

SURRATTS' SPARK

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CONTEST WINNER

The staff of SURRATTS' SPARK wishes to congratulate Carol Cunnick, the winner of this month's Cash for Articles Contest. Her prize-winning article entitled ARE YOU SOFT-SOAPING GOD? can be found in this issue, and if you haven't read it yet be sure to do so. For her article Carol will receive, according to the contest rules given in the last issue of the Spark, a crisp, new one-dollar bill and a complimentary copy of this issue of the paper autographed by the staff.

We wish to remind all of our readers that there is a new contest every three weeks. The rules, once again, are: (1) all students are eligible except those in Core Class 9-F; (2) the article can be of any type on any subject, as long as it has not previously been published; and (3) it must be accompanied by an entry blank from an issue of the paper. (You can find one in this issue, as well as in all issues to be published in the future.)

Now, go get those pencils moving and those typewriters pounding. When you've finished writing your article place it in the box in room number ten. Who knows; you may be the next author to be made famous by having his work published in the SPARK, to say nothing of the money you can win.

The Sparkers



ARE YOU SOFT SOAPING GOD?

DREFT along with the TIDE? Brother, if you want JOY the TREND is to BREEZE along to church on Sunday. Too many WOODBURY their heads in a pillow or try to make lawn SPARKLE. They forget that the Lord's day was made for L STOLL. And the way the world LUX today you ALL should WISK yourself out of bed dress up SPIC AND SPAN and into God's house like a COELET to PRAISE. Cleanse out your soul and the DOVE of peace will bring more CHEER and ZEST into your life. This is not silly BAR-O, for you'll find it will AD to your LIFEBOUY. Just HEAL heaven in prayer, send an S.O.S., and connect with the IVORY palaces.

Carol Cunnick

1987

What will our world be like twenty-five years from now? Below are some prospective opinions of farseeing people who tell of what they hope, fear, and imagine for 1987.

President John F. Kennedy offers his ideas of future times: "...while I possess few flat predictions of life on this planet 25 years hence, I possess many hopes. I hope that we will have made peace more nearly secure—and that tranquillity will have replaced terror in the intercourse of nations. I hope that the lives of our people will be richer and more secure..." he also hopes that "...in the next quarter century, we will make progress in protecting the natural charm of America. Ours is a lovely nation! President Kennedy's biggest desire is to "...see an enlargement of the democratic spirit.

Martin Luther King, Jr., leader of the southern intergration movement, has high hopes for the future that are shared by many Americans. He states: "I hope that militarism and mass ignorance will have become wily relics of a vain quasi-civilization. I would expect the world to blush with shame: to recall that, three decades earlier, a human being was graded by the color of his skin and degraded if that color was not white."

Evangelist Billy Graham says: "The Bible indicates there will be a period of history when Satanic forces will be unleashed upon the world on a scale without parallel in human history. We will witness in the next 25 years the growing of evil on one hand and startling indications of good on the other."

American socialist Norman Thomas takes a semi-pessimistic attitude with this statement: "...my hopes for the future depend upon constructive action to avert the fulfillment of my fears."

Erich Fromm, psychoanalyst, thinks: "Whether 1987 will witness barbarism or humanism will depend upon our sanity today."

Other people have dreams that at the present seem fantastic. They see visions of a family jet-powered sedan that will be able to go at speeds of 500 miles per hour, of collapsible homes that will fit into a suitcase. These are just a few of peoples' concepts of 1987. What are your aspirations for the future?

Karin Kaufman



THIRTEEN IS A LUCKY NUMBER

Here's the "Great Seal of The United States". The whole design of this seal is based on the number "Thirteen".

- 13 letters in "E Pluribus Unum"
- 13 stars in the halo.
- 13 clouds to form the halo.
- 13 stripes on the shield.
- 13 arrows in one claw.
- 13 leaves on the branch.
- 13 berries on the branch.

Judy Courtney

Name _____

Grade _____ Home room _____

Date submitted _____

VALENTINE'S DAY

Saint Valentine is the name given to three different martyrs whose feast day falls on February 14.

One Saint Valentine was a Roman priest and doctor who was beheaded about 269 A.D.. He was buried in a cemetery named for him. The second was a bishop who is believed to have been beheaded in Rome about 273 A. D. The third was a little known martyr in Africa.

The customs of Saint Valentine's Day have no connection with these saints excepting their feast day. There are several different explanations for the customs of sending cards of greeting and love tokens on Saint Valentine's Day. Some of them are probably inaccurate. The most plausible is that Saint Valentine's day is a survival of a February 15 Roman Festival.

It was once a custom to draw lots to decide which young men and women should be each other's "Valentine" for the coming year. The couples would then exchange gifts, and sometimes they even became engaged.

Sentimental valentines and gifts of candy and flowers are still commonly given by men to women in celebration of Saint Valentine's Day and school children exchange valentines in the United States. The custom is not widely followed in Great Britain.

FEBRUARY FASHIONS

Everyone is probably wondering what those dazzling green and white outfits that the girls are wearing whenever we have a game on the first shift. The answer can be found in the next few paragraphs of this column.

Valentine

"I love you," said the little boy,
To the girl with eyes of blue,
"I love you now and always will,
Until my life is through."

He took her hand and off they ran
Through fields so fresh and green.
So young they looked, so young they were,
So gay and free and clean.

They laughed and played and sang
all day.
The sun sent rays of love.
So free the birds, so clear the air,
So blue the sky above.

Then twilight came and down the
lane
They walked, their arms entwined.
Their singing gone, their laughter
done,
Their childish play refined.

He turned to her and softly said,
"Oh! Darling, please be mine;
I love you now and always will,
My one true Valentine."

In the latter part of Dec. a Pep Club was organized of girls who tried out for cheerleaders and were selected. A committee was appointed to pick out the patterns and type of material. After thumbing through about five pattern books, a cute and simple selection was made.

The plain green unpleated skirt and balero with a white blouse, wool socks, and tennis shoes were their choice. A green and white pop pom is the accessory.

All of the credit for the attractiveness goes to the girls and their mothers who did a marvelous job of sewing.

Sam & Friends

DESTROYER VS. SUBMARINE.

The mist hung low over the ocean. As the sun started to break through, a bulky shape surfaced from the depths. It was a Japanese submarine, the I-104 to be exact. The sound of its diesel engines could be heard, gradually getting louder. A hatch opened on the deck and out came two lookouts, followed by the captain and his executive officers. The captain scanned the horizon with his binoculars and then said a few words to the man standing next to him.

About three miles away another ship was alert. An American destroyer was on submarine patrol in the South Pacific off Guadalcanal. It had been out all night and was now heading to port. Nevertheless, the captain and his crew were just as alert as ever. They knew that a submarine could attack with no more warning than the wakes of torpedoes speeding on their deadly mission. Suddenly, the radar operator picked up a blip on his scope. He plotted the object's course, speed, and its approximate size and then sent up a message to the captain. The captain read the message and sent a course change down to the engine room. The ship swept sharply to the right and picked up a few knots of speed.

About five minutes later, one of the lookouts on the submarine yelled out a remark and pointed in a direction off the starboard bow. The captain and the rest of the men on the bridge shifted their gaze to the direction in which he was pointing. They spotted a column of smoke from the destroyer's stack.

The destroyer soon spotted the submarine and opened up with the eight-inch guns. But the sub was too fast in submerging. Before the destroyer could get the range it was under. Immediately, the destroyer's sonar went into operation to track the sub under water. For a while, however, the sub was forgotten when a Japanese dive bomber came over above and screamed down out of the sun

at the destroyer. The destroyer made desperate evasive actions, but the bomb, a 500 pounder, smashed up the bow of the ship. However, it did not penetrate below the water line. As the bomb was exploding, the bomber had been hit by the ship's anti-aircraft guns and was last seen trailing smoke across the horizon. The blast started a fire in the forward engine room. Just as it was being put out, a shout went up from the bridge. An officer was frantically pointing at the wakes of three torpedoes speeding toward the starboard side of the ship. While the plane was bombing the ship the submarine had had time to line up for a shot. There was no time to get out of the way because the three torpedoes were only about 150 yards away.

(To be continued)

David Weber

Midgie's Top Ten

1. Duke of Earl - Gene Chandler
2. Cotton Fields - The Highwaymen
3. He Knows I Love Him - Paris Sisters
4. Teen Queen - Freddie Cannon
5. Can't Help Falling in Love - Elvis
6. Chip, Chip - Gene McDaniels
7. The Wanderer - Dion
8. Where Have All The Flowers Gone - The Kingston Trio
9. Baby It's You - Shirelles
10. Dear Lady Twist - U. S. Bonds

Midgie Ivosevic





Dear Mary Lee,

My girl-friend has left me, my mother has run off with another man, my father committed suicide, our house has burned to the ground, and I am half crazy. What should I do?

Perplexed

Dear Perplexed,

Follow in your father's footsteps.

Dear Mary Lee,

I want to go to the moon very badly but my parents seem to be against the idea. Should I throw away my dream?

Dreamer

Dear Dreamer,

Always hold on to your dreams, even this one, although it does seem a bit far fetched.

Dear Mary Lee,

I get the hiccups when I get excited. They prove to be very embarrassing at times. Do you know a sure cure for them?

Hic

Dear Hic,

I know of one method that works in most cases. When you get the hiccups, stand up on one foot and hop around in circles with your arms held over your head, and hold your breath. If this doesn't work, ask your family doctor.

Dear Mary Lee,

I am twenty-six days older than my boy-friend. My friends keep telling me to drop him and find someone more my age. What do you think I should do?

Miss Twenty-six days older

Dear Miss Twenty-six days older,

If you really like your boy-friend, twenty-six days should make no difference at all.

Dear Mary Lee,

Although I am only twelve I am deeply in love with a boy that is sixteen. He asked me to marry him. If I do this I will lose my twenty-five cents per week allowance. What can be the solution to my problem?

Between love and money

Dear Between love and money,

It is impossible for me to know which you love the most, your boy-friend or money, but at your age I would suggest that you keep your allowance and forget about marriage for a while.

Dear Mary Lee,

How can I get my students to do their homework?

Exasperated

Dear Exasperated,

There is no way. Give up!

Dear Readers,

How I need help!! Without your letters this column can't exist so please write to me concerning your problems and leave them in the box in room ten.

Thanks,

Mary Lee Denton

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SPORTS TIME

"Here they come; now let's see if they can live up to their reputation." Yes, that was the chant at Suitland Junior High when the Surrattville Hornets walked into the Suitland gym. I'm sure that the Hornets more than showed Suitland how Surrattville can make a reputation and live up to it. The Hornets put on a marvelous exhibition of shooting, ballhandling, playmaking, and defense in walloping Suitland by a score of 68 to 17.

On the whole, the Hornets played an all-around good game. In this game there was no one grand player that stood out above all the rest. The team worked as a group, which is the only way for a team to play in order to win games. The high scorer of the game was Mike Miller, who had 14 points, all field goals. Ronnie Schwab was second highest with 12 points, all field goals.

Our undefeated record now stands at four wins and no losses. Let's get behind our team and cheer them on to an undefeated season!

Jim Anderson

POPULAR RECORD ALBUMS

The most popular albums in the United States this year have been the Twist albums. With a large number of teenagers receiving them for Christmas the usually peaceful homelife in the U.S. is being shattered to the tunes of the Rappermint Twist and the Dear Lady Twist.

The Twist is being used by grownups as a test for youth. Many a parent (usually fathers) proclaiming that, "I'm just as fit as I used to be," and, "The Twist is nothing compared to the Charleston," have been put to bed for a few days

THE SCIENCE CLUB

A new club has been organized at Surrattville Junior High. On December 22, 1961 the first shift Science Club held its first organizational meeting for the purpose of electing officers. Elected were Dan Bonesteel: president, Tom Goodall: vice president, Linda Bush: secretary, and Phil McGee: treasurer. The club, having over 55 members, decided to split into two groups, A and B, to meet on alternate Wednesdays for laboratory and on the first Wednesday of every month for general meetings. Mr. Whaley and Mr. Hawkins, the sponsors of the club, arranged the laboratory and lecture program.

The purpose is to allow those students with exceptional interest to go beyond the program available in the classroom. Experiments, lectures, trips, and other projects have been arranged or are being considered to broaden the scope of these interested students.

The first two laboratory sessions have already been held. At the first meeting there was a lecture on the basic structure of chemistry and a laboratory exercise on chemical indicators of acids and bases. At the second session the lecture was about the beginning of the study of chemical symbols and the atomic chart while the laboratory exercise was on the chemical manufacture of soap.

Midgie Ivosevic

after trying to prove that the Twist was "nothing."

One of the more popular Twist albums is "Let's Twist" by Chubby Checker.

All of these "Twists" come in single 45 rpm's, the latest of these being The Yellow Rose of Texas Twist by Johnny Desmond.

Midgie Ivosevic

OVER THE BACK FENCE

P.P. can't seem to wake up her mind
over B.R. or B.B.

E.R.----- Can't you take a hint!!!

B.B. take notice!
L.L.'s latest flame is R.K.
(Are you losing your touch?)

Scott and Susan make a real
cute couple.

Wanted!-----Information concerning
L.G.'s secret love.

K.S. makes known she's available.

K.K. Why didn't you sit by J.B.?
B.W. gave his A-OK.

Warning: to Hub; D.B., K.S., and possi-
bly C.R., are working fever-
ishly to set their traps.

Jim A.- If you must sing in science;
for Mr. Hawkins sake-stay on key!

When the cats away the mice will play.
B.Y.'s away so M.L.D. will play.
Guess you played around too long, HUH
M.L.D.? Good thing P.O. was stand-
ing by.

Well, B.B.'s done it again. Guess who?
A.S., how does it feel now to be on
the bottom instead of the top?
Wonder who the next one will be?

What boy, who is a two-
timer, now likes P.B. and M.P.?

B.H., you had better be-
have; Sandy is getting jealous.

K.K. used to be a blond.
What happened? Only her hairdresser
knows for sure.

Has our shop teacher for-
gotten that K.L. still owes his
shop fee for last year?

Bet B.W. would enjoy
those Mags you carry in your brief
case, Conrad.

Nidge's present flame is
Earnest.

M.F. and D.F. are
"Algebra Friends".

What's the matter, D.C.;
Don't you like M.L. anymore?

Will Carol lose 25 pounds?
She says she will. Let's watch and
see.

A.B., was that you we saw
in the hall skipping science?

Has G.T. joined the group
of girls in the fan club for B.B.
(Sometimes known as "The Wanderer")?

NEW COUPLES:

Susan Curtis and Scott Saunders
Mary Lee Denton and Pat O'Neal

OLD STEADIES:

Ellen Larabee & Jim Anderson
Margaret Gonzales & Jack Schlier

THE BACK*FENCE GANG

A pert Miss at a soda coun-
ter sighed wistfully, "What I really
crave is one of those darling for-
eign Sports Cars-- with the Foreign
Sport still in it".

Man eating soup in
restaurant.
Man: "What's this fly doing in my
soup?"
Waiter: "The backstroke, Sir."

A surprise snowstorm
caught commuters on a local evening
train unprepared. There were screams
and groans, from the women particu-
larly, as the train pulled into a
snow blanketed station platform.
Tension was eased, however, when
the conductor called out, "All
gentlemen with big feet get off
first, and make tracks for the
ladies."

TEACHER OF THE MONTH

This month's teacher is Mr. Donald Mudd. He is now teaching eighth grade core on the first shift. Mr. Mudd was born on December 25, 1936 on Oahu Island in the Hawaiian Islands.

He attended Catholic University and majored in history while minoring in Etruscan art. He would like to have been an architect, but also enjoys teaching.

Mr. Mudd is not married, but when the time comes one day, he would like to have five children. When asked if he preferred blondes or brunettes he said, "It depends on the individual."

Mr. Mudd's most enjoyable food is beef stroganoff! He has no favorite color, but likes them all. His favorite hobbies are sailing, painting, playing tennis, and listening to music.

Mr. Mudd looks on the new fads with Olympian detachment.

If he had a million dollars he would put half of it in stocks and securities and the rest he would spend on a sailboat.

When asked what could be done to improve the school he replied "I plan to institute a committee to investigate how the school can be improved.

In the future he thinks there will be a reduction in the number of students at Surrattsville High School.

Mr. Mudd feels anticlimactic about Glenn's space flight. He says that he wouldn't like to go to the moon. However, if he knew for a fact that there was going to be an atomic war in exactly two weeks, he says, "Then I would change my mind about going to the moon."

Wendy Freedman
Patsy Blue
Phil Gross

NINTH GRADE HAS ELECTION

I suppose it is rather obvious to the school by now that the ninth grade core classes are trying their best to pull off an authentic election.

The election committee consisting of representatives from each core class, has met from time to time in the last week with Mr. Mathews, the sponsor, and several of the other core teachers to set some beginning standards. Much has been talked about, most of which has been presented to the classes as it arose. The majority of the work will fall on the shoulders of each individual core class, however.

Mr. Choanett has approved the idea, allowing for alterations here and there. If carried through properly this idea may set a custom for the classes to follow as a part of their core activities. It is up to the ninth grade class of '62 to see that it can be carried on by those classes which will follow.

There are many surprises in store as the election closes in on fulfilling its purpose--to elect a ninth grade president, vice president, and a secretary-treasurer.

Dale Epps



"About this original composition of yours that begins, 'Downscore and seven years ago...'