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of the female sex, and talk of suits, hats

Prin. B. G. Ludwig announced today that classes will resume Monday morning, April

more weeks of school remain before sum-

mer vacation. Between now and then a very

bly scheduled for April 21 and the As-

sociation Dance is set for April 22. Clocks

change the last of this month and students

The Student Council has a talent assem-

busy time is in store for most studes.

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will lose an hour of sleep. Cheerleader try-

outs are listed for April 26. The fifth grade

of the year comes up, especially for the seniors. Class elections, track meets, elect-

ion of Association officers and Football

Girl, and recognition assemblies will occupy

work for the last six weeks must be kept

up even when thoughts of the Junior-

Senior Prom keep fluttering through the

present—a week of vacation—from school

and bemuddled—the reporter has a slight

All this is in the future, but for the

If this article seems a little confused

Through all the hustle and bustle, class

With the advent of May the busiest part

period ends April 29.

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Bad Weather Hampers Zellers, Tracksters; 1st Meet Set

thrown an unexpected block in Coach Karl Zellers' plans to move his tracksters out of doors perma-

With the first meet of the season only two weeks away, Zellers had planned to move out of doors early this past week but was forced to change his plans.

The squad has continued to hold workouts in the Salem High School gym while getting in outdoor workouts as much as possible. Zellers said his thinclads would hold several vacation sessions in order to be in shape for the April 15 opener.

Ravenna and Springfield Township come to Salem for a triangular meet April 15. The locals entered an indoor meet in Pittsburgh earlier this year but only Jack Alexander qualified. He will enter the finals of the meet tomorrow at Pittsburgh's South Gate

April 19 Youngstown Ursuline invades the Reilly Stadium with the Girard High Indians meeting the Quakers April 26.

Bermudas Win; Blue Is Chic

By Mary Mercer

All New, All Blue

Come Spring, blue will be fresh and best whatever type of Easter costume you choose, whether it is silk, linen or cotton, prints or solid colors. Your Easter bonnet may vary from a small headband to a såilor hat with a turned-up or flat

To quote famous French hat designer Lily Dache, "If a woman chooses feminine, romantic hats with a preference for pink roses and violets, I know she is in love." So be cautious, gals, when you buy your new spring bonnet.

All New, All Bermuda

Oscar E. Schoeffler, an authority on men's fashions, says that Bermuda shorts are no longer merely a fad and that they will be used widely by the males throughout the summer months. You'd better stop fighting this up-and-coming rage,, because it's "bigger than all of us." The same authority predicts more color for males since they broke through the color barrier with pink shirts last year. You'll never guess what he predicts: custom-sprayed suits!!

All New, All Beautiful

are Dorothy Parker's clever cuff links, which are miniature replicas of door knockers.

are Janet Williams' sharp new brown plaid coat and a very chic brown checked jumper. She is also the owner of a brown, tooled, initialed belt which her father brought her from Mexico.

are Ralph Manning's sporty new tan bucks. Light shoes and other light clothing tell us that spring is definitely on its way.

. . is Mr. Pardee's very tricky jersey shirt. Wow, stripes and all!!

Salem PTA Group **OffersScholarship**

Several Salem PTA organizations have contributed sufficient money to award a scholarship of \$200 a year for the next two years to a Salem High School graduate.

The recipient of the scholarship must study elementary teaching. If the student teaches in Ohio for two years or more there will be no further obligation. Should the student not teach in Ohio, the scholarship money becomes a loan

and must be repaid. Application forms will be available in the principal's office after vacation. Students may meanwhile leave their names with Dorothy Alek in the office.

the locals in May with the Columbiana County Meet set for Reilly May 6 and the N. E. O. District meet again scheduled for Salem May 13. Zellers said the Quakers will also participate in the Canton Relays May 17.

The state meet will be held April 21 and 22 at Ohio State University in Columbus.

This is Zellers' first year as head SHS track coach. He has been assistant basketball, football and track coach for two years.

Slutzie Wants Civil Defense Network: Founds Radio Club for Hopeful Hams

By Mary Mercer

Senior Ronnie Slutz keeps a big date five nights a week and on Saturdays. No, not for the movies, but a date with Craig's Radio and TV Repair Shop doing repair jobs and making service calls.

This nimble-minded science major ranked seventh among all Columbiana County seniors in the recent Ohio Scholarship Test. His favorite subject? Why, phy-

sics, to be sure, and as might be expected, he is another of Mr. Jones' fans. He makes the honor roll with a heavy schedule of English IV, trig and solid geometry, psychology and economics, in ad-

dition to physics.

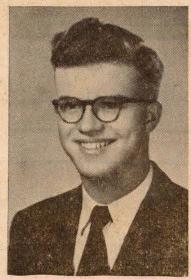
Ronnie is a full-fledged "ham" radio operator. There is a radio network of Civil Defense ham operators who, in the event of disaster by atomic bomb, go into action. Ronnie is in radio contact with this group every Monday night from Youngstown and every Friday night from Alliance.

Ronnie is now in the process of building a 40-watt transmitter which will enable him to talk with almost anyone in the world. He has already conversed with people from all over the world.

A radio club of which Ronnie is the originator meets regularly to study code and learn whatever is necessary to attain an operator's license.

"Proprietors" of the projection room are Ronnie and his partner, Charlie Rogers. Whenever stage lights or the movie projector are in operation, this duo is in charge.

Ronnie plans to continue his formal education at Ohio State or Cincinnati where he will study



Ronnie Slutz

electrical engineering.

If a bit of prophesy may be indulged in, it is predicted that Ronnie will realize his fondest dreams; namely, to own and operate a color TV station.

Fleischer's Flashes

By Lowell Fleischer

 Basketball season officially ended in Ohio last weekend, although most of the state's cage squads hung up their jerseys long ago. Attendance was down at the finals held in the Cincinnati Gardens despite the fact that two area Cincinnati teams were entered, Cincinnati Hughes and Lockland Wayne.

The Salem High School Varsity S members who journeyed to Youngstown last Friday night to join the throng in the South Field House to watch the internationally famous Harlem Globe Trotters were far from disappointed, even though the fabuous Goose Tatum didn't show. The Globe Trotters' owner, Abe Saperstein, said that Goose's goose was cooked as far as the Globe Trotters were concerned.

McKinley ended the season on top of the grade school league again this season and will be feted at a banquet by the local Elks soon. Bill Lipp, track captain and Varsity S prexy, did the scoring for the Mickey McGuire League and Chuck Harris, the timing. Bob Jeffries served as a referee along with old reliable Al Catlos. SHS Dean of Boys John Callahan heads the Mickey McGuire activities. Several district schools tried again this week to start spring football drills, including East Liverpool and several Youngstown schools. Bad weather has hampered them so far. Ohio State permit four weeks of training in the spring at the expense of sacrificing 10 days of fall practice.

Ohio Cage Coaches Ask for Changes In Tournaments

After the state basketball finals were won last week by Lockland Wayne and Zanesville, state basketball coaches meeting in Cincinnati, the site of this year's tourney, recommended several changes in Ohio's tournament set up.

The state athletic board meets in Columbus April 22 and 23 to choose a site for next year's tourney and will act on the coaches'

Several of the changes asked for concern eligibility rules and a change in the number of teams in the various basketball districts.

Many of the cage mentors attending the Cincinnati meeting also urged a north-south All-Star game such as is played during football season. A committee was named to study the matter.

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By Barbara Cobourn

The proposed curfew has been a topic of debate in Salem for a matter of months now. The pros and cons of the subject are pretty well known to those who are interested and have kept up on it.

It's hard for anyone to say at this point whether or .

not the proposed regulation will be passed.

If it doesn't go through, the students of Salem will have to keep their rejoicing down enough so the idea won't come up again.

If it does pass-well, that's life and sometimes we

have to take it as it comes.

In any event there is still one thing to be grateful for. No matter what one's attitude, the local councilmen and members of the legislative research committee are willing to listen to any good arguments. To put democratic government into practice, the officials have been going to those directly concerned for their views before passing a law to govern their lives.

Roy Henderson, Bob Julian Lead Gym Class Scorers; All-Stars Named

Once again Roy Henderson and Bob Julian paced the scoring in the boys' gym classes with 114 and 107 markers, respectively. During the first round Julian tallied 150 points and Henderson 122.

Other high scorers were Carl Burrier, Butch Platt, Joe Bryan, Mark Fenton, David Baird, Bill Pauline, Phil Tetlow and Dave Hanna.

Those selected for the all-gymclass first team are Captain Roy Henderson, Julian, Platt, Fenton and Hanna. In order to be eligible for first team each player must have played in 16 games.

John Sprowl, Dale Swartz, John Bailey, Bob Reich and Bob Huffer comprise the second team. The third team consists of Bill Stark, Phil Tetlow, Richard Beall and Jim Brantingham. No playoff will be held between the winners of the first and second rounds.

Standings at the end of the second round are as follows:

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Junior-Senior Prom Again Set for Golf Club

SHS Band, Chorus Earn Superior Music Ratings

Both the Salem High School band nd Robed Chorus earned "suerior" ratings at the district band, rchestra and chorus contest held ast Saturday at Canton McKinley ligh School.

Both music groups earned traight "superior" ratings to qually them for the state contest to e held Saturday, April 23. The band competed in Class A-1,

he largest in the state, and was he only entry to earn a superior ating. Other bands competing gainst the SHS group were Canon Lincoln, Canton Lehman and last Liverpool.

The chorus was the only repreentative of a Class A school cometing in the choral contest.

Band director Howard Pardee is cheduling several practice sessions uring spring vacation in order to et the band in top shape for the

Senior Class **Gift Committee** Starts Meetings

Members of the senior class gift ommittee along with class officers tarted considering ideas for the lass gift to the school this week.

The committee will solicit sugestions from all seniors before arrowing the list down.

The final selection of the gift vill be up to the class.

Last year's seniors presented the chool with a new drinking founair for the gym and a tape reorder and library of tapes for

Members of the gift committee re Jay Althouse, Ruth Ann Greenyood, Homer Lau, Ruth Rae Jountz and John Todd.

Association Plans Dance For April 22

It's Association Dance time again nd President Jim Beard and the ther association officers have startd holding meetings with adviser Ars. Helen Mulbach to choose comnittees and make other arrangenents for the annual dance to be ield Friday night, April 22, in the HS gym.

The officers will announce the names of committee members to work for the affair soon. Last year large crowd of Salem High Stulents danced to the music of Chuck Wurster and his orchestra in an April Showers theme.

Other association officers are lice-president Bob Domencetti and Secretary Sue Hill.

Easter Comment

the Serious Vein

Even though this is a augh issue of the QUAKER, ve should take time out beween chuckles and think bout the Easter season once gain in the real light.

Easter means many things o many people: to all Amercans everywhere it usually neans a new suit of clothes, new bonnet for milady, a pasket of candy for sis and

For millions of Christians he world over it is a time or joy—a time to worship igain their risen Lord.

The National Council of Churches expects places of vorship over the land to be illed to capacity this Easter The chorus is planning to hold a "tag day" in order to raise money for the trip to Otterbein College, where the state choral competition will be held. The band is expected to go by cars to Ohio

State University.
Monday, May 2, the band is scheduled for an assembly concert, with their annual spring concert set for Wednesday night, May

The annual spring chorus concert is scheduled for Friday night, May 27. Wednesday, May 25, the chorus will present an assembly program.

Those Salem High School students in the band and chorus who earned superior ratings at the solo-ensemble contest two weeks ago will enter state competition tomorrow at Kent State University.

'April Fool'

April Fool," yells a little boy and a bucket of water falls on someone's head. The staff and editors of the QUAKER say April Fool, too, and hope that their readers enjoyed this laugh issue of the weekly.

The QUAKER will not be published for the next two weeks, and then the last six issues in succession will be put out.

A happy April Fool's Day and a joyous Easter season.

Thespians Choose Little Brothers

The Virginian Restaurant just outside Alliance has been selected by the Thespians as the site for the formal initiation to be held

Members drew names to determine their little brothers and sisters for the informal initiation.

Canton Orchestra Hired To Play from 9 'til 12

"Moonlight Serenade" and "Dancing in the Dark" may well be songs on the lips of SHS juniors and seniors this week as the announcement comes from Miss Carol Kelley, junior class adviser, that the Junior-Senior Prom will again be held at the Salem Golf Club Friday night, June 3.

Last year the class of '55 set the gala affair for the Golf Club ballroom instead of the Masonic Temple as had been the custom.

The club house at the Salem Golf Club was remodeled recently and juniors and seniors attending the annual prom will have use of the entire lodge including lounges and the outdoor terrace, which will be used for moonlight dancing.

Dick Richards and his orchestra from Canton will furnish music for dancing from 9 p.m. until midnight.

Committees will be chosen by

class officers in the near future and plans for a theme and decorations will get under way.

Last year a large crowd of SHS juniors and seniors danced to the music of Bob Vinton and his orchestra at the Golf Club.

Quaker Debaters, **Cagers Honored** In Assembly

SHS debaters and basketball players were honored in a recognition assembly Wednesday morn-

ing.

Two seniors, a veteran and a newcomer to the debate team, John Deagan and Melvyn Deutsch, along with Steve Wald and Bill Jacobson,

received debate letters.
Head Basketball Coach John
Cabas awarded Varsity letters to members of the 1954-55 cage squad and Karl Zellers, assistant coach, spoke on the reserve season and presented the Jayvee letters.

Freshman Coach Ernest Sherman gave out freshman numerals to his squad. All three Quaker basketball teams ended their seasons on the winning side of the

"Free foreign trade" was the debate topic for the year and the debaters broke even with two wins and two defeats in the district tournament.

203 Wins Junior Ticket Selling Contest

Junior homeroom 203 will receive a gold victory trophy as a result of winning the ticket contest set up in connection with the Junior

Annual Staff Meets Deadline

Following weeks of work, Annual Editor Barbara Wright reports that all copy was sent to Dodge Publishing Co. in time to meet the final deadline today. This completes all work, as the student index was finished by members of the staff and captions for the pictures have been written.

The Annual cover which was designed by Mueller Art Co. arrived this week for final approval be-

fore processing.

The business staff will finish soliciting ads this week in an effort to meet their deadline.

Talent Assembly Plans Progressing

Plans are going ahead for the Student Council Talent Assembly set for April 21, according to committee chairman Rosemarie Sulea.

The Clean Up Salem High committee, headed by Jerry Cosgrove, is also completing plans for the inauguration of the CUSH drive after Easter vacation.

Student Council prexy Richard Hunter announced that the next council meeting will be held immediately after classes resume Monday, April 11.

for sunrise services, and

youth in many cities will be

We trust that the youth

of Salem and SHS will take

time out to think and pray

this Easter season.

participating.

to 201 and 206, respectively. Miss Helen Thorp is teacher of the winning homeroom.

The contest was run on a per-Second and third places went centage basis. The winning homeroom sold an average of six tickets per person and also sold the most ducats of any room, 229.

Rita Joseph led the individual salesmen with a total of 100 tickets sold. Joe Sobek was second with 95 and Jerry Binder third with 56. Joe and Jerry were members of the cast of "Sky High."

The cup to be presented to 203 will be used in the years to come for the winning homeroom and the date and homeroom numbers will be engraved on it each year.

Crystal Ball

Fri. April 15 — GAA Square

Thurs. April 21 - Student Council Talent Assembly

Fri. April 22 - Association Party — gym

Sat. April 23 - State band, chorus contest

Tues. April 26 - Preliminary cheerleaders tryouts

Fri. April 29 - GAA Square Dance End of fifth grade period

Mon. May 2 — Teachers' meeting, choice of work sheets. Brooks contest material due Assembly—Band recognition

Wed May 4 - Band concert auditorium Grade cards issued

Sat. May 7 — Spanish Fiesta

Tues. May 10 - Nominate class officers Assembly - cheerleader

awards, tryouts Thurs. May 12 - Elect class of-

Show Case Features Miss Hannas' Trophies

Miss Ada Hanna, mechanical drawing teacher, won the bowling trophy and pins that decorated the library showcase part of this past week. Miss Hanna won the singles crown at the Women's Central States bowling tournament in Pittsburgh last December by rolling a 702 score.

She is a member of the 600 Club, an international organization of bowlers who have rolled a score of 600 or better.

Because of Miss H.'s modesty, her sister brought in the medals un-beknownst to their owner.

The annual junior class production was given last Friday and Saturday nights in the SHS auditorium. The junior high saw the play last Wednesday and the high school student body on Thursday.

Miss Irene Weeks, dramatics instructor, directed the mystery-

Alumni Scholarships Again Available to SHS Seniors

Again this year the Alumni Scholarship Committee will award a number of scholarships to qualifying students of the senior class.

Applications for the scholarships will be available May 9 in the principal's office and must be returned by May 16, according to Prin. B. G. Ludwig.

The applications are considered

by the entire SHS faculty and ranked according to high school grades, extra-curricular activities and personality traits. The final selection of the recipients is up to the Alumni Scholarship Committee, headed by Judge Joel Sharp, president, and Gene Young, treas-

The committee is elected by the Alumni Association just before the annual banquet in June each year.

The number and amount of the scholarships are determined by the income from investments controlled by the Alumni Association. Each year the income from the investments is used for the awards leaving the principle intact for use in future years.

Qualifications for applying are that a senior must have maintained a three-point average or better during high school and that the scholarship be used at a regular college or university and not a business school or hospital.

A student applying for an Alumni Scholarship must not have re-

Again?

The hammers, crowbars and other tools of the stage erection crew got another workout this week as the committee headed by Bob Domencetti started tearing down the scenery used for the junior play.

The flats and other scenery will be stored until next year's senior

Radiomen Work for CD; Plan to See Equipment

Six members of the newlyformed Radio Club took a trip to Youngstown for a Civil Defense meeting March 24. The movies that were shown there they hope to be able to get for a Salem showing.

The group is planning to go to the Austintown fire station to view some Civil Defense equipment,

ceived another scholarship equal to or more than the alumni gift. One or more alternates are also selected by the committee in case one of the winners is unable to enter school. The scholarships are not held over.

Last year the committee awarded five \$400 scholarships. Joel Greenisen, Tim Kennedy, Wendell Dunn, Donna Cocoa and Richard Journey were winners.

Many Sign Up For Mullins, EF Scholarship Test

Applications for the Mullins and Electric Furnace Scholarship tests were due in the principal's office last Wednesday in order that transcripts and other information can be added during the vacation period. Many senior boys are planning to take the exam.

Richard Coe of the Electric Furnace Company visited the trigonometry class of Miss Martha Mc-Cready Wednesday to talk with those interested in the Furnace test.

The Mullins test will be at SHS Saturday, April 23, while the Electric Furnace Co. exam will be administered in the company office on the same day. Mullins will award four \$1200 scholarships to the College of Engineering at the University of Cincinnati and two to the College of Business Administration.

The two offered by the Electric Furnace Company are for the engineering college only at UC.

U. S. History Classes Study Social Security

All of the U.S. history and government classes had their questions on social security answered yesterday when a field representative of the Social Security Administration visited SHS.

The representative showed a movie on social security and then answered questions. Mrs. Ruth Loop and A. V. Henning are U. S. H & G teachers.

STYLE SHOW DATE SET

The Teen-age Girls' Club has set the date for its spring style show. The underclass gals will turn into models March 31.

Salami, TV Aid Homework Ordeal

How do you study? Do you sit erect at a desk in a library-quiet room and concentrate upon homework arranged in logical order? And what kind of grades do you get? D's and F's of course.

Rejuvenate your study habits! Houseclean your homework. Try a new system just initiated for spring. This revolutionary system of study was first presented to the world in the book, "100 Unorthodox Study Methods," by I. Failed. Here are a few of his tips.

Never copy down the assignment on paper. The mental pressure that the burden in black and white places on a student is quite harmful.

Always watch TV programs be-fore tackling homework. The mind is more relaxed and tension has

Play popular music while study-ing. If the work must be accomplished quickly, "Shake, Rattle and Roll" or "Dance With Me, Henry" are inspiring and aid one's rapidity.

Always eat while studying. Food supplies needed energy and teachers don't really mind odeur de salami on homework papers.

You may find yourself quite tired after watching TV, playing records and eating a huge repast. Fatigue only dulls one in class the next day, so the best thing to do is go to bed and forget about homework.

April Fool!



party for junior femmes.

women home.

the junior play.

Hokey" mean?

Party, Party! Party!

the junior play, Rita Joseph threw a big

open house followed by a slumberless

Columbus, Here We Come!
We should certainly be proud of our

band and robed chorus for receiving superior ratings at Canton last Saturday.

This makes them eligible for state competition so Columbus, here we come!

Flustered Females

It seems that two junior gals, Mary Mercer and Mitzie Theiss, were so carried

away by the ratings they missed the

band buses. But everything worked out

all right, because one of the choristers

had some room in his auto and taxied the

Faye's Return

It was good to see former SHS student

Faye Lippiatt, who came up for the

weekend to see all her old friends and

Calling Dick Tracy Fans!
Question of the week—What does "Neki

. . . will be caused in the future when Dale Middeker tries out the new .22

rifle which was presented to him for his

birthday. Betsy threw a surprise party for Dale's sweet eighteenth last Saturday.

Smile!

That almost resembles a freak,

For this is National Laugh Week.

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Give off a few smiles when walking

What a Blast .

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Music, Music, Music

Philco TV Playhouse seems to have given Johnnie Desmond a boost for a

His "Play Me Hearts and Flowers" is a real dreamy number that is climbing

Romance Flowers

Spring has sprung and hit a sharp couple this week. Evie Copacia and Jim Barcus have been linked by exchanging

Some People Live Right

Jim Beard, John Todd, Dale Middeker and Lowell Fleischer are leaving this land of ice and snow for the sunny, expensive beaches of Florida during Easter vacation. Dirty capitalists!

This Older Generation

"Just look at that young person with the duck tail, the cigarette and the blue jeans!" an old man cried to a bystander. "Is it a boy or a girl?"

"It's a girl. She's my daughter."
"Oh forgive me, sir," apologized the old fellow. "I never dreamed you were her father."

"I'm not," snapped the other. "I'm her mother."

The humming sound of a printing press and the official clack of typewriters emanates from room 413 in SHS

five days a week. A constant parade of

inky students march to the dressing room

armed with a bar of Lava soap and a

brush. Number 413 is the journalism

Here the students learn the fundamen-

tals of newspaperwriting, develop a nose

for news, practice making proofreaders'

marks, absorb journalistic punctuation, set

type, learn to read backwards so they can

check set type and publish the school

The students keep their noses for

paper, the SLAY'EM QUAKER.

Lava Soap Is Journalists' Trademark;

Paper's Staff Members Have Inky Blood

Thought To Go By And the students exclaimed Ere they ran out of sight, "Happy Vacation to all, And I'll see you tonite!"

White Spring Brings Love, Song, Lilies

By Lynne Clewell

All seasons have little rhyme or reason. Spring has least of all. Turn it around, (Gnirps); inside out, (Ingrps). Do anything you want with; it still remains the daffiest, most unpredictable season of

With a nasty nose for news, your eagle beagle reporter has sniffed out the

following evidences of the vernal equinox:
"Spring, spring, spring!" gushes an
English teacher. "Most inspiring time of the year! The green grass renews its green, fruit trees blossom, heralding robins' return"—(She looks outside at the frosty landscape). "There will be an essay due tomorrow entitled 'Spring'. Any

A certain librarian slowly goes crazy to the umpteenth rendition of the tune, "Oh, Gentle Moon," which comes wafting down from room 302.

Beside the charming equation, "John plus Mary equals true love," an algebra instructor makes a large crimson mark.

Scholars with a flair for debate find some classes most entertaining as they argue the virtues of Bermuda shorts and the color of the Emperor's lilies.

Spring has definitely come to SHS according to the calendar, but don't drain your anti-freeze yet.

Sign on a bebopper's tombstone: "Don't dig me now-I'm real gone!"

April Fools' Day Observed Universally; **Beware of Practical Jokers Come April 1**

By Barbara Cobourn

April Fool's Day is observed almost universally throughout Christendom. The exact origin is unknown, but it is possible to trace observance of the day far back in history. The ancient Hindus held a festival of spring between March 25 and the first of April. On the last day of the festival it was customary to "April fool" people by sending them on meaningless errands.

Another possible origin appears in France. Charles IX adopted the new calendar, making the year begin on Jan. 1 instead of April 1. The gifts and messages of the New Year were thus transferred from April to January. But there were those who disliked the change in date and it was thought fair enough that they should be fooled by jokes and pranks on the first of April.

Spaniards celebrate a corresponding holiday on Dec. 28. It is known as "El

Skip a Line,

Read the Rhyme

By Bobbie Wilms

Kites begin to fly.

But it's just no use;

Spring comes with a boom;

Birds are heard nearby,

Giving simple, crazy tips?

Tips of green leaves show;

When are objects in the hair,

March winds fiercely blow.

Guess we can't get loose.

Things seen floating in the air?

This the day, the past has cursed;

It's none other than April First!

Deans would find some minor clue,

And we'd come back to a slip of blue.

When do teachers in a whiz Pussy willows bloom,

Plan to give a surprise quiz?

When are jokes on people's lips

Dia de los Inocentes" or "Day of the Innocents."

In France the person fooled is called a "poisson d'avril," or "April fish."

Americans who fall for pranks are known as just plain suckers, especially if it's something old like a billfold on the sidewalk or salt in the sugar bowl. Of course there are practical jokers who think for 364 days in between in an effort to find a new, foolproof joke.

These are the ones to beware of on this universal day of fun and practical jokers' paradise, April Fool's Day.

Wish Mom Read More of Webster

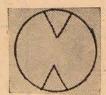
By Barbara Cobourn

Sleep, loaf, eat . . . nine full days, 216 hours, with nothing to do but sleep, loaf and eat, with a little while now and then devoted to having a good time. Spring vacation - no struggling to overcome spring fever.

But wait. Spring is the time of year when a young man's mother's thoughts turn to house cleaning. Walls to clean, woodwork to wash, floors to scrub, furniture to move, trash to be carried away, windows to clean and so on.

Maybe Mom should see what N. Webster has to say on the subject. Vacation —a period of rest and recreation from work of any kind. Well, let's face it. That idea won't work. Guess the vacationing will have to be postponed until school takes up again.

Way the world looks to little man who lives inside beer can.





masks fashioned by the diabolical art classes. They have terrified all students who wandered by the showcase last week and part of this. Any resemblance to persons living or dead is purely coincidental. Sally Hutcheson is the paralyzed spectator. (Dig that crazy Easter bunny!)

weekly deadlines with only minor catas-

There was one week when the whole 2421/2 members of the staff (one was sick a half year) couldn't come up with any news worth printing. That was the week the paper's headline read, "Use This For Scratch Paper."

One Friday the printing press broke down and the staff had to write the SLAY'EM QUAKER in long hand, but through rain, through hail, through dark of night and heat of noon, etc. . .

Some weeks no paper is issued and the staff practices printing handbills. "Goats' Milk for Sale" and "Do Not Disturb" decorate the room in a variety of colors.

One boy drank too much printers' ink, printed 5,000 "Down With Capitalism" handbills and distributed them among local citizens. He was on the stand before the McCarthy committee for three weeks.

Several boys are building a linotype machine to increase the efficiency of publication. They are using spare parts that they can find hither and yon. At present it prints only Chinese, but English will be added to its vocabulary shortly.

These students learn to love the newspaper business dearly; once printers' ink is in their blood, even Lava soap can't get it out. (April Fool! Don't you know there's no journalism class in SHS?)

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Ye editor thought that SHS students might be interested in the experiences of Fowell Leischer on his African holiday. He won an all-expense-paid weekend on the dark continent on a Florida quiz show.

These are excerpts from his diary: We safaried down to the Tanganyika region on Saturday. We hunted lions all day. As dusk was settling, my guide suggested we head back for camp, but had shot only three lions that day,

and I hate uneven numbers. We walked through the shoulder-high grass. All around us were the ominous rustlings of the predatory night beestes as they left their lairs in search of food. Suddenly I heard the growl of my

even number. He was hungry, and it was his stomach growling.

I couldn't see my adversary, but I could feel his threatening presence. I knew it was too dark for me to have a fighting chance. I had to employ dirty

I tied a long string around an old haddock that was lying coincidentally at my feet. Then I tossed it in the direction of the growling stomach. I reeled in the string cautiously. My breath came in

short pants. (It was too young to wear trousers.) My hands were cold and clammy. Drops of sweat beaded my brow.

As I drew the fish closer, the growling stomach with the lion wrapped around it drew closer, too. Finally I felt the lion's breath on my face. (Even his best friend wouldn't tell him.)

I picked up my flashlight and ele-phant gun. (I take no chances; I'm too young to die.) I aimed the gun and the flashlight at the beast. I pressed the button on the light. In the dry-cell flash, number four's eyes glowed like targets. I made a bull's eye; I had my even number.

We returned to camp for supper rhino rump roast and gnu's milk. I always kind of liked baked beans myself.

I slept well that night. The giggling hyenas lulled me to sleep with a smile on my face.

The next morning we started our 200mile safari back to the train station. We had five hours to catch the train back to Salem. I was a little out of breath when we arrived at the B & O station.

It was with regret that I watched the sun set on beautiful Africa, land of intrigue, mystery and growling stomachs.