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Readers of this issue may notice that most of the writing and/or editing is done by a "select few" we have on the staff who have been responsible for making sure that the paper comes out regularly for the past few issues.

This issue has a total of four contributors and/or editors (the last one had only three!) - yet, our staff, as you can see at the page top, numbers eleven persons. The truant members fail to attend the Rambler meetings, and about one day before the deadline, approach the Editor in the hall, inquiring, "What can I do for the Rambler this week?", an appropriate answer being "Resign!"

The whole job of editing the Rambler becomes very tedious when two people have to edit a very limited number of contributions.

So, if you're becoming weary of the Quigley-Arthur stigma which dominates the Rambler, contribute, before we are summonsed for operating a monopoly.

Signed,

Editorial Staff

RAMBLER EDITORIALS (continued)

Let's have a good turnout at the Prom tonight, being held from 8 to 12 o'clock. The Nocturnals are supplying the music. The cost of tickets is \$2.00 per couple.

Also coming up is the Senior Class Car Wash this Saturday being held at two locations: the Home Station at 8th and Lougheed, and the Pacific 66 station at the Valleyfair Shopping Centre. Cost of a wash is only 99¢.

Next year, Haney, along with nine other B.C. communities, has been selected to be a receiving Centre for the Youth Travel Programme which is being sponsored by the Canadian Confederation Centennial Committee of B.C. This youth travel programme has been organized to provide an interchange of High School students among communities in the different provinces. Each community hosts 24 students for one week in the summer, and subsequently each community sends 24 students to visit in some other Canadian community. On the whole, there is a three-way exchange. During the summer of 1965, Haney will be the Receiving Centre for 24 students from Montreal. These students, plus two escorts, will be arriving in Haney on or about July 8th. Later in the summer on August 16th, 24 students from the Haney region will be travelling to Edmunston, New Brunswick to visit for one week among families in a generally French speaking community. The students from the Haney region have been selected from various Fraser Valley East schools: 2 from Garibaldi, 3 from Pitt Meadows, 9 from Maple Ridge, 8 from Mission, and 2 from Agassiz.

It is hoped that there will be a community effort ensure the success of this - letters have been sent to various service clubs in the Maple Ridge district asking for their support to help this endeavour to develop inter-provincial friendship. More news about this will be in future Rambler issues.

The special paper for this week's gossip page, a colour known to the Gestetner people as "Cherry" was speedily delivered to the Rambler this week. We intend to keep a supply of this innovatingly coloured paper to be used exclusively for gossip pages in future Rambler issues.

STUDENTS' COUNCIL REPORT

The last full Students' Council meeting was held on Tuesday, April 6.

SOCIAL : The Spring Prom will be held tonight from eight to twelve o'clock - the prom will be semi-formal. Cost of tickets is \$2.00 per couple. The Council decided to pay half the cost of the band. Candidates for Prom Queen are Linda Baril, Marianne Fredriksen, Lenore Lynch Sharon Roraph, and Carol Spady. Campaign speeches were heard yesterday at noon. Attend the Prom tonight and see who won!

ATHLETIC : The Ramblers came in second at the B.C. High School Volleyball Tournamet held at Kelowna on April 2 and 3. Cost of the trip to the council amounted to about \$100.

MISCELLANY : A suggestion box has been set up near the office for ideas relating to the Exposition. Voting will take place today to decide on a name for the Exposition ship. School crests should arrive soon. Cost of these to students will be about a dollar.

TREASURY : At the last meeting, it was reported that there was \$ available to the Students' Association.

ATTENTION!!

The Senior Class is having a Car Wash this Saturday from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Two locations : Pacific 66 Station at Valleyfair
Home Station at 8th and Lougheed

Cost : Only 99¢!

BOYS SPORTS - by Ron Pound

Ramblers Second in B.C. Volleyball

For the third straight year, the Ramblers have proven themselves the second best team in B.C. volleyball. This year they came second to Victoria.

The fine ball handling team from Victoria won the first game of the finals 15-10, but Ridge came back in the second game 15-11. Victoria held off a last furious stand by the Ramblers, to win 15-12.

In the quarter finals Ridge defeated Winfield's Number 2 team 15-3 and 15-4. In the next game Ridge lost the first set to the Dominoes from Winfield 15-6.

BOYS' SPORTS (continued)

The Ramblers came back in the second game, winning 15-7. The third game looked bad for Ridge, as they fell behind 14-9. At this point, the Ramblers realized what was happening and Wayne Meek put in seven straight serving points to win 16-14.

In the Round Robin - Ridge defeated Nanaimo 11-7 and 11-7, Mission's Junior Team 11-8 and 11-1, Salmo's Senior "B" team 11-0, and 11-6, and Windsor from Vancouver 11-0 and 11-5.

Derick Rumer of Victoria won best setter award, while Mike Rockwell won best spiker. For Ridge, Greg Sharpe was in the running for the most valuable player and best spiker awards, and he was named to the first allstar team.

Twenty teams took part in the tournament. The top eight were:

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| 1. Victoria | 5. Windsor |
| 2. Maple Ridge | 6. Winfield "B" |
| 3. Mission | 7. Vernon |
| 4. Winfield | 8. Handsworth |

Outstanding players for Ridge were Greg Sharpe, Wayne Meek, and Eddy Stipp.

Team Members:

Bob Brooks, Wayne Desjardins, Marvin Scheirer, Dave Harris, Bob King, Eddy Stipp, Greg Sharpe, Doug Hackinen, and George Allen. Coach was Mr. Carmichael.

GIRLS' SPORTS - by Sue Gibson

Track season is now under way. Track practices are held every afternoon immediately after school. More girls are needed for the team, so anyone interested in track should see Mrs. McKinlay.

The girls P.E. department is putting on a display of ten-pin tumbling for the Exposition. (Ten-pin tumbling is a sequence of exercises timed so that the girls follow one after another) Be sure to see it at the Expo.

In the next issue there will be an interview with Karen Emery.

RAMBLER REVIEW - by Michael Quigley

The play "Pygmalion", as presented here just under a month ago by M.R.J.S.S. was quite refreshing. The acting, directing, and overall management of the play was excellent, and as one local critic has already pointed out "There was no need for apology as stated on the programme."

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REVIEW (continued)

About the only thing I found faulty with the production was the treatment of the accompanying "musical score". This score, or adaptation, left us wondering whether the play was written by Bernard Shaw, or Lerner and Loewe, or perhaps the best of each. The songs sung between scene changes were not out of place - they were very well performed. But the lengthy musical excerpts - played as "overtures" gave the audience a garish desecration of the well known songs from "My Fair Lady". These overtures (which were applauded! - does one applaud in the Stanley Theatre in such a way?) seemed to be in a mood which was about two decades ahead of the play. (i.e. - 1920's)

Also a bit nervy was the unaccompanied singing in the play itself of two songs - "Get Me to the Church on Time" and "Without You". The latter gave a few amusing anachorisms to the play, such as "the rain in Spain" and "Hartford, Hereford, and Hampshire", which were, of course, synonymous with the musical version.

I also noticed that some of the people of Maple Ridge have yet to learn theatre etiquette. Aside from applauding "overtures" to an obviously serious production, the audience as a whole does not appreciate the intrusion of an 850-watt movie camera light bar periodically flaring up. This not only creates a distraction for the audience, but the actors as well! Any such picture taking should be done at a dress rehearsal.

However, back to the play itself. Congratulations must go to the cast, the director Mr. Singh, and the whole school of M.R.J.S.S. for taking on such an ambitious project as "Pygmalion" - a production which the community of Maple Ridge will not forget for some time.

LITERARY - edited by Neil Arthur

In keeping with the "Pygmalion" review, here are some of G.B.S.'s caustic comments:

"The most intolerable pain is produced by prolonging the keenest pleasure."

"If you begin by sacrificing yourself to those you love, you will end by hating those to whom you have sacrificed yourself."

Mr. Shaw also had a low opinion of formal teaching:

"Every fool believes what his teacher tells him, and calls his credulity science or morality as confidently as his father called it divine revelation."

LITERARY (continued)

"Activity is the only road to knowledge."

Our school motto:

"Mens sana in corpore sano is a foolish saying.
The sound body is a product of the sound mind."

I fear our school lacks a certain mental quality,
as applied to these rules:

"Virtue consists, not in abstaining from
vice, but in not desiring it."

Some rather poignant verse:

To My Friend

I have a friend who is very friendly,
As good a friend as any could be.
Of course there's a point that really bugs me
She doesn't know she's supposed to love me.
- The Crumb

(continued by another author - the first collapsed
of mental exhaustion)

Why doesn't she love me?
Why! Why!!! Why!
Because the chiennes won't let her,
And I'm disgusting
And I feel that I may die.
- The Fag

Equally poignant, more obscure:

"Thou hast committed fornication: but that was in
another country, and besides, the wench is dead.
And thou hast debauched God: but what does it matter?
Her worshipper is dead. He died because of the wench
whom the other killed before."
- Brabantio

Widely applicable, I suppose:

A Prayer

Bless my boy friend's handsome face,
Keep it kind and full of grace,
Bless his hair that always curls
But keep him safe from other girls.
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LITERARY (continued)

Bless his eyes that shine so bright
And may he always hold me tight.
Bless his arms that are so strong
But make them stay where they belong.

- Anonymous

Forsooth! There was a big empty space in the Rambler box as regards Lit. contributions. Apparently original contributors were disappointed at the lack of immediate recognition. Be not dismayed! (I can't think why not, but it sounds inspiring.) Anyway, all this drivel has been leading up to, as usual, a plea for contributions.

- N. Arthur

EXCHANGE - edited by Michael Quigley

Following are several articles from recent school papers which the Rambler received.

The following from the February 26 issue of the "Pearson Mike" may be of interest to Ridge students:

"Do you know that there is a singer well on her way to stardom?

She is Susan Pesklevits, a 16 year old Grade 11 student, who has been singing professionally since last spring.

You can see her every other Monday at 5:30 P.M. on Channel 2's "Let's Go".

In an interview with The Mike, Susan stated that her mother, who has always been behind her, arranged the audition which won her a place on the show.

"When I first started, the producer almost had to push me on the stage I was so petrified," said Susan, on her reaction to her first television appearance.

Susan puts in about a day a week rehearsing. She always sings solo, favours blues, but says pop is fine.

When asked about her future plans, Susan stated, "It's marvellous work, not tough at all - yet! I plan to make it my career."

The following poem was taken from the Feb. 19th issue of the "Como Comet", entitled "What is a Boyfriend?"

A boyfriend is a conceited jerk.
He really thinks he's grand.
His high opinion of himself is
more than I can stand.
He thinks he's all my dreams come true
My ever guiding light.
He thinks I'll be his willing slave
but worst of all he's right!

EXCHANGE (continued)

This article appeared as an Editorial in the March 19th issue of the Chilliwack "Tatler".

"It is our opinion that the present Chemistry course is out of date, unscientific, and long over-due for a change.

The body of this course consists mainly of half-asleep students copying notes they don't understand from the blackboard, vainly striving to finish before the bell rings. They are not even encouraged to read the text. The information gained in the course is laid down in sets of rules and dry facts which do not encourage a scientific attitude, invite no intelligent questioning, and do not stimulate students' curiosity in any way.

The 'experiments' particularly are ladled out in a predigested, insipid manner that is about as scientific as beating the insane to drive the demons out that plague them. First, the student reads his lab manual to find out what results he is supposed to obtain. Then he performs the motions of the experiment, not knowing what he is doing or why he is doing it, but merely because the book says so. If his results are different from the ones the book claims he was supposed to discover, he changes them so that his experiment will not be handed back for corrections. Then the book asks questions like "Explain why so many students get burned fingers from touching hot glass" to determine if the student has learned the material.

Chemical problems to be solved are nicely categorized into three major types. If a problem does not fit too obviously into one of these types, the student is unable to do it. He does not learn why to set up the problem and handle the information, to obtain the answer, but just has to memorize where to find the figures to use, and which columns to put them in so that his result will match the one in the back of the book.

This course does not prepare a student for University, or a career in Chemistry, but just tells him the right little checks to make beside the correct little boxes on the June exam. In general, a student who has had his intellectual growth stunted by Chem. 91 does not know anything of the sciences, and probably never will.

Following is a condensation of a lengthy article which appeared in the West Vancouver Secondary School paper, "The Westerly", under the title of "Is Homework Necessary?"

NO!!!

From "The Norsemen", from North Van Secondary School:

Ten Commandments

1. Thou shalt not throw erasers at the teacher. (Books are much heavier!)

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EXCHANGE (continued)

2. Thou shalt not run in the halls. (Sliding's more fun!)
3. Thou shalt not flunk. (be the teacher's pet!)
4. Thou shalt not peek at your neighbour's paper. (Crib notes are more accurate!)
5. Thou shalt always complete thy homework. (Unless thou canst think of a good or passable excuse!)
6. Thou shalt not pass ..notes in class. (Letters are much more informative!)
7. Thou shalt not chew gum in class. (Glue sniffing is more popular!)
8. Thou shalt not sleep in class. (Unless thou canst hide behind a book!)
9. Thou shalt not eat in class. (Unless thou bringest thine own food!)
10. Thou shalt not forget thy note. (Unless thou art a good fiction writer!)

Finally, this item taken from the 'Red and Grev' from Port Moody was in turn taken from the "Po-Colossal" from Port Cocuitlam. It can be viewed as a hint, both by student contributors and certain truant staff members.

DOWN UNDER

IF you have -
moved
eloped
sold out
been robbed
been murdered
been married
been visiting
been in a fight
been to jail
bought a car
-sold one
wrecked one
stolen one
had company
lost your hair
lost your teeth
lost your alligator
had an operation
met Joe Kapp
met Napoleon

It's news- turn it in - we'll print it!

GOSSIP

- S.MacD. - Had any crabs lately?
E.S. - Couldn't help yourself, eh? We didn't know you were so passionate.
B.K. - It's about time you gave up on that Harem bit.
L.S. - How'd that hamburger taste at the A&W with R.O'T.?
L.McL. - Did you know that your P.E. blouse has been in a few places you haven't?
J.Ch. - She loves you, she loves you not.....!!!
L.H. - Who's so interesting in Grade 13?
D.N. - Lots of room for what?
L.R. - Don't forget to leave your makeup on when you go to bed.
L.S. - Did your water pistol really spill in your purse?
C.B. & B.J. - Is that your only form of exercise for the weekend?
K.H. - Did you have fun Saturday night? It sure looked like it.
C.M. - Can I join your monkey club?
B.W. - Been lowering your "halo" lately, haven't you?
P.T. - Door knobs come in handy when it comes to hanging up blouses, don't they?
K.B. & J.S. - Home, Home on the Range.
S.W. - Didn't I tell you to do something with that nose of yours?
S.H. - From the looks of things Sunday morning, it looked like you had a real good time Saturday night.
C.R. - How did you like being a yard-cleaner? B.V. - 26 ounce flu!!
L.N. - Where do you usually bite? B.H. - "Beno"???
M.Z. - Bigamist! How many wives have you got? J.S. - Toothache or heartache?
B.K. & L.T. - Camera-shy?
N.B. - "Mrs. Brown, You've Got a Lovely Daughter."
M.S. - That was some party?
E.S. - It's too bad INGE had to see her sugar daddy get flattened.
K.P. - Who was that cute little red head you had at the dance?
F.LeC. - How's your diet coming along (or isn't it)?
B.G. - Going steady with the Ridge Rambler gossip column?
R.C. - So you're the big secret keeper, eh?
L.S. - Have you ever played the game "Go in and Out the Window"?
B.K. - Only a half-hour of revenge, give me a chance!
S.MacK. - Can you sit down yet?
L.MacG. - Did you have fun on Sunday night?
D.B. - Remember the good ol' days of "Galway Bay" in the furnace room?
D.M. - Walking the line in Hanev on a Friday is against the law, didn't you know?
G.H. - Truck drivers, cowboys, what next?
L.D. - Stop picking on those poor mice. What did they ever do to you?
S.D. - What happened to B.Mc.? Too much, eh?
F.L. - Still trying to get your cousin? (step)
M.V. - Do you have fun playing hitsies with W.L. in English?
??. - Old Port won out, hey!!
J.V.P. - What's the matter, don't you like K.P.?
B.Gu. - Still hankering after that drummer boy?
T.Y. - Well, we're still waiting for an answer. We don't want to waste our money.
K.B. - Here's hoping you get lassoed by that cowpoke from Alberta.
G.F. - How do you like those little girls in the Junior High?
M.Z. - What's this I hear about marriage! Again!
S.H. - You didn't get the hint. You are still waddling like a duck.
B.K. - She loves me?? She loves me not???
J.Cl. - "Hippety hop to the Barber shop"....
A.G. - Many boys are probably relieved that you have no intention of getting serious.
J.H. - Do you always slap people on the back as you are going down the hall?
F.P. - Is it really true that you bring a case of coke to your friend's
C.B. - You mentioned the A.A.? wild stag parties?