

Photo by Hanchett  
Firemen of the Webster Groves Fire Department check the high school's furnace room during a recent inspection for Fire Prevention Week.

## Firemen check schools for hazards in connection with fire prevention

A fire drill during a lunch period? Was it the real alarm? Testing the reaction of students to an oddy-timed fire drill was part of the Webster Groves Fire Department's program observing Fire Prevention Week, October 6 to 12.

In addition to the fire drill, the department organized a thorough school inspection. Captain Leroy Zinn directed the men from Firehouse Number Three and Firehouse Number One. The firefighters became familiar with the school's floor plan, and examined

the building for fire hazards.

Firemen scrutinized all areas of the school for fire risks. On their inspection tour they explored the auditorium, the Little Theatre, the boiler room and sundry crannies. Looking over the inner workings of the building, the inspectors checked the exit signs, electrical wiring and heating system.

The department's program included drills and inspections at other school buildings. The firemen inspected all schools in the district during the protection and prevention campaign.

## Webster observes National School Lunch Week with posters, displays

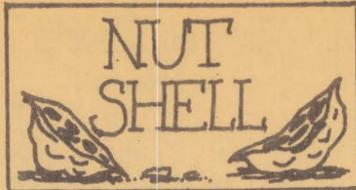
President Kennedy declared the week of October 13-20 National School Lunch Week. Kennedy stated that the week was adopted "as a measure of national security, to safeguard the health and well-being of the Nation's children... and with activities designed to encourage our citizens and civic groups to extend every effort in support of the School Lunch Program".

Mrs. Marie Madsen's home economics classes drew posters and prepared an exhibit for the display case to publicize the week.

Following are some statistics concerning the Webster Groves School Lunch Program of the year 1962-63: A total of 443,295 plate lunches were served to the elementary and junior high students and to adults, and 1,025,520 half-

pints of milk were served. The cafeterias employ 68 kitchen workers, twenty cashiers, one bookkeeper, one office assistant, one elementary supervisor, and one director. The lunch program is subsidised by the Government at the rate of 4¢ per student plate lunch and 4¢ per lunch in value for commodities.

Under the School Lunch Program this year 16 million students will be served daily at least one-third their nutritional requirements for a day.



LATINUS RUMOR, the Junior Classical League newspaper, will be issued on October 20. Webster's Latin Club paper was selected from all Latin papers in Missouri to print this special issue. This edition will be sent to all high schools in the state with a Latin class or club, a total of 154 different chapters, in addition to the usual exchanges. It will include letters from the state sponsor, Mrs. Hubert Books, and Miss Belle Gould, the national JCL sponsor. Also in the issue will be a feature on the national convention held last August.

The senior cards, a first at Webster this year, are setting a precedent for more senior privileges in the future. Presently, the cards serve as a pass to the Senior Lounge and, later this year, may provide a means of special seating at games and assemblies. Any senior who did not receive a card may check with Neal Losse, president of the Senior Class Cabinet.

## Central office secretary dies

Mrs. Mildred Tinker, a Central Office Staff member, died of cancer on October 4, 1963. She had been with the Webster schools for seventeen years.

Mrs. Tinker came to the school district in 1946 with a Bachelor of Journalism from the University of Missouri. She was secretary to the principal at Lockwood Elementary School for twelve years before she was transferred in 1958 to the central office where she became secretary to Dr. Elmer Reynolds, assistant superintendent of schools, and was in charge of hiring substitute teachers.



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# Fourteen seniors receive National Merit honors

Fourteen Webster seniors have received Letters of Commendation signed by Principal Howard A. Latta and by the president of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, John M. Stalnaker, for their high performance on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test given last spring.

The commended students are Wayne Christensen, Charles Edmunds, Sharon Elder, Susan Erbe, Anne Forry, James Harkey, Douglas Jackson, Susan Kice, Richard Miller, William Mueller, Patricia Pearman, Harold Schnedler, Stephen Scott, and Lynn Zeiser.

The Merit Corporation sends the names and addresses and test scores of all commended students to the two colleges the students indicated as their first and second choices last spring on the testing form. This will increase their opportunities of financial assistance, if it is needed.

The naming of this year's scholarship winners will take place on April 3, 1964. The winners will receive four year scholarships to the colleges of their choice. The

amount of each grant will depend on individual need.

The Merit test is a three hour examination covering five areas of educational development.

## Four are finalists in AFS program

The selection of the American Field Service semi-finalists was announced last week. The four applicants are Jackie White and Doane Grinnell for the School Program, and Elizabeth Noah and Donna Woodard for the Summer Program. They were selected from seventeen juniors who applied to the Selection Committee. The final decisions will be made in New York on a national basis.

AFS began the Summer Program in 1950. In this program, a student is sent to one of thirty-six nations for six to ten weeks, living with a native family most of the time. The School Program, initiated in 1957, places an American student in a regular school in a foreign country for a year.

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