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Editorial

by Cindy Preston
VACATION

Did you ever notice how hard it is to return to school after a vacation, even after only two days? I don't think it's my problem alone. It must be the same for everybody. It's difficult to go back to the routine after two days of rest.

If we never had vacations, we wouldn't have to worry about "coming back" to school. But, if we never had vacations, we would all be "un-down" and tired because of the monotony of doing the same thing day after day. There is a time for work and a time for play. The problem is that after the time for play, nobody wants to go back to work.

Wouldn't it be great if every day were play time? I don't think so. If everyday were a day for fun and leisure with nothing to do, we would still not be satisfied because we would have nothing to look forward to. The monotony of doing things without a real purpose and without limitations would soon produce the same effect as working everyday.

It can easily be seen that we need leisure and fun as much as we need a working routine to give our lives a purpose and direction.

Feature

by Chris Bergerson
"Maxi" versus "Mini"

Fashion plays a large part in our society today. It has been said that even the stock market is affected by the trends in fashion. For many years, "girl-watchers" have been out in full force watching the "minis" go by. Now, the "minis" have a big sister, the "maxi".

Let's look at each style separately. They each have advantages and disadvantages. First, the "mini". The first advantage of the mini to the boys especially is APPEAL. There are many short cute dresses now that are practically in everyone's price range. The second, for the girls is a SENSE OF FREEDOM. Nothing flapping or flopping all over the place. Now the disadvantages. First, and especially in this season, "minis" aren't very WARM. Secondly, they required special "ACCESSORIES" to wear with them. Now the maxis. Two advantages of the coats are WARMTH and their versatility. They're nice to wear for a formal evening with gowns. Two disadvantages of the "maxis" are that they are expensive to either make or buy, and they are quite cumbersome to manage with muddy sidewalks and streets.

So, there you have it "mini" or "maxi" fans. What is your opinion of the two styles. Only people can fashion the trends of fashion!

Perfect Juniors ?

by Diane Carmody

Around the school we have some very interesting students. These are some of the "perfect Juniors".

Perfect Gym Student - Lynn Panton
Perfect Figure - Sue Emery
The Smallest - Bob Leonard
Prettiest Hair - Alex Burr
The Shiest Girl - Kathy Gavin
Wildest Boy - Andy Gram
The Tallest - Jane Perry
Prettiest Legs - Gregg Shellman

Perfect Ears - Doug Green
Biggest Flirt - John Lang
Blondest Hair - Rod Brown
Frettiest Complexion - Patty Dibble

The Nicest Teeth - Dale Clark
Cutest Smile - Joan Wightman
The Daintiest - Laurie Collins
Most Athletic - Ron Godown
Best Basketball Player - Dan Slade

Taking the characteristics of these Juniors and putting them together you would certainly have an unusual Junior. Has anyone ever seen a Junior like this before?

Keep On Buying Savings Bonds

A Future Poet

by Julie Brown

In the sixth grade this year, it seems that we have a budding, young poet who has already received recognition from the White House.

Miss Dianne Bliss, in Mrs. Boyce's sixth grade, after participating in a morning class discussion of Current Events, went home and wrote a poem about some of the problems of today. She handed the poem, "This World", in to her teacher who corrected it, had Deanne recopy it, hand it back and then Mrs. Boyce sent it to President Nixon.

Three weeks later Mrs. Boyce received a personal letter from President Nixon's Staff Assistant saying how pleased they were to have received the poem. Also enclosed with the letter was a large, autographed picture of the President.

Dianne did this project on her own, as it was not assigned to her as homework. Needless to say, all the students and faculty at A. C. S. are proud to have Dianne in their midst.

THIS WORLD

by Dianne Bliss

This world was made for man,
Given to us from God's own hand.

To share his love for one another
To be friend, to be a brother.

Now this world is a wreck.
People play poker with a tricky deck.

Thieves and killers running around,
Till some cops run them aground.

The air isn't safe to breathe any more,
And the water is polluted. No for the poor.

The poor live in the slums of a dark city street.
They hardly get enough to eat!

I wish someone would think of this horrible thing,
And change things back like in the beginning.

Roving Reporter

by Jeanette Kent

I wrote the replies I received when I asked "What is usually your big thrill of the day?"

Diane Carmody - "Walking to school in the morning without falling on the ice."

Gregg Shellman - "last night" Dale Clarke - "Basketball practice"

Kathy Gorsuch - "Taking notes in swimming class"

Karl Graves - "Working in the Drug Store"

Mr. MacCrea - "Giving Kathy Gorsuch a hard time"

Jane Day - "Eating but definitely not in the cafeteria"

Mary Smith - "When the bell rings at 3:40"

Mr. Bronson - "When all of the Physics Class shows upon time"

Cindy Preston - "deciphering Mr. Bronson's Physic tests"

Jerry Wahl - "Three straight class periods in the morning with Miss Sullivan"

Tom Polmateer - "Arguing with Mrs. Woodruff"

George Hurtado - "to think about the day before"

Dennis Price - "Talking to Hulse"

Mr. Brace - "Seeing his little girl at 3:50"

Who Are They?

by Eileen Atwell

I am sure that by now, everybody already knows that last week's mystery person was Pam Crittenden.

Dental Hygienist

by Susan Church

The students of Andover Central School are once again privileged to have a Dental Hygienist Mrs. Marilee Phillips, who was also the dental hygienist last year. She will be remaining with us for the rest of the year.

Purple And White

by Dan Slade

In non-league action last Tuesday night (February 17) Andover defeated Greenwood 69 - 51 on our court. The Panthers displayed their most balanced scoring of the season as Tom Polmateer hit for 13 points, Dale Clark for 10, John Fanton 18 and Gregg Shellman, 14. Don Cornell led the Greenwood attack with 21 points, Andover took an early lead with a pressing defense which set up several steals for easy points. On the Panthers' reserves saw extensive action in both halves. The J.V. Panthers won by a score of 59 - 29.

Wednesday night (February 18) the Swimming Team closed out its season with a 50 - 45 loss to a strong Hornell squad. This loss made their record 3 wins, 4 losses and a tie, their best record in three seasons.

These finnen deserve a great deal of credit for the effort and desire they put into their sport. They have worked hard all season and have shown that they can compete successfully with much larger schools. There were no seniors on the swimming team; therefore, Coach Barden should have a strong team next year.

Cub News

The big question among the Cub League seems to be "Can Anybody Beat The Warriors?" In action last night the Warriors pulled out a close win over the Royals by a score of 26 to 24.

This gives the Warriors a record of 7 wins and no losses. The Warrior attack was led by Captain Steve Dunham with 14 points. Mateson and Davis each chipped in 9 and 7 points for the losing Royals.

In the other game the Celtics won another close game over the Lakers by a score of 20 to 19. Leslie Hahn led the Celtic scoring with 11 points and Mike Dibble scored 17 points for the Laker cause.

Next action will be next Wednesday night with the Celtics playing the Royals and the Lakers going against the Warriors.

Senior Interview

by Eileen Atwell

The Senior with top priority in the paper this week is Donald James Pitts. "Don" was born on April 28, 1952 to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pitts. He has three brothers and one sister.

Some of "Don's" activities include Senior Band for five years, Pep Band for four years and Dance Band for four years. He was also in the Senior and Junior Plays.

His hobbies are photography and hunting. "Don" is majoring in business and plans on going to Alfred Tech to pursue a course in retailing.

We take this opportunity to wish "Don" the best of luck in the future.

Junior News

by Lynn Panton

It sure looks as if the Juniors are going to have a busy time ahead of them. Right now the Juniors are selling Stanley Products. They will be selling these products until March 6. We are all hoping everyone will help support our Junior Class and buy these useful products.

The Junior Play promises to be exceptional this year. We will be presenting "Up The Down Staircase", dramatized from the book by Bel Kaufman and directed by Mrs. Kessler. The tentative date for the play is April 10 and it is being presented with special permission of the Dramatic Publishing Company.

There are 80,000 motor boats 18 feet and longer registered in New York State and 350,000 mechanically propelled boats of lesser length, according to the Conservation Department's Division of Motor boats.

Vietnam Report

Happenings That Affect the Future of Every Individual National and International Problems Inseparable from Local Welfare

It is conceivable that the war in Viet Nam may turn out to be one of the brighter chapters in American history - despite atrocity stories, antiwar demonstrations and abandonment of the traditional U. S. concept of "victory". We have come a long way from the closing days of the Johnson Administration. The country survived a period in which a President was almost literally driven out of office over the issue of the war and a period when it appeared the nation was ready to accept ignominious defeat rather than pay the price of meeting the moral responsibilities of a great power.

A year ago, U. S. troops in Viet Nam clung grimly to the task before them. They upheld the standard of U. S. self-respect amid raucous shouts of get out from both home front peace marchers and the vast communist propaganda apparatus. Surely U. S. fighting men were never placed in a more difficult position; and in the final reckoning of history, their performance should compare favorably with the heroic achievements of the U. S. citizen-soldier on other occasions, when survival of the nation hung in the balance. Today, the signs are growing that while the U. S. is committed to a gradual withdrawal from Viet Nam the conditions of that withdrawal have been set by a determined President, who has the grass roots support of the American people. Almost unnoticed, the complexion of the war in Viet Nam is changing. There are those who now find grounds for optimism. Among them is columnist Joseph Alsop who has just completed his 18th visit to Viet Nam since 1953.

On a lengthy trip through the countryside of South Viet Nam, Mr. Alsop found that in districts after district communist guerrilla strength had dropped to the vanishing point. The turning came with the Tet Offensive when hard-core Vietcong strength was wiped out. In one district, mentioned by Mr. Alsop, the Vietcong numbered about 800 fighting men before the offensive. In only seven weeks of 1968, it lost four successive battalion commanders and was called out of the district. Today there are about two dozen surviving guerrillas in this particular area. The story is similar in other sections of South Viet Nam. Mr. Alsop comments: "Even in those provinces where the VC as yet retain strength, their days are numbered, unless President Nixon is driven to throw in the sponge". Mr. Alsop also believes the Tet Offensive of 1968 was shockingly misreported in this country. The combination of high casualties among the Vietcong and their ruthless brutality tipped the scales against the North among the fence-sitting masses in the cities and the countryside. Another observer who has become an optimist on Viet Nam is Mr. Robert G. Kaiser. Writing in The Reader's Digest, he too, reports that masses of South Vietnamese citizens have turned against the Vietcong. The South Vietnamese in a largely pacified countryside

Cafeteria Menu

Week of March 2 - 6

MONDAY - Chicken Vegetable Soup, Meat Salad Sandwiches, Fruit, Milk

TUESDAY - Turkey-a-la-King Cabbage Salad, Fruited Jello

WEDNESDAY - Vegetable Beef Stew and Potatoes, Carrot and Celery Sticks, Bread and Butter, Fruit, Milk

THURSDAY - Steamed Rice with Meat Gravy, Buttered Vegetables, Bread and Butter, Do-Nut, Milk

FRIDAY - Creamed Potatoes, Salmon Patties or Sliced Cheese Buttered Peas, Fruit, Milk

Ag Education Programs In State High Schools Pay Off Survey Shows

Students who receive occupational training in agriculture as part of their high school education in New York State are quick to get jobs, or go on to continue their education in college.

This is the basic conclusion of a survey recently completed by educational researchers Arthur L. Berkey, William Kelly, and David Brown, all of the N. Y. State College of Agriculture at Cornell University.

Berkey, assistant professor in the College's department of education, reports that the survey of students who graduated in 1968 showed that 41 per cent were quickly employed, while another 31 per cent continued their educational training past high school.

One per cent of those who replied to the survey were unemployed, and 27 per cent entered military service.

Nearly all of those seeking employment found jobs within a month of graduation.

Employers who were surveyed reported that over 97 per cent of those employed were qualified for their first year jobs. And more than half of those found employment earned some kind of promotion or pay raise during their first year on the job.

Surveyed were students who had completed two year studies in one of four agriculturally related fields: farm production and management, conservation, agricultural mechanization, and ornamental horticulture.

The survey was sponsored by the Bureau of Occupational Education Research of the State Education Department of the University of the State of New York.

Some State And Local Taxes Not Deductible

Most major state and local taxes can be deducted on Federal income tax returns if you itemize your deductions, but some of the miscellaneous taxes cannot be John E. Foley, District Director, Internal Revenue Service, Buffalo states.

The deductible taxes are real estate and personal property taxes, state and local income taxes, state and local gasoline taxes, and general sales taxes.

The taxes that are not deductible include liquor and cigarette taxes, most auto license fees, water service charges, hunting and fishing licenses, and dog licenses. Mr. Foley said Federal taxes are also not deductible on individual income tax returns.

are beginning to enjoy the fruits of the capitalistic society. South Viet Nam has become a market place of consumer goods. Says Mr. Kaiser, "Capitalism has come to the scene of the revolution, and the revolution has suffered - at least temporarily - as a result." Still another U. S. observer, Mr. Terence Smith, is moving toward the rank of the optimists. He writes in The New York Times: "the pendulum clearly has swung in the direction of the government during the past year. According to official American figures, 89 per cent of the South Vietnamese people were living under 'relatively secure' control of the Saigon government as of last August 31 - 15,400,000 of a population of 17,300,000." Mr. Smith recently went on a 400-mile drive with two others through the heart of the Mekong Delta. Unarmed and in a Volkswagen, he drove through towns, villages and hamlets. He observed men and women working in fields without visible concern for their safety. In the towns, restaurants were busy. In the view of many, this was the Viet Nam war toward the end of 1969. It appears President Nixon is justified in saying: "We are on the road to peace. That road is not easy. It is not simple. But I am convinced it is the right one."

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