

# Varied Activities Highlight Chorale's Tour

Chorale tour, April 2-6, finally came after being so eagerly awaited by the twenty-four people in it. As we boarded the bus, little did we know of the varied experiences we would be involved in but we anticipated a great time.

Our first program was at Penns Grove Mennonite Church, in Penn Grove, N. J. There, as at the other churches, we were enthusiastically received.

Friday morning we sang at Cumberland Christian School and were hosted for dinner in their cafeteria. The afternoon was spent in traveling and playing games. By evening we arrived in Bronx, New York City. We were hosted by the Friendship Communi-

ty Church until Sunday morning. We gave our complete program there Friday night and sang two songs in their Saturday night service.

Saturday was exhausting as we toured New York City. Sandwiched in subways, elevators or busy streets, we managed to visit the Empire State Building and experience a ferry ride.

Sunday morning we sang at Mennonite Bible Fellowship Church in New Haven, Conn. There we encountered a situation in which we needed to depend on God more obviously than before on our trip - our bus was robbed.

After getting a good night of rest (for many of us it was the first time on tour that we slept in a bed), we journeyed to The

King's College in New York. We sang a few songs in the cafeteria and afterwards ate there.

We left there about 2:00 and returned home at approximately 5:30.

It was truly a pleasurable tour. Through the diverse circumstances we learned in a new way the meaning of our theme for the tour, "Christian Joy".

Rose Esh

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### Theft Poses Questions & Answers

"Bigger than all my problems, bigger than anything. God is bigger than any mountain that I can or cannot see."

Is He really BIGGER?

Sunday afternoon, April 5, while praising the Lord in New Haven, Connecticut, our tour bus was robbed of \$800 to \$1000 worth of goods including cameras, pocketbooks, and cash.

"Why, God? Why did

you let this happen to us ... to me? Am I being punished?"

"No, child."

"But, God...?"

"Child, am I really bigger than all your problems?"

"I thought so, but now..."

"You know that there is nothing that comes into your life that I have not allowed and approved of."

"Forgive me Lord, I

### NYC Is Interesting...

Subways, people, skyscrapers, taxis ... taxis,

see it now."

God tested me through this experience to see whether I meant what I was singing about. I no longer question "Why, God" but, "Show me Lord what new lesson I am to apply in my life." Truly, God is bigger than any mountain!

Sharon Reed

skyscrapers, people, subways... Day in, day out. Night and day there's a constant rush! Everything seems to be done in seconds. If one doesn't rush, he may watch the subway leave without him, get run over by a car, or get pushed around in a crowd, and end up in the wrong destination.

New York City is a land where there are no rolling hills covered with trees, flowers, fields and herds of cattle. Neither is there a chorus of birds to give one a cheery "good-morning"; instead there are a few fat pigeons strutting around on mountains of trash and garbage.

But amidst crowded elevators, midnight gangs and overflowing subways, take a closer look. For one has to remember the kind lady in the subway who helped us when we were lost, the breathtaking view from 102 stories up, and the happy bands of believers in HIM scattered throughout the city.

In spite of blessings in the city I still thank God I'm a country girl!

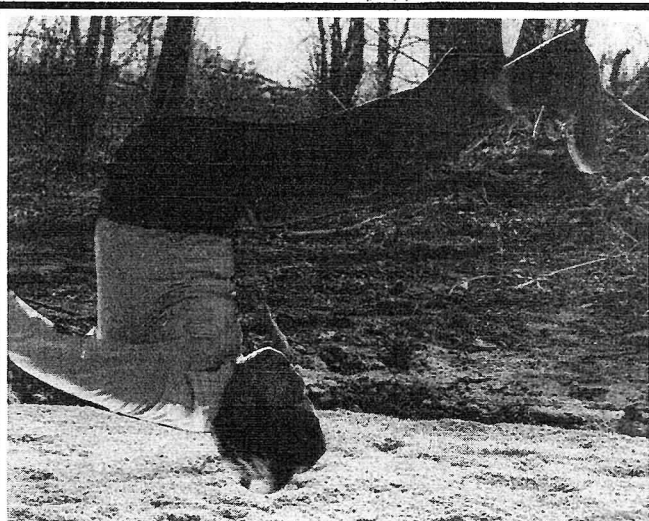
-Dolores Brenneman

### Work Days Planned Put Us To Work!

Student Council has recently announced the dates of our third annual work days. Students will be available on Friday and Saturday April 24 & 25 to work for a minimum wage of \$3 an hour. Jobs can include lawn and garden work, farm work, and numerous household chores and odd jobs. Students will be available to work for their parents upon request.

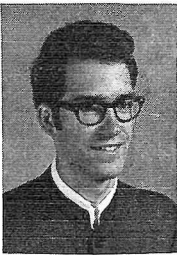
Student Council will be running ads on WDAC for

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Is Kevin Hahn really that good in the broad jump, or is this April Fool's?





## Principal's Corner

Mr James E. Gochnauer

### A Little Bit Of Here 'n There

Some of us who have been associated with FMH for a long period of time, take certain things for granted, among which are items both humorous and serious. Following is a popourri of trivia which you may find interesting (even though you won't be tested on it). Did you know:

- That it takes about \$1.00 worth of a teacher's and a classes combined time for each minute a student enters class late?
- That Miss Witmer has met again as students at FMH, people she taught in first grade at Locust Grove?
- That FMH used to have a "Merit-demerit" system and scrapped it to develop teacher creativity in relation to discipline?
- That Mr. Wilburs breeds Arabian horses when he is not teaching school?
- That the Lost and Found has accumulated clothes, books, papers, baseball glbves, and shoes - but never any money?
- That the students farthest away from school drive 76 miles round trip to come every day?
- That Mr. Lapp spent 15 years in Washington D.C. in mission work before coming to FMH?
- That more than one-third of next year's student

body will be new students?

- That Mr. Harnish is also Mr. Gochnauer's pastor?
- That one of the "Annies" reached up and stopped Steve Groff when he was doing CPR on her the other day? (April Fool!)
- That FMH has its own "Statement of Faith."
- That Mr. and Mrs. Gochnauer were the only two full-time teachers the first year of school?
- That all full-time academic teachers at FMH have at least a bachelor's degree in their field?
- That Mr. Gochnauer now stops at all railroad tracks when driving a bus?
- That three mice were caught in the teacher's room and Beulah's locker but "Max" refuses to be mentioned among them?
- That Miss Zimmerman has collected so many "unclaimed" pattern pieces from home ec. classes she will soon be able to make a garment from them?

Maybe you know some more things we should know.

Tell us, or write a note to Mustard Seed, Faith Mennonite High School, R. #1, Kinzers, Pa. 17535.

Meanwhile, let's keep praising the Lord for all the factors, both great and small, that makes FMH the unique place it is.

## Datebook

- April 20 - Easter vacation ends
- 23 - Gospel team to be at Quarryville Presbyterian Home
- 24-25 - Work days
- 26 - Chorale at Marietta
- 27 - Spiritual Life Week
- May 5 - Chorale at Landis Homes
- 9 - Maranatha is coming
- 10 - Gospel team at Churchtown in the afternoon
- 17 - Chorale at Rawlinsville
- 18 - Alumni day

## Class Observes Greek Orthodox Service

On March 22nd, the Anabaptist History class visited the Greek Orthodox Church along Hershey Ave. We arrived at 9:45 a.m. and entered the church along with numerous other churchgoers. A strange monotone singing was heard as we walked through the religious education department and to the narthex which was just outside the sanctuary. They lit candles and placed them in a large candle holder and then kissed an Icon. We were then introduced to the priest's wife who explained the symbolism that the church had and the many pictures which were painted on the front wall and

ceiling.

We were told that quite a number of people attending the church spoke Greek as their only language and that practically everyone was well versed in the language. Consequently half of the service was conducted in Greek.

We had the privilege of sitting in the balcony so we could observe the service better. The sanctuary was hazy with smoke from the huge amount of incense they burn. The liturgy was very formal which included singing the scriptures instead of reading them. The whole service lasted over one and a half hours with peo-

ple coming and going as they pleased, depending on which part of the service they wanted to attend.

It was interesting to note that every time the Trinity was mentioned, the people would cross themselves out of respect. Also, each Sunday they go through the life of Christ in the service.

It was enjoyable and very eye-opening for us to visit another kind of church and observe how they worshipped the same God as we do. But I'm sure that all of us who went, can better appreciate the fellowship that we have in our own congregations.

-Steve Groff



# "Apparitions" Seen During "Spirit Week"

Student Council members thought that school needed a little livening on the week of March 23-27. Spirit Week. What is that? It was designed to get student's in "the spirit". Each day there was something different for students to wear. On Monday it was school colors. Everyone (well almost!) showed up in brown or gold. Tuesday was clash day. Some of those outfits could have crossed your eyes! The chapel speaker for that day noted that "everyone likes a little variety!" I hoped the visitors didn't think we always dressed

like that. Wednesday was dress up day, of course. Everyone appeared in good Sunday clothes, many of them new. The boys were even persuaded on the whole to wear suits. Thursday was button & pin day. Janelle Charles walked in school with 102 buttons. Dan Geib accumulated 154 when friends donated their metals to his collection. They were both awarded with a large Hershey chocolate bar during Friday's assembly. You could tell when they were around by the rattling and clattering of the buttons. Friday the school was filled with nurses, firemen, car-

penters, farmers, housewives, milkmaids, waitresses, paramedics, engineers, airplane mechanics, and more. This was occupation day.

Friday afternoon was the frosting for the cake. Students enthusiastically participated in a talent show which convinced everyone of the potential which is present in this school. It was a fun week and I believe that "everyone liked the variety."

-Carol Eberly



Student Council models the dress code for Spirit Week.

## Talent Show Climaxes Week

To end spirit week, a talent show was planned. Anyone who wished could participate. To begin with, two unlucky guys, who didn't wear school colors on Monday, had a penalty. They were introduced to a "human machine" which manufactured water and they received a small

We are looking forward to receiving our 198 "Silver Crest". As a staff we feel we have created a really unique yearbook. Orders are coming in but more can be taken. Why not order while the supply lasts! Fill in the blank and mail to the school as soon as possible or call the school at (442-8818) and place your order now.

shower. Joy Kreider had a dramatic reading where she was an old lady trying to ride a horse. We all roared with laughter when a Cow Milking men's quartet tried to sing us a song. Miss Hurst and Miss Witmer put on an interesting skit. Miss Hurst was an old lady who got everything all turned around when she couldn't hear the questions that Miss Witmer, a census taker, asked her. Rose Esh read her own imaginative story about FMH students after they graduated, and what they were involved in. There also were other skits and singing. It was a great way to end a week.

-Sara Stahl



## Alumni News

Miss Cynthia J. Brenneman

Marlin Martin ('80) is currently employed as Herdsman on Don Ranck's dairy farm located one mile east of Strasburg. He enjoys his job of milking cows and doing field work. Marlin and his wife Sue visited several states on their Honeymoon-Tennessee, Texas, Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, and a few other states. They visited Grand Canyon and some other interesting places. Marlin is now a proud father of a 5 lb. girl. Angela Jean was born April 3, 1981. Congratulations Marlin and Sue. Our prayers are with you as you raise Angela for the Lord.

Paul Ranck ('79) is currently working at home on his father's dairy farm. His jobs include feeding the cows and calves, milking, and other regular routine farm jobs. Twice a week he helps one of his neighbors clean their barn in the forenoon.

On Friday and Saturday he helps another neighbor clean his barn. He enjoys immensely the farm life and working with the animals. Sunday morning he teaches the youth class at Farr Creek Mennonite Church. He uses his musical talent in singing with the Joyful Servants (which includes his brother and three sisters) Some months ago the Joyful Servants went to Northern Pa. to give three programs in the Canton area. Paul, along with his brother and sister is now planning on taking a trip to Indiana to see his sister Naomi who sings with the Gospel Echoes Team. He says it's really great to be out of the school building but the learning experiences don't stop. Along with the rest of the alumni Paul continues to learn as the Lord continues to teach him through life experiences.

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## Seniors Puzzled By Disguised Food

With the savory aroma of "mysterious" food coming from the kitchen, we seniors eagerly anticipated a fun filled evening following school on March 24th. It was time for another one of our socials and this time we were headed for a big surprise; a mystery supper!

Immediately after school we were free to do as we pleased until four o'clock, at which time we met in the gym. A couple of the guys helped set up the volleyball net and we played hard and vigorously for about an hour. By then we were thoroughly famished and ready for our supper. But first we were put to work filling out a college exam. Most of us passed that so we headed on down to the typing room to wait for instructions and our menus. The paper tablecloth proved to be a fascination and an excellent drawing pad to some of us as we waited.

Our menus included such items as Snake's Tongue (fork), Irish pearls (peas), Balaam's

Donkey's Delight (carrots) and stacks (lasagna) plus many more.

Following the delicious food and many laughs we watched the film Big Red. This thrilling story of a boy and his great love for a big red dog held our attention right up to the end.

Another surprise succeeded the film. We were served blueberry pie and ice cream before heading home.

-Joy Brenneman

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a week starting on April 15 during their Sunrise and Jubilee programs.

The money earned from the two work days will go into Student fund drive and will be used to help pay for yearbook expenses, field trips, audio visual supplies, and other student activities.

To call the school for more information or to hire a student, simply dial (717) 442-WORK during school hours from April 15 to April 23.

-Dwilyn Beiler



## Max the Mouse

by Maximillian van Musculus

Hullo everyone,

I made up my mind and everything is official. I'm coming back to FMH next year. People have been treating me rather nicely since the mice massacre so I guess it's safe to stay. I handed my application to Mrs. Ressler and she was so thrilled that she hung it up on the office window. That is where all the important papers are posted.

I almost went with Chorale on their tour. I was in the locker rooms browsing around the suitcases and garment bags when I spied one that was open. I peeked inside and accidentally fell in but the materials inside were soft so I didn't hurt myself. Soon, however, I grew hungry. I began rummaging around and I found some snacks. After experiencing a pleasurable hour I began to get sticky. To my dismay I discovered that I was sitting in a pool of hairspray. There were other kinds of glue in there also. I'm not sure but it looked like a sign said Face Creme. I decided then that I would not go anywhere near

hairspray and glue or I might get stuck in New York City. I disappeared from that room as quickly as possible.

CPR is so puzzling to me. I don't know if the students love or hate those Anhies. Sometimes they hit them, then they will kiss them but pinch their noses. When they settle their emotions, maybe then the Annies will respond. That will be fun to watch.

During Spirit Week before I discovered that it was the students that were wearing pins I thought I was living my last day. It sounded exactly like an army of cats with bells was invading the school. The rattling of tin was terrifyingly clangorous and as I was running from it I saw the Spirit Week bulletin which hailed that day as pin day. Then I was consoled. So now that I endured that, I believe I deserve a genuine metal for my courage.

Lest you think that I'm bragging, I better sign off before you get angry about my insolence.

Happy Easter vacation!

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I picture a stream in winter -  
Cold and almost silent,  
Littered with decaying leaves.  
Trees stand exposed and gray.  
The banks are empty,  
And ferns have vanished.

No warmth - No life!

But then...

Spring comes along!!  
The stream trickles over pebbles and around bends  
Trees bend low as if to shelter  
Tiny ferns that deck the bank.  
Twigs burst forth.  
Leaves stretch as if to touch each other.  
Life everywhere!

I picture myself coming to God  
Filled with fear and uncertainty,  
Little sign of life.  
But then God sends a springtime -  
A friend or a smile  
And my heart is filled.

Now I can live!



-Frieda Stoltzfus