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Seniors Benefit From Food, Film and Fun Contest Climaxes Temperance Week

On January 22 at 6:30 P.M. the seniors were busily preparing a meal of sandwiches, French fries, cheese Frenchies, banana splits, and Mountain Dew.

The Senior benefit is always an occasion where you can find a place for all the money that's been burning a hole in your pocket, and this evening was not to be an exception.

At 7:00 the serving line opened and everyone went through, bought the goodies, and filled themselves with the good ol' senior food. After eating, the gym was opened and everybody found his way there where an exciting program was in store for us.

When everyone was seated, Alan Vercio, our president, opened the program by announcing a number to be played by the Senior band. Those of you who were there noticed that we have a very talented Senior class. The entire class played in the Senior band.

The music department accidentally had just about the right number of instruments to supply all the seniors with an instrument. I realize, however, that all the in-

struments were not played, perhaps because of the player's unfamiliarity with the instrument he was playing or, should I say, trying to play!

We finally got started after we played the tuning note. (And who knows what that note was!) I don't know how he could tell, but our conductor, Loren Zerbe, thought that Edythe Feather was a little sharp.

The name of the song played was "The Indian Princess." The crowd seemed to enjoy it very much although I think not very many people knew what we had played after we had finished!

After the band number, a very interesting film, "Third Man on the Mountain," was shown. It was about a boy who had a burning desire to be a mountain guide against all opposition, and finally achieved his goal after climbing a mountain never scaled before, on which his father, a guide, had died while saving another man's life.

Thanks to the visitors and students, we seniors had a profitable benefit.



Knee-knocking Teetotalers—Marilyn Zerbe, Del Aitken, Connie Jo Gerst, Bob Herrington.

Four of P.V.A.'s bravest students had lost their courage. They had lumps in their throats, they were shaking and trembling, and their knees were applauding each other as they waited to deliver their temperance speeches.

Other contestants in the jingle, poster, and cartoon contests were nervously awaiting also to see who were going to be the winners.

A very able group of judges picked the winners which was a rather hard task considering the good entries in the contest. A local minister, a community doctor, a conference educational secretary, and a junior educational secretary and his wife acted as judges.

Now for the winners! Delmar Aitken won first prize and \$15.00 for his oration entitled "You are the Judge", which told of the social and health advantages and disadvantages of tobacco use and if

it is or is not profitable for a teen to smoke.

All other participants in the oration contest received \$5.00. They were Marilyn Zerbe, "What Is Alcohol"; Connie Jo Gerst, "Almost"; and Bobby Herrington, "The Harmless Killer".

Some very fine jingles were entered but Gary Muenchau's proved to be the best which follows:

Lying on his back six feet under
Doctors studied and found out his blunder,

He had lung cancer and could not fight back,

All because of cigarettes that come in a pack.

Gary received \$5.00 for his. Jaci Peckham and Sharlene Cook received \$4.00 and \$3.00 respectively for second and third. Dwight Beatty won first on his colorful poster while Randy Nelson won first on his cartoon.



Maestro Zerbe leads world famous Senior Pops Symphony

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEEKEND SPEAKERS

February 5—Elder Voegle
February 19—Elder N. Sharp

SPECIAL EVENTS

January 30-February 5—Student Week of Prayer
February 10-February 12—Band Festival Clinic in Lincoln

SATURDAY NIGHTS

February 5—Surprise?
February 19—
February 26—Girls Open House
March 5—Band Concert

The Christmas Story

As Christmas time draws near we think of many things. Home, food, gifts, candy and just plain fun!! And there is always the Christmas program too.

This year the Christmas program was directed by Mr. Kenneth Lacy, chairman of the Music Department. Accompanying him were Carolyn Slattery at the organ, and Mrs. Lacy and Betty Hornbacher at the piano. The narrator was Elder Oliver Maize.

Those who took part in the program December 17 were the Platte Valley Academy choir and the ele-

mentary school students. There was also a piano and organ duet presented by Carol Morse and Miss Slattery, with incidental instrument accompaniment.

It was a very beautiful service. Those in the choir walked up to their places carrying lights and singing as their processional "Joy to the World". Principal Don Weslen gave the devotional.

The choir then sang three lovely songs, "Still, Still, Still," "A Son Is Born of Mary" and "Danish Christmas Round." The next thing on the program was a song by the elementary school students, "Away

in a Manger."

The treble voices sang two lovely numbers, then the men's voices presented the beautiful number, "While Shepherds Watched Their Sheep."

The Prairie Balladairs next sang beautifully "The Song of Christmas."

To climax the evening we had an inspiring candle light service. Candles were passed to each one in the audience. Each candle was lighted by the preceding seat mate. Soon the darkened auditorium was glowing with candle light. I believe all received a real blessing.

The Days of Used to Was

In 1944 Janis Bascom, now accountant at Platte Valley Academy, was editor of the Sundial. She told how the girls won the Sundial subscription campaign. (It must have been different in those days because the boys seem to be doing the winning now-a-days.)

She wrote of B. G. Butherus, principal, who had been to Topeka, Kansas, attending a ministerial convention at which they held a public trial. The jury was chosen of non-Adventists of Topeka. The trial was on who was guilty of changing the Sabbath from Saturday to Sunday. The jury came up with the verdict that "God did not change the Sabbath."

In January of 1944 the finance committee voted that the girls' dorm attic be remodeled and made into a recreation room and a kitchenette.

It seems that in January of 1945 Mrs. Bascom received a letter from the Butheruses who had moved from Shelton Academy the spring of the year before. They had gone to Jamacia to the West Indian Finiva College.

In 1948 the Farm Mechanics class installed waterers for the cows in the milking barn. They also built one of the open sheds west of the barn. (Ha! Ha! This is a humorous bit of information. Now everyone laughs.)

This is the January news for now. Next month we will have another feature from "The Days of Used to Was".

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EDITORIAL

WHY GRIPE!

Several times each day I hear someone griping about one thing or another. The following piece of poetry is for these people. I hope that they get some good from the thought it brings out.

I'M FINE

There's nothing whatever the matter with me,
I'm just as healthy as I can be.
I have arthritis in both my knees
And when I talk, I talk with a wheeze.
My pulse is weak and my blood is thin
But I'm awfully well for the SHAPE I'm in.
I think my liver is out of whack
And a terrible pain is in my back.
My hearing is poor, and my sight is dim,
Most everything seems to be out of trim,
My doctor says my days are few,
For every week there is something new.
The way I stagger is sure a crime,
I'm likely to drop at any time.
I jump like mad at the fall of a pin,
But I'm awfully well for the SHAPE I'm in.
My sleep is poor, night after night,
And in the morning, I'm really a sight.
Memory's failing, my head's in a spin.
I'm practically living on aspirin,
But I'm awfully well for the SHAPE I'm in.
The moral is, as this tale I unfold,
That for you and me, who are growing old,
IT'S better to say, "I'M FINE", with a grin.
Than bemoan our lot for the SHAPE we're in.

Now I don't know if any of you can draw a lesson or comparison from this poem or not, but I think that I've found one, even though it may be a simple one. Sure I'll go along with some people that there could well be some changes for the better, but what good is griping going to do?

It doesn't accomplish anything unless you see the person who can straighten it out, and how many times is this done? As the poem points out, probably there is nothing that griping can do to remedy your troubles. So why not say everything is fine and going ok, and maybe, just maybe with this attitude conditions will improve.—D.A.



Del Aitken wins ATS speech contest for second time.

Autocratic Aristocrats



by Randy Nelson

Well, the boys are into another year here at P.V.A. in the old boys' dormitory. Everyone seems to have many new things he received at Christmas time.

At night during study period one can hear Garry Fisher plucking away at his new electric guitar. Through the leaky walls drifts the sounds of a lone harmonica echoing down the halls, likely to be someone playing himself to sleep.

There has been great turmoil lately with the boys switching rooms and roommates and also welcoming the newcomers to the dorm.

On the evening of January 13 after worship the new Boys' Club officers were chosen. They are: Dan Harrom, president; Del Aitken, vice-president; Louis Littrell, parliamentarian; Jim Vert, secretary-treasurer; Garry Fisher, pastor; and Larry Eades, chorister.

We are looking forward to a great second semester with our new officers. On the 20th there was joint club during which we viewed the films that the seniors saw at their class party.

During the second semester the boys are going to be doing some weight-lifting. The Dean bought some new weights for us to use in addition to the old ones. The new ones are protected by plastic. Expect great things from our muscles now!

He also described what alcohol can do to the brain even though the amount taken is very small.

We are thankful to the Temperance Society for giving us a chance to see that alcohol and tobacco really are harmful.

Answer to last month's 'Guess Who', left to right: Mrs. Spalding, Mr. Mock, Mrs. and Elder Maize, Mr. and Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Hill, and Mrs. Bascom.

Temperance Week

The week of January 9-15 was Temperance Week here at P.V.A. During the week films were shown and there were several guest speakers. It was climaxed Saturday night with temperance orations and contests.

A review of the week is as follows. Sunday night there was a film about the effects of cigarette smoking on the body. Monday morning chapel one on alcohol was shown.

Each night during the week we had an interesting film about alcohol or smoking. "Beyond the Skyscraper", a film, showed what alcohol can do to a prosperous person and how it wrecks lives.

Friday morning for chapel the guest speaker was Reverend James S. Hamilton, a Baptist minister and the head of Alcohol Education in Nebraska. He had slides and charts showing what alcohol can do to the body.

Devastating Debutantes



by Beth Elkins

A major event in the Girl's Club this month was a visit of two hair stylists from Shelton to the Academy.

Tuesday afternoon four girls, Bonnie Diamond, Connie Gerst, Lois Littrell and Kathy Wilson paid a visit to the Beauty Salon in Shelton. The four girls had gone on the one condition that they would let the beauty operators do whatever they had to in order to style each girl's hair to fit her face.

There was a feeling of surprised excitement in the air as the time for the girls' return drew near. At last they arrived! Two beauticians from the salon were with them. Their hair was brushed out and dressed while we watched.

The girls were able to ask questions while the four girls were having their hair done. The hair styles on the girls were quite becoming and they were all glad they were given the opportunity to go.

Phi Veta Alpha presented "Truth or Consequences" for their

entertainment on a Tuesday evening not too long ago. First of all Marsha Rogers was called up front. She was unable to answer the question so had to pay the "Consequence".

Marsha was shown an obstacle course of eggs on the floor. She was told that she was to walk through this blindfolded and to try and not break any eggs. Unknown to Marsha was the fact that the eggs were exchanged for soda crackers.

Cautiously she started out, stepping high to avoid the "eggs". Oh, dear, what was that awful crunching sound? She must have broken one. Strange that she didn't feel any slime! It surely must have been a "dry" egg!!

Marsha was quite surprised when she learned what had really happened, but she took the joke quite good naturedly.

Many other such incidents followed such as apple dunking, climbing a ladder which wasn't really there, and trying to pick up wads of Kleenex with a wooden spoon while the person was blindfolded.

To wind up the evening the new sweetheart queen, Kathie Nicholson, and her attendants, Lynette Gardner and Edythe Feather, were crowned.

All three of them had been dunking for apples and as they sat on their royal thrones someone commented "Have you ever seen a dripper court??"

The dean was delivering the familiar spiel.

"Remember, men, it's not whether you win or you lose that counts, but it's the way you play the game. And that's what burns me up—the stupid way you're playing the game!"

The recipe for successful speaking is to use plenty of shortening.



Santa brings Christmas joy to local family.

Santa Goes Modern

Our Christmas party, with Mr. GO MODERN!!

Mock as master of ceremonies, began successfully the night before vacation. The Balladairs gave us several special numbers which included "Silver Bells" and "Winter Wonderland." "T'was the Night After Christmas" was a parody, given by Connie Jo Gerst.

We then had a skit about "The Year Santa Went Modern" with Alan Vercio reading, Delmar Aitken as Santa; Sharon Bachmann and Diane Brenton as the elf; and somewhere in the reading a different sound affect (the yips of deer I do presume).

After dieting, shaving, and almost getting a new means of transportation Santa decides he'd NOT

Santa Claus called Mr. Parker up to sit on his knee, and presented him with a gift—a comb!! Then he and his wife, Mrs. Claus, played by Lynette Gardner, gave gifts to each of the guests which included 12 children and their mother from Shelton.

After each of the children had received a gift, their mother was given a washing machine and a food basket.

The party ended with refreshments. After that some students went to Shelton and sang Christmas carols for the city while certain ones were appointed to go from door to door wishing the people Merry Christmas.

The Lord's Prayer has 56 words; Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, 226; and the Ten Commandments, 297. In contrast, the words used in a Federal order dealing with the

price of cabbage total 26,911

It isn't the block you live in but the one you live under that makes success.

THE SPORTSMAN'S SOCIETY

by Randy Hehn



This month's edition of the Sundial will deal mostly with basketball. We have a good start with the intra-mural schedule already.

The race for top honors is going to be tight and all the teams have the same idea. Each team is going to be Number 1. At least they think so. The standings are as follows:

Reile	2	-	0
Hehn	1	-	1
Harrom	1	-	1
Eads	0	-	2

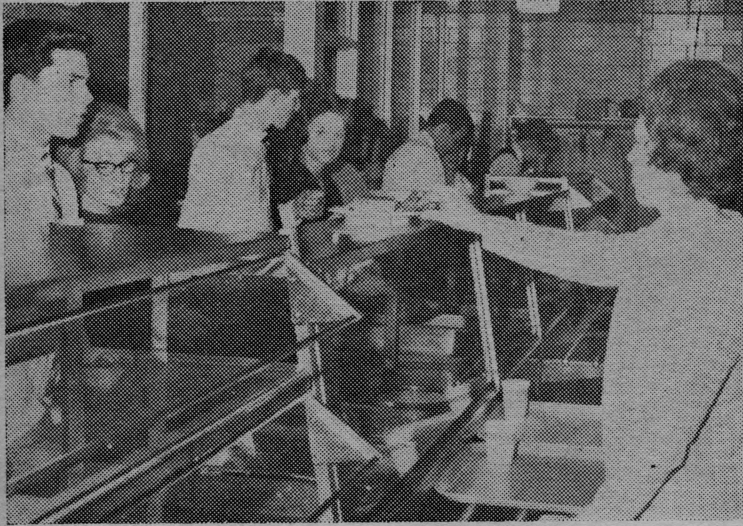
So far we've had some very good games. The top five scorers are: Harrom is averaging 22 points per game

Reile, 18.5 per game
Hehn, 14 per game
White, 13.5 per game
Meunshu, 11.5 per game

As far as the skating pond is concerned, I'm afraid we'll need some colder weather before it will be in top condition. That's about all that's happening here at our Number 1 school.



Barber butchers a hairy miss,



Seniors serve at benefit

Class Parties

SENIORS — HA HA

The senior class party was held at the Wesslen's home.

At about 7:30 the seniors started gathering in the basement where a game of bean bags was going on.

After tiring of the bean bag game, all played a game called Meeting the Hookermine Family, after which was served home made ice cream and apple pie. Having finished the refreshments, the

class played table games or merely had fun.

Next came the high-light of the evening. Randy White had some films that he got from Allis-Chalmers through his father. The films were comedies and cartoons but of real people. After nearly laughing our heads off we all dispersed for the evening. I'm sure we all had a jolly good time.

JUNIORS — FLIP FLOP

It was Saturday night and the junior class was in the gym for its class party. No one was asleep as Mr. Lacy and Bob Lang jumped over each other's heads on the trampoline.

Many were trying their very best to tumble, as they jumped over the

minnie box and almost killed themselves. Still others were playing basketball. Of course there are always a few girls who try to keep up with the boys and play along. Even though the girls didn't have a competing chance, it was fun and everyone had a good time.

SOPHOMORES — SNIFF SNIFF

Did you smell the appetizing aroma escaping from the girls' dorm kitchette on the evening of January 8??

The sophomore class decided to have a pizza feed for their party. After they had consumed all the pizza they could possibly eat, everyone joined in playing games

such as slam, wink'em, psychiatrist, and others.

The sponsors for the evening were Elder and Mrs. Maize, Mrs. Hill, and Miss Bascom. With twenty-eight sophomores and our faculty sponsors there were thirty-seven to enjoy that evening of fun.

FRESHMEN — SHIVER SHIVER

It was a cold January evening—just the sort of night one doesn't want to be out in. Anyone, that is, who isn't a hardy, brave, adventuresome freshman.

Who wants to have a bonfire in the middle of the summer anyway? It seems too much like a heat wave!

The freshmen decided to have a winter bonfire and roast Vegelinks and marshmallows over it. However, after hiking to the river bank to the prepared pile of wood, the class soon discovered that diesel fuel doesn't work so good in starting a fire.

We wondered for awhile if there was some way to roast marshmallows without a fire! The flames

we had looked pretty feeble! Of course, the only way to make a fire suddenly decide to burn is to send someone after more newspapers and some kerosene.

By the time they got back with these supplies, we had a roaring bonfire and were busily eating.

There were only a few casualties including black Vegelinks, blacker marshmallows, marshmallows in hair and on coats, and frozen buns.

After eating we started hiking back to the cafeteria where we enjoyed playing various table games and drinking hot chocolate. We freshmen have had only the first of our successful class parties.

Del Aitken Earns \$2.00 a Minute

Saturday night, February 15, marked the Platte Valley Academy oratorical contest. The four contestants participating were Del Aitken from Omaha, Nebraska; Bob Herrington also from Omaha, Nebraska; Connie Jo Gerst from North Platte, Nebraska; and Marilyn Zerbe from Harrison, Nebraska.

The program opened with a trumpet fanfare played by Bob Lange, the presenting of the colors by the M.C.C., and the singing of the National Anthem by the audience. The orators were then called forward to draw a number which would determine the order of their orations.

The first oration entitled "Do You Care" was given by Marilyn

Zerbe. Marilyn discussed the effects of alcohol on one's judgment and the menace of drinking drivers.

"The Harmless Killer" presented by Bob Herrington also considered the effects and hazards of drinking.

Del Aitken presented the third oration entitled "Do You Care". Smoking and its evils were presented in a clear and humorous manner.

Connie Jo, the last orator, presented the oration entitled "Almost". Connie told the true story of a narcotic addict.

After what seemed like hours of deliberation the five judges picked a winner, Del Aitken. He was awarded \$15.00. The other 3 orators received \$5.00 each.



Dwight Beatty, Merlin Nelson, and Kay Sutton flig over winning ATS poster contest.

Band Clinic at Union

This year Union College is sponsoring its sixth annual Music Clinic Festival, February 10-12, 1966.

Its primary purpose is to challenge and inspire the talented music students in each school served by Union College, by giving them special recognition and the opportunity to participate in a select organization. Each year the Clinic Festival alternates between choir and band.

Students participating in this event were nominated by their respective band directors and then chosen by the Clinic Director.

The selection of students was based upon the musicianship demonstrated in his own school organization, the need for a balance of parts in the Clinic Festival Band, and satisfactory school citizenship.

In addition to the busy schedule of rehearsals and the concerts, the Clinic Festival provides clinic lecture demonstrations and discussions to help and inspire both students and teachers of music toward a higher standard of excellence in performance.

The schools and their directors

that are coming are:

Boulder Junior Academy
Carroll J. Westermeyer
Campion Academy
Archie Devitt
Enterprise Academy
Marvin I. Burbach
Grand Junction Junior Academy
Tom Arany
Maplewood Academy
Glenn Wheeler
Mile High Academy
Roger Anderson
Minneapolis Junior Academy
Mrs. Tom Baker
Oak Park Academy
Paul Haynes
Platte Valley Academy
Kenneth Lacy
Cheyenne River Academy
Earl W. Larsen
Sunnydale Academy
Richard Kapling
Wichita Junior Academy
James VanHorn
College View Academy
Orville Shupe

The students from Platte Valley Academy that have been selected to attend the Union College Clinic Festival are: Pat McAllister, Brenda Harrom, Betty Hornbacher, Shirley Sutter and Jerry Wesslen.