

SENIORS SELECT "SEIDMAN AND SON"

"Seidman and Son," the Senior Play, will be presented on March 8 and 10. March 8 will be the matinee performance and March 10 the 7:30 performance. It will be shown in the main auditorium.

The theme of this comedy centers around the relationship of father and son. The Seidman family finds family life interrupted by the world of the garment industry.

The main character, Mr. Seidman, will be played by Mike Sommers. Also in the Seidman family are Mrs. Seidman, played by Diane Siegle; Jenny and Harold Seidman will be played by Ruth Jancose and Bill Campbell. Doreen, a model, will be played by Diane Troxel. Janice, a seamstress, will be played by Kathy Odar; Mr. Karp will be Tony Sanchez; and Rosenzweig will be played by Jim O'Neill. Sidney and Miss Wentraub will be played by John Luzzi and Linda Davis. Pat Casey will play Laura Menken and Ed Jagiele, Larry Kogen. Also starring are the following:

Willy Scheerer as Wilenski, Sherry Martikean as Leoda, Linda Deaton as Tina, Michele Bryan as Miss Kelley, Dennis



Seniors practice for Senior Play, "Seidman and Son".

Staples as Mr. Magneeson, and Paulette Radman as Helen Sowolski.

This delightful comedy was written by Elich Moll based on his novel.

Mrs. Mary Busby, the director of the play, has worked very hard to make this play a success. She and all the actors and actresses stay after school every night until six practicing.

SENIORS RATE SCORE 58

Seniors led the Honor Roll for the third grade period with 58 students having a better than B average. The junior class was next with 43 students. 34 freshmen and 31 sophomores also made it. Of these 166 students, 14 attained straight A's.

Those seniors making straight A's were Paula Kurowski, Peggy Kurowski, Marian Nicksich, Joyce Pankiewicz, Amy Pruitt, Mary Jane Rzepka, Jean Sikora, and Irene Yacura.

Other seniors were Martha Anderson, Claudia Antons, Barbara Barnes, Candi Banks, Ann Bartley, Charlene Clements, Elaine Diamond, Carol Dillman, Cindy Eloff, Cheryl Fielding, Francine Foler, Rosemary Gilbeau, Matilda Glidewell, Roberta Erfurth, Karen Gile, Diana Hamann, Carole Harmon, Doris Hutchins, Sue Jelusich, Debbie Jones, and June Kaiser.

Also, Janet Ledak, Lucia Mammias, Janice Maness, Loreli Marks, Kathy McDonald, Pat McQuilkin, Sally Messina, Carole Moore, Louise Racich, Michele Stipanovich, Elaine Traicoff, Diane Troxel, Linda Vician, Pat Ugarte, Annette Vokurka, Sira Weaver, Bob Dickerson, Ron Eimer, Glen Jenkins, Allen Kepchar, Rich Mosak, Louis Muniz, Jerry Northcutt, Don Rosdil, James Schachno, Larry Slama, Fred Stults, William Wellnitz, and Stev Zakula also made it.

Sandy Fisher, Rosemarie Vokurka, and Mike Solomon were juniors to make straight A's.

Other juniors were Frances Butram, Beverly Dartz, Kris Elibasich, Nancy Fodemski, Julia Fogle, Linda Gabriel, Margie Gersack, Rosalind Jones, Karen Kepchar, Evelyn Knapp, Sibylle Knapp, Barb Langan, Nancy Mathson, Linda Mitrovich, Roseann Ondovceik, Michelle Opalak, Lorraine Paskash, Carol Piasicki, Margaret Rudic, April Purtell, Valeeta Pyles, Gail Schaser, Vicky Skorich, Pat Sokolowski, Irene Stambolos, Judy Stevens, Gail Tomashefski, Dorie Vassallo, Josephine Warener and Betsy Yarris.

Junior boys were John Brodar, William Elwood, Paul Gokovich, Mickey Lugar, John Placey, Don Shelbourne, Jim Stochel, Frank Stanzione, Chris Wardrip, and Tom Zakrczewski.

Sophomore girls on the Honor Roll included Janice Adank, Karen Bailey, Donna Coehren, Linda Dzunda, Pam Gerbick, Michael Goetz, and Denise Hansen. Others with a "B" or better were Karen Lesniak, Susan Lugar, Pat Prechocki, Linda Seaman, Barbara Smith, Chrysanne Thompson, Pat and Shirley Wraight. Pam Prechocki and Andrea Richards made straight A's.

Gary Davis, Jim Gielniak, Dave Gulyas, Roy Hielscher, George Kapnas, George Karagory, Dennis Kepchar, Doug Lawery, David Martin, Joe Medellin, Mike Mehay, John Pawlik, and Jake Pruitt were the Sophomore boys who made the Honor Roll. Joe Tierce had all A's.

Linda Birdwell, Cheryl Brown, Gail Budgim, Michelle Cobb, Rosemary Coury, Sharon Frye, Gloria Gulaboff, Vickie Kappas, Nancy Koruschak, Deborah Kuntarich, Pamela Mackivich, and Lavern Mackins were Freshmen girls on the Honor Roll. Other girls included Karen Opacich, Susan Rankin, Diane Rogge, Pamela Scott, Laurie Shaffer, Susan Sikora, Jo Ann Svetich, Sharon Swatt, Georgene Aerzes, Evelyn Turner, Beatrice Zakula, and Marianne Ziza.

Freshmen boys who also made the Honor Roll included Mark Benjamin, Richard Broadstone, Bruce Daley, John Galich, Keith Griffin, James Hall, Gary Heminger, Larry Kosanovich, Keith Medved, and Paul Smith.

Betty Crocker Discovers Elaine

Elaine Traicoff, by finishing first in a written homemaking knowledge and attitude examination for senior girls December 6, became Lew Wallace's 1967 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow.

Elaine is now eligible for possible state and national scholarship awards. Her test also earned her a specially designed silver charm from General Mills, sponsor of the Betty Crocker Search for the American Homemaker of Tomorrow.

A state Homemaker of Tomorrow and runner up will be selected from the winners of all schools in the state, with the former receiving a \$1,500 college scholarship; her school will be given a complete set of Encyclopaedia Britannica by Encyclopaedia Britannica, Inc. The runner-up will be awarded a \$500 educational grant.

The Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow from this state, together with those from all other states and the District of

Columbia, each accompanied by her school advisor, will join in an expense paid educational tour of Colonial Williamsburg, Va., and Washington, D. C., next spring.

The national winner — the 1967 All-American Homemaker of Tomorrow — will be announced at a dinner in Williamsburg. She will be chosen from the state winners on the basis of original test score plus personal observation and interviews during the tour. Her reward will be an increase in her scholarship to \$5,000. Second, third, and fourth ranking national winners will have their original scholarship grants increased to \$4,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000, respectively.

This is the 13th year of the Betty Crocker Search for the American Homemaker of Tomorrow, initiated in 1954-55 by General Mills to emphasize the importance of homemaking as a career. More than 5,000,000 senior girls have participated in the Search since its inception, and 1,256 winners will have earned scholarships totaling \$1,371,500 at the conclusion of the current program.



On Thursday, February 23, the Seniors took one more step towards graduation; they were measured for their caps and gowns. Here Mr. Vorwald measures Tom Skinta for his gown, while Cathy Warner tries on a cap. The Commencement exercises are to take place on the night of June 5 at Memorial Auditorium.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Food, and lots of it, was the main subject of the Girls' Club Birthday Potluck. Held in the cafeteria on Wednesday, February 15, all twelve months of the year were represented.

After the traditional "home-cooked" meal consisting of meatloaf, casseroles, potato dishes, salads, vegetables, relishes, and bakery bread, the festivities began.

Each month had its own birthday cake, decorated accordingly.

The girls in each month performed their songs in front of a panel of judges who were Miss Kouvelas, Miss Rzepka, Miss Dorall, Miss Novak, Mrs.

Swisher, and Mrs. Williams.

The winning month received bottles of soap bubbles. Seniors were honored with paper party hats.

Sally Richards was chairman of the event. Other committees were Programs, Sandy Broadstone; Cakes, Elaine Traicoff; Decorations, Bobbie Hanley and Linda Dzunda.

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SPORTS

Seniors Lead Team To Sectionals

The Lew Wallace Hornets have been led this roundball season by a group of scrappy seniors. Steve Zakula has led the team through the conference play to a four win - seven loss season. This record should place the cagers near the middle of the Conference race. Prior to the Sectional Tourney I will try to profile all of the senior members of Coach Polly's "Hurryin' Hornets".

When you think of this year's basketball team, Steve Zakula is the name that comes to mind. Steve has led the team in points and rebounds throughout the season. His thirty point burst against the Blue Devils of Froebel left the 6'3" senior center second in the conference scoring race. During Steve's junior season he was named to the All-Sectional Team. Steve has received quite a few scholarship offers for his ability to put the ball through the hoop.

Gene Marks is the fellow that Coach Polly looks to during a tense game. His nineteen points against the Hobart Brickies led the Hornets to a seven point victory at Hobart High School. Gene's steady play and good competitive spirit has led him to be constantly in the top ten scorers in the Northwest Indiana Conference. His rebounding prowess can be attributed to his fine reach, large hands, good jumping ability and a keen desire to get the ball.

Dave Shelbourne came right off a highly successful football season to his familiar position on the hardwood. Dave's brauniness helps him under the basket when the game gets rough. This 6'2" 190 pounder plays a steady game, content to pass off to open teammates rather than shoot unnecessarily himself. He enjoys the game and it keeps him in fine shape. Dave is quite versatile as he plays all three of the major sports at Lew Wallace.

Joe "Yogi" Bravo has lettered in basketball for three seasons for Coach Polly. Joe plays guard and along with Steve Zakula are the "old pros" of the team. Joe loves basketball and is constantly playing the roundball game. He also enjoys baseball and played regularly for Coach Martin's baseball team. Joe is a fine shot and an extremely deceptive dribbler, in fact he is probably the best dribbler on the squad.

Aris Psimos, who is known to the team as "The Chief" has played basketball for four seasons. He has come up through the ranks of frosh basketball, reserves, and has lettered on the varsity for the last two seasons. Chief plays guard and possesses the finest outside shot on the team. Aris also leads the team in the best percentage made of his free throws. Aris plans to go to college next year probably at Indiana Extension.

The final senior is Tom Mandon, a two year letterman. Tom plays guard and enjoys the competition of the game. Tom plays all three major sports at Lew Wallace High School. Tom has come along as of late and has moved into a starting role for the last two weeks of the season.

These boys have made up the nucleus of the team this season that has lost the majority of their games late in the fourth period.

The other varsity members excluding those mentioned above are: Alan Milgi, Doug Maretich, Jim Lopez, Tom Bell, and Tom Heins. These juniors will be the nucleus of a potentially good roundball team for the winter of '67-'68. These fellows have gained valuable knowledge by playing this year in spot assignments. Milgi is the only one that has broken into this predominately senior team. The Sports' Section of the PHILOSOPHER wishes the team and Coach Polly all the luck in the world in the Sectionals, starting Friday against our arch rivals, the Horace Mann Horsemen.

National Game Still Baseball

The roundballs are still cluttering the air but already young men start to think of another roundball, this being baseball, America's national past-time. Lew Wallace has a tradition of a sort in fine participation in baseball and the team of '67 would like to follow in this tradition. A new twist this season is a state baseball tournament that is being strongly considered by the Indiana High School Athletic Program high brass, most specifically, Phil Eskew. Preparations and speculations concerning this program are up for discussion and a double elimination tournament is the most probable and most practical way of approaching a state championship in baseball.

Baseball on the high school level is often ruined by the spring showers and many fine games are ruined due to inclement weather conditions or completely unplayable conditions. A need for practice is another factor that hurts the high school ball player in his quest for excellence. Many of the local ball players are "hot weather players," that is when the weather breaks and summer is in bloom the good weather stimulates them to perform their best.

Now that I have shown the hardships and drawbacks of the high school baseball programs across the nation I will attempt to redeem the game for its worth and put it in a true perspective.

Everyone plays baseball at one time or another during his life and the majority of today's young people have participated in a little league program of some sort. This system of playing baseball from ages 8 to 15 under the sanction of the Little League Baseball Program of America is a fine thing for America's physical fitness program. The greatest thing about little league is that no matter how good or how bad you are they inflict no limitations on the ability. In other words, they cannot cut a player because he simply isn't another Willie Mays. This system is the finest feeder system American sports has. It has led to the Biddy Basketball Leagues across the nation and the newly formed Pop Warner Football Leagues spanning the American sports scene.

I may be guilty of editorializing hereafter, but I can't see how football is replacing baseball as America's national past-time. Those that attest to this say that football is drawing more spectators, more dollars and cents, than baseball. But this isn't enough proof for me. My kind of proof as to the national past-time is checking all the empty lots and school yards during the warmer months and seeing five, ten, and fifteen year olds imitating Mickey Mantle or Nellie Fox with a baseball bat and gloves as old as they are. Maybe I am a hopeless romanticist but what could be more symbolic of the national past-time that a worn fielder's glove and a tattered baseball.



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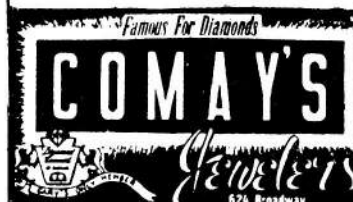
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From The Editor's Desk

Apologies Extended

The much-debated question of censorship presents the problem of how far it should go. Where should the line be drawn? What may be considered good editorial judgment differs with the type and quality of the publication. Certainly a high school newspaper is no place for any questionable material. We should be especially concerned with any decline in standards because of the quality and fine tradition of the "Philosopher".

There are some phrases with which double meanings may be attached. It may only be a small group that identifies the statement with the unpopular definition. However, if there is knowledge of this by the editorial staff, the material should never be printed.

As the staff of the "Philosopher", we feel that an apology should be extended to those involved concerning a few items in the last issue which were definitely in bad taste. Our apologies also go out to the faculty, administration, and the student body for what may be considered a misdirection of the trust you have placed in us.

It is our hope that we have profited from our mistake. It is also our hope that YOU will place the same trust in our hands and expect nothing but the highest quality from your school paper.

Philosopher

— of Lew Wallace

Our aim is to present the news as it occurs; to improve the standards of Lew Wallace School by promoting scholastic and extra-curricular activities.

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National Merit Tests To Be Given

The National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test is a nation-wide test. It will be given on Tuesday, February 28, 1967.

The students who registered for the test paid a \$1.00 fee. The money went to the Science Research Association, which is the testing agency. If the student is unable to pay the testing fee, it will be paid by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation at the request of his school.

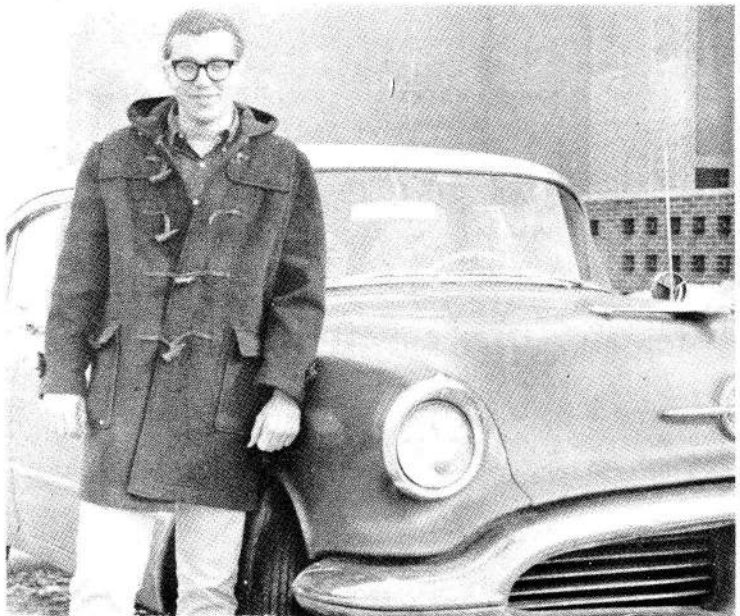
Students may take the test to obtain information useful in their future education and careers. A handbook with the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test Scores, will be given to each participating student. This will help him to evaluate

his scores, and compare his performance with that of other high school students across the country.

The highest-scoring students in each state will be named semi-finalists and will be eligible for merit scholarship consideration.

Many business corporations, colleges, trusts, and individuals offer scholarships through the merit program.

About 13,440 students have won merit scholarships in the eleven merit programs to date. The amount of a winner's award is determined by assessing the financial assistance he will need to attend the college of his choice.



Pictured above is "Ski" and his ramblin' 98 Olds, "Green Toronado".

JOYCE AND STEVE TO COMPETE FOR MOST VALUABLE STUDENTS

The Elks National Foundation is sponsoring a "Most Valuable Student Award" Contest, with cash awards, state-wide and nation-wide in excess of \$110,000.00. In addition the winning boy and girl in the Gary Contest will each receive a one hundred dollar savings bond.

The Scholarship Committee of Indiana University, Northwest Campus, will select the best boy and girl entry in the Gary area and they in turn will be certified for the state competition. The state winners will be eligible for nation-wide competition.

The winners of these awards are chosen from merit standards such as: scholarship, citizenship, personality, leadership, perseverance, resourcefulness, patriotism, general worthiness, and financial need. Only students of outstanding merit, who show an appreciation of the



value of an education and who are willing to struggle to achieve success, have a chance to win these awards. Experience indicates that a scholarship rating of 90 percent or better and a standing in the upper five percent of the graduating class are necessary to qualify for the

group that will be given final consideration.

We are happy to announce that Joyce Pankiewicz and Steve Zakula have been chosen from Lew Wallace to compete for the 1967 Elks National Foundation Scholarship Award.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I think the behavior and courtesy of the students on the school buses has greatly improved. The smoking, loud talking, pushing and shoving has not completely stopped, but with the help of Mr. Tauck, the coaches, and the student body itself, the bus rides to and from school can be much safer and MORE comfortable.

— A Bus Rider

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Dear Editor,

Have you noticed the alarming shortage of gentlemen attending Lew Wallace. In the morning on the bus there is always a line of girls standing with a load of books in their arms. Not one boy ever has the decency to offer his seat. Also, very rarely do you see our young men taking the trouble to open doors for the weaker sex. Instead, they push their way past us and let the door slam in our faces. If the boys of Lew Wallace want us to act like young ladies, they better start treating us like one.

— Annoyed

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Dear Editor,

Some doubt has been expressed as to whether this year's senior class will have a Senior Class Tea because of the size of the class. This tea has been a tradition at Lew Wallace in past years and I think it should continue. The tea has usually been held at Teibel's, but even if we have to rent a hall, I think it would be worthwhile. Most of the other seniors I have talked to agree, and said that they would

feel cheated if this activity were omitted. It's all part of graduating, and, after all, we only graduate once.

— A Hopeful Senior

EDITOR'S NOTE:

I believe you are referring to the Senior Luncheon instead of the Senior Tea. The Tea is usually held in January in the cafeteria and is sponsored by Girls Club. Plans for the Tea are uncertain. As for the Luncheon, it will be held on May 26 at Teibel's as in the past.

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Dear Editor,

If you ever use the west entrance into the main building coming from the west building, you've probably noticed the little pool of water that is always right in front of the doorway. We all know how hard it is to keep our school in top shape, but this water causes the floor to be slippery and many people fall. The sidewalk to the west building is hazardous, too. It's icy and slippery, but nothing compared to the steps going into the west building. Two weeks ago, the day the big snow storm started, those stairs were packed with snow and ice.

I think something better be done and fast, before someone get seriously hurt.

— Concerned Junior

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Dear Editor,

School authorities have asked students to please use the sidewalks instead of the streets for purposes of walking. This of course, is for the safety of the students. But it is im-

possible for people to walk on sidewalks that are covered with eight inches of snow. There is no excuse, after all this time, to have unshoveled sidewalks, no matter what age the owner of the house happens to be. I am sure that these people could ask a neighbor or nephew to do the job.

Also, there are high snow banks between the sidewalks of our school and the street (45th Avenue) which make getting into the buses difficult. This situation is also hazardous. It is very easy for a person to slip on the snow and end up half under the bus with a sprained or broken arm. The school has machinery to plow this snow and I'm sure that there is someone in the school's employment that is capable of completing the task.

— Concerned

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Dear Editor,

Why isn't more news given out about other sports besides basketball and football? Many students are interested in swimming and wrestling meets, yet any news about these activities is pretty hard to come by. Recently, all swim meets which occurred during the snowstorm were just called off and not postponed, yet no word was issued about this. Now baseball season is coming. How about some notice when the games will be played? Let's stop complaining about the poor turnouts at sports events and do something about it, like a little publicity!

— Sportsminded

Ski Rambles In Olds'

Everybody's seen Rich "Ski" Moskovsky's ramblin' "Toronado." In reality, the car is a 1956 green 98 Oldsmobile. This car is really a powerhouse with its sporting 371-cubic inch, Olds Fire Rocket engine. "Ski" loves to play "stick shift" with the automatic transmission by accelerating in low gear and shifting wildly into drive. The car has been known to do 120 miles per hour.

Nothing really serious has happened to the green four-door, but once the fan blew off and put a hole in the hood,

radiator, battery and ripped out the water hoses. The green-vinyl interior is still in fine condition since he bought his car from his dad for \$200.

The car accessories are quite luxurious. Radio, heater, white walls and power steering and brakes are all a part of this machine. "Ski's" favorite activities with his car range from tobogganing, to dating, to just plain going out with the guys. "Ski" is hopeful, but feels the car won't last through the summer.

WLTH TOP TEN

1. Georgy Girl Seekers
2. Pushin' Too Hard Seeds
3. I'm a Believer Monkees
4. I Love You So Much New Colony Six
5. Too Much to Dream Electric Prunes
6. Give Me Some Lovin' Spen. Davis Group
7. Love Is Here Supremes
8. We Ain't Got Nothing Yet Blue Magoos
9. Tell It Like It Is Aaron Nevil
10. Ruby Tuesday Rolling Stones

Snow Comes Down; Good Will Comes Out

No one will forget the "Great Blizzard of '67." This storm was fantastic in more ways than just depositing over two feet of snow on us.

People became more alive or alert. They realized what trouble and friendship are. When food became scarce, there was always someone to donate or lend some. And when other emergencies emerged, help was on the way as soon as possible.

But there were also people who let their worst side show. While some grocers, for example, lowered prices, others pur-

posely raised them because they knew the people were desperate. Some quick-thinking people looted abandoned cars and robbed stores.

The "Great Blizzard of '67" caused a reaction in almost everyone. Only now let's hope it never happens again!

In the seven days of vacation (?) from school, many students did many interesting things providing they could get out of the house. Here is one experience. (Thank you Miss Parnell and Lucia Mammias for loaning the story.)



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The Passive Disease

The weather, a subject to which we usually resort only when there is an uncomfortable silence in a conversation, is the comic symbol of hackneyed chitter chatter. Who could have thought in the sixty-degree weather before the storm that we would soon be buried beneath two dozen sugar-like inches of snow?

My first reaction was not unlike that of thousands of other students throughout the city - pure bliss. I would be missing my most disliked class, and would also have extra time to work on an analysis for the poem we were given in English. Gleefully we trudged through the blanket of ever-falling snow. We did not realize that the institution of learning, which we so often consider a workhouse, would seem a haven after seven days of too perfect leisure. It didn't take long for the pure bliss to wear off the snowman-like figures, as eyes, noses and mouths became indistinguishable. Indignity was the next reaction. It seemed ironic that we of this great society, able to

defy gravity with skyscrapers, able to cure uncountable numbers of diseases, able to place men in space, could be totally paralyzed by nature. Just like uncivilized beings, we wondered with awe at the power of God.

Desolation and depression soon followed. I yearned so for the outdoors, but I was the unhealthy owner of a very sore throat. For a few days the nearest I got to outdoors was a window. Pacing like a caged tiger, I roamed the house from front to back again and again. The scene never changed - glisten-

ing white everywhere. On my silent trek through the house I found a particularly interesting window on the second floor. Perched on top of the radiator, which served the dual purpose of elevating me enough to see out the window and keeping me comfortably warm, I was a falcon, good wings clipped. There sat I in my lofty cage, transistor blaring - with sharp eyes scanning the surrounding area for a glimpse of life.

I had so much energy pent up in me begging to be released. Much of my energy was wasted, I believe, on the snow shovel! The rest was kept in a secret compartment waiting for the proper moment to burst forth and create. Each night the house would be quiet with slumber for hours before I could even relax enough to sleep.

Little everyday annoyances became blown out of proportion. No nails were left on my fingers on which I might release some of my nervous energy, so I picked up a knitting needle and said, "Teach me." After a few light-hearted com-



ments from my father that my cream puffs tasted like fish patties, that my needle-work looked like a disaster area, and that he loved me anyway, even if I was all thumbs, my mother began to instruct me in the art of knitting. Practicing knitting burns up energy, but who needs a six-foot pink scarf?

When the announcer finally declared, "All schools open tomorrow," he seemed to be say-

ing, "Back to rapid, wonderful civilization." Our eight-day vacation only re-enforced my opinion that man needs man, even if it's only to have someone with whom he may argue, that too much introspection causes brain tumors, ulcers, and heart conditions, and that I'm destined to lead a wonderfully wild life, during which I will burn up resources of energy and sleep well at night.

