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Students, Patrons Assist In Moving

Earlier in the week of January 5, we were informed through the phone chain to come to Christiana by 9:00 a.m. Wednesday to help move. This needed to be changed to Friday because of progress on the floor. Since two-thirds of the student body came on Friday we were able to count it as a school day.

Enough fellows stayed at Christiana to load pick-ups and the rest of us went to the new school armed with buckets and rags. My first impression of the place was, "Phew, what smells." The floor men were there laying floor and did it ever create an odor. We were encouraged by the faculty to get a breath of fresh air once in awhile.

Between breaths of fresh air some people cleaned. There were win-

dows that needed the paint scraped off using razor blades, cabinets to be cleaned inside and out, and spacious lockers to be dealt with. (I saw the judge sentenced them to a treatment of water and elbow grease.)

When the pick-ups arrived some of us were recruited to unload. Chairs, desks, boxes and odds 'n' ends were distributed throughout the school along with tidbits of news.

There were other people there working too, plumbers, electricians and painters. Some were installing lockers, blackboards, and carpet. Best of all some of our parents were helping.

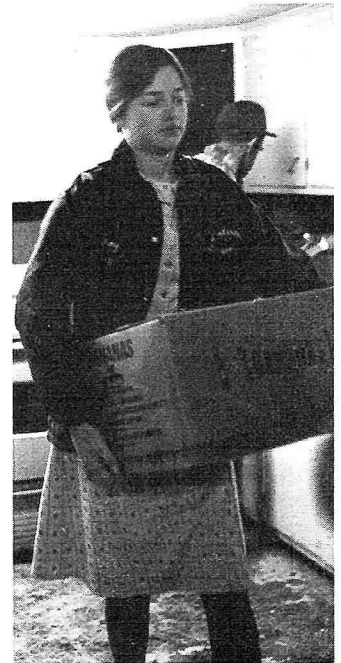
After lunch some started working again at unpacking boxes, cleaning out the gym and splitting

wood up on the hill. But there were a few who never got over lunch break; in other words, break lasted all afternoon.

Around two o'clock the place started to clear out and the initial moving day was over.

Three cheers to the persons who invited (and compelled) us to be instruments in this eventful part of Faith's history.

-Twila Howe



Joy Brenneman attempts to move a box of school articles.



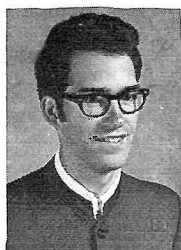
Are you really moving boxes of bananas?
Or are you just going bananas?



On January 20, 1981, the finance committee held a fund raising banquet for patrons and area businessmen. Approximately 150 people attended the banquet which was held in the gym.

Stephen Esh, a member of the finance committee moderated the meeting. After Faith Chorale sang two opening songs and Harold Ranck asked the blessing on the meal, a delicious dinner was served cafeteria style by Wegman's Catering Service. When everyone had eaten all that they could hold, Chorale sang two more songs. Then Mr. Al Porsche, advertising service's manager from Sperry New Holland,

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Principal's Corner

Mr James E. Gochnauer

This month's Principal's Corner is a guest editorial written by former patron and President of the Building Committee, Aaron Beiler.

After having been chosen to be part of the FMH Building Committee, I partly realized the work involved in the early stages. It was a matter of meetings, etc., to decide the size of the building, the type of construction, or the need for a gym. It seemed at various times of planning that decisions were hard to be made. Many times, however, after not knowing what to do next—either the phone would ring with a suggestion or someone had a special idea that was accepted. Really, the answer seemed to be from the Lord, for which we want to give Him the glory. After having the bids for the contract



opened and contract awarded to Mr. Gerlach, I was asked to help coordinate the work at the building site. I want to express my appreciation to you as patrons and friends for helping in various aspects of the construction process. It really seemed after the building was started that the building committee's work was easier because of the very evident good relation between the general contractor and his subcontractor's. Many new acquaintances were made and appreciated. I also want to express appreciation to the school for helping in this. It truly was an educational experience, even though I was not a student as such.

May the Lord bless further for growth of us His children.

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spoke on the topic of "Preference or Conviction" for Christian education. Mr. Porsche, a native of Germany during World War II, moved to the U.S. in 1956. He found that American public schools taught some of the same things that he had tried to move away from in Germany. He stressed very much the importance of raising children in a Christian environment which, of course, only the Christian school provides. In his opinion, it would be far better for someone to take all that he has than to have his children growing up and rejecting Christ.

- Dwilyn Beiler

In the November 1980 issue of the Mustard Seed, an article about sub sale mistakenly reported that Joy Kreider won second place by selling 151 subs. Twila Howe who sold 200 subs, received the second place five dollar gift certificate. We regret this error.



Alumni News

Miss Cynthia J. Brenneman

Marvin Stoltzfus ('80) works at home on their farm. He takes care of feeding and milking the cows. Throughout the year he works in the fields and during the winter months he does repair work on the farm. Youth group activities, such as raising crops for funds, Bible Study, and Chorus, keep him busy. He is also a part of the Honey Brook Fire Company. Bike riding is one of his hobbies and during this past July he got his share of bike riding. He, along with others, bicycled from Wiscasset, Maine through Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, and finally ending at Honey Brook, Pa. Another trip he took was to Dryden, Ontario in October. There he, along with five others, spent 2 weeks in V.S. doing building projects. Marvin enjoyed these trips because of meeting new faces and seeing new places. In the future he would like to attend a Bible School. Nathan Stoltzfus ('80) also works at home

Datebook	
Jan 24	- Dedication 1:30 p.m.
25	- Gospel Team at Oakwood
30	- End of semester
Feb 1	- Chorale at Cambridge
6	- Report cards due
15	- Chorale at Gehmans

on the farm with his father. He really enjoys dairy farming and everything else that goes with it. Youth group activities, being a part of the Honey Brook Fire Company and ambulance crew are also a part of his life. He was one of the three others who went along with Marvin on a 620 mile bike hike from Wiscasset, to Honey Brook. For one week they spent their evenings camping in fields and woods. Nate is really having a great time being free from school work.

Engagements:

E. Jane Hess ('78), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold H. Hess New Providence, Pa. to Larry A. Drawbond, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett W. Drawbond, Fortuna, N.D. A March wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Gehman, R.1, Denver, announced the engagement of their daughter Miss Catherine Faye Gehman to J. Dale Landis Jr. ('79), son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Dale Landis, Lititz. An August wedding is planned.

Harrison Completes Faculty

When the ribbon was cut and the doors to the new school building were opened, the excitement among the school body was shared with a man who was



beginning a new job.

Mr. John Harrison, who is the new mathematics teacher, completes FMH's faculty for the 1980-81 school year.

Born in New Jersey, he received his bachelor's degree in Agriculture from the Delaware Valley College of Science and Agriculture. After working as farm manager for 15 years he wanted a change in occupation. Seeing an advertisement in the Gospel Herald, he applied for a teaching position at Lancaster Mennonite High School. When he did not get the job, he was contacted by Mr. Gochbauer

about a position which was open at FMH. He was accepted and currently teaches Biology, Algebra I and II, and Chemistry.

He now resides with his wife Harriett, and their three children in Gap, Pa. and attends Sandy Hill Mennonite Church.

- Rose Esh

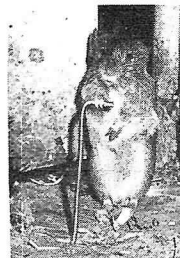
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"The buzzer in the locker room scared me to death."

"I love it."

To summarize everybody's thoughts one person appropriately said, "I can hardly believe that we are actually here."

- Rose Esh



Max the Mouse

by Maximillian van Musculus

Reduced Price Offered 1980 World Books Available

Due to the emphasis in education today on independent research many families want to purchase a good encyclopedia set. Although it is not the function of the school to recommend any particular product, here is great news.

The World Book Encyclopedia can now be bought at the lowest price ever

offered, with a savings of \$100. This durable bound 1980 edition is the world's best selling encyclopedia and is the number one choice of many schools and libraries.

Payment can be made in four ways. They are cash, payment made within 100 days with no service charges, month payments, or by using master charge or visa.

As there are a limited number of World Book sets available there is a first come, first serve basis. There is no obligation to buy, but undoubtedly many families will want to take advantage of this offer. If you are interested in ordering a set or obtaining more information, please contact the school. But hurry! The offer expires March 3, 1981.

P.S. Great news is worth sharing! Please pass the news on to others!

Hullo everyone,

Horrors! That word perfectly describes the erratic situations I've been so disjointedly thrown into. I heard some people talking about a moving day but it seemed like a "mowing down" day for me.

First I was tightly packed in a box, and smashed between two files. Then some books were unceremoniously flung on top of me and there I was squeaking for some air. But nobody heard me and everything was all quiet and dark. I wondered what I was being punished for. I reviewed all my previous articles and I thought that they were nice enough. Honest!

After a few days of this ghostly hibernation I felt myself being lifted. Then a truck started and I was bounced, swaying and dizzied as someone careened down a road. Again I was lifted and then shoved into a corner. The place smelled funny and I began to grow curious. I saw a hole in my box so I jumped out.

The floor was so soft and then when I saw a phone I knew it was an office. I became frightened because I knew that such an elite room would have a mouse trap. I looked around carefully but I saw none. Then I realized that I was at the new FMH building and of course they wouldn't set traps for fear of killing me. I'm too loved around that place. (I did hear, though, that Dale Hess killed one of my relatives when he was helping to move boxes. I could hardly believe it.)

I boldly ventured out and started on a tour of the building. It was so big - I don't think I could have imagined anything being bigger.

I was dodging in and out of rooms trying to select one for my home base. It's so hard to decide - they are all so beautiful. Maybe I'll make my abode in a freshman girl's locker or how about Miss Hurst's room? In her room I can keep the chord organ in tune with my squeak.

So now, I'll just nose my way down there and hope that she won't set any traps.

Eeeeeek!

Calvin Coolidge, 30th President of the United States, chose not to run for the Presidency again after his second term of office. But his customary terse announcement did not satisfy the newspapermen.

"Why do you refuse to run, Mr. President?" Pressed one reporter. "Can you give us some details?"

"No room for advancement," stated the President.

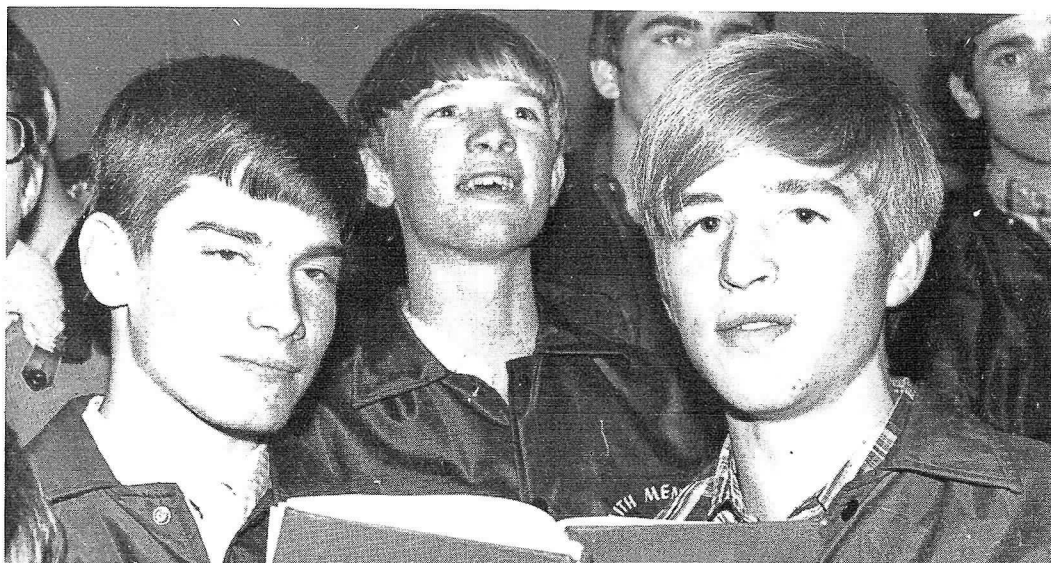
Students Carol In Harbor Place, Balt.

December 23, the day planned for our Christmas Caroling in Baltimore made a snowy advent. In spite of some questions raised about going, sun, rain, or snow could not dampen our spirits as we students and teachers appeared at school between 7:30 and 8:00 a.m.

Although the snow delayed our departure by a half hour, we arrived safely in Baltimore about 10:30.

Given a free hour at the World Trade Center, we browsed around the many exhibits that were displayed. The most fascinating exhibit, however, was an aerial view of the city since we were on the 27th story.

Before lunch, we sang as one group at the Inner Harbor Shopping Center where we also did some quick window shopping. In the afternoon, each of the two busloads sang at two stateroom homes. The patients and staff received



"O Come All Ye Faithful"

us warmly. It was exciting to see them respond to Christmas cheer.

We were scheduled to sing at a convention hall which was having a week long folk music festival. However, when we arrived they thought that our program had been canceled because of the poor weather conditions. Even though there were less than thirty people present in the au-

dience we still sang and added ladies' chorus.

After invading fast food restaurants for supper we grouped together and sang outside in a shopping mall about an hour.

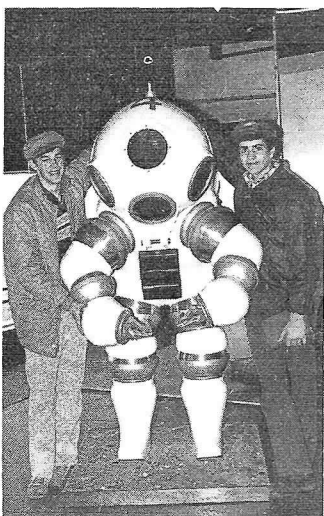
The return trip still carried the same enthusiastic spirit which had been with us during the day.

We had a memorable day.

— Rose Esh



"It adds, subtracts, multiplies, and divides and when you complete your homework, you can play electronic football."



Stopping at the World Trade Center in Baltimore was part of our Christmas Caroling trip. Steve Beachy and Steve Groff pose with one of the many exhibits.

Wow! This School Is Neat!

Many exclamations were heard as people entered and adjusted to the new building. However, when I asked several people what they thought about or were impressed with in the building, I was met with blank faces. After hard thinking some managed to bring to the surface of their minds several comments.

"It seemed like the first day of school."

"I saw a lot of junk scattered around."

"The study hall is so big and those large windows are really neat."

"The walls are so bare and I miss the crea-

tive bulletin boards Miss Witmer usually puts up."

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