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ERIE COUNTY MUSIC GROUPS

SELECTED

by Marcia Kieffer

We have many musically-inclined students in our school. Recently many of them tried out for Erie County Band, Orchestra, or Chorus. These groups are composed of students from different schools all over Erie County. We are proud to announce that the following students were accepted from our school.

MIXED CHORUS: Judy LeViness, Pat Hermann, Joyce Chamberlain, Joyce Huber, Janet Halavin, Joan Marquart, Wendy Hall, Tony Caggiano, Mark Sutter, Steve Andriella, Dick Rohloff, Dennis Kempner.

BOYS' GLEE CLUB: Dick Holloway, Bill Ruof, Kenneth Bass, Carl Oesterle.

9TH GRADE GIRLS' CHORUS:
Sue Brownson.

GIRLS' 7TH AND 8TH GRADE CHORUS: Claire Crawford, Kathy Rarog, Karen Brendel, Susan Pfeffer, Joan Vietor, Cheryl Maas, Claudia Swenson, Carolyn Klemens.

ORCHESTRA: David Ray, Betsy Behnke, John Mahoney.

BAND: Kenneth Hafner, Jayne Stettenbenz, Ronald Frey, Jim Friedman, Mike Brennan, Mike Wolfson, Peter Hall, Jeff Portzer, Kathy Cotter, Dick Shenton, Ruth Mattern, Diane Edwards, Barbara Mindell, Jayvin Gordon.

THE ROMPIN RENDEZVOUS

by Cathy Cotter

If you had been in our school on the evening of January 11, 1963, between the hours of 7:30 P.M. and 11:00 P.M., you would have heard music, singing, laughing, and encouraging shouts for the limbo contestants, all of this merriment coming from the cafeteria. As you climbed the stairs you would have been confronted by 150 students who were all enjoying themselves. The gala atmosphere was supplied by the festive decorations, and by Mr. Clements with his combo. Two of the faces are very familiar to the students at Amherst. The whole dance was centered in a gay, light atmosphere. Thanks to the Ninth Grade Student Council and to Mr. Clements and his group, everyone had a terrific time!

ANOTHER VICTORY TEAM?

by Sheila Richardson

The 1962-1963 Amherst Jr. High Basketball Team is well on its way to achieving a perfect record this year. Coached by Mr. William Wratten, this year's skillful team is composed of: Bob Alexander, Tom Bingeman, Dennis Bookmiller, Marvin Boyd, Dan Brassel, Bill Brouse, Tom Brown, Jack Burton, Bruce Hamilton, Steve Hunt, Dan Kubli, Ed Romus, Craig Steinhart, Dennis Taltey, John Trigg, Dave Whiting, and Dave Wolf.

PRINCIPALS' LUNCHEON

During Fourth and Fifth Hour on Wednesday, January 8, anyone passing the Homemaking Department was aware of unusual hustle and bustle.

Luncheon was being served to 24 representatives from area junior high schools who were guests at our school. Mrs. Wittig's Homemaking classes prepared a light lunch of fruit salad, ham, cheese, ice cream, rolls and coffee. This repast was served by four girls from her Fifth Hour Class. Diana Lenard, Holly Stewart, Mary Krollman and Sue Braun were kept busy by the appreciative appetites of the educational administrators.

After the last dish was cleared the principals called in the class and formally thanked them and gave the girls a round of applause for the "excellent service". It was a much appreciated thanks.

AMHERST SYMPHONY TO PLAY

FEBRUARY 24

The Amherst Symphony Orchestra will play a "Pop" concert at 3:00 P.M. Sunday, February 24. Joseph Wincenc will conduct in the auditorium of Amherst Central Junior High School. The public is invited.

Taeko Fujii, soprano, will be guest artist, singing arias from Il Re Pastore, The Barber of Seville, La Boheme, and La Traviata.



TRY TO BEAT THIS KLOC
by Sheila Richardson

Gerald Kloc, one of our own Ninth Graders, recently was awarded a First Prize of \$50 by the Museum of Science for his insect collection.

Gerry, as he is called by his friends, became interested in insects when he was about five years old. Since then he has collected numerous specimens which he keeps in his basement.

The winning display, consisting of three cases containing sixty-six beetles, bugs, moths, and butterflies of fifty-nine different species, is the product of two years' work on the part of Gerry. The insects were collected in many different areas including Snyder, New York and Defort, Michigan.

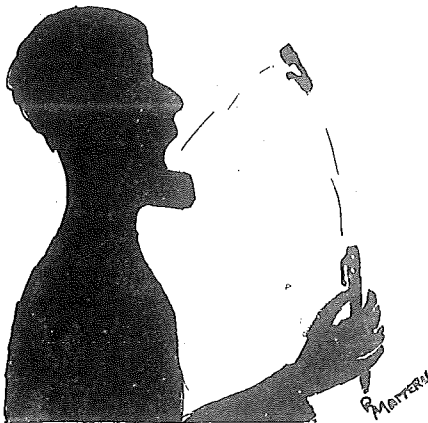
Gerry plans to continue his study and enter his exhibit in the 1963 Science Fair here at Amherst. The collection will also be displayed in various showcases throughout the school.

I'm sure everyone will agree with me that Gerald Kloc deserves recognition for cultivating such an unusual hobby.

WATCH THAT PEN!
by Nancy Mosher

Upon entering a classroom one might witness several tiny objects rocketing across the room. These little "things", are disregarded, but have been proven to be dangerous. They are made of plastic and are the caps or tops to the pens which are bought for five cents at a drug store (one is pictured with this article).

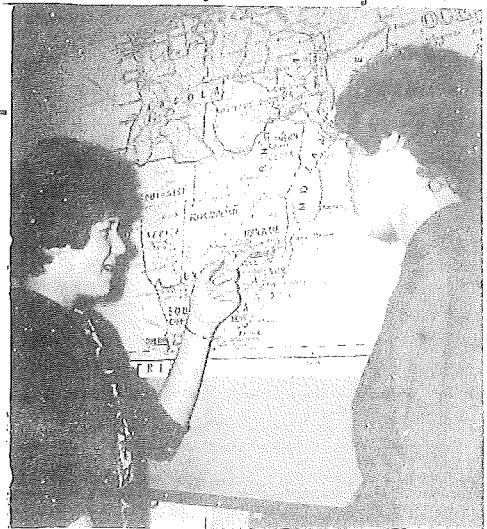
Ten children have, as the result of sucking thoughtfully on one of these deadly pens, swallowed them. If one might breathe in a cap it could be fatal. One child was hit in the eye with one. It has been discovered that this rarely happens until the pen has been used for a long time. Next time you press the little clicker on the side of the pen, watch out! You might be the next victim.



"LI'L ABNER" TO BE PRESENTED
BY A.C.H.S.
by Charlene Ritter

"Li'l Abner", a musical comedy by Norman Panama and Melvin Frank based on characters created by famed cartoonist Al Capp, is Amherst Central High School's Fifteenth Annual Operetta. It will be presented February 14, 15, 16. A matinee will also be presented February 13.

Left to right: Barbara Tresidder, Dona Ritter.



DIPLOMAT'S DAUGHTER VISITS HERE --- STATIONED IN SOUTH AFRICA!
by Dona Ritter

Recently Barbara Tresidder visited Amherst Central Junior High School. Barbara is twelve and lives in Pretoria, South Africa. Barbara's father is the U.S. Representative of the American Embassy in Pretoria, Republic of South Africa.

Previous to coming to the United States to visit her grandparents, who are Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Tresidder of Snyder, Barbara and her parents visited about 22 countries in Europe. Before living in South Africa, Barbara lived in Washington, D.C., Ceylon and Turkey.

Barbara was asked how she liked our school. She said she liked our school a lot and enjoyed the hospitality everyone gave her, but that it was quite different from the private "girls" school which she attends in South Africa.





"MEET MR. MARASCO"
by Lois Anderson

Mr. Sery J. Marasco, as some of you know, is the new Basic Art teacher here at Amherst. Actually Mr. Marasco is not new to the teaching profession, since he has been teaching for five years with the Erie County Vocational Education and Extension Board and the Buffalo School System. When asked how Amherst compares with the other schools at which he has taught, he replied "Amherst excels every way". Mr. Marasco was graduated from the State University College at Buffalo (formerly called Buffalo State Teachers College).

Mr. Marasco's immediate plans are to continue teaching.

Among Mr. Marasco's hobbies are painting, hockey, boating and fishing. Just recently Mr. Marasco landed a 21" Northern Pike which is quite an achievement as some of you kids who like fishing would know. Among his favorite foods are Lobster and Steak.

Mr. Marasco is married and has a four-months old daughter whose name is Cynthia.

I asked him if he had any pets and he replied he hadn't but he used to have a Carpenter dog. When I asked him what he

meant by this, he laughed and said, "Oh that's a dog who does little odd jobs around the house."

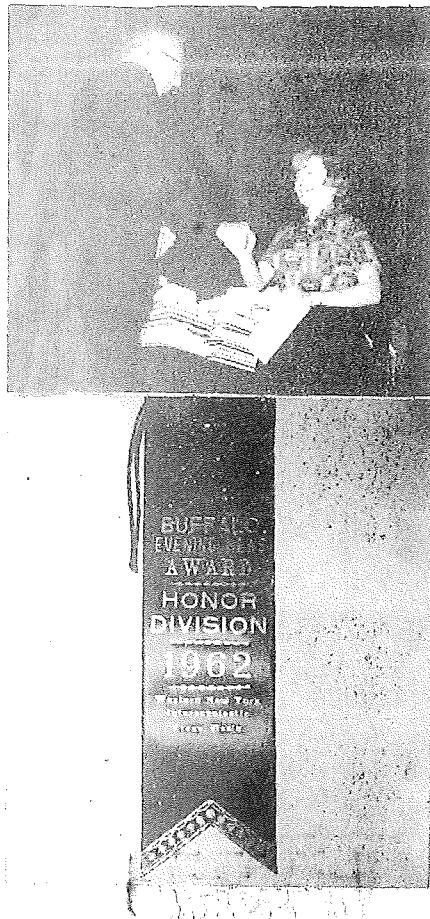
This proved to me that he has a wonderful sense of humor as well as a great personality. I am sure Amherst will prosper by having Mr. Marasco as a member of the Faculty.

CUSTODIAN'S OFFICE TURNS INTO A FOSTER HOME FOR A STRAY KITTEN

by Marcia Kieffer

A four or five-weeks-old black and gray tiger kitten charmed our soft-hearted custodians the other day. The kitten (Miss X) displayed her confidence in the U.S. Postal Service by making her bed on a mailbag.

When I went to visit her, she was sleeping contentedly on the sack with a dish of milk by her side. Unlike our students she willingly came to school after making her rounds in the community.



Junior Journal, Polaris, Win Awards

BLUE RIBBONS WON BY AMHERST PUBLICATIONS

by Cathy Cotter

"Your paper is newsy and shows ingenuity", was said of our newspaper, the Junior Journal, by one of the judges who determined that our paper should receive a Blue Ribbon Honor Award in the Junior High Category. The ribbon was presented to me at the 40th Conference of the Western New York Interscholastic Press Association which was held in our Senior High Auditorium several weeks ago. The Polaris, our school yearbook, also received a similar prize-winning ribbon for a superior Junior High School annual.

This Conference is held every year and is open to any school wishing to enter. The judges then select the entries best fitting the set standards. These yearbooks and newspapers then receive ribbons or trophies according to classification, based on enrollment and the cost of the publications.

Next year the newspaper and yearbook staffs will change and let us hope that they will continue to achieve the high standards needed to win blue ribbons.

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