



A Christmas Wish Dr. Charles H. Weaver, Principal

Many years ago, a great and powerful government snuffed out the life of an obscure carpenter. It began with great ceremony and ended amid the mocking laughter of soldiers gambling for his clothes. A life in the time of man had ended. The impact left by the existence of this life has never abated and, indeed, remains today a single beacon for all man's hopes and dreams.

He was accused of having pretense for an earthly kingdom and He was called King. Strangely enough, He had no army; He had no wealth and no ruling class supported him, politically or economically. In His lifetime, He traveled about talking to people, listening to them and working for them. He authored no books, wrote no plays, composed no great operas and painted no pic-

tures. He never pretended to be something he wasn't and his sole purpose in life was to help others rather than Himself.

He died asking forgiveness for those who deprived Him of life. He spoke only of love, one for another. He taught peace and hope and He lived the meaning of faith. As we again observe His birthday, may those things which He thought lasting be in you and with you.

To Help Johnny

School Adopts Reading Plan

This year Ferndale Junior High, under the direction of Dr. Weaver, principal, Miss Helen Betts and Miss Marion Stanton, seventh grade teachers, has made an effort to help Johnny improve his reading by emphasizing its importance and by grouping seventh-graders in reading classes for the purpose of providing special instruction for each child in the area in which he needs it most.

After struggling with reading tests and diagnostic tests, many students found that they needed review in phonics and word building.

In some seventh and eighth grade groups the S. R. A. Reading Program, introduced successfully last year, is being continued. Students and teachers enjoy this program and find it stimulating and beneficial.

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Van Gogh Exhibit Seen by Teacher

Nancy Gravley

During the Thanksgiving holidays, Mrs. Ida Pickens, a Ferndale art teacher, visited an exhibition of the works of Vincent Van Gogh in Baltimore, Maryland. This exhibition valued at 10 million dollars is now touring some of the major cities in the United States.

The collection of 142 paintings, including crayon, pencil and water colors is owned by the Van Gogh Foundation, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. The exhibition is divided into the five major periods of Van Gogh's ten year professional life.

While the exhibition was at the Baltimore Museum of Art, October 18 to November 26, more than 80,000 paid visitors were guided through the museum.

Rooms Reach High Attendance Marks

Mary Ann Creech

During September Miss Virginia Blount's room paced the school in attendance with 99.6%. Second high was Mrs. Judy Clodfelter's room with 98.6% and third place was filled by Mrs. Hogue's room with 97%.

Mr. Isaac Musick's room held first place during October with 99.8% followed by Mr. George Nicholson with 97.5%. Third place was held by Mrs. Frances Hogue's room with 97.2%.

In November Miss Susan Cope-land was high with 99% Mrs. Thelma Briggs' room was second with 97% and Mrs. Frances Hogue's Room was third with 96.6%.



Seated: Larry Rouse, president of the band and John Clinard, president of the orchestra. Standing: Nancy Nash, president of the eighth grade chorus, Veronica Berrier, member of the ninth grade chorus, and Martha Greene, president of the seventh grade chorus.

Choirs, Bands, Orchestra Join In Public Program, Dec. 18

Ronald Hiatt

Three choirs, the band and the orchestra will join in a presentation of the old but ever welcome Christmas music on December 18, at 7:30. They will present this program for the public. Ferndale students will hear part of it at the regular assembly periods on Tuesday, December 19.

The seventh grade chorus led by Mrs. John T. Moore, Jr. will present a melody of songs which include: "Star of the East," "O Holy Night," "Season's Greetings," "We Wish You A Merry Christmas," "Adeste Fideles" and "Silent Night." Accompanying the singers will be Ricky Coffee on the piano. The group of 68 voices will wear white and red.

The eighth and ninth grade choruses will combine under the direction of Mrs. Lena Hedrick. They are expected to sing the following selections: "Carol of the Bells," "The Twelve Days of Christmas," "A Musical Christmas Card," "Sing, O King, This Blessed Morn" and "Shepherds' Christmas Song." Accompanying the chorus of 95 girls are Liba Rogers, Suzanne McKinney and Mary Ann Creech. They will wear dark skirts and white blouses.

The Ferndale Concert Orchestra conducted by Miss Alice McIlvaine will play a variety of songs consisting of: "Sonatina Opus 48 No. 1" by Ignaz Plegel arranged by Brown, "Two Passepieds" by J. S. Bach, "Rustic Dance" by Charles Woodhouse and "Christmas Overture" by Edward Anderson.

The band under the supervision of Mr. John Mauney will play the following songs: "Quiet Christmas" by Clare Grundman, "A Little Child Is Born," "Lullaby Christmas Greetings March Overture" by Harold L. Walters and "O Holy Night" by Adolph Adam.

Improvements Are Seen For Ferndale Soon

Evelyn Marshall

According to the cornerstone in the building, Ferndale is now thirty years old. Dr. Weaver believes that the time has come for various repairs and modernizations to be done in the school.

He would like to put celotex, an accoustical tile to absorb sound, in the cafeteria. Vinyl asbestos floors are needed for some rooms in the basement because the pieces of tile are curling and they can cause people to trip. New fixtures for the home economics department are expected to be here by next fall. Much repair work and painting need to be done on the stage. Also, more work is to be done in the office.

A graded and paved parking lot is needed. Parking facilities are not too good even in good weather.

Mr. Greene Leads New Camera Club

Lynda Huffman

Get ready, strike a pose! A new club is in the making. The right perspective is needed, and the dark and light of the subject is not fully developed as yet, but the object has been picked.

Mr. Lane Green is in the process of organizing a Camera Club. The idea is to train eighth and ninth grade boys in the art of picture-taking and developing. With this skill they will be able to take the pictures in and around Junior High.

Two weeks ago, the initial meeting was held. Eight boys met with Mr. Green, who will be the adviser of this group, and laid plans for what they hope will be an interesting and beneficial club.

It will be one to two years before the finished products and results of study will be sufficiently developed to call this group a real Camera Club.

The following boys make up the group that have so far expressed interest in the field of photography: Cliff Snyder, Jimmy Johnson, David Marshall, Paul Williams, Myles Cabot, Jimmy Griffin, Wayne Stroud, and Ben Armfield.

Hearing Is Tested

Carolyn Snider

Students in Junior High have good ears that is, they can hear if they will only listen. This conclusion comes out of the fact that after taking accurate and carefully administered hearing tests, only seven out of 404 students were found to have defective hearing.

There tests were provided by the local Kiwanis Club, a civic organization that takes an interest in the prevention of deafness. Mrs. L. B. Dutton administered the tests.

News Notes..

- New Teacher
- Unicef Funds
- Junior Red Cross

Sandra Koonts

● Ferndale adds to its faculty Mrs. Beverly Shiedler, the replacement for Mrs. Spurling, who resigned last week. Mrs. Shiedler was recently married, and she comes here from Hendersonville, North Carolina. She is a 1961 graduate of Western Carolina Teacher's College and finished her practice teaching in Swannanoah, North Carolina last week.

● The grand total for Ferndale's Junior Red Cross drive was \$71.86. The rooms giving \$3.00 or over were 110, 114, 205, 210, and 217.

● Two of Miss Margaret Wilson's social studies classes collected approximately \$30 for Unicef, an organization of the U. N.

'Stamp' It Out

T.B. May Strike Close Home

Sara Lee Cassell

Did you know that at the present there are thirteen patients from High Point at the McCain Tuberculosis Hospital in McCain, North Carolina? Patients from many other cities in North Carolina are able to receive excellent care through the sale of Christmas seals.



The local Tuberculosis Chapter is one of the 3,000 affiliated members belonging to the National Tuberculosis Association.

Miss Virginia Ryan, executive secretary of the local chapter, stated that "it is supervised by the local board of governors composed of prominent business men and women of High Point."

Miss Ryan also remarked that the proceeds from the selling of Christmas seals are used to conduct research, educational campaigns and rehabilitation. Medical service is made available through free clinics and sanitariums.

Year after year many people, through supporting efforts, have helped to conquer this fatal disease.