

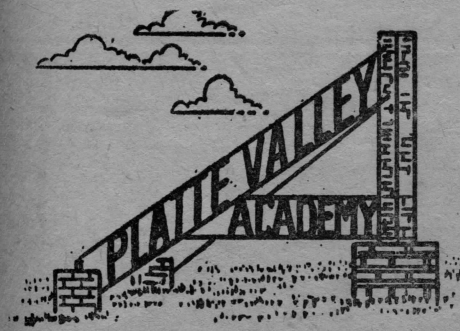
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Elder G. D. Hutches, student, dean and principal, alumni speaker

Alumni Weekend Held at Platte Valley Academy

April 24 and 25 was the annual Alumni Weekend at Platte Valley Academy. This weekend was particularly special because the fiftieth anniversary of PVA was celebrated.

For vespers Friday night, April 24, Jerry Wesslen, class of '68, led song service, assisted by Pam Maize at the organ. Marvin Anderson, '42, president of the Alumni Association, welcomed alumni and friends.

Lester Snyder offered opening prayer, Duane Johnson, '70, played a saxophone solo. Vesper speaker was Elder J. J. Aitken, '37, Radiopress secretary for the General Conference. Elder Aitken pointed out that the main purpose of this school is to launch out workers into the field and bring them back safely. Lester Taft, '21, offered the benediction.

Sabbath School, April 25, was conducted by the alumni. PVA band played the prelude. George Nelson, '49, presented the welcome. Donald Houpt, '40, announced opening song and N. H. Lake, '30, offered prayer. Connie Jo Gerst, '68, and Union College's

student missionary next year, presented a special feature.

Phyllis Gardner Malcolm, '60, reported the secretary's report. Harold Williams, '60, organist, played for special music "Agnus Du" by Bizet. Elder Aitken, '37, former missionary to South America, told the mission story.

The lesson study was given by K. F. Vonhof, former principal at PVA. Rita Teter Riter, '50, announced the closing song, and Melvin Fisher, '65, offered closing prayer. Lorene Craig Watters, '52, was organist.

For the morning worship service, Elder Ralph Wendt, '37, had invocation. PVA Balladares, choral group, sang "The Last Words of David" for special music. Elder G. E. Hutches, '22, former dean and principal, preached the sermon.

Elder Hutches reminisced and reminded the alumni and students that "It takes so little to mean so much, sometimes." Professor G. D. Holmes, former faculty member, offered the benediction.

At 4:00 Sabbath afternoon, Elder J. J. Aitken presented two films he had taken in South Amer-

ica, Africa and Australia.

At 7:00 for Sabbath evening vespers, Elder G. E. Hutches, '22, told several fascinating stories.

A buffet banquet was served in the cafeteria for all the alumni and for the class of '70 who were welcomed into the Alumni Association. The association decided to raise money for a project, an intercom system for dorms which would connect all rooms with the desk.

At 9:15 "Golden Memories" program featured each decade by skits, music, and reminiscing to good old days. Terminating this program was the presentation of the 1970 "Aquila" dedicated to the faculty, past and present, and the alumni.

by Pam Maize

Upper Classmen Attend MCC Camp

On the 5th of April, Mike Dickerson, Larry Meyers, Bob Snyder, Duane Johnson, Tom Sanders, Tom McComb, John Bucholtz, Bill Ray, John Gorton, and Kendall Fults left for the biannual experience of Medical Cadet Corps (MCC).

Upon arriving at Camp Ashland we quickly made use of our time by registering and getting use to new faces.

A total of 93 recruits were on hand from Sunnysdale, Enterprise, Campion, College View, and Platte Valley Academies for a week of lectures and learning in close order drill, first aid, character guidance and many other important subjects.

One highlight of the week was an experience in a gas chamber both with and without a gas mask; Also everyone had the opportunity to load letters on a helicopter which was furnished by the Nebraska National Guard.

Those receiving promotions while at Camp were Mike Dickerson, Private First Class; Duane Johnson, Corporal; Larry Meyers, Sergeant; Kendall Fults, Sergeant; and a special promotion to Lieutenant Wesslen who was promoted to Captain.

A climax to the Camp came on the 12th with a parade for the Adjutant General Lyle Welch of the National Guard who inspected the troops. At 2:00 on the 12th everyone arrived back at school, tired but all in one piece.

by Kendall Fults

History Class Visits Kearney

It has been said that you can spot an American anywhere. The foreign faces that the American History class saw at the Midwest Conference on World Affairs, on April 21, were easy to pick out of a crowd of Americans.

Each year Kearney State College sponsors guests from 37 foreign embassies, as well as departments in the U. S. There was a plenary (all attended) session, and then one was free to choose any of five symposia conducted in different buildings on campus.

"Population Crises—Human Catastrophe?" was the topic of Ambassador James Riddleburger, Chairman, Population Crises Committee.

As we decided which symposium to attend, the different embassy secretaries were introduced. The Swedish Secretary arose. "—but he doesn't even have blond hair!" one coed was heard to whisper disappointedly.

The discussion decided upon by our group was "The World—Some Rules for Space Exploration". Florentius Kist, of the Netherlands, was the first speaker. He explained different space treaties and laws incorporated in the Charter of the U.N. Alexander Erskovskii represented Russia. The problems of international cooperation and exchange of data between USSR and the U.S. were discussed. Benoit d'Aboville, from France, explained the role space might play in communications and stressed the need of peace in the frontier of space.

Listening to these men was quite unusual. The capacity of command in the English language was quite remarkable for the length of time the diplomats had been in the States.

No one criticized any speaker for the difficulty he may have run into while trying to explain a point or answer a question. Perhaps some were imagining how well they would address a Russian audience!

The tour was interesting, as well as informative, for it let us get a glimpse of intelligent dignitaries of other countries.

by Joann Herrington

Butterflies have taste organs in their feet.

Editorial

Living as we do on our campus, we learn and notice things that have never been brought so sharply to our attention. For the first time many students realize that there is more to being a Christian than we often think of.

We began to understand in how many ways we don't really measure up to anything worthy of true and deserved praise or credit. But over and over, here as well as among adults, two faults stand out more clearly than others.

The first of these concerns one of the smallest muscles in the human body.

We are all so quick to put our razor-sharp tongues to use, and all of us at one time or another have been guilty of tarnishing a reputation by repeating and even adding to some absurd story that happened to come to our attention.

Too often we wiggle out of the blame for such action with some lame excuse such as, "Constructive criticism never hurt anyone."

Abraham Lincoln offered some very good advice concerning the matter. "He has the right to criticize who has the heart to help."

Unless we are as willing to put our hands and hearts to use as we are to put our tongues in high gear, we have no right to walk around carrying such high powered weapons as criticism.

Another point we all to often trip up on is realizing that each person is an individual. In dealing with others, let us keep in mind that the following is true.

"We are not hen's eggs, or bananas, or clothespins, to be counted off by the dozen. Down to the last detail we are all different. Everyone has his own fingerprints.

Recognize and rejoice in that endless variety. The white light of the divine purpose streams down from heaven to be broken up by these human prisms into all the colors of the rainbow. Take your own color in the pattern and be just that."—Charles Brown.

by Twila Pierson

SINGER GUEST AT ACADEMY

Miss Inez Gifford, popular singer, who has thrilled thousands of student audiences all over the United States, was our guest at Platte Valley Academy, April 11.

"Songs of Technicolor" has aroused interest and comment all over the world. Using brilliant color slides and a remote control projector, Miss Gifford shows interesting scenes which coincide with the lyrical content of her songs, "An Around the World Medley". Some of the songs featured were Paree, Torna Torrente, Brazil, Bali Hai, South of the Border, and Give My Regards to Broadway.

Miss Gifford added to her popularity on campus when she invited

us to sing along with her giving us the important part of Meooooow in the song Alley Cat.

A senior student commented on the program of Miss Gifford as being, "Great. I think the student body enjoyed her talent a great deal."

by Mary Greenland

Last Open House Held

The old boys' dorm groaned and rattled as about one-hundred and fifty students and faculty found their way through its halls. This event was the last open house for the old dorm.

The boys of Delta Iota Omega had worked long, hard hours to prepare their rooms for this special event. Some of the most outstanding rooms were Bill Ray's and John Gorton's, Carlos Correia's and Duane Johnson's, and Bob Clark's and Frank Hardt's.

After the tour of the dorm, the students made their way out to the field for a mixed baseball game. With Kendall Fults and Tom Sanders as captains, the game was a lot of fun for all the players.

At the last inning, Larry Meyers, the Student Association President, called the game to a halt and dramatically announced the new S. A. officers:

President—Terry Darnell

Culture Vice President—Rhonda Sanders

Social Vice President—Dina Owen
Religious Vice—Lou Ann Muench

Secretary—Wanda Pierson

Treasurer—DeAnn Opp

Parliamentarian—Don Fox

Chorister—Darvis Opp

Pianist—Karla Fults

After a thunderous applause for our new officers, we finished the last inning of the game and made our way back to the dorms.

by Lou Ann Reile

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Mr. Earl Adams, incoming principal

Incoming, Outgoing Faculty

Mr. Earl Adams of Hagerstown, Maryland, who is presently physical education teacher and registrar at Highland View Academy, will be principal at Platte Valley Academy next year.

Mr. Donald Wesslen, who is now principal at PVA, has answered a call to Upper Columbia Academy in Spokane, Washington. There he will be vice principal and mathematics instructor.

Mrs. Wesslen, who has been registrar here at school, will act as food service director.

Miss Marge Devnich, who will graduate from Union College this year, will take Miss Gwen's place as home economics teacher and librarian.

Miss Gwen expects to tour Europe and Africa this summer. On her return she has accepted the position as girls' dean at Upper Columbia Academy.

Mr. Everett Fisher, who is a former staff member, will be coming back to be assistant general farm manager. He is now at Sandia View Academy at Carroles, New Mexico. He was previously a missionary in Chile.

Elder O. L. Maize, who is also leaving PVA, will be Bible teacher and guidance counselor at Madison Academy in Madison, Tennessee.

Mrs. Maize will be teaching the second graders at Greater Nashville Junior Academy.

Mr. Ferman Mock has accepted a call to Highland Academy near Portland, Tennessee. He will teach Spanish I and II, world history, American history, and possibly biology. He will also be helping with their temperance.

Campion Academy in Loveland, Colorado, will be getting a new music instructor. Mr. William Baker will be instructing their band and choir. He will also have a music survey class and teach instrumental lessons.

Miss Georgetta Moles, our choir director and piano and organ instructor, is going to attend Andrews University to complete her masters. She has been offered a \$2000 fellowship.

by Cindy Torske

CHEMISTRY CLASS FIELD TRIP

Bright and early the morning of April 10th the Chemistry class piled into the van and Mr. Baker's car.

They journeyed to Lincoln to hear Dr. Herbert N. Alyea, from Princeton University, give a lecture at Nebraska Wesleyan University. His lecture was entitled "Lucky Accidents, Great Discoveries and the Prepared Mind."

This lecture told about many famous discoveries, for example, nail polish, penicillin and teflon, that were found by accident in the laboratory.

After dinner we studied the stars and constellations in a planetarium show which proved to be very educational. An electrocardiogram demonstration followed. In this they showed the contractions of a person's heart.

To conclude our day we listened to a lecture on the use of neutron activation. "It was really a long day but it was well worth going to," said a student.

by Sandy Nelson

American History Class Tours Abilene

Groans were heard in the American History class as Mr. Mock announced that the bus going to Abilene was to leave at 7:15 in the morning.

But who was it that boarded the bus bright and chirpy the next morning? The entire class.

The American History class had been anticipating the field trip to Abilene since the beginning of the year. The trip included a tour of the Eisenhower library, Eisenhower museum and his home and a memorial of where he was buried.

The students also enjoyed touring Old Abilene Town, a cowpoke town typical for its antiquity and genuineness. Just ask Tom Sanders and Mike Dickerson. They thought it was a picture of the real thing.

On the way back the students stopped at Enterprise Academy, where two of our former PVA students, Tanny Criswell and Mike Schwab, gave us tours of their campus.

Supper was eaten at Kings in Hastings.

by Jeanne Risse

Boys' Column

Can you believe it? Roy Gray and Dennis Read cleaned their room. There must be a very strong motivation behind this. It must be because of the open house Wilton Hall had April 23.

With Alumni weekend coming up, Dean Hardt was out full force to get the dorm in very best condition for all the visiting alumni. Believe me, with a dormitory like Wilton Hall that's a tremendous undertaking.

Regardless, workers were busy with patching trying to make the dorm look inhabitable. The best place to start is with the individual rooms. So, to motivate the guys to clean their rooms, it was announced that an open house for the entire school was to be held Thursday evening before alumni weekend.

I must say, "I didn't think it could be done," but almost every guy's room was thoroughly clean. The dorm didn't look bad . . . considering

"I'll bet you can't put a snowball through Gerber's window." Who could turn down such a dare. Not just one but about 50 snowballs were flying through the open window from where the dare was yelled.

What fun watching Don jumping around in front of it holding his coat in a vain attempt to halt the bombardment. Finally he slammed the window shut just as a snowball went crashing through, striking Gube square in the head.

Beautiful shot! Looks like somebody had a window to pay for. Momentarily forgetting about the problem, the bombardiers rushed to the room to find it full of laughing guys standing in piles of snow.

Don was the only one who failed to see the humor. It seems the ones who made the dare did not live there. No wonder they were so daring. Anyway Gerber got his rug and one wall washed for free. In spite of this generous service Don still failed to show appreciation.

Coincidentally, that night at worship we received explicit instructions as to snowballing areas.

In the last few minutes of a basketball game, everything suddenly went completely black. Funny, the switches were on, fuses okay. Leaving the gym we found the entire campus completely blacked out.

A little later we were to learn that strong winds had blown down three main power sources in Shelton. The power company told us they should have lights on and fixed by early morning. There was one study period shot.

Everyone was encouraged to go to bed right away and get up early when the lights were on. Some did, some didn't. Besides no lights,

the bathroom facilities were unoperable, so it proved to be quite an eventful night. As was promised, the lights did come on sometime early the next morning.

Well, it looks like Spring has finally sprung. Evidences are everywhere in the green grass, budding trees and flowers, birds singing and most of all—Spring Fever!!! Only four weeks to go until graduation!

This is my last column for the Sundial. In about 31 days the class of '70" will be alumni.

Thanks for reading the paper.
by Alan Muenchau

Girls' Column

Since the weather has turned warmer several of the girls like Linda Young, Pattie Fisher, Florence Warm, Marlys May and Janen Sorenson have taken advantage of a kind faculty member's backyard to lay out in the warm April sun.

A couple of the girls like Peggy Heinaman and Becky Achtziger have been taking too much advantage of the sun and now have some very painful bright red burns.

With the arrival of our new annuals, annual signing has become the new rage. Everywhere girls can be seen with a pen and annual in hand trying to think of something witty to write.

Volleyball season has arrived. Some of the girls have become so excited over the sport that they've taken to playing in odd places. One such place happens to be room 304 where Barb Harris and JoAnn Herrington have a gay time hitting the ball back and forth.

Vicky Decker misses her roommate, Cheryl McCumber, who is sick at home. Get well soon Cheryl and come back and live up the place because we miss you!

Coming events include the Girls' Club Benefit which will take place Saturday evening, May 16, and will include lots of student talent.
by Denise Mosley

SPORTS

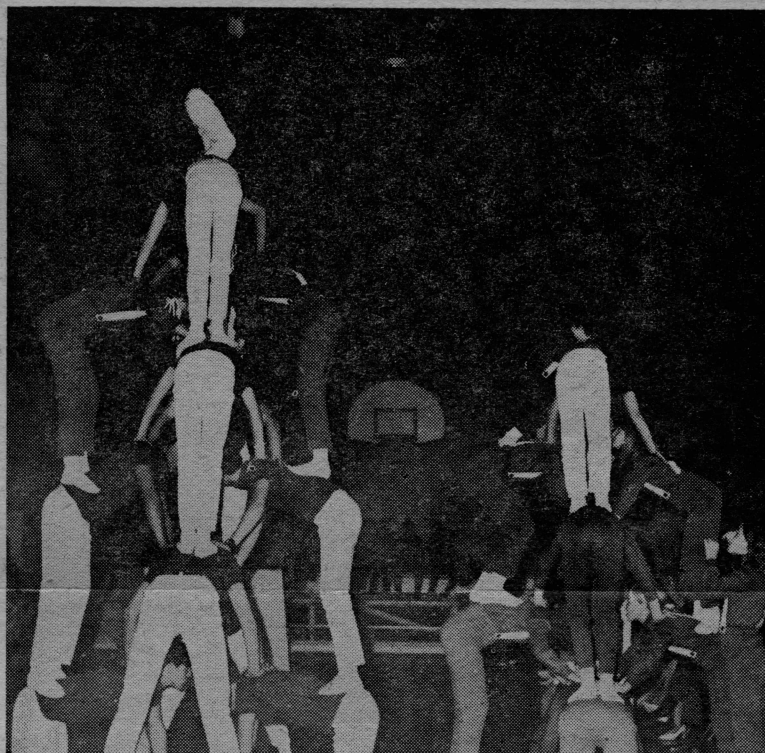
Softball season is underway. In the first game of the season Berthelson put on a big rally to come from behind and beat Ray 14-10.

Bob Mateo's grand slam home-run was a big factor in the 2nd game in which Mateo won over Meyers 12-5. Mateo beat Berthelson 10-4 in the 3rd game. The 4th game proved to be a real slugfest as Kendall Fults hit two homers, to raise his total to three, and help Meyers beat Ray 27-8.

Standings:

Mateo	2-0
Berthelson	1-1
Ray	0-2
Meyers	1-1

by Tom Sanders



Tulsa Junior Academy tumblers

Tulsa Junior Academy Presents Tumbling

The Tulsa Junior Academy put on a spectacular program on Saturday night, April 4, here at PVA. Students from the grades 3-10 were featured. There were about 40 students in the program.

They demonstrated how physical fitness plays an important part in our everyday lives. Everything from the balance beam and formation to trampoline acts was put on. Many students had worked up individual routines. These included the unevens, floor routines and trampoline.

Also music taken from the musical "Oklahoma" was presented by the students.

by Gaylene Herr

New Student Council

A student council that will work in cooperation with the faculty sponsors has been formed.

It was decided by a committee chosen by the Student Association that juniors and seniors should have three representatives for their classes, and the sophomore and freshmen classes would have two representatives.

The members of the student council are as follows:

Seniors: JoAnne Herrington, Duane Johnson, and Terry Shepherd
Juniors: Kendall Fults, Don Gerber, and Ellen Feather

Sophomores: Don Fox and Wanda Richardson.

Freshmen: Gwen Herr and Jerry Helm.

Mr. Mock, Elder Maize, and Mrs. Hardt are acting as sponsors of the council until the close of the school year.

by Twila Pierson

HERE COMES THE GUINEA CLINIC

The Union College Physical Education Department ran all of us students through their Guinea Clinic on Saturday night, April 18.

We all met in the gym and received a few instructions. We were handed a small pamphlet and on opening it found words like Gitchi-goo, Go West, etc.

After these names there were numbers from 1-5. If you got a 5 that was the best but if you got a 1,—well, we won't talk about that!

There were 14 different things we had to do. Those that turned out to be the most popular were The Spastic and Speedy Gonzales. In The Spastic two electrodes were hooked to your arm to see how much current your muscles could take before twitching.

After you had gone through all of the stations there were a few questions for us to answer. Everyone added their scores together. There was a total possible of 75 points.

Dina Owen had the highest score. It was 54 points for which she received a small gold cup. The persons that were in charge of each station then gave a trophy to the one that did the best or the worst in that particular station.

After the Guinea Clinic was over, the PVA girls played the Union girls in basketball. Our girls didn't do too well. The final score was 34 to 6 in favor of Union College girls. After the game we all retired to our respective dorms.

by Ken Flemmer

Courtesy is contagious.

Honor Roll

1st HONOR ROLL

2nd 6 weeks of 2nd semester

4.0

Gaylene Herr
Mike Kinder
Carleen Rittenbach
Judy Wesslen

3.83

Wanda Pierson

3.8

Frank Hart
Gwen Herr

3.75

Ellen Feather
Mary Greenland
Jerry Helm
Duane Johnson
Twila Pierson
Wanda Richardson
Dorris Ritchie
Vickie Scott
Sandra Tillman
Shara Williams

3.6

Debbie Dickerson
Dianne Fisher
Marlys May
Warren Riter

2nd HONOR ROLL

3.5

Kelly Edwards
Karla Fults
John Gorton
Helen Jones

3.4

Don Gerber
Kay Hartman
Dina Owen
Lou Ann Reile

3.33

Mike Dickerson

3.25

Steve Berthelsen
Patty Fisher
Dan Gerst

3.2

Stephanie Engquist
Kendall Fults
Maribeth Glantz
Jo Ann Herrington
Jerry Maize

3.0

Miriam Bratten
Terry Darnall
Don Fox
Debbie Hansen
Peggy Heineman
Florence Warm
Barb Shepherd
Joy Hilliard
Janet Little
Denise Mosley
DeAnn Opp
Dixie Ritchie

NEBRASKA CONFERENCE HAS CONSTITUENCY MEETING

Platte Valley Academy was happy to be host to over 250 delegates from the Nebraska Conference who were gathered here on Sunday, April 19, for the re-election of the conference officers.

by Donald M. Wesslen



Members of biology class prepare for Colorado trip

SPEECH CLASS PRESENTS PLAY

The curtain opened on the first speech class play entitled the "Outcome of Income" with Bill Ray as Mr. Wills sitting calmly at the desk of his Internal Revenue Office, totally unaware of the three hillbillies, (Ken Flemmer as Tom Jones, Judy Wesslen as Lillie Jones, and Gaylene Herr as Jenni Jones) about to erupt the peaceful routine of his day.

While trying to help them fill out their income tax return, he patiently explained that bonuses did not mean two bones, and that just because you "held the cow" doesn't make you a stockholder.

When he asked how much Mr. Jones made a year, Lillie proudly explained that Tom was "just a big bum." After all this trouble he found out they only came in to do one of Jenny's homework problems.

Sandy Nelson and Alisa Cram starred in the second play, "It Won't Be Long Now."

Sandy was an elderly woman who was waiting on the corner and received from Alisa, who was playing a sour gentleman, the information that she must catch bus number 51 to get to her destination.

As Denise Mosley walked across the stage with an eight hours later sign, the woman was still waiting. After 49 buses had gone by and with only two to go, she sighed, "It won't be long now."

The last play, "Newspaper Nightmare," was done Friday, April 17. John Gorton, Judy Wesslen, Alan Muenchau, Terry Shepherd, Denise Mosley, Tom Sanders and Dianne Fisher played the members of a family trying to read the paper to "Dad" (John) who was left with only the classified ads.

The only sense out of the ensuing conversation was that the hottest romance going was between . . . a dog saving his master . . . a style show . . . by basketball players . . . and Supersleuths new weapon . . . is beau-catcher blouses.

Father finally gave up and went to bed, probably to dream of a coal truck backing into a house while trying on new wool suits.

by Dianne Fisher

NEWS BRIEFS

* Has everybody seen Mrs. Hardt's red, white and blue dress?

* There have been no wrecks to report in the driver ed. class.

* Two Easter bunnies (Himalayan rabbits) have been added to the biology department. Naturally there will be an unscheduled increase shortly!

* Dwight Johnson won't have any excuse for not studying when he gets his desk done in woodworking class.

* Mr. McComb and his 'efficient' group of boys are rebuilding the not so good engine of the newer bus.

* Speaking of engines, we hope that John Martin and Alvin Warm don't get their Ford and Studebaker engine parts mixed up when they are putting them together for Auto Mechanics class.

* Biology I class has been busy in lab lately. They just finished a shark lab and next Sunday they are scheduled to do a pig lab!

* The biology II class and a few biology I students are preparing for a 4-day pack trip to the Colorado Rockies. There they will study ecology and learn something about wilderness survival.

by Barb Peckham

Film Shown For Benefit

Following the NSA program on Saturday night, April 11, the Home & School showed the film "Third Man on the Mountain," for their benefit.

It is the story of an 18 year old boy named Rudi Matt who is very fond of mountain climbing, but is forced to spend most of his time washing dishes at the village inn to help with his widowed mother's expenses.

While washing dishes one day, he began to stare longingly at Mount Citedal, a mountain that had never been conquered by any human. With a quick glance to see if the cook was around, Rudi took his coat and hat from the wall and went in the direction of the mountain.

At a desolate place near the trail, he stopped and got his climbing gear from its hiding place. As he climbed higher and higher he longed to go on to Mt. Citedal.

He shouted and heard his own voice echo against the wall of the mountain. At a second shout he heard his voice again and someone else's mingled with it. After several more shouts he discovered the voice belonged to a man who had fallen into a deep crevice.

When he succeeded in pulling the man out of the crevice, Rudi recognized his as the famous mountain climber, Captain Winters. When they returned to the village, everyone was excited about the captain and who he would choose to guide him on his climb to conquer the mountain.

Although he was not chosen, Rudi was determined to go with the captain to the mountain top.

While seeking a way to the top, Rudi departed from the captain and his guide and got lost on the mountainside. Night came and with it a thunderstorm. At first he was frightened, but after watching it a while he saw a small tunnel being lighted by the storm.

He knew it had to be the way to the top. The next day when the storm passed, he returned to his companions to tell them of the way he had found. Arriving back at the scene of the previous night, the guide, a selfish and stubborn man, wanted to be the first. So he began his way through the tunnel only to return because he was too large.

Since Rudi was small enough, he went through the tunnel, then pulled the others up by rope. On the last climb of the journey, another man in the party fell but was fortunately seen by Rudi, who went to rescue him while the other two completed the climb. On returning to the village, Rudi was given a hero's welcome.

Following the film, refreshments were sold in the cafeteria.

by Nancee Houpt