

Guidance Council turn-ins increase

"The Guidance Council is working now," said Council member Harry Hawken. "The majority of the students want it to succeed." In the past three months, more than three times as many names have been turned in than in all of last school year.

In October, 26 students were called before the council. There were 23 in both November and December and 10 in the first part of January--total of 82, as compared to 25 for last year. More than half of the offenses were smoking. Cutting into the lunch-line and running in the hall were second and third most numerous.

Harry also stated that the Guidance Council is not a police force, and does not want to be one. He requested student help to continue the council's success.



The findings of a nation-wide study show that Webster Groves ranks second among Missouri high schools in the number of high school graduates who earned doctorate degrees during the years 1959 through 1962.

Allan McArtor, Webster alumnus of 1960, has been named commander of the 2,400-man cadet wing at the Air Force Academy for the winter semester.

Senior Aphrodite Matsakis had a letter to the editor published in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch for January 6. In her letter, dealing with the Turkish-Greek fighting on the island of Cyprus, Aphrodite warned that Cyprus may become a "Mediterranean Cuba".

Senior Ludine Oliver participated in a merchandising and fashion styling workshop in November. The workshop was part of a national contest for the "Thermo-Jac Country Store Queen". Ludine was one of 22 regional winners. The contest, held at Clayton Inn, was sponsored by the Grove Company.

European guests visit classrooms

Jeannine Cordonnier, a student from France, and Susan Archer, a teacher from England, visited various classes here during their Christmas vacations.

Miss Archer, who had never visited an American high school before, was impressed by the close similarity between American and English schools. Miss Archer spoke to as many English classes as possible during her stay with friends in this area.

Jeannine Cordonnier, a native of Paris, France, spoke to Mr. Masot's advanced French classes during her stay with the Hartnett family of Webster Groves. Jeannine is studying at Hendricks College in Conway, Arkansas, on a Fullbright Scholarship. Although she has had a first hand view of an American college student's life, she was "very pleased" to have the opportunity to observe American family life by spending the holidays with a family group.

Bare settings, stark lights set mood for 'Our Town'

Leads for the Little Theatre's second major production of the school year, *Our Town*, have been chosen. The play will be presented in three performances: on Thursday, February 13, at 8:15 P.M., a matinee Friday, February 14, at 4:00 P.M., and Saturday, February 15, at 8:15 P.M.

Guy Mellor will have the lead role of stage manager. Annette Dubrouillet will play Emily Webb; Chuck Murry, George Gibbs; Steve Johnson, Dr. Gibbs; Ninette Kundsen, Mrs. Gibbs; Marilyn Lueders, Mrs. Webb; Pat Wolff; Rebecca Gibbs; and Bob Noah, Wally Webb. Mary Brummell is student director.

In 1938 Thornton Wilder won the Pulitzer Prize for *Our Town*. The play was later made into a successful film. It is about a girl's realization of small, unnoticed things

White clinches '64 youth convention

Denny White, student body president, was elected Student Governor of Missouri by a YMCA Youth and Government Model Convention on December 14. Denny will assume Governor Dalton's position at Jefferson City on April 3 and 4.

Student legislators will participate in the two-day legislature to be held in the actual Senate and House chambers in Jefferson City. Across the street from the Capital Building, mock cases will be appealed to the Model Supreme Court by other participants in the program. Addressing the opening session of the Model Congress, Denny will recommend his prepared legislative platform. During the assembly he will handle press coverage and be of general assistance to the delegates.

Bills will be debated on the floor according to actual legislative procedure. Denny will again address the student congressmen at the close of the session and tell which of the proposed bills he signed and which he vetoed.

On January 14, Denny met Governor Dalton when the governor stopped in St. Louis to address the St. Louis-St. Louis County delegation of state legislators.

In June, Denny and the student governors of other states will have the honor of meeting President Lyndon B. Johnson at the White House.

in life that are taken for granted.

Bill Lattner, as associate stage manager, heads the list of minor characters. Susie Specking will play Mrs. Soames; Gordon Bland, Simon Stimsen; Richmond Wannan, Professor Willard; Gary Poe, Joe Crowell; Terry Davis, Si Crowell; David Lively, Howie Newsome; Laura Beale, woman in the balcony; Craig Barnett, man in the audience; Natalie Tolles, woman in the box; Brock Hanke, constable; Mike Crain, Sam Craig; and Les Gruner, Joe Stoddard.

The steps leading up to final production begin with the selection of a play of good literary quality. Because acting is a learning process, Mrs. Ernestine Smizer, head of the dramatics department, selects a play that is worthwhile and interesting to high school students. Another factor to consider is that restrictive stage conditions of the Little Theatre are prohibitive to many plays.

Next, try-outs are held. Mrs. Smizer likes to give novice actors an opportunity to perform. After casting is completed, players meet for reading rehearsals where they analyze the play and characters.

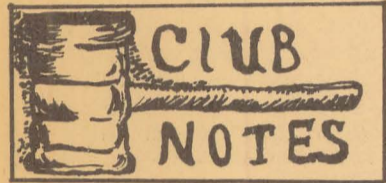
Adhering to a demanding schedule of daily two-hour rehearsals, student actors are also responsible for scenery, lighting, and costumes. The assistant director sees that the play runs smoothly and that backstage complications are avoided. Although she does give



Photo by Paul Annette Dubrouillet and Chuck Murry rehearsing an important scene from "Our Town" by Thornton Wilder, the next play to be produced by the Little Theater.

clues, the student director never prompts. "We've had more ad-libbing on that stage," recalled Mrs. Smizer, "but the students know and understand their characters so well that they can fill in smoothly."

The last step is the finished production, complete with costumes, scenery, make-up, actors, and audience.



Dr. Fred Walker, Superintendent of the Farmington Orphanage, was a guest speaker at the January 10 meeting of the Latin Club. Dr. Walker showed slides of the orphanage activities. Through cookie sales and donations the club gave 36 bedspreads to the institution for the boys' cottages.

The Future Teachers of America will have a special guest speaker, Miss Bonnie Winters, at its meeting tomorrow. Miss Winters, voted the Most Promising Teacher of 1963 in Missouri, teaches Spanish at Steger Junior High School. The club will give a party on February 22 for 20 young deaf and dumb children at Central Institute for the Deaf.

The Future Nurses of America held a Christmas party for patients at Children's Hospital. Each member bought a small gift which was placed in a grab-bag. The girls played games with the children and treated them to cookies. At the February meeting the club is planning to have a special speaker on mental health.

The Red Cross has made \$17.50 on its cookie sales. The money will help pay for a gift chest, costing about \$125, that the organization plans to send to Europe.

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