

STAFF LISTS ANNOUNCED

Times Rates 3rd Class

A Third Honor Class rating was given out recently to the *Times* in the National Scholastic Press Association competition at the University of Minnesota. This award represents the judges, professional journalists teachers and critics, estimate of the quality and scope of the paper in comparison with other junior high school papers around the country.

Within the individual divisions of the competition, the photography received the only superior rating. Front page layout and scope of coverage were ranked as excellent with all other aspects of the paper classified as good.

Library Features Zoo

The newest addition to the "Simpson Zoo" for homeless animals was a rabbit named Eggbert. It was submitted by Bonnie Hall, Brenda Owens and Tom Vaughn. Another ferocious animal admitted recently was a bookworm. He is a real intellectual, wearing his graduation hat and carrying his diploma.

Come visit the library sometime when you need a book and see the homeless animals of the Simpson Zoo. I'm sure you will enjoy them and there are plenty of books to be read too.

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April 19, 1961, Scotty Armstrong (TV personality) talked about his trip to Russia. It was at John Simpson Auditorium at 7:30 P.M. Parents and students were invited, to come and learn more about the iron curtain country. Admission was 50 cents for adults, 25 cents for students.

Steak and Music Draw Huge Crowd

On March 17, 1961, St. Patrick's Day a Swiss Steak Dinner was held in the cafeteria of John Simpson Junior High. The serving hours were from 5 o'clock to 7 o'clock. Besides the swiss steak there were mashed potatoes with gravy, rolls, cole slaw, pie and choice of drink. The profits earned will be used towards purchasing more band uniforms.

The chairmans and committees wishes to thank all who attended and all of the people and students that worked to make it such a success.

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2 Simpsonites are Winners

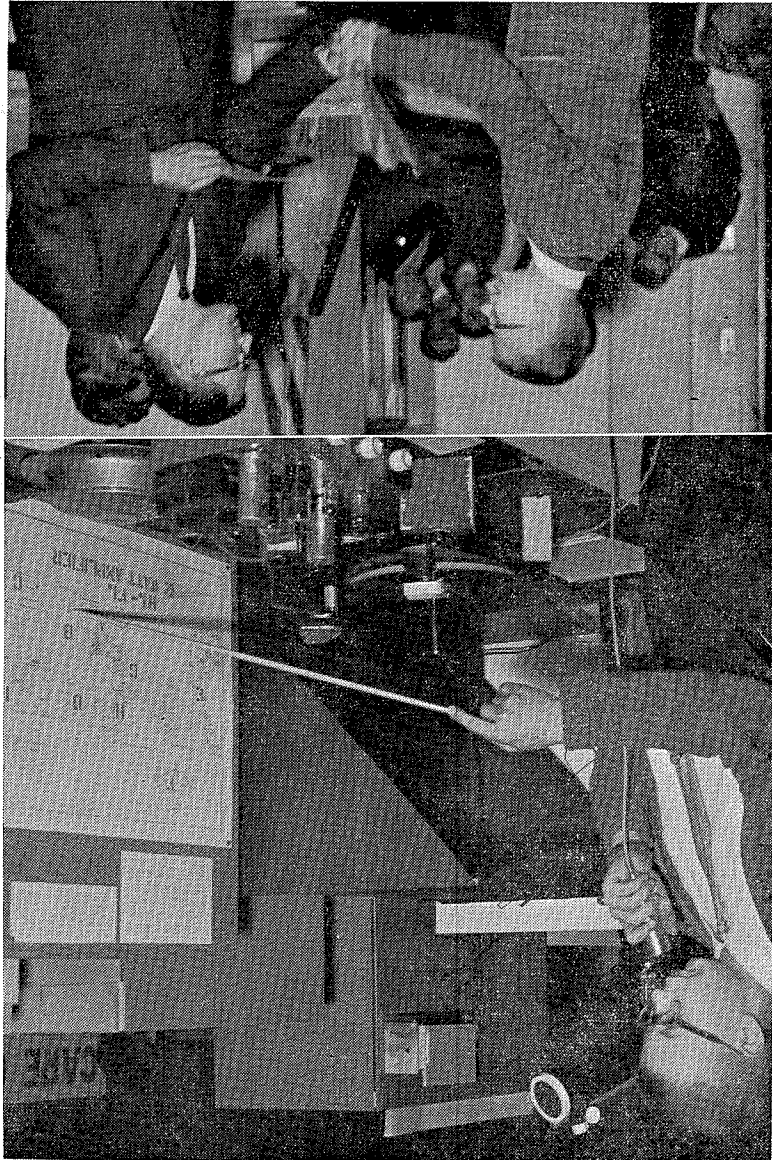
Saturday, April 8, was the day of the District Science Fair, and a momentous one in the lives of 24 Simpson students who were included in the excitement. They were the ones who were sent to Ashland College as representatives of our science classes, and the interest growing in Simpson for science. This is the general schedule they followed:

6:00-Rise and shine!
7:30-Depart, hoping you've remembered everything.
8:00-Arrival at Ashland. (There then follows a mad scramble for the right building, room, and space.)
8:30-Everything is ready, you think. You suddenly realize: "This is IT!"
9:30-Judging begins. All you can remember is how many sleepless hours you spent last night.
11:30-Judging ends. (Some students were still being judged.)
11:35-12:30 - Lunch. Reserved lunches served in Jacobs Hall, others available elsewhere. Some of us were stubborn enough to walk the mile-plus downtown.
3:00 P.M.-Awards Presentation in Memorial Chapel.
3:30-The mad scramble for home and fifty tickets were sold before the Simpson Band and Orchestra. Approximately four hundred towards purchasing more band uniforms.

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Superior winner Jack Dykstra demonstrates his entry in the Ashland Science Fair. Bottom picture shows Jack being presented with an award by the judges.

District Science Fair Held in Ashland;

Jim Smucker Photo

Students from the Talent Show perform for the Band Parents

Jim Smucker Photo

- Names of students who will serve on the staffs of the *Times* and the John Sherman paper are being announced today. No specific assignments for these people will be made until fall. All choices of students were made on the basis of apparent interest, ability to write, and grade averages in English for the first four terms. Twenty-five people have been chosen for each paper. Five alternates are also listed. These people will be used in the event that some of the first twenty-five do not return to their schools in the fall or decide not to work on a newspaper.
- The people who will make up the *Times* staff are:
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Editorials

Memories

War . . . Depression . . . Hunger . . . Want . . . Need.

Memories? What do they mean to us the children of the post-war prosperity. Could you actually know how much hunger one child can stand before expiring? Truthfully, no, you could not.

Memories? No, realities of this modern world. Do you know the suffering of those in our very own country? Could you guess? Perhaps you could manage a feeble attempt, but never an actual account.

War. Memories? No, realities of this modern world. The cold war --raging today in all its cold heat. "But it does not concern me." Friend, it concerns everyone. What can you, a junior high student do about it? Read. Study the pros and cons of every new proposition.

Depression. Above our heads? Read.

Hunger. A major problem confronting the world of today. Do you know what it is? Read.

Want. Need. Look around you. Open your eyes. Don't stop there, even though it is a major accomplishment for some. Tell others.

War. Depression. Hunger. Want. Need. Memories? Not today, but let's make them memories for *our* children.

No one expects you to be well-versed in politics at your age. That is the fun of it. Surprise them. Read.

Sights and Sounds at Sunrise

by Jim Smucker

Have you ever been up to meet the sun? I have. It is quite a glorious thing to seetherunrise from the east in dashing colors such as red, orange, and yellow.

As I was watching the sun come up over the ocean I decided to sit back and be quite to see what I could hear and see. I was really quite amazed at what I saw. The sun could barely be seen coming up over the ocean, the sky was a brilliant red, and I could see a flock of sea gulls diving and turning in the air against the beautiful red cirrus clouds. You could hear the crashing of the surf almost as if it were the symbols in a great orchestra of nature with the sea gulls and other birds being the brass section. The gentle wind that whistled so softly reminded me of the wood winds. The ocean and sunrise reminded me of the conductor who guided the rest of the orchestra in beautiful music.

Yes, it is quite wonderful to see the sunrise at the ocean or any other place in the world. Why don't you some day get up and go outside to greet the sun? It will give you a thrill you never had before.

A Spring Start

As crocuses bloom and buds appear on trees and a new life comes to many Americans. After the last of the gray-black snow melts away the bright emerald grass is truly a welcome sight.

Each spring, buds blossom into larger more beautiful flowers. Each year is better than the last. Following nature's example, we too should try to be better than last year. Although it is sometimes done, we should not be content with last spring's goals. Let's set our sights high for a better and stronger character.

Orchids To You and You and You

We *DO* appreciate the cooperation of each and every one who in any way contributed to the success of the Band and Orchestra Parents Club Steak Dinner.

We think you are all **KINGS** and **QUEENS**, and orchids to you all. Our sincere thanks to Mr. Brashares, Mr. Blauser and his fine staff, the janitor and the cafeteria workers, and Mrs. Hypes for their never ending willingness to help, and, particularly, for their advice and counsel on our many problems.

To the students and parents who did such a thorough job, and yet were so polite to all who attended the dinner, we congratulate you. The students handled the dinning room service from the beginning of serving to the final clean-up job, and *very well done* we must say.

To the students in the Talent Show -- thank you very much for your time and effort in helping to entertain the diners. To all parents who donated food, money or worked at home or at the dinner, thanks for your part, as it would have been impossible without you. Everyone and we mean everyone, deserves a medal, and the best we can do is to say a great big "THANK YOU."

From all reports received, we believe the dinner was enjoyed by the people. Financially, our goal was \$250.00 and to date, even though we do not know whether all bills are in, we think we can safely say we did reach our goal with a couple of dollars to spare.

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The Late Bird

"The early-bird catches the worm" maybe so, but two new recruits to the Ed-staff are still hunting worms. They are Glenn Lambert of 204 and Brenda Owens of 213. Glenn will serve as a sports writer and Brenda as a reporter.

REMEMBER . . .

you never run out of news, there's always something going on. If you are interested - inquire about joining the staff.

Autobiography of Spring

by Barbara Fifer

I am Spring. I am the most cherished of the seasons. Ah, yes, we are all alike--all children of Nature, all ever-changing and temperamental. I as sought and watched for long before I come, and to be sure, I am the envy of my brother Winter. While his icy robes yet envelope the country, people look hopefully for me.

Soon I come, to take from him the scepter of power. He fights, gains and loses footage often. but eventually he gives way to me, for, though he doesn't want to, he must relinquish his hold upon the earth.

One morning the land arises to greet me. I break away the snow and beckon forth the tender blossoms. I call the sun, and set her higher in the dome which I have cleared of wintry gray.

Warning: the farmers only the slightest, I bring the rain. It is needed, so they rejoice. Softly it falls, muddying the fresh earth, filling the rivers, and drenching the sidewalks of the town.

Mother earth awakens under the raindrops' light touch. She shakes off the death-sleep of winter and bursts forth in new finery. She dresses herself in robes of bright color. Forgetting the past winter's drab whiteness, she dons the bright robes of flowers.

Yes, I come suddenly, surpris-

ing the land. I awaken the country and bring it from its cocoon. Mine is the job of reviving the land from winter's tomb. I clean the cobwebs from the sepulcher, and paint it brightly.

Alas, my stay is short. Soon I, the breath of first life, am stifled in the growing fury of the sun, who rebelliously overthrows my throne.

Fads for Boys Show Spark

The spring fashion in trousers are made in paisley, plaid and checkered patterns, most of them in cotton and dacron fabrics which can be washed.

The sport shirt hasn't changed very much as far as style, still featuring the three-quarter length sleeve, short sleeve, button down front. Although you will find a lot of gay and some bold colors this spring.

The suits, as was this past winter still have the more natural shoulder look. A few stores like to feature the campus natural shoulder, which is a narrow look across the shoulders. These suits have lap seams, hook vent suit coats.

The raincoats are still in natural color poplin.

The tie type shoe and the loafers this spring have the slim trim look with the pointed toe. The loafers are more popular this spring than the tie type.

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An excited Cheering Section root Bulldogs on to victory.
Jim Smucker Photo

What The Future Holds for the Simpson Bulldogs

As I look into my crystal ball I see many familiar faces which I saw many years ago when I went to John Simpson. There is so much to say I can't tell it all but I will try to say as much as possible.

What is this, Debbie L. working as Terry H. assistant in his new gas station. I can't believe it. I also see Susie S. and her new found love Bill F. getting into their new car, (a 37 Ford) and convertible too! Oh but what is this, Linda B. and her husband Terry S. trying to teach Jeff D. and his harem how to tango. It can't be. As I look deeper I see Barb Long and Tom Phelps stuck

in a high tree with their newest discovery, (a rocket which has everything in it even a television.) As I gaze on I see Nancy G. and Dixie A. speeding along in Nancy's new speed boat. And who could be water skiing at the back of the boat, no one else but Harold Baker. Ahh I have come upon a strange object but it is only Bonnie Hall and Glenn Lambert's satilite they have been experimenting with. I can also see Ron Parr and Marilyn Hamms helping Gary Cox with his untamed horse which was just delivered from Japan. Right now I hear music but it is only Helen B. playing her harmonica. But here

Gym Dandies

This year there will not be a G.A.A. Banquet. You are required to have at least fifty points in order to come to the banquet and dance, which many members do not have. But by the picnic, planned in May, most members should at least have this number. All awards and letters will be given out at this time. If you want to receive a nice award you must come to the after-school games.

Right now we are having soccer tournaments. There are four teams. The captains are: Pam Krise, Connie Bride, Paulette Waldman, and Ginny Erndt. Soon we will be going outside for games.

ATTENTION ALL GIRLS INTERESTED IN CHEERLEADING: Tryouts are coming up pretty soon. There will be three seventh graders and three eight graders picked. You will probably be hearing more about this later.

comes Brenda O. with her drums to help Helen with the song. Well who can this be coming down the street, yes now I can see it is coming clearer now, why yes it's Phil H. and his scientific bicycle he has invented. The picture is fading away so I will close.

Sincerely yours,
Author unknown

Spring Styles Run Far

Are you getting to be in style this spring: If you think not, you're wrong, because everyone is in style this year! Are you surprised to hear this? You should be because for the first time since I can remember, the styles range from one extreme to the other.

Whether you wear a walking suit or a skirt and blouse or even a plain colored sheath, you'll be right in with the best in '61.

Even colors aren't limited this year. You can wear anything from black and navy blue to pink and lavender and still look like Paris at midnight.

In the line of coats, however, the basic style is a coat with bell sleeves and a large rounded collar. Another very popular style is one with large decorative buttons, and no collar what-so-ever, but even in coats there are no special colors that have started fashion rages.

Now you can truthfully say "yes" if someone asks you if you're going to follow the '61 fashion since you know the facts!

SPRING FEVER

What is Spring Fever? To children younger than I, it is the lengthening of the school day. To teenagers, it is the season when they think of boys or girls when they should be thinking of studies. But we're not going to worry about the little "kids", just teenagers.

Symptoms of Spring Fever are:

1. Thinking you're in love with your best friend's gal or boy.
2. A drop in your best subject.
3. Gazing across the room to see if he's or she's still there.

Boy!!! If you find you have two or all of them you are in trouble.

The prescription for these symptoms is easy. Ignoring them would be the best way to get back to life.



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