



SURRATT'S

SPARK



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This is the time of year when 6th grade heads thoughtfully & happily turn toward Junior High.

Naturally, there is a feeling of superiority among those in Junior High as the wide-eyed, newcomers tour the school. But, remember, it wasn't long ago that they too walked down the looming halls of Junior High filled with mixed emotions of fear, wonder, and awe.

The Freshman are becoming awake of the fact that their region of superiority is over. Next year they will enter, into a new world, a world in which they are little removed, from the trembling 6th graders they were joking about only a few months before.

Alas, life always follows the pattern we have just discussed. The Senior graduates only to find himself a lowly college freshman, the college senior must start at the bottom in his chosen profession, and on and on, perhaps into infinity.

Money for the



PROM

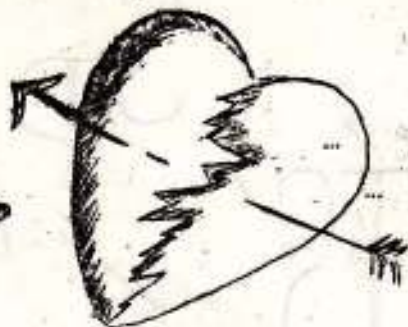
ATTENTION

The SURRATT'S SPARK will donate the entire proceeds of this paper to the freshman class for the Prom that's coming up the 25th of this month.

But...we need your support. So, pass the word..... the more papers bought the more money will go towards the "PROM", better the Prom will be.

THE STAFF

Dear
Mary
Lee



Dear Bashful,

All you have to do is simply say to this girl, "would you like to go to the prom with me?" Don't worry about her accepting, as most of the girls who don't have dates will jump at the chance of hooking someone to go with!!

Dear Mary Lee,

My boyfriend ran off with another person and I got him back. It's a problem. I am

unusual

Dear I.M.A. Heel,

What like circumstances? You need such advice. I don't know what you take

Dear Mary Lee,

My boyfriend has muscles, good looks, good grades, and a car. The only trouble is that he has a severe case of buck-teeth. Everytime he kisses me I get a funny feeling like he's trying to open a soda-pop. Last week he got braces. This is worse!!! It's like kissing a barbed wire covered can and bottle opener. What should I do?

Frantic

Dear Frantic,

Get married and buy him a cork screw. Then he'll have the complete set.

Dear Mary Lee,

I'm a hag! I have a shape like a rain barrel, my lips are too big, and my eyes are ox-like. Believe it or not, boys are crazy about me!! The trouble is, I hate them and their girlfriends hate me for taking the boys away from them. I want to be liked by the girls and not the boys. I can't figure out what the boys see in me. What do you think it is?

Shapeless

Dear Shapeless,

From the sounds of the description of yourself it must not be your looks the boys are interested in! Maybe you have hidden charms?? Do you????

Dear Mary Lee,

I'm kind of on the shy side, and I want to ask a girl to the prom. How do I go about it?

Bashful

(cont. Dear Mary Lee)

Dear Mary Lee,

I have a serious problem. I took my best girl to a dance, to which she wore a dark blue formal. Before the dance was half over her dress was blue with white polka-dots. What could it be?

Dan Druff

Dear Dan Druff,

It was either a flash snow storm in May or you're flaking-off on top. You'd better use Rinse Away pronto or you'll be all washed up with your girl! Good Luck!!!!

Dear Readers,

Again, I need your help! My letters come in fewer and farther between with each issue that is printed. Please, write your problems to Dear Mary Lee and drop them in the box in Room 10.

Thanks so much,
Mary Lee Denton
Mary Lee Denton



Prom Fashions

Party dresses and semi-formals are the most talked about things as our prom grows nearer. It's the look with flair, sheer, light, and fatally feminine.

While shopping for that "special" dress you'll run across such styles as those with scooped necks and backs, square necks, sleeveless and cap sleeve ruffles, bows, sculptured midriffs, bell and full skirts.

These charming dresses are made of fabrics like nylon chiffon, silk organza, pima cotton, flowing chiffon and many others.

Colors are one thing you won't need to worry about. There are so many shades— aquas, pinks, maizes, white, blues, prints, and flowers — that there is bound to be one to suit you.

Boys, we haven't forgotten you! The days when men in formal attire, looked as stiff as penguins is gone! New lightweight, wrinkle-resistant fabrics provide comfort even in warm weather, and for color, the choice is yours.

Soft blues, whites, blacks, and other solid shades mark modern dinner jackets. Many are in wash and wear fabrics too.

Well, I guess we're set. See you soon at our prom!!!

Sam and Friends

Dear Mary Lee,
I went out the other night with my boyfriend and he down

CENZORED

Bothered

and then

Tea For Two

A Three-Act Radio Play

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Cast

Paul Jefferies
Bob Mc Daniels
Sam Adams
John Hancock
Paul Revere
First towns person
Second towns person
Third towns person
First soldier
Second soldier



Second Townsperson: Aye, but don't forget, laddie; those British ships won't let them leave until they've unloaded the tea. And in twenty more days, if they haven't unloaded it, the law says the tea will be sold at public auction and we'll still have to pay the tarriffs.

Third Townsperson: I say, let's burn the ships to keep the King's hands warm, and be done with the lot of them.

Paul Jefferies: (laughing) That's a right good idea. I haven't a better one myself. But at least let's wait until the allotted time is up and see how it all comes out.

Act I

Time 1775
Place Boston

Narrator: In the year 1775, three ships, the Eleanor, the Dartmouth and the Beaver, dropped anchor in Boston harbor carrying a cargo of clothing, hats, tools, and tea..... Yes, tea, the same drink that the colonists so objected to because of such high tarriffs. As the scene opens there is an uneasiness in the air, like a powder keg ready to explode.....

(Sound—shuffling and talking in background fade after the first person speaks).

First Townsperson: Well, England sure wants a fight, doesn't she? I say the governor's doing right in not letting the ships unload the tea.

Act II

Time that same night
Place the "Buccaneer's" regular meeting place

Narrator: That night, at the "Buccaneer's" regular meeting place we find John Hancock, Paul Revere, Sam Adams, Paul Jefferies, and Bob Mc Daniels discussing the problem.

(Sound—talking in background)

Hancock: The regular meeting of the "Buccaneer's" will now come to order. (Everything quiets.) I'm sure you all know why I've called this meeting, so let's get right down to business. As you know, we've tried to keep violence out of matters such as this, but now it looks like our action is forced. We'll wait 'til the night of the
(continued next page)

sixteenth, the last day before a public auction, and if we haven't settled the matter peacefully, then
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Mc Daniels: (interrupting) We'll have a little tea party. Right, John?

(Sound—laughing, then mallet pounding on wood)

Hancock: O.K.! Settle down! (It slowly quiets.) Yes, Paul?

Jefferies: Will this be a private party, or shall we invite the King?

Hancock: Best keep it to ourselves, boys. But we'll need some help, so recruit some of your friends, but don't tell them what this is all about until the night we need them. See you all on the sixteenth! Meeting adjourned!
(to be continued in next issue)

A stranger walked up to the side-show operator and asked if he wanted to buy a good act. Out of one pocket, he took a mouse and a tiny piano, and out of the other, a butterfly. At his command the mouse began to play the piano, and the butterfly started to sing.

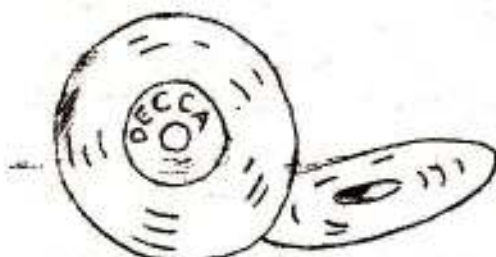
After a second he shouted "I'll buy it! What's your price?"

After a long struggle with himself the stranger replied "I must tell you the truth. This

act isn't as remarkable as you think. The butterfly isn't really singing. The mouse is a ventriloquist".

As he paid his hotel bill, the departing guest turned to the bellboy. "Quick, boy, run up to room 999 and see if I left my briefcase. Hurry up because I have just six minutes to catch my train!"

Four minutes later the bellboy was back all out of breath. "Yes, sir," he reported, "it's up there."



Midgie's Top Ten

1. Stranger On The Shore
Acker Bilk
2. Don't Play That Song
Ben E. King
3. She Cried- Jay and The Americans
4. Any Day Now- Chuck Jackson
5. Tell Me What He Said
Hellen Shapiro
6. I Sold My Heart TO The Junkman
Blue Belles
7. I Wish That We Were Married
Ronnie and The Hi-Lites
8. Dear One- Larry Finnigan
9. Born To Cry- Dion
10. Conscience- Bobby Darren



"OUR CONTEST WINNER"

CASEY AT THE BAT

The score was 12-11 with but one more out to go.

The Yankees wanted victory, they're tied for first place, you know.

There was a grade "C" pitcher for the Hoboken Zephyrs, he was their southpaw ace.

Grade "C"! Well what do you expect, they are in eleventh place.

With three men on & two men out, the Yankee fans raised the roof.

As Casey stepped up, we heard some cat scream, "Now Casey, don't you goof."

The ump caught him looking twice the count was 0 and 2.

The fans were all hopped up, they knew he wouldn't let the ball through.

Then Casey really slammed one. A homer! You should have heard those fans howl!

Over the loudspeaker, they suddenly heard "According to ground rule 109, I'm sorry but that ball is foul."

The fans went wild for a moment but after the announcement, were quiet.

The place rang with boos then somebody yelled, "You can do it again if you try it."

Casey took a ball then fouled one off, the next one was a little wide.

He fouled another and another, then the ball sailed away inside.

"Let's stomp the pitcher!" "Let's mob him," they yelled and they really started to cluster, "Kak

'em out," they screamed to the ump that last ball was a duster."

If Casey hadn't put them down they would have mobbed that out.

When they shook their fists at the pitcher, he just calmly tipped his hat.

When all the smoke had cleared away they found the count was filled.

If Casey didn't get a hit he'd end up getting killed.

Anything would score a run, also the pitcher's balk.

Thought Casey "I will push across the tying run even if I get a walk."

But all he could manage was a high foul pop off the first base side.

Everyone was sore at Casey, Man, they really wanted his hide!

The fans felt sick, the manager fainted, the coaches started to cry.

"But, but" stammered Casey as he approached the bench, "I gave it the old college try."

The umpire walked in and looked at Casey, who was feeling a half an inch tall and said, "Casey old man, if you'd have left it alone, that pitch would have been a ball."

Gary Phillips

SURRATTS' LINE

by
WILL
MOLD



NOTICE

Send your give-away listing to me, Will Mold, SURRATTS' LINE, Room 10. Don't forget to enclose your donation for the Poor Boys Home (this poor boy's home).

CONTESTS, CONTESTS, AND MORE CONTESTS

With all the contests we run in this paper, we'll soon have to get a license to publish racing forms.

In addition to our continuous contest for the best newspaper articles submitted each month (for which you'll find an entry blank at the bottom of this page), we also are running a new contest in this issue. This one is a good deal different from the previous contests we have run, however. There are no--I repeat, no--prizes being offered in this one--no money, no portable air conditioners, no moon trips for mother-in-laws, NO NOTHING!!!

Would you like to have your favorite teacher honored as Surratts' "Teacher of the Year"? Certainly you would, and you can. Here's all you have to do...put your favorite teacher's name and the grade he or she teaches on the TEACHER OF THE YEAR CONTEST entry blank found elsewhere on this page and put it in our mailbox in Room 10.

The three teachers receiving the most votes, one teacher for each grade, will be honored in our final issue next month as Surrattsville Junior High's TEACHERS OF THE YEAR.

We're hoping to have a large number of ballots to count for this, our final contest, so don't forget to cast your ballot early!

TEACHER OF THE YEAR CONTEST BALLOT

TEACHER _____

GRADE TAUGHT _____

SUBJECT TAUGHT _____

SUBMITTED BY _____

CONTEST

A few days ago Mr. Donald Mudd dropped several hundred fliers on this writer's desk advertising a contest that he is running and asked if we would distribute them with this issue of THE SPARK. So don't tear off the scraggly looking scrap of paper attached to this newspaper. I'd tell you more about it here, but I couldn't understand the forms, so if you're interested I guess your best bet is to contact one of the students from Room 14, first shift.

WHAT'S IN A NAME

It was recently called to my attention by our Music Editor that there is a new song out which promises to rise high on the music charts in the next few weeks. I regret that I cannot recall the "artist's" name, but the title of the song is "My Name Is Mud". In all due respect for the enterprising competition provided us by THE HORNET'S HERALD each of the members of our staff has sent a request to both radio stations WJAM and WPGC.

We're going to show our respect for free enterprise by making this song a hit, in honor of our competitor's sponsor.

By the way, our next and final issue is on the planning board and it sincerely is going to be THE FINEST JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL NEWSPAPER EVER PUBLISHED so make sure you get one. You'll want to keep it for a long, long time, we're sure!!!!

ARTICLE ENTRY BLANK

NAME _____
GRADE _____
HOMEPHONE NUMBER _____
DATE SUBMITTED _____

Gossip

Ronnie's newest interest is in Kinde I. He's got connections with her big brother, Gery.

Wonder why Sonja W. and Pat F. aren't talking to each other any more. Could it be Ernie R.? UT-OH

Miss Hildegard, is there still a glow in your heart for that darling Detective, O'Finn??

Kathy S., why aren't you talking to Marilyn H. Could it be--no, not that, don't TELL US, R.F.? Watch out Richard, the girls are on the warpath---Woo-Woo-Woo-Woo!!

7th grade has lasting memories--among them the come-back of an old romance namely J. Cross and B. Merinshaw.

Run-around Pat is "Big Girl Sitting again". This time it is Marcis H.

C. Cooper- We all feel bad about Bob W. leaving, for we know that you'll miss him most of all.

Vincent F., are you really so shy that you're afraid to ask L. Kittiger to the Prom?!!

Two of our most prominent pupils in the school (L. Bush and Bob W.) broke a rule of Mr. Story's-- "Don't let it get out, BUT they were holding hands while walking UP the hall!!!

Helen P. can't seem to make up her mind about Patrick. After going with him lyr. Smc. 16 de., they broke up for a week, then went back together, broke up for 3 wk. and are trying to make a go of it this time.

Tommy S., can't you make up your mind which one of your harem you are going to take to the "PROM!"

Personal to Linda J.-What happened the other night, when you and P Holmes slipped outside during the P.T.A. at Andrew's Air Force Base Elementary School??

Buddy C., does Science bore you? Oh it does, then that is why you were sucking that "Tootsie Roll PPop". You poor SUCKER!

Everyone was quite happy for Jim and Ellen L. when they finally went back together, after a bad mishap. It's just in time for the Prom! How nice, it's almost like it was planned! o-o-o

Fred E. has been kinda slow all year, but he has finally got himself a new girl. Who is it? She is Pam C. She's a pretty lucky girl. HUH!!

Carole Joanne-Here's a piece of good advice; let Scott Ingram take you to the Prom. Remember those who play hard to get-- "DON'T GET GOT"!!!!

Chris R., if we'd known you liked Ren H., we'd have put it in the gossip-column sooner.

L. Ragland-We're sorry every thing didn't work out with you and P. McGee. We all understand, as he was always having conferences and meetings, and seeing so many different people. This always helps in breaking up a romance. Better luck next time.

George K. has been doing pretty good lately. Every time we see him he's talking to a certain girl—name unknown? The way, it looks, he's got a case of "PUPPY LOVE"!!!

Below is a list of some of the PROM COUPLES!!

- Kerin K.....Lerry M.
- Mary L.D.....Gary H.
- Judy G.....Dennis C.
- Joen T.....Brad E.
- Linda B.....Bob M.
- Cheryl M.....Chris R.
- Donna R.....Kenny B.
- Merry C.....Ronald G.
- Sue C.....Bob L.
- Margaret G.....Jack S.

8th Grade Gossip

It's gotten around that Susan S. likes a certain boy,, named Wayne L. Don't give up S.S., you are bound to get him!!

Crushes are still quite the thing around school. One of the new ones is Denny S. and Carol Watson.

Another romance which has been going quite strongly lately, is the combination of Tony Joseph and Diane Royster. Best of luck always.

THE BACK-PERCE GANG



"I am TOO a good loser!"



I agree with Dad's talk about how we should make sacrifices in the world against communism. Can't I just get my new "PROM" outfit?

SPORTS SHORTS

With the basketball championship securely within its fold, Surrattsville Jr. High set out on the 28th of April, 1962 to try and win their third straight championship. This time the sport was baseball. Surrattsville's starting nine took the field at 2 P.M. The game was strictly a pitching duel between Harold Arnold of our team and the opposing pitcher. The game was well played by both sides. Harry tossed a one hitter at the opposing team. With excellent fielding backing up Harry, he went all the way as the Hornets won by the score of 1 to 0. Surrattsville's run was even unearned, so you can see the game was really about even. Mr. Pitts, the coach of our team, was really pleased with the win, and probably even a little surprised. So Surratt's baseball championship team got off to a good start. Let's all root and wish them much success, as does the staff of this paper. The following is my own prediction of the outcome of the baseball league among the Jr. high schools.

Team	Wins	Losses
1. Surrattsville	7	1
2. Stoddard	6	2
3. John Hanson	5	3
4. Gwynn Park	2	6
5. Oxon Hill	0	8

Phil McGee



"THE FUTURE IS
YET TO DECIDE!"

"TRACK AND FIELD"

Track has started again, and it looks like Mr. Whaley has a fine team. With Larry Mothershead and Mike Mikker heading the team, they should win many a meet.

First and second shift held a practice meet with the first shift winning every event except one (out of five run) hundred-yard dash.

The track team has been invited to a meet with Suitland at Suitland on May 16. Surratts has accepted tentatively.

Here are the best efforts in each event:

FIELD

Shot Put...R. Hefner 48ft. 4in.
High Jump...M. Miller 5ft. 2in.
Broad Jump..M. Miller 17ft. 8in.

TRACK

60yd. dash ---L. Mothershead 7.5 sec.
100yd. dash---L. Mothershead 11.1 sec.
220yd. dash---L. Mothershead 28.6 sec.
440 yd. relay-J. Butler 60.0 sec.
L. Mothershead
Mile----Hub Kyzer 6 minutes

The coaches of the team are: Mr. Whaley - head coach
Mr. Rinick- asst. coach
Managers: Jack Schular
Barry Scholnick
The Spark wishes the team success in the coming season.

Mark Carpenter
Carl Scott

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But we need your support. So, pass the word, the more papers sold, the more money for the prom.

The Staff