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Fall Week of Prayer

S.A. Spiced With Action



Louis Littrell, Shirley Sutter, Elder Gage, Karen Sanders, and Jerry Wesslen discuss a student's question.

Sunday evening, September 18, found the students of Platte Valley Academy making their way to their seats for the opening meeting of the Fall Week of Prayer. This was conducted by Elder Richard Gage, an associate pastor of College View Seventh-day Adventist Church in Lincoln.

The morning meetings were called the School of Prayer. Had you looked in on some of them you would have seen groups discussing such topics as: What is meant by prayer without ceasing?, or How can one pray if he doesn't feel like it?, or How can you get in the mood for prayer?

You would have especially appreciated the panel which discussed questions submitted by the students.

As the students assembled each evening at 7:00, their thoughts were directed heavenward while the organ played softly. Contributing to the worship atmosphere was a short song service, prayer, special music, and a short but pointed message directed to stimulate our thinking.

Bringing the week to a climax was the Friday evening communion service in the quiet dignity of candlelight. Afterward the student body gathered in a large circle and sang a few choruses including "I'll be True, Precious Jesus," which was our theme song during the week.

Finalizing the week was a challenging message Sabbath morning.

—Pam Maize

Three cheers for our Student Association and its officers! Under the able leadership of our president, Jerry Wesslen, this is going to be a very active year.

Most of us have already felt that activity. We have decided we didn't like the old constitution, and it has been rewritten to serve us more democratically. Rather than having a few council members elect our officers, we have had an election; therefore the officers were a choice of the whole student body.

Three vice presidents have been chosen to stress the cultural, social, and religious aspects of the students' lives.

An activity that we all enjoyed was the inspiring week-end camp-out at Lexington. Another plan is to boost spirit by the choosing of a school song and of school colors.

The Student Association is going to hold Voice of Youth meetings from October 30-November 4 in this area to share our faith. In these meetings, the students provide everything: the music, speakers, and maintenance.

Amateur Hour is to be held November 12. It is hoped that the participants will come up with some ingenious ideas for a varied and excellent program.

Great stress is to be placed on courtesy this year. Each month the

most courteous boy and girl will be chosen.

Directly following Culture Week in February, a Student Association banquet will be held, and the courtesy king and queen will be crowned.

We will have several parties. On Halloween it is planned that the students will gather food for the needy. At Christmas we plan to bring in a family and help them have a happy holiday.

I am sure all of us believe this will be the best year at Platte Valley Academy.

—Carol Morse

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct. 1—Class Parties
- Oct. 5-9—Weekend leave
- Oct. 11—Ingathering
- Oct. 15—Space Rendezvous
- Oct. 19-20—Union College Testing Program
- Oct. 22—Baker-Hessong Musical
- Oct. 29—N.S.A. The Scotsman
- Oct. 30—Beginning of Voice of Youth Meeting

WEEKEND SPEAKERS

- Oct. 1—Elder Clark
- Oct. 15—Elder Voegle

—Judy Wesslen

!! Harken to the Temperance Call !!

Harken! all ye teetotallers, it is time once again to rally-round the temperance banner. We here at Platte Valley have more than just a banner to hold, we also have the temperance trophy, and we plan to keep it!

Plans are already under way for our temperance week, during which we will hold our final rally. This year we must not fail, for when we win the trophy this time it is our privilege to keep it.

Louis Littrell, our temperance

president, plans for each student to have at least 100 points. Louis is asking that each student enter one of the four contests being held. So let's get busy and fight for the trophy!

The temperance officers who will be serving you this year are: Louis Littrell, president; Robert Herrington, vice-president; Sherry Hobbs, secretary; Sharon Bachmann, treasurer and Lanny Fiegenschuh, publicity secretary.

—Bob Herrington



Officers of S. A. discuss plans for nomination date of 67-68 officers.

Pit, Popcorn and Player Piano

Saturday evening, September 17, 1966, the students of Platte Valley Academy gathered in the gym to divide up into groups to go to various faculty homes for their entertainment. Each group had a leader who supervised them from home to home. Games were played at each home and then popcorn and apples were served at the last home to which each group went.

At Wesslen's house the games were "dropping the clothes pins into the milk bottle" and drawing or acting out songs or sayings. Greenman's had a cork game. Corks for eight players were in a circle, with 10 for each player in a small dish. Dice were thrown and on a seven or eleven the corks were pulled out before the person who threw the dice caught the corks with a funnel. If the corks were caught, the owner of the cork had to forfeit a bean to the person with the funnel.

"Pit" was played at Mrs. Hill's house. The Maizes paired us off with a number game. In the girls' dorm we played telegraph. Also a word relay game was played.

At Melvin Anderson's house we had a spelling bee where we spelled the words backwards, cut paper holding the scissors with our left hands, and drew pictures in the dark. The player piano also provided entertainment there.

—Valerie Barlow

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EDITORIAL

IT IS FINISHED: The Sundial Campaign and, CONGRATULATIONS to the Cosmonauts (Girls) who sold over 400 subscriptions. I'm looking forward to a good Rendezvous from the Astronauts (Boys)!

This year we hope to have an interesting, informative Sundial. If you have any comments or suggestions I'd be glad to hear from you.

Week of Prayer was last week. I have found that private devotions helps me and I encourage all to try them. Make it a daily habit to meet God by yourself.

In Grand Island, from October 28 to November 4, P.V.A. students will conduct a week of Voice of Youth meetings. There will be student speakers, student ushers, and student music providers. This will be followed by a week of meetings with Elder Webb. I think we will all have a good experience in this evangelistic work.

Student Association is off to a real good start this year—read about it in our feature article by Carol Morse.

In closing I'd like to leave with you the words to our school song which was written by Mr. Hill several years ago. This year the Student Association dedicated it to Mrs. Hill.

OUR PRAIRIE QUEEN

Words and music by Mr. Milo Hill

Fair is our school at P.V.A.
Here upon the prairie, by the busy highway.
Clear blue skies are spread above,
Brightening our days at P.V.A.
Clear ringing bells that chime the hours,
Starting with the daylight, ending with the shadows.
Calling to worship, work, or play,
All our happy days at P.V.A.
Chorus—
Our school upon the plains,
Among the fields so wide,
Swept by the prairie winds.
All thru the summertime;
Autumn brings leaves of gold,
Winter the drifting snow,
This is our P.V.A., our Prairie Queen.

See you next month. Yours truly—Connie Jo

A First Place Tie!!

The campaign was off to a great start. The leaders, Connie Gerst and Randy Nelson, were very enthusiastic. Connie was positive that the Cosmonauts were going to win and Randy was just as sure that the Astronauts were going to win. The Cosmonauts did more than just cheer; they worked.

At the end of the campaign the losing side is to give the winning side a party. Of course, you had to sell at least 7 subs in order to be eligible to attend.

Each day a list was posted of how many subs each student turned in so far. Everyone sent out Sundial letters to their friends and relatives so they could go to the party.

At 5:30 on September 28, 1966, just 30 days after it started, the campaign ended. Everyone was trying to figure out who was the winner. Each side was sure that they would win.

At the close of play period Mrs. Nesmith announced the winners and of course, it was the Cosmonauts.

There was a total of 542 subs sold. The Cosmonauts sold 402 subs and the Astronauts sold 140.

The Cosmonauts had 74.1% and the Astronauts had 25.9% of the total subs. The per capita for the Cosmonauts was 7.8 and per capita for the Astronauts was 3.4.

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Rosie's Ramblings



BY ROSELLA KLUG

Howdy fans! My name is Rosie, and I'm writing for the girls' column this year. I hope you will find it interesting and that you will laugh hard as I bring you a report on What the Girls Have Been Doing!

It all happened around 10:30 after lights were out. Two girls were sneaking out of the bathroom when one of them ran right into the monitor's chair. I'm sure it shook the whole dorm!

I'm also sure that this person, who is the writer, felt real guilty and will never make another easily-caught get away!

It has been believed that there are Ghosts in the dorm on third floor. Is this right, Joyce and Lois E.?

We have some very talented girls in the dorm. They are: Sherry Hobbs (president), Shirley Sutter (vice president), Iva Gowler (sargeant of arms), Joan Petersen (treasurer), Penny Person, (song leader), Karen Sanders (pianist), Janelle Harden (secretary), and Connie Jo Gerst (religious vice).

After each completed doing her special talent for the girls during club, they were announced as first semester Girls' Club officers. Let's give them a hand to start the se-

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CAMPAIGN WINNERS—Joan and Gina tie with first place, Connie Joe third place—standing by paper's namesake (Sundial).

Fiegenschuh's Frantic Philosophy



BY LANNY FIEGENSCHUH

Well, the wheels of time move onward and forward and here we are faced with another school year.

These first few weeks have been filled with activity. Of special note is Wilton Hall's facelifting. Many of the rooms have been repainted. Also the halls have been painted a pleasing pastel green and the windows are now covered by matching curtains. We have Jean Greenman to thank for the improved state of the dorm.

Platte Valley's men's club (Delta Iota Omega) met and organized recently and the officers are:

Louis Littrel—President
Paul Contreras—Vice President
Gary Amundson—Treasurer
Ron Torske—Secretary
Gary Muenchau—Pastor
Richard Osborn—Sgt. at Arms
Lanny Fiegenschuh—Chorister
Diane Schwab and Steve Wagner—Managers

One of the boys' club's more natural evenings was welcoming the freshmen boys, which included among other activities, their gathering in the dean's apartment for cake and punch.

Speaking of cake, the dean's office happily remembers all of our weekdays with lots of lovely cake icing. Thanks, Mrs. Greenman.

I am sure that each and every one would like to say thank you to the faculty for making our first school campout such a success. We enjoyed the fine food and recreation provided for us. Also we appreciated Elder and Mrs. Nyman coming down.

Well in all it was a fine weekend, regarding a few of the boys who earlier pulled the stakes on several tents and insisted on throwing clouds at some of the sleeping boys' tent. In fact, in searching memory the only sad thing is it couldn't have lasted longer. Well, it looks as if I've already taken enough space up for this year. I'll be shoving off for now. See you next Sundial.

—Lanny Fiegenschuh

Congratulations Gina and Jim

In chapel on Monday morning, the twenty-sixth of September, Sharon Bachmann informed us that even though we were a little late in choosing our girl and boy of the month, we had finally selected them.

She then asked Gina Huckins and Jim Sanders to please come forward. There was a tremendous round of applause from the rest of the student body as Gina and Jim went forward, and there was a big smile of "Thanks" on both their faces.

Jim and Gina will be among the candidates for Courtesy King and Queen at the S.A. Banquet later this year.

Our Girl of the Month, Gina Huckins, has gone to school here at P.V.A. since her freshman year. For the past two years she has been working for Miss Bascom in the Business Office. She lives at Boelus, Nebraska and has a brother, Earl, also attending P.V.A.

We all are very happy that Gina and Jim were chosen. This is to remind you to be courteous, for you never know who is watching you!

—By Jeanne Petersen

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Mrs. DeForest Nesmith

Our boy of the month is Jim Sanders, based on his courteous and polite actions. He is from Potter, Nebraska where he has lived all his life. He is a junior and is 18 years old.

He takes Bible, government, farm mechanics, English and choir as his subjects.

He has gone to Platte Valley since he was a freshman and is working on maintenance for his third year in a row. He has a brother Tom, who is a freshman this year. The two brothers also room together.

Let us commend him for his actions and I'm sure if we would all follow his example we would all be better off.

—Duane Johnson

Water, Water Everywhere

Things keep moving:

Last week a 60 foot deep well was dug for irrigational purposes. The Physics class took a ride out to the field to see the drilling completed.

It was interesting to note the different types of soil—the sandy and then the clay compared to just plain dirt on top—what we ALWAYS see.

At present we have 11 irrigation wells and 5 drinking and house water wells.

Another well for irrigation will be dug.

—Connie Jo Gerst

"Smile" You're In the Aquila!

The "Aquila" staff has recently been selected and it's now on the move. The staff consists of:

Editor Joan Petersen
Assistant Editor Jerry Wesslen
Art Editor Lanny Fiegenschuh
Typist Penny Person
Business Manager Ron Torske
Snap Editor and Assistant

Business Mgr. Phil Neuharth
Sponsor Mr. Nesmith

The staff is a very active one, and the future looks bright for the yearbook.

The individual pictures have been taken.

At our previous staff meetings we have been planning each page, working on lay-out pages, choosing color and cover.

The snap contest is now on and we are hoping that several pictures are turned in so we can have a good snap section in the "Aquila"!

—Joan Petersen

A FIRST PLACE TIE

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The first prize was a tie between Gina Huckins and Joan Petersen. They both sold 32 subs. Each will receive \$20.00 at the Space Rendezous.

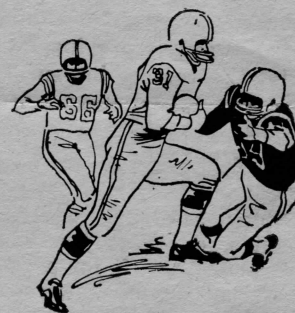
Connie Gerst, the leader of the Cosmonauts, took third prize of \$10.00 for selling 21 subs. Janet Shaffer came in fourth with 17 subs and Pam Maize followed in fifth place with 15 subs.

Close behind were three girls with a tie of 14 subs. They were Carol Morse, Sandra Nelson, and Marilyn Peckham.

—Shirley Sutter

SPORTS SCENE

by
George Dorsch



Hello sports fans! Another year of fun and games has begun at P.V.A. The football season is still in its early stages so we do not have a complete football report, but we will give you the standings as they are. By the way, the captains are: George Dorsch, Ron Torske, and Gary Amundson.

Wins and losses respectively:

Ron Torske 2-0
George Dorsch 1-1
Gary Amundson 0-2

We are also planning to have

a good tumbling team again this year, so anybody who is interested should contact the boys' dean right away.

We are looking forward to a good year of activities, so every one join right in and we will all be better equipped for the game of life which all of us must play.

You know some people just sit back and watch the world go by, but we as Seventh-day Adventists must be good examples to those who act as spectators.

Freshman Quantity, Senior Quality!

Class Roster

SENIORS—

Amundson, Gary—Sheridan, Wyo.
 Bachmann, Sharon—Wood, S.D.
 Contreras, Phillip—North Platte, Nebr.
 Hill, Cherie—Shelton, Nebr.
 Hobbs, Sherry—Omaha, Nebr.
 Littrell, Louis—Grand Island, Nebr.
 Moore, Judy—Omaha, Nebr.
 Muenchau, Gary—Chadron, Nebr.
 Osborn, Richard—Sheridan, Wyo.
 Person, Penny—Cheyenne, Wyo.
 Sanders, Karen—Broken Bow, Nebr.
 Schobring, Carl—Grand Island, Nebr.
 Sutter, Shirley—Omaha, Nebr.
 Torske, Ron—Kenesaw, Nebr.
 Zerbe, Marilyn—Harrison, Nebr.

JUNIORS—

Barlow, Valerie—Shelton, Nebr.
 Brabec, Patsy—Omaha, Nebr.
 ElkBoy, Lois—Gordon, Nebr.
 Ellis, Wanda—North Platte, Nebr.
 Fiegenschuh, Lanny—Sidney, Nebr.
 Gerst, Connie Jo—North Platte, Nebr.
 Gowler, Iva—Norfolk, Nebr.
 Greenland, Margaret—Boelus, Nebr.
 Hamit, Delores—Kennedy, Nebr.
 Harden, Janelle—North Platte, Nebr.
 Herrington, Bob—Omaha, Nebr.
 Houpt, Shirley—Batesland, S.D.
 Huckins, Gina—Boelus, Nebr.
 Jahns, Otto—Kimball, Nebr.
 Klug, Rosella—Oconto, Nebr.
 Nelson, Kern—Oakdale, Nebr.
 Nelson, Randy—Oakdale, Nebr.
 Pembroke, LaSina—Hinsdale, Ill.
 Pruden, Joyce—Gordon, Nebr.
 Sanders, Jim—Potter, Nebr.
 Sutton, Kay—Ashby, Nebr.
 Wesslen, Jerry—Shelton, Nebr.

their tents. During this time, the girls were swimming. At five o'clock, the girls came out to set up their tents and the boys went swimming.

That night, Elder Paul Nystrom, the minister from the Sidney district who was our weekend speaker, had vespers. He and his wife sang several special songs with Elder Nystrom playing his guitar.

The next morning after Sabbath School, conducted by student officers, Elder Nystrom presented a sermon to us on right and wrong choices.

After dinner, most of us slept in our tents until M.V. at two o'clock. The first part of M. V. was a progressive nature hike. The directions directed us to certain native trees and bushes. If we didn't know these, we were "sunk."

Mr. Marvin Anderson's group had an advantage, because he knows how to tell directions on a watch and is an expert on trees.

After the hike, different people sang or played instruments according to their talent. Elder Pogue presented a program on H.U.B. following this. For Saturday night entertainment we played games under generated electric lights.

Sunday morning we played ball, canoed, swam, water skied, or just sat around. Gaylene's father, Mr. Herr, brought down his motor boat which enabled us to ski.

All in all, we had a good time. We want to thank the faculty, the Nystrom's, and the Herr's for enabling us to have such a pleasant outing. We all hope to do this again.

—Ernie Schwab

SOPHOMORES—

Branson, Brad—Hyannis, Nebr.
 Cook, Joanie—Shelton, Nebr.
 Dennison, Mike—Fremont, Nebr.
 Dorsch, George—Scottsbluff, Nebr.
 Glimsdale, Marvin—College Place, Wash.
 Gregory, Eunice—Haigler, Nebr.
 Hanan, Jack—Lincoln, Nebr.
 Harden, Bette—North Platte, Nebr.
 Littrell, Lois—Grand Island, Nebr.
 Morse, Carol—Wilcox, Nebr.
 Morse, Vernetta—Wilcox, Nebr.
 Neuharth, Phil—Scottsbluff, Nebr.
 Peckham, Marilyn—Springview, Nebr.
 Petersen, Jeanne—Shelton, Nebr.
 Runyan, Gwen—Bloomfield, Nebr.
 Schwab Ernie—Grand Island, Nebr.
 Snyder, Russell—Odell, Nebr.
 Tillinghast, Andy—Ogallala, Nebr.
 Urwin, Beverly—Chadron, Nebr.
 Westover, Lloyd—Gordon, Nebr.
 Zollbrecht, Margaret—Hastings, Nebr.

ROSIE'S RAMBLINGS

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 mester out right!

Have you ever gone waterskiing, canoeing, swimming, and hiking out in the wild wilderness. That is just what we did. We went to Lexington, Nebraska for a weekend, and really camped out!! Very primitive!

There were so many girls we had three sleeping in one tent. Isn't this correct, Carol, Vernetta, and Lois L?

How would you take it if you got drenched at the water hydrant on Saturday night? I wonder which girls had this exciting, cool, wet experience!

Imagine someone's alarm clock going off at 6:00 in the morning. It happened! And how did you feel, Shirley H., when Otto jumped out of the canoe where you were a passenger! How was the water when the canoe tipped over and you went in?

Karen Sanders, do you always take your life in your hands by

FRESHMEN—

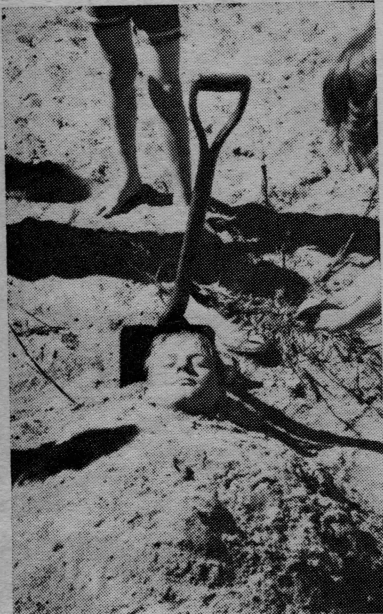
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 Dodd, Bill—Kearney, Nebr.
 Elmer, Jisslene—Greenwood, Wis.
 Fiegenschuh, Renae—Sidney, Nebr.
 Gardner, Kathy—Cozad, Nebr.
 Grabill, Roger—Lincoln, Nebr.
 Hillier, Marijane—Lincoln, Nebr.
 Herr, Gaylene—Lincoln, Nebr.
 Houpt, Nancee—Batesland, S. D.
 Huckins, Earl—Boelus, Nebr.
 Johnson, Duane—Bellevue, Nebr.
 Knoefler, Lloyd—Petersburg, Nebr.
 Maize, Pam—Shelton, Nebr.
 Muenchau, Alan—Chadron, Nebr.
 Nelson, Sandra—Oakdale, Nebr.
 Opp, Clyde—Lincoln, Nebr.
 Owen, Terry—Hay Springs, Nebr.
 Peckham, Barbara—Springview, Nebr.
 Sanders, Tom—Potter, Nebr.
 Schultz, ReNae—Beatrice, Nebr.
 Schwab, Mike—Grand Island, Nebr.
 Scott, Vickie—Oconto, Nebr.
 Shaffer, Janet—Falls City, Nebr.
 Snyder, Robert—Odell, Nebr.
 Torske, Tim—Kenesaw, Nebr.
 Torske, Cindy—Kenesaw, Nebr.
 Wagner, Steve—Malcolm, Nebr.
 Wise, Gordon—Lincoln, Nebr.
 Wesslen, Judy—Shelton, Nebr.
 Young, Linda—Grand Island, Nebr.

nonchalantly floating on the water as if nothing could, or might happen to you? These and many other things took place during our stay at Lexington.

Place—chapel. Time—8:30. Date—September 16, 1966. Event—the fire alarm went off! Reaction—girls jumped up as if they had sat on tacks! The one found guilty of such a noisy surprise—Mrs. Hill!

Time now to end our ramble with a joke of the month: Every body should pay taxes with a smile! I tried it, but they wanted cash!

—Rosella Klug



A backwards ostrich—Phil Neuharth instead of burying his face, buries the rest of himself.

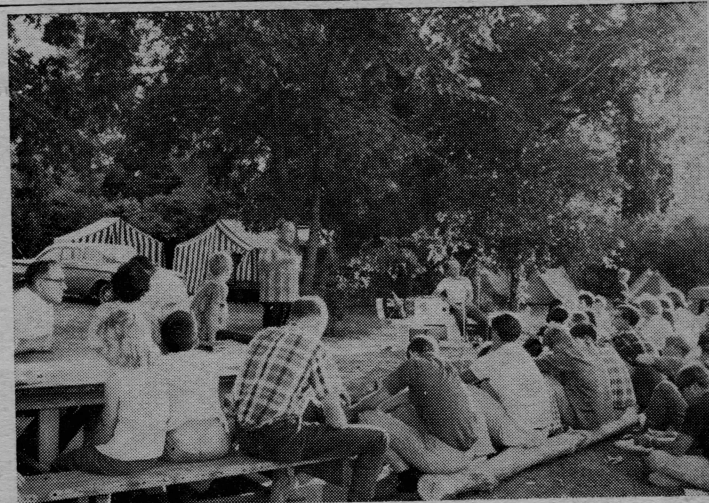
Lexington Wilderness

Friday afternoon at approximately two o'clock, the students here at P.V.A. left for a campsite just about 60 miles west of the school. The location was near Lexington, Nebraska at the Nebraska Conference's new youth camp.

The reason for the exodus was a campout over the weekend of September 9, 10, and 11.

Upon arrival at the camp, we found that Mr. Mel Anderson, our new maintenance man, and his crew of boys had been there already and had the cook tent and facilities for cooking all set up. That left the rest of us to set up our own camps.

Mr. Wesslen and Mr. Anderson handed out the necessary equipment. The boys began to set up



Students resting on logs and lawn listen to Elder Pogue's report on H.U.B. (Help Us Build).