

Seniors Experience Washington, D.C.

On Thursday morning, March 12, the seniors arrived at school much earlier than usual and without complaining. By 6 o'clock everyone had boarded the bus, the luggage was all loaded, and we were on our way to Washington D.C. for our Senior Trip.

As it turned out, we could not have had two more beautiful days for the trip. Although each day's schedule was full, we had time to relax and enjoy each other's friendship. Thursday's schedule included stops at the Bureau of Printing & Engraving, the Library of Congress, and the Capitol, where we saw the United States Senate in action. It was very interesting to observe distinguished Senators John Glen of Ohio and John H. Chafee of Rhode Island argue with each other on the issue of credit cards and hidden costs to consumers!

Around four o'clock we headed for the hotel to relax and dress up for the symphony concert at the Kennedy Center. After the concert we had dinner at Gusti's, an Italian restaurant. By that time we were terribly hungry and we ate enough to last us until Friday dinner time, (especially those that ordered lasagna)!

The evening was still young so we visited the Lincoln Memorial and the Capitol building for pic-

tures. There ought to be at least a few good ones with all the pictures the guys in advanced photography took!

Most of us couldn't stay awake longer than two o'clock but a short four hours later we were on the move again. After a light breakfast at the hotel provided by the food committee we went to see the changing of the guards at the Arlington Cemetery. Then came one of the most interesting stops - a tour through the FBI building which included seeing the

labs where finger prints, blood stains, hair, etc. are thoroughly examined for possible evidence. A display of thousands of rifles, shotguns, pistols and machine guns confiscated from captured criminals included a seemingly harmless cane which turned out to be a 28 caliber rifle!

We had lunch at the Commerce Building but most of us were still full from supper! During the rest of the afternoon, everyone was free to browse through the many buildings of the

Smithsonian Institute and the Washington Monument.

At six o'clock, we took an interesting tour through a wax museum, then ate supper at Gino's and arrived back at school at 11:30.

A special thanks goes out from us seniors to our class officers and Mr. & Mrs. Gochnauer for their time and effort put forth in planning this wonderful trip! Also, we want to thank Lamar & Mary Howe for giving up busy schedules to be our chaperones.

- Dwilyn Beiler

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Impressions Of Leadership Seminar

On March 17, 1981, Student-Council sponsored after-school Leadership Seminars. It was basically designed for student leaders but anyone was welcome. About 40 students and the class advisors were present. There was an hour of organized recreation followed by some free time and a supper from Wegman's Catering Service.

Following supper, Dr. Earnest Hess shared with us on the topic "What makes a good Leader"? He gave six characteristics of a good leader. (L-Look) You must be alert to things around you and have visions and goals. (E-Example) Ask yourself, "Do I want my followers to be just like me?" (A-Admit) Admit your mistakes. (D-Discipline) True discipline comes from within yourself. (E-Enthusiastic) Be able to pass it on. (R-Reproduce) Develop more leaders. Don't try to do

all the work yourself.

The group then divided into three workshops. Treasurers were taught by Mr. Gochnauer, Secretaries by Miss Witmer, and Presidents and Vice-Presidents by Dr. Hess.

After we all got together again, some of us had the chance of being in an impromptu meeting. (It was rare!) Last of all, there was a panel by the

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FMH Can Receive Capital Funds

Lancaster Conference Capital Funds Solicitation is coming up for all our Lancaster Conference churches following Spring Conference. Many patrons would like to channel their gifts to the current need of the new building. Some have friends who would like to do so, too.

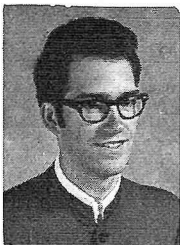
To contribute personally, simply indicate to your solicitor that you would like your gift

to go to Faith Mennonite High School. Lancaster Conference will forward it to us.

To get others involved, contact your pastor and your local solicitor. See if the need can be announced at a regular Sunday morning service prior to solicitation. Then, have your solicitor mention it as one of the options when he makes his call.



Funny people do funny things !



Principal's Corner

Mr James E. Gochnauer

Gossip: Satan's Tool Against FMH

A friend confided to me the other day, "I know five Christian organizations which are being torn apart by gossip." Probably, his estimate was low; however, he put his finger on one of the devil's strongest tools against Christian organizations and their leaders.

Even FMH is not free from the influence of gossips and whisperers. Illustrations could be given which show how certain comments have gone through four or five people before getting back to their source where they can be clarified and corrected.

The Bible has several things to say about tale-bearers and their "stock-in-trade." The following references are quoted from the New International Version.

God commanded the children of Israel, "Do not go about spreading slander among your people. (Lev. 19:16)."

The wise man tells us why we have such a problem — "The words of a gossip are like choice morsels; they go down to a man's inmost parts (Pro. 18:8). — and he tells us not to listen to such people — "A gossip betrays a confidence; so avoid a man who talks too much (Pro. 20:19)."

Notice what happens when we do as we should. "For lack of wood the fire goes out, and where there is no whisperer, contention quiets down. (Pro. 26:20, NASB)"

In the New Testament, Paul describes "gossips and busybodies" as "talking about things not proper to mention. (1 Tim. 5:13)." Classing gossips in with 19 other sins he says, "Avoid such men as these (2 Tim. 3:5)."

In contrast, we are given very specific direction on how to handle grievances.

Jesus said, "If your brother sins against you, go

and show him his fault, just between the two of you (Matt. 18:15)."

This, at least in the initial stages of a problem, allows little room for involving other people in the situation.

We are further instructed, "But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses (Matt. 18:16)."

Now we are told what to do if our initial confrontation does not produce a satisfactory solution to the problem. But who are those additional people who should be involved? In a parent-teacher or student-teacher situation, the principal should be the next person to involve. In a parent-principal or teacher-principal conference, the board or a committee picked by its chairman could be involved next.

Finally, we are told, "If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church (Matt. 18:17)." Again, in our school setting, it seems that the full school board would comprise this last group.

I want to extend a hearty "Thank you" to those who have brought their complaints and concerns directly to the school for solution. You come to us as a breath of fresh air as we joy to see the brotherhood functioning properly.

When the Lord's work is going successfully forward, the devil will use every opportunity to hinder it in its progress. Let's not become part of his trap and be judged for hindering God's work at Faith Mennonite High School.

Datebook

- Mar 29 - Chorale at Lyndon
- Apr 2 - 6 - Chorale tour
- 8 - End of third report period
- 16 - Report cards due
- 16 - Easter vacation begins at 1:40 pm.
- 20 - Easter vacation ends
- 23 - Gospel team to be at Quarryville Presbyterian Home
- 26 - Chorale at Marietta

School Term Extended

The six days of extended Christmas vacation and one snow day will be made up in several ways.

We will have school on Easter Monday, April 20, and on Ascension Day, May 21.

There will only be one Saturday that we will have to attend school. This will be the morning of May 9, before Maranatha School comes down for the after-

noon. It will count as a whole day.

Seniors will graduate on June 5, as previously scheduled.

The following week, June 8-11, will be make-up days for freshmen, sophomores, and juniors.

These dates were decided on by patrons who listed their preferences on questionnaires given out by the school.

- Rose Esh

Chorale Tour Rescheduled

Our chorale tour has been rescheduled because of conflicting with some of the students' schedules. Previously arranged for April 9-13, it is now planned for one week earlier, April 2-6. We will be leaving Thursday afternoon from school and returning early Monday evening.

See next month's issue of the Mustard Seed for a complete review of our tour happenings.

- Rose Esh

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Lunch & Film Flavor Life

Friday, Feb. 27th, proved to be a break from the regular school schedule for everyone. We were told to report to the gym at noon. There we saw tables set up and the aroma of food filled us with anticipation. After eating the delicious hot meal of chili soup, salads and cheese cake, we settled down to enjoy the film, Rascal. This Walt Disney production featured a lovable but very mischievous raccoon who was a boy's summer companion.

Many thanks go to student council for planning this enjoyable afternoon for us.

-Sandy Newswanger



Alumni News

Miss Cynthia J. Brenneman

Ruth Ann Hollinger ('80) is currently employed at Denver Nursing Home. Feeding, bathing, walking and sharing with the patients at the home is something she really loves to do. She also assists the nurses in their professional care. Sometime in the future she would love to spend a year in VS at the children's home in Canada. She enjoys singing with the Singing Servants Chorus. A note to all students: Ruth Ann says she really misses school. She enjoyed going to school and studying.

Jane Hess ('78) soon to be Drawbond, is currently working at home on her father's

dairy farm, milking cows. During the summer she does a lot of garden work and yard work. In the winter she has time for wood crafts, sewing, and Bible School. She teaches the intermediate class at Rawlinsville Mennonite Church and also types the church bulletin. At sewing circle she works with the Junior Girls Association. This past winter she studied at Maranatha Bible School at Lansing, Michigan.

Jane is anticipating a March 21 marriage. She and her husband, Larry Drawbond, will then be living in North Dakota.

Driver Ed. Offers Variety

Another requirement of the course is to complete six hours of driving with Mr. Jackson, our Driver Ed instructor. We drive in pairs and during those six hours we perfect our driving skills and learn new and better ones.

There are a few reasons why we take a Driver Ed course. One is that some of our parents have asked us to take it in order to be eligible for cheaper insurance rates. More personally related to most of us, however, is the opportunity of obtaining our senior licenses when we are seventeen. In becoming more familiar with the laws of the road, we also are taught diligence with our workbook requirements. And last but not least we are better prepared to drive as defensive drivers.

Assembly Held

Due to the design of the Driver Education course, an assembly was held March 6, with a policewoman giving us students in Driver Ed., an opportunity to ask her questions that were raised in the workbooks.

Trooper Engle, who works for the state police, illustrated some areas of safe driving with a slide presentation. She also spoke on driving safely and answered occasional questions.

However, the object of greatest interest was a radar gun which she demonstrated how to use. Pointing it at the ceiling lights she suggested that they were probably flickering at 7 mph. which was the average frequency of other schools. However, the radar registered them at 13 mph. Could it be that they were speeding?

This interesting assembly I am sure will leave many lasting guidelines to remember, as we try to apply them in our driving habits.

-Twila Howe, Rose Esh

Basketball Fever

The last several homeroom periods have been spent playing basketball with the participation of all the students. First of all, the freshmen and sophomore guys competed with the junior and senior guys. There was a lot of competition as the score seesawed. As time rolled nearer the end, the freshmen-sophomore guys outnumbered by several points played harder than ever. The girls cheered even louder and more pleadingly, "Come on guys, you can beat 'em!" Well, exceeding the freshmen-sophomore guys, the juniors and seniors won with a final score of 20-18. But cheer up girls, it was the only sport they lost so far in playing against the upper classmen.

The next week, we girls decided to take a try while letting the guys stand back against the walls to cheer. Again, the freshmen and sophomores were against the juniors and seniors. We played as hard as we could and everyone who cared to had a chance to play. Running from one basket to the other, the score remained tied until a sophomore finally broke it with a basket which resulted in loud cheering. The shooting and running continued, but at last the bell buzzed and the game was over. Opposite the guys' game, the freshmen - sophomore girls won.

-Beulah Blank

Note From The Librarian

-Miss Witmer

Our library is growing gradually. Since 1980, 235 books have been approved, of which 175 have been processed and added to the shelves. Our twenty reviewers, who are patrons of the school, are kept busy. It is their job to read the book and on a large file card record general information as well as give reasons for approving or rejecting the book. Since late October of 1980 approximately 220 books were sent to them, of which, 120 came back approved and 27 rejected or given qualified approval. Seventy-three books are still in the reviewer's hands. Those returned with qualified approval or rejection are sent to a second reviewer. The education committee will make the final decision concerning these books.

We have received over 100 books that were used and donated by patrons or friends of the school. We really appreciate this donation. Over 130 books are waiting to go out to reviewers so the work keeps going on.

Needless to say, as the library grows, the work of accounting for books purchased, distributing them to reviewers, checking when returned, filing of cards on approved books and the final steps in accessing books and preparing them for the

shelves has been mounting. At present there are two library helpers who take care of everyday routine tasks, and as they have time, assist in other areas.

However, more time will need to be given for me as librarian to accommodate the work load. Continue to pray for us as we make our book selections.

Progressive Juniors?

The 3:20 dismissal bell marked the end of the school day, but was it the end of the day? Never! At least not for us Juniors. It was just the beginning of our social. In a short while we were gathered in the gym and had divided into teams for some basketball games that we played long and hard. After refreshing ourselves we all piled in a van and headed for supper. Since it was a progressive supper we only got salad at our first stop, Kathy King's house. It seemed to take an age to get to the second place after having our appetites stirred. As we were climbing out of the van at the next stop, Steve Beachy spied a cat which he was soon hugging to pieces. The meat loaf that we relished at Carl Zook's home held us over until we reached Victor Stoltzfus' home where we were filled with huge baked potatoes. While we reloaded, Steve was hunting cats. Peas and carrots came next at Betty Burkholder's place, after which we started for strawberry shortcake at the home of Miss Hurst, our class advisor. Bethany Stoltzfus' house was our last stop. We played group games as well as table games, and even got pie and ice cream. Yum!

-Frieda Stoltzfus

-Linda Sensenig



Max the Mouse

by Maximillian van Musculus

I believe that most people have bad opinions of mice, and it's an understatement to just say that mice, as a whole, would rather not keep company with humans. But, strange as it may seem, I think I'm learning to like most of you. As a matter of fact, I've gotten into the habit of watching the front doors in the morning. It's kinda fun to keep a mental tab on all the absentees. But just the other day the habit gave me a big scare. I was sitting at my usual lookout close to the front door, waiting for students to arrive. I never saw the likes. There were more absentees than on any other school day since I've been around. From all appearances the students who did come were feeling pretty rare. I held my post till after chapel just in case there would be any late comers. My effort paid off. I got the absentee list down to 25. I couldn't figure it out. Twenty-five absentees!

Suddenly it hit me.

There must be an epidemic of some kind. Maybe small pox or polio, or yellow fever! But no, vaccinations were given for those diseases. There wouldn't be an epidemic of that sort. SWINE FLU! That was it! I heard that it can be a fatal disease at times so I called up the school nurse to see what should be done to protect the other students. She wasn't in, so I went to talk to Mrs. Ressler for some comfort. I poured out all my troubles before her. She listened reverently until I was finished and then burst out laughing. I was totally disgusted. I jumped up to leave, hot tears stinging my eyes.

"Now wait a minute, Max," she said as she gently turned me around. "Let me show you something." She pulled a huge volume toward me as she leafed through it. Suddenly she stopped. "Here, read this." There, scrawled across the page in capital letters were the words Thursday, March 12 SENIOR TRIP.

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three workshop leaders answering some questions.

All in all, it was an educational and relaxing evening. Everybody is a leader in one way or another. Sometimes it's kind of scary - the job seems so big - but we can't grow as a person without taking risks!