

## Town Crier Announces Banquet Plans; Chooses "Down Memory Lane" Theme

"Here Ye" "Here Ye"! It's not too far away! The Times editorial and business staffs have announced that their annual banquet will be held May 28 at 6 P.M. in the Simpson cafeteria.

Recently, after a period of brain straining, over such themes as "Ye Old Sesqui Times", "Frontier Times" and "Futuristic Times", the combined staffs finally decided to use "Down Memory Lane" as the banquet theme.

## School Honors Deserving Students Gives Citizenship Awards

Simpson Awards Day will be May 29 when students will gather in the auditorium at 8:30 in the morning. Those who have earned honors during the year will receive them at that time.

Awards will be presented to pupils with perfect attendance, winners of the spelling contests, typists, workers in the library, office, and store. Others awards will be for the eighth grade girl who is honored by the Daughters of the American Revolution and the eighth grade boy honor-

ed by the Sons of the American Revolution as outstanding citizens.

Junior Red Cross and Student Council members will also receive awards as will the Audio-Visual boys. Mr. Mishey will honor outstanding patrol boys and Mr. Blauser will award good scholarship.

Last but not least, outstanding ninth grade students will be announced and Mr. and Miss Simpson will be honored.

## Spellers Vie in Finals Hold 3-Way Contest

Today ninth graders will spell in the final contest of the Annual Simpson Spelling Contest which began Tuesday and continued yesterday in the auditorium. Students from all three grades are taking part in these spelling bees.

In the contest today Miss Margaret Maul and Mrs. Florence Grabler will act as judges as Miss Virginia Howard pronounces the words. Committee members in charge are Mrs. Mary Carothers, Miss Violet Chokreff, Mrs. Grabler, and Miss Maul.

Representatives include the following students from Mrs. Carother's classes: Doris Herman, Diana Bridges, Donna Shadel, Ute Grosch, Karen Michener, Judy Radick, Charlotte Stehle; Alternates: Vada Sue, Burd, Sharon Biener, and Claudia Baker. From Miss Chokreff's classes are representatives: Marilyn Baur, Jane Breiting, Irene Knipp, Judy Carrick, Linda Griebling, Nancy Ezzard, Roger Carmel, Karen Urschel, Linda Rauch, Howard Myers, Gayle Whitmore, Patty Ickes, Patty Ferguson, and Claude Hawkins. Alternates are Carolyn Pfau, Sharon Swank, Jean Martin, Pat Maglott, Rod Gilde, and Ronald Strouse.

Mrs. Pauline Crall and Mrs. Vivienne Reichard served as judges for the eighth grade contest yesterday while Mrs. Elma Kiser pronounced the words. Committee members included Mrs. Frances Schultz, Mrs. Reichard, Mrs. Miriam Mathews, Mr. Ray Gerrell, and Mrs. Beatrice Mitchell.

Eighth grade student representatives were: Betty Crawford, Judy Ann Fay, Kathy Michener, Barbara Grant, Vickie Mosey, Judy Campbell, James Alexander, Noma Strouse, Marcia DePue, Judy Plew, Judy Schreffler, Sally Conrad, Freddie Mae Hill, Delores Mills, Polly Schillinger, Cheryl Them, Gilbert Ray, Willie Thomas, James Harris, Jean Wolfe, Edie Hawkins, Willa Brooks, Mary

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## Instruments Vary; Music - Comedy

Playing 20 different instruments ranging from glasses to brooms, Thomas E. Bracken will appear on the John Simpson stage on May 16 at 8:30 a.m. for a student assembly.

Mr. Bracken, who came from a poor family, did not have the advantages which many boys and girls have. However, since he yearned to play music, he found ways of keeping rhythm and producing music from various gadgets.

This ability increased his popularity at school and he soon took a leading part in the school shows. The demand for his services became so great after he finished school that he chose this field as his career, in the hope that he could create an interest in music among people of all walks of life.

Besides playing various musical instruments, Mr. Bracken's talents include ventriloquism, bird and animal imitations, and a comedy routine. He has appeared throughout the United States, as well as overseas, on the stage, radio, television, and a motion picture "short".

(see picture on page 3)

## Attendance Rewards

Homeroom 214, with a percentage of 97.037 had the best attendance in the building during the fifth term. Its students receive the award for the seventh grade; eighth grade room 114 was first with 94.235%; highest in the ninth grade was 202 with 93.926%.

## Coming Events

- May 8 Baseball Ontario - there
- May 8 P.T.A. - cafe
- May 10 Lima Relays
- May 16 Assembly Bracken - Music
- May 16 Baseball Ontario-Liberty Park
- May 20 Band-Orchestra Picnic South Park 3:30-7:30
- May 21 Picnic-Audio-Visual Middle Park 4-7:30
- May 22 Picnic Student Council
- May 26 Picnic - Monitors North Park 4-7:30
- May 27 Assembly Choir & Orchestra
- May 28 Times Banquet
- May 29 Picnic - G.A.A. North Lake Park 3:15
- May 29 Awards Assembly
- May 29 Last Times of year

## Have Students Lead

### Orchestra, Choir Present Assembly

Featuring members of the school orchestra and the vocal groups, Mr. Robert Brashares and Miss Emile Severson will be in charge of a student assembly the afternoon of May 27 in the auditorium.

The orchestra will play the following songs: *Crime Does Not Pay*, a novelty by Weber; *Aria* from *The Marriage of Figaro*, by Mozart; *Chorus* from *Derfrieschutz* by Von Weber; *Finale* from *Carnaval Opus No. 9* by Schumann; *Andantino* from *Symphony No. 4* and *Opus No. 36* by Tschaiowsky; *Mercury*, an overture by Scarmolin; *The Desert Song* by Romberg; *The West Point Song* by Romberg.

Miss Severson has turned most of her conducting duties over to

members of the Ninth Grade Choir. The program follows: *Oklahoma* by Rodgers — Charles Cowan, director

*One Little Candle* by Mysels and Roach — Lynne Erndt, conductor

*Good Night, Good Night, Beloved* by Pinsuti — Karen Michener, conductor

*Who Did? Whale Did!* by Simeone — Patsy Walker, conductor

*Gethsemane* by Cohen — Nancy Ezzard, conductor

*Crucifixion*, a spiritual — Evelyn Adkins, conductor

*Praise Ye the Father*, a spiritual by Gounod — Janice Price, conductor

*The Lord's Prayer* by Malotte — Miss Severson, conductor

Getting ready for their Spring concert, the orchestra members watch Mr. Brashares who is not in the picture. A new feature this year is the risers which make every player visible to the audience.



Working, planning, and posing together are some of the Business and Editorial Staffs: Row 1, Larry Scott, Claudia Page, Lynne Erndt; Row 2, Nancy Ezzard, Pam Hildreth, Judy Radick; Row 3, Bonnie Burkholder, Judi Edwards, Dawn Doerrer, Pat Shearer; Row 4, Sharon Swank, Linda Griebling, Charlotte Stehle

The program committee with their chairman, Linda Griebling, met and planned a fashion show, featuring costumes from early times up to the present. A speaker for the evening is being considered.

Everything from horse and buggy decorations to Sputnik images will be used to carry out the theme. It was also decided that a seal of Mansfield, figure of Johnny Appleseed, a block house, and men chopping wood could be used. This committee voted Karen Michener as chairman.

Other committees such as, invitations, menu and cloakroom committees will soon meet.

Editors for next year will be chosen and awards will be given.

## In Memoriam

Students at Simpson were saddened to learn of the death of JoAnn Crownover, homeroom 210, on April 23. They wish to extend their sincere sympathy to JoAnn's family.

## Winners Earn Prizes; Council Displays Work

Winners have been announced in the Safety Poster Contest sponsored by the Student Council. Mary Cover, first prize winner will receive \$5; Dawn Doerrer will receive \$3 for second prize; Julie Belcher, for third prize, gets \$1.50.

During Safety Week, April 21-25, posters were placed in the show case in the lobby.

Student Council representatives will act as monitors as they guide the present sixth graders (from all surrounding elementary schools) who will be attending Simpson next year.

Tours of the building will begin May 12 and continue through May 29, with school buses furnishing the transportation. The gymnasium, auditorium, cafeteria procedure, and the use of the stairs will be explained.

Gary Owens, Shirley Garver, and Mr. Ray Gerrell attended the Ohio State Student Council Convention April 25 and 26. Mr. Gerrell led a panel discussion on *Aims and Objectives* and Gary was a discussion leader. Shirley went as a Simpson delegate.

Plans for a picnic for members of the Council are being discussed, but no definite plans have been made.

## Groups Hold Picnics

Picnics, the school organizations have planned, tell that the school year is coming to a close. These picnics are a time for the making of awards.

Band and Orchestra members will picnic May 20 at South Park. Following closely on May 21 is the Audio-Visual Picnic at Middle Park.

Student Council members have planned their picnic on May 22 at Middle Park with the Monitors meeting in North Lake Park on May 26.

The Annual G.A.A. picnic will be held on May 29 at 3:15 in North Lake Park. Officers for next year will be announced at this time.



All mothers have one thing in common—the care of their young.

## Editorials

To the glory of Youth:  
Scholarship, Honor, Truth

### You Grave Adventure; Can Make Dreams True

Youth is the time for adventure, the time to dream, and then to try to make the dreams come true.

Adventure for the teenagers of today is different from that experienced by early pioneer children. For them survival, alone, proved to be one long adventure.

We teenagers have a wide variety of adventurous professions from which to choose. We can decide what we want to be and then start planning and working toward our goals. Some want to be scientists, others doctors. But whatever we choose to be is an adventure all the way up the ladder to the top rung.

Some of us probably make mistakes and fall down a rung or two before we catch our balance, but if we keep trying and not be afraid of failure, sooner or later we will reach our goals.

### Consider Student Code; Want Individual Ideas

"Everybody does it," is the excuse of most teenagers when they want to do something special. It's not a very good excuse, but everyone uses it.

When Judge Freehafer came to Simpson he explained the Teenage Code to students of social science classes. He said that if we want understanding with our parents, we should devise a code of our own.

The rules could deal with teenage dating, parties, allowances, etc.

#### Parent-Youth Planning

A. Allowances should be planned together, based on discussions of financial ability, needs, and management of money.

B. Family plans should be organized so (1) transportation needs of the family can be provided; (2) individual members can be reached in case of emergency or change of plans.

Why couldn't Mansfield have a Teenage Code? or Simpson? It's up to us to make our own rules. What are your ideas about family problems? Why not submit them to Lynne Erndt in room 202?

## Teachers

A slave driver is my teacher  
I shall not pass  
He lowereth my grades below zero  
He flunketh me.  
He leadeth me in a straight path to the Principal's office  
For conduct's sake.  
Yea! tho I walk through the halls of my school, I fear all evil.  
For I forgoteth last night's homework.  
I remain in the school house forever.

Joyce Majors



Homeroom 115 claims Carolyn Shepherd on school days. General math and choir and the teachers of those subjects are her school favorites.

Carolyn is a member of the newly formed singing group called "The Cinquettes," which sang at the Simpson Sesqui-Frolics. She enjoys listening to records, eating hamburgers, and drinking pepsi.



Gregory Hale, who is a member of homeroom 206, likes to fish and to caddy for golfers. He rates physical education as his favorite subject; Miss Severson and Mrs. Mathews his favorite teachers.



Linda Swetlic is a member of room 214. Recently she became a reserve cheerleader. She is a Girl Scout of Troop 146. Physical education is her favorite school subject with Mrs. Berry rating her as favorite teacher.

As a hobby, Linda has a penny collection which dates from 1889 to the present. She also has many from other countries. Her most enjoyable pastime is having conversations on the telephone with her friends and eating, especially hotly seasoned pizza.

Rating math highest of his school subjects and Mrs. Theaker his favorite teacher, Rickie Heckert collects guns and model railroads as his hobbies.

No one item is highest on Rickie's food list. To him food is all good.



From 114, Sally Conrad rates glee club and home economics her most enjoyable subjects with Miss Severson and Mrs. Lime her favorite teachers.

When life becomes too tough, Sally just takes to daydreaming. In addition to dreaming, she uses her spare time to collect Bazooka bubble gum, funnies, and small trinkets. Recently she and her sister caught a runaway, unclaimed parakeet.

We salute Paul Walker from homeroom 22 who likes science and algebra best of his school subjects. Recently Paul has been doing some outstanding work in this field. On March 29, he won a superior rating on his display of a Carbon Cycle at Heidelberg College and in April took honors at the display in Akron.



## My Mother

I walk upon the rocky shore,  
Her strength is in the ocean's roar.  
I glance into the shaded pool,  
Her mind is there so calm and cool.  
I hear sweet rippling of the sea,  
Naught but her laughter 'tis to me.  
I gaze into the starry skies,  
And there I see her wondrous eyes.  
I look into my inmost mind,  
And here her inspiration find.  
In all I am and here and see  
My precious mother is with me.  
—Josephine Rise Creelman  
from *Our Holidays in Poetry*  
Carnegie Library School  
Association

## Uncle Horace Says:

Dear Uncle Horace,

I would like your opinion of the sack dress. My mother doesn't want me to get one, but I like them.

A. W.

Dear A. W.

Since I am a mere man my opinion of the chemise doesn't count much. However, I think the sack dress looks just like what the name suggests and is just about as becoming as a lampshade would be for a hat. I think the chemise is just a passing fad (thank heaven) and will soon be out of style.

Dear Uncle Horace,

I go around with this girl and she embarrasses me all the time (especially in front of boys). One day my boyfriend and I had a fight and she had to go and tell him off. Well, that made him real mad and I guess he thinks I put her up to it.

Now she says I should apologize to him, but I didn't do anything. Who should apologize, me or her? She doesn't have any boy friends and I think that is the reason. I'm afraid if she keeps it up, I'll lose all of my friends. What can I do?

Disgusted

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

If a ninth grader at Simpson is going steady with someone that goes to another school, why can't that person take his steady to the prom?

R. N.

Dear R. N.,

It has been a policy for many years that students who do not attend Simpson are not permitted to go the prom. The prom is only for Simpson ninth graders who have paid their dues and have contributed something to the class.

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Dear Editor,

Will the personal wills of the ninth graders be published in the last issue of the paper?

J. W.

Dear J. W.

Individual wills will not be published, but homeroom wills and a story will be published instead.

Dear Editor,

Since the month of May is Safety Month in Mansfield, the boys and girls should become more conscious of things they can do for their own safety.

We should all be more careful in crossing the street in front of the building. The light has been placed at the corner for our protection.

C. S.



## Roamin' the Halls with the Bull Dog

Charles Walls

During the course of this year, I have seen or heard many interesting things. For example: I saw Coach Romano and Coach Maccioli playing jacks in the boys' locker room.

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Carole Weaver has a new stair method. She tries to fall up the stairs instead of down.

Brains

Richard Shasky and John Owens each won a case of twenty-four bottles of coke when they answered questions on the WM-AN quiz program. John answered a question about the Bible one

day. Another day Richard answered the question about what the initials C.A.R.E. stood for.

Just Wondering

Who won the baseball game when two boys in the eighth grade glee club were throwing the ball up and down the aisles?

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If Cathy Kleinknecht enjoyed the giant-size lollipop in math class?

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Larry Scott must have had water on the brain as he came out of the boys' shower room on his head.

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# Parents See Students' Work at Meet Carbon Cycle Rates Group Visits Akron

Simpson students, representing classes and organizations, will explain their displays to parents and teachers at the Parent-Teacher meeting tonight in the cafeteria at 7:30.

Mr. Blauser will give a review of student achievement for the year and Dawn Doerrer and Karen Michener, co-editors of the Times, will talk on what the staff have achieved this year.

The exhibits shown at the state and district science fairs will be explained by members of the Simpson Science Club. Nancy Ezzard and Paul Walker will show the Carbon Cycle; John Wilson and Clay Bixler will work their Nim machine.

Girls from Mrs. Eleanor Lime's home economics classes will model clothes they have made with Rita Rickey modeling a blouse and shorts outfit; Sally Conrad and Gayle Whitman, modeling dresses.

In the field of good grooming, Mrs. Etta Wert's classes will display handicraft work and notebooks made during the year. Eighth grader Ruth Chronister and seventh grader Marilyn Schwaner will explain the projects and tell about the class work.

Gardeners can look for the kneeling bench made by Rickie Heckert in Mr. Prior's woodworking class. James Gruber will show a combination coffee and lamp table. A small wooden bowl, that can be used for various things, will be exhibited by Ivan Bristow.

Other exhibitors from woodshop classes will be John Pelasky showing a rose arbor; Robert Deems and Lester Eubanks the outside casings for electric clocks; Charles Cowan, Beecher Adkins, and Willie Jefferson their coffee tables. Examples of seventh and eighth grade project work will be exhibited also.

As examples from Mr. Hobart Lime's mechanical drawing class-

es, Mike Heinberger will demonstrate how to develop a cylinder on an inclined plane and Richard Jacobs will show how isometric circles are formed.

Mr. Emmette Lily will also have a display of products made in metal classes.

After being shown through the art centers, the parents and teachers will return to the cafeteria. Girls from Mrs. Helen Perrill's home economics classes will set the table, make the fruit punch, and serve the refreshments.

## Press Clinic Attracts Mansfielders; 84 Learn Journalism Pros and Cons

Eighty-four Mansfield students attended the Eighteenth Annual High School Press Clinic at Kent State University in April. From Johnny Appleseed 40 students went and from John Simpson 44.

A delegation of 1,300 junior and senior high school students and more than 100 advisors from 75 northeastern Ohio schools attended the day-long session.

United Press Women's Page Editor from New York City, Miss Gay Pauley, was the main speaker. She told of many of her experiences while she was covering stories, such as the visit of Queen Elizabeth to the United States, her thrill at shaking Sir Winston Churchill's hand, and her visit with Gary Cooper. In addition to these experiences, she told the group what qualifications are needed for a good reporter, and the outlook for jobs.

Linda Griebing, from Simpson, won third prize in the contest of the day for a Human Interest story about a chipmunk, and Kathy Michener won second

place in the Pre-Clinic contest with a feature about a turkey's ghost. Kathy is also from Simpson.

An Appleseed student, Joan Veith, won third place for Speech Coverage in the day's contests.

Round-table discussions on various subjects were attended by Simpson students. These should help The Times maintain a high standard.

Mrs. R. F. Ezzard, Miss Virginia Howard, Mrs. Lucy Gassaway, and Miss Elsie McFadden accompanied the Simpson group.

A new look is being obtained in the auditorium with the new curtains on the stage. These curtains are a rich, royal purple with gold trim.



Who would think a person could get music out of ordinary bottles and brooms? Mr. Bracken shows how it's done. See story on page 1.

## Eight Have All A's Prize Inspires Trip 19 Rate Honor Roll

As Spring is bursting out all over, so eight Simpson students burst out with all A's on their report card during the fifth term of the school year. Eleven others made all A's in their major subjects for their place on the Honor Roll.

Six of the All-A students are ninth graders: Dawn Doerrer, Nancy Ezzard, Linda Griebing, Judy Radick, Karen Urschel, and Harvey Welker. Linda Frizzell, eighth grade, and Jean Prior, seventh grade, were the others.

More students from the seventh grade placed on the Honor Roll than the other grades: Karen Arbutina, Lynn Beal, Sue Herrick, Marilyn King, Wilma Kit-chen, Kay Klippel, Jerry Lynch, Janet Philpot, Sue Stocker, and Patricia Watson. Kathy Michener was the only other Honor Roll member from the eighth grade and there were no others in the ninth grade.

Another letter thanking students for the Junior Red Cross gift boxes has been received from Germany. This letter, addressed to Miss Marianne Russell, is written in English by a German who was a prisoner of war in this country for a time. He learned his English in a night school in Germany.

## Seventh Grade Leads

### Honorable Mention Lists 111 Members

Warm sunny weather didn't stop 111 students from getting high enough grades to make places for themselves on the Honorable Mention List for the fifth term of the school year. Of this number 57 were seventh graders; 32 eighth graders; 22 ninth graders.

Seventh grade pupils on the list were Larry Adams, Dennis Arnold, Juli Belcher, Kathy Benson, Betse Bissman, Larry Bixler, Bethann Brannon, Jean Brucato, Jerri Cline, Linda Conrad, Barbara Crumrine, Sandra Davis, Janet Diehl, Gloria Duncan, Karen Echols, Janice English, Peggy Friend, Priscilla Gates, Elaine Gaubatz, Paula Green, Roger Griebing, Karen Harich, Sharon Harich, Sherry Harris, Jerry Hurt, Judy Johnson, Randy Keith, Linda Koser, Kathleen Larscey, Leotis Lawhorn.

Stella Loveland, Jeraldine Mills, Bill Mitchell, John Mitts, Harold Mortimer, Miriam McCullough, Jay McElvain, Marion McGee, Donna McKinley, George Nichols, Judy Nolen, Jeffery Owens, Jim Plew, Everett Proffitt, Richard Remy, Dan Rephun, Brenda Rose, Jane Stewart, Paul Sweeney, Linda Swetlic, Nancy Thompson, Lester Vnasdale, Janet Wallace, Linda Williams, David Yingling, and Jeanne Yockey.

Eighth graders: Barbara Armstrong, Gene Bernat, Pat Brinley, Ruth Chronister, Sally Conrad, Mary Cover, Pat Daugherty, Heidi Dech, Kristin Fitzgerald, Linda Flowers, Carolyn Garrett, Shirley Garver, Diane Gertel, Barbara Grant, Judy Hawley, Freddie Mae Hill, Oonna Hoffman, William Hunsinger, Vickie Mosey, Easther McNeil, Jack Plew, Pat Schilling, Louis Simpson, Dianne Snyder, Jean Swank, Ruby Swann, Cheryl Them, Linda Thomas, Sarah Thompson, Charles Walls, Carole Weaver and Garry Yoakum.

Ninth grade students: Linda Amsbaugh, John Armstrong, Claudia Baker, Phyllis Boggs, Connie Boyd, Judy Carrick, James Cyrus, Patty Eccles, Linda Friend, Ute Grosch, Jane Henderson, Joyce Kareff, Karen Michener, Sue Misenheimer, Dixie McDonald, Gary Owens, Larry Schaffer, Donna Shadel, Charlotte Stehle, Paul Walker, Gayle Whitmore, and Gloria Williams.

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# Teacher Finds

## Leisure-Time Activity Rewarding

Louis Simpson

Teaching seventh and eighth grade English classes is Mrs. Vivienne Reichard, who resides at 96 Rowland Avenue. Mrs. Reichard is also qualified to teach history and Spanish. She attended Penn State University and Ashland College.

The mother of two children, whose ages are nine and eleven, Mrs. Reichard has lived in Mansfield for seven years.

She enjoys sewing, reading, and cooking in her leisure time. One other hobby that she is very enthusiastic about is refinishing antiques. She goes to auctions and buys the antiques for a low price because they are usually worn and old. Then she refinishes them and thus increases the value. For example, she bought a New England late colonial desk for only \$3 and now has been offered over \$150 for it.

Mrs. Reichard's pet peeve is laziness. She would like her students to do more reading in their spare time.

## Spellers Vie in Finals; Jerry Judges Fad

Jerry Lynch

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Walker, Diane Snyder, Louis Simpson, Barbara Pamberton, Sharon Workman, Bobbie Jean Marsh, and Ralph Nixon. Alternates were Diane Gertel, Charles Walls, Roberta West, Sylvia Paul, Eartha Holliday, Mary Fleming, Bill Collias, Sheila Barram, Bruce Konves, Ruby Swann, Steve Harbaugh, Sally Williams, and James Black.

During the seventh grade contest on Tuesday Mr. Blausner pronounced the words. Judges were Mrs. Ruth Klopfenstein and Mr. Lee Farmer. Serving on the committee for the grade were Mrs. Lois McCullough, Miss Elsie McFadden, Mrs. Virginia Allen, and Mrs. Klopfenstein.

Representatives for the seventh grade spelling bee were the following 112—Anita Perry, Shirley Webb; 213—Jimmy Wezel, Annie Cook; 214—Sue Stocker, Kay Klippel; 200A—John Mitts, Andrew Mitts; 207 Becky Williams, Thomas Lorentz; 216—Gary Reynolds, Mary E. Smith; 108—Beverly Anderson, Bob Croft; 101—W. C. Thomas, Anita Rummery; 106—Barbara Crumrine, Marilyn King; 113—Sandra Adkins, Ada McGraw; 20—Christine Johns, Barbara Weidle; 205—Troy Adkins, Robert Sanderfer; 206—Karen Arbutina, Elaine Gaubatz.

Seventh grade alternate spellers were 112—Marcella Dean, Jerry Carrington; 213—Patty Woods, 214—Ethel Mazaris, Randy Keith; 200A—James Minnix, Bonnie Meenach; 207—Carolyn Anderson, Bernetta Stewart; 216—Everett Proffitt, Shirley Weidle; 108—Jearldine Mills, Scotty Catine; 101—Carol Milum; 106—James Bradley, Patty Watson; 113—Jeannie Tackett; 20—Gloria Rooks; 206—Wilma Kitchen, Mary A. Williams.

Winners will be announced in the next issue of *The Times*.

A kind of music which has been prevalent among the teenagers of America in recent years has been one of the most controversial subjects in the past decade. This music, rock and roll, appears to many people as only a passing fad. However many others are beginning to wonder if something which has been around for two or three years can be described as only a temporary craze. It is true that many parents are having fits over this particular type of music.

Perhaps they have forgotten the "roaring twenties" in which they also drove their parents nuts. I'd be the first to admit, though, that the meaning of the words in a few songs is sacrificed to conform with the beat. Some of the pop tunes of today are much worse than most rock and roll ever was. In the future I can see rock and roll on hit parade but many of today's teenage idols will be gone.

Who says that spelling isn't taught? Mrs. Reichard demonstrates the way the words are written



## May Day Has Superstitious Base

Ruth Chronister

What did the first day of May mean to you?

"Nothing," was my answer; but after searching in books and talking to people I changed my mind.

I found that in Rome, the Romans had a goddess named Flora. On the first day of May the children of Rome filled Flora's temple with flowers. In England, the people set up Maypoles that were gaily decorated with streamers. Then they danced and sang around the poles. Hungarians accused a Christian woman of a crime on this day. In order to prove her innocence, she had to put a wooden stick into the ground and pray. The stick had to sprout leaves and become a growing, living tree or the woman was slain.

These are just a few beliefs about May Day. Other interesting beliefs are that it is bad to marry in May and that girls and young women in Ireland washed their faces in the morning dew to keep away witches and to

assure them of a good complexion for the next year.

People of the United States followed the English customs when they were colonists, but the Puritans of New England destroyed the practice. Today in grade schools the children usually make their mothers baskets of flowers to show their love.

Of recent years in Europe, the day has been observed to show the military might of countries. Planes, tanks, and weapons are paraded as people cheer.

## Concert Impresses Kay At "High-brow" Affair

Kay Klippel

When I first saw the orchestra arrangement I was very disappointed at the size of it, but I soon found that size has nothing to do with the sound of the orchestra. I thought it sounded like a full symphony orchestra. Jerri Cline, sitting next to me, remarked that the first piece that was played sounded as if it were on a record.

I enjoyed the different instrument demonstrations, especially the trombone and timpani.

I was impressed by the way the players practically fell asleep and suddenly woke up and began to play, even if their part was just one note.

"The Classical Symphony" by Sergi Prokofieff was the piece I enjoyed most. The conductor told us to listen to the music and try to pick out the main theme which entered into the piece at least once in each of the four movements.

All in all, I enjoyed the concert very much, particularly when the conductor dropped the baloon he was using to demonstrate something and it went zipping around the stage.

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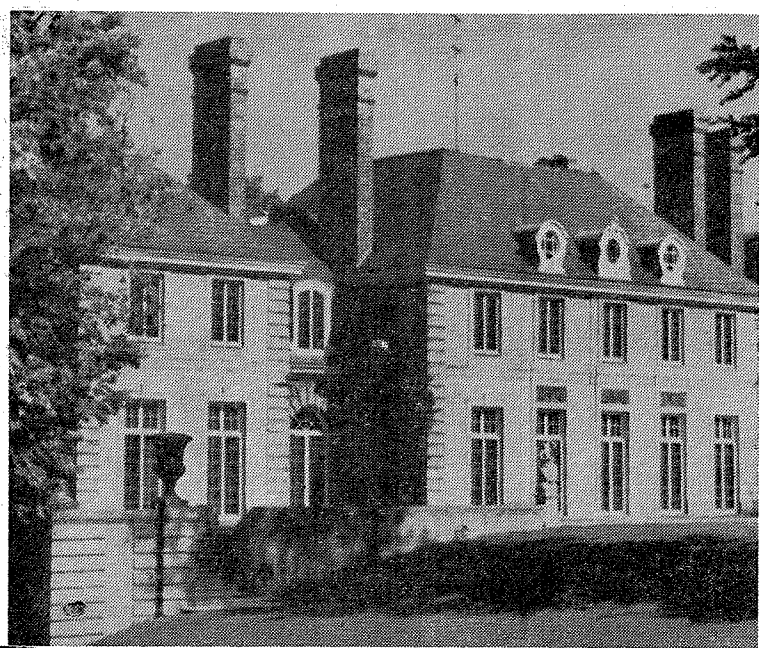
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The pride of Mansfield attracts many visitors from this part of the country, all during the year.

## Groups Begin Early to Develop Culture Music, Drama Begin

Eighth of a series on the history and development of Mansfield. The organization of the library, Mansfield Civic Music Association and the Mansfield Symphony Orchestra was discussed in the April issue.

A musical group, which has attracted much attention in this part of the United States and Canada, is the Mastersingers. Making its first appearance in June, 1946, with Robert Marshall, tenor soloist as guest artist, the group has given concerts at Chataqua, Lakeside, Canada, and many other places.

Mr. A. LeMoine Derr, Mansfield teacher, and Dr. F. A. Hoffman have been the guiding lights of the organization of 85 men. Two concerts are presented each year.

An offspring of the Mastersingers is the Kleinesingers. These boys gave their first concert in August, 1954. They, too, have appeared in other cities and give two concerts a year. Their director is Mr. A. LeMoine Derr. Now numbering 45, the Kleinesingers had their beginning in the Ninth Grade Choir at Simpson when Mr. Derr was directing the choir.

### Form Players Group

Six or seven people met at the home of Mr. Clark Anderson to read plays back in 1926. They liked their work so well that they decided to produce plays and met in the Common Pleas Court Room of the Court House for their first practices.

In December 1926 the Mansfield Community Players gave their first play, *Icebound*. It netted a profit of only \$2. Mrs. Helen Bacon directed the plays for 17 years and is now awarding a Helen Bacon Award to the outstanding actor of each season, selected by the audience, as three plays are given each year. In 1948 the group became affiliated with the American National Theater Academy.

Children's Theater was started in 1937. Since then, the members have been performing plays during the summer, under the direction of Mr. Harold McCuen.

Another dramatic group, the Little Theater, was incorporated in 1949. Producing their first play in March, 1948, the group dreamed of having permanent headquarters. This dream came

true in 1954 when members converted the old county laundry building behind the Children's Home into a playhouse seating 120 people. All plays are presented there now, with the exception of those given at Kingwood during the summer.

### All Enjoy Gift

One of the greatest additions to the culture of Mansfield is Kingwood Center, the gift of the multimillionaire Charles Kelley King. The Park Avenue West building was his home until 1952, and he enjoyed his hobbies of bird study, plant propagation, and the fine arts there.

Before Mr. King's death, he determined to create for the people of Mansfield a place where they could enjoy Nature. Here there are flower, art, and dramatic shows, all made possible by Mr. King's gift. They attract thousands of people from this part of the United States.

To further the education of the people of Mansfield, Bowling Green University established a branch university in the city several years ago. This school, under the direction of former superintendent of schools, Mr. W. L. Miller, permitted many people to take training for teaching.

Next fall a branch of the Ohio State University will replace the Bowling Green branch. It will enable Mansfield students to attend college for two years while they live at home.

Mansfield is really developing a cultural background for its citizens as the city grows in population and territory.

The final issue of the Times will feature an article on the growth of city services and a look ahead.

## Barbershops Still Open For Business; Hobby-Lobby Time Beards Help Celebrate Birthday

Patsy Thompson

In case you are wondering about the ring of gray, white, black, red, or blonde covering the faces of the male population of Mansfield, you can be sure the city hasn't gone on a soap strike yet! Webster defines these rings as beards.

Mansfield will celebrate its sesquicentennial anniversary, its 150th birthday, in June. It was founded in that month of the year 1808.

Wearing of beards can be traced back to ancient times. In those days women were regarded as witches because they couldn't grow them. Countries had different customs about the growing of beards.

Egyptians shaved their beards in times of mourning while Alexander the Great abolished beards from his army because he thought of them as handles for the enemy. Emperor Justinian again permitted the men to be bearded. The Greek philosophers were long-bearded men because they thought the beards gave them more dignity.

The Mohammedans set great store by their beards, in honor of their great prophet, Mohammed. Orientals feel that the removal of the beard is highly degrading. In early Medieval times, in Europe, it was a common practice to cut off the beards of captive princes.

Dyeing the beards was common in the days of Elizabethan England. In Shakespeare's *Midsummer Night's Dream* players wore

various colors of beards: In some parts of the play the beards were straw, orange-tawny, purple-in-green, French gold crown color, or perfect yellow.

At one time, beards were even taxed in England when Henry VIII and Elizabeth were the rulers. Anyone with a beard was considered wealthy and capable of paying a tax.

Beards are regarded as a symbol of manhood, wisdom, and strength. Lovesick brides, as a token of affection, have been known to stuff the hair of their husbands beards into pincushions.

The men of Mansfield may have none of the reasons mentioned for growing beards. However, by the time the celebration is in full swing, their beards should be as bushy as any worn by the men of the past.

Miss Virginia Howard, French and Latin teacher, had an article published about her use of the flannel board in teaching French in the Spring issue of the *Language Teacher's Notebook*. This notebook is published nationally by the Scott, Foresman Company. A picture of two of her former students accompanies Miss Howard's article.

### Plan Freshman Courses

Next year's ninth graders and their parents attended a meeting in April to learn about courses offered. Mr. Blauser, in charge of the meeting, introduced Mrs. Kirby, Mr. Young, Mr. Kennedy, and Mrs. Lime.

These teachers explained the different courses and Mr. Blauser advised students that they should realize the advantages they have in selecting their subjects and choose wisely.

Following the general meeting, the assembly divided into groups for discussion. Then students met in a combined assembly on April 18 in preparation for final registration on April 22.

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## Track Team Competes in Limas Relays

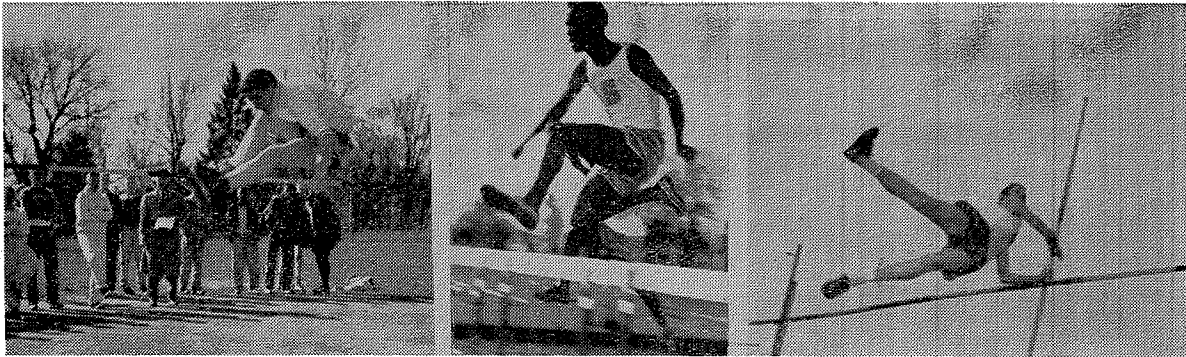
Traveling to Lima Saturday, the Simpson Track team will take part in the Lima Relays. Here the boys will be competing with twenty-eight senior high reserve teams and Johnny Applesseed Junior High.

Simpson boys are strongest in and hope to take honors in the broad jump, the 440-yard relay, the 880-yard relay, the 220 yard dash, the 100-yard low hurdles, and the 100 yard dash.

The coach is looking for Walter Jefferson, Ron Burggraf, M. D. Crawford, Larry Keinath, and Fred Grantling to bring home the points.

So far the Track Season has been unsuccessful with losses to Madison Galion, Marion, Ash-

land and Shelby. However, the boys are improving and by the time the paper is off the press, the boys may have won victories over Applesseed and Wooster.



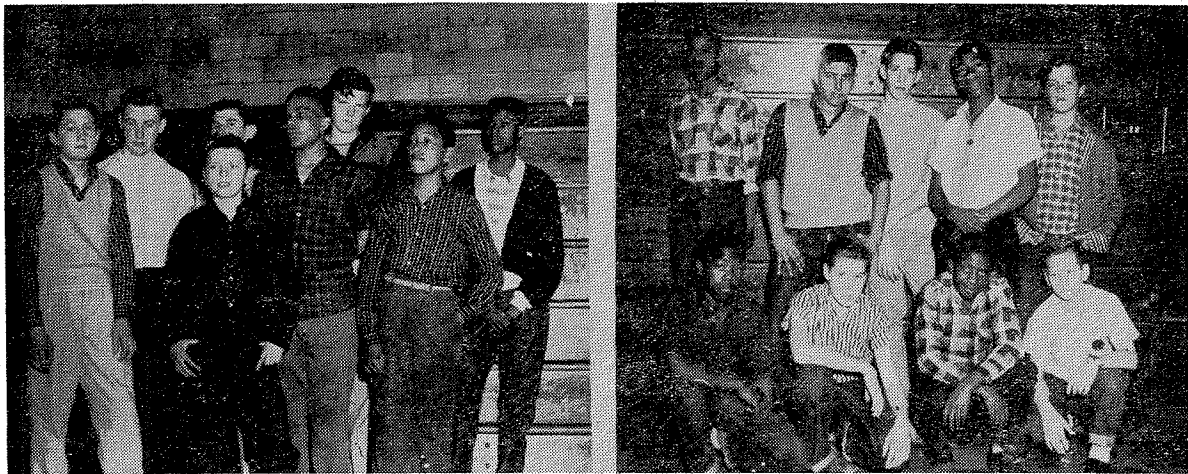
In picture 1, Gary McDonald clears the pole in the high jump; picture 2 shows Walter Jefferson sailing over the hurdle; picture 3 shows Harry Fochtman sailing through the air with the greatest of ease as he pole vaults.

## Boys Reveal Thoughts

What do boys think of as they run down the track?

When interviewed M. D. Crawford answered that he just had the urge to win. Crawford started running track in the fifth grade. (He's also a broad jumper, record distance 18' 11½"). His ambition is to be a professional athlete after college.

Lemons? Charles Cowan insists that before a meet a lemon seems to give him a lift and makes him run faster. He runs the mile relay in fifty-nine seconds.



These boys won the eighth grade boys' volleyball tournament. Left to right, front row: Ernst Hofsaess, Gerhart Raff, Elroy Allen, Gilbert Ray; row two: David Lamberton, Wilfried Ickert, Foster Dials, Lionel Jefferson. The picture on the right shows the seventh grade winners: Row 1, Bill Adkinson, Larry Kirk, Clifford Snelling, Gerald Schafer. Row 2, Don Hoard, Stan Avgoustis, Cass Leedom, Richard Kent, Ken Winbigler.



## Sideline Slants

By Larry and Lynne



In Physical Education classes Roly Poly scooters are causing a great roar. The antics that are done with the scooters are kicking with the feet, pushing with the hands, and getting shoved by a fellow student. The girls turn red with laughter when they see the boys on the scooters, but all is justice for the boys nearly have fits when the girls ride them.

Eighth grade gym classes are enjoying a new sport called bowling. The pins are made of plastic and the ball is a hollowed-out rubber sphere. Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Romano have already tried their skill and, well, I guess I'd better not tell you how they did.

At the Marion track meet, M. D. Crawford jumped a good 18' 11½" which the farthest any

Simpson record for a Simpson jumped since the early 1940's. Another highlight of the Marion meet was the taking off of the boys' shoes while they ran and jumped to project the track. Our boys feel they might have scored more with shoes on.

### Choose Girl Athlete

Mrs. Porch and Mrs. Berry have chosen Jean Martin as the girl athlete of the month. Jean is very active in gym classes and G.A.A. She always has her clean uniform ready for class. Jean is also a well-known Mansfield dancer.

Anyone wishing to take part in the Derby may get a rule book from the Dollohan Chevrolet Company, if accompanied by a parent.

## Baseball Opponents Take Victories

Baseball got off to a bang, it seems, for the other teams on the Simpson schedule. Mr. Romano

tells of his future desires, "To win at least one game before the season is over."

Stan Hales's batting average should be powerful medicine against Ontario. If the boys overcome their errors, which are the weakest point of the team, they

should be able to fill the coach's desire.

Box scores show results of three games played:

Simpson	1	0	0	3	2	1	0-7
Madison	2	5	0	4	0	0	0-11
Ashland	13	2	0	3	0-18		
Simpson	2	0	0	0	0-2		
Shelby	0	1	5	2	1	0	0-11
Simpson	0	1	3	0	0	0	0-4

## Rooms Subdue Foes

After five weeks of stiff competition, the following rooms finally conquered all to win the intramural volleyball championships: ninth grade room 203; eighth grade 208; seventh grade room 20.

Among the top scorers in the games were Harry Fochtman, Mat Burrage, Harvey Welker, and Ron Collins, all ninth graders; Gilbert Ray and Elroy Allen, eighth grade; Richard Kent, Donald Hoard and Cass Leedom, seventh grade.

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