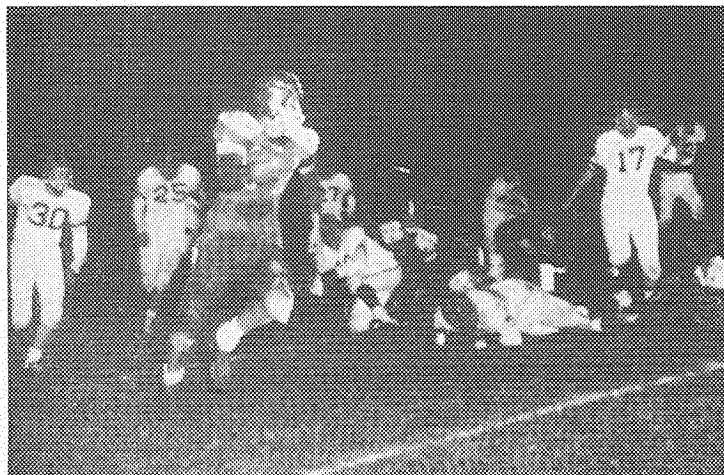


## Schuh's Shoes Fly



Sophomore Harry Schuh pounds away for a T.D. during the Chester fracas.

## Ram Mentors Impressed

### What Surprises Does Pennridge Have Upl t's Green & White Sleeves?

What's Pennridge got waiting in Perkasio for our Redskin gridders tonight? Last Friday the Rams' coaching staff and scouts witnessed the massacre on Playwicki Field as Neshaminy mercilessly scalped the big Chester Clippers; and their eyes popped! Pennridge's head coach, Wayne Helman, in an exclusive interview with your Playwickian reporter said, "Neshaminy looks very good—they look 'ready'. They move well and are aggressive." But the Rams may also have some surprises for us!

Pennridge came out on top of the Bux-Mont Conference last season. This was no new experience to them: they copped the same honor in '53 and '55. But last spring's graduation did a mighty conspicuous face-lifting job on their starting lineup. Crafty Ray Moyer is still around as quarterback and has already had two years varsity experience. Speedy Bob Clymer is back at left end, rugged Rudy Pohl will be smashing away at left tackle.

But the Rams have lost about eight stalwarts. The Redskins are not sorry to see offensive guards Detweiler and Williams and backer-up Anders go. Other men who won't be around this season are: hard-to-stop halfback Redgey Jet, fullback Schafer, right end Souder, right tackle Glenzack and center Yoder.

Tonight's game is the first of the season for the Rams. Any educated guess we might give would be about as valuable as a hockey stick at home plate. But we can offer you this. Pennridge has traditionally played the game on the ground; reliable sources tell us the picture won't be changed this season. Their line averages about medium weight, around 170 pounds. On paper, this gives the Redskins a little better advantage than they had in that department against the beefy Clippers.

At any rate, we can guarantee there'll be an interesting scrap, so follow the boys to Perkasio and let your cheering tell them that Neshaminy's with it all the way.

## 'Best Yet' Chieftain Goes On Sale; New Ideas Added to Former Style

This year's Chieftain combines the best features of previous books with new ideas that could only be the result of pure genius on the part of the '59 staff. The theme must remain shrouded in secrecy, but the purpose of the book remains the same: to make Neshaminy and her lifeblood, the student body, an important and treasured memory for her graduates.

Your yearbook, in ten years, will mean more to you than any other reminder of your high school days. Many of your classmates will be prominent in business and other fields; most of them will be married. Within 25 years, your children will be comparing the Chieftain, '59 to the Chieftain, '84.

You may not have realized that staff members have been working on the Chieftain since school ended last spring. Even before that, ideas, procedures

and experiences of previous staffs were being studied. Technically, it has taken years to put the '59 Chieftain into production. As soon as you see it, you'll realize that the time and effort have been well spent!

Kathie Warner, Editor-in-Chief, is proud of the work being done by her assistants. All of them have contributed greatly to the finest and most memorable of a long line of outstanding yearbooks.

## Band Combines With Color Guard, Majorettes for Next Assembly

Pulse, melody, harmony and contrast . . . do you know what we're talking about? After next week's assemblies you won't have to feel "left out" when this part of our culture is being discussed. These programs under the direction of Mr. Bruce Thompson are scheduled for September 24 and 25. The whole band and some vocalists will "work around" the four basic music elements mentioned above.

The Color Guard and Majorettes will also take part in the activities, so there'll be plenty of action and color along with our listening pleasure.

Ed Neely will do a trumpet solo "Rondo Capriccio" by Fitzgerald. "Concertino" by Chaminade is the flute solo to be performed by Vail Pryor. Susan Colodny will do a second movement of a Bach violin concerto. Another violin number, "Fiddle Faddle" will be done by Dottie Riggs. Vocal numbers will be done by Nancy Paul.

Other Band members deserve recognition for their many hours of practice and hard work, so we include the names of all participants.

Percussion: Woody Mather, Wayne Luke and Richard Rogow.

Woodwinds: Karen Leszak, Vail Pryor, Sharon Combs, Carolyn Pitts, Ray Foley, Barb Gross, Jim Wilson, Bev Cloud, George Brown, Pat Kentzler, Barb Dickert and Allena Hood.

Barb Smith, Robert Eurice, Don Estel, Eleanor Mazurek, Bob Kohler, Judy Brous and Bob Newbert.

Brass: Ed Neely, Linda Stephan, John Caldwell, Buddy Williams, Ed Scheuring, Ron Young and Wayne Berry.

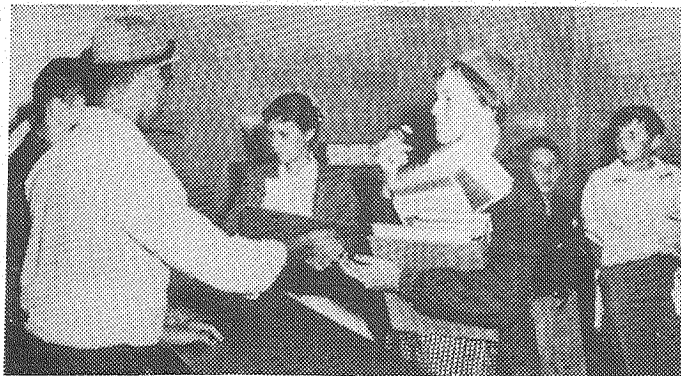
Carol Weiser, Steve Gross, Earl Patterson, Wilson Kistler, Harry Horton, Bill Stout, Alan Fontana, Joey Tomlinson and Tom McBride.

## Student Drivers To Be Tagged

Due to the ever-growing number of students who drive their own cars to school, the administration feels that in order to enforce better driving practices and to obtain less parking confusion, each motorist student will receive an auto tag, which, when pasted to his rear-view mirror, will signify that he is entitled to a spot in the special parking area, and also subject to all school driving regulations.

These tags, each costing 25c, will help pay for a special-duty policeman, who will see to it that each car is duly protected and that law and order are maintained. Any student who abuses his driving privileges is subject to having his tag revoked, thereby making it mandatory that he find some other means of transportation to school.

## What's A Head Without Blue & Red?



Louis Demauro and Elva Edwards show what's in store for the well dressed Neshaminyite. The clamor for collegiate looking dinks depleted the school store's supply, but more are on the way. You can still keep "ahead in style."

### FIVE KITTENS

Guaranteed intelligent—raised in a teacher's home  
Guaranteed athletic—their foster father is a coach  
Immediate delivery—  
Mrs. Hess's husband says they have got to go this weekend.  
And they're for free . . .  
Ask Mrs. Hess on your way to the school bus today; surprise your parents!



**RAM the RAMS!**

# Principally Speaking

The moment we assembled to begin a new school year, it was apparent the profile of Neshaminy was changed. We are a larger school. It is natural for institutions to grow, but their quality depends on whether or not they can promote and maintain certain values. As we begin this new year it is important that we do some hard thinking about these things.

Good education requires good teachers operating in reasonably sized classes with hard working students in a sound and well organized curriculum. This formula is neither modern nor old fashioned. It is the only formula which can succeed. To this we add good classroom facilities, good instructional materials, and a student body with good discipline and high morale. We honor our traditions but do not substitute tradition for creative activity. New ways to solve old problems are constantly examined. These things make the basis upon which Neshaminy intends to maintain its quality as it grows.

In extending greetings to our new class and our new students, we emphasize the pride which Neshaminy takes in her students. They are the measure of our institution. Each student must give complete attention and great effort to his educational program. Our past achievements can be simply a preview of greater things. For the school year 1958-59, please accept our sincere best wishes.

John A. Stoops, Principal

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## Don't Drop That Paper . . . .

### What Goes Down Must Come Up!!

After a long and eventful summer vacation, it's back to the old grind for students, teachers and yes, even the cafeteria ladies and custodial staff. We don't often think of it, but the clockwork order and efficiency of this school are due in large part to the tireless efforts of this hard-working team. We who suffer when we are handed a solitary dust cloth at home, would really shake to see the vast amount of sweeping, dusting, washing, polishing and scrubbing that is all part of a day's work to a custodian. You girls who groan about fixing supper for a family of six or so, how would you like preparing dishes for a few thousand? Gee, you window scrubbers, have you ever counted the glassworks around here? You floormoppers, how about tramping a few miles instead of a couple of feet? And who really bellows the loudest when baby brother leaves a few pieces of used gum around?

Take all these problems, multiply by 1300 careless high-schoolers and what do you have? A staggering amount of work deposited on the thin shoulders of custodians. To be fair and square, you know we really could do something about it. It only takes a little thoughtfulness and consideration on our parts. The next time you are tempted to press your grubby little fingers to a window pane, throw gum wrappers on the floor, or tattoo the wall nicely with chalk erasers, do try putting yourself in their place, multiply your problem by 1300 and see if you don't involuntarily shrink back in horror.

There isn't a person at Neshaminy who isn't proud of this fine school and so, while we enjoy its many privileges, let's be happy too, to take on a few of its responsibilities.

## To the Class of '61

In the last issue we enumerated your fine achievements.

Just as we know of your strengths, we are aware of your weaknesses. "Our weaknesses?" you might ask, "Why we don't have any weak spots. We support our school activities! We go out for sports! We buy school publications! We respect our leaders!" Maybe some of you do but does every sophomore? What about lazy Mary? In case you don't know lazy Mary, she's that little mouse over in the corner. She makes "B's" in English, but would she ever think of working on a school publication? Let's ask her. "Who me? Me work on the yearbook? Well — you see, uh, I can't do it unless my friend disinterested Denise comes with me. I just can't." And, how about Sammy Smith? He's the kid who always manages to travel down the hall at lunch time, but if you ask him why he doesn't go out for track, he comes up with a statement like this, "I don't like that crowd, they're a bunch of squares. I'd rather hang around with the guys at the drug store." Every student must learn to use his capabilities for his own good, his class, his school and his community. The idea that participants in school activities are picked before the season starts is a fallacy. If you are good enough the school newspaper or the basketball team will not turn you away. Encourage yourself to participate in extra-curricular activities. One of the most embarrassing situations that a senior can face is to open his yearbook, look under his picture and see only his name — with no activities.

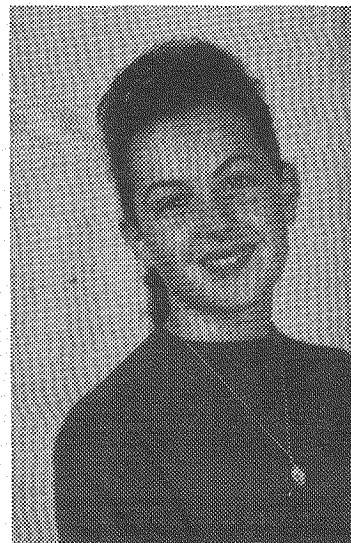
Just as "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," so "all play and no work makes Jack a dull boy." Set a goal — shoot for the honor roll, the football team, student council, class officer, the honor society, or college, and don't stop until you reach or exceed your goal. Eliminate the phrase "I can't" from your vocabulary — make up your own motto such as: "Basketball team or bust," "Doe for President," or "Another day, another 'A'". Good luck, and may you make the most of your years at Neshaminy Senior High School.

## Cheerleaders Get More to Cheer About

Neshaminy's cheerleaders are on the bandwagon again for a really fine year of cheering our team on to V-I-C-T-O-R-Y. Resplendant in their new uniforms, the girls are just brimming to overflowing with plenty of vim, vigor and enthusiasm for a victorious season. For many years the cheerleaders have been a self-supporting group, earning the money needed for their cute outfits by staging bake sales, dances, and selling shakers.

This year, backed financially by the student activities fund, the girls no longer need to go into business for themselves. This means that our busy cheerleaders now have the much-needed time to devote to making up and practicing the squad's many new cheers. We know you'll agree with us when we say — three cheers for Neshaminy's bounciest, peppiest club.

## SPOTLIGHTING THE SENIORS

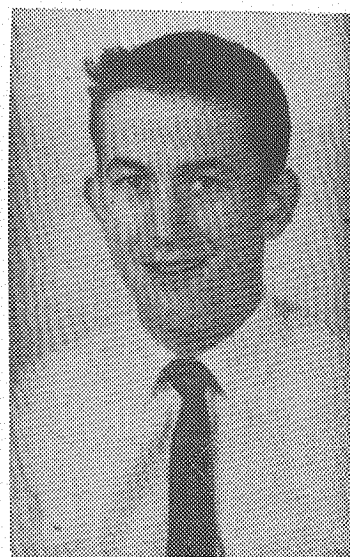


Kathie Warner

This month's spotlight is turned on our attractive editor of this year's yearbook, Miss Kathie Warner. Kathie, who formerly hailed from Trenton, New Jersey, has lived in Levittown for the past three years. Her many hobbies include reading, dancing, collecting oriental glass dolls and going to football games. She likes all good foods, but admits she has a special weakness for hot pastrami sandwiches.

After completing school, she hopes to go to junior college where she will study to become an airline hostess. When asked what she thought about Neshaminy, the ardent Miss Warner said; "I loved it from the first minute I came."

The best of luck to a truly fine and outstanding member of our student body.



Earl Patterson

The spotlight turns on another senior, Earl Patterson. Earl, who has lived in Feasterville for the past six years, is president of our senior class. This young man claims spinach is his favorite all-round food and says Band, under Mr. Thompson, is his favorite subject. When asked about his future plans Earl, who is a sports enthusiast, said his ambition is to be a pro-baseball player. Earl feels that "When I graduate, I'll miss Neshaminy very much."



## Chester Shutout 44-0

With a power-laden team, Neshaminy took the bull by the horns and steam-rolled to an overwhelming victory of 44-0 over a demoralized Chester High team. The Redskins uncorked a great display of teamwork with each member doing his job to the best of his ability. The backfield proved to be very fast and very tough with the addition of two new varsity players who played in their first game since they graduated from the junior high ranks last year. The Redskin line, not to be outdone by a top-notch backfield, threw up a stone-wall through which only a few Chester players managed to penetrate.

The backfield this year consists of two sophomores, Harry Schuh and Jack Stricker, with two seniors, Al Gaskill and Rich Simon. These four knocked Chester into a tailspin by executing a good variety of plays which netted them a total of almost 400 yards, 300 on the ground. Though only five passes were thrown, they were good for a total of 90 yards with every one of them being completed. The running was a sight to see for not only did the runner carry the ball well but he usually had a solid wall of interference ahead of him which did a sure-fire job on the Chester boys. This backfield has got that something extra which could put it on top to stay.

The Redskins have a light but fast and tough line which proved to be nothing easy to match. The blocking was sure and steady and not a hit or miss proposition. The boys opened the holes and made it look easy for Gaskill or Stricker to shoot right through the Chester defensive line. They weren't fooled by any of the plays which were pulled off by the opposition. They were ready and wanted to get in and fight. Neshaminy's blocking on punt returns made it possible for Stricker to make a spectacular 70 yard run for a touchdown in the third period.

Co-Coaches Harry Franks and John Petercuskie have molded what looks like a championship team for Neshaminy High. There is, however, work to be done to iron out some of the mistakes which were pointed out through the Chester game. Only 10 men on the field along with too many unnecessary penalties are the main faults which were pointed out. The Redskins are looking forward to the harder competition of Allentown with hopes of being able to give them a tough time this year.

## Things Looking Up This Season



## Hardy Harriers Rarin' to Run

This year, as always, Neshaminy's Cross-country Harriers are out and running in full force, coached by Mr. Hermanson, who is quite a runner himself.

Mr. Hermanson's fine coaching ability in cross-country and track has sent the "Redskin Runners" to the league track and field championship in 1956 and runner-up position for 1958 track. We've been second in cross-country only to William Tennent for these first five years of cross-country in the Lower Bucks League. This year we hope to go all the way!

You, the student body, can make our Harriers the Number 1 Team in the league this year through support—come out in body to the first meet on September 26 instead of going home and watching T.V. You may find you'll want to see more.

By the way, the first time trial indicates that this season should be a good one. Varsity members are Dave Meade, George Lutz, Wayne Luke, Daryl Sanders, Jeff Gangel, Leonard Footland, Dave Reale, Woody Mather, Jim (Robbie) Robertson and Bob Little.

Meade won the 2.2-mile race in 12:17 with Lutz 19 seconds back in 12:36.

The J.V. is composed of Bart Green, Bunli Yang, Bill Haniman, Chuck Dawson, Jerry Gangwer, Charles (Chick) Frazier, Mitch Sadler, Wilson Kistler, Dennis Whalen, Ed Speath, John Werner, and Joe Bulaffa. Roland Judson and Bob Foster, both third year men have just come out and were not in shape for their best performances.

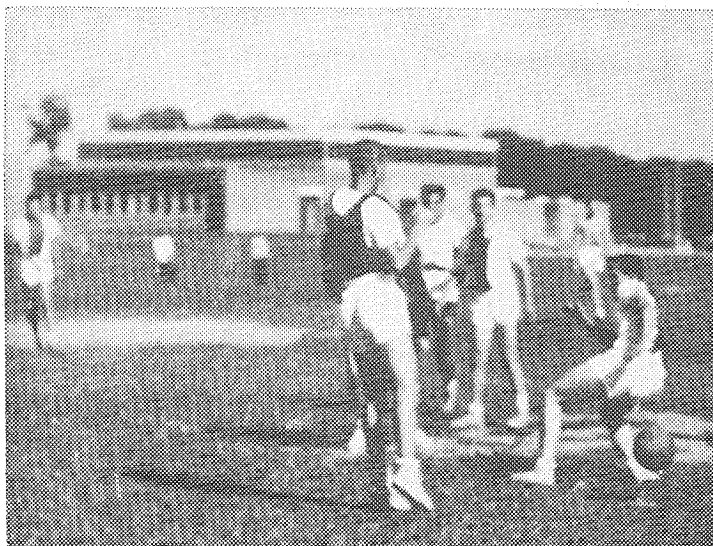
## *Chips from the news log*

Karen Gordon of 12-H home-room is replacing former editor Harry Humphreys who moved from the area just before school opened. Karen's energy and efficiency as news editor last year earned her appointment to the top post. The staff is pleased with her leadership, and anticipates another big year for the Playwickian.

Starting this fall term, Neshaminy Senior High School initiated a new course, Business Law. The objectives of this course are to help bring about understanding of knowledge, power and character. These three qualities are needed by every person in a democracy so that he may recognize everyone's rights and obligations, think logically and clearly for himself, and have respect for the law, society, and the opinion of others. Over sixty students enrolled and have evidenced their

## Hey You, Don't Sit On Our Ball!!

It's Hers By Hook or By Crook



Boys with the talented toes are left to right: Tom Daubert, Doug Czarnecki, Earnest DeAngelis and Lloyd Bezar.

## Soccermen Toughening Up— 14 League Games Plus City Champs

The '58-59 Soccer season is upon us, and the men of the Neshaminy High Soccer Team are working hard to get into shape for their first game. The team has a tough schedule this year; they have 14 league games and a game with the City Champs of last year, Frankford High. Many of these games will be played at home — come on out and support your team.

We have twenty men back from last year, they are: Doug Czarnecki, Harry Barber, Vincent Cival, Helmut Glaeser, Ernest De Angelis, Lloyd Bezar, Mike Karr, Richar Stroh, Jerry Buttrey, Jay Adams, Bob Mann, Bob Light, Norris Gausline, Ronnie Olesch, Tom Ciccone, Tom Daubert, George Nahm, Danny Hayes, and Bob McHugh (Mgr.).

We also have these new members on the team: George Frazier, Tom Sweeny, Phil Calvert, Al Hill, Al Cooper, and Barry Egan. Barry looks like the most likely to succeed; he has been playing a very good game.

FELLOWS - by no means are all positions taken. All men interested in playing are very welcome.

## It's Hers By Hook or By Crook



This random shot was snapped during the first hockey practice. There is no definite story on Girls Hockey at this time. We'll make this lack of coverage up to them with a big spread in our next issue.

## Your Talent Can Help Scholarship Fund; Join "Plain and Fancy"

Students of the Senior High are invited to audition for parts in the Neshaminy Valley Music Theater's spring production of the musical comedy "Plain and Fancy." The group is pleased with the participation of some of our students in last year's "Merry Widow." There are openings in singing and speaking roles, and in choreography.

Proceeds from the show go to the High School Scholarship Fund, so participants can render a service to the school along with having fun and gaining experience before an audience.

There are two audition dates left—next Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. in the music room.

## NESHAMINY HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY CHEERLEADERS



From left to right: Carolyn Wagner, Beverly Faunce, Gail Paxson, Pat DeMore, Ginny Maurizi (Co-Captain), Peggy Flanigan (Co-Captain), Sue Dunlap, Ellen Choman, Ruth Leininger, and Dotty Garber.

## Schooling After 12; How Much Is Enough?

We think you all will be interested in this column; as you read on, it will tell you just what our class of '58 is doing now that they have graduated.

Sandra Ammon is working for the Civil Service at night in Rider. We think Sandy deserves a few words for winning a secretarial scholarship. For those of you who haven't heard of this, our own secretaries have a scholarship fund which is given to a deserving student who plans to continue her study in the business world after high school.

Following is a list of our graduates and the institutions they attend.

Sandy Andrade, Julliard School of Music; Barry Atkinson, Penn State; Dan Augustyniak, Penn State; Sandy Baker, Penn State; Anne Barcalow, Temple; Dick Barcelou, East Stroudsburg; Larry Bell, Asbury College; Nancy Boerckel, Millersville.

Frank Conroy, East Stroudsburg; Margot Cooper, Penn State; Joanne Creed, St. Francis (nursing); Jim Currie, Millersville.

Meade won the 2.2-mile race ville; Susan Daulton, Penn State; Louise DeAngelis, Phila. Conservatory of Music; Margaret Dickert, Holy Family College; William Doey, Seton Hall University; Gerald Ehrlen, Juniata; Bruce Elsner, Penn State.

Tom Farr, Penn State; Jim Foster, Rider College; Faith Fradkin, Temple; Lou Gentner, Temple; Tom George, U. of Miami; Willard Goodwin, Renes-selar Tech.; Stuart Grant, Ursinus; Joan Gutgesell, Bloomsburg; Brooke and Joan Helrieg-

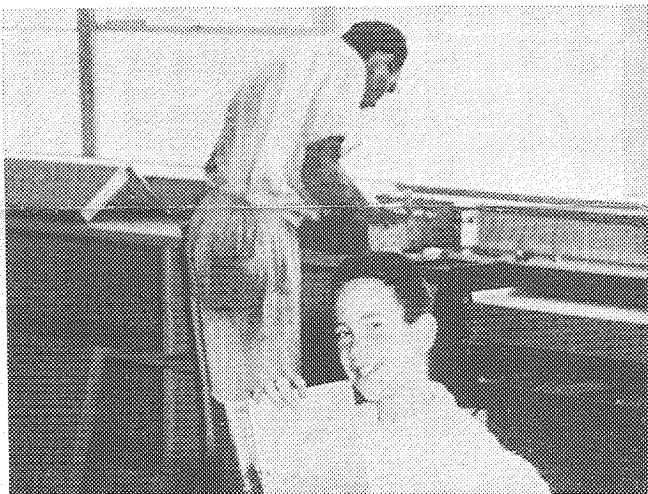
el, Wittenberg; Jim Hoffner, Phila. Museum of Art; Diane Hogeland, Susquehanna; Barry Holeve, Temple; Betty Hurt, St. Francis (nursing); David Jobson, Temple.

Ginny Jones, Oberlin; Kitty Kafel, Lankeneau (nursing); Joann Kurtz, Abington (nursing); Bonnie Langdon, Frankford (nursing); Carol Mason, Prairie Bible Institute; Dick May, Villanova; Ginny Mayer, Wheaton; Harry Meyers, Temple; Gerry Miller, Gettysburg; Gerry Mladjen, East Stroudsburg; Barry Mundis, Oklahoma U. Lois Munyon, Secretary; Betty Lou Murphy, West Chester; Dotti Newell, Abington (nursing); Joseph Nieskoski, Lehigh.

Karen Olsen, Lankeneau (nursing); William Ong, Rider; Ellie Pettigrew, West Chester; Barbara Pietzsch, Ursinus; Judy Praul, Temple (nursing); Robert Rell, Penn State; Sandy Rogow, Bradford U.; John Sanders, Millersville; Frank Sarr, Notre Dame; Dave Selby, Temple; Peter Senser, General Motors Inst.; Margaret Smith, St. Francis (nursing).

Elizabeth Stahl, Kutztown; Tom Stricker, East Stroudsburg; Peggy Sylvester, Secretary; James Thomas, Millersville; Frannie Veitz, Holy Family College; Grace Weidemann, Abington (nursing); Carol Weissinger, Abington (nursing); Patricia Welsh, Penn State; Elaine Wichelman, Gettysburg; Rudolph Widman, Penn State; Walter Wolf, Penn State; Russell Wood, Drexel; Pat Yearicks, Millersville; Rosemary Zill, Albright College.

## Pounding In The Thought Buzz Saw vs. Books In New Wing



## Tooth-pulling Job for Eager Beaver; Wood Shop Boys Construct Dam

The Advanced Wood Shop classes in D-4 are undertaking a project of building a log retainer dam at the site of the school's conservation area down near the Neshaminy Creek.

Both classes are working in this co-operative project to aid in the conservation efforts of the Science Department. The purpose of the dam is to hold back rushing flood waters from heavy rains and thus prevent extreme erosion in that area.

The class is organized into groups which are responsible for the following activities: The Saw Crew: Foreman, Jack Carson, Harford Drexler, Jim Bruner, Bob King, Bob Bernhardt, Fred Kleinschmidt, Wes Harding, Damon Jobson, and Gene Zazzara.

Surveying Crew: Jim Nesbitt and Chuck Lang, Foremen; Bob Smith, Al Greenly, John England, Wayne Luke, and Jerry Gangwer.

Tree Choppers: Jay Adams and Ron Staffiere, Foremen; Brian Rodel, Bob Mann, Stan Flynn, Tom Nuss, Bill Tomlinson, Jim Cuffee, Bob Coville, and Tony Medaglia.

Excavators: Jim Coll and Tom Novalski, Foremen; Jerry Lauther, Bob Huff, Dominic Sodano, Bob Remillard, Wayne Berry, and Charlie Williams.

Land Clearing Crew: Bill Cressman and Fran Demuro, Foreman; Wayne Billet, Bob Bender, Rich Brown, Jack Russell and Gerald Burns.

This man-sized job is off to a flying start. Progress will depend on the weather. We hope to have something for you to see by the next issue.

## Ding Dong School Comes to New Wing

Have you heard that clear, melodious ringing noise sounding something like a fire alarm, in the new wing?

This clever new bell system was thought of, and planned, by senior Bob Kuhar, an up-and-coming young physicist in one of Mr. Prizer's classes.

The materials used were an old fire alarm (he won't tell where he got it), and some 150 feet of well-placed wire strung through ash cans, nail holes and rubbish.

This job was engineered for the purpose of saving Mrs. Huggett from running up and down the hall ringing a cow bell when classes were to be dismissed.

## The Assembly Line

Sept. 24, 25 .....	N.H.S. Musical Program
Oct. 1, 2 .....	Play — Jinx from Alabama
Oct. 8, 9 .....	Illustrated lecture — Game and Wildlife
Oct. 15, 16 .....	Mr. Zerbe tells about Germany
Oct. 22, 23 .....	U. N. Program
Oct. 29, 30 .....	Correlated Art and Music Program