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Well, after three weeks of intense preparation, here's the first Rambler issue for the year.

Former Rambler readers may notice some changes in the format of the paper. Naturally, there's still the Gossip (expanded to 42 items), Exchange (articles from other school newspapers), and Editorials. As well, there are Sports and Social news, which will be included in each issue this year. Also to be included in issues after this will be Popular Opinion and Student Personalities.

You can help us with your contributions (which should be put in the Rambler Box by the office) to the Gossip column and letters to the Editor. Gossip does not have to be signed, and that which uses initials is preferred. As is common policy with any newspaper, letters to the Editor must be signed, but the writer's name will be withheld on request.

The feature item of this first issue is the thirteen new staff members. Everyone worked feverishly interviewing the new teachers and secretary, and have done a commendable job. The next issue will be out on Thursday, October 22.

Congratulations!!! to Social Convenor Lynne Taber, Dave Harris, and the committees who organized and handled the Grade 10 Initiation and the Social last Friday. More news of last Friday's happenings can be found on the page "Social Activities" in this issue.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It may sound somewhat "corny" to say that you will get out of this 1964-65 school year just what you put into it but the cliché is true nevertheless.

To get the most out of this year you need a plan - you need objectives - goals if you like.

In athletics, the jumper will set his jump at a certain height and continue practising until he is able to reach the objective. The athlete will then set another goal and continue on to greater heights.

Students can set for themselves certain goals for each term. Maybe the goal of raising that last Math or English mark by one letter grade is a reasonable objective. It may be that your assignments have not always been done as well as possible and maybe you were a bit tardy in handing them in on time. Resolve to improve on your performance.

Over the period of preparation and working to reach your goals you will meet with many setbacks. This should not affect your determination to succeed, but rather it should make you more determined to work harder to overcome these obstacles.

Follow the example of successful people. Remember that the big success or the big objective is reached only after obtaining many smaller goals.

We are off to a fine start this school year. Most students are showing a seriousness of purpose in their studies. The athletic practices are well attended and if the last "Social" was an indication, I am looking forward to a happy and successful year in these areas also.

You see then by making a greater effort our rewards are greater.

NEW TEACHERS

Name: Mr. Andreasen
Teaches: Guidance and P.E.
Doesn't have time for hobbies.
Fav. Sports: Basketball and track and field.
Graduated from Western Washington State College.
Taught in schools in the U.S.A. Says that biggest difference
is that there was almost no discipline!
Pet Peeve: School reporters!

Name: Mrs. Edwards
Subjects Taught: French, English
Previous School: Chesterley Street Comprehensive.
Hobbies: Badminton, Tennis
Fav. Sport: Tennis
Pet Peeve: Singing in front of the class. ("Makin' a muggins
of yourself.")
Languages: French, English, Spanish, German, Italian, Latin,
Pig-Latin.
"Why did you come to Canada?"
"Curiosity."
"What did you find out about it?"
"It's very curious."

Name: Miss Honeyman
Subjects Taught: Science 20, Biology 91, Zoology 101
Training: University of Cambridge, Leeds, St. Andrew, Reading
(B.A.)
Previous School: Albert Bay.
What do you think of M.R.S.S.S?: Very nice--people are friendly
and give an overall good impression.
Fav. Sports: Swimming, mountain climbing.

Name: Mr. Lee
Subjects Taught: Physics 91, 101, and new Ma 10.
Hobby: Photography
Sport: Badminton
Pet Peeve: None!?!?
Schools taught at in Ontario and Port Alberni.
Differences between the Schools and M.R.S.S.S.: None except for
cultural and environmental differences.
Training: B. Sc. at U.B.C.
Teacher Training: Ontario College of Education--also (year
of training in meteorology in Trenton and Toronto)

Name: Mrs. McDonald
Subjects Taught: All Home Ec. (including Boys Home Ec.) and
Home Decorating.
Hobbies: Listening to folk music, seeing goods play and musicals.

NEW TEACHERS (continued)

Fav. Sport : Tennis

Pet Peeve : None

Previous Schools : Has substituted in this district--was formerly a dietician.

Name : Mr. McEachern

Subjects Taught : Math 30, 91, 101, Science 10.

Hobbies : Badminton, Tennis, Chess, Bridge

Fav. Sport : Tennis

Pet Peeve : People who talk all the time, like Howard Cross.

Previous School : Prince George High

Difference between that school and ours : Students here are more eager and dedicated.

Name : Mr. McInnes (Librarian)

Comments : I'd like to say that I'm extremely happy to be back. This is a good school with good kids and I'm just very happy to be here.

Subjects Taught : English

Last School Taught at : Como Lake

Difference between Como Lake and M.R.S.S.S. students : The students at Maple Ridge are nicer, they feel more deeply, and they mean well. The kids at Como Lake have a blasé air about them, and they don't seem to care about things very much. I will say this, though. The kids at Como work much harder.

Hobbies : Reading, carpentry work, gardening, auto mechanics.

Pet Peeves : Kleenex on classroom floors

Kids eating in the library (I can't stand chocolate books)

Name : Mrs. McKinlay

Subjects Taught : Guidance and P.E.

Hobby : Sports.

Fav. Sports : Swimming, basketball, skiing.

Pet Peeve : None

Training : U.B.C.--4½ years

Other Schools Taught at : Kimberley, Whitehorse, Coquitlam

Difference between students here and at other schools : Very little, students up north are not quite so independent, do things as a group.

Name : Mr. Terai

Previous School : Port Coquitlam Junior-Senior S.S.

Comment : He likes Maple Ridge for its school spirit.

Hobbies : Photography

Fav. Sport : Hockey

Pet Peeve : No comment??!

Subjects Taught : Ma 10, Ma 31, Sc 10

NEW TEACHERS (continued)

Name: Mr. Bachan Toor
Subjects Taught: Commerce (bookkeeping and typing)
Hobbies: Enjoys reading
Fav. Sport: Volleyball
Pet Peeve: Doesn't seem to have any (a good-natured fellow)
Previous School: Lytton
Mr. Toor originally came from India and began his teaching career in British Columbia.

Name: Mr. Wilson
Education: U.B.C. (B.Ed.(Sec.))
Hobbies: Reading, table-tennis
Previous Schools: Belmont Elementary, Langley; Hugh Boyd Secondary, Richmond.
Fav. Sports: Football, hockey
What do you think of M.R.S.S.S.?: I find that the students here are more mature and better behaved than at my other schools. They are interesting people.
Pet Peeve: Conformists who do not express their own opinion

Name: Mr. Zebroff
Subjects Taught: Social Studies, French
Fav. Sport: Participates in many.
Spent last year at Carleton University doing Post-Graduate work.
Definition of School: "School" is excellence in the pursuit of understanding knowledge, and knowledge is an understanding of things, understanding of others, and understanding of oneself.

NEW SECRETARY

Mrs. Hollingshead, our new secretary, comes to us from Agassiz where her previous experience as a secretary was at the Municipal Office and on the Experimental Farm. This is her first year as a secretary at a school, and she would like to continue here at M.R.S.S.S. next year

Her hobby is sewing. As yet she has not been here long enough to have a pet peeve(but give her time!)

Social Activities--by Donna McNab

Initiation-Friday, October 2, 1964

The first Grade 10 initiation held in our school went over very well, due to the efforts of Lynne Taber, Dave Harris and their committees. The Grade 10's were good sports, most of them dressing up as little children, complete with pony tails, bow ties, and crazy name tags. The seniors kept them in slavery all day, making them carry books and do other odd jobs. After eating their lunches on the gym floor, many of them participated in contests organized by the Students' Council. The boys rolled wet jaw-breakers down the gym floor with their noses while the girls also amused the spectators with a balloon blowing race. The boys ate crackers and the girls hopped down the floor, bringing the final standings to: 10A-4, 10B-2, 10C-0, 10D-6, 10E-3, 10F-8, and 10G-1.

Social-Friday, October 2, 1964

The first social of the year was held as a wind-up for the initiation although no one wore their costumes. About 150 attended and almost everyone enjoyed themselves. The Hi Lites provided the music and Howie Baker M. C.'d. Sue Pesklevits also sang one song. The Catering Club provided the refreshments at intermission of pop and sandwiches. The winners of the Spot Dance were Brad Johnson and his partner. Sandy Livingston and Al Thomas were the winners of the Rag-Doll Dance, and Janet Van Pole and Bob Pentland won the Grade 10 Elimination Dance. A special thanks goes to Lynne Taber and her committees and the Catering Club for making it a success.

SPORTS

BOY SPORTS NEWS -- BY RON POUND

Much like the St. Louis Cards the Maple Ridge teams have surged ahead. Two weeks ago the junior boys' team defeated the Mission Indian school team three goals to two.

Then on Tuesday the 28th the Senior Boys sped to an easy 6-2 win over the Mission High School Team. Ed Stipp, who plays Center Forward, scored three of Ridge's goals.

On Wednesday the 29th the Junior Boys fought to a 2-all tie with the Garibaldi team. Bob Salmon, who plays center half connected for both of Ridge's goals.

Also on Wednesday the Garibaldi Senior Boys' team defeated our Senior Boys' team.

On Thursday, October 1, Maple Ridge Senior Boys' Soccer Team defeated the Garibaldi Seniors by a score of five to two.

GIRLS SPORTS NEWS -- BY SUE GIBSON

For the past two weeks try-outs have been going on for positions on the two volleyball teams; Senior and Junior girls. The Senior girls' team has been selected and the team members are: Muriel Kevern, Lenore Lynch, Randy Arber, Toni Arber, Karen Emery, Faye Thorp, Louise Hartney, Carol Spady, and Terry Yaderuk.

The Senior girls had their first game, on Sept. 30, against Abbotsford. It was a very close game with scores of 21-19 and 16-14 for Abbotsford and 15-13 for Ridge.

Ridge was working in a few new members to the team and should hear a lot from our Senior Girls.

Canada and Uncle Sam
(Condensed and abridged)

This article, written by John Muggeridge, first appeared complete in the New Statesman, July 24, 1964

Canadian nationalism begins with a desire to be separate from the United States. The first English-speaking Canadians were refugees from the American War of independence. Having backed the wrong side once, they were determined never again to make a similar mistake. For them republicanism meant tarring and feathering, while loyalty to King George entitled them to almost unlimited free land, and a chance to carry on the familiar, satisfying business of ruling themselves and others in their own interest. Thus the first instrument of government in Upper Canada promised to be "a very image and transcrip" of the British constitution.

The Dominion is therefore worth preserving. Indeed, our history has consisted of a life-and-death struggle to keep the U.S. where they belong, South of Lake Ontario, a glorious refutation of President Madison's opinion that the taking of Canada was merely a matter of marching. Throughout the 19th Century the world's longest undefended border was garrisoned by British regulars aided in time of crisis by Canadian militiamen. The last detachment of the invasion which has to be resisted.

U.S. "economic imperialism", to use a phrase appearing almost daily in Canadian editorials, has been fought in the past with high tariffs, attempts to take as much as possible of Canada's custom outside North America, and the preaching (but never the practice) of suspicious exhortations as "no truck or trade with the Yankees." The militia in 1812 had better success. Some 18,000 millions of U.S. money is invested here, including 12,000 million sunk in U.S. subsidiaries and branch firms. About 60% of all Canadian manufacturing and mining is controlled from Wall Street, while our native oil industry is almost completely in the hand of Americans.

The benefits of massive U.S. investment are obvious. It has the same disadvantages as any long-distance economic control. Shareholders of whatever nationality are first interested in profits and dividends. Wicked G. M. is about to open a new source of employment in Quebec. Good old Dominion Steel and Coal has been shutting down coal mines in Nova Scotia for years.

Yet Canadians think of themselves as a nation under economic siege. They believe that continental free trade (advocated by many Americans) would turn Canada into conquered territory everlastingly condemned to supply U.S. manufacturers with cheap raw materials and a market for their surplus products. Americans can see no difference between Canada and any other part of North America requiring capital investment.

Canada's cultural defenses appear to be equally insecure. (Canada's) children seem to be in imminent danger of forgetting Queenston Heights, and remembering only the Alamo.

The task of developing a truly Canadian outlook among our children is difficult, but not impossible. Most Canadian adults, however, are incurable addicts of the American media. They must have their regular supply of Time magazine. They cannot resist Jack Paar and Ed Sullivan. Canadians read American magazines, use the products which they advertise, enjoy American T.V., and there's not much anyone can do.

Today our need for help is more pressing than ever. Different flags fly over the St. Lawrence and Hudson rivers, according to Toynbee's heartening theory as a result of historical inevitability. Now the people who salute these flags are rapidly becoming indistinguishable. Apart from ancestors, language, traditions of law and government and religion, Canadians and Americans share sex symbols, suburban morality, organised crime, pornographic periodicals and much else besides. We have, however, cultural redcoats at our command. The Commonwealth may be a farce, but there is always the next royal visit to look forward to. Moreover the Beatles are English-how vastly superior to Elvis and they have agreed to give 2 performances in Toronto, when condescending to play only once in New York. It is still worth being Canadian.

RAMBLER REVIEWS

Record Review - by Neil Arthur

"The Rolling Stones" - London ffrr - LL375

This is the first L.P. by Britain's top group, the Rolling Stones.

All twelve pieces, with the possible exception of one are basically Rhythm and Blues, executed in a rather raw style. The Stones hammer home this basic beat approach in every selection with a heavy bass-guitar and drum beat.

Three of the best are:

"Not Fade Away" - this screamer was a hit here several months ago, holding No. 1 spot for some time. It has a fast beat, mainly guitar backed with hand clapping, shouting 'n' stuff.

"Honest I Do" - is one of the best R. and B. sounds going. It has nearly everything; Mark Jagger's unique singing style, Charlie Watt's wild (throbbing?) drums, and deliciously mournful harmonica and guitar sound.

"Tell Me" - written by Mark Jagger (lead vocalist) and Keith Richards (guitarist) and performed by the group on Red Skelton last week, is similar to "Honest I Do". It is dominated by Jagger's "sound", and there is an excellent instrumental included.

This disc doesn't promote family harmony--it drives the parents wild (I've experimented) and it can't be described as particularly cheerful, but for R. & B. devotees and Stones' fans, this is it! P.S. : There's a "wild" picture of the "guys" included.

Movie Review - by Michael Quigley

"It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World" is producer-director Stanley Kramer's "comedy to end all comedies". Technically, the movie is excellent, especially the Technicolor and Ultra-Panavision photography. Also excellent are the efforts of the special effects department with cars, airplanes, and many kinds of explosions. The "full stereophonic sound" did not live up to expectations. The brassy music score took advantage of the stereo sound system by using all the speakers, while talking and other sounds seemed to come from only the center speakers.

The plot of the movie is simple : A dozen people race through Southern California in an attempt to see who gets to a hidden \$350,000 first. The airplanes and cars (which drive like chariots in Ben-Hur, forcing each other off the road) provide most of the action. With all this hullabaloo, one wonders when it will all stop. All the chasing about becomes boring after a while, as it does not seem to give what the chariot race in "Ben-Hur" did to that movie; namely, excitement and suspense due to expert editing. Most of the humour comes from insult, and this also tends to be boring.

However, a whizbang climax, which puts Spencer Tracy and eleven comedians atop a fire ladder reeling several stories above the street, brings the movie to a lively close.

"Mad World" could be funnier, but as the movie cost only \$9,400,000, there's bound to be a few flaws.

GOSSIP

- M.F. - Are you still wearing your collar up?
E.H. - Weren't you shocked on the eve of September the 25th?
S.P. & D.R. - You sure don't get much done in study, hey?
P.R. * Still getting those letters?
D.G. - When did you say the big day was?
R.A. - Heard you were ill Sat. Night. Hope you're feeling better!
S.D. - How's Bill?
C.R. - Oh, those legs!!!!
R.B. - "Don't be Cruel"
M.R. - We hear your interest lies in Room 31.
L.D. - "Praise be to Allah" from all your followers.
S.G. - What was that you said to some certain person in the hall that was understood by someone else?
F.T. - Are you really sure?
M.L.M. - What do you mean you watch something else besides T.V. on Wednesdays?
B.K. - Have fun last Sat.?
D.W. - You make a good organizer. Ha! Ha!
M.B. & J.B. - You don't have long to wait now.
S.S. - Do you always take Co. 34 on the floor?
G.B. - Find your shoe yet?
B.B. & B.K. & W.B. - You don't feel so bad the morning after when you play Bingo instead of ?
C.F. - Girls, watch your boyfriends!
S.W. - Whose bottle hit you on the forehead?
L.L. - Mint little bomb you've got there.
P.T. * You should see the picture of you that L.B. has. Hey!
J.H. - Are you really A.H.'s car ornament?
G.M. - Who's the cute brunette in your life now?
L. McG. - Don't give up the ship.
A.T. - Hey, where did that awful paper clip just about get you? Could have been very painful.
A.G. - Going fishing, eh?
T.Y. - Hey, who's the special guy with the mint car, eh?
L.T. - That's a pretty sexy voice you got there (lately).
M.S. - What did D.R. do to your little speech?
M.K. - 3 hours is a long time, don't you think?
T.A. - Real slick umbrella T.M. has, isn't it?
L.A. - Don't forget Hallowe'en will be here soon.
G.C. - Don't let the public see you in your rollers!
L.B. - Your fan club has a new member.
D.H. - That's the price you have to pay.