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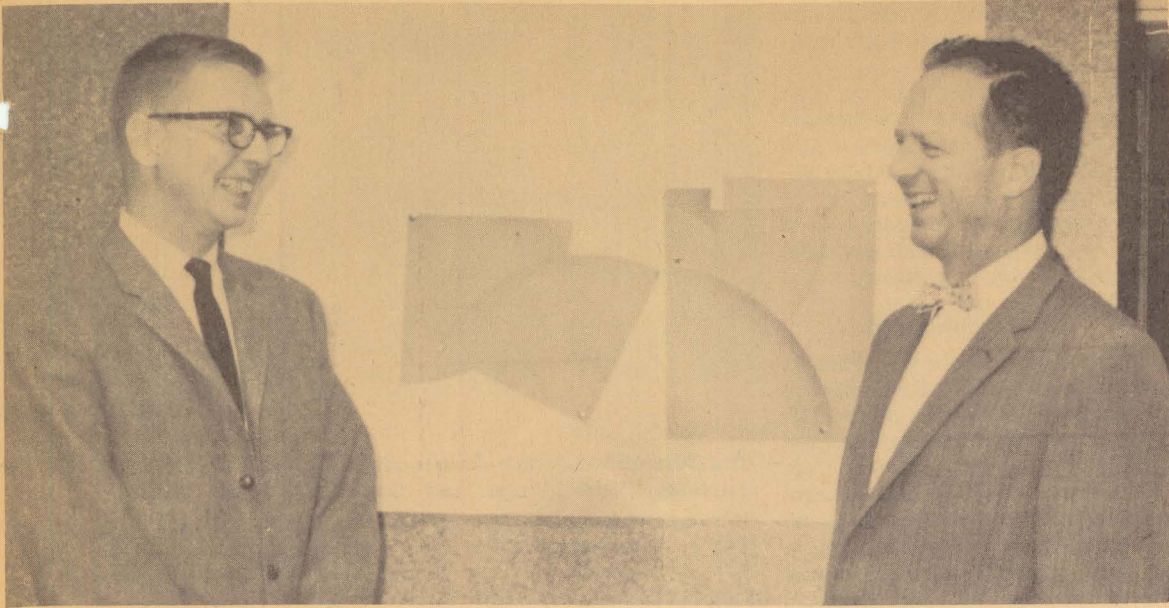


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Mr. Ted Hoener (l), architect from P. John Hoener and Associates, and Dr. George Brown, Superintendent of Schools, discuss tentative map for the west playground."

Buildings razed in development project

Ten houses, located across from the school, have been demolished to provide physical education fields and a new staff parking area. Four buildings on Lockwood and one on Lizette have also been razed in the construction program. The Selma lots, purchased before September 1, must be regraded and architects are working on a drainage problem.

Representatives from the architectural firm of P. John Hoener and Associates announced that elementary school revisions will be completed January 15, and the high school plans will be submitted to contractors for bids approximately January 22.

The new high school addition will consist of 25 rooms which will be used for business, journalism, and foreign language classes. A new language lab will also be built. "The present building will undergo extensive renovation," added Dr.

Joy Whitener, Assistant Superintendent. The science classes are to be enlarged and all rooms will be installed with more equipment.

A group of local businessmen has proposed converting the storage area over Robert's Gym into a rifle range. No action has been taken on this project.

To eliminate the problem of crowded physical education fields, Plymouth will retain a portion of the present fields.

There were no problems in purchasing any of the Selma lots for the construction, Dr. Whitener said. One house, on the corner of Busse and Selma, has been retained for Mr. Kloppe's office.

Many students expressed interest in the razed buildings, particularly a house with a purple door and living room. This house was painted by friends to please its permanently hospitalized owner, whose favorite color was pur-

ple. The owner was allowed to visit home just long enough to view her house. For some reason, the younger children in Webster have been calling the house "Mrs. Piggie-Wiggle's house."

Lettermen outline future programs

At a meeting Wednesday, December 4, the Webster Lettermen's Club decided on its activities for the rest of the year.

At the last three home games, the club has sold Cokes and swept the gym floor at half-time. Besides keeping the floor clean, the boys act as ushers. The club has its own cheering section which is located between the Pep Club and the Varsity Club sections.

Another project the lettermen are working on is the acquisition of an American flag for the gym.

A Letter Commission, composed of four elected members, was set up by the club. This commission will warn offenders of the club's Honor Code.

Committees write new constitutions

Class cabinet and Student Council committees are working on proposals for changes and additions throughout the school.

A committee of 12 cabinet members chaired by Terrie Heimbrodt is drawing up a constitution for the three class cabinets. Terrie stated that "a constitution is needed to solve all the problems that have arisen and to answer those of future cabinets." Sample constitutions from Kirkwood and Ladue have been obtained for reference. The committee hopes to submit the new constitution to the cabinets for approval in the spring.

New constitutions for the cheerleaders and the Student Council are also being discussed.

A Student Council Evaluation Committee directed by Jim Durham is also functioning.

School activities feature Christmas

Murals, fun assembly, Santa Claus, Vespers highlight holiday festivities

Webster students who have been concentrating on cosine theta, Silas Marnier projects, and the decomposition rate of formic acid have become preoccupied with Christmas. Choir members hum carols between classes, and several teachers have set up Christmas trees in their rooms.

Decorations

The art classes, directed by senior Mike Carmody, completed work on decorations designed by Edwin Myers, art instructor. The displays included religious murals in the office and cafeteria. This year, a shepherd scene by the advanced art students was added to last year's two-dimensional crib scene.

The annual Vesper services and Christmas fun assembly directed by Miss Esther Replogle, will climax the school holiday observations.

Vespers, which was presented for the student body yesterday, will be given for the public Sunday, at 2:10 and 4:20. A cast of more than 40 people, the A Cappella, Beginning, Angel, and Boy choirs practiced for 6 weeks to perfect the performances.

Choir activities

The Christmas fun assembly to be given today by the A Cappella Choir, will feature Santa Claus, who will distribute appropriate gifts to members of the student body and faculty.

New honors

Mr. Fast to introduce Chem Study curriculum at New Delhi institute

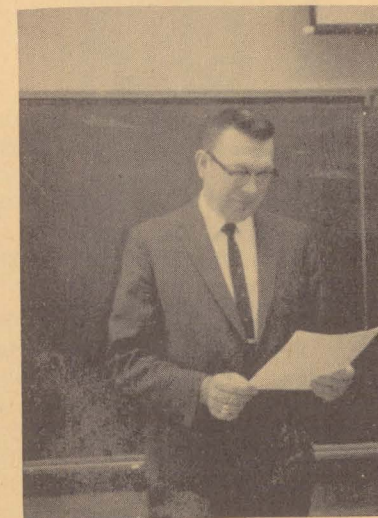


Photo by Paul

Mr. Fast reads of his new honor, an invitation to teach in New Delhi, India.

Kenneth V. Fast, chemistry teacher, has been honored with an invitation to instruct high school chemistry teachers of India in the CHEM Study program next summer. The letter of invitation from Columbia University arrived Friday, Dec. 13. Mr. Fast accepted the appointment at once.

Mr. Fast will participate in one of 16 National Science Foundation Institutes, specializing in

Besides singing in the fun assembly and Vespers services, the choir caroled for local groups. Among these were the American Legion, Gibson Guild, Sinawiks, First Congregational Church, the Gaslight installation ceremonies at Lockwood and Gore, Kiwanis Club, Koch Hospital, Rotary Club, the Gatesworth Hotel, and the Webster and Lindell Masonic Temples.

Band candy sales finance field trips

The Webster Groves Marching Statesmen Band began its annual money-raising campaign December 6 with the sale of chocolate bars. The funds will be used next year to finance the band's trip to a summer music camp.

Band Director Henry J. Lemcke said that the goal is \$1,500, most of which will pay for a college tour and the music camp expenses. The remainder will pay for bus trips and band letters. Each member of the band is responsible for selling forty-eight dollars worth of chocolate. The chocolate, which costs fifty cents a bar may be purchased from any band representative. The sales end today.

Last year, band members earned \$2,000 through the chocolate sales. This sum was used to purchase new uniforms.

physics, chemistry, biology, and mathematics at Indian universities.

The Indian summer institute will have two goals. First to probe new developments in four major science areas and secondly, to teach new National Science Foundation materials and procedures.

The summer program begins in New Delhi June 4 but Mr. Fast will be here for semester tests. Instruction will start June 8 and will continue for six weeks.

The dedicated chemistry teacher did not apply for the teaching position; he was nominated by Professor Richard J. Merrill, whom he met at Harvey Mudd College three summers ago. Since that time, Professor Merrill has been named the executive director of CHEM Study.

Mrs. Fast's "reaction" to the invitation was naturally one of pleasure. However, she recognized that it might be impossible for her husband to take his family with him.

Mr. Fast's new honor is the most recent in a long list of kudos. In September he accepted a position in the visiting scientist program sponsored by the American Chemical Society. Last summer he taught laboratory work at Ohio State University in connection with the CHEM Program.

A Christmas editorial

Santa Claus, Inc.

by Jim Hopson

If someone actually confirmed the existence of a colony of humans, elves, and animals on the North Pole, its life as an autonomous, uncorrupted society would be dimly brief.

First of all, Santa Claus would be plagued by businessmen and economists wondering how he and his small band of assistants could manufacture a limitless number of toys and sundry items while realizing no corporate income with which to renew the supply of raw materials and to pay the work force.

Santa would then be set upon by some crusading labor leader who wishes to organize the elves into Leprechauns' Local 384 of the Loyal Brotherhood of Midgets, Dwarfs, and Amalgamated Wee Folk.

St. Nick would be approached by space scientists who would test the fodder he feeds his reindeer for some mystic ultra-powerful propellant qualities that could be used as missile fuel.

Toy manufacturers might offer Santa royalties if he would authorize their factories in Hackensack or Poughkeepsie or wherever as "certified branch offices of Santa Claus' Workshop."

Some cleaning firm could propose to remove the soot from his red suit in exchange for a commercial endorsement of the fine establishment of Zilch Dry Cleaning Company. Beauty parlors could offer to restyle Santa's beard; auto body shops would vie for the opportunity to repair any damages done his sleigh. Obviously, the possibilities for the exploitation of Santa Claus are endless.

But, of course, such blatant commercialism would be met by a great public outcry.