

## Excitement Matches Building's Growth

Recently, all of the outside work was completed except for the grading and the drain field, both of

which will be contracted separately from the building itself.

Inside, however, much

remains to be done. Nearly all of the heat duct is in place and the heating contractor is setting the

gas units. The painter has the block filler on all the walls and is now waiting to begin with the epoxy.

Major projects to be finalized include the electrical wiring, the ceilings, and the cabinets, the first and last of which are currently progressing. More needs to be done before the ceiling men can start, but their work is not expected to take long.

The building committee has also saved some work for anxious volunteers. Remaining for patrons to do are the walls and insulation in the gym. Lockers also need to be sanded and refinished.

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## Student Council Created

Excitement was high during the time of nomination and election of FMH's 1980 student council. Everyone had the opportunity to be involved in choosing the executive committee.

The formal procedures began with a Wednesday morning assembly. The teachers handed out a list of junior and senior names who were eligible to be executive officers. To be eligible, one either had to be a class officer the previous year or had maintained a grade average of 2.75 or above.

Throughout the day, votes were written down and placed in a box by the office. To be nominated, one had to receive a minimum of four votes. The following morning, Mr. Gochnauer read the names of those who had met the qualifications, which included ten seniors and two juniors. Two seniors, however, did not run for of-

fice because they were holding class offices.

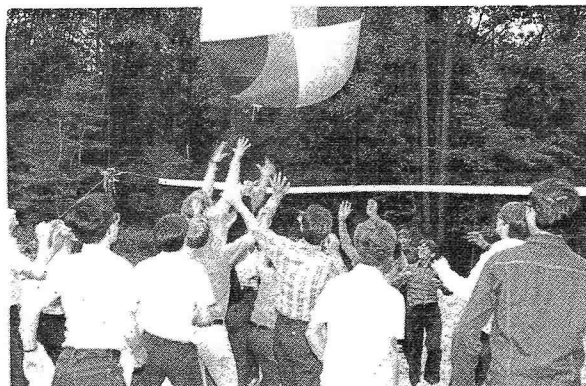
Nominated for president were Dwilyn Beiler, Don Sensenig, and Wilmer Bowman. Those running for treasurer were Carol Eberly, Frieda Stoltzfus, and Bethany Stoltzfus. For secretary, Dawn Newswanger, Eunice Lapp, Dolores Brenneman and Rose Esh were nominated.

Speeches, in which the candidates introduced each other, were given the next morning, following chapel. The students then voted for their candidates during the day until seventh period. The votes were counted in that period and the results posted by the office. The officers elected were Dwilyn Beiler as president, Don Sensenig as vice president, Frieda Stoltzfus as treasurer, and Dolores Brenneman as secretary.

The following Monday, they delivered acceptance speeches.

The council was complemented with two representatives from each class, which brought the total number of members to twelve.

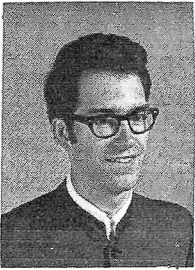
-Rose Esh



On Friday, Oct. 11, Student Council gave us a surprise afternoon at the new school.

After eating lunch we split into four groups. We alternated between a tour of the building or games including the hilarious game called cage ball. What a fun time!

-Dwilyn B



## Principal's Corner

Mr James E. Gochnauer

Student Council elections have come and gone, our first year for such an event. As principal, I would like to make a few observations.

I Praise God for the Christian way in which most of the event took place. Nominations were made by students from a list of qualifying Juniors and Seniors.

The nominees chose to have friends make their nominating speeches for them, rather than making them themselves, a decision which I consider wise.

The speeches themselves were excellent. I commend those who presented candidates for the well-organized, mature way in which they introduced their fellow students.

Voting was also done carefully and seriously with all winners receiving a clear margin over the other candidates.

I also Praise the Lord for the opportunity to learn a few lessons as well. When "campaign posters" appeared which promoted some candidates above others, and which represented some candidates for less than God intends each of us to be, we were reminded of our lack of guidelines for such activity. We

should have been aware of it without your help, but we appreciate your helping us to see more clearly. Thanks.

Now that officers have been elected, several major projects remain. One is to support and maintain the vibrant school spirit which is already present this year. Another is for student council, now in it's second year, to develop a constitution for itself. The executive committee, along with the entire group merits your prayers.

Leadership opportunities in Student Council provide away for students to learn skills

Finally, I thank God that there is a Christian alternative to the way our national government chooses it's leaders. Possibly the way in which Student Council officers were elected still requires some refining, but I consider each candidate a victor in that he was able to make himself available for appointment to an executive office, and then was able to leave results to God and his fellow students. All are richer, none is poorer, for having experienced this together.

Praise the Lord!

## Math/Science Teacher Hired

The school board hired a teacher for science and mathematics for this school term at an employment interview on October 10.

Mr. John Harrison, who will teach Biology, Chemistry, Health, and Algebra, is expected to begin work on or before January 1, 1981.

Mr. Harrison earned his undergraduate degree, a B.S. in agriculture, from Delaware Valley College in South-Eastern Pennsylvania. In meeting the degree requirements, he accumulated nearly 40 credits in

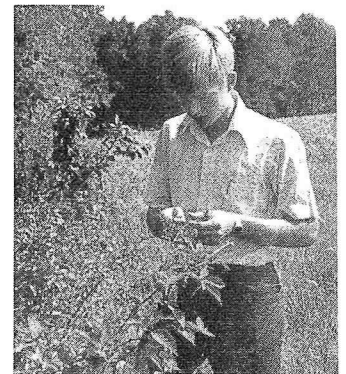
math and science, approximately 1/3 of his course work.

Until he is able to come, the current staff will be working to fill the gap.

## Datebook

- Nov. 10 - End first marking period
- 14 - Report cards due
- 15-16 - Chorale to Marianatha
- 26 - Vacation begins at 1:40 pm for Thanksgiving
- Dec. 1 - End of Thanksgiving vacation
- 14 - Chorale program at Oakshade Menorite Church
- 18 - Christmas concert 7:30 pm

Mothers who would enjoy an evening of typing library cards and preparing books for the library. Contact Miss Witmer at the school number or send a note to school. Thanks for helping.



loving care, "Willie the worm" died over the weekend because of lack of attention.

- Tony Hahn

## Biology Blooms

On September 29, the Biology class of 32 sophomores went on a literal "field" trip. Miss Stoltzfus, our present Biology supervisor, took us to an open field, near her parent's Atglen Farm, which had grown up for several years. The object of the trip was to identify various leaves collected, by the use of identification books, as discussed in our chapter.

We each had to collect fifteen different kinds. Some people also collected burrs!

After identifying the leaves, we mounted them.

While mounting her leaves, Sara Stahl discovered a worm which matched perfectly with the cherry leaf it was on and had gone unnoticed during the return trip.

She gave it to Miss Witmer, who placed it in a jar for observation. Going a step further, they identified it and anticipated the day it would change to a butterfly. Although it was given tender

## And The Survey Shows . . .

The American Government class, with their teacher Mr. Wilbers, recently conducted a survey on current economical and political issues. Not only did this survey show the students' awareness of current news but also revealed their varied opinions.

Each member of the class made six to eight multiple choice questions. Although they were not all used, the questions dealt with many different issues and were thought provoking. In spite of the fact that there was not much time given to complete the survey, some interesting results were tallied.

Concerning the question, "Should the draft be re-enacted?", sixty-four responded negatively and seventeen positively. Mr. Wilbers commented, "I was surprised at those results. The class and I felt that it should be reenacted so that young people would have the opportunity to enter alternate service." When asked if he felt that there would be alternate service, Wilbers answered, "Yes."

Another interesting question was concerning which nation the United States should fear the most. While most people replied 'Russia' some people wrote the 'U.S. itself'.

Other questions had little response. In a question about world affairs as portrayed by the news media, thirteen answered that it's 'not as bad' (as the media makes it sound), twelve replied 'as bad' while ten responded 'worse'.

Wilbers said that while the answer choices were hard to make up, he hoped that they weren't hard to understand. Noting that many people did answer generally, he added that he felt that the choices might have been vague or that some people were afraid to form opinions in fear of being hurt.

Some of the questions and results were:

Do you support nuclear energy? a. Yes (35%) b. No, (21.25%) c. A little (43.75%). At what speed would you conserve the most gasoline while driving a car? a. 35 (26%) b. 45 (23%) c. 55 (42%) d. 65 (95%). Do you feel there should be more capital punishment in the U.S.? a. Yes (66%) b. No (34%). What is your feeling toward the Equal Rights Amendment? a. Some benefits (39%) b. None at all (17%) c. A step backward (44%). Was the U.S. wise in not sending athletes to the 1980 Olympics? a. Yes. (64%) b. No (36%)

-Rose Esh

## Test Scores Compare Well

FMH does its testing in the fall for all grades, 9-12. The information received from fall testing helps teachers identify weak areas in each student. The school is also able to contrast the achievement scores of students from various schools in the freshmen class as well as those scores from incoming students compared with, returning students in the Sophomore class.

Students are ranked against other students of their grade level who are taking the test at the same time of the year across the United States. They are also ranked against students in local communities similar to the area in which FMH is situated. Using either criteria, FMH students composite class scores have ranked at or above average.

## 1980 - 81 Class Officers

### Freshman

President-Jay Deiter  
Vice President-Frieda Smucker

Secretary-Judy Esh

Treasurer-Crist Smucker

### Sophomores

President-Anthony Hahn

Vice President-Mervin Lapp

Secretary-Anna Mary Zook

Treasurer-Beulah Blank

### Juniors

President-Victor Stoltzfus

Vice President-Bethany Stoltzfus

Secretary-Rose Esh

Treasurer-Kathy King

### Seniors

President-Ken Gehman

Vice President-Kevin Hahn

Secretary-Sharon Reed

Treasurer-Twila Howe



## Alumni

## News

### Miss Cynthia J. Brenneman

Each one of the alumni of FMH is busy doing the task that the Lord has assigned him to do. Let's take a glance at where the Lord has directed two of our graduates.

Brenda Bowman, '79 has continued to put her time into serious study. She is looking forward to the time when she can become an RN. Right now she spends 3 days a week in the operating room, being the doctor's right hand nurse. She enjoys working with patients, and has several for which she is responsible. She must see that they get their medicine, shots, pills, or any other prescribed care. Right now, Brenda is hobbling around with a sprained ankle, which she received while playing volleyball. She told me that nurses also are fallible.

Cynthia Brenneman, '79 is now the alumni news writer for the Mustard Seed. She has been teaching nine students in grades one to four at Little Britain. She thoroughly enjoys her work which is full of

many rewarding, exciting, and tiring experiences. Cindy and her sister, Dolores, are getting experience at becoming good housekeepers. They have found a chance to do this in a trailer on their brother's farm. She finds it very refreshing to get away from the school books and spend some time milking cows or cooking supper. When they can, they go home on weekends to visit with the rest of the family in Harriensville.

Alumni! Your help is needed! I will be mailing a questionnaire out to each of you, in which you will need to answer some questions concerning yourself. Please send any other exciting news that you would want your school friends to know. Answer each question to the best of your ability and send it back to me.

Thanks so much for your cooperation!

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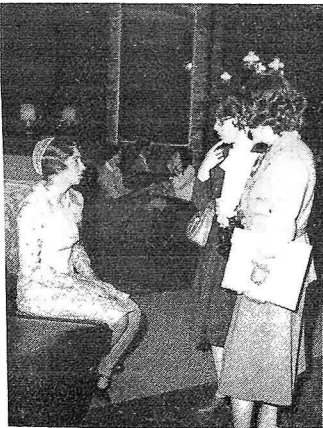
Cindy Brenneman  
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# Not Only Do Teachers Attend MACSA . . .

"Looking Unto Jesus ... This Is The Way" was the theme for the 32nd annual Mid-Atlantic Christian School Convention held October 13-15 at the Host Farm.

Keynote speaker, Dr. Kenneth Gangel, challenged us to set objectives for our students this year centered around the pas-



Sharon Reed, student guide

sage in Philippians 2.

Workshops were held each day separated into the Pre-school and Elementary track and the Junior-Senior High School track. There were six seminars in each track.

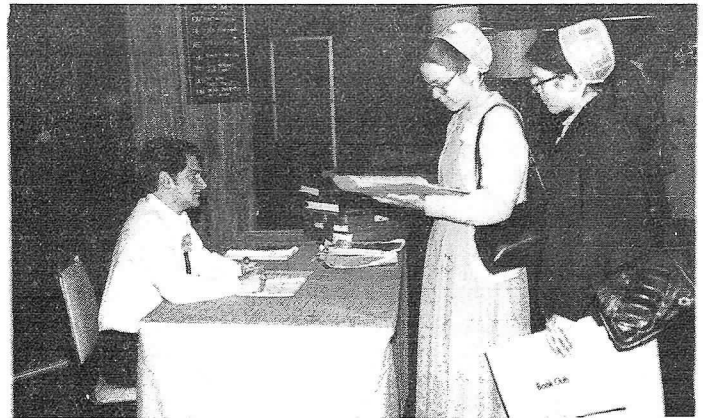
This year the MACSA schools were divided so that the schools attending Tuesday and Wednesday or Thursday and Friday would find the facilities less crowded. A more relaxed atmosphere pervaded the convention because of this. There were 1300 attending the first two-day session.

Colleges, publishing houses and bookstores participated in a total of 96 exhibits for each convention.

## ... Students Do Too

"Hello... could you tell me where session 113 is being held?"

"Uh, excuse me, I've never been here before, could you direct me to the



Don Sensenig answers questions at convention

Baroque room?"

Being a student guide for the teachers at MACSA proved to be an interesting and fun job. There were six of us who were posted throughout the big Host Farm, directing teachers to the sessions they had chosen. It was different telling teachers what to do for a change!

Tuesday morning, each of us went to our post at 8:15. We were a bit nervous since it was the first morning of the conference. The first few hours were our busiest. Classes were held in nearly all the rooms available—some with names unheard of before! We could easily understand the bewilderment on some people's faces!

Wednesday morning, we sat in on the keynote address for the first thing in the morning. The speaker, Dr. Gangel, was really interesting and his message applied to us as well as the teachers. We were back on the job again once the classes began. After eating dinner together, we headed home.

-Twila Howe

-Eunice Lapp

## Health Visits Harrison House

Health class has come alive, thanks to our instructor!

Miss Melody Stoltzfus, as a Licensed Practical Nurse, is a big asset to the class. As she adds realistic stories, pop quizzes, and exciting activities, it helps us to learn how our bodies really work.

Our October 1st field trip to the Harrison House in Christiana, where Miss Stoltzfus works while not teaching school, was an interesting project. In this home for the elderly, we toured the facilities under her guidance, being introduced to her many friends, both patients and staff. Some patients were mentally stable, another asked us if we've had our supper yet, and still another remembered how it

was to teach young people in the classroom.

But in our minds, one patient in particular stands in "number one" position. Dear Ada was an opera singer in her more spry years. When Miss Stoltzfus asked her to sing for us, she readily started in with her strong clear voice. As she was about halfway through her second song her eyes fell on Steve Beachy and she could hardly finish. Promptly after her solo, she remarked about how cute he was. Also, she mentioned that since she wasn't young enough to claim him, maybe she could sing at his wedding. Steve promised to inform her when the great day arrives.

At the close of our tour, Mr. Browning, the director, presented to us the need for dedicated

persons to care for the older people of today's

As we left the Harrison House, I'm sure we were all thankful for the healthy minds and bodies God has given us to use.

While we have them, let's use them to glorify Him!

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