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The fifteen new teachers become oriented with the school system at a faculty meeting. They are (bottom row, l. to r.) Minerva Canavan, Alice Bolay, Rebecca Pratt, Helen Southworth, Pearl Pierce, Jessie St. Jean Judy Granger, Ruth Mackenzie; (upper row) Theodore Nickles, John Rodabough, David Hill, Don Reed, George Massot, Jack Jones, and Lilburn Hoehn.

New Teachers Complete Staff

English, French, P.E. Departments Expanded; New Track Coach Added

Joining Webster's 82 faculty members will be 15 new teachers. Ten of them have had previous experience, while teaching will be relatively new to five members. Even though the majority come from Missouri and other Mid-western states, one teacher has taught in Arizona and another in France.

Mrs. Alice Bolay, a Washington University graduate, will be one of two new French teachers. She has previously taught in the Clayton school district.

Miss Minerva Canavan was also graduated from Washington University. As a physical education instructor, this will be her first teaching assignment.

A third Washington University graduate, Miss Judith Granger will join the faculty as one of four new English teachers. Formerly she taught in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Mr. David Hill, an arts and crafts instructor, is a graduate of the University of Missouri. He has had no previous teaching experience.

Mr. Jack Jones will join the faculty as both a driver education teacher and an assistant track coach. He was graduated from Northeast Missouri State College and will begin his first year of teaching.

Another member of the English department will be Mrs. Ruth Mackenzie. She attended Park College in Parkville, Missouri, and has had teaching experience.

Instructing the advanced French classes will be Mr. Georges Massot, a graduate of the University of Montpellier in France. While Mr. Massot is teaching at the high school, his wife will instruct at Hixson Jr. High.

Mr. Theodore Nickles, an industrial arts teacher, received his education at Colorado State College. Formerly he taught at

the high school at Plato, Missouri. Miss Rebecca Pratt, another English teacher, attended Oklahoma Baptist College. She has been on the faculty at Hancock High School in Lemay.

Teaching both psychology and driver education will be Mr. Don Reid. A graduate of the University of Wichita, he has previously taught in the Hutchinson, Kansas public schools.

Mr. John Rodabough, a social studies instructor, received his degree at the Mississippi State University. He will begin his first year of teaching.

Mrs. Helen Southworth, the new biology teacher, will be familiar to many students. She was graduated from the University of Wisconsin and has substituted at Webster for several years.

The instrumental music supervisor will be Mr. Anthony Carosello. He attended the University of Missouri and will succeed Mr. Hans Lemcke.

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Expansion Plan Delayed by Strike

Construction on Webster Groves elementary schools was delayed four weeks because of a ten week strike of the Steamfitter's Association, Local 562. Final bids from the contractors were originally due on August 8, but since the contractors were unable to estimate their labor costs, a new deadline of September 12 was set.

In addition to the Steamfitter's strike the project was blocked by a strike of the Plasterer's Union, Local 3. A second deadline of August 22 was set after the Plasterer's strike was settled, but it had to be changed because the Steamfitter's strike remained unsettled. Then the deadline was set for September 12 in hope that the labor problems of the building trades would be settled. If the new deadline is met construction will

begin this fall on the elementary schools.

Five elementary schools are scheduled to have new buildings added. Bristol will have a new four classroom addition, Lockwood and Avery will both have new two story multi-purpose buildings, Goodall will have a two classroom addition, and Schall will have a ten room addition. These additions will cost approximately \$973,000. Another \$800,000 will be spent for renovation in connection with the elementary school projects. The largest single expenditure in the School Expansion Program will be \$1,700,000 for a new building

and several improvements on the high school. The final bid on the high school project will not be due until sometime this winter.

Last March 7, a bond issue, which set aside nearly 3 1/2 million dollars for the School Expansion Program, passed with over the required 2/3 majority. Unless there are more delays, the new facilities should be in use by 1964.

Hello Day to Kick Off School Year

The traditional Hello Day customs, colored name tags, a Hello Day assembly, and a student skit will again be used this year to boost school spirit, and to welcome new students. The Hello Day committee, chaired by Andrea Geyer, Sandy Baer, and Steve Schumaier also introduced some new ideas which included the "Hello" banner at the senior entrance.

The Hello Day assembly, to be held September 9, will feature a skit based on "West Side Story" with the "Kirks" versus the "Webs". Mr. Moss will introduce the football team, and the cheerleaders will receive their W's.

To guide lost sophomores, the Student Council formed an orientation committee which assisted the office with registration on August 27, 28, and 29 by showing students through the building. It also provided hallway signs on the first day of school to help the new students locate their different classes.

At a special Sophomore meeting to be held during sixth hour next week, the new students will be divided into small discussion groups, each led by a senior. Questions will be answered and misunderstandings cleared up. After the meeting, refreshments will be served by the Student Council.

Kathy Zienty, a junior and a member of the 1963-64 Journalism class, died Friday, August 23, of a cerebral hemorrhage.

The staff of The Webster Echo wishes to express its sincerest sympathies to the family.

Thespians Plan First Production

Auditions for George Bernard Shaw's "The Devil's Disciple" will be held in the Little Theatre during the first week of October. The production, under the direction of Mrs. Ernestine Smizer, will be given November 15 and 16.

"The Devil's Disciple", one of the plays in Shaw's Three Plays for Puritans, is a witty satire exposing the differences between the religious and the decent being. The setting for this play is Westerbridge during the American Revolution. Dick Dudgeon, the key figure in the story, plays the role of "the devil's disciple." Dick's revolt against his mother's pious and hypocritical ways causes the town to shun him as an outcast. Then, as the war comes closer to Westerbridge, word spreads that the British are hanging at least one leading citizen in each town. Dick is mistakenly taken prisoner and sentenced to hang in the place of Parson Anderson. Dick's willingness to give up his life for the Parson touches the town folk and later when he is set free he is re-instated as a leading citizen in the town.

The part of Dick Dudgeon was played by Maurice Evans in the 1950 Broadway production.

Members of the high school Thespians, a dramatics group, are currently producing a one-act play by A.A. Milne entitled "The Man in the Bowler Hat." It will be presented as part of the Kiwanis Kapers sponsored by the Webster Groves Kiwanis Club on September 20 and 21.

Mr. Fast Accepts Chemistry Honor

Mr. Kenneth Fast, a chemistry teacher at Webster Groves High School, has accepted an invitation to participate in the visiting scientist program sponsored by the American Chemical Society. This plan was designed to inject advanced knowledge into high school chemistry classes through the lectures of visiting chemists and educators.

During the school year, Mr. Fast will go on a number of three-day trips, and address students, teachers, science clubs, and chapters of the American Chemical Society. He will talk about acids and bases, chemical study, and laboratory practices, learning and teaching aids, and chemistry tests in high school courses.

During the summer, Mr. Fast taught laboratory work at Ohio State University in connection with the CHEM Program Sponsored by the National Science Foundation, the CHEM program offers various courses in the fields of science, chemistry, and physics at the University. Its purpose, similar to that of the visiting scientist program, is to offer modern courses taught by eminent instructors to interested students.

Holding a Master's degree from Ohio State University, Mr. Fast has taught chemistry at Webster for ten years.

Students Attend Hi-Y Convention

Fifteen Webster Groves students attended the Tenth National Hi-Y Congress, held at St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota, from June 27 to July 2.

Dedicated to the theme, "This I Believe", the convention was planned to help each member understand more fully his own beliefs and to gain insight and skill to carry them out.

Webster students attending were Fran Procopio, Bev Quist, Helen Gordon, Sonja Burkey, Denny White, Guy Mellor, John Stocke, Bill Ward, Jeff Buchman, Wally McNeill, Dave McDaniel, Charley Davis, Joe Groves, Abby Shaw, and Barb Weber.

Italian Student to Arrive Monday



Pierfrancesco Pezze is the 1963-64 foreign exchange student from Udine, Italy.

He is a husky football player, he started a jazz combo, he enjoys Otto Preminger, and he has eaten pizza for years. His friends call him Piero. The official records of the American Field Service identify him as Pierfrancesco Pezze, 17-year-old student from the city of Udine in northern Italy. The detailed records also say that he will attend high school in Webster Groves, Missouri, as an exchange student this fall.

Piero will arrive Monday September 9, in New York on the S.S. Seven Seas. Since his bus to St. Louis will take more traveling time, he will miss the first weeks

of football practice. Despite the delay, his host, junior Steve Massey, his host's family, and school officials hope Piero will participate in more school sports than have other exchange students.

The American Field Service notified Piero of his American scholarship just a month ago, on August 5. His third semester of the school year ended in July, and Piero had only four weeks to get his passport, vaccinations and tickets.

Under his father's influence (Mr. Pezze is a composer and music teacher) Piero learned to play the clarinet. He likes jazz and he organized a combo of like-minded enthusiasts.

Even Piero says he is sociable. His school is coed, and his parents write that their son is easygoing and "gets along really well with the girls". Piero enjoys American movies, but he identifies movies by their producers, not by their titles or actors. As favorites he listed Otto Preminger and Elia Kazan.

Piero didn't indicate if he took his dates to movies but his allowance is considerably smaller than the average Statesman's for such expenses; he receives 500 lira a week, and 620 lira is equal to one American dollar.

Piero will easily understand the football yells. He has taken nine semesters of English in school, and his mother teaches language at the University in Udine.

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