

Dedication Service Held

We, the students travel the halls of Faith Mennonite High School. We occupy the seats in various classrooms, make use of the water fountains and use the restroom facilities, but is it our building? The teachers decorate the classroom walls, stand before several different classes a day and enjoy the luxury of a lounge. Is this their building? No, this is the Lord's building. We only use it.

January 24 has become a memorable day as we, together with parents, friends and board members, publicly gave this building to the Lord and dedicated it to His service.

The dedication service was begun by Harold Ranck, board chairman, after which his son, Elvin, Alumni President, led the congregation in an opening song. Aaron Lapp Jr., board secretary, led us in a short devotional meditation. The dedication ad-

dress was given by Noah Hershey, chairman of the Pastoral Board. A slide presentation, "And So The Walls Were Built" was shown. This was produced by Mr. Gochbauer who photographed the building at various stages of progress.

After two songs by large chorus, the dedication prayer was offered by Paul Hess, member of the pastoral board.

The cornerstone ceremony was held outside of



Dedication speaker
Noah Hershey

the main lobby. A New Testament, a student handbook, a January 1981 issue of the Mustard Seed, and a dedication program were put in a box and placed in the opening before the cornerstone was placed. This marked the end of an important meeting.

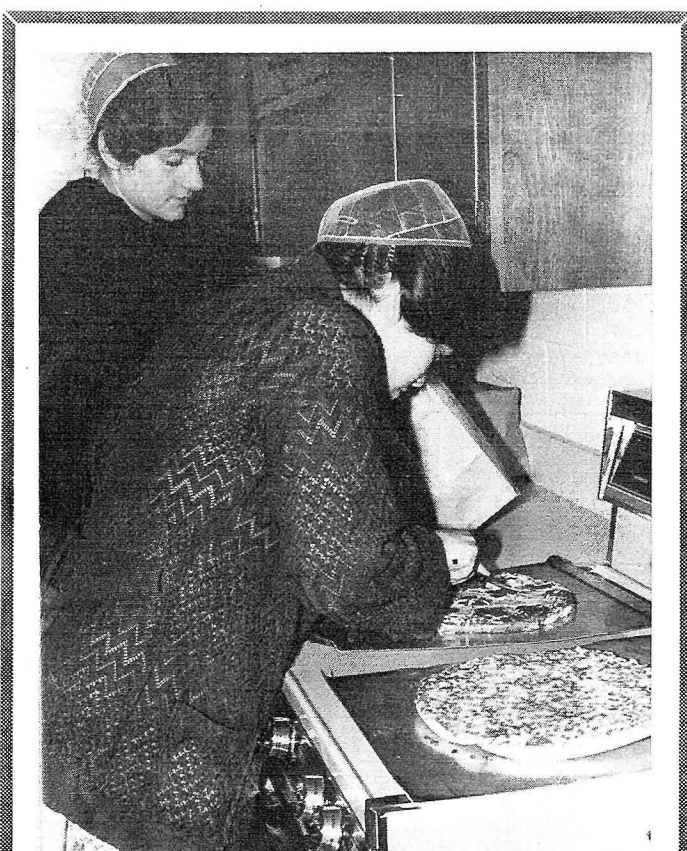
-Linda Sensenig

Mustard Seed

February 1981

Faith Mennonite High School

Vol. 3, No. 6



Pizza Break For Yearbook Staff

See article on page 2

Cheers Greet Semester End

As one walked down the hall Friday afternoon of January 30, excited cheers and even some outbursts of applause could be heard in various classrooms. The semester was over. Hardly an FMH student was complaining about that!

While the new semester will continue with many of the same courses, some new ones will be offered in adjunction with those that ran first semester. First Aid-CPR, for example, will be offered in place of health, Typing II in place of Typing I, Accounting II instead of Accounting I. Junior and Senior English classes which formerly consisted of Speech and Creative Writing will now be American Literature and British Literature, respectively.

A new course, Class Voice, taught by Miss Hurst will run, its primary objective being that of training the voices of future Chorale students. Music Theory II is also

offered and is taught by Miss Hurst.

An Art class will be taught by Miss Witmer.

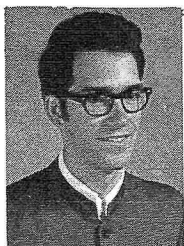
Clubs too will be a congenial part of the new semester. Suited somewhat to the varied interests of students, they will include anything from crafts to recreation.

We are looking forward to making the most of what appears to be a very promising second semester.

-Ann Fisher



Myron Glick has caught the spirit of Music Theory II!



Principal's Corner

Mr James E. Gochnauer

Teachers, patrons, students, and friends, please allow me to relate our school situation a verse which my Sunday school teacher made meaningful to me in a new way recently.

The verse is in Matthew 11:7-10 where Jesus asked the multitude, "What did you go out... (NIV)"

I ask the same question of you in relation to school at Faith. "What did you come here to see?"

Some people would answer, "A school that can discipline our young people better than we have been able to." To that answer, we need to respond that we can only work with the raw materials that are sent to us. While we praise the Lord for many miracles in the lives of students as they grow, we notice the most growth in those who have been trained the best before they come, and the least growth in those who have been disciplined least before they came.

Others would answer, "A good social time

with wholesome Christian friends." Again we would need to acknowledge a worthy goal, but point out that too much social activity quickly gets in the way of the many other important things which also need to be happening.

What did you come to see? There are still others who would answer, "We came to find a school that complements and reinforces the instruction of home, church, and Christian elementary school as that our young people can grow up to be complete, well-rounded individuals, equipped and willing to do the Lord's work." To you we open our arms wide and humbly thank you for allowing us to share together with you in the pursuit of this goal.

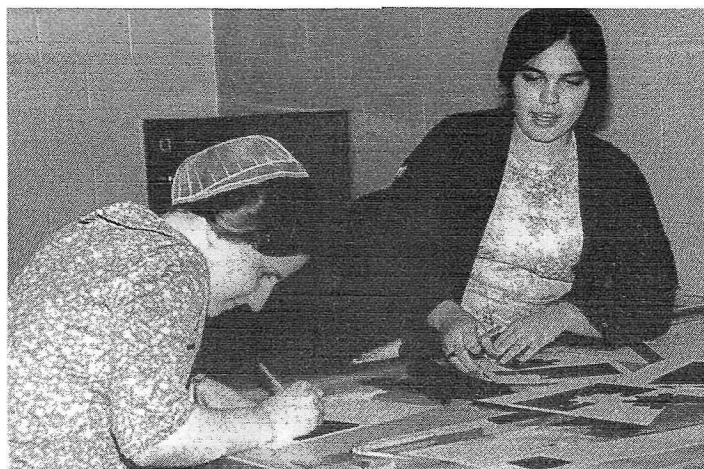
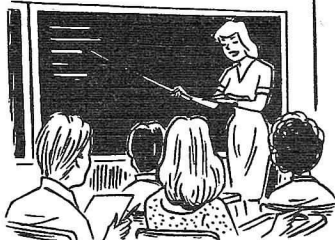
This then is really why we are here - So that we, with you, can become, better disciples, and, in that becoming, disciple others also, those who will come to take our places in God's kingdom of tomorrow.

Thank You

What a warm feeling I experienced when I opened my mail on January 21! There was a check to help cover my hospital expense and loss of pay for days off. Thanks so much to parents, teachers and others who so generously reached out to meet my financial needs. The Lord bless you for it.

-Miss Witmer

"The less I know about a subject, the longer it takes me to explain it."



Staff Eyes Completion Of Classic

We might be near the end of the rope, but we've made a knot and are still hanging on! Yearbook staff is pluggin' away and using each spare moment to finish up this year's classic. There've been boulders and thistles - long the way - but we've made it this far!

First of all, Miss Witmer, our advisor, was laid up for three weeks - over an important deadline! In her absence, we "carried on." Former staff members can imagine what it was like packing up "things" for an evening and displaying them beside a hospital bed for final approval!

The next big roadblock was our long Christmas vacation... how could we ever get in gear on time to meet our final deadline? Well, behind Miss Witmer's "push" was lots of encouragement from each other and dedication mixed with laughter and fun. An evening together finishing up some pages proved worthwhile; especially having pizza for supper!

With a grin, Miss Witmer made this statement, "There's no way we'd all have remained sane

without the flexibility the staff showed!"

We'll be one happy bunch in a few months! Just wait 'til that delivery truck marked "Roadway" comes truckin' up the hill with the "finished product"! That'll make each effort seem worth it's while!

-Eunice Lapp

Datebook

- | | |
|--------|---|
| Feb 27 | - No school for LVH. Students provide their own transportation. |
| Mar 8 | - Gospel Team at Rockville. |
| 12-13 | - Senior trip |
| 15 | - Chorale program at Cedar Hill. |
| 29 | - Chorale program at Lyndon |
| Apr 1 | End of third report period. |
| 8 | Report cards due. |
| 9-13 | Chorale tour. |
| 16 | Easter vacation begins. 1:40 pm. |
| 20 | Easter vacation ends. |
| 23 | PTF. 7:30 pm. |

Mustard Seed is published monthly during the school year by Faith Menn. High Sch., Rt. 1, Kitzers, Pa. 17535. It is distributed complimentary to donors, students, and Mennonite schools in the area. Editorial Staff: Joy Bren-neman, Lois Ranck, Rose Esh, Linda Deiter, Ken Gehman, and Victor Stoltzfus. Advisors: Mr. Gochnauer, and Miss Witmer.

Clubs Vary Student's Schedules

An anticipated activity of second semester is the varied clubs that are offered to students. These are not offered for a substitution of regular classes but are used to complement schedules. Usually meeting once a week, students in clubs do not receive any credit. However, a new club, Lifetime Sports, which meets twice a week does offer a $\frac{1}{2}$ unit of credit. Taught by Mr. Wilburs, this club

includes physical activities, and research.

Skit club is taught by Miss Hurst and will be presenting a play to the school body in the future.

Making pin hole cameras is part of photography club. This and dark room club is taught by Mr. Goch-nauer to students who envision setting up their own film developing centers!

Needlecraft is taught by Miss Zimmerman.



Club enthusiasts look forward to these outlets from regular classroom activities.

Rose Esh

Sara Stahl works on needlecraft, below. Miss Hurst reads to skit club, left.



Alumni News

Miss Cynthia J. Brenneman



Paul Lamar Hess ('80) works at home on his father's dairy farm. Farm activities such as, the field work, maintenance, feeding, and milking, keep his job exciting and enjoyable. He enjoys serving the Lord with the rest of the youth group as they sing for the aged ones, mail out "The Star" to the community, and other activities the youth might share in together. He's a part of the Moments of Glad Tidings Chorus where he uses his talent of singing. Paul has just attended a six week term at Sharon Mennonite Bible Institute. He thoroughly enjoyed getting to meet new faces and digging into the Word of God.

Gerald Boll ('80) is currently employed at TPTP (today's pig, tomorrow's pork). It is a 500 sow intense swine production unit which has 4 buildings, from farrowing to finish. Gerald takes care of the

nursery and finishing buildings which makes a total of around 2,300 pigs. He hand feeds the nursery and maintains the automatic feeder in the finishing building, along with scraping pens. Working a 50 hour week has really helped him to learn more about pigs, but he would rather work outdoors. So, this spring he is planning on joining his father on the farm and also is raising a few tomatoes as a sideline project. He teaches the junior boys at Sunday school and sings tenor for the Moments of Glad Tidings Chorus. This summer he took the weekend off and went canoeing down the West Branch of the Susquehanna River. He admired the handiwork of God. A week spent at SMBI was also very rewarding for him. Looking into the future Gerald sees Bible School and VS as being a definite part of his life.

Can You Believe It?

You know, everyone talks about how large a 747 is, but I believe it is mostly exaggeration. Just today I saw one sitting on a table in the Mustard Seed room. Right on the nose, in bold letters it said 747. I stepped around to the side, and saw the words "Lift cap to

load."

But mind you, this thing wasn't a TWA. I had to stretch my neck to see the word but I think it said "Swingline."

I peeked inside and read "Use genuine #4 swingline 100% round wire staples for the best performance."

Gym Enthusiasm Soars

The gym is a great asset to us students of FMH. It provides enough room for two basketball games to be in session at one time and it allows us to have gym class in all kinds of weather. It sure beats playing basketball in the rain!

When the time came to take showers for the first time there was a large chorus of groans, booing and exclamations. But when we had finished almost everyone had changed his opinion about them. Some people even discovered that taking showers is more fun than Phys. Ed.!

The gym is also used for banquets and concerts.

It seats approximately 700 people.

-Steve Beachy, Betty Burkholder



Teachers Relax And Rejoice In New Facilities

As we adjust to our new facilities our appreciation continues to grow for the provisions made in every area. Let me tell you about the administrative area.

Mr. Gochnauer, our principal, has space in his paneled office, not only to organize things and study,

but also to display his books and some cherished nic-nacs among the attractively arranged book shelves.

Mrs. Ressler, our secretary, in the main office is surrounded by cupboards and files under counter space placed with window area above. Her

efficiency is seen in her organization of things.

Behind her office is a room designed to be the pastor's office. This is not furnished at present.

A supply room, complete with metal shelves, houses our duplicator, mimeograph, audio visual equipment and general supplies. There is a generous amount of space and things are easy to find.

From the supply room a door opens into the teacher's lounge. Here we have an area for study as well as room to relax. (When we find time!) This, at present, is sparsely furnished, but we hope to add furniture as we can.

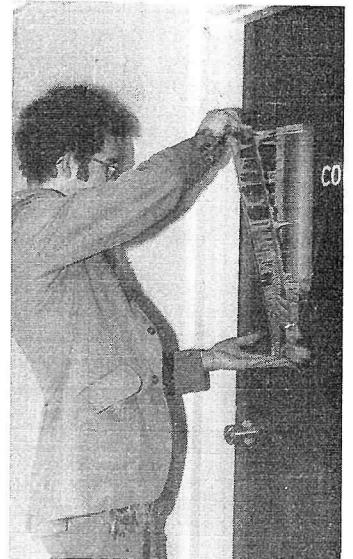
The conference room is behind the lounge. Here we teachers meet for prayer each morning. The school board meets for discussions, gospel teams practice and committee meetings are held here.

We have plenty of elbow room now! Our thanks goes to those who planned and built it. - L. Witmer

Conference Room Goes Berserk

"Kevin Charles is locked in the conference room and we can't get him out!"

Such was the note that indicated that even the conference room gets tired



Do you think that taking out the window will leave a sufficient gap for Kevin to crawl through?

of routine activities and seeks to bring variety!

The unlucky victim was held hostage by the regenade lock for about 20 minutes. Charles felt that the most frustrating thing about the whole ordeal was that the lock was inanimate and thus did not respond to physical abuse.

The door surrendered when the window was taken out of it and the empty space was used as a passage way to admit some tools.

- Ken Gehman



Max the Mouse

by Maximillian van Musculus

Hullo everyone,

Some people must have had a narrow escape with death. Seniors coming out of Mr. Gochnauer's room were panting, glassy eyed, pale and some were even near tears. When I heard them talking about a Bible Doctrines test, I understood why their equilibrium was so greatly agitated. Those feared tests come but three or four times a year and then the seniors burn the midnight oil for days ahead. I mean nights.

But even as they labored over the tests, I noticed that the rest of the students could not disguise their admiration for their heroic efforts. Congratulations for surviving it!

Hey, did you ever wonder about my fashionable name? Let me explain its great significance to you. Musculus is Latin for "mouse." Van, also Latin, means "son of" and Maxmillin means "greatest." Do you get it? It really does make sense. "The greatest son of a mouse!"

I can't believe it

actually happened. Mouse traps are appearing at this school. This morning I was scampering down the hall when I noticed a noisy crowd around Beulah Blank's locker. I tiptoed down and saw her jump back in sudden fright. When she had hung up her coat it had brushed against a trap and it was set off. I can imagine that she would be scared but when I realized that this school is on an anti-mouse crusade my stomach did a double flop. And that's pretty much for a mouse.

I really need help now. I don't think I'll ever trust human beings again. I bragged before that they would never kill me, but I'm terribly confused now.

I know now that I should never go into lockers. I'm not going to learn the hard way by experience or I might not live through it.

So for the next few weeks I'll hibernate, and you folks take care of yourselves and set your traps if that makes you happy.

Faith Mennonite High School
Route 1
Kinzers, PA 17535