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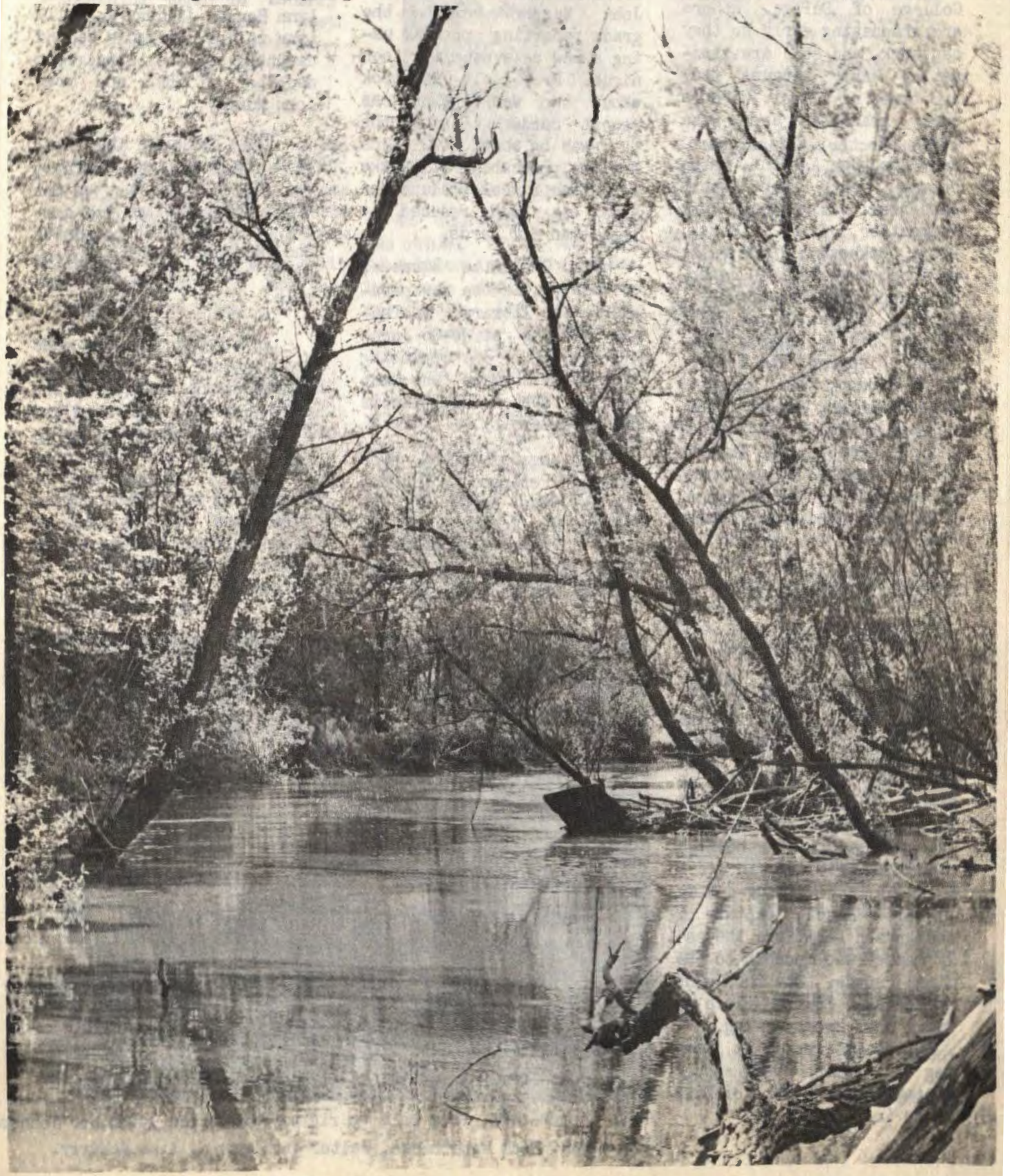


Early Grads

Today is the last day of high school for 36 We-Go seniors. Reasons for early graduation are many. Some students will be attending College of DuPage. Others are graduating early so they can work, and some are graduating early because they are tired of school. We-Go's early graduates are: Riza Adili, Hector Alfaro, Carol Andreson, Sue Ashmont, Debra Bateman, Nancy Besch, Robert Auwaerter, David Black, Teri Hangartner, James Blaszak, Debra Bokhoven, Wilma Fulk, Marianne Bublitz, Ken Jager, Roger Conley, Margery Hall, Anthony Demski, Karen Hill, Barbara DiVito, Laurie Houx, Frank Finneran, Kim Zoller, Edith Judson, Mike Metzger, Robert Miller, George Polke, Carolyn Riske, Nancy Torres, Debbie Schacht, Sue Wilson, Karin Scherpf, Gayle Wiborg, Debbie Wilson, Sue Williams, Debbie Weinman, and Sharon Shelby.

Team Member Takes Fourth

We-Go speech team attended its first contest of the season at Lake Park High School December 13. Nine students, who competed against 40 other schools, along with Miss Crohn and Mr. Greenberg were at the high school at 6:30 a.m. in order to be at Lake Park by 8 a.m.

Lisa Black, captain of the speech team, was the only member who made it to the final rounds. She then went on to take fourth place in Radio News Broadcasting.

Anyone interested in joining the speech team should contact Lisa Black or Miss Crohn in room 322.

NEWS BRIEFS

Report cards - the good news or bad news, as the case may be - will be sent to parents at least one week earlier. This is because Dr. John Murphy rewrote the grade reporting program using a new data handling technigue. Previously it took about two weeks to process report cards because the data was on about 8000 cards. Now the processing will take less than a week because the data has been reduced to less than 500 cards.

Mrs. Charlotte Barsema, of Wheaton, is the new para-pro in the library. She began working at We-Go January 19. She is replacing Miss Nancy Shimkus who went back to school at Illinois State University.

The engagement of Miss Patricia Peterson to Mr. Don Eubanks was announced recently. Mr. Eubanks of Rockford is a self-employed electrical contractor. They plan a June wedding.

Congratulations again to Dr. and Mrs. John Murphy. Their daughter, Mrs. Carol Ann Morgan of Laramie, Wyoming, gave birth to Holly Lynn Morgan January 2. Holly Lynn is Mrs. Morgan's second daughter and the third granddaughter of Dr. and Mrs. John Murphy.

The Thespian One Acts will be presented February 5. There will be two One Acts, "Keep Smiling," a comedy directed by Sharon Smith and "Monkey's Paw," a horror story directed by Beth Wampole.

An attempt is being made to continue a book club started this semester. The next book they will read and discuss is Johnny Got His Gun. If you are interested in joining the book club or in finding out about future selections please see Ms Crohn in room 322 during or after school. Everyone is welcome.

We-Go Speech team, from left to right: Miss Erica Crohn, Bob Johnson, Lisa Black, Dick Waterhouse, Walter Ver Dooren, Mike McMurry.

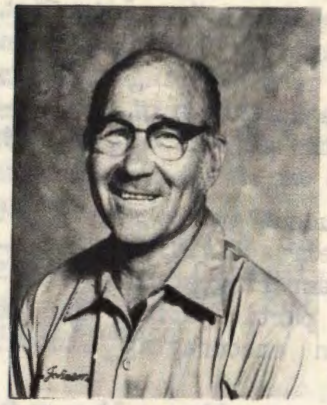
We-go's Peppiest Person

by Scott Robertson

If staff or students want something done in a hurry around school, they just hunt down Mr. Ed. Johnson—if they can find him.

Mr. Johnson came to the high school in December 1959. From being a custodian he has become Supervisory Sanitation Engineer. In '59 the new addition was not yet built and the enrollment was between 900 and 1000.

When he is not at school Mr. Johnson is at home with his wife Amy and their youngest daughter Barbara. The Johnsons have two other daughters, and two sons. Three children are teachers, one a wrestling coach at Wabonsie, another is in Minnesota, and the other is in South Carolina.



No disaster has struck the school in all the years Ed Johnson has been here. But once during a planned fire drill, the office let the alarm go through without warning the fire department. Not only did the fire engines roar over to the school, but also the police and the DuPage Civil Defense came to locate the fire!

"The working conditions are good here," stated Mr. Johnson. "The only hassle I have is putting up with the kids who start fires in the johns!"

After years of work without any particular reward, Mr. Johnson's moment finally came. One day Mr. Waterhouse told him that he was needed downstairs. He went into the gym.

"There I heard Debbie Wilson say something about the bleachers, and I thought there was trouble. I found that I had been named We-Go's Peppiest Person. That was a thrill. Then to learn that I was to ride in the parade with them gave me a bigger thrill."

His hobbies are, working with a wood lathe, listening to classical music, touring other countries, and collecting spoons. That collection now numbers twenty.

Mr. Johnson will retire in about five years. Then, he says, "I'm going to take life easy!"

AFS HOSTS NEEDED

by Beth Wampole

Homes are now being sought to host next year's AFS students. AFS host families agree provide food and lodging for their students but more important, families extend love and offer understanding.

AFS offers opportunities for students from more than 60 countries to learn about other societies and cultures. Through the AFS hosting program such chances are open to the family, too.

For more information, see Mr. James Garbe, Room 128, or Mr. Roy Kiiskila in Room 303.

Life,
a fragile winged dream,
seeming eternal,
then suddenly disappearing
when shot down
to a broken soul,
lasting only in memory

By G.W.

Happy is the man who knows what to remember of the past, what to enjoy in the present, what to plan for the future.

-Arnold Glasow

Anyone who looks for a friend without faults, will be without friends.

-Epictetus

Courage consists not in blindly overlooking danger, but in seeing it and overcoming it.

-J.P.Richter

Happiness is a direction-not a place.

-Bill Sands

Editorial

Many times and for many different reasons in the past groups and organizations of West Chicago Community High School have sought to raise money. The administration makes the excuse that active and participating students of the high school should not take advantage of the populace which is so sympathetic to the efforts of the high school.

When the administration says student groups should not be allowed to raise money for their activities or costumes, they are inadvertently hampering student activities and discouraging student participation. And the administration prides itself on encouraging student participation.

Is it just that the school asks for more money and the people pay more taxes to raise the money they will never see again, spent in ways which are beyond their knowledge and beyond their control? But that the public should not be "forced" to put up with high school students working earnestly to make money to help the high school and themselves, in ways which are openly expressed.

Such would be far more just indeed! Those who could afford to help, and those wishing to be more charitable would be free to express themselves by taking advantage of the students' fund-raising efforts, whether it is buying cookies or getting their cars washed. And those who cannot afford to be charitable would not be expected to donate money or shoulder the tax increase necessary to pay for such school activities.

Sincerely,
Robert W. Bueker

Dreams Before High Tides

Monday morning I built a mudhill from wetted sand,
I was sure it was the best in all the land.
I added windows, shutters and a door,
And didn't stop there, I built even more.
By noontime my castle represented my all,
While above me seagulls softly whimpered calls.
I spent all that day there on the beach.
In search of goals I couldn't quite reach.
But I thought, and laughed and sometimes screamed;
And as refreshing as it seemed,
I knew evening would end my dream.
Yes call me a dreamer, but call me a man,
For now I've decided my life and my plan.
I left the beach that night, before the tide;
And into the sunset I did ride.

Frank Finneran

Letter

As it is now the season of the year in which many students spend a majority of the time in laboring over term papers, the old conflict over whether students should receive their reports back will be brought up.

For years teachers have given the excuse that if they gave the papers back, too many students would cheat. This implies that the majority of students would cheat if they had the chance. Doesn't the "innocent until proven guilty" apply here? What great mistrust of students!

Don't the students, after hours of rewarding note-taking and rewriting, deserve a chance to use their report for future reference, as well as a source of pride in showing their parents that they <u>can</u> accomplish something.

-Name withheld

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Home Ec Teacher Goes to L. A.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Smith, nee Debbie Potee, were married December 27 in Villa Park.

Mr. Smith is a psychologist in a Palmdale elementary school and Mrs. Smith will be teaching foods courses in Palmdale High School.

About 70 miles from Los Angeles, Palmdale is in a desert valley that is surrounded by mountains. Mrs. Smith decided to apply at that high school just because it was near where they planned to live. Two weeks after applying, the school notified her that she had the job.

Mrs. Smith is in her fourth year at Community H.S. She assumes her new job second semester.

Mrs. Debbie Potee Smith

Trust Fund Applications Available in Guidance

Grant application materials and instructions for the Benjamin Trust Fund are now available in the Guidance Department. The trust fund was established through a bequest from the late Mrs. Verna Kautz to provide college scholarships. To be eligible, a student must be a graduate of West Chicago Community High School.

Last spring, five college scholarship grants were awarded and this spring additional grants will be made. Financial needs, scholastic standings and moral character are the criteria for selecting the scholarship recipients. The first screening of applicants will be done by a committee of District 94 staff members. The West Chicago State Bank will make the final selection.

April 1 is the deadline for returning completed applications. Guidance urges all interested students to get the application materials immediately.

Recipients of this year's awards will be announced about May 1.

Words Of Wisdom

Strangers are just friends you don't know yet.

-Helen Keller

Nothing in life is to be feared. It is only to be understood.

-Marie Curie

A human being is a creature who can't get its toes in its mouth after babyhood, but can put its foot in anytime.

-S. S. Biddle

European Trips: Spain, England

Five students and a teacher from We-Go High took off December 26 on a 747 headed for Spain. Ms Debra Enns, Mark Turner, Cindy Handeland, Donna Slivinski, Maura and Brian Becker participated in the ten-day excursion.

They learned first-hand about many aspects of the Spanish culture, lifestyle, and customs. They visited many historical places and not - so - historical places that make Spain interesting. Madrid, Torremolinos, and Seville were the main cities that the group stayed in.

Miss Cheri Waldorf also spent Christmas vacation abroad. She went to England to visit a friend who is spending a year in Oxford, England as an exchange teacher. Miss Waldorf saw many of the sights of England during her ten-day visit.

During the three days she spent in London she visited the Parliament, Big Ben, and the Tudor Rooms Restaurant. The Tudor Rooms is a replica of the style, entertainment and food of the 1500's. She also saw the plays "Otherwise Engaged," starring Alan Bates, and "No Man's Land," starring Sir John Gielgud and Sir Ralph Richardson.

When asked how she enjoyed the trip, Miss Waldorf replied, "It was super!"

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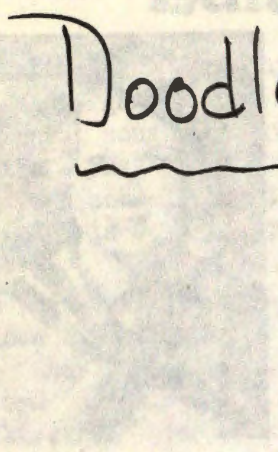

CATS WIN IN 5 OVERTIMES !!

West Chicago had two victories on the basketball court the weekend of January 9-10.

The Friday game was their first victory in the DuPage Valley Conference, when they defeated Naperville North, 49-45.

The game against Cary-Grove on January 10, has been billed as "game of the year." It had to go into five overtimes before the decision went in favor of the Wildcats, 92-89. The regulation game ended 65-65 after the Wildcats had come back in the fourth quarter to overcome an 8-point lead and tie up the game.

The overtimes brought each team 6 points, then 3, 4, and 4 again before the final overtime gave our Cats a 10-7 margin as well as a deserved victory.

The Wildkits' weekend was not what they had hoped for, losing to both Naperville and Cary-Grove.

Two of the Kits' starters were missing from the lineup in both games. Vic Mercado had moved up to varsity and probably won't return. Don Stockton, another regular, sat the weekend out, and will perhaps miss a second weekend with chicken pox.

The Kits and Cats take on Glenbard South tomorrow at home, and travel to Wheaton to take on the Tigers Saturday.

"Gonna take Conference!"

We-Go's varsity wrestling squad, now back to full strength, were very impressive when they smashed Naperville North, January 9, 55-3, then went on to defeat Aurora West 27-20, and Sycamore 34-17. A grappler fan shouts, "We showed 'em up! We're gonna take conference, man. We're gonna take conference!"

Although they've been holding their own, the Cats are glad to have Carlos Cruz, Tom Reed, and Ralph Schmuggerow back. Cruz was out briefly, Schmuggerow left a big gap at 138 lbs., and Tom Reed, We-Go's high hopes for a state victory, has returned to the mat at 119 lbs. after a bout with pneumonia.

"I'm ready when you are!"

Zane Bussler and opponent

Against Naperville North, the varsity crew recorded five pins and two major decisions. Jeff Smothers (112) had the fastest pin of the meet in only 49 seconds.

The JV squad also won over Naperville North 39-27, with Brown, Forrester, Cunninham, Reyes, and Murray all recording pins.

Conference and IHSA Tournaments start February 6 for the Grapplers.

We-Go has a new Coed indoor track team. Coach Gary Lunak moves our team around the halls every night after school. The team will compete in six meets and conference.

We-Go Sports

Rich South hosts B-Ball Tourney

Lisa Black
Sports Editor

During Christmas vacation, while most people were partying, West Chicago basketballers were practicing hard for the Rich South Big Dipper Christmas Tournament. This is the first tournament We-Go has been in for five years. Sixteen teams from the Chicago area took part. Eight teams played Friday, December 26, and the other eight played Saturday.

West Chicago Wildcats met the Rich South Stars on South's court December 26. It may have been the home court advantage, but the Wildcats didn't play very well. The Stars rolled over them 84-53.

The Wildcats had to come back for another game Monday but this time they were ready. It wasn't a close match till the last quarter when the Romeoville Spartans came from behind to tie at 66-66. But the Cats pulled it out to 76-70.

St. Leo High, Chicago, was too much for We-Go to handle. They lost 75-53.

The final contest was Tuesday night between Chicago St. Lawrence Vikings and Rich South Stars. Viking Steve Kracifcin (6-10) piled up 39 points, and Greg Stevenson was top scorer for Rich South. At the horn, St. Lawrence had the game at 86-80.

Girls' V-Ball Smash Batavia

by Dick Waterhouse

A fired-up We-Go Girls Volleyball team, won their first match in the district tournament last Thursday, whipping the Batavia team 20-8, 20-6.

"The girls really are up for it and want it," said Coach Gail George. The team had tough competion but was seated second out of 10 competing teams.

The winning team of districts will go to sectionals at Aurora West, and from there to state held at Aurora East.

Mary Lou Muilenberg and Kim Clausen