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Members of the Decoration Committee paint a mural for the Junior Prom.

Juniors Dance In Ole Town

"It's gon'na be beautiful," says Vicky Skorich concerning the '67 Jr. Prom. The theme for the annual semi-formal dance will center around "Old Town." The Bluetones will provide the music. The main colors which will be used for the decor will be red and white. "We are attempting to create the atmosphere and quaintness of a charming "Old Town", is one of the statements made by Miss Skorich concerning the project.

GIRLS' CLUB WARBLER

"In the Valley of the Jolly Green Giant" is only one of the numbers to be presented in the Girls' Club Sing. The annual event will be held on March 16 in the Main Auditorium during the second hour. Any homeroom may enter the competition. They have their choice of song. The girls have spent many hours practicing and putting the final touches on their numbers. Props or costumes may be used. Some of the other songs to be sung are "In the Good Ole Summertime", "Mrs. Brown You've Got a Lovely Daughter", "Pretty Ballerina", and "Nashville Cats".

It's What's Happnin'

March 14 — SOS Hop
March 16 — Girl's Club Sing
March 21 — Vocational Schools for Seniors
March 22-23 — Orchestra Concert
April 7 — SOS Stag Dance
April 12 — Girl's Club Senior Reception
April 14 — White Caps Dance
April 14 — ROTC Military Ball
April 20 — Student Council Hop
April 21 — Junior Prom

RATHER SWITCH THAN FIGHT?

What do you think about smoking? This is one of the most common things happening within teenage groups in high school! And what is your brand? Would you rather fight than switch, or quite it altogether?

In a recent survey conducted by chemists and engineers from the Foster D. Snell, Inc. these results were found from a test of 30 most popular brands of filter-tip cigarettes: ("Cigarette tars and nicotine are widely thought to be responsible for development of cancer, cardiovascular diseases and other ailments in smokers.")

Of the 30 brands tested, Carlton cigarettes showed the least amount of tar and nicotine derived from the smoke. The next four brands, in ascending order of tar and nicotine derived, were Marvels, Duke of Durham, True, and Montclair.

Highest in tar and nicotine content of the brands tested was Pall Mall Filter. This was the longest cigarette tested.

In a public survey, more than 92 per cent of the smokers and non-smokers of both

sexes believed that special efforts should be made to discourage young people from smoking.

It was disclosed that many of the tobacco companies would advertise the low content of tar and nicotine in one of their brands, but not mention the contents of their brands with the high content of tar and nicotine, such as the P. Lorillard Co. advertising the low content in True, but not mentioning the high contents in Montclair.

This survey has developed a legislation to clamp down on tobacco industries to indicate on all packages the amount of tar and nicotine contained. Also printed on each package will be, "Caution: Cigarette Smoking May be Hazardous to Your Health". This may wake a lot of people up and encourage them to stop smoking entirely.

Facts from an Article in the
READER'S DIGEST

ARMED FORCES PROGRAM

On March 8, the counseling department sponsored an Armed Forces Program for all senior boys and ROTC students that were interested. Representatives were sent from the various defense departments; such as the Navy, Marines, and Army. These men discussed the advantages of a military career and the obligation of each boy. JOIN NOW!

From The Editor . . .

Riches to Rags?

By Nancy Mathson

In past years, the idea of having a slop day has been a controversial subject. Most of the students here at Lew Wallace would like to have something of this sort. Other schools have tried this and it has worked out favorably. Last year the seniors were allowed to don their various costumes on the next to their last day. It was titled "Dress Down Day." Before then, the seniors would "dress down" anyway and take the consequences of being sent home. Although the underclassmen could not participate in this, they enjoyed watching the seniors. Also, if it is not extended to all grades in future years, they have one more thing to look forward to during their senior year.

One of the reasons that students want to have a slop day is that after years of dressing nice for school, they want just one day out of the year to

dress sloppy. It would be a day for students to exercise their imagination and dress in the attire that they wished. Most students would use their good judgment, however, there are always the few who ruin it for the others. If a member of the faculty felt that a student was too extreme, it would be their prerogative, of course, to send that student to the office.

On the other hand there are reasons against having this type of day. People tend to act according to their type of apparel. If students dressed in a sloppy manner, they might act that way; but after attending school for at least eight years, I think that they would automatically behave the same except for a little more laughing. Anyway, let's hope a "Dress Down Day" is continued, even if it is just for seniors.

We Wish To Extend Our Deepest Sympathy To The

Family Of

Wanda Burns

The Juniors Dedicate This Issue To Her.

Thoughts Of A Senior

Well, now I have been measured for my cap and gown. I can just see me in it, standing straight and tall; me and some 500 other seniors. 500? Gee, I sure hope my relatives can see me.

I hope it's not too hot that night. I always get a little ill when it's hot. And then my name is called for me to receive my diploma. I'll walk majestically to the front of the stage. With my co-ordination I'll probably fall flat on my face. Then the time will come to turn our tassels.

There are so many things to look forward to: Senior Tea, Senior Luncheon, Class Ranking, and Open Houses. Then next year there will be college, or vocational school, or work. I wonder if I'll see many of my friends again. What do you know, I'm beginning to miss good ole Lew Wallace already!

'IDES OF MARCH' TO PLAY FOR SENIORS

Friday, May 12, is a big day for the class of '67. The senior prom will be held in the Crystal Ballroom of the Hotel Gary. Music will be provided by the Bud Pressner Orchestra.

After the prom the couples will attend the post-prom party at Teibel's where the Ides of March will provide the entertainment.

The committees of teachers and students: general chairmen: Cindy Eloff, Fred Dalby,

and Mrs. Yorko; bids and publicity: Sheri Beamon, Carol Phillips, and Mrs. Gerbick; programs and favors: Paula Kuroski, Ron Eimer, Mr. Jones, and Coach Martin; invitations: June Kaiser and Miss Boyajian; ways and means: Janice Qualizza, Jim Daugherty, Mr. Pollak, and Coach Jennings.

The decorations will be mint and dark green and a light bulb sale is going on right now in order to raise funds.



Students interested in helping with the Senior Prom meet to discuss various plans.

Do You Believe?

Boogaloo Is Now

By Michele Opalak

Has "it" scared you? Does "it" have you counting your days, hours and minutes as if they were your last?

A more general term for the "big scare" cannot be found. "It" has been on the lips of nearly every Wallace student since the "big scare" came in the latter part of February.

"It" is Jean Dixon's prediction that on quarter of Indiana's population will be dead before February 28, 1967. There have been many variations to this theme: one, that we would be snowed in and die of starvation, another, that we would be attacked by Martians, and a third, that the teenagers would die of a "mysterious" throat disease, and fourth, that an enormous flood and tidal wave would succumb the Chicagoland area. Some students went so far as to conscribe a death list with the name of a student and the dae of his death.

Many take Jean Dixon's predictions seriously because of her previous successes in fore-shadowing the deaths of President Kennedy and Dag Hammarsjold, and the turn of Free China to Communism. Also ironical was the fact that Northern Indiana had a close shave with an impending blizzard on February 23. Furthermore, Miss Dixon's ratio of right to wrong remains an amazing six out of ten.

With such striking proof, it is any wonder that students are seen wrapping mufflers around throats and gulping throat lozenges three at a time? Of course, thes few "showoffs" aren't representing the entire student body, but i does lead one o wonder.

What is there left to do? Obviously nothing can be done to stand in he way of Fate, but a positive attitude can help to overcome your largest obstacle, fear. If you let this minor problem disturb you enough, your preoccupation itself may lead you into an accident. And as the vicious circle continues, your accident may convince others of the bogus threat.

As Theodore Roosevelt so wisely put it, "All we have to fear is fear itself." And what better proof do we have of this than to look around and see our friends, alive and well.

IT'S HERE! It defies description by words—you gotta see it and you gotta hear it.

No one can agree on where or how it happened, but no one really cares. It's what's happening!

The Boogaloo, suddenly the newest, biggest dance with a name since the jerk, may be a step in a new direction. It goes to extremities—the hands and feet are most important—and is better defined and smoother than previous teen and young adult dances.

To any good one-two-three rock beat, the Boogalooser's feet slide gracefully from left to right and his hips move side to side, but with relatively little emphasis. At he same time, his arms flow left to right in a hula-like movement while wrists and hands turn in tiny circles.

How "big" is the Boogaloo? The only certain thing is that

it's getting bigger and fast. Top singing groups have begun to dance it on stage and on television.

The first Boogaloo record cut in New York was credited to Tom and Jerio. It was called—believe it or not—"Boogaloo." Then came "Boogaloo Baby," by the Flamingoes.

Mercury company is coming out with an album of 10 Boogaloo songs by Les McCann under the descriptive title "Bucket of Grease."

FROM MR. JONES' ROOM

Did you hear about the Polak who refused to pay his garbage bill?

Answer: They stopped delivering.

Did you hear what the Polak did when he was out lying in a field and it got terribly windy?

Answer: He shut the gate.

Attention Girls!

There are many ways for a girl to get to the prom, some conniving and some legitimate.

Use bait — spread the word that your rich bachelor uncle has lent you his Jaguar for Prom transportation. Better still . . . get your rich bachelor uncle to take you himself.

Be official — get yourself on one of the Prom committees and chances are that a male committeeman will eventually ask you. If not, you'll have ample opportunities to mention the Prom to all the boys you know.

Panic him — tell him that you've heard that just about every attractive girl in town has already been invited to the Prom. Then, spring the information that your date has just come down with infectious hepatitis, leaving little ol' you available—just his luck!

Steady subtlety — if your steady is rather reluctant to make plans to go, suggest that for this one night you each go your own way. Then watch him beg.

Spread a rumor — let it leak out that your old granddaddy left a provision in his will stating that your Prom

escort would be bequeathed a fortune. Start this rumor in your freshman year, without specifying which Prom, and you'll be lined up for your whole high school career.

Call for help — don't let false pride stand in your way. If the prospect looks dim, put out a distress signal to your girlfriends, your big brother, your parents. It's amazing how often people respond to a straight forward request for help.

Best of all, be gorgeous!

—From DATEBOOK

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Temptin' Temptations

When The Temptations come out on stage and there is that split second of complete silence before the audience reacts, one's immediate impression is of grace. They move across the stage with the masculine assurance of the winner. They stand tall. One of them takes the lead (all are lead singers, a rare thing) and separates himself from the others. He sings while the others come in on harmony all the while working out the intricate choreography. If they were an athletic team they would be unbeatable because every bone and muscle in each man's body seems to be electrically attuned to the movements and reactions of the others.

While watching any great dancer or singer, the net effect is making the audience think it could do the same: it seems so effortless. The truth is The Temptations sing and dance the way everybody else would like to. They look like football players but they neither dance nor sing like football players. Instead they have the coordinated grace that most ballet corps think

they have and they sing with a harmony which has its roots in the old gospel songs but has a special dash of the contemporary.

The trademark of the group is their white patent leather half-boots shot in a long montage sequence to record their style, speed and variety.

The double T's include David Ruffin, Paul Williams, Melvin Franklin, Eddie James Kendricks, and Otis Williams. Mel-

vin is probably the leader of the group in as much as he is usually the spokesman. Paul is the practical joker in the group. David's goal in life is to keep singing. The loner of the group is Eddie while Otis thinks that having shell peanuts in a car is bad luck.

Whatever they do, it is certain that they will always be unique if they have anything to do with it . . . and they certainly do.

S. O. S. Drive Begins

March 13 through March 17 has been designated as S.O.S. week. This year's plans include a coke and chip hop after school on March 14, a faculty vs. senior volleyball game on March 15, bake sales, baby picture contest, and stag dance on April 7.

This drive is sponsored city-wide, and all of the proceeds will be used to help the needy students throughout the Gary area. The money will buy them hot lunches and medical equipment such as glasses.

Dave Dzunda and Margie Rudic are co-chairmen of the drive. At the beginning of the week canisters will be placed in all the classrooms. The five teachers who turn in the most money will receive an award. Instead of a "crazy legs" con-

test, this year there will be a "baby picture" contest. Michele Opalak and Nancy Bozich are collecting teacher's baby pictures, and they will put them up on the Student Council bulletin board. Students will vote for the best picture by putting their money in designated cans located under the pictures.

Maryanne Minarich and Shirley Yovanoff are in charge of the bake sales which will be held every night after school. Teachers and seniors will be secured for the volleyball game by Dave Dzunda and Bill Wellnitz. Bob Mandich is making plans for the coke and chip hop. Kris Elibasich is in charge of the stag dance. A live band will play. This year's goal is \$600.00.

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TO OUR IRISH

Long, long ago in the land of Eire, there lived a mysterious little man named Patrick. Although he was very poor, Patrick made it his duty to help everyone in the community in any way possible. He never accepted wages. Patrick had one peculiarity. Anytime anyone of the townsfolk thanked him for his services, he would blush. Instead of his cheeks turning a pretty pink, they turned an embarrassing green. Patrick enjoyed helping the townsfolk so much. It gave him the feeling of being wanted and appreciated.

Patrick was not an exceptionally tall man. He stood approximately 3 feet high. He had funny little ears that stuck out and curly red hair that was so bright, it shined like the sun during the night. His only wearing apparel was a soiled green suit.

On March 17, the weather

was acting up. Howling winds bellowed across the land. No one dared to go out of their homes for fear of being swished away. Patrick, unaware of what was happening, went to open the window shutters for a breath of air. He was instantly seized by the ferocious whirlpool and went sailing through space. He was never seen again.

The entire community was saddened by this incident. It was said that Patrick slid down an arc of many colors which was destined for a pot of gold. Others said he went to the land of the leprechauns. In order to repay him for his good deeds, the people dedicated this day to Patrick by having everyone wear some type of green clothing. Patrick never had much, but what he gave through friendship and love will always be remembered.

I Predict That...

Everyone has been discussing Jean Dixon and all of her famous predictions. Some of the students at Wallace are now looking through their own crystal balls and playing "the Prophet" while making their own predictions. Here are some of them.

I predict;

Donna Riecan: The Jr. Prom will be the least attended affair of the year.

Rosemarie Vokurka: Mac's will soon be serving PICKLE burgers.

Cheryl Stegnach: The Class of '68 will be the best class ever to graduate from Lew Wallace.

Marilyn Gately: Next year Wallace's basketball team will be Number 1.

Stephanie Ratkovich: Mickey Lugar will weigh 180 by football season.

Chez: Lady Bird will elope with Dr. Crane.

Mike Kurowski: Chez will write again.

Donna Olson: The seniors will hand out their calling cards the night of the commencement.

June Regan: We will get our annuals before the Class of '67 graduates.

Elaine Koskoutis: Next year if I'm lucky I'll graduate.

Sue Foley: I will start doing my Algebra II homework.

Ron Binkley: Teachers will be replaced by machines.

Nancy Fodemski: Next year Wallace will have some dances.

TOPS WITH THE TEENS

I Think We're Alone T. J. & the Shondells
Pushin' Too Hard Seeds
Give Me Some Lovin' Spen. Davis Group
Ruby Tuesday Rolling Stones
We Ain't Got Nothing Yet Blues Magoos
I'm A Believer Monkees
Pretty Ballerina Left Bankes
Too Much to Dream Electric Prunes
Tell It Like It Is Aaron Nevil
Love Is Here Supremes

Spasticism

Did you ever feel completely uncoordinated? Very often teens suffer from a cronic disease called spasticism. Well noted doctors reason that it is untreatable. Noted psychiatrists believe that soon the patient will grow out of it, but for the teen years it usually remains untreatable. Although I have conferred with an established doctor of quackery, Dr. I. M. N. Idiotte, he believes that the only way to cure this disease is to obtain a used McDonalds carry-out sack and place it over your head. Take three deep breaths while humming "Winchester Cathedral" (foo do-de-o-doo). How do you know when you have the disease, you ask? Here are some of the symptoms:

Tripping over your shoe laces when you have loafers on.

Sharpening the wrong end of your pencil.

Not being able to talk in Journalism.

Being mistaken for a freshman when you're a senior.

Doing the "Boogaloo" and someone asks what your doing.

Hitting the garbage can as you leave Mac's.

Seeing a picture of yourself on the bulletin board.

Flunking Journalism! (Incredible!)

Getting hiccups in study hall.

Forgetting a person's name.

Talking about a teacher who is standing behind you.

Pat Sokolowski: The Polish Klu Klux Klan will dispose of Mr. Jones.

Irene Stambolos: She will grow another inch before the year is over.

Carole Hamady: She will marry George after he graduates from college.

Pamela Gurgevich: Jean Dixon will die.

Carole Linger: There will be a big fire at Lew Wallace and the tidal wave will put it out — but don't worry teenagers, we'll all be on Mars anyway.

THEY HAVE SPOKEN

Just as the teenagers have their jive, so does the faculty at Lew Wallace. Here are a few of the often repeated sayings of the teachers. See if you can recognize any of these sayings.

Mr. Vereb: You dirty rotten kids.

Mr. Schoon: Is that gum you're chewing?

Mrs. Boyajian: Why?

Mr. Hill: Thus . . . thence . . . therefore.

Mr. Jones: Did you hear the good one about the Polak who . . .

Mr. Chaney: Put the gum on your nose.

Mr. Orlich: Everyone look here.

Mr. Yates: Oh, is that right?

Mr. O'Curran: Let's not have any of this Mickey Mouse.

Mr. Shelby: Ah . . . ah . . . ah.

Miss Rzepka: I remember when —

Miss Leskow: Turn around so I can see through your ears.

Mrs. Krueger: Sew up a storm.

Mr. Carpenter: Any way shape, or form.

Coach Herbert: All right you knuckleheads.

Coach Kukoy: How are you doing kid?

Mrs. Shelgren: Who wants to sell Taffy Apples?

We've got to have sellers.

Mrs. Parnell: Proofread! Proofread! Proofread! Proofread!

KLUB NEWS

FHA

Officers of the FHA are planning a trip to Rochester, Indiana, for the annual FHA Convention, which will be held on March 11.

FRENCH CLUB

Plans are being made for a trip to Chicago, to see "The Bible". The trip is planned for sometime in April.

FTA

FTA pins have been on sale for any member who wishes to purchase them. The pins are \$.85; and with guard \$1.55.

Daffynitions

Mini skirt — Wearing a peril
Popsicle — Slush-kebab
Judo — Assault shaker
Credit card — Thriver's license
Alarm clock — Early bur-r'd
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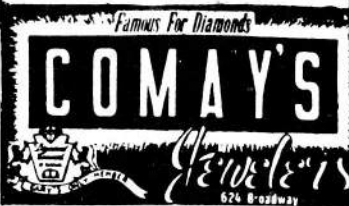
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GARY ROOSEVELT WINS TENTH SECTIONAL TITLE

Rampaging Panthers of Gary Roosevelt ran to a 69-43 victory over Gary Mann for their 10th sectional title. The triumph entitled the Panthers to advance to the East Chicago regional. Roosevelt will meet Griffith following the game between Gary Tolleston and Hammond Tech.

Mann gave it the "old college try" before bowing to Roosevelt. The Panthers controlled the rebounds with Cornelius McFerson and James Nelson pulling down the most. Nelson, Link Reid, and McFerson each had 14 pts. for Roosevelt. Roger Fleming had 18 and Ray Billingsley 12, for Mann. Fleming's three day total was 67 pts. and took high honors for the tournament.

Roosevelt had beaten Emerson 98-64, and Froebel 76-68 to reach the final. Mann beat Wallace 76-59, and Wirt 53-47. Wallace finished with a 6-13 record. In Wallace's defeat to Mann, Steve Zakula scored 17 pts.

The best game of the tournament was Roosevelt's victory over Froebel. The Panthers led 47-36 at halftime and fought off a late Froebel rally. Link Reid led the Roosevelt charge with 24 pts. but had help from Cornelius McFerson with 18, Larry Session with 17 and Jim Nelson with 15. Clyde Smith of Froebel had 24 pts.

The All-Sectional Tourney Team consisted of Cornelius McFerson, Roosevelt, forward; John Paige, Mann, forward; Don Byrd, Wirt, forward; DeWitt Walton, Emerson, forward; James Nelson, Roosevelt, center; Steve Zakula, center, Wallace; Link Reid, Roosevelt, guard; Roger Fleming, Mann, guard; Ray Billingsley, Mann, guard, and Clyde Smith, Froebel, guard.

The other sectionals in the Calumet region went as follows: at East Chicago: E. C. Roosevelt lost to Tolleston 78-77. Hammond Tech beat Munster 88-68. Griffith beat Merrillville 64-47.

Outlook Good for Batmen

Interested in baseball? If you are, tryouts will begin March 7 for pitchers and catchers. Other position tryouts will be held depending on weather conditions.

Coach Martin, now in his tenth year as baseball coach with six divisional crowns and one conference title, looks forward to another great season. Although the team will be hurt by the loss of Gary Damian, Mike Andrioli, Mickey Rigotti, and Bob Warieka, returning lettermen Tom Mandon, Bill Johnston, and Dave Shelbourne should balance the loss.

The varsity squad will be limited to eighteen juniors and seniors, with the reserve squad holding twenty to twenty-four freshmen and sophomores. Sophomores with superior ability can and will move up to varsity status.

The new look in conference play this season will be the sectional play-offs. As in basketball, the competition will be win today or wait till next year.

Baseball's Beginning

It all started in the year 100,000 B.C. Rocky Stoneridge, a typical caveman of the day was sitting in the living room of his cave reading the Daily Granite and smoking his favorite cigar, when Onyx, his wife, entered the room to scold him for filling the house with foul-smelling smoke.

Old Rocky refused to stop puffing away, and wouldn't you know it, a quarrel developed. Onyx, like any true woman, chased her disobedient husband out of the house. But before Rocky left, he did what came natural; he grabbed his trusty club. As Rocky started to take off, his wife picked up a large stone, and hurled it with full force at Rocky. He turned around, paused a minute, thought a while, readied himself. As the rock flew through the air Rocky dug his feet in the ground and gritted his teeth.

Suddenly there was a tremendous

blast that shook the neighborhood. The rock bounced off the club with gargantuan speed. It headed straight for Rocky's wife, and smacked her right in the head. Rocky was terrified. He started to run away, but before he could get very far, a neighbor lady who had been watching, picked up the stone and hurled it to another bystander who immediately threw it at Rocky and knocked him over.

This little game began to catch on in the neighborhood. Soon everybody was playing it. These people didn't know it then, but they had started a game that would revolutionize the world. Baseball was born.

The game traveled down through the ages—past the Java man, Neanderthal man, Peking man, Pharaoh, Roman Gladiator, Hun, and finally it came into the present form of baseball, which is today enjoyed by millions of modern cavemen.

GRAPPLERS HAVE GOOD YEAR ALSO

Recently the Lew Wallace wrestling team ended a successful season with a regular season record of six wins, three losses and one tie, losing only to Gary Roosevelt, Gary Andrean, and E. C. Roosevelt. Our grapplers also tied Horace Mann to round out the season. In the sectionals, the following boys placed:

Dave Shirey, 2nd, 138 lbs.

Don Cox, 3rd, 103 lbs.

Art Sarris, 3rd, 120 lbs.

Terry Wise, 4th, 112 lbs.

In the city meet the following boys placed:

Don Cox, 3rd, 103 lbs.

Len Sieckman, 2nd, 120 lbs.

We should be proud of this year's team, and should congratulate the team members and Coach Rykovich.

MERMEN HAVE GOOD SEASON

The 1966-67 swimming team officially ended its season with a dual meet record of nine and six. There were approximately seven meets cancelled as result of the big snow storm on January 26. One of the big meets that was cancelled was the city meet which was to feature all of the Gary schools. However, the sectionals were held two weeks later on Saturday, February 14. We had one swimmer who just missed going down state by three tenths of a second. Fred Stults was

edged out by a hands length by a swimmer from Valpo. Coach Troy said that the team should better its record next year because we are only losing four seniors this year compared to thirteen last year.

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