

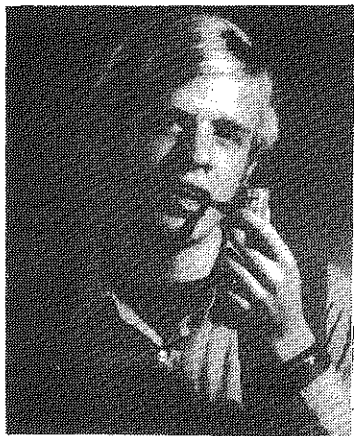
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CFHS Stage Presents Wilder's 'Our Town'



TOM ADAMS

BY TOM ADAMS

A real treat is coming up December 4 and 5 for theatergoers in Chagrin. The High School drama department is presenting Thornton Wilder's "Our Town."

The play depicts life in a small town, centering mainly around two young lovers, George Gibbs, played by Bill McSherry, and Emily Webb, played by Laurie Shafer and Kathy Davis on different nights. The parents of the couple are Dr. and Mrs. Gibbs, (Jim Thobaben and Missy Hurst) and Mr. and Mrs. Webb, (Jim Beard and Marianne Takas). The story is introduced and narrated by the Stage Manager (Tom Adams). "Our Town" involves a large and talented cast: Mick McGinnis as Joe Crowell; John Bagley as Howie Newsome; Susan Shaffer as Rebecca Gibbs; Karl Smith as Wally Webb; Rick Kopenheffer as Prof. Willard; David Brantley as Simon Stinson; Betsy Wilson as Mrs. Soames; Peter Bennett as Constable Warren; Dennis Tierney as Si Crowell; Mark Smith as Sam Craig; Gus Downing as Joe Stoddard; Richard Olewiler as the Man in the Auditorium; Avy Downing as the Woman in the Balcony; Rick Kopenheffer, Dennis Tierney, and Richard Olewiler as baseball players; and Avy Downing, Liz Bynoe, Ann Bagley, and Jeff Moats as townspeople.

Wilder's play is more than just an evening of light entertainment. It is a thought provoking and stimulating work, and, although performed without sets or scenery, it is an exciting production to see. Says director Harold Loesch, "We have a great amount of talent involved in this play. It is sure to be a successful production."

William Hunter, principal, in a recent interview with Lantern, expressed his views on the educational system at CFHS. His opinions were quite candid and, for the most part, "off-the-cuff."

The following is a summary of that interview. Mr. Hunter's responses should not be considered direct quotes, but a summarization of his feelings on the subject.

Question: "Why do you think students should or should not be required to attend school?"

Answer: School as an institution is needed to preserve continuity in our culture; to preserve the good parts but to work towards improvement of society. It is Hunter's belief that today's schools teach the basic skills and concepts utilized by our own culture. The skills vary from the academic subjects to the arts. The concepts he mentioned are expressed by students who are the "thinking" part of society.

Students should attend school because only there can they develop into an effective part of society and still maintain an aura of happiness. Our educational system is structured to encourage this development. A person has to have a certain amount of knowledge to be effective in his thinking process, and students should provide a degree of that knowledge.

Hunter defined the difference between schooling and education. "Schooling is what one learns in a formal classroom. Education is the knowledge obtained from one's total environment. It includes both social and mental knowledge.

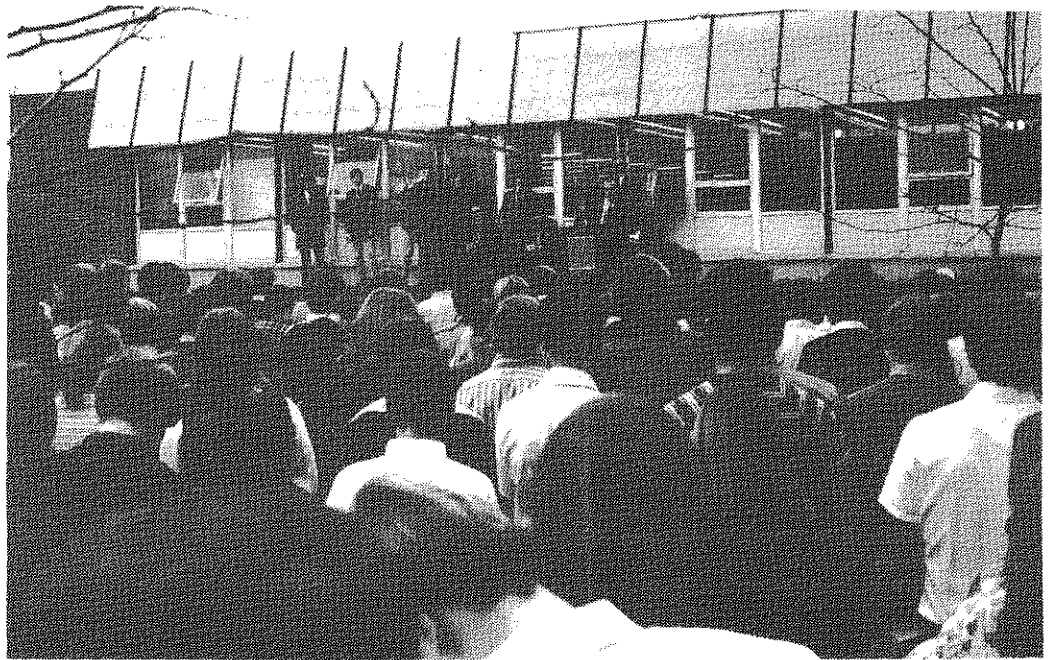
The extra-curricular activities in schools contribute greatly to a person's learning. They also develop a student's appreciation of communication skills.

School gives every person a chance to learn how to communicate effectively with other people.

Question: "Do you think education should be handled differently?"

Answer: In Chagrin Falls, very little should be changed, Hunter would like to see the required

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CROSS COUNTRY got a big sendoff from the student body before traveling to Columbus for the Cross Country States. They finished second in class AA competition. Members of the team are Kurt Wilkens, Randy Lyle, Lee Tracy, Glenn Bombeck, Craig Davis, Dan Miller and Jim Garrett. For details see page 3.

Chagrin Falls School Bond Issue To Bring Improvements to all Schools

BY JIM THOBABEN AND
LAURE SHAFER

Voters approved the Chagrin Falls bond issue Nov. 3.

At the poles, Chagrin voters approved the use of \$950,000 for the school system. According to Superintendent of Schools, Warren G. Thomas, \$180,000 of this will go to the high school; \$300,000 will go to the middle school; \$232,000 will go to Lewis Sands, and \$79,000 will go to Gurney.

The money for the high school will be used to pay for additions

and improvements on school property. Top priority is a vocational drafting room; second priority is a physical education addition which will be used primarily for wrestling and gymnastics. The new gym will also include a large storage area for various gym equipment. The school driveway will be resurfaced, adding speed bumps as a precaution against reckless driving.

Money for the middle school will pay mainly for improvements inside the building. Suspended

ceilings will be added in many of the classrooms. Chalkboards and lights will be replaced. An audio visual department will be installed. The Middle School library will be greatly expanded, making it necessary to move the fifth grade to Lewis Sands and Gurney. Outside the Middle School, the playground will be repaved.

In Lewis Sands, a speech and hearing therapy center will be added. The library will be expanded. A new boiler will be installed. Improvements will be made in the cafeteria.

The primary improvement at Gurney School will be a bus compound. In both Gurney and Lewis Sands Schools, more classrooms will be built to make room for the fifth graders.

These additions to the schools are expected to be completed in 1972.

AFS Selects Two Juniors To Go Abroad

BY CATHY HYDE

Dennis Tierney and Karen Bivens, both juniors, have been selected as the CFHS candidates for the American Field Service program. Selection was based on a series of interviews and an application. The AFS program is an opportunity for high school students to spend a year abroad.

Tierney and Miss Bivens were two of eight people who applied last September. After the reviewing and returning of applications, all applicants and their parents attended a meeting with the selections committee.

The second meetings were personal interviews. Each applicant was questioned by four committee members. Typical questions were: "What would you do if you were lost in a foreign city?", "What frustrates you?", and "What do you do when you get frustrated?" The purpose of these questions was not to quiz the individual, but to test his poise.

For the next interview, two committee members came to the applicant's house to talk with the



WHO'S GOT THE bell? Chaille Bartley and Linda Bartlett look into the hole where the Victory Bell once hung. The bell has been stolen before, but always returned. Anyway, where can you hide a stolen bell?

In Memoriam

Chagrin Falls High School recently lost a member of its staff. Mrs. Robert (Jane) Sadler, died late Thursday night, Nov. 5, following a cerebral hemorrhage of a few days earlier. Mrs. Sadler had worked for the High School for a year, and in the first months of her second year, worked closely with assistant principal Wade Roby.

Mrs. Sadler lived at Lake Lucerne and leaves her husband, Robert, and two children, Steven and Lisa. Services were held Sat. Nov. 7 at the Reed-Nichols Funeral Home in Chagrin Falls. Burial is in Putnam, Conn.

CFHS is unfortunate to have lost Mrs. Sadler. We dedicate this issue of The Valley Lantern to her memory.

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Thanksgiving '70

With Thanksgiving Vacation coming up, the students of CFHS should take a look at what they have to be thankful for.

We have no dress code, except for the reasonable limitations of health and good taste.

We have Commons privileges (usually), complete with vending machines.

Cross country is second in the state. Football is tied for the conference championship.

We have the best grandstand around, the best visitors' bleachers, the best track, and the best football field.

We no longer have detentions (seniors can remember when we did).

We have a passed bond issue that will eventually give us even better facilities.

We have a great range of clubs and activities available to the students.

Seniors have honor pass.

We have good smells from the Home Ec. room to cover up the bad smells from the Chemistry lab.

We have individual lockers.

We have pet mice in the library.

We have four days of Thanksgiving vacation next week.

So, as the song says, "Count your blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what this school has done."

Smoking in Lav

Smoking in school is illegal, right? But students do it anyway, right?

Do you know how people who do not smoke suffer when they go into one of the johns? Two lavs, in particular, are always filled with smoke. A person cannot even walk in one without coming out smelling like a smokestack.

When the students want to, they can usually find someplace to smoke without being caught: an empty room, the woods, or a lavatory. However, since the smoking lounge was vetoed, there ought to be at least one lavatory kept free for non-smokers.

The third floor johns by room 315 are probably the most frequented by both students and teachers. So let's keep those at least non-polluted, okay?

AMERICANS ABROAD

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candidate and his family. Each applicant had to describe the members of the family, and their roles in the family. The key to these interviews was informality. As Tierney put it, "The informality lets you be yourself."

The final meeting was a party for all candidates and committee members. In this way, the committee could see how well the candidates get along with their peers. The applicants played games and interpreted modern art.

Later, the selection committee announced its decision. Now the

two Chagrin selectees must be approved by the New York office. Final decisions will be made in January.

The three program choices are the summer program, from June to August; the winter program in the southern hemisphere for one year; and the northern hemisphere for one year. Both Miss Bivens and Tierney have picked the summer program as their first choice.

No matter which program they are picked for, the shots will be the same. They both must have shots for smallpox, tetanus, diphtheria, polio, yellow fever, and cholera.

The Letter Box..

Dear Editor,

I wish to commend the Lantern staff for the excellent first issue. It was informative and intellectually stimulating. Its physical makeup was most readable.

The Lantern can be a most effective channel for communication among the students and between the students and the faculty. I welcome the opportunity of being interviewed. I look forward to reading the "Letters to the Editor" as well as the editorials, news stories, and features.

I am proud that Chagrin High School has a paper of such quality. Keep up the good work!

WILLIAM A. HUNTER
Principal

Hunter Plans More Freedom For Students

"There is a positive feeling at CFHS this year, a feeling of trust." This is principal William Hunter's idea of this school year. The administrators will not be going out of their way to enforce the rules. In regards to the smoking policy, Hunter said that the students know smoking is not allowed on school grounds. Teachers check the lavatories periodically, and the lavatory by the commons is under the jurisdiction of the commons supervisors.

In the last issue of the Lantern, there was an article which told about the lack of usage of the Tiger car stickers. Hunter's reaction was "amused," not necessarily surprised. "The stickers are required," he said, "but we are not going to check the parking lot everyday, but if anything happens and the person is caught without a sticker..."

The Board of Education recently suggested some definite dress limitations. The list of suggestions was given to the high school administration. They will review the list and make any necessary changes in the CFHS dress code. "Most of the schools in the area think a school should have a stricter code. But I am not sorry we do not have one. The only limitations this year are health, safety, and good taste. That means mini, midi, maxi, or pants. In the spring, we might have to say no short shorts are allowed," said Hunter. "So far, that is the only change in sight."

"I am well pleased with the tone of the school so far. I do not think there is any danger of students over-reacting to any situation here in school," Hunter concluded.

CF Tigers Roar for Action

Q. Three weeks ago I wrote a five-page theme in English class. It hasn't been returned, and I want to know my grade. Can you do anything?

A. The teacher involved refused to comment on the quality of the theme content. If you really want them back they are ten feet under the pitchers mound in a time capsule.

Q. I object to the choice of An American Dream as material for study in my senior English class. Isn't there a better book that could be used to make the same point? What is the point? Doesn't the teacher know any other books which might be used that do not appear to be so pornographic? Did the teacher read the book, or choose it because of its title?

A. Harold Loesch, English department head, said that the teacher has justified using the book to his complete satisfaction. He also said the teacher has read it and is fully qualified to teach it. If you still object, a parent-teacher conference is suggested. If you are unsatisfied with that, there is a complaint form avail-



Student Council Corner

Student Council Achievements Work of Many Students

One of the most frequently asked questions so far this year has been "What has student council done for me?" This can only be answered with a long list of achievements which took hard work not only from September to the present, but throughout last summer.

With the help of Assistant Principal Wade Roby, SC put out a student hardbook.

Because of a committee made up of student council, administration, and faculty representatives, the commons has been improved, not only with the vending machines, but with music.

Student Council also annually sponsors Freshman Orientation, Welcome Back Dance, and Welcome Back assembly.

During Homecoming week, SC honored cheer twirlers, majorettes, cheerleaders, and all football players.

We have also introduced a Halloween pep assembly and kept a bulletin board.

Student Council has been busy with these projects, yet maybe it is the students' feeling that it has not been busy enough. SC gave a "Meet Your Clubs" assembly last week to introduce the school to available activities. Tomorrow's Construction 70, also sponsored by SC, is a workshop to orient club officers with the roles as student leaders. Council hopes that these two projects will both promote and give

advice to the clubs.

Later this month a Thanksgiving assembly will be held, and it promises to be a good one. This year we are especially working towards more and better assemblies, both on the large and small scale.

Student Council's goals for the year are: 1) Involvement of all, and 2) better communications among administrators, faculty, and student body. If you have any questions or suggestions pertaining to Council the Student Council office, manned by SC members, is located in the commons.

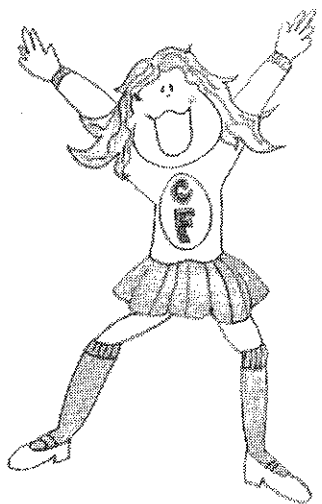
Remember, Student Council is always glad to see students at the weekly meetings.

CF Snow Days

A snow day is called by the superintendent when the buses cannot operate or students are unable to get to school safely.

If there is a possibility of a snow day, students can check by listening to the 11 p.m. or the 7 a.m. news broadcasts on WKYC T.V. and radio. Only schools closed will be listed.

Schools will be closed on a "one-day" basis, so the stations must be checked each day.



able in the office to bring the problem to the attention of the administration.

Q. Room 318 has both an American flag and a French flag. The French flag is higher than the American flag. Isn't this considered improper?

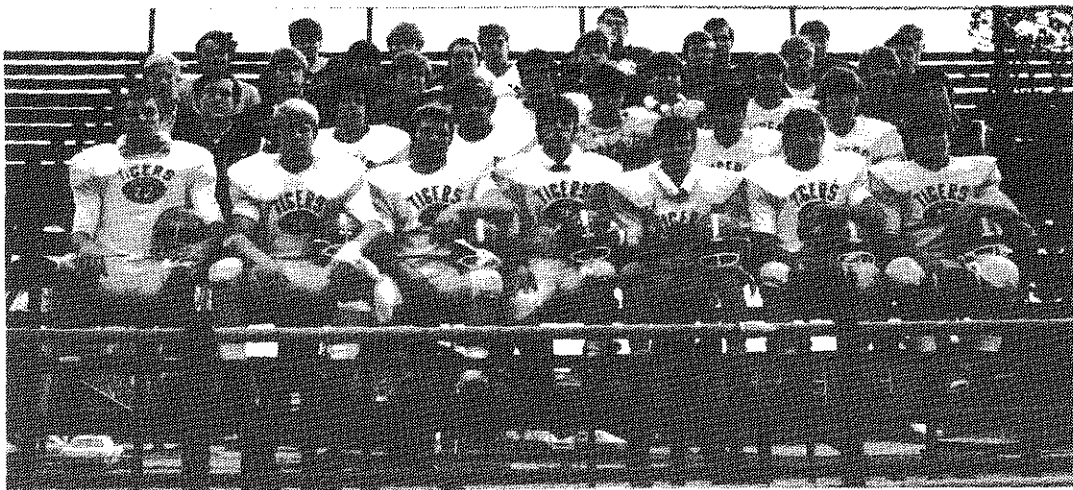
A. Yes. However, investigation reveals some interesting facts. The tips of both flags are stuck in the ceiling. The American flag has punched a bigger hole.

Q. I have been in Chagrin Falls High School almost four years. Every year someone talks about an open campus. Time is running out for me. Are we ever going to get it?

A. Not in the foreseeable future.

Have a problem? Submit it to "Tigers Roar for Action," the Lantern column that gets things done. All problems, large or small, receive attention from "Tigers Roar." Lantern will go directly to the cause of the trouble and get results. So let Lantern solve your problems. Send them to "Tigers Roar for Action."

"Congratulations to the CFHS Cheerleaders. They are energetic, industrious, enthusiastic, vivacious, agile, and filled with school spirit. They also yell a lot."



CHAGRIN VALLEY CONFERENCE CO-CHAMPS - 1970

Second in State Meets

BY CRAIG DAVIS

"The state meet is only the icing on the cake," said cross country coach John Hurst at the pep rally on Friday, Nov. 6.

After spending a leisurely day in Columbus, the cross country team went out and put the icing on their season with a second place finish on the sun-splashed Ohio State University golf course. Runners from 14 Ohio schools made up the field of competitors in the exciting two mile race. Kurt Wilkens, Randy Lyle, Lee Tracy, Glenn Bombeck, Craig Davis, Dan Miller, and Jim Garrett were the seven runners carrying the hopes of the Tiger squad. This was the first Chagrin Conference team ever to run in a state meet.

During the season, the CFHSCC

varsity compiled a record of 132 wins and 4 losses. Two of the losses were to larger, class AAA teams. The team won nine dual meets, 4 invitationals, the CVC League Meet, and the District Meet. The Tigers also captured trophies in all nine of the large meets (more than 3 teams) that they competed in. One of the high spots of the season was the snapping of Orange's streak of 22 straight dual meets and later the ending of the Lion's 2 year reign as league champs.

Although five varsity members will graduate next June, a strong group of juniors and sophomores will return to give Chagrin another outstanding team next year. This year's JV squad won both league and District titles.

GAA New Club Formed Here; Plan Outings

BY ANN CHAMPLAIN

The Girls Athletic Association is one of the newly formed clubs at CFHS this year. Although it is a new club, it is already an active one. Through the active interest of Barbara Shirley, gym teacher and advisor, there has already been a canoe outing this past October. Many of the girls in G.A.A. bowl out at Colonial Lanes Tuesdays after school. The next G.A.A. activity will be skiing out at Alpine Valley this winter.

G.A.A. has attracted girls from all of the high school classes with an interest in sports. Most of the girls participate in intramurals or gymnastics; there are a number of Leaders in G.A.A.

Mrs. Shirley is trying to make the club successful in its first year as are the class officers: Dawn Sherman, president; Nancy Miller, vice-president; Ann Champlain, secretary; Katy Lewis, treasurer; and Suzy Williams, Intramural Sports Head.

Girls' CC Wins

BY WENDY RUSSELL

Yes, there is a girl's cross country team!

This year's team includes Carol Dahn, Laura Jefferson, Barb Taylor, Wendy Russell, Karen Russell, Meg Wilcox, and Ann Woodward.

The girls have been in two meets so far this year. The first meet was the Chagrin Falls Invitational held at the Polo field Oct. 15. The course was 1-1/4 miles. Chagrin Falls took first place with 38 points. The top five placers were: Wendy Russell, 1st, with a time of 6:40; Ann Woodward, 7th; Karen Russell, 8th; Margaret Willets, 9th; and Laura Jefferson, 13th.

The second meet was the Chardon Invitational, Oct. 28, at Chardon Lakes Golf course. The course was one mile, mostly up hill. Twelve schools participated. Chagrin took third place with a total of 90 points. Top placer for Chagrin was, again, Miss Russell with a time of 6:25, one second better than last years winning time.

The girl's cross country team hopes the boys are proud of them, and wish to thank them for their encouragement. They feel that they have helped in giving Chagrin Falls High School a better reputation for spirit and good sportsmanship. As Miss Russell puts it, "Cross country has helped us realize the real meaning of not giving up."

Falls Team Shares Valley Grid Crown

BY GIUSEPPI SNODGRASS

The 1970 football season has ended. It has been a successful season in many ways. Determination and great effort were displayed as the Tigers bounced back from a disheartening defeat at the hands of the Solon Comets to break the awesome 13 game winning streak of the powerful Kenston Bombers.

The combination of Kenston's victory over Solon, and Chagrin's win over Aurora earned Chagrin a share of the 1st place title, the first football championship in the Chagrin Valley Conference.

It should be no surprise that the class of '71 should bring Chagrin Falls High School its first C.V.C. Football Championship. The '71 Tigers have been winning championships since their first year at the high school. Their freshman year they were co-champions. Then, in their sophomore year, as J.V.'s they again were co-champions. Now in their Senior year, it only follows the pattern that the mostly-Senior team should be co-champions again. The pride and determination of the football team, along with the Cross Country team, has given Chagrin Falls High School a lot to be proud of this fall.

It should be noted that the Varsity Tigers have won 10 straight home games over the last two seasons. It should also be noted that the class of '71, enroute to their three different championships, never lost a home game. The record on Har-

ris field stands at 16-0-1. Maybe next year they could schedule all the games at home! Wingback power!

Girl Gymnasts Work Monday

BY CLAUDIA CORYELL

"Dive, straddle, stretch, together, shoulderstand, straddle, lunge, step, and finish."

Sound familiar? Now, there is an opportunity for girls interested in gymnastics to work out in the evenings, year round. Colleen Wilcox, girls' physical education teacher, is offering a special gymnastics class every Monday night from 7 to 9 p.m.

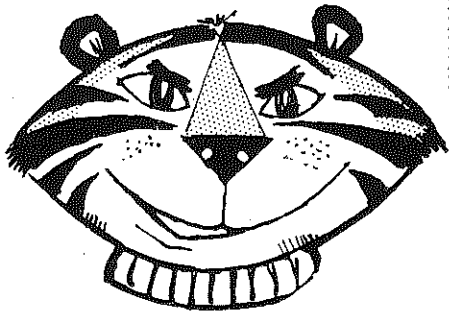
The class begins with a section on modern dance, followed by activities on the mats and the heavy apparatus. Instruction is always available, although the class is mainly a time for practice and perfection.

This year CFHS has two sets of uneven parallel bars, a balance beam, a vaulting horse, a set of rings, and, of course, the wrestling mats. Mrs. Wilcox is quite pleased with the equipment and is seriously thinking of preparing a team for spring competition.

This class is not open to freshmen until the second semester. This gives them time to learn the fundamentals of tumbling and use the apparatus in gym class safely. Mrs. Wilcox even adds, "There is a good possibility that boys will be permitted to come later in the year."

Gymnastics is a privilege. There is no cost to join the activity, but cooperation among the participants is necessary to make the program a success. Mrs. Wilcox gives up her free time every Monday night to supervise this program. She appreciates any interested students to come and join the fun.

Sports



Soccer For Fun!

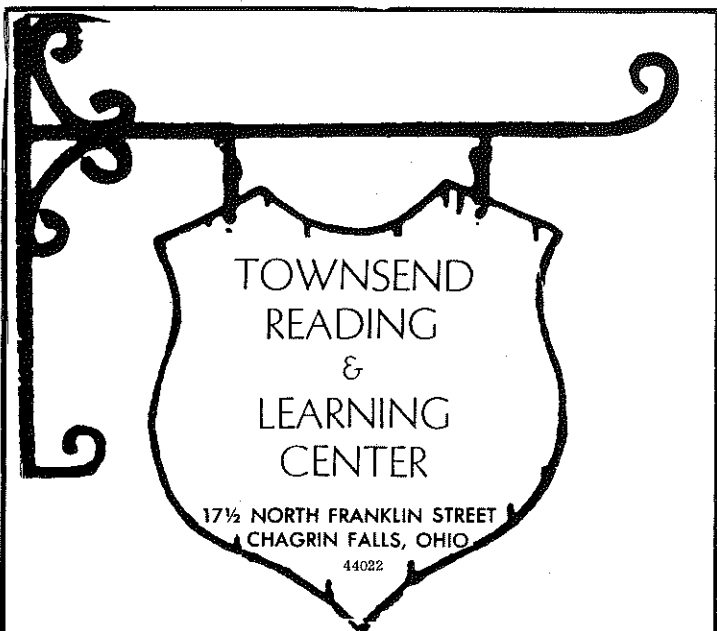
Come on people! Let's support soccer as a new varsity sport. It is, at the least, comparable to football in excitement and skill. There is definite interest in soccer; enough boys turned out this year to form two teams! With aid from Mario Gerhardt, German teacher and soccer coach, they also supplied their own uniforms and built goals for home games. When the lack of a good home field forced them to play away games and the presence of spectators dwindled, the boys became their own cheerleaders; even putting up signs to stimulate interest in soccer.

Since so many boys expressed an interest in the soccer club it is obvious that they wanted choices in fall sports other than football and cross country. It is also a good way to get in shape for the winter sports season.

Other area schools have started soccer teams also, so competition is available and tough. We have the advantage of an experimental year of soccer already; we could stimulate interest in other schools if we really want to. Soccer has great potential at CFHS, let's give it a try!

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New Members Join NHS For Big Year

BY SUE HALE
AND DENNIS TIERNEY

The CFHS National Honor Society inducted 16 new members from the senior class Oct. 14. The new members are: Linda Bartlett, Sue Brovald, Carolyn Caldwell, Carol Dahn, Craig Davis, Linda Fisher, Susan Frye, Gwen Kerber, Linda Martinko, Ruth McIlrath, Pam Orme, Judy Pandy, Bill Pinkney, Gail Schroder, Jim Soisson, and Lynne Walters. NHS members are selected on the basis of scholastic ability, leadership, character, and service to school and community.

The Honor Board, composed of a teacher from each department, and the administrators, choose new members. A student must have at least a B average to be considered. These new members, in addition to the 15 inducted last spring, bring membership total to 15 per cent of the senior class.

NHS with science teacher, Neil Wheatcraft as advisor, has great plans for the coming year. Tutoring, Library Committee, Honors Banquet, Senior-of-the-Month, and Honor Roll publishing are all important parts of NHS.

Tutoring is probably the best known aspect of NHS. It is available to any student who feels he

may be weak in a specific area of a subject. The tutor and student meet three or four times during school time. Applications for tutors may be obtained in the office.

Every spring NHS presents an Honors Banquet for those students who have been on Honor Roll at least three times in the past year. Various other awards are presented by teachers for excellence in various fields.

The Senior of the Month committee is also well known to the students. Once a month, committee members choose a senior whom they feel has demonstrated some ability that deserves to be noted. Any student may nominate a senior for Senior of the Month. Nominations may be given to the advisor or any member of NHS.

One not so well known aspect of NHS is its Library Committee. This committee compiles a list of books the teachers of CFHS would like to have in the library. The entire club votes on the books. The selected book is bought and donated to the library by NHS.

NHS publishes and keeps track of the Honor Roll students, (those with 3.4 average or better), and Honorable Mention list with an average of 3.0 or higher.

NHS president, Skip Church, promises that, "This year's NHS should be the most effective yet.



GERMAN CLUB members practice soccer at their informal meeting. The German Club was revived this year by Advisor Mario Gerhardt. Members (l-r) are Jennifer Young, Dave Day and Claudia Coryell.

German Club Is Back Again

BY CLAUDIA CORYELL

German Club has returned to CFHS!

After a two-year absence, the club has been revived by Mario Gerhardt, German teacher. The name of the organization is misleading, because you do not have to take German to join. It is basically a fun group.

The club does not hold regular meetings, but schedules them as needed. The German club plans to go caroling over the Christmas holidays, singing German songs, of course. No other definite plans have been made yet but tentative plans include attending a German movie or play and eating at a German restaurant. There are no dues, but members pay for extra expenses (such as the movie or restaurant). New members are welcome, and anyone interested should get in touch with a German student.

New Grannies—Same Ol' Song

The Grannies, a local girls folk singing group, announced their new members for the 1970-1971 season. New members include Khoo Poh Jin, Sue Johnson, Barb Duff, and Patti Lockert. The girls are chosen by the old members of the group. They are chosen on the basis of voice range, tone, volume, as well as enthusiasm, ideas, and time available to devote to the group.

The present Grannies evolved from a few girls who in the mid-1960's decided to form a small singing group. JoAnne Dehammel and Ann Adams, both 1969 graduates, were the last of the original Grannies. The group has always had at least 12 members, but this year they have a record of 15.

Besides the new members, the current members are, Ann Bagley, Senior; Avey Downing, Senior; Shawn Mudgett, Senior; Kathy Kagy, Senior; Cari Freemantle, Junior; Linda Patton, Junior; Sara Stoneman, Junior; Anne Platek, Junior; Kim Dana-ceau, Sophomore; Heidi Rose, Junior; and Amy Skeel, Junior.

Every Sunday the Grannies have informal practice where they work out their arrangements. Occasionally they sing a song written by a member. The Grannies have performed at boy's school, Civics Programs and, of course, the OABR.

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school attendance age lowered, so that a young person can choose his life course more freely.

Chagrín is lacking in its "money resources." An increase in the amount of money available to the schools would be more than desirable.

Question: "Would you prefer the 'pass-fail' system of grading over the present grading system?"

Answer: It would be philosophically ideal in elective classes but impractical in the rest. Grades are the best way to measure a person's "newly-achieved" knowledge, but when one begins to cheat to achieve a grade, the grade system becomes useless. Grades should not be a person's total objective in school.

A person's individual ability should always be considered when grades are issued. It isn't fair to judge everyone on the same basis.

Question: "What in your opinion is the most important thing a student should learn in school?"

Answer: Hunter feels "the use of what we learn" is most important. This phrase covers a broad area of abilities. The ability to communicate; the ability to understand, which includes one's self, other people, and the environment; and the ability to think and reason are all important.

Question: "Do you feel that the teachers of our society are the best qualified to teach the abilities you find so important?"

Answer: The teachers today are very conscientious and hard working. The teaching profession has improved greatly in the past ten years. Most of today's teachers are of a very high quality.

A good teacher should be dedicated to his job and should enjoy being around young people. Most of the teachers in our society meet these qualifications.

The general feeling one receives when talking to Hunter is that it is up to each student to obtain what he or she wants from an educational system. The school can only create guidelines for the students to follow. No one is denied an education; the school system, as we know it, is there to make sure that no one ever will be.

Debaters Go To State

The Debate Team launched its first season by participating in the Ohio School Speech League's (OHSSL) Fall Invitational Debate Tournament held at Ohio State University Nov. 7. The proposition for debate was "Resolved: that the federal government should establish, finance, and administer programs to control air and water pollution in the United States."

Supporting this proposition (the affirmative team) were juniors Rick Kopenhefer and Jim Thobaben. The negative team consisted of Tracy Hemann, sophomore, and Linda Fisher, senior.

The teams, accompanied by president Gus Downing, senior, and their advisor, Leonard Balk, speech and English teacher, battled from 11:45 a.m. to 4 p.m., producing two victories for the affirmative team, and one for the negative team.

As this was only an introductory tournament, Chagrín has no standing in the state. The State Final Tournament in May will determine that. However, Chagrín did rank eleventh out of 30 participating schools in the novice division.

Smoking Area Vetoed by SC

BY CAROLYN CALDWELL

A smoking lounge for students was discussed by Student Council and presented to the student body for ideas and opinions. Reactions varied: nicotine addicts were enthusiastic; health nuts were opposed, and most students were mildly for it but not actually willing to fight for it.

When asked "Why smoke at all?" people gave a variety of answers: "It gives me something to do with my hands," "It calms me," "Helps me keep my weight down." Perhaps the most honest answer given was, "I can't quit."

Unfortunately, research showed that the presence of a smoking lounge in a public school building is both a fire hazard and illegal, so those who want a lounge will have to do without.

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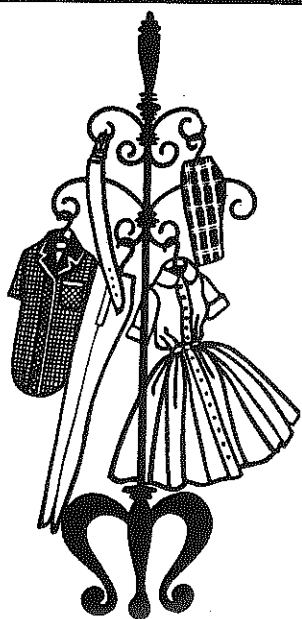
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