

DO YOUR BEST IN ANY TEST

THE METEORITE

MAY 31, 1963

DENNIS SCHOOL

OUT OF FIFTH INTO SIXTH



BYE-BYE SIXTH GRADES

Dennis School says bye-bye to students that go to Woodrow Wilson next year.

From elementary to Junior High is a big step in your life. Why? In elementary school you had one teacher for everything, but in Jr. High you have a different teacher for every subject. Well, sixth graders, we'll miss you. Good luck!

1 Neil Allen	17 Jane Moore
2 Micie Appelbaum	18 Keith Gilmore
3 Kaye Barnett	19 Danny Paul
4 Anna Burgett	20 Kent Peterson
5 Mike Patton	21 Mike Richenthal
6 Sandra Leonard	22 Meg Rottman
7 Catherine Evans	23 Wayne Schroeder
8 David Fuller	24 Dan Seymour
9 Lise Hutton	25 Sarah & Herb
10 Steve Vogel	26 Gary Elmer
11 Ray Kopper	27 John Slater
12 Christine Hughes	28 Connie Taylor
13 John Hunter	29 Marvin Lisk
14 Delores	30 Larry Kibbel
15 Craig Kuss	31 Mark Scott
16 Ed Mercer	32 Emma Klous
JOHNSON	
DESIGNERS	
John Slater	
Dan Seymour	
Lise Hutton	

DENNIS SCHOOL NEEDS A FLAG!!!

I think Dennis School needs a flag. We have a flagpole but not a flag. An American Flag alone would be very nice, but if we had our own flag it should show that we stand for something. I suppose the PTA mothers, teachers, and Miss Price could design Dennis School's flag, because they know what our school stands for.

--Michael Reichenbach

THE PATROL

Why can't girls be on patrol? Girls are just or maybe more responsible than boys.

--Lise Hattoon

PHYSICAL FITNESS

The Decatur Board of Education has voted on taking \$10,000.00 out of the physical fitness program in the schools of Decatur. In Champaign they have swim team in a high school and they are building new schools all the time. A lot of people in Decatur are a bunch of old fogies. They would rather have a lot of cramped old schools for us.

I think the people of Decatur should vote on building new schools and new facilities in the schools.

--Daniel Seymour

A NEW SCHOOL

I think Decatur should have another school on the western edge of Decatur near West Main on the south side. Dennis school was built in 1910 and the last addition was built in 1954. The average class size is 30 pupils in Dennis. The recommended number is 25. This makes it hard on the teacher who is trying to teach and hard on the pupils who are trying to learn.

I think it should be built on the west part of town because lots of new houses are being built and that means more children for Dennis.

--Kent Peterson

IMPROVEMENTS

One thing that would help our school greatly is to have smaller classes of about 25 pupils. Just think what a teacher could do with 25 children instead of 30 or 40 pupils. Many things could be done with art and many other subjects that would be impossible with classes the size that they are at the present time.

--Steve Hazelrigg

If I were going to try to improve Dennis School I would try to paint the walls with paint that doesn't chip off. It makes a mess for the janitor to clean up and would change the looks of our room. When visitors' day came we cleaned up the room but the walls and the ceiling made it look like we didn't do a thing to clean it up.

--Laura Burgett

The school needs trash cans in various places on the playground. Children just throw their wrappers on the ground. This makes the school look messy. Something should be done about this.

--Jane Moore

I think the ball diamonds should be marked off each year by the school so the rooms don't have to mark them off.

I think they should be swept so boys and girls won't fall. I think the school should take care of the ball diamonds.

--Catherine Evans

OUR LIBRARY

Boys and girls are reading more and more, so we need more books. We have old books but we don't have too many new books. If we set aside a room for a library and take all the books from each room we would have a library. Each room would have a special day and time to go to the library to get books.

--Mark Scott

THE THIRTY-FIRST OF MAY

You know that school's out
As the week comes to a stop
You can hear the kids shout
At three-fifteen sharp
On the thirty-first of May

--Jane Moore

WE VOTED

1 Most Popular

Neil Allen
Craig Huss
Steve Hazelrigg
Wayne Schroeder

Marcia Appelbaum
Marilee Dalton
Jane Moore

3 Best Sport

Neil Allen
Mark Scott
Steve Hazelrigg

Lise Hattoon
Catherine Evans
Meg Rottman

5 Best Student

Gary Shae
Steve Hazelrigg

Jane Moore

7 Best Musician

Steve Hazelrigg
Kerry Barnett
Larry Wibbles

Marcia Appelbaum
Sarah Shade

10 Best Artist

John Hunt
John Slater
Danny Paul
Ed Mercer

Lise Hattoon
Meg Rottman
Sandra Deardorff

12 Best Manners

Neil Allen
Mark Scott
Danny Paul

Meg Rottman
Catherine Evans
Connie Taylor

2 Prettiest

Marilee Dalton
Marcia Dalton
Connie Taylor

Handsome

Steve Hazelrigg
Wayne Schroeder
Neil Allen
Craig Huss

4 Most Athletic

Mike Reichenbach
Craig Huss
John Hunt

Lise Hattoon
Laura Burgett
Christine Hughes

6 Best Sign Maker

Ray Hoppenrath

8 Best Behaved

Danny Paul
Daniel Seymour
Gary Shea

Jane Moore
Deborah Hunter
Catherine Evans
Connie Taylor

11 Biggest Smile

Keith Osborne

13 Best Scientist

Kent Peterson
Marvin Tick

POEMS

Spring Ray Hopperrath

Spring is here!
 Summer is near,
 The robins are back,
 And starlings so black.
 The flowers are in bloom,
 The Peonies open like big balloons
 The grass is green,
 The bluejay I've seen,
 It's Springtime!

The Big Oak Tree
 Wayne Schroeder

Climbing in the big oak tree
 Can be very fun to me.
 Climbing in the branches high,
 Looking in the vast blue sky.
 That is why, you see,
 I like to climb the big Oak tree.

Summer Days Meg Rottman

In the summer when the earth
 is green,
 And the sky is a wonderful blue,
 Flowers take a bath every day
 In a cup of golden dew.

Vacation Time Meg Rottman

When the school is empty
 And looks bare and gray
 Children are playing happily
 Somewhere far far away.

Neil Allen

I stood and gazed one warm night
 Staring into the sky.
 Will astronauts reach the moon
 If they try, try, and try.

June Sandra Deardorff

I have always looked forward
 to the month of June.
 But this year it will come too soon.
 My tonsils are bad and must
 come out
 Or I won't be able to play about.

It's Spring Lise Hattoon

January, February, March, "It's Spring!"
 Pussy willows, Daffodils, Tulips, "It's Spring"
 Robins, Bluebirds, baby Chicks, "It's Spring"
 Lunnies, fawns, calves, "It's Spring"
 Now it's time to sing about "Spring!"

Spring Time Connie Taylor

Spring is gay, spring is gay,
 Flowers are coming out every day.

The wish in the Dish
 Daniel Seymour

I saw a fish in a dish
 I think if that fish could make a wish,
 I think he'd wish to get out of that dish.

Spring Michael Reichenbach

Spring is a time for fun,
 A time for camping.
 A time for hiking.
 A time for school to end.

Spring is a time for baseball.
 A time for tennis too.
 A time for Golf and play
 And a time for swimming too.

Spring is a time for leaves to grow.
 A time for flowers to grow.
 A time for weeds too.
 Spring is the most wonderful time of the year.

My Dog Kerry Barnett

My dog she has a coal black nose,
 And big fat blackish toes.
 She chases rabbits
 And has habits,
 most of them are good.

At Night Mark Scott

At night I sit up in bed and listen to
 the soft wind blowing through the trees.
 It's like nobody was on earth except me
 and the soft wind.

SPORTS

By Craig Huss - Ed Mercer

We have finished our physical fitness tests. The following pupils were the leaders:

Boys

- 1. Mike Reichenbach86%
- 2. Steve Hazelrigg, John Hunt84%
- 3. Neil Allen, Mark Scott81%

Girls

- 1. Lise Hattoon93%
- 2. Laura Burgett91%
- 3. Christine Hughes81%

BASEBALL

Our room baseball team has been practicing at our P.E. period. We played the Comets and lost 4 to 1.

About The Major Leagues

Stan Musial broke Babe Ruth's record for extra base hits.

Last year 48 balks were called. A balk may be called if the pitcher takes a windup and then steps off the rubber. It may also be called if he takes a stretch and doesn't hesitate over a second before throwing.

Ed Mercer predicts the pennant winners:

- | <u>National</u> | <u>American</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Giants | Yankees |
| 2. Dodgers | Twins |
| 3. Pirates | Angels |

Craig Huss predicts the pennant winners:

- | | |
|------------|-----------|
| 1. Giants | Yankees |
| 2. Dodgers | White Sox |

The Commodores

Our Decatur Commodores are a much better team than their 10th place shows in the league. WE SHOULD SUPPORT THE COMMODORES!!

WANT ADS

By Wayne Schroeder

For snakes and turtles - 75¢ or less. Or any other reptiles or amphibians.

Contact Kent Peterson - 428-6457

Indian Head Pennies:

1800's - 25¢ for 2 pennies

1900's - 25¢ for 3 pennies

An additional mint mark raises the price a nickel higher.

Contact Danny Paul - 428-5193

We buy American, German and Japanese War things. Steve Hazelrigg and Wayne Schroeder.

Contact Steve - 429-7356

For sale - Six-fingered mitt \$2.00.

Contact Danny Seymour - 423-8839

If you have pictures of dogs or horses you do not want

Contact Lise Hattoon - 429-7276

Last summer in mid-July our family went to St. Louis. When we got there, we checked into our motel. We stayed there about a half hour. After that we took my two sisters and mother to the Old Orchard shopping center. When we dropped them off, we had to drive all the way across town to Busch Stadium, where we were going to see the Cardinals play the Giants in one of a three game series. It took us about fifteen minutes to get to the park. When we got there and were in the stadium, we decided to get our lunch and then find our seats. We were there early and got to see batting practice. We waited for fifteen minutes and then the game started. It was a slow, hard fought game and at the end of five innings the Cardinals were ahead 4 to 1. In the top half of the sixth inning, Willy Mays hit a foul ball up in the second deck on the first base line. We were sitting close to it and I bent way down and almost crawled under my chair. When all the excitement was over I got up and found out that it had fallen out of the man's hands in back of us and my dad had grabbed it. Boy was I happy! The rest of the game I hardly let go of that ball. When we went back to the motel, I was surely proud carrying that ball around. The next day was Sunday. My whole family went to the game. It was a double header. After the second game, we came home. It had surely been a good weekend. I had gotten a major league baseball and the Cardinals had won all three games.

The Mighty Meteors

by Danny Paul

On October 5, 1963, Miss Johnson acting as chairman called the first meeting to order. The first thing the class did was to elect officers. Wayne Schroeder acted as Miss Johnson's helper. These people were the officers: Neil Allen, president; Steve Hazelrigg, vice-president; Marilee Dalton, secretary; Jane Moore, treasurer.

The Constitution Committee's first rule was that officers were elected every six weeks. Time flew by. Soon it was time to elect new officers. These people were the second officers. Mark Scott, president; Craig Huss, vice-president; Marcia Appelbaum, secretary; Gary Shae, treasurer. One thing special happened while they were in office. The motto was chosen. We had \$19.83 at the end of the second term. The third officers were Daniel Seymour; president, Wayne Schroeder; vice president; Meg Rottman; secretary, David Fuller, treasurer. When David left, he gave the money to Neil until Catherine Evans was elected to

take his place. We had a big good-by party for David. At the time, we had a student teacher from MacArthur. We gave her a going away party. The time flew. These were our fourth officers. Sarah Shade; president, Lise Hattoon; vice-president, Larry Wibbels; secretary, Catherine Evans, treasurer. On April 18, 1963 we took our trip to Springfield, Ill. Before we even knew what happened to the time, we elected new officers.

These are the officers we have now. Kent Peterson; president, John Slater; vice-president, Connie Taylor; secretary, John Hunt; treasurer.

The people that were not elected were not bad guys, just not lucky.

The Lucky Hit Marcia Appelbaum

David Turner loved to play ball. So he went to the coach of the school team and asked if he could be on the team. The coach tried him out in a practice game. He was to bat first. As he picked out his bat, he thought to himself, "I must show the coach that I'M good enough for the team." The first pitch was good. David swung. "Strike one," yelled the umpire. Another good pitch only faster. Again David swung. "Strike two." yelled the umpire again. Two balls went by. Then a simply wonderful pitch came. David gripped the bat tighter. This meant whether he would make the team or not. He swung. "Strike three" yelled the umpire. "You're out" David couldn't believe it. At the end of the game the coach said, "I'm sorry David but you've had your chance. You struck out and your out-fielding wasn't so good either. But I will put you on the team but remember only as a substitute. You only bat when I tell you." So David didn't go home too sad, in fact, he was very happy. Two weeks later the first big game was held. The team that David's school team was playing were the Lions. David's team was the Meteors. They were going to play seven innings. The Lions were up first. The game was tied four times. Finally in the last inning with the Lions having their ups the score stood 5 to 4 in favor of the Lions. A boy named Tommy tied the score. Other boys were up. They had two outs and the score was tied. Then for some reason the coach told David to be up next. David picked his bat. Then he walked up to the plate. "Strike one" yelled the umpire. "Strike two" he yelled again. Then David let three balls go by. Then a hush fell over the crowd. David swung at the next pitch. It was a good hit. David slid into home plate just as the catcher got the ball. "Safe" yelled

The Lucky Hit: continued

the umpire. How the crowd cheered! The Meteors had won 6 to 5. The Meteors hoisted David to their shoulders. David was never happier in his whole life.

SCIENCE CORNER (by Marvin Tick & Kent Peterson)

Experiment I - Science of static electricity- needed: hair comb, your hair, tiny pieces of newspaper. When your hair is dry, comb it, then put the comb to the pieces of newspaper. What happened?

Experiment II - Science of lenses - How to make a magnifying glass. Needed- piece of thin wire, small glass of water, a pencil. Twist one end of the wire around the pencil to form a loop. Remove the loop from the pencil. Find some small printing in a book. Dip the loop on the water so a drop of water stays on the loop. Hold it over the small print and try to read it. What happened?

Experiment III - Science of sound waves - needed - broomstick, wristwatch, a friend. Have your friend stand ten feet away from you. Hold the wristwatch in the air and ask him if he hears it tick. Of course, he will say "no!" Now take a broomstick and tell your friend to put his ear on one end of it. Then, put the watch on the other end of it. Ask him if he hears it tick. What happened? He should have heard it tick, because sound travels better through a solid than it does through a gas.

I looked through next year's science book. It looks very interesting. Here is what we will study.

1. Science in the World today
2. The Earth's Atmosphere
3. Look into Magnets
4. Rockets and Space Travel
5. Conservation, a Way of Life
6. Animals, Their Growth and Development
7. Your Living Body
8. Senses and Signals
9. Light, a Form of Energy
10. Atomic Energy for Power and Peace
11. Research and Discovery

SUMMER PLANS

By Connie Taylor - Deborah Hunter

Christine Hughes - Colorado Y Camp Estes Park, Wisconsin, Horse Ranch.

Catherine Evans - Idaho to visit grandparents and ride horses.

Ed Mercer - Camp Seymour

Kerry Barnett - camping

Lise Hattoon - Wisconsin and Massachusetts

Marcia Applebaum - Municipal opera, St. Louis for weekend. Also going to camp for a month.

Gary Shae - will mow lawns for people. Is going to camp, and join the Sun 'N' Fun.

Marvin Tick - going to Camp Culver.

Steve Hazelrigg - going to Camp Edwards.

Marilee Dalton - going to Girl Scout Camp, and perhaps to California.

Sarah Shade - going to California with her grandmother.

John Hunt - plans to stay home and go fishing in Steven's Creek.

Kent Peterson - going to Canada on a fishing trip; going to camp; then camping.

Danny Paul - going to take the special science in summer school. In August will go to Colorado.

Larry Wibbels - going to Lincoln, Nebraska for a family reunion. Then will go to Minocqua, Wisconsin.

Meg Rottman - going to camp for two weeks. Grandmother, aunt and uncle will visit her. The aunt and uncle will be coming from England.

Neil Allen - going to Camp Edwards for one month. He may go to California for two weeks and spend three days on the aircraft carrier Bon Homme Richard.

Daniel Seymour - going to Boy Scout camp for one week, Camp Edwards for two weeks, and vacation in Wisconsin for one week. He will also visit his grandparents in Chicago.

Mike Reichenbach - going camping on the East Coast of the United States.

Jane Moore - going to Colorado

Sandra Deardorff - Going to Yellowstone Park and California.

Craig Huss - going to Camp Edwards.

Connie Taylor - will have cousins visiting.

Deborah Hunter - going to camp for one week.

Wayne Schroeder - going to camp.

Ray Hoppenrath - going to camp

Laura Burgett - going to Girl Scout camp. May also go to New York.

Mark Scott - going to camp at Bear Lake, Michigan.

Miss Johnson - going fishing in Canada in July.

INTERVIEWS by Marcia Appelbaum

I have asked the following questions to several sixth grade students:

1. How do you feel about leaving Dennis School?
2. Do you have any advice to fifth graders going into sixth grade?
- 3.

GINNY SPENCER: I like Dennis, and I loved all the teachers that I had. I will feel odd going to one class after another each day.

For heaven sake, don't mess around in class especially if you are in Mr. Násbätt's room. Keep your eyes and ears open for anything in the newspaper in case you are asked about it in class.

MARK FLORA: Great.

You have to work harder.

MARY RABER: I don't like to leave Dennis School because it's a good school, but I'm sorta glad to.

Work hard if you are in Mr. Násbätt's room.

HALL DAILY: How I would feel about leaving any school with good academic students.

If you receive one of the better teachers, be obedient, always listen, and always follow instructions.

CINDY DILATUSH: I hate leaving Dennis, but I want to go to Woodrow.

Make a new example for the new coming fifth graders.

JANICE RAPP: I like Dennis a lot. I'll probably miss it, but I'll probably like Woodrow, too.

If you happen to get in Mr. Sanders's room, study hard and don't laugh while he is talking. Take home several books each night, and read several library books.

CAROL HARNER: It's going to be fun.

Don't act dumb, and don't start off to teachers.

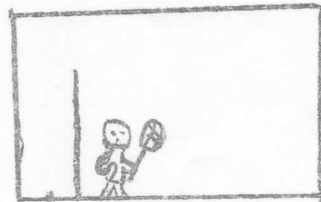
BOBBY FRITZ: I'M kinda happy but Dennis is a good school.

Work hard in sixth grade, because its going to be tough for you in seventh grade.

MANNERS

When I was playing tennis with Kent, my ball went over the fence. I went to get it. Kents ball went over the fence too. He asked me to get it and I was about to say, "No" when I remembered, "Manners". I picked up the ball and went back to my game.

by Ray Hennenrath Jr.



BOOK REVIEW

Cobbler's Knob by Eleanore M. Jewett

We liked this as a favorite book because it is exciting, thrilling, fun, and sometimes you have a feeling of sympathy for Nanette.

If you turned to pages 44-53 you would have a feeling of excitement as the gang prepares and raids the haunted house. On page 156 you have the worried feeling as Gail tries to think of some way to help Nanette get possession of the haunted house.

If you read this book, I hope you enjoy it throughly, for we did.

GOOD BOOKS TO READ

The Princess and the Goblin
Caddie woodlawn
Adopted Jane
Cobbler's Knob
Helen Keller

Jed
The white-Tailed Deer
Patsy's Best Summer
The Borrowers
The Silver Hutneg

by Jane Moore and Meg Rottman

HONORS

400 Facts Club

Laura
Catherine
Lise
Steve
Ray
Jane
Mike
Daniel
Gary
Larry

Jane
Gary
Marilee
Steve
Marcia

Stock Tests

Kerry
Catherine
Mike
Meg
Sarah
Danny
Wayne
Daniel
Mark

JOKES

Why did the mouse gnaw a hole in the rug? ----- To see the floor show.
How do you get out of jail if all you have is a baseball bat? ----- strike one, strike two, strike three, you're out.
What is black and white and red all over? ----- An embarrassed zebra
What kind of a cat can jump higher than a tree? ----- All cats, trees can't jump.
What runs around the yard without moving? ----- A fence

by Kerry Barnett

MOON MEN

Bert Jones knew that in a moment he would become the first man to walk on the moon. He trembled as he reached for the door handle of the spaceship. Slowly he turned the handle and pushed open the door. There in front of him was the surface of the moon. Little by little he stepped down off the spaceship. Now Bert was relieved. On the earth he hoped to be the first on the moon, even when he was chosen he knew he might not make it. Bert called out to Don his partner. Don came out looking very eager. Bert thought Don looked a little too eager.

Bert and Don started to look around. They were very surprised at what they saw. In some places of the moon there were big craters all different colors. Gently Bert walked up to a crater and touched it. He was surprised that it was not cold or hot it was very different. It was sort of soft. Don went to get a pail, and put some rock in it. Then he got out a piece of paper and started to draw a map. All of a sudden the moon changed from plain white to a beautiful green blue. Don and Bert looked at each other in amazement. They waited a few minutes and the moon turned pink. Then it turned yellow and green and orange. Bert and Don looked around for some thing that would make the change in the moon. They found nothing until they looked underground. There they found a rock that was all different colors, when the rock turned the moon changed different colors.

Bert and Don went back to earth, and became famous. But Bert thought the moon should have become famous instead.

by Meg Rottman

MAN IN THE MOON

Finch knew that in a moment he would become the first man to walk on the moon. He trembled as he reached for the door handle of the spaceship. Slowly he turned the handle and pushed open the door. Outside he saw a lot of moon men hiding behind some rocks. He found out that the moon man could speak English so he said "take me to your leader". They came to this house with a sign in the front saying (The Man in the Moon Lives Here) He walked in and saw a man with a big head. The man in the moon offered him some green cheese. He asked where do you get it? He found out that the moon was made out of green cheese so he radioed back to earth that he was going to stay because he loved green cheese.

By Daniel Seymour

Kennedy Expects Moon Flight

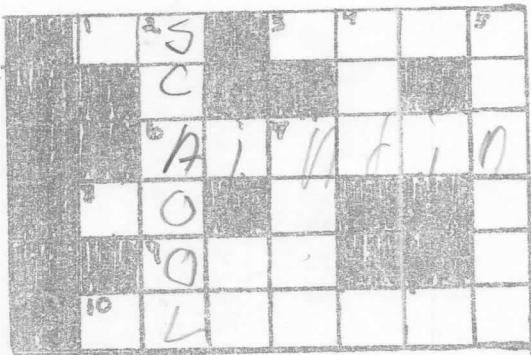
Kennedy expects moon flight in the 1960's. At the end of the brief talk Kennedy pinned the NASA medal on Cooper. Cooper said he didn't have much to say but he did say, "It was certainly a great honor."

Political "Hot Potato"

Mike Mansfield, Senate Democratic leader from Montana, arrived for a White House breakfast today with his right hand and two fingers on his left hand in bandages. "Believe it or not I was cooking for my wife and got my hands in bacon grease", he explained.

PUZZLED?

Catherine Evans



Down

- 2. ___ is just about over.
- 4. Part of our school is ___.
- 5. we go to ___ School.
- 7. we made our mural with ___.

Across

- 1. State of being .
- 3. Opposite of bad.
- 6. The last name of a girl in Miss Mathew's room. Jill ___.
- 8 Westward ___
- 9. Opposite of in.
- 10. We attend ___.