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'60 - '61 STAFF CHOSEN

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S

DAY

SEVENTH GRADE LEADS HONORS

The seventh graders have once again beaten the eighth, for winning the most honors during the third term. There were three people on the Honor Roll, and forty-five finding a spot on the Honorable Mention.

These people were: Honor Roll—Stanley Beal, Bonnie Hall, and Terry Squire.

Honorable Mention—Dixie Ackerman, Mike Arbutina, John Armstrong, Harold Baker, Shirley Beach, Linda Beery, John Brown, Kerry Dean, Jimmy Dorman, Sandra Estill, Sandra Evens, Duane Ferguson, Barbara Fifer, Brenda Fisher, Carolyn Gibson, Janie Graves, Donna Hammond, Jim Hannewald, Michael Harris, Nancy Hawley, Ronald Hetler, Cora Jackson, Arthur Jones, Kathy Klippel, Sally Linn, Judy Long, Sharon May, Linda Meadows, Robert Miller, Deane Pershing, Donna Powers, Nancy Prior, Linda Pruett, Richard Ra-

dick, Melvin Reedy, Lorraine Roy, Fredrick Schmidt, Judy Sheldon, Bill Simmons, Kathleen Snyder, Sue Snyder, Judy Thornsberry, Toni Vaughn, Richard Wallace, and Edith Wilhelm.

The eighth grade had four people earning places on the Honor Roll, and twenty-four on the Honorable Mention. These people were: Honor Roll—Carolyn Davis, Richard Ezzard, Dale Heimberger, and Ingrid Wilhelm.

Honorable Mention—Mary Jo Brubach, Gary Burns, Sandy Chance, Ronald Cyphers, Carl Dinger, Nancy Dotson, Richard Ferguson, Jennifer Frizell, John Gifford, Carole Grabel, Jeannette Hill, Hank Kopcial, Ronnie Krise, Richard Lomax, Roland Miller, Patty Partin, Walter Roth, Marilyn Rupanvic, Laureen Socea, Dana Sheller, Christie Scaggs, Sharon Schmidt, Jerry Windbigler, Vickie Zartman.

Red Cross Makes Dogs

The eighth grade Junior Red Cross is working on another project. The wash clothes that did not fit in the boxes your home-room filled, are being used in this way. They shape a washcloth into a dog resemblance, and then tie it with pipe cleaners. After that, they put small bars of soap inside the body portion of the dog. This should be great-

ly appreciated by those that receive them.

Every Monday, third period home room 216 is designing memo pad covers.

Every other Thursday the seventh graders that have study hall in room 101 seventh periods, puts them together. They are sent to the hospitals by the Junior Red Cross.

REGISTRATION FOR 1960 - 1961

In the last few weeks the students of John Simpson have chosen the subjects they plan to take next year.

Seventh graders had their choice of French, German, or Spanish as a foreign language. They also chose two from the following three: Art, Home Ec, Shop, or Music (band, Glee Club, or Music Class).

Eighth graders had a more complicated decision to make. They had a wide variety of subjects to choose from some of which were: physical science, algebra, social science, foreign languages, and typing.

Friendly House News

The Friendly House was the outgrowth of the Peoples Mission in 1898. In 1908 the mission moved to 388 N. Main St. Then larger quarters were required. So in 1912 they moved to 380 N. Main St. for the use of the Friendly House program. In 1940 was the gift of the Hidden Hollow Camp. The present site of Friendly House was a gift in memory of Lt. Jake Sternbaum in 1946. In 1954, 30 additional acres were added to Hidden Hollow Camp through Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pamer and the Kiwanis Club.

In 26 years the Friendly House has made great improvements in community service. At the present site of the Friendly House (380 N. Mulberry Street) the directors are Russell and Mary Gimble.

Council to Present Play

Student Council members are putting on a play called **Mayor for a Day**. It will be held in the auditorium for all students.

When young Tom Adams is selected Mayor for a day, he turns tables and sweeps the city clean in a breath-taking campaign. The catalogue of Plays states that rare are the short plays that deal with civic problems as distinctively as does this one. The characters are: Flossie, played by Aleta Simpson; Tom Adams, Bill Jividen; Joan Alden, Judy Morris; Ken Curtis, Jerry Windbigler; Mrs. Meek, Jennifer Frizell; Sam Snugg, Gary Meeting; Mayor Fuddy, Glennis Lambert; Sunshine Sal, Shirley Mitchell; Sourpuss Slick, Richard Ezzard; Mrs. Fitz-Jones, Yolanda Cox; Kay Curtis, Nancy Prior; Shut Eye, Todd Humphrey.

Student Council has already started the Courtesy Campaign. Posters have been placed in the halls. They have been observed by all students. One or more students have been watched. In the spring, when the Student Council picnic is held, the students being chosen as good citizens will be guests.

Vaughn, Mosier to Head "Times"

At first you wonder why this issue of the **Times** is quite different. This issue of the **Times** paper is being put out by the new 1960-61 **Times** Staff editors and reporters, so that they can "learn the ropes" before they take complete responsibility in the fall.

The new editors-in-chief for the 1960-61 **Times** Staff are **Toni Vaughn** and **Rocky Mosier**. This year the editors and reporters were chosen by Miss Meyer differently. The boys and girls who were interested in being on the **Times** Staff signed their name on a sheet of paper and whether they wanted to be an editor or a reporter for the **Times** paper at a meeting. They had to write a composition and hand it in to Miss Meyer. She chose them on the basis of using good grammar in sentences and how well they could write. In order to qualify for the **Times** Staff editors have to have a grade average of B or

higher and reporters a grade average of C and not less.

These people were chosen as editors:

News Editors: Shirley Beach and Vickie Lee Neibel; Feature Editors: Judy Eaton; Sports Editors: (boys)—Jerry Bautz, (girls)—Helen Bissman; Art Editors: Bonnie Hall and Dixie Ackerman.

The following people will assist them as reporters. They are: Diane Salyers, Linda Kimble, Linda Berry, Sandra Estill, Brenda Fisher, Janie Graves, Michael Harris, Roberta Jester, Peggy Kuelling, Deborah Lusk, Diane Pershing, Nancy Prior, Kathleen Snyder, Robert Stevens, Joan Young, and Paulette Young.

Science Fair Held

A week ago Wednesday, March 9, a Science Fair was held here at Simpson after school. This Fair enabled Simpson students to show their skill and ability to work with Science.

For the past few months, the Science teachers, Miss Glessnor, Mr. Mishey, Mr. Spring, and Mr. Fields had been helping and advising their students on ideas for projects.

Approximately 75 students entered projects in the Science Fair.

The judges were teachers from Johnny Appleseed. These judges picked nine projects as the best ones.

These winners took their projects home to improve if necessary.

Later this month the winners will take their projects to another Science Fair at Senior High.

Candy Bars Given

Candy Awards for highest attendance 7th grade.

1st place—Home Room 216, Mrs. Allen—97.87

2nd place—Home Room 212, Mrs. Maul—95.38.

3rd place—Home Room 105, Mrs. Theaker—93.98

8th grade

1st place—Home Room 114, Mrs. Keaul—96.96

2nd place—Home Room 203, Mr. Farmer—95.22

3rd place—Home Room 213, Mrs. Linne—94.32

Home Room 200B, Mrs. Davis also had attendance of 95.20

"This is how they go about choosing the highest attendance." They go through their files to find out which home room has the highest attendance. So the one who has the highest attendance wins the candy bars!

There are also 2nd and 3rd place home room.

Around the Classes

Every Friday, Miss Maul's English classes have four prepared speeches and one minute extemporaneous speeches. A master or mistress of ceremony conducts the program. Topics for speeches vary considerably, and the one minute extemporaneous speeches are on topics submitted by the students. Students rated by judges on the following qualities: poise, content, voice, eye contact, beginning and end, and audience reaction. The master or mistress of ceremony are also evaluated on another set of values.

The eighth grade classes have been working on complex sentences, while the seventh grade is doing simple diagraming.

Mrs. Theaker Gives Honors

SEVENTH GRADE

7-2 Home Room 212

1st Honor—Dwane Ferguson

2nd Honor—Frederich Schmidt

3rd Honor—Russell Davis

4th Honor—Nancy Hawley
Greatest Per Cent Improvement from Second Term ... Cheryl Keplar

7-3 Home Room 105

1st Honor—Harold Holter

2nd Honor—Roy Lee

3rd Honor—Tom James

4th Honor—Tom Kline

Greatest Per Cent Improvement from Second Term ... Roy Lee

8-5 Home Room 16

1st Honor—Rebecca Truex

2nd Honor—J. D. Thomas

3rd Honor—Mary Webb

4th Honor—Anthony Christo
Greatest Per Cent Improvement from Second Term ... Mary Webb

8-6 Home Room 110

1st Honor—Reinhold Betsch

2nd Honor—Richard Knackstedt

3rd Honor—Ronald Stevens

4th Honor—Kenneth Griffith

Greatest Per Cent Improvement from Second Term ...

Richard Knackstedt
8-7 Home Room 202

1st Honor—Hazel McDowell

2nd Honor—Donna Litteral

Third Honor—Nancy King

4th Honor—Carolyn Jordan

Greatest Per Cent Improvement from Second Term ... Roy Adkins

Lions Donate Projection Table

During the past few months the people of Mansfield have had the opportunity of attending a "Travel and Adventure Series" featuring six artists in the travelogue field. The Lion's Club, who is sponsoring the series, has donated a sturdy tilt, topped projection table to John Simpson Jr. High to be used in presenting these travelogues.

After the series is completed in March, the table is to remain in our projection booth. The gift will be a big help in showing our auditorium movies.

Editorials

Did you ever stop and think: "Why am I in school?" If so did you find the answer? If not, I'll try to answer it for you.

Maybe you are in school to get a good education. I am, and you should be. Some boys and girls say that they are just in school because they have to be. That is taking the wrong attitude. You should look at it this way, you're in school to prepare yourself for your future. School also helps you choose a career. If you like to draw, maybe someday you'll be an artist, or if you like music, maybe you'll be a musician.

If you don't get a good education you'll not be prepared for your life work.

Even a homemaker needs a good education.

Judy Eaton

SPRING FEVER

Have you been having that listless feeling, lately? I suppose you are wondering what it is? It is called "Spring Fever."

There are several things you should remember when Spring Fever time rolls around. (This is usually when the breezes are balmy and buds appear on the trees.)

One; Please, don't loaf.

Two; Don't let your work slide.

Three; Drive all temptation away from you.

Another thing, if the teacher happens to say, "Test." Please study! Because if you let Spring Fever catch you, you will surely fail the test.

There was once an advertisement and it said:

"Don't Let It Get You, Folks!!!"

Yes, we're talking about the world's worst enemy, "Spring Fever." There is only one cure, "Ambition." If you have or are getting Spring Fever, take "Ambition." (You can find it everywhere you go.)

Friends, don't let this lazy feeling fool you. It's deadly. The things left undone in the spring always seem to pop up later in the summer and then they are twice as hard to do.

There was another ad. It read like this:

Gentlemen;

Is there a cure for Spring Fever?

signed the fishing gardener

Answer;

Yes! Get out of that chair, put away your fish pole and get busy.

Follow this advice and you will have no trouble with Spring Fever.

Diane Pershing

EASTER

Easter is a fine time of the year. It is a good worship holiday. Easter is also a time to wear new clothes and to have fun.

There are many Easter customs, some have no special meaning; others are full of meaning. We get the idea of Easter eggs from ancient Persia and Egypt. The eggs are a sign of new life. An old legend says they are laid by an Easter rabbit on Easter eve. White lilies are a sign of purity and life, and it is often used to decorate churches. The Cross reminds worshipers of the religious meaning of Easter.

Easter comes the first Sunday after the first full moon on or after March 21. The earliest possible date of Easter is March 22; the latest being April 25.

Wht does Easter mean to you? It should mean a Christian festival which honors the rising of Jesus, from His death. Easter will be here soon, so worship Him on that day.

Have you ever, when traveling through a strange town or city, seen a school ground trashy enough to be thought of as a junk yard? If you have, you know that this school makes a bad impression on you. On the other hand, upon seeing a neat, clean, school yard, you think well of it.

At home, would you eat a banana and throw the peeling carelessly on the kitchen floor? Would you eat a bag of potato chips and throw the sack on your lawn or porch? Of course you wouldn't. You have been taught from early childhood, to put fruit peelings and potato chip sacks in proper disposals.

As you spend a great deal of time at school, why not keep it as clean as you have been taught to keep your home.

Let's not let Simpson make a bad impression to strangers in town and spoil our own enjoyment, by having one of those "trashy" looking schools.

Why don't we get behind this project, and have a school to really be proud of!

Doctor, scientist, teacher, house wife, pastor, salesman, electrical engineer, and dozens more. What path do YOU plan to follow?

Most students start planning and working toward a career when they enter high school.

Before you can really decide what course you want to follow you must consider two things.

First of all you must decide whether or not you are fitted for the job. For instance: Jim who is an A+B student would make a better doctor than Joe who is a C+D student.

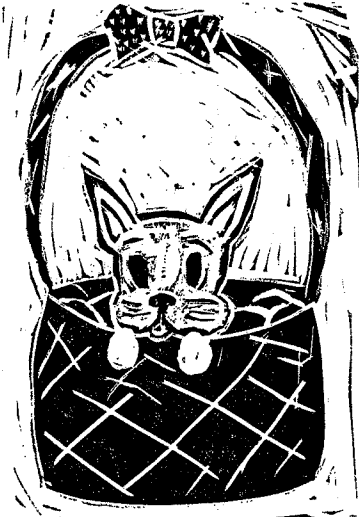
Secondly, will you hold interest in your job or will you find it boring after a few years.

Keep these things in mind when you are planning your future but above all else remember to: **CHOOSE WISELY!!!!**

WHY WE SHOULDN'T CHEAT

If everybody in the whole world cheated we certainly wouldn't progress. If we cheat, something in us tells us that we've done wrong. This is our conscience. But some people don't have a conscience. They don't care if they cheat or do something wrong. Usually they become delinquents.

If you cheat on a test, and get an "A", you really are cheating yourself.



Autobiography of a Cat

I was born in Shelby, Ohio in July of 1959. I have two brothers and three sisters. My mistress calls me Tawnee because I am twany in color, with blue eyes, black face, black feet and a black tail with a kink in it. People have often asked my mistress about the kink in my tail and if she didn't get it caught in a door. I am proud of that kink in my tail, because it is a mark of distinction, honor and a reward for faithful service.

A legend says that my great-great-grandfather, the first Siamese cat, was given the responsibility of guarding a precious goblet for the King of Siam. The goblet, inlaid with rubies, emeralds, diamonds and sapphires, was his most valuable possession. In order to guard the goblet from thieves, my ancestor sat with his tail curled around the stem of the goblet, and his eyes fixed on it. To this day Siamese cats have always had a kink in their tail and their eyes are crossed.

I like my new home very much. The people are very nice. I eat and sleep in the basement. Playing with a little catnip mouse and ball are two of my pastimes. But the thing I like best is watching the two parakeets. The family has nick-named me "bird watcher" for that reason. My favorite corner is right beside the heater where it is nice and warm. I enjoy little treats, but I like cat food best of all.



St. Patrick

Saint Patrick, an Irish Saint, is supposed to have been the one to drive the snakes of Ireland into the sea.

He was born in about 387 A.D. in Bannaven, England. The saint's parents named their son Sucat.

Saint Patrick led an adventurous life. At the age of sixteen, he was carried away by some Irish pirates. They took him to their homeland, where he was made a shepherd. He spent six years as a slave.

When Sucat was twenty-two, he escaped to France, where he became a monk. In 432 he returned to Ireland as a missionary.

He turned many Irish people into Christians, and became known as the one who "found Ireland all heathen and left it all Christians."

The Story of the Months

All the gods are dead. Centuries have passed since men believed in them. Yet the memories of these old gods and goddesses are enshrined in many forms, and will endure to the end of time. The faith of the Romans was so deep in their gods that throughout the world the names and characters of these mythical persons are associated with some of the most sacred and most practical affairs of modern life. Some of the ghosts of the dead gods still haunt the months that make up the Christian calendar.

JANUARY: The first month of the year is named after Janus, the god of Beginnings and Ends. He is a god with two faces. One looks forward and the other backwards. He also carries a key in his left hand, to which he was a doorkeeper of heaven. The Romans regarded him as the protector of their gates and doorways. Janus's temple had twelve doors as in a year. It was clever of the Romans to name the first month after him because he suggests looking forward and backward.

FEBRUARY: The second month of the year didn't used to be. It was the last month of the year at one time, but 450 B. C. it was placed after January, instead of before, and because the second month. February was named after a Roman festival, in honor of the god Lupercus. The Romans regarded Feburua as a festival for spiritual cleansing, but they celebrated it by over-eating.

MARCH: Mars represented March. Mars was a god of war. He was in a chariot drawn by two horses, Terror and Flight. Holding a spear, lifting up a gleaming shield to heaven, and raising its head on high lets the lighting play about the great helmet. March is often thought of a blustering, noisy month, as Mars.

APRIL: April is not represented by a god as other months. It is the Angel of Spring, which is not a god or a goddess. She is sweet, gracious, exquisite, tender, and kind. She follows behind the dust of Mars's bloodstained chariot, sprinkling soft showers, and calling up in the gashes made by the fiery wheels. April is "The Opener."

MAY: Maia is a goddess whose father's name was Atlas, who held up the world by his hands. He had seven daughters that lived in a mountain. Maia was the most famous of all because her son, Mercury, ran swiftly from heaven to earth on errands for the gods and goddesses. Jupiter, father of all gods, took Maia and her sisters and placed them together in the skies.

JUNE: Two mythical persons claimed the position of June, Juno, a goddess, and Junius, a man. Juno was the beautiful wife of Jupiter, who drove about in a chariot drawn by strutting peacocks. Junius was a proud and haughty man, without modesty, humility, or sweetness.

JULY: Julius Caesar was one of the greatest men who ever lived, a soldier and an emperor for which July was named. He made himself the Roman calendar.

AUGUST: Augustus, Julius Caesar's nephew, grand-nephew that is, named August. At first he was called Octavius, and ruled with Mark Anthony and Lepidus.

SEPTEMBER: September is a shamed month because it means seven and it is the ninth month. It really has no right being where it is.

OCTOBER: It is another shamed month because its meaning is eight, as in September.

NOVEMBER: Guy Fawkes, in the eyes of the English children, is a disguised figure. Tucked under his arm is a barrel of gunpowder represented November. Saxon ancestors called it "blood month" because at that time they slaughtered many cattle to eat during the dreary winter months.

DECEMBER: It is the last month of the year. Father Christmas is the cheerful figure of Christmas to which we all look forward to every twenty-fifth of December. He ends the year with joy and laughter.

Off the Cuff

After a quick survey through the Mansfield's clothing shops we have found Spring Fashion for teen-age girls.

A check sheath dress and reversible cape topped with a small white collar is what most teenagers will be wearing.

Go-together separates are in style with a full cotton skirt with sleeveless overblouse, to show the natural waistline.

Full print skirts are popular with most teenagers.

For the teenagers who like the straight look, pleated skirts and sleeveless overblouses are good.

The most popular in the line of shoes is the Princess Ann. It has a small round wedged leather heel.

Hair styles are also Spring Fashions. The most popular are the France role and the teeny fluff.

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Musical Notes

February 19th, 1960, John Simpson High School had an assembly, in which the seventh and eighth grades band played. The concert began with Waltz Festival by Wertz, From Jerro by Cofield. The trombone trio, Hurt Budea, James Dorman, and Terry Squire played with the band. Tril to Mexico by Ward, solo by Robert Stevnt. A trumpet trio Jeff Davis, David Hursh, and William Simmons played Space Cadets by Perersen, accompanied by the band. The Band that was Bewitched by Ward, Mexican Sundae by Peterson, and Simper Fideles by Phillips.

The eighth grade band started with Le Nuit by Vavacas, Carmela by Miller. A trombone trio,



David Sister, Arther Barrverick, and Joe Hager played Whiligig by Cofield. The band played, Cascades by Masang. A trumpet list, Lee Robertson, and Richard Ferguson played Single Digit Willy. The D. L. March by McLin, Little Barogue Suite by Gorden, Dark Eyes by Buchtel, Orpheus by Buchtel. The Majorettes were Patty Porter, Judy West, and Jennifer Frizzell.

"A TRULY DUMB BUNNY"

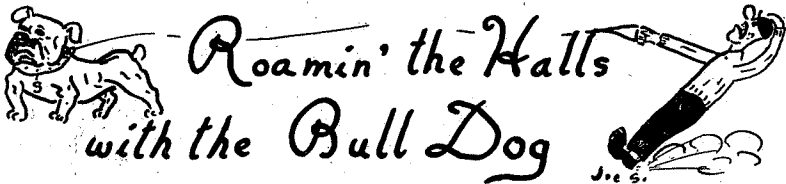
This spring, my family and I sent our entire week long vacation at Pymatuning State Park.

Early one evening, as the sun was beginning to set, my parents and I were seated in front of the picture window playing cars. I glanced out the window. There, by an old fire lane, I saw a young rabbit eating a large reddish-green plant. We watched him intently for about ten minutes, then an airplane, passing overhead, scared him. As quick as a wink the rabbit was gone. The following day the rabbit returned to the trail and his eating.

Finally, our curiosity got the best of us. We had to find out just what he had been eating.

As soon as the rabbit had left, we donned our jackets and went to the area the rabbit had last been seen. Here we found a large patch of poison ivy, some of which had been nibbled on.

This is why we call our friend the rabbit a "truly dumb bunny."



Why did Roberta J. ask Joan Y. why C. D. had "Lipstick on his collar?" It is because she has "A Teenage Crush" on him.

Does Evelyn really like Jimmy or is she going to let him be a "Lonely Blue Boy."

I wonder why Kenny W. was singing "I'm Sorry I Made You Cry" to Linda K.

Everyone in 213 thinks Carole still has a crush on Hank. What about it Carole?

Cliff C. thinks it's a "Friendly World" because Diana S. is in it.

Why does Johnny C. wait after classes for Judi K? Is it a habit Johnny?

Linda K. said "My Wish Came True" when Johnny K. said let's start "Going Steady".

It's too bad Gary C. likes Pretty Blue Eles" when Debbie L. has grown eyes.

Nancy S. thought there was "Fourty Miles of Bad Road" when Jim B. walked her home.

A CITIZEN

What do you consider a citizen? Sometimes it may be very hard to explain what the word means. To some, when the word "citizen" is mentioned it means one thing. To others the word may mean something entirely different.

What is my opinion? The word citizen brings to my mind a person who is polite and courteous to others. He is a respecter of his country, state, town, and community. To be a good citizen, you should try to practice the Golden Rule each day. It will help you very much on the road to good citizenship.

Since we are so lucky to be in this great country, the United States of America, we should try to show how much we prize this very high honor. How can we do this? We can do this by being kind, courteous, and respectful everywhere we go.

Let's make our motto, "Be a good citizen" and try hard to practice this motto in our every day lives. Let's show everyone that we can be good citizens.

Girls

Jerry Hamler—"Some's all right." Jeff Davis—"They're something special, terrific (especially S.L.) most are nice, WOO-WOO, I think a lot of them, like to see them in shorts!!"

Ricky Lomax—"They're practically undescrivable. Most are intelligent and attractive."

Stanley Beal—"Some are nice and some aren't! Lees than one-half of them are understandable. Sometimes they can be a help and sometimes nuisances."

RolandMiller—"They're nice, attractive, and understanding."

Terry Spuire—"They're alright!"

Rodney Moore—"They're nice, pretty, and sweet."

Kerry Dean—"I like a few of them, I used to like a lot but now I am cutting down."

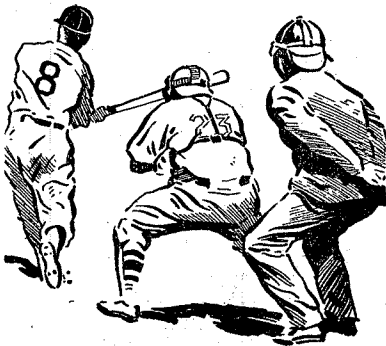
Hank Kopcial—"Some are alright and some are bad."

Bill Zehner—"They're nothing special, but as long as they treat a boy nice, they're passable."

Dickie Ezzard—"No comment!!!"

Coming Events

March 25
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April 1
April Fool's Day
April 13 - 18
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Sports Shorts

The 1960 Winter Olympics were held in the United States. The location of the Olympics was at Squaw Valley, California. All of the snow sports were held here. The Olympics started February 18 and ended February 28.

The events held here were ski jumping, cross-country skiing, figure skating, speed skating, hockey, and biathlon. There were 1200 athletes from 31 nations attending these events.

More than 2,500 years ago in Greece, people gathered every four years at a place called Olympia to watch and take part in athletic games. In the beginning the games were made up of short foot races. At the very first there was only one race, the Stade. The word "Stadium" comes from its name. The first victor we have record of was Coroebus, a cook from Elis. Soon other races were added. The games were part of a celebration at the temple of Zeus.

Gradually other contests were added. Besides the foot race, there was wrestling and boxing matches, jumping, discus and javelin throwing, chariot races, and other kinds of sports. Sometimes the games lasted as long as five days.

In time the Olympic games became a great festival for all of Greece. Any fighting between the city-states ceased and a sacred truce was proclaimed for the opening of the festival. Men came together from all parts of the Greek world. When they saw what fine athletes they were in all the city-states, they were proud to be Greeks.

Each winner in the games were crowned with a wreath of olive

leaves. The winners were regarded as great heroes. Often statues were erected to them in their native cities. The Greek calendar was divided into "Olympias," four year periods between the games.

The Olympic games in Greece ended more than 1,500 years ago. But the games were started again in 1896. The first modern Olympics were held in Athens, Greece. Since then they have been held every four years, just as the Greek games were, except during the two world wars. Two were held in the United States: in St. Louis, in 1904 and in Los Angeles, in 1932.

The modern Olympic games last more than two weeks. They include many of the same events the ancient Greeks had in their games. In addition there are water sports, cycling, fencing, horse-dack riding, weight lifting, and gymnastics. Sports such as basketball, water polo, football, and hockey are often added. A sport must be practiced in at least 20 countries in order to be included in the modern Olympic games.

The opening ceremony of the

Olympics is very impressive. Important parts of it are the parade of athletes and the arrival of the Olympic Flame. In the Parade the athletes of each nation march by the reviewing stand accompanied by the flag of their nation. The countries are in alphabetical order in the parade with two exceptions: The group from Greece always leads the parade. The group from the country where the games are being held is always last.

After the parade there is a great fanfare of trumpets and a runner appears bearing a lighted torch—the Olympic Flame. The "Sacred Fire" is then lit. It burns until the games are over.

Winter games were started in 1924. They are held at a different time of year and in a different city than the regular games. The winter games include skiing, skating, bobsledding, and ice hockey.

The 1956 regular Olympic games were held in Melbourne. Five thousand athletes from 67 countries took part in them. The team from the Soviet Union on the most points in these games. The United States came in second. As the Greek games

brought together the people from different cities, so the Olympic games today help people of different countries to know and understand one another better.

Jerry Bautz

Gym Dandies

Girls did you join up for G.A.A.? If you didn't you're missing a lot of fun.

It is too late to join this year, but the seventh graders are given another chance next year. If the seventh graders that haven't joined this year are wise they will join next year, and join in the fun.

To be a member you must earn 50 points. Then to receive awards you must get more points. Here are the awards and the amount of points needed for them: 50 pts.—Numerals; 100 pts.—letter S; 150 pts.—G.A.A. emblem; 200 pts.—Susie Simpson Doll; 250 pts.—G.A.A. pin.

There were 42 new members this year. These girls will receive their awards along with last years members at the banquet.

If the eighth grade girls have't got enough points for the Susie Simpson Doll, they will have a chance to get her at the picnic sponsored by G.A.A. for the members. At this picnic the new officers will be appointed.

At this time the G.A.A. members are having basketball tournaments. Later they will be having volley ball tournaments.

G.A.A. BANQUET

On the 4th of March the G.A.A. had their banquet. Almost all G.A.A. members were there. Dinner was served to the members old and new. The dinner was very good. The theme was Hawaiian Dream. A few girls put on a program. The decorations consisted of a giant ship on the net in the gymnasium. The menu was in the shape of a ship also. Some girls received awards. A few received Miss Susie Simpson the next to the highest award. The highest is the G.A.A. pin. After dinner the girls meet their dates in the gymnasium. Every one had a fine time and lots of fun too.

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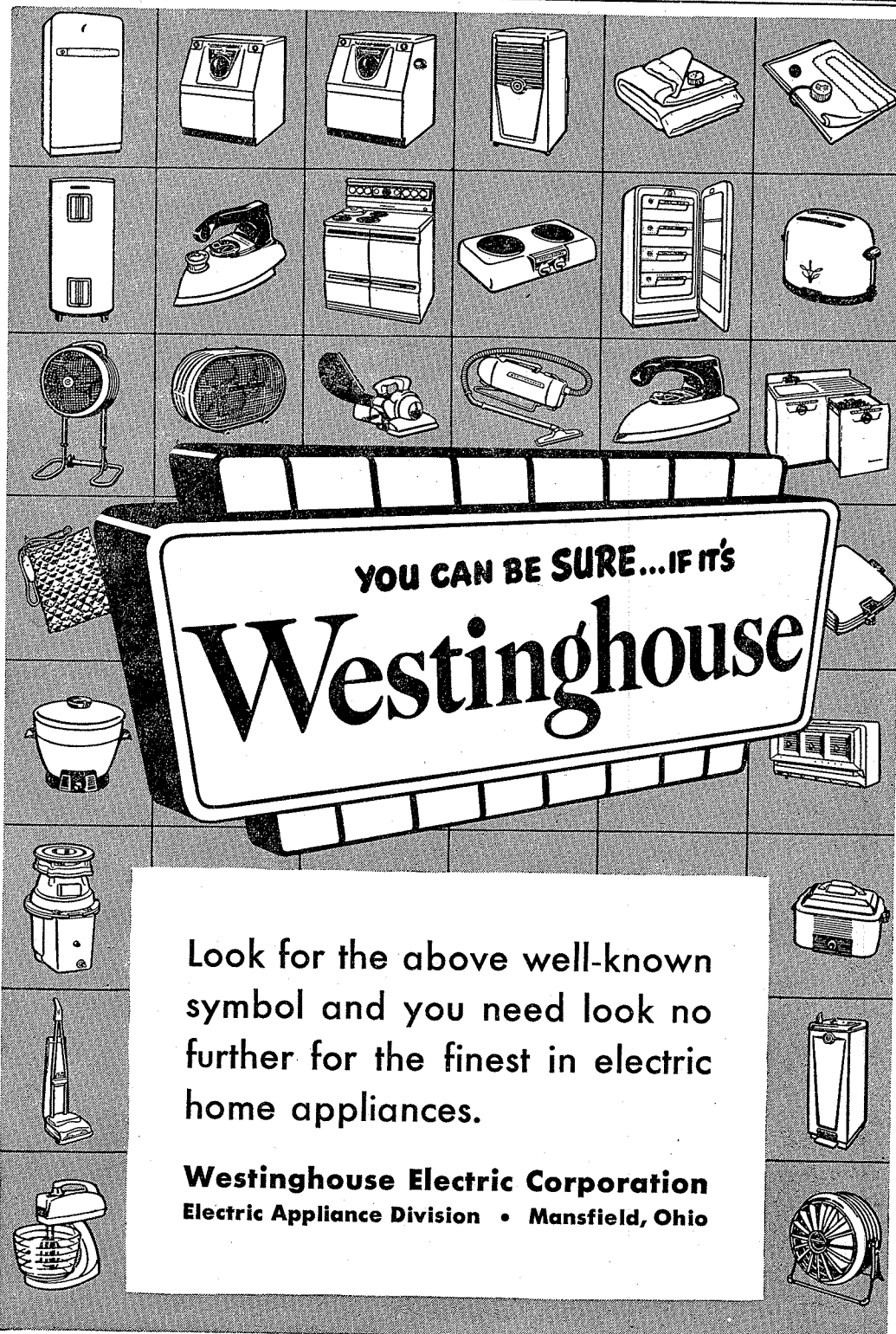
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