

A New President A Fresh Aim

Dorothy Kendall, president of the executive committee, has announced that her main objective will be the formulation and adoption of a plan whereby merit in any phase of school activity will be awarded in a recognition service at the end of the school year. The *Junior Pointer* is enthusiastically and wholeheartedly behind this plan. The following editorial presents our reasoning on this subject.

★ ★ ★ RENDER UNTO CAESAR

The auditorium was full. The attention of several hundred students was centered on a group of husky individuals, all members of a champion Jr. High athletic team. "The fine athletic records these people achieved entitle them to an HP monogram," Coach McCoy was saying, "and each person seated on this stage has proved outstanding in the sports field."

And you are quite right, Coach.

But down on the front row, listening intently is Jackie Jones, who, by working and practising hard all year, now holds first seat in the orchestra's violin section. A few rows behind sits Becky Baker who, unable to play on a team because of severe sinus, made all A's on her last report card. Becky has also devoted much time serving as monitor and library page. Nancy Johnson, nearby, contributes regularly to the *Jr. POINTER* and spends several periods a week as assistant to Miss Heath in the office. But these people receive no recognition.

A movement is being considered in Jr. High to install a point system whereby those who excel in fields other than sports may receive awards. This plan is in successful operation in other schools over the nation and if a similar plan could be worked out and put into operation here the *JR. POINTER* would be backing it up 100%. Would you?

M. R.

★ ★ ★ THE BEST EVER

Of course we'd say that! After all, they're from our class. They're our officers and we ninth graders have felt personally responsible for them. Our outgoing executive committee has completed a job well done. Between studying for Latin exams and meeting with Girl Reserves or Boy Scouts after school, DEWEY, BOBBY, EVELYN and SARA have really put their time and effort toward bettering our school. And to DOT, DONALD, CAROLYN and BETTY ANN, who have to contend with those same exams and extra-curricular activities, we wish the same amount of luck and success!

★ ★ ★ WOES OF A SCHOOL BUS RIDER

"WHY IS THAT SCHOOL BUS ALWAYS LATE?" threateningly demands teacher when I am that "dollar-a-dollar" student for the twentieth time on the twentieth school day of the month. I guess she thinks I had plenty of time to figure out the answer while I shivered that half hour waiting for the "dag-gone" bus to come.

But it usually manages to come soon enough for me to put in an appearance at school before the students are dismissed. I climb on the thing and scramble for a seat to the tune of C-r-runch C-r-runch Grind! What is that? Gears mechings or human bones jostling? Someone beside me asks gently (with teeth bared): "Pardon me, but are my ribs hurting your elbow?"

Whoever thought up that saying about the pen being mightier than the sword must have been a school bus alumnus and he must have been thinking of p-i-n. A little straight pin on a crowded school bus can make a mighty explosion. And someone is always trying it.

Oh, to have been living in Abe Lincoln's time when schools were within walking distance!

EVERETT ELLINGTON.

Group Leaders and Their Weapons



These are the group leaders who operate in the cafeteria during the second lunch periods. These placards are to guide you; but as one leader jokingly remarked: "They can be clubs to make you." They are: First row—Mary Ann Hinson, Edith Hunsucker, Joan Jarrell, Rebecca Dickens, Vivian Langston, Doris Cecil. Second row—Alan Conrad, Gladys Linthicum, Shirley Kirkman, Barbara Mabrey.

An Outgoing President A Real Accomplishment

Dot Kendall (newly-elected president), in her inaugural speech, cited the cafeteria group plan as being one of the outstanding achievements of the Greer administration.

This statement of Dot's did not come about just because she had to have something to say. Students' getting their lunches in groups and the groups' rotating their turns at being first, is a good plan and it is working.

Says Charles Byrd of 211: "I eat in the cafeteria every day and I like the group system very much. It assures you of a certain place in line and, thereby cuts down the urge to 'break your neck' getting down there every day."

Says Mr. Coffield: "Every year there has been a great 'falling off' of the cafeteria lines long before this. The decrease in the lines has not been so noticeable this year. This is due, I think, to the group system of getting lunches. Heretofore, certain students, who were always last in line due to the distance of their rooms from the cafeteria, became discouraged and would gradually drop off. This fairer arrangement has held a greater proportion of regular cafeteria diners."

STUDENT OPINION

Do you think teachers should take gaps in the lunch line?

HELEN DALLAS: YES. Teachers should be respected, and that is one way you can show RESPECT and COURTESY.

DEWEY GREER: YES. Teachers have so little time to themselves, they should have the privilege of taking gaps to get through with their lunch early.

SUZANNE SLATE: NO. Since the students are first in the lunch line only once a week, it doesn't seem fair for eight or ten teachers to step in FRONT of them when they are FIRST.

BILL McQUINN: NO. The group system isn't working very well, and if the teachers will get in line with their groups, it will probably make the whole system more orderly and effective.

SALLY TREPKE: YES. It wouldn't be right for teachers to have to stand in line for lunch, after they have had to STAND much of the time teaching.

MARY LEE CHURCH: YES. Teachers should be allowed to eat when it is convenient for them, because they have responsibilities, and need to get BACK to the room BEFORE the students do.

LITTLE SIR ECHO

Miss Helen Young sent Robert Clapp some issues of the *JUNIOR POINTER*. Robert, a former student of Miss Young's, attends Weston High School, at Weston, Massachusetts (9 miles from Boston). He is co-captain of his football team and a basketball varsity man.

The following is an excerpt taken from a letter to Miss Young: "Do you have Negro and white children in your school? I didn't notice any of them in your papers. (By the way, they are remarkable publications for a junior high school. Even our high school paper doesn't compare with it.)"

Ahem! . . . What fine appreciation of art the lettermen in Massachusetts have?

GOOD WORK TRAVELS FAR

The following is a quotation taken from the exchange column of "The Willard Echo," Santa Ana, Calif.:

"The *Junior Pointer* of High Point Junior High, High Point, N. C., reveals that 10 panels bearing the name of their school, have been placed in hospital, for placement on the beds of wounded servicemen."

Jumbled Jingles and Jots

Three short rings for the janitor was all, so the English class went back to their work. But—Mrs. Dodamead walked quietly over to the phone, picked it up and answered softly—"Hello!"

It was ninth grade exam day,
Miss Heath was really in dismay!
Sara B. was lost and couldn't be found—
Had she been murdered, kidnaped, or drowned?
Then a noise was heard in the supply room,
In there sat Sara, studying about the moon!

My—212 is progressing from animals (?) on the bulletin board to a higher type of animal life! (or is it?) Ronald Martin, Darrell Lloyd, and Wallace Heily make up their "royalty" group which, instead of thrones, recline on a row all their own . . . moron row!

Strange things come from Japanese isles,
Bracelets, trinkets, and crocodiles,
But strangest of all is Jr. (Mr. Nick's pet),
A Japanese skull—Frightening?—You bet!

Through the ages (that's truer than you think) two sentinels have watched over the books in the library and have just recently earned a reward. The famous "Athena" and "Apollo" have just had a bath, so you see Pappy Yokum isn't the only one that takes a bath once a year.

Do your words get twisted around?
Do you say up, when you really mean down?
Little Carl Stone of 108
Recently made just such a mistake.
On one damp dark day,
He was heard to say:
Oh, me, I'm tired of this HUMAN weather,
When he really meant HUMID—altogether!

Letters to The Editor

Dear Editor:

Last year everyone thoroughly enjoyed the operetta, H. M. S. Pin-afore. Why not have another one? Several people have been talking about how much they would like another.

We could give the proceeds to some civic organization or use the money in our school. It would help, too, to develop the talent in Junior High. I am sure that our auditorium would again be packed and that everyone would enjoy the production.

MARY LOU DILLON—103.

Dear Editor:

For a long time the students of Junior High have enjoyed the appearance of a group of colored singers from William Penn High school each year. Why not have a group of Junior High students give a program of some kind at William Penn each year? I feel sure that the students there would enjoy our program as much as we enjoy theirs.

Since the William Penn students would no doubt hesitate to invite us, why not make the offer ourselves? I believe that this exchange of programs would be a good thing for both schools.

BECKY DOWDY—103.

Dear Editor:

In browsing through the papers on the exchange table in 210, I came across an interesting article in the "Phillipian" (Phillips Junior High School, Minneapolis, Minn.)

It was a news article on the front page telling about a recognition service held at assembly at which time awards of merit were presented to students. These awards were given for excellence in journalism, music, library, members of the stage crew and such phases of school activity.

Since we do not have any graduation exercises at the end of the year, I think this form of service would be a most fitting one with which to close the year's work.

PATSY CLODFELTER, 208.

GERUNDS

Gerunds are my problem child;
Over them my brain runs wild.
Why must they end in ing?
Why not in n, ed or t?
Swimming and leaving gerunds
may be,
But why, for the life of me, I can-
not see.
Participles are just the same at
sight.
Oh, my gosh! Why wasn't I born
bright?

SUZANNE SLATE, 103.

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