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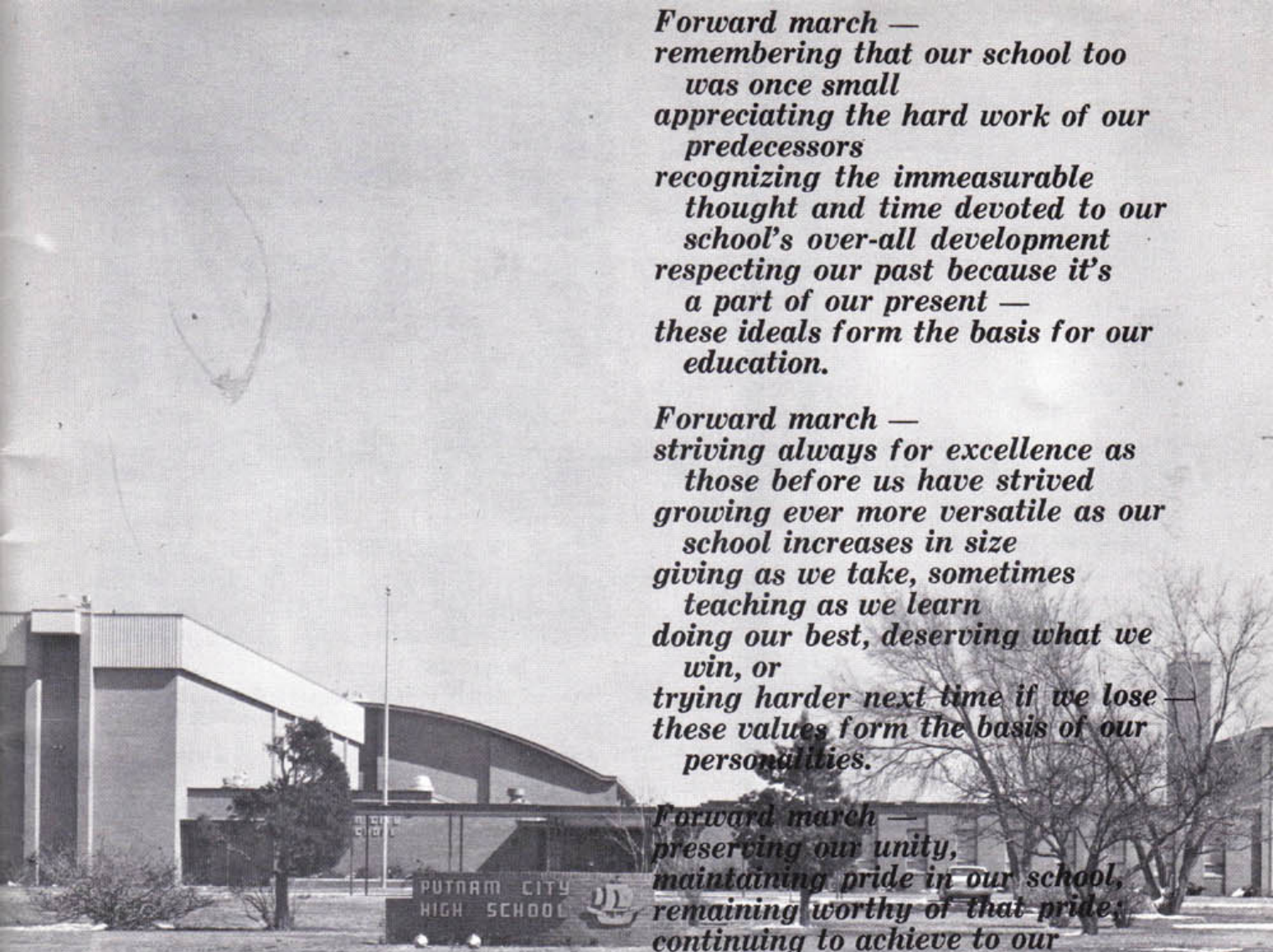

Forward march —
remembering that our school too was once small
appreciating the hard work of our predecessors
recognizing the immeasurable thought and time devoted to our school's over-all development
respecting our past because it's a part of our present —
these ideals form the basis for our education.

Forward march —
striving always for excellence as those before us have strived
growing ever more versatile as our school increases in size
giving as we take, sometimes teaching as we learn
doing our best, deserving what we win, or
trying harder next time if we lose —
these values form the basis of our personalities.

Forward march —
preserving our unity,
maintaining pride in our school,
remaining worthy of that pride;
continuing to achieve to our capacities academically, spiritually, and athletically—
these standards determine our success.

Forward march —
since its completion ten years ago, this high school building has housed thousands of students. It has grown to deserve its reputation for quality in education. So—

Forward march —
the efforts of those before us have helped bring PCHS to a high standing. The future depends on the willing co-operation between our school and its new offspring, Putnam City West.
we can maintain our well — earned name only if we continue to
Forward march . . . together.

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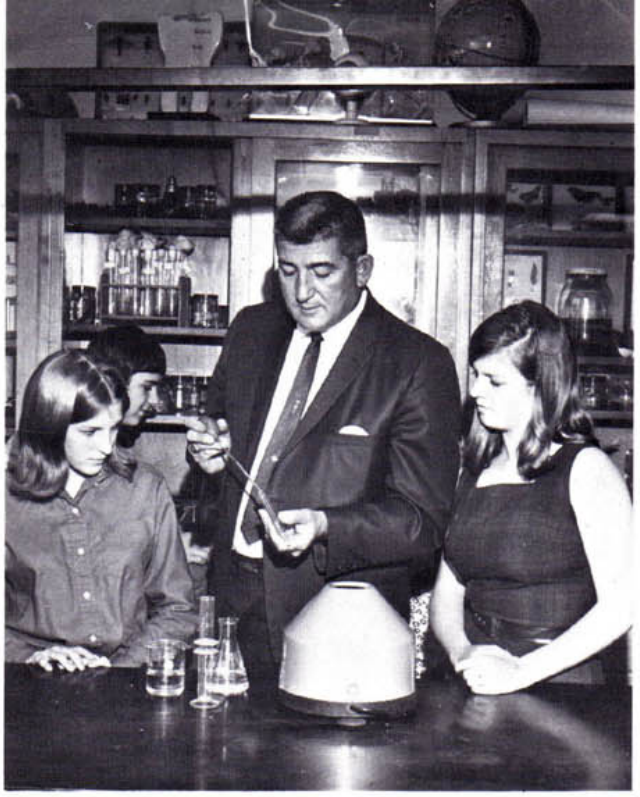

Mr. William F. Dinkines, class of 1941, explains to his daughters Karen, senior '68 (right) and Linda, '70 (left) the techniques of using a centrifuge.

Second Generation Honors PC Tradition

Attesting to the reality of what is often spoken of as the "Putnam City Story" is the number of second generation students who have already reached the high school.

"It is always gratifying to see students who are children of graduates that believe in the type of education the Putnam City schools are offering," said Superintendent Leo C. Mayfield "In fact many who had moved away after graduation moved back into the area for that specific purpose. We hope that we can continue to merit the confidence that this expresses," he added.

A questionnaire in the present high school indicated that over 70 parents are sending their children to attend their own alma mater.

Such loyalty to a high school is unusual among high school alums, especially in a district where so large a percent of the student body goes on to college.

People involved with the Putnam City schools never hesitate to voice their opinions, but the commendations received, are far greater than the number of grievances expressed.

William F. Dinkines, Western Oaks faculty member, in commenting on his reasons for rearing a family here, said, "Putnam City has better facilities and a more diversified curriculum for the students, and the relationship between the Putnam City community and its schools is the best I've ever seen."

Dinkines has been teaching biology and general science in the schools for the past two and one-half years. He has two daughters currently attending Putnam City High School, Karen and Linda.

Jack C. Click, class of '43, has three children enrolled at Putnam: Dee, Kathy and Richard. Click played baseball in high school, and was the first freshman to letter on the varsity football team. He is now employed as a line-driver for Trans Con Lines.

Assistant County Assessor Jack H. Latham gave up a job in South America so that his children could attend Putnam City Schools.

Latham (class of '47) wrestled and played football in high school. His son Larry has also been active in sports during his two years at Putnam.

Gene Whittaker played football and wrestled for PC before being graduated in '46. Formerly a grocery broker and owner of Whit's Restaurant, Mr. Whittaker accepted the position of manager of Stockton's Grocery in Tulsa this spring. His daughter Gayle is on the high school yearbook staff.

Mrs. Judith Smith, English teacher currently at the high school, is the daughter of John McClure and Mary Lois Garland McClure, both graduates of Putnam City. They own and operate Lake Overholser Nursery. Mr. McClure is presently in Parsons, Kansas, supervising a crew of men who are setting up a government arsenal for Master Mechanical Design.

Putnam City is nationally recognized as an outstanding college preparatory school with its top quality faculty, administrators and facilities. Alumni and students have just reason to be proud of their school. They are always eager to make it known—"I'm from Putnam City."

Other second generation students and parents are:

NAME	PARENT'S NAME
Debbie McDonald	Gerald McDonald
Susan Hutchison	Hazel (Holl) Hutchison
Dee and Cathy Click	Jack Click

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Record Enrollment Divides Highschool

Ten years after the present Putnam City High School's birth, a sister high school, Putnam City West has come into existence. The result of a decade of growth and expansion, PC West will be ready for use in September of 1968.

The idea of another high school began in January of 1967 when the six members of the school board met to hear a progress report and discuss tentative preliminary plans for Putnam City School District's second high school.

Superintendent Leo C. Mayfield; Ed Hudgins of Hudgins, Thompson, Ball and Associates and the school board met to find a solution to the problem of over-crowding. The not-yet-complete new high school was their answer.

Located at N.W. 23rd Street and Eagle Lane, the school site contains 31.27 acres and was purchased at a cost of $174,650. The two-story building faces N.W. 23rd and has a parking lot to the west on Eagle Lane.

Parking for only 400 cars is included in the first phase of construction plans, but eventually the lot will be able to accommodate 800 cars. While guests will park at the front of the building, east of it will be a faculty parking space for 75 cars.

South of the school will be a practice football and track field and baseball and softball diamonds with extra room to allow for a tennis court.

Because N.W. 20th cuts through school property on the south, suggestions that this street be closed to traffic are being considered.

Superintendent Mayfield and the architects visited 15 area schools to collect new ideas and to make sure that the plans presented to the school board would include the best with consideration to the money which was available.

A boys' and a girls' gym, cafeteria, library, administrative facilities and utility facilities to be constructed as large as necessary are included in the building which will eventually accommodate

Rough glimpses fail to show the activity that will soon move these halls into an integral part of the Putnam City School System.

Today . . . a mere building of stone and steel. Tomorrow . . . an institution of learning, overflowing with pride and spirit.

2000 students. Also included is a small theater with seating for 140.

A courtyard, 112 feet by 80 feet, will be situated in the middle of the structure. The first phase of building to accommodate 900 includes 31 classrooms. This phase will be air conditioned and will be comprised of approximately 134,000 square feet. Putnam City West will have fewer windows than any other school in the system.

The additions of 20 classrooms and possibly a swimming pool are among tentative plans for the future.

In 1966, $1,800,000 was designated for this structure, but architectural estimations set the cost of the building at $2,075,000. The difference of $275,000 between the designation and the estimate will be provided by building funds.

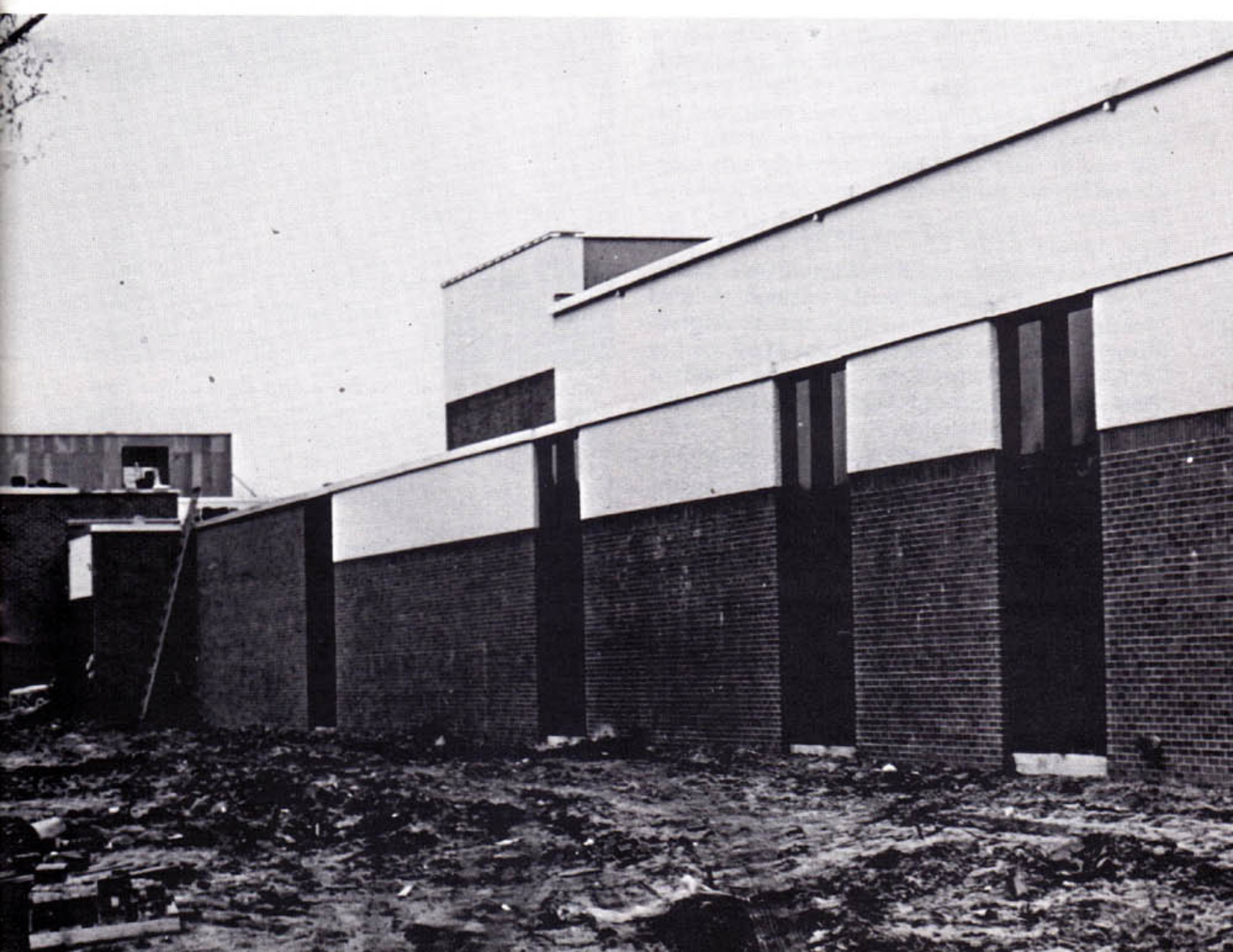
A split, similar to the one which will occur in Putnam City, took place 10 years ago in the Kansas high school Shawnee Mission. Last year in preparation for the division in Putnam, the two schools participated in a week-long exchange program. A group of students from each school visited the other school to study differences and obtain new ideas.

Putnam delegates were looking for ways to make the coming separation a smoother operation. Before Shawnee Mission High School divided, students selected Student Council officers for the new school. Principle school administrators also were chosen before the division took place. Affairs were reasonably organized before the dual-high school system went into effect.

Just as Shawnee Mission was prepared with pre-selected leadership for their new school, so will Putnam High be ready with able leadership for PC West.

Corn Chosen Principal

Mr. Melvin Corn, principal of Central Junior High, was named by the Putnam City Board of Education to the principalship of Putnam City



Putnam City West Evolves

West.

According to Mr. Corn, "The first year at least, the curriculum will be essentially that of the current high school. After pre-enrollment, we will know basically what courses will be needed during this first year of operation.

Mr. Corn and his wife have two children, Danny and Dana. Born in Hinton, Oklahoma, in 1933, he attended high school in El Reno and went to El Reno Junior College. He received a BA degree in 1961 from Oklahoma City University in mathematics. He has a M T in mathematics from Central State College and has attended Oklahoma State University and the University of Oklahoma.

After three years of military service, he served one year as a classroom teacher in math, three years as teaching principal and three years as Central Junior High principal.

Mr. Corn is listed in Who's Who in Greater Oklahoma City; past president of the local OEA; past member of the board of directors of the State Oklahoma Education Association; member of the Executive Committee of the Oklahoma Secondary School Principals Association and has attended two summer conferences at the University of Oklahoma on Human Relations, sponsored by the Human Relations Center.

Key Positions Noted

Mr. Gary Webb, coach at Western Oaks Junior High, has been named to the position of head football coach at the new high school. A graduate of Putnam City High, class of 1959, he has a BA from Central State College in 1963 in Social Science and the Master program at the University of Oklahoma.

He has been head coach of track and football at Western Oaks Junior High, where he also taught history and civics for five years. He was an assistant coach of football under Joe Garrison at Putnam City High.

After lettering three years in football and basketball at Putnam, he was named to the All-State football team in 1959. He attended the University of Oklahoma on a football scholarship.

The new coach has spent three years as the Westside YMCA baseball program director and is a member of the Oklahoma Education Association and National Education Association.

Surveying the partially completed structure of P. West, new Student Council officers wonder just wh the future holds for them.

Leading in many school activities will be t first slate of Student Council officers at PC We David Cotton, president; Chris James, vice-pr ident; Teresa Erwin, secretary and Lynda Coo er, treasurer. These officers were elected by t students who will be the junior class at the ne school. If tradition follows through, this will the only year for a junior to be student bo president.

School boundaries for Putnam City West w be the same as those for Western Oaks Jun High, so students within the Western Oaks lim will attend PC West. The new high school w have no senior class during its first year operation, as all 1969 seniors will be graduat from Putnam City High School.

Said Superintendent Mayfield, "Putnam C stands for quality in education. . . . Keep t Putnam City Idea and the Loyalty."

Co-operation will be a key word to succe next year.

Leadership Positions of New High School Filled

Lee Ann Slayton

Progress . . . what makes available new positions and then fills them . . . has provided Putnam City educators with challenging new roles in the administration, guidance and teaching departments of the new Putnam City West High School.

The men and women who have been chosen to fill these positions are well known in the Putnam City school system. The majority of them have been serving at other schools in the system in various roles for several years.

Chosen as principal of West High School is Melvin F. Corn, who is presently serving as principal of Central Junior High School. Mr. Corn, who has been principal of Central for three years and was previously vice-principal under Mr. Orville Robinson, considers the task "a challenging new experience."

Working very closely with Mr. Corn will be counselors Leon John and Maxine Stiles. Mr. John is presently a counselor at Western Oaks Junior High School, and Mrs. Stiles has taught and counseled at Central Junior High School.

The athletic department is composed of coaches from throughout the school system. Gary Webb, currently head football coach at Western Oaks Junior High, has been named to the top spot at Putnam City West with Mike Little, head football coach at Hefner Junior High serving as his assistant.

Dick Close, assistant basketball coach at Putnam City High and a former coach at Hefner, will hold the top position at West. Jim Cornelius from Lake Park Elementary School will serve as assistant basketball coach.

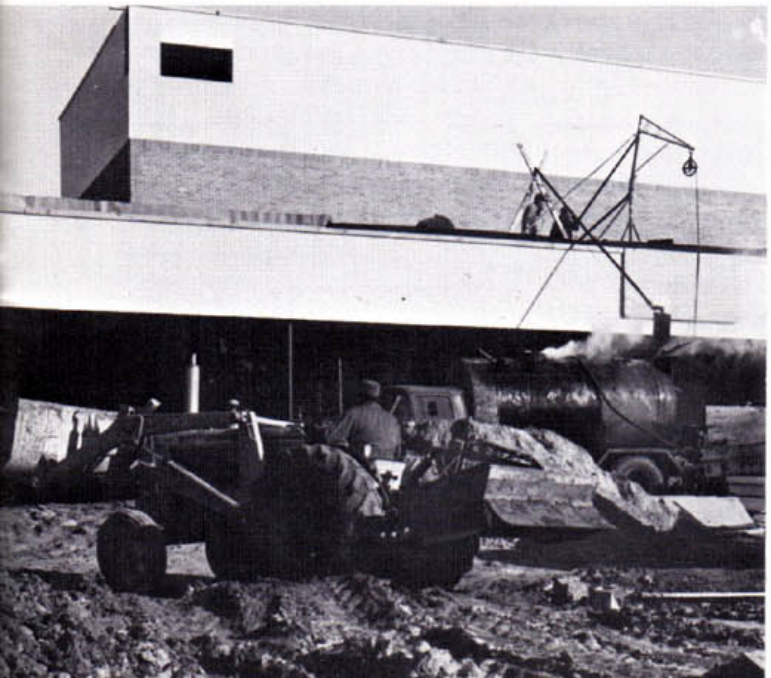
Amelia Gorena, who has been the librarian at Central Junior High for three years, will hold that position at West; and Adele Frazier, who has been the cafeteria co-ordinator at Hefner Junior High since it opened three years ago, will direct the cafeteria.

The high school will have approximately 35 teachers in September. Many of these posts will be filled by teachers from Putnam City High School who are willing to transfer.

August 1, 1968, is the projected finishing date for the new school, which features air conditioned class rooms, movable walls for group teaching and a girls' gym.

The PC West boys' gym will seat 2,500 people and will be used for the sports events of both high schools, as will the stadium at 5300 Northwest 50th.

Progress is both a word of the present and of the future at Putnam City!



Mr. Ralph Downs and Mr. Melvin Corn confer at the first general meeting of the students who will be juniors next year at Putnam City West.

Construction moves forward towards completion date.

"C.I.D.," better known as Campus Improvement Day, turned five hours of January 26 into excitement and laughter as it became an unforgettable part of Hefner Junior High's history. The activities netted over $2500 which was used to obtain needed shrubs and flowers and to purchase planters and benches for the school's grounds.

"C.I.D." was an all-school function, created by Hefner's ingenious and fun-loving principal, Mr. Orville Robinson, and enacted entirely by parents, teachers and students.

Basic plans and foundation of this program were started in November by Mrs. Margaret Haggard, music director; Mrs. Grace McCormick, speech teacher and Mrs. Sue Vaughn, president of the P.T.A. The committees were arranged in early January and the details of the program started.

Entertainment commenced at five o'clock with a rowdy and toppling father-son basketball game, including mother and daughter cheerleaders.

The older Vikings insisted on alternating the teams every two minutes to conserve strength. This proved to be a wise move for the eighth grade fathers as they huffed and puffed to victory over their sons. As spirit and revenge mounted, the ninth grade team gathered energy and conquered their exhausted dads. (No total scores were available.)

After the games, C.I.D.'s King and Queen, seventh graders Michelle Guyer and Bill Holmberg, were crowned. Runners-up for the honors were ninth graders Becki Barnett and Bill Spaine, and eighth graders Donna Yarholar and Paul Deal.

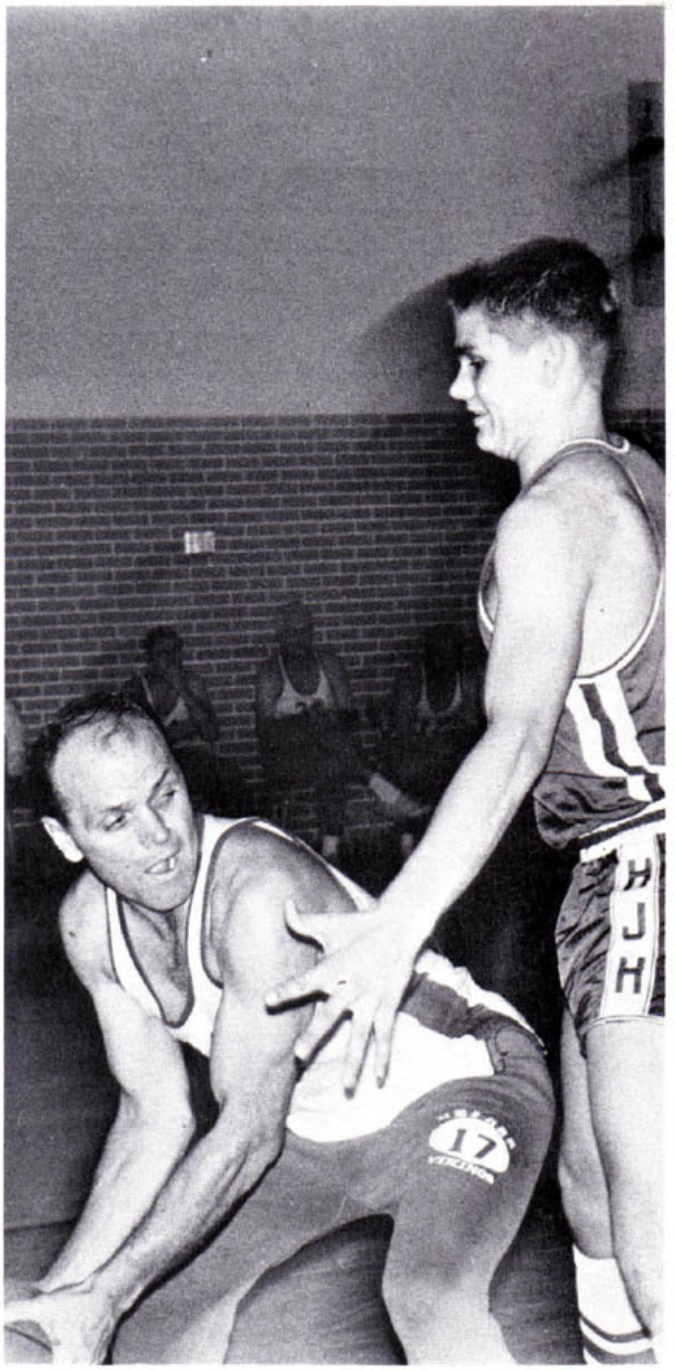
Each grade chose a boy and girl representative for the Royalty Contest. Then the students sold advance dinner tickets for the chili 'n beans and hot dog supper. The money accumulated from these sales went as votes to their grade's candidates. The total amount collected was $1,777.75 with the seventh grade contributing $633.21 of it for first place. In addition, penny voting was held January 23 through January 26, where each student could vote for his choice.

When someone mentioned a cakewalk in the girl's gym, visions of Saturday night's dessert must have danced in the mind of every person attached to sweets, for the crowd participating was twice as large as had been expected. The three circles that were planned had to be

CID Nets Profit, Encourages Activity, Community Spirit

(side) First phase of Hefner's improvement is pole railings to protect campus lawn.

(below) Baffled dad wonders how he is going to maneuver around Hefner guard and dribble to victory in CID's father - son basketball game.



changed to five to accommodate the eager visitors. It was estimated that over one hundred cakes were brought for the occasion. Supervisor for the lively cakewalks was Channel Five's Gene Dillehay.

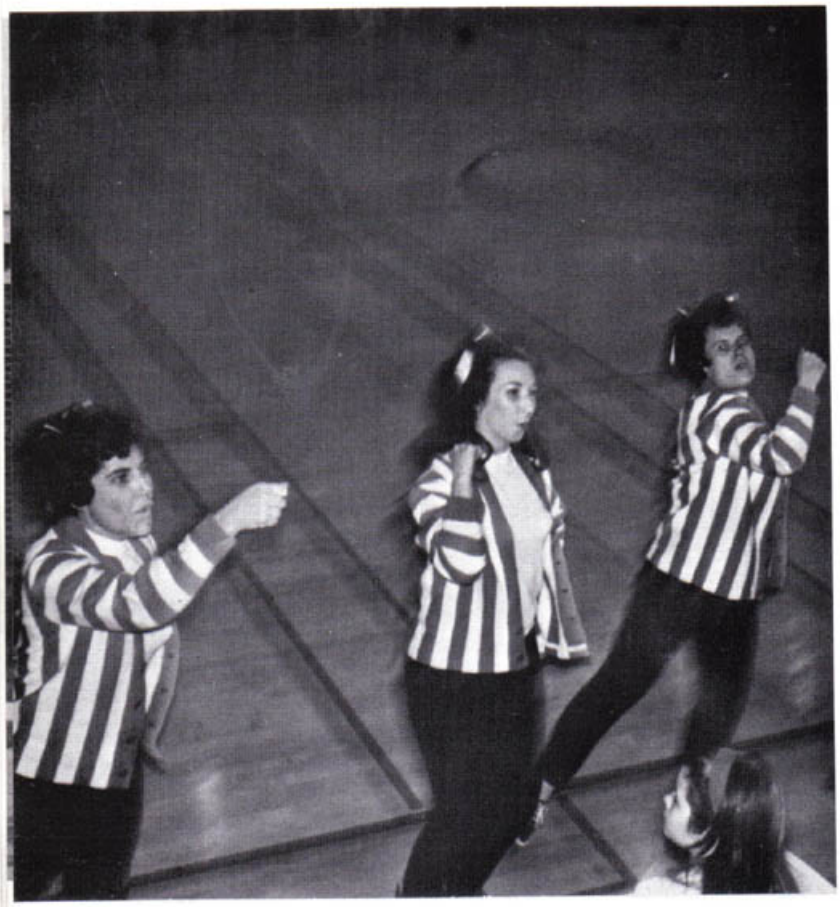
The main event of the evening was the "Hefner Happenings," held at eight p.m. in the boys' gymnasium. KOCO-TV's Ida B. was mistress of ceremonies.

The "Happening" opened with the Vikettes, a dance group of mothers and teachers modeled after the Rockettes of Radio City. Dancers had difficulty with some steps due to the limited space left them by the huge crowd.

The theme of the presentation represented various eras in time from the 1890's through the 1960's, from great grandpa's heyday to grandfather's square dance years, to dad in his prime, to big brother's rocking times and finally to the Vikings of today.

The 1890's skit took place in "Dillard's Saloon" complete with dance hall girls, a sprawling brawl and the appearance of the W.C.T.U. (Women's Christian Temperance Union), probably because Mr. Norman Dillard, vice-principal, posed as the town drunk.

1920 was next with a display of fashions and



"Sink It!" cry enthusiastic mother cheerleaders to Viking fathers at CID's basketball game.

Queen, Michelle Guyer, and King, Bill Holmberg, find a moment's quiet in an active evening.

silent movie stars, The Keystone Cops, and songs of the time, included "Thoroughly Modern Millie," sung by Betsy Roberts. The men of the show modeled their extremely popular racoon coats.

With the 1940's came the memories of the war days, jitter bugging and Frank Sinatra, played by Dr. Bill Hood. Sue Haggard, Carol Butler and Susie Austin portrayed the Andrew Sisters and sang "Don't Sit Under The Apple Tree."

The humorous, prosperous '50's brought the introduction of television into the home. A typical program was the Jackie Gleason Show, featuring Marilyn Monroe, (Mrs. Neva Mitchell) Groucho Marx, (Mr. Herbert Brewer) and Phyllis Diller (Mrs. Marcia Marshall).

The swingin' '60's presented dancers rocking to the songs of Elvis Presley, portrayed by coach Jim Brown, and the Grimes Grungy Group, plus Sonny and Cher. Also the men presented a fashion show, disguised as lovely "young" ladies and modeled the colorful clothes of the era.

Another part of the Viking days not to be forgotten was the "hippies" making the scene. As Mrs. Haggard remarked, "It was a sight to behold!" The show was concluded with two songs by the Chosen Few band from Hefner, "Things I Should've Said," and "Hold On, I'm Coming."

Other features of this unique night were movies and games for younger children as well as a trained dog act which permitted the frenzied parents a night of hearty fun and freedom. Also a chili 'n beans and hot dog supper was provided where about 1800 people were fed.

Co-chairman Mrs. Grace McCormick commented that the celebration was "tremendous for financing, horrible on nerves and great for community involvement."

Mrs. Sue Vaughn remarked, "It took quite a lot of phoning in the planning stage but I was overwhelmed at the community's participation."

"It was wild, but rewarding," said Mrs. Haggard, "For trees and shrubs have already been ordered to fulfill the campus improvements." All involved in "C.I.D." agreed it was "successful, imaginative and **BIG!**

Expanding

well. The over-all winner was Nan Herman, whose grasshopper vigorously leaped 1.66 meters, while the over all loser was Sally Holmes, whose fatigued contestant only reached .03 meters.

Music was vitally important to the young since it laid the basic foundation for future musical abilities and appreciation for fine art. Taking on the challenging responsibility of music director at Tulakes was Mrs. Ruby Dunn, who conducted music classes each day from 12:45 to 3:30. Featured presentation of the year was the Christmas story entitled "The Rising Star," which included students from the first to the sixth grades. A unique part of the entertainment was the religious song, "Adeste Fideles," sung in Latin by fourth and fifth graders. Narrators for the program were three sixth graders —Dean Pattisson, Mike Macey and Fred "Fritz" Mowery.

Tulakes also boasts a carpeted library supervised by Mrs. Hetty Stafford. One hundred twenty books were furnished through donations of parents, whose children's names were printed on the inner cover of the donated books. These book gratuities were conducted throughout all Putnam City elementary schools in accordance with "National Book Week."

At Tulakes, as in most elementaries, the P.T.A. was an indispensable organization. They introduced a "Fun Night" March 14, with proceeds going for school projects.

If no thoughts are ever given to school spirit in an elementary school, then a visit to Rolling Wood might arouse them. This year 951 Rolling Wood "Rockets" proudly boasted their school's colors—purple and white. Charles King, principal, and his teachers enthusiastically took part in the school song—"Cheer, Cheer for Rolling Wood," written by Mrs. JoAnn King, music teacher. When school athletes participated in competitive sports, the Pep Club, sponsored by Mrs. Dorothy Horsley, accompanied them to give encouragement and support.

In keeping with the spirit of Halloween, the P.T.A. sponsored a Carnival where they raised $1200.

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Wendal Chastain observes intently as Hilldale's nurse, Thelma Thompson, applies bandage to his injury.

Tulakes brightens the lunchroom atmosphere by introducing new modifications in lighting designs.

Teeter totters, slides and swings provide entertainment for Hilldale Elementary students at recess.

As spring moved in and winter drifted away, the cheerful thoughts of the students were expressed in song when approximately 40 students joined in the district-wide elementary Spring Music Concert, April 8th at the Putnam City High School auditorium.

Hilldale Handles Special Education

"Open your mouth, lift up your tongue and don't bite the thermometer!" might be just a few tidbits of advice given by nurse, Mrs. Thelma Thompson, at the clinic in Hilldale Elementary. Although the nurse was only available half a day, 830 students and 35 teachers found her an important part of the school's personnel.

Hilldale is the center of activity for special education students from the entire Putnam City district. Here they received extra consideration, care and guidance in their studies. In addition, a speech therapist, Miss Elizabeth Porter, worked each Thursday and Friday afternoon to help correct childrens' speech problems.

Principal Lewis Favor commented, "Our Open House was an immense success with the largest attendance ever." Proceeds from a P.T.A.-sponsored Hot Dog Supper were used to purchase a new tumbling mat for physical education.

Hilldale's fourth, fifth and sixth grade boys excelled in track. Under the watchful eye of Mr. Don Pherigo, they were checked and clocked on their running ability and counseled on their style techniques.

There are 11 elementary schools in the Putnam City district, and each continues to strive toward progress in better educational programs.

The elementary schools are the backbone of education and a part which should never be under-estimated, for they are alive, eager and always expanding!

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Band, Choruses Awarded Medals, Contest Prizes

From the tiniest teeny-bopper to the sophisticated senior, music plays an important role in the educational curriculum of Putnam City. The student is exposed to the vast world of music through class and extracurricular activities from the time he learns to read.

With the aid of approximately 20 full-time teachers, students become aware and appreciative of the wonderland of music.

Music is incorporated into the curriculum in the third grade, when students have weekly general music classes. Vocal instruction is added to the basic theory the following year, with students given the opportunity to perform in various programs for the school and PTA, as well as the Elementary Music Festival.

Originated this year, the Elementary Festival featured sixth graders from every Putnam grade school presenting renditions of their favorite songs.

Instrumental instruction is begun in the sixth grade with a junior high or high school band director teaching the classes.

"Our next desire for improving our music departments is the introduction of string instruction," commented Superintendent Leo C. Mayfield.

"Orchestra classes are scheduled to be started in the elementary schools soon, and will later be initiated into the junior high and high school programs."

Continuation is a key word in the PC music program, with band students going directly into band as they enter junior high, usually under the instruction of the same teacher they had in grade school.

Junior high bands provide the half time entertainment at their own football games, and annually combine with the high school band to present a "music extravaganza" at the half of a high school game.

Contests and festivals keep the bands busy after football season, along with preparation for annual concerts and special presentations.

A new dimension is entered in the field of vocal music within the junior high schools. In addition to the customary chorus, special ensembles and groups are featured at annual programs and contests.

Hefner is perhaps the most active of the PC junior highs in this field,

Over 300 students out of a student body of 1325 participate in vocal music

The motivating force behind this enthusiastic interest is the dynamic director, Mrs. Margaret Haggard. Each year, since the opening of the new junior high school, some expansion has been made in the department.

Last year, a Junior High School Invitational Choral Festival was initiated. Twelve schools from the surrounding area participated. Dr. Warren Angell, director of the O B U Bison Glee Club, was guest conductor and served again this year.

At the Hefner Easter Concert last year, Gene Loring of Wesleyan Methodist Church brought his hand bell choir to accompany the chorus.

Interest in hand bells was sparked, and ninth grade students "passed the hat" etc., and raised $600 as a gift to the music department toward the purchase of hand bells. This year the "etc." was earned and a bell choir began in January. Hefner is one of the few schools in

High School Chorus members performed at innumerable school and community functions.

—Photo by Ross Spicer

The Putnam City High School band provides entertainment and promotes school spirit as they perform marching drills during halftime at Pirate football games.

the state that owns a set of Schulmerich Carillons, which are made in Sellersville, Pennsylvania.

The ancient art of hand-bell ringing was founded over 400 years ago in England. Handbells were used by "Tower Bell Ringers" to practice timing sequences for "Change Ringing," a method of ringing bells in mathematical patterns.

In the 18th Century, handbells were expanded in musical range, tuned to the musical scale and became musical instruments.

There has been an expanding interest in handbells in the U.S. in recent years. From a few sets of bells used by community groups in the East, handbell ringing has been extended to the church, school and civic groups throughout the country.

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Musical theory students demonstrate an enthusiastic interest in combining composition talents.

Bells Enliven Junior High Chorus

The music curriculum is vastly enlarged when the student enters high school. In the vocal music department a student may try out for Glee Club, Mixed Chorus, or the Sophomore Chorus, all of which are directed by Mrs. Fern Friedlander.

Glee Club auditions are based on voice quality, poise, facial expression and sight reading. Composed mostly of upperclassmen, the Mixed Chorus is a more versatile and experienced group than the Glee Club. Beginning vocal music students are eligible for Sophomore Chorus.

"All our class really needs is a little bit of talent and a tape recorder!" emphasizes Mrs. Friedlander.

The chorus performs throughout the year at various assemblies and also at their annual concerts. Highlight of each year's concert is the coronation of Chorus Sweethearts.

Contests play a vital role in the vocal music department, too, with PC singers competing at district, state and Tri-State meets annually.

The band cur iculum is also expanded at the high school level with qualified students being eligible for the marching band, contest band and pep band.

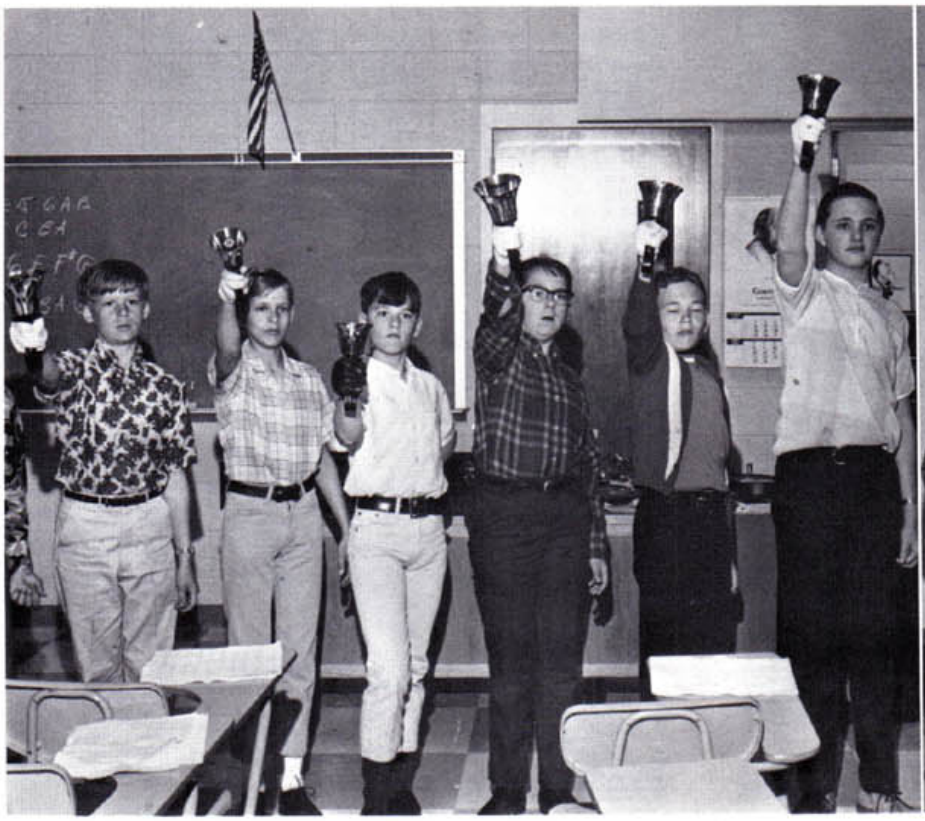
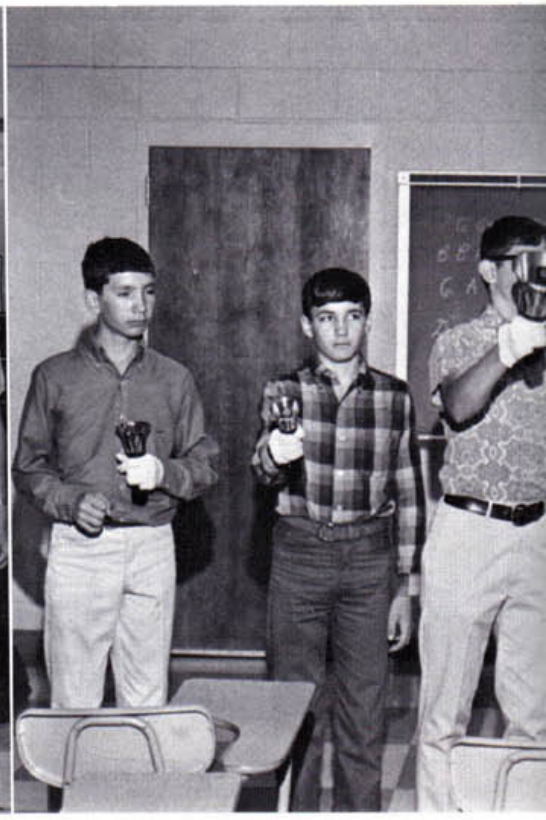
Composed of 170 members, the band performs at football games, concerts and assemblies.

A select group of 90 band members compose the contest band. Since entering its first contest in 1940, the contest band has won 17 excellent ratings and been named the "Outstanding Band" at the Edmond Festival four times. The band also competes at the state, district and Tri-State contests.

The pep band, 140 members strong, supports the Pirates at pep assemblies, basketball games and wrestling matches.

The band is represented each year by the Band Queen and her attendants, who are presented at the half-time activities of a home football game.

Majorettes perform with and compliment the band, continuing the tradition begun 25 years ago. Girls are judged on talent and an original routine presented for a special judge. The number of majorettes depends on the number of girls qualifying.

From the tiniest teeny-bopper to the most sophisticated enior, music does play an important part in the Putnam educational system.

Bell chorus at Hefner brings a new and interesting phase to students in the Music Department.