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Mr. Ed Parsons and Calvin Rader make like the man on the flying trapeze as they paint the hard-to-reach spots in the auditorium.

Painters Give Auditorium Rosy Glow All of Building Receives Treatment

Changes are being made! Yes, the looks of things are beginning to change around Simpson this year as redecorations get under way. The whole building will get its face lifted with most of the classrooms being painted in pastel colors.

The auditorium, in need of paint for some time now, was the first to get the beauty treatment. Its new colors are pastel and a rose pink. There were forty gallons of paint used in painting the auditorium.

There's more to painting a room than just spreading the paint. Before the painting could start, quite a lot of the old paint had to be scraped off. The walls had to be patched and sized; then the paint was sprayed on. Steel scaffolds were used as the

men painted the high places on the walls and the ceiling. The hardest place for them to reach was the main theater nearest the ceiling.

A new background for the stage and new stage and window curtains will finish the job.

From the auditorium and its entrance, the painters will work their way through the second-floor rooms. Perhaps by the time this story is in the hands of the readers, many of the students will have been asked to move so that their room could be painted.

In charge of the painting is Mr. Ray Parsons. His helpers are Mr. Ed Parsons, Mr. Calvin Rader, and Mr. Jack Saroke. During the Christmas vacation two college students, David Doerrner and Dean Lawrence, were part of the crew.

Council Edits Book

Student Council members are beginning work on the 1958 edition of the handbook for students entering Simpson next year. These books are guides to help new pupils find their way around.

Before Christmas 24 baskets were taken to the homes of people who might not have had a good Christmas dinner. Student Council members were in charge of the project in which all homerooms took part.

Christmas basket Planning Committee members were Shirley Garver, Jimmy Million, and Gladys Lee. Packing the baskets were: Harvey Welker, Gary Owens, Sherry Harris, Judy Nolen, Carole Weaver, Linda Griebeling, Terry Bostick, Josephine Fleming, and Gilbert Ray.

To Dramatize Atom In Early Assembly

Students of John Simpson will learn in a dramatic way about the atom and its uses when they attend an assembly Up 'n Atom on February 3 during the first period.

The program consists of demonstrations concerning the scientific wonders made possible by the splitting of the atom. Some of these discoveries are in the fields of light, sound, and electronics.

Effects to be presented are: breaking glass with sound waves to show the actual forces present in every day sounds; sending thousands of volts of electricity through steel to burn it; generating lightning bolts from two to six feet long with Ogden Resonators (lightning coils).

In the field of light Robin and Carlisle Stevens and their associate Carroll Rice demonstrate new and different uses of the electric eye and ultra-violet rays. Their stroboscope exhibits cartoons which move and stand still at the same time, all brilliantly colored.

Other effects include the defiance of gravity, cold-stove cooking, bubbles of fire, the magic mathematical square, unusual chemical reactions, electric octopus, and strange echoes.

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COMING EVENTS

January 24—End of term
January 29—Basketball
Ontario - there
January 30—Grade cards
January 30—Basketball
Ashland - here
February 3—Assembly
Up 'n Atom
February 5—Basketball
Appleseed - there
February 11—PTA
February 12—Basketball
Mt. Vernon - here

Freshmen of 1958 Choose Prom Date; Set Course for Remainder of Year

Class officers and presidents of ninth grade homerooms, as representatives, of the Freshman Class of 1958 chose June 5 as the date for their Prom at a meeting last week.

They also decided that class dues should be 50 cents per person, with the money to be collected at the beginning of the new semester on January 27.

Suggestions and ideas for earning money included a talent show, a class play, and a dance. These will be discussed at a later meeting.

Teacher committees to aid in class activities were introduced. Mrs. Barbara Williams will be business advisor; Mr. Ray Gerrell, in charge of money making; Mrs. Mary Carothers and Miss Violet Chokreff, advisors for Prom plans.

Officers Randy Leedom, President; Lynne Erndt, Vice-president; Sharon Swank, Secretary; and Jean Martin, Treasurer met with room representatives last night to make plans to present to all class members soon.

Homeroom presidents are Richard Horning, 103; Judy Andrews, 107; Janice Long, 110; Judi Edwards, 115; Mary Reynolds, 201; Becky Newman, 202; Ruth Hammett, 203; Randy Leedom, 204; Ronnie Robinette, 215; Sharon Biener, Library; Janice Price, Cafeteria; and Linda Pfahler, 22.

"Sputnik" Induces Formation of Club

Simpson's newly formed Science Club will hold its next regular meeting on February 5 in room 211 during the eighth period.

Last night the Constitution Committee, composed of Clay Bixler, Janet Harvey, Betty Kauf, Larry Shaffer, and the officers, presented a constitution for adoption.

At the first meeting on January 8, the group of seventeen members elected officers: President, Nancy Ezzard; Vice-President, Bob Wymer; Secretary-Treasurer, Connie Boyd. It was decided to hold meetings every second Wednesday of the school year.

Any eighth or ninth grade student who wishes to join may do so. Teachers are also welcome.

Mr. Leslie Pierce and Mr. Dwight Mishey are sponsors of the club.

Group Plans Meet

A city-wide Parent-Teacher Association Founders' Day program is being planned for February 11. It is to be held in the Simpson auditorium, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Program chairman, Mrs. Robert Diehl, has secured Mrs. Russell Moore, the newly-elected president of the Ohio Congress of Parent-Teacher Association as the speaker.

Saving Is Goal

A plan for using family tickets at school concerts this year is being worked out. Students should be on the look out for more information in the next issue of *The Times*.

As New Year Begins

Faculty Members Take New Positions

Beginning new positions as another year starts are two members of the Simpson staff, Miss Betty Dunn and Mrs. Eunice Stout.

Miss Dunn, librarian at Simpson for the last two and one-half years, will be the new supervisor of the School Library Program in Mansfield. She will be visiting different schools, but her main office will be the Mansfield Public Library. She will be trying to help promote a summer program to provide books at a central location near the outlying schools. Children there will have a chance to read books if they choose.

Miss Dunn is a graduate of Bowling Green State University and Western Reserve University.

When she left Bowling Green, she went to Fredericktown for four years of teaching and library work. Then she took a year's leave of absence and went to Western Reserve. After graduation she went back to Fredericktown for one more year. Then she came to Simpson.

Miss Dunn said that she has enjoyed working here, especially with the students, and would like to come back often.

Looking as though they haven't a care in the world, Miss Dunn and Mrs. Stout rest before taking on their new tasks.

Goes to Florida

Mrs. Eunice Stout left Simpson at Christmas vacation time to become a music consultant for two elementary schools in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

A teacher at Simpson since 1953, Mrs. Stout is a native of Caldwell, Ohio. She received her degree at Ohio University and taught in Noble County before coming here to teach English to ninth graders.

Music has always been a favorite of Mrs. Stout's. She plays both piano and saxophone.

Her new home is at 103 N. E. 156th Street, North Miami Beach, Florida.

Taking Mrs. Stout's home room and classes is Miss Violet Chokreff, who has been teaching seventh grade English since 1955.

Miss Chokreff graduated from Ashland College. Her previous teaching experience was at Jamestown and Perrysville, Ohio.

Substitutes are filling the spot left vacant by Miss Chokreff until a new teacher is hired.

First-prize winner of the cartoon contest, Andy Mitts, also plays around with scientific experiments. (See other cartoons on following pages).



"Hex Cynthia! Can I carry your books?"

Judge Bases Choices on Cartoon Ideas

Announce Winners

Cartoonist and merchant, Mr. Scott Brown, has selected the winning cartoons in the Cartoon Contest which closed early in January. Mr. Brown based his choice of the winners more on the idea presented than on the drawing, because ideas are very important in cartooning.

He selected Andy Mitt's cartoon as worthy of first prize. Andy wins an X-Acto Colonial Antique Kit. When finished, it will make a planter of wood.

Andy hails from room 200A.

John Mitts, Andy's twin brother, who also comes from 200A, won second prize. John will receive a set of Nupastel Color Sticks of charcoal for drawing.

Winner of the third prize, a Do-It-Yourself Copper Kit for making a picture, is Lonnie Rose from room 18.

Prizes will be awarded this morning over the Public Address System from the office, with Editors Dawn Doerrner and Karen Michener making the awards.



Editorials

To the glory of Youth:
Scholarship, Honor, Truth

Help Finish the Job

Polio is finally being put to flight by the Salk vaccine. It is reported that no cases of paralytic polio occurred in Richland County during the past year.

However, the battle isn't over, since many who have been victims of the disease need years of treatment to return them to healthy citizens.

Because of their need, it is urgent that all of us support the **March of Dimes** Campaign. No more fitting memorial to Franklin D. Roosevelt, whose birthday occurs January 30, could be given because it was in celebration of his birthday that the **March of Dimes** was begun.

We also urge students who have not taken the three polio shots to do so immediately. It takes about eight months for full immunization, so why take chances?



INHIBITED
(‘I DUNNO’)



AGGRESSIVE
PATTERN
(NEVER AGREES
WITH ANYONE)



EXTROVERT
(‘HYA TEACHER
OL’ PAL!’)



INTELLECTUALLY
OVERSTIMULATED
(HE ALWAYS HAS
SOMETHING TO ADD)



LETHARGIC
(SLEEPS THROUGH
ALL CLASSES)



FRUSTRATED
(‘I JUST CAN’T
UNDERSTAND
ALGEBRA’)

It takes all kinds of people to make a school! Do you recognize your type?

Which Made the Better Impression?

Miss Smith was showing Miss Jones, a new teacher, around the building. Along came Butch Watson, the school bully.

“Hi ya, teach,” yelled Butch. “Whatcha doin’?”

“Does he talk like that to you all of the time?” asked Miss Jones.

“Oh, I don’t know what we’re going to do with that boy!” exclaimed Miss Smith. “He is our biggest trouble maker around here. We try to be nice to him but he won’t let us. It’s he and other students like him that give our school a bad name. I hope he won’t give you too much trouble,” she went on.

Just then Miss Smith dropped

the papers she was carrying.

“I’ll get them for you,” said Jimmy Alexander as he started picking them up.

“Thank you, Jimmy,” said Miss Smith.

After he had gone, Miss Jones remarked about his politeness.

“There are just a few like Butch Watson,” said Miss Smith. The majority of the students of the school is really nice and polite.

“I’m glad to know everyone isn’t like Butch,” sighed Miss Jones as they finished their tour.

Franklin Pioneered
Fields of Science

Nancy Ezzard

“Wealth is not his that has it, but his that enjoys it,” stated Benjamin Franklin in **Poor Richards Almanac**. He himself retired from business when he was 42 years old, yet his most useful years lay ahead.

In Franklin’s mind, leisure and loafing were not the same thing. His leisure time was used for books, for friends, and for exploring the wonders of the world about him.

Franklin was born on January 17, 1706, the 15th child and 10th son of Josiah Franklin. At an early age he taught himself to read and by the time he was seven years old, he was writing letters in verse to an uncle in England. Although he read all the books he could get his hands on, he was a leader in sports and an excellent swimmer.

Among his services to the country are his help in writing the Declaration of Independence, persuading France to help the colonists in their fight for freedom, helping to write the Constitution, and the setting up of a postal system for the country.

Not only was Franklin an author and statesman but also a scientist. In 1752 he carried out one of the most famous experiments in the history of science. He made a silk-covered kite and attached a wire to the top of it. A long linen string with a silk ribbon tied to it, led from the kite. A key was fastened to the end of the string.

The kite was raised during a thunderstorm. Whenever lightning struck in the vicinity, an electric charge was carried along the string since wet linen thread

Sputnik Has Far-Reaching Results

Louis Simpson

Seen any flying saucers lately? Anyone who has been looking for one, just might have seen one of the **Sputniks** launched by the Russians. He, however, would have needed the help of a telescope because they fly too high to view with the naked eye.

If our “saucer spotter” were an American, he might have said, “Why can’t we launch a satellite too? As you probably know, the 72-foot Vanguard Rocket used in our first launching was a mechanical failure.

In America where everything is made public, failures as well as accomplishments, everyone finds out when a failure is made. According to various news programs, the Russians are supposed to have failed 13 times, but under the Russian system of government failures are kept quiet.

Our rocket reportedly exploded two minutes after takeoff and toppled over on its side into the Gulf of Mexico. A comment on this explosion was made by the chief director of the satellite project. This comment was the same made by a commanding officer of troops surrounded by Germans in World War II, “**NUTZ!**”

Russia’s **Sputnik I** weighed 184 pounds, 18% of the weight of the second satellite, an astounding 1,020 pounds. Unlike the cylindrical shape of **Sputnik II**, the satellite carrying the first living animal to be rocketed from earth into space, is the six-inch United States satellite.

Sputnik II, which was nicknamed **Pupnik**, had gone at a speed of just under 18,000 miles per hour while circling the globe every hour and 43 minutes. The average altitude was 930 miles, but it had gone as high as 1,056 miles.

Most dog lovers thought of the Russians as fiends when they launched their “**Pupnik**”. The dog, a husky named **Laika** (Russian for little Barker) died an inglorious death aboard the satellite, poisoned by its last bit of food.

An incident occurred in New York State, where a man who owns a garage with an electronically operated door claims that the door opened itself every time **Sputnik** went over it. The only thing wrong with this is that it had to be closed by hand because it wouldn’t close itself.

Due to the fast exhaustion of the power supplies in both the Russian satellites they, before falling, no longer emitted the familiar “beep-beep” once picked up on radio receiving sets all over the world. The United States will use the sun to power it.

Although Russia has had a good laugh because of our failure, I believe that we will learn more through experiences like this one. The next attempt will not be as publicized as was the first.

The first satellite to be launched by the United States will be a test satellite. Next we will launch a larger one weighing about as much as Russia’s **Sputnik I**. It will be smaller, though, because we can get more in a smaller space by using minute machinery, transmitters, etc.

In the distant future our descendants will think of these early experiments as we think of the early experiments which brought about the things we have today. These scientific experiments are the start of successful trips to the moon and eventually the planets.

Brave Souls Defy Fate

Kathy Michener

Most of the students and faculty members here at Simpson didn’t make any New Year’s resolutions this year, because they knew they wouldn’t keep them. There were a few courageous souls who made resolutions, although they didn’t keep them.

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Pamela Mellick, an eighth grader from home room 16, resolved to do the dishes without complaint. She hasn’t broken her resolution yet!

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From homeroom 106, a seventh grader **Barbara Crumrine**, resolved not to argue with her sister while **Diane Schmidt**, a ninth-grader from room 22, resolved not to hit her brother.

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A good resolution gone wrong was that made by **Coy Perry**, eighth grader from 211. Coy resolved not to chew gum in class but he was chewing when he told me.

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Among the faculty members who made resolutions were **Miss Violet Chokreff** who resolved not to lose her temper and **Miss Emelie Severson** not to say “shut up.” (I haven’t learned yet whether they’ve made good their decisions.)

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Kim Michener, seventh grader from 214, resolved to do better in spelling.

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Did you break yours? Cheer up! Another New Year’s Day will be along before you know it!

GIFTS BRING JOY

Christmas with all its fun and excitement is gone for another year. However, it left behind favorite presents received by students.

To the question, “What was your most enjoyable Christmas presents,” I received the following answers.

Larry Scott enjoys his new coat while **Louis Simpson** particularly likes his hockey game.

Joyce Majors says she enjoys taking pictures with her new camera.

Roller skates were just what **Mary Jefferson** wanted and she picked them as her most enjoyable present.

Sally Conrad enjoys her diary. “**Eeny-Meeny-Miny-Mo**” says **Dianne Snyder** as she picks her blazer as her most enjoyable gift.

Shirley Garver enjoys wearing her gold ring on a chain.

“I think my most enjoyable gift was a sweater,” reported **Sharon Swank**.

A very serious-minded student said, “I enjoyed a great big yum-my turkey leg.” Sound like **Dick Leger**?

Congratulations to those students who entered the Cartoon Contest sponsored by The Times and shame on those who didn’t!

We need more readers who contribute to such columns as **Uncle Horace**, **Letters to the Editor**, personal columns, and various contests.

In a school the size of Simpson, it is sometimes hard for a small staff to get leads on newsworthy happenings. This paper should be a school paper and should represent everyone.

Let’s have more and better contributions from both students and teachers.

Uncle Horace says:

Dear Uncle Horace,

I take pride in getting good grades in school but my classmates annoy me very much. They say that I never make a mistake and this embarrasses me. They have built me up so much that I am actually afraid to make a mistake. What do you think I should do?

Katie

Dear Katie,

Everyone makes mistakes sometimes and you are no exception. Don’t pay any attention to the other students for they are just showing their jealousy. Continue your work to the best of your ability and let the mistakes fall where they will.

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Dear Uncle Horace,

If a boy asks a girl to go steady with her and she doesn’t want to, how does she tell him in a polite way that she doesn’t. How can she keep from hurting her popularity or the boy?

Gone

Dear Gone,

Why not suggest that a group of boys and girls go out together for their good times so there is

not so much pairing off into couples. The act of going steady is going out of style for teenagers of junior high school age. Parents and teachers do not advise going steady. Be yourself, friendly and kind, and you can be popular without going steady. In fact, you’ll be more popular.

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Dear Uncle Horace,

I am in the eighth grade but I’m quite small for my age. I would like to make a little extra money but people don’t very often ask me to baby sit. I guess it’s because I’m so small. What I would like to know is how to get people to realize that I am trustworthy and could handle the job.


Trusty

Dear Trusty,


Start your progress on the way by suggesting a trial offer. Baby-sit free for a couple of hours. Your trustworthiness will come through. If you do a good job, you will surely be called again and will be recommended to others.

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Art Center to Take on New Look

Art Center rooms are coming in for their share of beautifying. Plans are under way for the art classes to do the decorating themselves with the help of Mr. V. Lee Prior and art teachers Morgan and Daniels.

Two big five-foot planters will be put on the partition between the art rooms. In them will be artificial flowers made by students in eighth and ninth grade art classes.

Larger plants will be made for the basement hall recess, and a

new sign will hang over the art room door. In the hallway above the steps a large mobile is being placed.

Across the supply room windows new draperies will soon make their appearance. These draperies will be decorated by the older students of textile painting.

Still another addition to the rooms will be peg-board panels so that adjustable shelves can be hung on the partition.

Rival Club Hosts Guest Play Party

Lynne Erdt

The Girls' Athletic Association at Appleseed, headed by officers Joan Wagner, Sherry Rupp, Kathy Shaddeck, and Jean Flowers, entertained the Simpson G.A.A. members early in January at a Play Party.

Most of the Appleseed girls acted as hostesses as the guests had fun jumping on the trampoline, jumping over the horse, tumbling, climbing ropes, and playing on small three-wheeled stools. Dancing was held in the lobby and refreshments were served in the gym.

Mrs. Kleinknecht, Mr. Radick, Mrs. Mary Berry, and Mrs. Jean Porch furnished transportation for the Simpson girls.

History and Geography Come Alive Students Tour Past and Present

A study of the past helps students to better understand what is taking place at the present time. Eighth grade history classes and seventh grade classes are all working on projects of this kind.

Countries of the Middle East are on the tour of places Mrs. Etta Wert's seventh grade geography classes are taking. To help them, they are drawing maps and answering Mrs. Wert's questions.

Miss Elsie McFadden's geography classes have gone further than the text book to get information about countries they will be studying. Each one in the class wrote to a travel bureau to get books and pamphlets on countries and have made a colorful display on the bulletin board.

Eighth grade history classes under Mr. James Lympert are finding out how America looked after the Revolutionary War,



photo-Owens

Checking books out and keeping the files up to date keeps Mrs. Rausch busy most of the day but she finds time to help students find books to read.

Give Annual Tests

Seventh and eighth grade students will soon be taking Achievement Tests in reading, language, and arithmetic. The Scores on these will help determine grade placement.

Ninth graders have been taking Kuder Tests to help them pick out their courses. High scores in various categories suggest kinds of work suited to the student.

Dance Heads List of Activities

Members of the Junior High Y-Teens are planning a busy new year with a dance on Saturday night to head the list.

Next Monday evening a guest speaker will visit the girls during their meeting.

At previous meetings during the month the girls saw a film about war orphans and went bowling.

This year there is just one Junior Y-Teen group with 35 active members from Simpson and Appleseed taking part. Meetings are every Monday evening at four o'clock at the Y.W.C.A.

Mrs. John Rinehardt, teenage program director of the Y.W.C.A., is in charge of Y-Teens along with the officers: President, Lynda Rohn; Vice-president, Judy Wells; Secretary, Sandra Inscore;

Rausch Heads Library; Likes Mansfield Home

"I've found Mansfield to be a very friendly place and I enjoy living here very much," tells the story of how Mrs. Martha Rausch, the new librarian, feels about her Mansfield home.

Mrs. Rausch, who took over the duties of Miss Betty Dunn after the Christmas vacation, is a graduate of Ohio State University and Western Reserve University.

She has worked in the Toledo Public Library Reference Department, in Colorado Springs, and Marysville, Ohio, before coming to Mansfield.

Since July 2, 1957, Mrs. Rausch, her husband, and daughter have been living at 344 North Townview Circle.

Treasurer, Sarah Benzing.

All girls are welcome to join. If you are interested, why not go to the Y.W.C.A. Monday night after school and become a part of the group?

Judge Charles Freehafer visited social science classes early this week to tell about the Teen-Age Code. Ideas concerning the code will be given in the next issue.

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Pupils of homeroom 200A are very proud of the new chairs which Santa brought them.

The Escape

Vickie Mosey

Not long ago in a state reformatory, nine boys were planning to escape. They agreed to meet at midnight at a certain place, each bringing a sheet. Nine sheets were needed in order for them to climb out of the three-story-high window.

Everything went as the boys planned. Everyone came. They tied knots in the sheets and tested them to make sure they were secure.

When the crude ladder was finished, they anchored one end to a bed. The more daring boys went first and the timid boys crowded onto the rope last. Ollie, the most sissyfied boy who had once taken Home Economics, was the very last.

Just as he climbed on, the sheet began to rip with the weight of all nine boys. As quick as lightning, he drew a needle and thread from his collar and stitched the sheet before it had time to rip all the way. Thus he saved all the boys from getting caught.

Proverb: "A stitch in time saves nine."

Pupils Perform Acts

This week Mr. Ray Gerrell's seventh grade speech classes from homerooms 106 and 200A have been performing in talent shows during their regular class time. All of the pupils in the two rooms took part.

Producers of the show in 106 are Kathy Benson, Director; Paula Green, Mistress of Ceremonies; Jerry Hurt, Stage Manager. For room 200A, Sherry Harris is Director; Rosalie Newman, Mistress of Ceremonies; Pat Osgar, Stage Manager.

Some of the highlights of the 106 show are **Five-Foot-Two**, a singing and dancing act done by Betsy Bissman and Kathy Benson; a **Hula Dance** by Diana Rose, Jerry Hurt, Terry Bostick, Kathy Benson, Sharon Harich, and Penny Coleman.

Singing and dancing to **Side by Side**, Pat Osgar and Rosalie Newman furnish a highlight of the program for 200A. Karen Echols will feature a tap dance.

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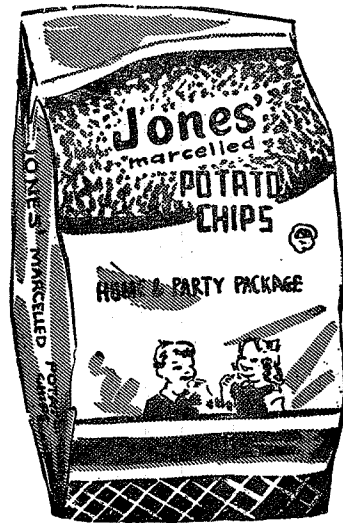
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Claudia Baker



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With travel as his hobby, Mr. McFarland tells things about geography that he has seen.

Mr. Robert McFarland is our seventh grade geography and eighth grade history teacher. He began his teaching career as a vocational teacher, but before coming to Simpson he taught American history at Mansfield Senior High School.

Mr. McFarland graduated from Ohio University with a Bachelor of Science degree and then obtained his Master's degree at the University of Cincinnati.

At first he taught electrical science and drawing; then having his degrees, he was transferred to the social science field.

Mr. McFarland is married and has two children. His wife is also a teacher, teaching at Lexington. They live on a farm, so consequently one of his hobbies is a love of the out-of-doors. He also likes to travel and has been in almost every state in the union as well as parts of Mexico and Canada.

It Eats and Eats But Never Gets Full Becker Reveals Secret

Louis Simpson

Baby, it's cold outside! Because of that 250 to 300 tons of Ohio State coal are burned away in the two \$13,000 stoker-boilers in the basement of this building.

Who says so? Mr. Carl Becker, Supervisor of the Maintenance Department, told a number of interesting and surprising facts about the heating and lighting of the building, what it costs, and who does the work of making this a comfortable place to get an education.

Mr. Becker said that we use \$450 to \$500 worth of electricity a month while our water bill is \$35 to \$45 a month. These bills are paid, of course, with tax money.

The boilers are run 16 hours a day and are automatically controlled. Last year (1957) a new boiler was installed to replace the one used since 1915. Two seven-ton stokers are fed 40 to 50 wheelbarrow loads of coal a day and generate enough steam to operate a power plant.

Taking care of the firing duties are Mr. Becker, who is day fireman, and Mr. Harold Reece, night fireman. Mr. Walter Rettig is head of the Custodial Department in charge of the cleaning.

To light the building Mr. Rettig reports that 400 to 500 light bulbs are used in a year.

Mr. Becker has been at Simpson the longest of any of the men. He came here in 1942 when our student population was only about 675, nearly half of the number we have now.

We students should be appreciative of the fine job of upkeep and maintenance that is being done by these men and their assistants, Mrs. Jennie O'Hara, Mrs. Nona Jones, and Mrs. Betty Curry.

By shoveling coal, sweeping halls, and keeping the furnaces hot all these people have earned some well-deserved respect.

Science Pioneer

Continued from Page Two

is a good conductor. Franklin was safe because he was holding the dry silk ribbon, a good insulator. By bringing his knuckles near the key, he was able to draw sparks from it. Further experimentation led to the invention of the lightning rod.

Franklin also invented bifocal glasses and a stove which used less coal to heat a room. He never patented or sold any of his inventions.

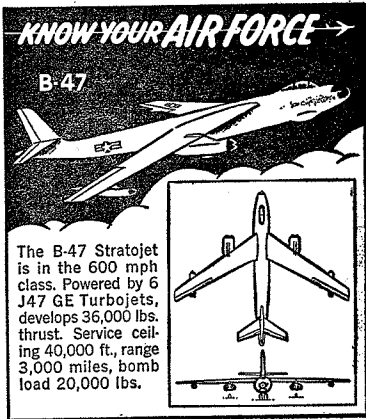
When Franklin died in 1790, many people all over the world mourned his death. They had lost an author, scientist, inventor, business man, statesman, and above all, a great American patriot.

Members of the band are selling light bulbs to earn money to send majorettes to camp and several band and orchestra members to a music contest. Bulbs may be bought from any band member.

Russell: "What do you mean you're the spider of the baseball team?"

Dennis: "I'm good at catching flies."

Peggy Mattingly, Milton, Wis. From Read Magazine



"Good Old Days" Are Strictly for Birds

Judy Radick

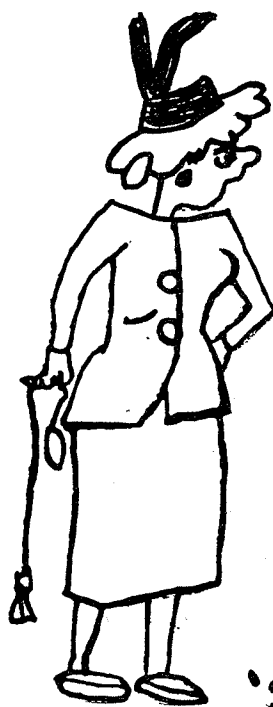
Gas and electricity play an important part in our lives today. Can you imagine your house without gas? electricity?

Let's say it's so cold with only that wood-burning stove (coal costs too much) that you've decided to go to bed. Cool down! It's not your fault you ran into that table. It's just that dim, poorly lighted corner where you always get into trouble. Those coal-oil lamps need repairing and cleaning, but you can't spare the time from chopping the wood you need for that run-down wood stove. Ah! Now to get into that warm bed you've been waiting for all day! Surprised? Don't be. Remember your electric blanket won't do any good without electricity.

Now you have finally decided to get up? It's a shame you're so late, but your electric clock just wouldn't work without electricity. Better hurry and cook your breakfast. Oh! No! Yes, your fire did die down during the night and now it will take too long to get it started again.

Better just do without any food. Now you're in your office. Too cold? Too bad! All you need is gas. Better hurry and light the lamps before you fall over something in the dark. It's really a shame all those presses have to run by hand. Electricity would help. Oh! Oh! What happened to the light in the corner? Don't worry. It will take only about fifteen dirty, messy minutes to fill the lamp with oil again.

You are now back home, ready for another sleepless night. Now do you think you would have liked to live in a time when there was no gas or electricity?



'SO THERE YOU ARE'

Second-place winner of the cartoon contest is John Mitts.

LOST & FOUND



Many Enjoy Hobby-Time Activities

Kristin Fitzgerald

Bank collections, seashell, jewelry, chemistry experiments. These take up the hobby time of a few Simpson students.

Judy Friend and Don Lemon collect banks. Judy, of home room 115, has collected 12 banks. One of the most unusual of these is a pay telephone. Don, room 18, had collected 64 banks but recently his little brother broke half of them. Of the 32 he has left, Don owns three from other countries, Russia, Italy, and Scotland. The one from Scotland is square with a goat on one side and a Scottish person on the other.

Jane Nungesser, who reports to room 115, has just begun a new hobby of making necklaces,

bracelets, and earrings from seashells. She paints the shells so that they will go with the colors in her clothes.

Johnny Valentine, 106, works with chemistry experiments for his hobby. In one of the experiments he used powdered iron, a gray substance. To this he added sulphate and then heated it. The solution became clear.

Another experiment he performed was one in which he used thick and syrupy sodium sulphate. He put water into it and found salt formed in the bottom of the water.

What's your hobby? Send in your name and the name of your interest. A reporter is just waiting to interview you.

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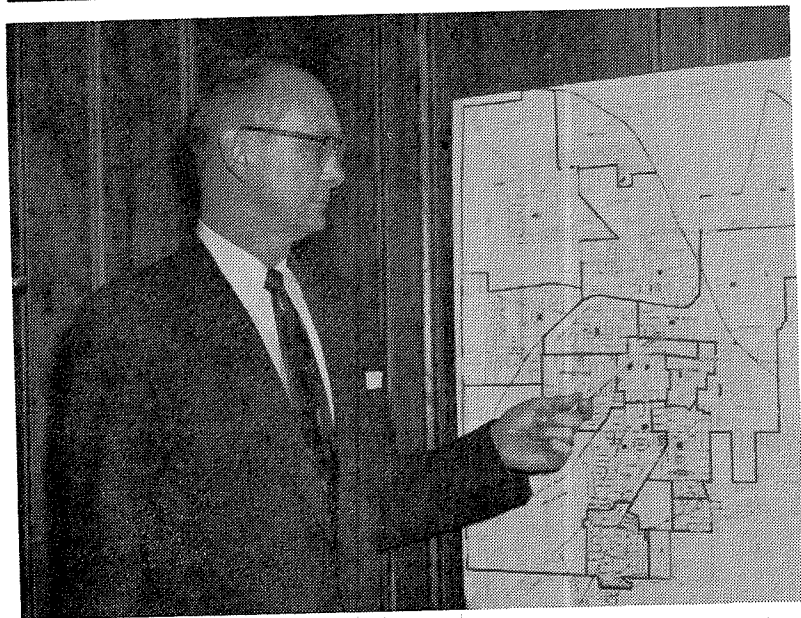
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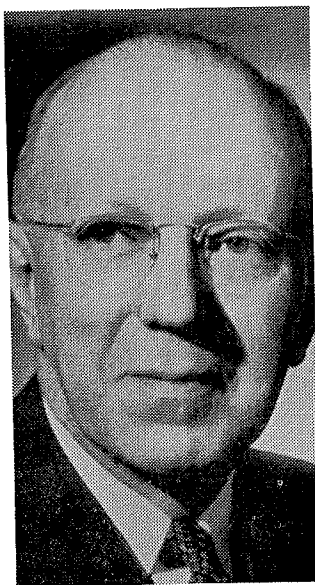
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Dr. Robert E. Wilson on the left, present superintendent of Mansfield Schools, points to Simpson on the map. On the right Mr. W. L. Miller, superintendent until he resigned in 1954. These two men guided the last building programs to their successful close. (Did you catch the mistake last time? The name of the man in the picture should have been John Simpson, not John Sherman.)



Mansfield Provides For Its Future

The fourth of a series of articles on the history and development of Mansfield, this is the story of the growth of the schools from 1887 to the present. Material has been obtained from Mr. W. W. Blausner, the "Annual Report of Progress and Problems for 1956-57" published by Dr. R. E. Wilson and the "Dedication Program" of the Mansfield Board of Education, 1956.

Robert Remmer

The Board of Education decided in 1887 that a separate high school was needed. This resulted in the building on this corner (see the October issue of the Times) opened for pupils in 1892. It had six teachers and there were 19 pupils in the senior class. Citizens thought the building was too far out of town. The Board members refused to resign and soon the people were happy with the choice.

Many additions to the old building were added as the years went by, and the city school district extended to the outlying regions.

School grounds were opened for playground and park purposes in 1908; manual training and domestic science were added to the grade schools in 1910; in 1923 the high school band and orchestra were organized.

In 1911 a nine-room building was erected on Western Avenue (now Grubaugh School) and a nine-room annex was added to the Hedges School.

The Bowman (now Creveling) School grounds were enlarged and eight rooms were added to the building in 1914.

Build Modern School

The Board of Education in November 1919 asked the voters for a bond issue of \$1,000,000. \$200,000 of this money was to be used to pay for additions to old buildings, and \$800,000 was to be for buying land and building a modern high school. After four years of study and the consideration of nine different locations, the land where the present high school stands was

bought. The people again thought this much too far out of town. The building and grounds actually cost about \$1,000,000.

The teaching staff of the schools had grown from 29 teachers and a superintendent in 1871 to 228 teachers, three supervisors, four supervising principals, and eight teaching principals by 1938. 6,430 pupils were enrolled then. Classes had been expanded to include the blind, deaf, crippled, and sub-normal children.

Johnny Appleseed and John Simpson Junior High schools were added to the list of Mansfield Schools in 1939.

Cost \$2,000,000

The next big building project took place after 1945 when a \$2,000,000 Bond Issue was passed by the people of Mansfield. Buildings completed at this time were Roseland in 1948; Grubaugh addition 1949; Newman, West Fifth, Prospect, Brinkerhoff, Woodland addition in 1950; Hedges addition 1951; and Creveling in 1952. Superintendent W. L. Miller guided this building campaign to its finish and the people from all over the state began to look toward Mansfield for guidance in their building programs.

Again in 1954 Mansfield voters passed a \$2,600,000 Bond Issue for more buildings. This money was used to build the following new buildings: Empire, Ranchwood, Stadium, Fleming Falls, all new elementary buildings; additions to Roseland, Hedges, Brinkerhoff, Newman, Senior High Music Annex; repair to West First Street School and Marion Avenue School and the building of a Maintenance and Storage Building. Dr. Robert E. Wilson, superintendent since 1953, took charge of the last building program enlisting the help of a Citizen's Committee under the leadership of Mr. James Seymour.

This building program received national attention in the

American School Board Journal because the schools had been built so economically.

Make Many Gains

Other gains made by the schools have been the addition of summer kindergartens for children entering school in the fall, summer schools, adult education in evening classes, guidance counselors, classes for fast-learning students, a Department of Personnel, and a centralized Audio-Visual Department. The total number of students enrolled in the schools in the 1956-57 school year was 10,194.

To handle these 459 teachers and supervisors, were on the payroll with 32 secretaries, 73 Custodial and Maintenance Staff, 92 cafeteria workers, 6 nurses, and 2 visiting teachers.

The Mansfield people are looking to the future in providing the opportunity for its boys and girls to get a good education, not only in the three R's but also in music, art, and other subjects.

The next article will be about industry and transportation.

Librarian Introduces New Books

The library has many new books on its shelves. To help students in making a choice of a good book, the following short sketches are printed. These are taken from Library Bulletin no. 4 issued by Mrs. Rausch.

Interested in satellites and exploring the universe? **Earth Satellites** by Patrick Moore (629.1338) The writer explains the problems and purpose of the artificial-satellite program, surveying antecedent developments in rocketry and speculating on the possibilities of inter-planetary flight. (Suggested for grades 8-11.)

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Exploring the Universe by Roy Gallant (523). The beliefs of ancient civilizations, theories and discoveries of early astronomers, present-day concepts and facts about the universe, and research methods are discussed in clear, interesting text and striking colored illustrations in an oversized book. (Grades 5-8). This book is similar in length and treatment to **Exploring Mars** by the author. Covers a larger scope.

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The Story of Eleanor Roosevelt by Jeanette Eaton (921). A sympathetic account of the personal and public life of a First Lady who achieved world eminence in her own right. The sufficiently detailed and well-backed biography portrays Eleanor Roosevelt, from childhood to the present, with warmth and, except for occasional touches of sentimentality, with dignity. Readable and informative. Grades 7-10.

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Up the Trail from Texas by J. Frank Dobie (978). The history of the great cattle drives up from Texas to the northern trading centers back in the 1800's. Grades 7-9.

Backcourt Rivals by Joseph Olgin. A story of junior basketball and a belligerent, hotheaded boy from an orphanage who almost kills the team's chances for the state championship because his interest is not in the team but in trying to make a name for himself by breaking records and winning a place on the All-star team. The usual rivalry between team mates, a happy ending with success for the team and a promise of love and security for Lefty, and plenty of basketball action. Grades 5-8.

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The Mystery of the Mountain Face by Christina Govan and Emmy West. Five children on a horse farm in Tennessee buy a piano for square dancing. Missing notes on its keyboard and flashing lights on the nearby mountain provide clues leading to the capture of auto thieves.

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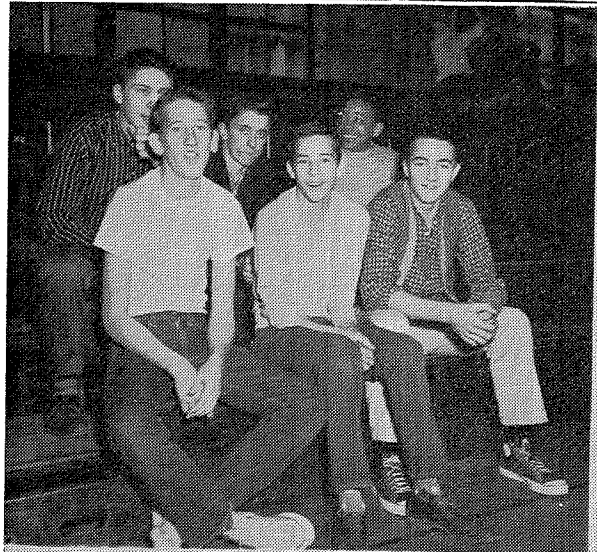
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Boys' basketball tournament winners are: Top left; Harvey Welker, Harry Fochtman, John Critchfield, Jerry Shanks, Matthew Bura, and Dave Elrod. Top right; Gilbert Ray, Wilforied Ickert, Ernst Hofsaess, Elroy Allen, Lionel Jefferson, and Dave Lamberton. Bottom: Richard Weaver, John Davis, Robert Dintaman, Henry Diener, Gary Heston, and Jesse Jefferson.

Bulldogs Win Four

Off to a slow start, the Bulldogs have won the last four of their games. Under their attack, Madison, Union, Shelby, and the Appleseed Pioneers have gone down in defeat.

Box scores for the games are:

Simpson 39			Appleseed 38				
	G	F	T		G	F	T
Ray	6	3	15	Nagle	3	5	11
Jefferson	3	2	8	Rainey	4	1	9
Norris	3	0	6	Schroeder	3	0	6
Campbell	1	4	6	Weaver	2	0	4
Fochtman	1	0	2	Keathley	2	0	4
Crawford	1	0	2	Rose	2	0	4
Totals	15	9	39	Totals	16	6	38
Simpson				14	9	4	12
Appleseed				7	8	7	16

Reserves					
Simpson 25			Appleseed 24		
Chamberlin	4	1 9	Cole	3	2 8
McDonald	3	2 8	Goode	1	1 3
Allen	2	2 6	Schroeder	2	0 4
Lamberton	0	1 1	Lapine	2	2 6
Hawkins	0	1 1	Brooks	1	1 3
Totals	9	7 25	Totals	9	6 24
Simpson	2	9 6 8 25			
Appleseed	7	3 3 11 24			

On February 5 the teams will again tangle on the Appleseed court. How the game will come out is anybody's guess!

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Sideline Slants

By Larry and Lynne



Since the first two games against Ashland and Ontario, the Bulldogs have been forging ahead with three wins—Madison, Union, and Shelby. The players seem to be becoming more steady and the team work is better. Congratulations, boys!

Gilbert Ray, the smallest but the highest scorer on the Varsity, no sooner gets on the floor than long-shooting and lay-up shots begin. Bob Norris, center, is trailing Gilbert only by a small point average. He seems to be under the net every time a shot is fired.

Little Paul Chamberlin on the Reserve team is chalking up more points each time he plays. So far he has scored 20 points.

Basketball for girls is starting in gym classes. Next week Mrs. Berry and Mrs. Porch have a whopper of a test ready. Study, girls, study!

Bonnie Burkholder is the historian of G.A.A. and is dependable in all her work. She goes to all the Bulldogs' games and helps cheer. Bonnie is well qualified to fill star sports shorts this month.

There's only one thing wrong! More participation in the noon intramurals is needed. As last recorded, the cafeteria was leading all homerooms by a forfeit! Looks as if our noon spirit needs a tonic. How about it, girls?

Homerooms 203, 208, 101 Conquer Rivals

To conclude the noon-time basketball games, the following rooms have won the championship for their grade.

Ninth grade homeroom 203, with the following boys on the team, are champs: Harry Fochtman, Harvey Welker, Richard Brown, Robert Howell, and John Armstrong.

In the eighth grade homeroom 208 defeated 209. Some of the players on the championship team were Gilbert Ray, Elroy Allen, David Lamberton, Gerhart Raft, and Lionel Jefferson. Homeroom 101 won over 105

to take the seventh grade award. W. C. Thomas, Jesse Jefferson, Eddie Spitzer, Johnny, and Gary McDonald played on the team for 101.

Each of the teams received a pennant for winning.

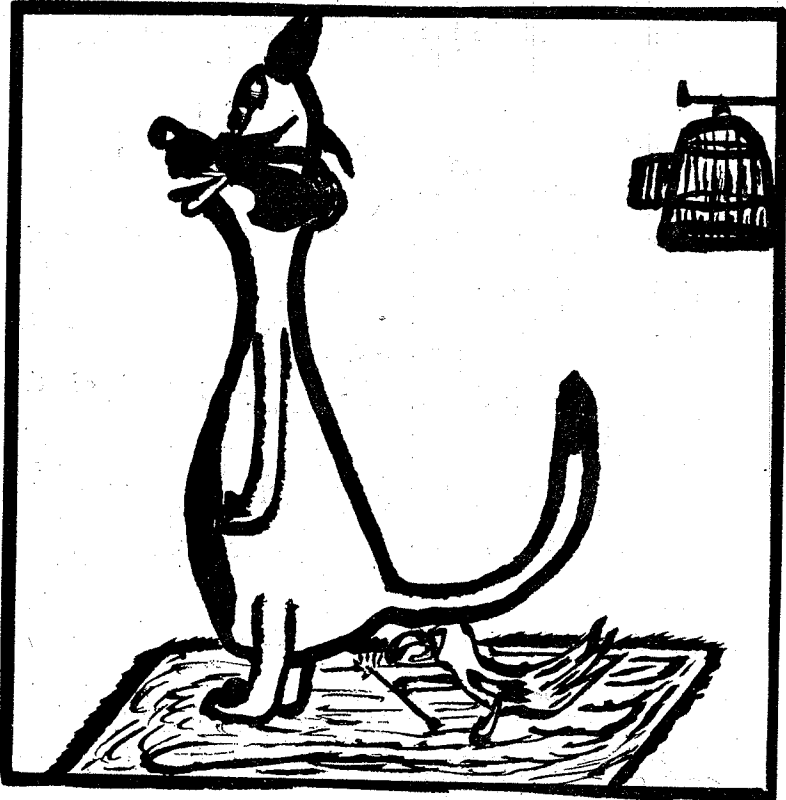
Tom: "Here comes the parade. Where's Betty?"


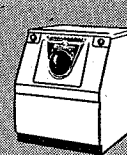
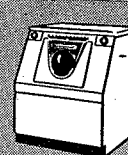
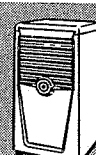
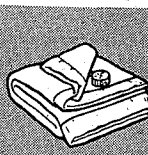
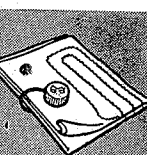
Sue: "She's upstairs waving her hair."

Tom: "My goodness! Doesn't she have a flag like the rest of us?"

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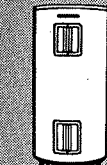



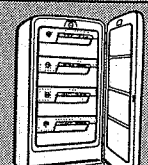

Third-prize winner of the cartoon contest, Lonnie Rose, has won art prizes before.



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