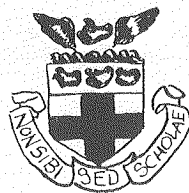


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Who Done It ?

COMEDY to PREMIERE on NHS STAGE

The Man Who Came to Dinner, written by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart, was an automatic hit when it first appeared on the Broadway scene on October 16, 1939 at the Music Box Theater. It's no wonder. The play is an adult comedy written in three acts of humorous lines not easily forgotten.

The story goes something like this: Sheridan Whiteside, a renowned lecturer, stops in a small Ohio town on one of his tours. He is invited to have dinner with this family the Stanleys, who were really not friends of his at all. While he is there, he has a slight accident. Much to his dismay, he is forced to remain at the Stanley's for quite a while. The events which occur during his stay are hilariously funny. After all, it isn't every day that one finds a group of Chinese students in one's bathroom. It isn't common either to receive a box, addressed to one's home, containing penguins. And it isn't every Christmas that one is blessed with having a sexy actress as a guest, wailing about a past leading man who threw peanut shells down her dress during a torrid love scene.

On March 29 and 30, the Junior Class of the Neshaminy Senior High School will present *The Man Who Came to Dinner* in the High School Auditorium.

Included in the cast are: Ron Brambley, Denise Thom, Nance Kleese, George Stephenson, David Freedman, Bob Wood, Alan Cantor, Janice Rogers, Linda Campbell, Lee Sanders, Bonnie Butler, Carl Gottesman, Cheryl Sinner, Jeanne Kurtz, Marge Bennett, George Klemp, Archie Heavner, Nancy Peterson, Rudy Mansdoerfer, Bill Pike, Leonard Berkowitz and Ted Pushinsky.

Mr. Waltersdorff and Miss Triesdale are the directors.

Yearbook pictures will be taken this Spring to avoid last minute confusion. If a student does not like his pictures, he may have them retaken early next school-year.

If you haven't paid last year's dues, pay them. If you haven't paid this year's dues, pay them — and if you haven't paid next year's dues — start saving!!

TEAM CAPTAINS PREPARE FOR ANNUAL COLOR FRACAS

Red Team co-captains Jill Russell and John Wickelman with the help of Lorraine Roth and Tom Preno hope to retain their position as victors of Neshaminy's annual Gym Night which will be held this year on March 15 and 16 in the high school gymnasium. Opposing them will be the Blue Team headed by Carol Buckley and Bob Cummings, assisted by Martha Kurtz and Bruce Galvin.

Junior Red Team Captains, who are hard at work practicing their marching exhibition, are Gail Scherrer and Harry Lowrie aided by Judy Miller and Bill Rokita. Sophomore Red Team Captains, Steve Pyle and Marsha Zuckerman assisted by Bob Zerbe and Judy Mason are planning a top-notch dance routine to excel the Blue Team's exhibition.

The Blue Team with Junior captains, Sherri Gallagher and Ray Jenkins and assistant captains Georgette Broomall and Butch Frazier will contend for the Gym Night title with the Junior Class Marching Exhibition. The Blue Team sophomore captains — Eric Hutchinson and Gail Jadlocki with assistant captains Sheila Frank and Dennis Auckland are preparing a soft-shoe dance routine which they hope will win for the Blue Team important points in the two consecutive nights of the exhibition. The Blue Team looks forward to its future success in re-

gaining the title of Gym Night champions.

Hard work on the part of both teams is necessary for the ultimate success of a thrilling Gym Night. No matter which team may win, the experience of performing at Gym Night will long be remembered as one of the most exciting events of the school year.

School Musicians Win Acclaim

Football at Neshaminy has always received great acclaim. Unknown to many, Neshaminy also has excellent representation in the musical activities of the county and state.

West Side Story will be the highlight of the District Band concert March 7, 8, 9 at Upper Merland High School in Willow Grove. Kathy Leszak, Lynda Edwards, and Ira Barrows have been selected to this organization.

The Bucks County Music Festival will be held February 15 and 16 at Palisades High School in Kintnersville. Clifford Heizmann and Ira Barrows were chosen to represent Neshaminy in the County Band. Those students in the County Orchestra are June Nagy, Nikki Colodny, Pam Herr, Trudy Shean, Kathy Leszak, and Lynda Edwards.

What caused the Civil War? Was it the election of Lincoln? Was it the fanatical actions of the demagogue John Brown? Or was it simply the clash of two ways of life?

If you attended the Civil War Forum, you know which of these is the correct answer.

According to Mr. Philip Nicholson, the Forum's purpose was to investigate these causes that led to the War Between the States. The war itself was not discussed at any time.

The Forum began on January 7, and was held on Monday and Tuesday afternoons for an hour period which continued for three weeks until January 22nd.

Because of the limited amount of time, the Forum was originally open only to juniors, who would study the Civil War as a part of their regular history course. However, the plans changed, and the Forum opened to all students.

The course was taught mainly through the aid of books suggested by Mr. Nicholson.

Last year Mrs. Alvey's English section, 11-26, received \$10.00 for selling the most shares in the Foreign Exchange Student Program. Recently, this money was used to purchase six books, which have been donated to the Neshaminy Senior High School library. The titles of the books purchased are: The Sound and the Fury and As I Lay Dying (volume) by William Faulkner; Critique of Pure Reason by Immanuel Kant; Thus Spake Zarathustra by Friedrich Nietzsche; Selective Stories by Franz Kafka; Dubliners by James Joyce; and The Red and the Black by Stendahl.

Ladies and Gentlemen...

Our National Anthem



"OH, SAY CAN YOU SEE" Recently featured at a class meeting were the Neshaminy Hillbillies. From Left: S. Schaffer, S. Johnson, S. Schneider, C. Inglefield, G. Broomall, J. Atkins, D. Hewish, J. Moravick

EDITORIALS

A Hopeful Step...

There has been considerable variance in the information discussed among students concerning the recent formation of a student organization temporarily referred to by the rather cumbersome title of "Neshaminy High School Service Club." Its purpose is just as large and burdensome as its name, and certainly seems well worth careful student and faculty appraisal.

To quote from the rough draft drawn up by the Governing Council, a student committee of twelve, and actively supported by Miss Staehle and Mr. Howell:

"The purpose of the Service Organization is to provide a student-directed committee to supervise students in areas of the school outside of the classroom; to raise the standards of acceptable attitudes of respect for school property, and the property of all students, faculty, and school personnel; to promote respect through example and persuasion, not by force or punishment; to increase school spirit by fostering concepts of pride in the school; its physical condition, scholastic reputation, and athletic accomplishments."

Precipitated by the recent disorder and smoking in the lavatories, the Governing Council has for the past few weeks undertaken to outline the aspirations of the Service Organization. More immediate information plus an application form will be made available to all interested students in the near future.

Membership will be determined after the applicant has filled out a form and has been personally interviewed either before or after school by members of the Governing Council. The prime qualification is sincerity, for the Council strongly feels that good grades or an impressive college board score do not necessarily mean that that student will be the most responsible and and willing to work.

Several false premises must also be clarified. First, the Service Organization is not a police unit, and although it may, in rare cases, recommend a punishment to higher authorities, it does not function on a punitive capacity.

Second, it will not be competing or conflicting with the faculty. The organization's biggest goal is aimed at correcting or changing attitudes concerning student behavior — in other words, to prevent situations from occurring that would warrant punishment.

As anything new and untried, the Service Organization is bound to have its snags and obstacles. It will be confronted by skeptical, questioning students — but if it is successful, it may prove to be one of the biggest steps ever taken by Neshaminy students themselves.

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THEY SPEAK IN XOSA

Recently in eleventh grade health classes, speakers have alighted, expounded their souls, and left. They came to spread the word concerning their topic of disease; they go wondering if their time was well spent.

The most recent of these was a panel of three distinguished experts who talked on diabetes. After being confused themselves by an audience which acted as anything but — they had no choice but to pacify them with Keith and Ellen comic books. This material was distributed and students were instructed to read it carefully. Upon reading it one finds that it is, in reality, an advertisement for a drug company. As one student observed, "If their ability with drugs does not exceed their abilities with the English language, humanity has no hope."

Previous to these speakers, the Bucks County Health Department has spread Cystic Fibrosis, Cancer, Mental Illness, and Heart Disease.

Those programs will continue throughout the school year; so, unfortunately, will the student response.

"Who's Next"

It seems that last year, the vogue across Lower Bucks was the unknowing use of an ineligible player in the sport which resembles the British rugby. The latest faction to admit allegiance to this latest rage is the primitive institution of Delhaas, who, like those who had gone before, will have to pay the consequences for succumbing to the aforementioned anti-social practice. The contest between the Tigers and the 'Skins will now be designated in the record books as a "no contest," and instead of having the Neshaminy slate being marred by a 0-11 year, it is now 0-10. The most appropriate thing to say now is to recall the infamous barber's yell, "Who's next."

For a few minutes on the night of the Eighteenth of January, One Thousand and Sixty-Three in the Year of our Lord, the torch of glory burned brightly in the eyes of Neshaminy students in the Jotunheim of Wilson High. This torch dimmed considerably when "Mousey" Durant of Wilson's Golden Rams (more suitably, Golden Horde) scored a deuce on a foul conversion, four hours, twenty-eight minutes, and thirty-five seconds before Saturday. Neshaminy played a superb game, and a probably superior one, while bottling-up the top scorer in the league in Durant which obviously

HUMANITIES PROBE PUZZLES ABOUT LIFE

Since the beginning of written history, man has asked himself six puzzling questions: Is there a god; what is truth; what is the meaning of freedom; what is beauty; what role does nature play in our lives; why do I exist?

These puzzlers have never been answered satisfactorily. They have been the subject of wars and man's inhumanity to man since ancient times. Today, this generation, too, wants some answers.

To help students find answers to the questions, Mr. George Douris and Mr. Rees Frescoln have initiated a course in the humanities at Neshaminy. They feel that the study of the Humanities: art, music, literature, and philosophy, will give a better understanding of life's bafflers.

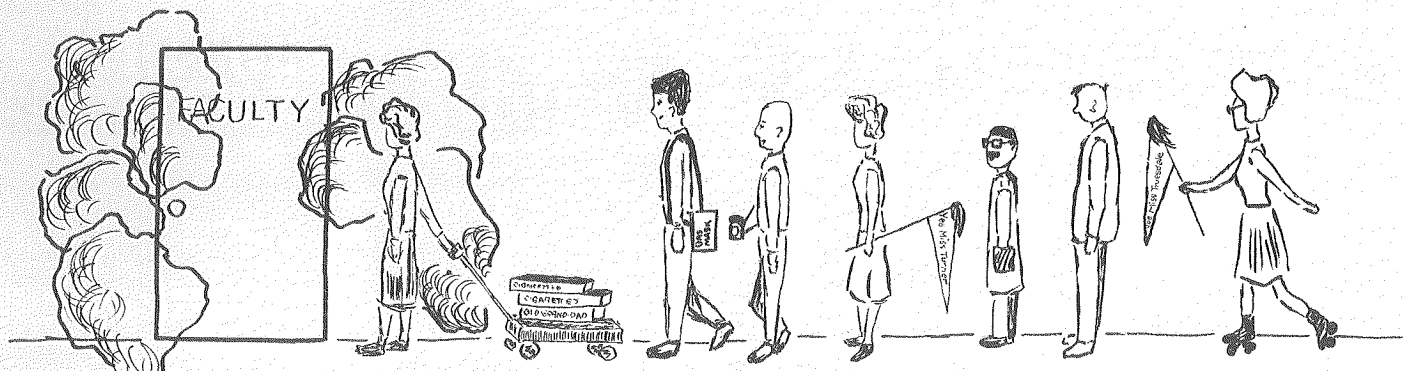
Thus, every Friday in Room D-8, seniors participate in the most unusual project ever offered in this school.

They have viewed plays like *Hamlet* and *Our Town*, listened to lectures History and English teachers (with an added attraction of a lecture by Mr. James A. Michener), learned how our civilization developed, and participated in a lively panel discussion contrasting the 1900's with the 1960's.

The idea of the program is not to destroy beliefs already known, but to bring in the ideas of other people and other times. The study of the theater, the search of God, the hunt for beauty, and the question of freedom are the concern of all of us. No man has neglected to ask the question "Why do I exist?" without coming in contact with the other five questions. Perhaps the answers to these questions will bring peace in our time.

Mr. Douris and Mr. Frescoln plan to expand the course in the near future, if so, the juniors and sophomores, too, will have to conjure up some answers.

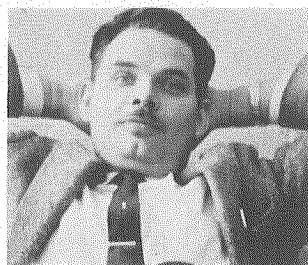
fouled up the Wilson juggernaut until the later stages. The team did prove one thing in losing (besides that Wilson has a good team); that when you encounter a great team with a "super-star", and are able to key on him, a comparative unknown will come through for the team. In this case, it was a player with the surname of Davidson who pretty much carried his squad with twenty-one points. Off the cuff, in Wilson's last game, Davidson scored seven.



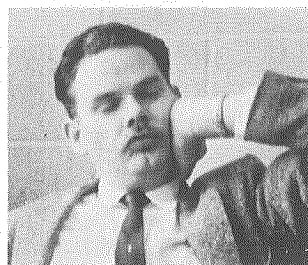
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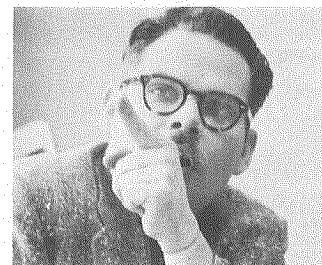
There are three things I want you to remember



That test was laughingly easy



A good story is like a teddy bear—it lasts forever



Scott, stop smiling...

ROUNDBALL ROUND-UP

December 14	Neshaminy	75	Morrisville	37
December 18	Neshaminy	60	Bensalem	42
December 21	Neshaminy	52	Council Rock	60
December 28	Neshaminy	68	Ewing	52
January 2	Neshaminy	54	Riverside	59
January 4	Neshaminy	51	Bishop Egan	70
January 8	Neshaminy	69	Wm. Tennent	50
January 11	Neshaminy	64	Delhaas	47
January 16	Neshaminy	92	Bristol	58
	Neshaminy	43	Woodrow Wilson	46
	Neshaminy	72	Pennsbury	52

COUNCIL ROCK — Two of the leagues' finest, Bill Dillman and Hal Perry, put on a shooting show in the first half which stunned the Redskins. Although the "D" boys cooled off in the second half, the damage was done. The Redskins fought an uphill battle but couldn't catch the Indians of Newtown.

BISHOP EGAN — Every team has at least one bad night in a season. January 4 was that night for the Redskins. Arch rival Bishop Egan displayed a blistering fast break and a stubborn defense in the first half, and took a 35-14 lead. The closest margin during the second half was 15 points, and the 70-51 final score sounded better than the game really was.

WOODROW WILSON — A maze of bad passes, missed shots, and defensive mistakes made the 46-43 loss the most exciting game of the season. The biggest lead for either team was 4 points. Rich Cornwall scored 15 points, and Bill Brundzo scored 10, mostly on hustling tap ins.

PENNSBURY — A supposedly tough game was an easy victory for the Redskins. Rich Cornwall scored 32 points, and Ray McCloskey 15. This put Neshaminy in a tie with Pennsbury for the first half of LBCL Basketball.

SCORING SUMMARY

	G.	PTS.	AVER.	HIGH GAME
Bercute	3	8	2.7	8
Brundzo	11	90	8.2	9
Cornwall	12	198	16.5	31
Emery	12	41	3.4	9
Foulkrod	9	49	5.4	15
Galloway	12	152	12.7	29
Harris	4	2	.5	2
McCloskey	12	115	9.6	16
Overton	11	34	3.1	6
Shankin	8	35	4.4	13
Vosburgh	7	12	1.7	5
Lesnik	2	7	3.5	4
Capobianco	3	1	.3	1
Schramm	1	2	2	2

Bulging Veins Bulged in Vain

With faces reddening, veins bulging, and eyes popping, the Neshaminy gymnastics team muscled its way to within seven points of the West Point Plebes, 51½-44½. Bob Baldwin captured Neshaminy's only victory in his specialty, the side horse. The team was kept in contention, however, by the second place efforts of Ralph DeFrehn, Jerry Taylor, Tom Preno, Miles Wilde, and John Linforth.

This was apparently the last chance for the Redskins to avenge their losses to the Army Academy. Coach Baba has told his team that he does not intend to return to West Point, due to the poor officiating at the meets and the poor facilities offered to his team during their stay.

College Review

PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY — Ogontz Center
Abington, Pa. (Student pop. 4,167)

Penn State at Ogontz Center is a two year college with transfer to main campus in two years if desired. The college is co-educational, offers liberal arts and pre-professional program as well as other studies.

Admission: must be in top 3/5 of class (or take SAT's) in order to qualify. Expenses: tuition — \$480; books — \$80-\$120; room and board — \$700. Limited financial aid or job opportunities available through college.

Swimmers Break Records, Stand 6-1 in League Meets

The starter's gun cracked, and two backstrokers whipped off the starting blocks to begin the 200-yard medley relay. So started the Neshaminy-Woodrow Wilson swim meet, in which two Neshaminy team records were broken. Although the Redskins won the meet, 49-37, many of the races were closer than the score implies. One such instance was the 550-yard freestyle, which the Redskins' Bob Miller won by one-tenth of a second over Wilson's Dave Dredge.

The first record broken was in the 200-yard individual medley. Tom Irwin, a sophomore, was timed in 2:24.0, beating last year's record set by Jim Abel. Irwin has been a prime point-getter for the 'Skins in both the medley and the 100-yard freestyle.

Just after the diving event, which Wilson won, freshman Pete Reed set a new record in the 100-yard butterfly. Reed outdistanced the field by seven seconds, winning the event in 1:01.6.

Chuck Brunner, who unofficially won the 200-yard freestyle against Wilson's standout swimmers, the McKinnon brothers, was disqualified for not touching on a turn.

Some other individual firsts for Neshaminy were: Bill Tome, backstroke; and Jack Keyser, breaststroke.

This win made the 'Skins record 6-1. The tankmen are preparing for their unofficial league championship meet with Pennsbury on February 14.

Presenting the NHS Matmen

COACHES DUNKED



The wrestling team poses during one of its brief periods when none of its members were injured. They are from left to right: Hank Woodruff, Greg McBride, Lee Clickner, Ed Curran, Jackie Dunn, Teddy Boerckel, Top Row — left to right: George Kossinger, Steve Weinstein, Warren Weiderhold, Ben Brandau, Bob Cummings, John Wichelman.

WRESTLERS CONFIDENT, POFF SAYS DESPITE POOR STUDENT TURNOUT

To many, hard work is a nemesis to be avoided at all possible costs. Not so with a small percentage of *men* in Neshaminy who think enough of their school and themselves to push themselves to the physical, emotional, and mental limits of the human body. These usually above-average individuals are the members of Neshaminy High's wrestling team.

Mr. Chris Poff, Neshaminy's able varsity coach, and Mr. John Kopack, assistant and junior varsity coach, seem a bit disheartened over the apparent lack of true athletes in the school. "Do you realize that out of nine hundred boys in Neshaminy, less than thirty have enough 'intestinal fortitude' to come out for a really tough sport like wrestling?" asks Coach Poff. "That's only 2% of the school!"

Lack of proper candidates in the heavier weights has caused the squad much concern. In desperate need of an unlimited-weight wrestler, Neshaminy was forced to forfeit this weight in its first three matches — a total of eighteen points was given away in this manner. The North Penn meet, lost by Neshaminy 27-21, was tied before counting the six point forfeit caused by the "missing heavy-weight." "We could have won these first two meets," says Mr. Poff in a rather angry tone, "if we only had a few more tough kids willing to do a little sweating for their school instead of going home and watching Bandstand!"

Who, then, are the members of this small clique of devoted and loyal Redskins? Returning from last year's championship squad and Hank Woodruff and co-captains Greg McBride and Lee Clickner. Because of weight problems, it was impossible for Hank to help the varsity in the early season, though he did wrestle junior varsity. Lee and Greg, however, have done much to help the team. With both undefeated so far this season, and likely to remain that way, Coach Poff predicts, "Lee and Greg should have great seasons this year. They both have what it takes."

Most of Neshaminy's hopes lie in the talented sophomores who are tackling the problems of inexperience and are still making a good showing of themselves. Of special note are varsity sophomores Eddie Curran, Jackie Dunn, Teddy Boerckel, and George Kossinger. Of them, Mr. Poff says that with experience they will help give Neshaminy a wrestling team to be proud of. Ron Bilger, also a sophomore, has been wrestling varsity at the 95 pound weight class.

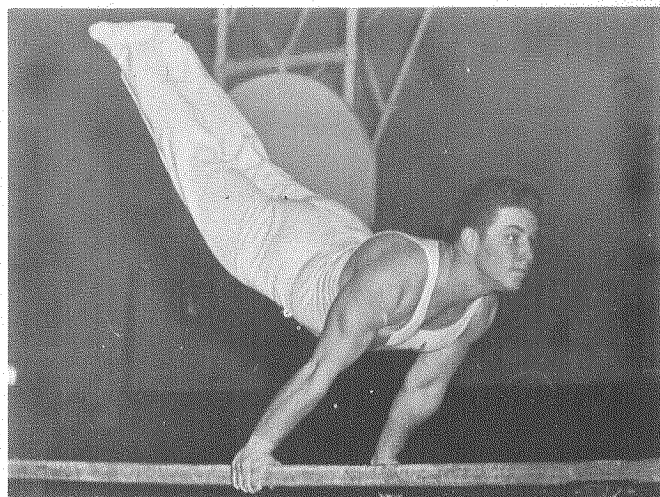
Although a little late, several well-known athletes have come through for Neshaminy. These include Bob Cummings, John Wickelman, and Milt Rassier, all in the heavier weights. A great boon they are, but hardly the cure-all for the ills of the wrestling team. Any team, to be effective, needs depth — strength in reserve.

The junior varsity, under the guidance of mentor John Kopack, has been gaining valuable experience. Potential wrestlers are

trained for varsity through the J.V. Junior varsity sophomores include Davey Weir, Chuck Koch, Bruce Hopf, Dick Whitman, and John Troyano. The J.V. is undefeated so far this season, sporting a 3-0 record.

A total of fourteen meets are scheduled for Neshaminy this season. As in previous years, this schedule is one of the toughest if not the toughest, in the area. Important league meets include Wilson, Bensalem, and the ever-powerful Pennsbury. Tough non-league meets have Neshaminy encountering Easton, Allen of Allentown, and Hill School, one of the best prep wrestling schools in the nation. Concerning these "toughies" Mr. Poff says, "We have a lot working against us, but we also have certain things in our favor. I think with a little hard work and determination our boys can do the job and show what Neshaminy is made of."

HEY PRENO, GOT A MATCH?



Tom Preno, Captain of this year's Gymnastics Team, swings into a handstand during a recent team practice.

Due to the fact that six, instead of four, laps must be swum for a 100-yard race, George School's 50-foot pool always produces some close and interesting races. In fact, many of the races were won in the turns in this January 10th meet.

Such was the closely-contested 100-yard freestyle. Neshaminy's Tom Irwin was up against George School's star freestyler, Jay Platt. The taller Platt used his height to full advantage on the start, where he gained half a body's length lead. Irwin stayed with Platt though, and on the fourth turn, Irwin inched past Platt and came in to finish with the fast time of :56.8.

Most events were not as close as the freestyle, and the Neshaminy mermen took eight firsts out of the meet's ten events. This easy, 60-26, win was a considerable improvement over last year, when Neshaminy just scraped past George School, 44-42. The double winners for the 'Skins were Irwin, Hallworth, Reed and Tome.

To celebrate the fact that the team's record is now 4-1, coaches Burns and Reeser were ceremoniously thrown into the pool after the meet.