class contributions.

Both the junior and senior classes met at Harrison House to finish up the afternoon of caroling. Residents of this nursing home in Christiana were brought to a day room where the two classes joined to sing familiar carols and several songs from the Christmas concert.

The expression of joy and appreciation from those listening more than adequately compensated for the effort put forth by the students.

## New Schedules Planned

Second semester schedule was presented to students the first day after Christmas vacation. Included are some new courses, in addition to those which carry over from first semester.

Of great interest is the introduction of two new book studies with Noah L. Hershey as instructor. Hershey is bishop of the Millwood District of Lancaster Conference and is on the school's pastoral board. The book studies will be offered as junior and senior Bible electives. The names of the books to be studied have not yet been announced.

Also included second semester are several general electives, all of which were offered in previous years. They include Home Economics II and Shop II for sophomores; Advanced Cooking and Sewing, Standard First Aid, and CPR for juniors and seniors, and Art. First Aid and CPR are both courses leading to Red Cross certification.

New business electives include Accounting II, Typing I, and Typing II.

Carried over from first semester are all Bible, English, math, music, science, and social studies courses. With the exception of chorus, students who were in these courses first semester will be required to continue in these courses.

From the list of courses students planned their own schedules within the guidelines supplied by the office.

*In your lap there are dozens of rules for success. BUT none of them will work... unless you do.*

When the schedules are turned in, they are reviewed by the office for accuracy and completeness.

Second semester schedules go into effect on January 28, 1980.

Clubs are also be offered second semester. They were not included in first semester's schedule because of scheduling difficulties.

Clubs under consideration include crafts, darkroom, macrame, photography, recreation, and skits. Students' suggestions are being solicited.

## The Happy Hunting Grounds?

"It was raining like 'crazy'!"

"I missed a deer and when I went to reload my gun, the stock split open!"

Now, boys, do you expect us girls to believe all your wild hunting stories?

One fellow stated that he didn't know why he went for deer because he already had a "deer". But regardless if they got a deer or missed one, the fellows here had stories to tell.

Steve Groff was up on his tree stand at 6:00 in the morning but, poor guy, didn't see "hide nor hair" of any deer. In the forenoon he, along with friends and neighbors, began driving deer and in the process, managed to shoot a doe.

Don Sensenig was hunting for three days in Bedford County. He saw only doe, but if he "had seen a buck, it would have been dead!"

Most of the fellows were average hunters roaming the woods with a gun only to see turkeys, doe and other hunters.

- Lynnette Zimmerman

# Seniors Behind Bars!

"R-rr-rring" The bell sounded loudly through the tile corridors inside the building. A man unlocked the heavy door from the inside.

"Come in." "Are you Mr. Gochnauer?" "Would you sign in for your group, please?" "Girls, leave your pocket-books in the office." "No, you won't be allowed to take pictures in here."

Then another locked door to pass. "Be sure to close it firmly behind you," the guard instructed. Now we were walking down that same corridor where the bell had rung only minutes before. Tile walls. Heavy wooden doors. Locks everywhere.

Still another door. This one led to the activity room. We went through and were inside. Really inside! Three locked doors between us and freedom.

But we weren't here to contemplate locks. We came to share the joy of Christmas with the ten fellows who then occupied Barnes Hall, Lancaster County's detention home for boys..

As Mr. Gochnauer, our advisor, introduced the songs, we sang the story of the birth of our Savior to these fellows who needed to have the message of Christmas reach deep into their hearts.

## Juniors Deliver Baskets

Meanwhile, the juniors were caroling and delivering

Christmas baskets to members of the local community.

The largest went to a local family who was recently

burned out of their mobile home. All Christmas presents,

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Seniors pose outside Barnes Hall after caroling to residents inside.

## Student Handbook...A Matter of Opinion

On January 8 we had a special assembly in which Mr. Gochnauer handed out the new student handbook. The handbook consists of the rules, guidelines, principles, and general information of the school. Some of the more important sections were reviewed. On the backpage is a pledge that each student and parents are asked to sign and hand in for the principal's file.

A number of students were asked to give their opinion

of the handbook in a recent survey. Some said it really didn't make a big difference to them, the rules were talked about before. And a few had negative comments. Some felt a few of the rules seemed unnecessary.

Generally speaking the comments were for it.

"It's a good idea to have a handbook. You know what's going on. You can refer back to it."

"It's something we expect. My parents liked it, too."

"I think it's good to say what the school expects and then stick to it."

My personal opinion is that it could be smaller and include a few photos of different academics. However, I do think that it is a good step and proves that we are becoming more organized.

-Lloyd Beiler

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