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## SCHOOL FIRE DRILLS

Every school should have adequate fire rules for an emergency. Since the recent and terrible fire at Our Lady of Angels School, many of the Chicago Schools have stressed this rule. Our school is no exception. Our principal, Miss Hunter, is seeing to it that our fire drills are always very orderly and well-timed. Our room has appointed two fire marshalls to open the locker doors immediately upon hearing the fire bell. Orderly lines then file out upon getting their coats and their hats only. Should the appointed fire marshalls be absent or in another class, substitutes then replace them. Everyone does his part for order, silence, and speed.

P.T.A. NEWS Roy Wuchitech

The McKay School P.T.A. wishes to add its best wishes to the many other congratulations being extended to the January graduation class.

During the last semester the P.T.A. of this school has kept quite busy. It is this activity that gets things done though, and getting things done is what makes us happy. Our wish for the new year is to see everyone of our members turn out for our meetings. They are more interesting if one is able to take an active part, but still interesting if one attends as a member.

At present we are getting ready to elect a nominating committee in preparation for our coming election of new officers for the next year. We are also offering for sale, tickets to the Goodman Theater production of Huckleberry Finn. Tickets cost .80¢. This play is on March 13th. More information can be obtained from Mrs. Wilmot at Re.7-4969. It is a good way to spend an evening of fun with the members of your family.

We wish to extend our best wishes to each and everyone of you in the New Year.

McKay School P.T.A.



## CONGRATULATIONS!

Louise Carlson and Dale McMahan of Room 103 recently had their art work exhibited at the Sun Times Art Exhibit which is held every year. The best art work from each school is sent out to the district office. From those, the three best are chosen. Only one other school in District Fifteen had this honor. So, we are indeed very proud of these two talented, young people and their teacher Miss Kathleen Burke. Their winning pictures were Christmas scenes.



Dear Graduates,

The Faculty joins me in congratulations to you upon the completion of your grade schooling, and in a sincere wish that each of you may succeed in high school.

Keep in mind that you will be given more freedom from supervision now because you are becoming more grown up, more dependable, and better able to make wise decisions. But, if you are truly wise, you will value the advice of parents and teachers when problems arise, will realize the concern your parents have for your welfare, and will appreciate the truths they have learned about you and about life in their many years of living. You cannot do better than to listen to their opinions with respect and thoughtfulness.

Sincerely yours,

*Eileen E. Hunter*

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PRINCIPAL

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We sincerely wish to thank the many people  
who volunteered their time and services to  
help on the Torch but, regretfully did not  
get the chance to do so.

The Co-Editors

The School Activities of the Graduates.

Jim Smith

1. George Arrangelovich,  
Milk boy, Outside messenger, Softball team
2. Marianne Brzezinski,  
Volleyball team, Game leader, lunchroom  
helper, Hall guard.
3. Thomas Christiansen,  
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Hall guard, Milk record girl, Vice Pres.  
of student council, track meet, library  
helper.
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Game leader, Track meet, Messenger, Vol-  
leyball team, Hall guard, Pres. of class.
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Volleyball team, Game leader, Hall guard,  
Lunchroom helper.
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Volleyball team, Hall guard, Truant list,  
Messenger.
10. Myra Marcus,  
Volleyball team, Hall guard, Kindergarten  
helper.
11. Linda Nyberg,  
Co-editor in chief of school newspaper,  
Volleyball team, Game leader, Hall guard,  
Milk record girl, Truant list, Vice Pres.  
of class.
12. Ruth Rossman,  
Volleyball team, Secretary of class, Kin-  
dergarten helper.
13. Gerald Schultz,  
Basketball team, Milk boy, Treasurer of  
class, Patrol boy.
14. Erika Skrandzius,  
Volleyball team, Hall guard, Library help-  
er.
15. James Smith,  
Captain of Patrol, Mimeograph boy, foot-  
ball team, Basketball team, Softball team,  
School newspaper, Supply boy.
16. Charlene Whinna,  
Volleyball team, Game leader, Hall guard,  
Kindergarten helper.

Names of babies on page fourteen.

1. Irene Krikscunaite, 2. Sandra Malmgren,
3. Darlene Combis, 4. Tom Christiansen,
5. Sandee Kraus, 6. George Arrangelovich,
7. Linda Nyberg, 8. Marianne Brzezinski,
9. Rita Faloon, 10. Erika Skrandzius,
11. Ruth Rossman, 12. Jim Smith,
13. Charlene Whinna, 14. Myra Marcus,
15. Gerald Shultz.

The Boys' Point of View

Three of the eighth grade boys were asked their opinions about some of the styles the girls have been wearing. Below are the questions and their answers. Sandee Kraus

1. What do you think of leotards?
 

George: "I think they're awful."  
 Jim: "They look terrible."  
 Warren: "I don't like them."
2. Are you glad to see the "sak" go out of style?
 

Jim: "Yes sir! I'm jumpin' with joy."  
 Warren: "Yes, very glad."  
 George: "Definitely."
3. What do you think of the shoes some of the girls are wearing called "boots".
 

All three: "Ohhhhhh! They're terrible."
4. What do you think of long haired shaggy sweaters?
 

Warren: "I like them."  
 George: "I don't like them."  
 Jim: "I don't like them either."
5. What do you think of "balloon" skirts?
 

Jim: "I don't think they're so bad."  
 Warren: "I don't like them."  
 George: "They're not so bad."
6. Do you prefer the sheath, the bouffant, or the chemise.
 

Warren: "The Sheath."  
 Jim: (without hesitation) "The sheath."  
 George: (having a hard time trying to decide between the sheath and the chemise, finally said,) "The sheath."
7. Do you prefer girls to wear a straight or full skirt to school?
 

All three: "Straight skirts."
8. What do you think of girls wearing crew neck sweaters?
 

Jim: "It's o.k."  
 George: "I like them better on boys."  
 Warren: "I don't care."

The Steady Point of View

Three eighth grade boys and three eighth grade girls were asked questions concerning dating and going steady. Below are the questions and their answers. Sandee Kraus

1. At what time do you think a boy should leave a girl's house if he came over at 6 o'clock to spend the evening?
 

Irene: "I'd say between nine and ten."  
 Warren: "I think he should leave about 10:30, but then too, it all depends."
2. What is your reaction when your date is not on time? How long would you wait?
 

Linda: "I'd be mad if my date wasn't on on time, and if I had to wait, I wouldn't wait more than twenty minutes."  
 George: "It's only natural, girls are always late. I'd wait about twenty five minutes."
3. What do you think of going steady? Did you ever go steady, and would you ever go again (if you went steady before)?
 

Linda: "I think going steady would be a lot of fun. I have never gone steady but would like to."  
 George: "It's a lot of fun going steady. I did go steady before and would go again."
4. Do you like the matching shirts and blouses boys and girls have been wearing? Would you wear one?
 

Sandee: "I think they're 'sharp' and I would wear them."  
 Jim: "Yes, I like them and would wear them."
5. Do you prefer the girl to wear her steady's ring around her neck or on her finger?
 

Sandee: "I'd wear it according to what I had on."  
 George: "It makes no difference to me."
6. At what age should you go steady?
 

Irene: "In about your first year of high school."  
 Jim: "In eighth grade is O.K."
7. What do you think of girls' wearing boys' school sweaters or jackets?
 

Sandee: "I think it's a 'neet' idea."  
 Jim: "Sounds pretty crazy to me."
8. Why do kids go steady?
 

Irene: "It's a preparation for marriage. You find out what it is like to always be with the person."  
 Jim: "I think you go steady if you like a person a lot and always want to be near them."

### The Art Exhibits

The McKay School has had three art exhibits. They have been held in Room 204. The boys in our room have seen all three, but the girls have only seen two. The first we saw was an exhibit of Japanese paintings done by six to fourteen-year-olds. Two specific points were called to our attention, broken color, and woven color. The other exhibit was the stitchery done by Chicago Public School children. Some designs were made of yarn on burlap and buckram. Others were made on cotton cloth using raffia and beads.

Beverly Farmer  
Room 210-8B

### Farewell

Now that graduation day is drawing near, the 8As experience a feeling of sadness, because they are leaving their friends and teachers, whom they love so dearly, those who were always understanding and patient, and have helped each of us try to reach our goal. The class is very grateful to all, for their help. We will soon be going on to new friends, new teachers, and a higher education in the high school.

Erika Skrandzius  
Room 110-8A

### The North Winds Blow

The north winds blow,  
Bringing ice and snow.  
Nights grow cold  
And Jack Frost, bold  
Paints the cold window.

John Stine  
Room 305-4A

### Chicago Bandstand

Next month eight children from Room 208 will be seen on television. The name of the program they will appear on is called Chicago Bandstand. On this program boys and girls from the ages of eleven to sixteen dance to the latest hit records. It will be a lot of fun to appear on television for the first time.

Michele Taradash  
Room 208-7B

### Finding Oreopithecus

Last August scientists found the skeleton of a four-foot man, believed to be ten or eleven million years old. Known as Oreopithecus, the skeleton found in Italy may be the earliest form of man ever discovered.

Bill Mueller  
Room 208-7B

### The Special Reading Class

In my special reading class held every Wednesday in the school library, pupils who have an over average reading grade level, read stories from recommended advanced books. The stories have been wonderful, and most inspirational. I particularly liked "A Tournament at Ashby", which was a story that took place after the crusades. I enjoy this special reading class very much and I am looking forward to more interesting work.

Craig Konie  
Room 210-7A

### Australia

In our geography book we are reading about Australia, an island continent, surrounded by the Pacific Ocean and the Indian Ocean. When we have winter, they have summer. They celebrate Christmas in the summer.

Linda Tamkevick  
Room 305-4A

### A Floral Clock

Near Niagara Falls in Canada there is a garden. In this garden there is a floral clock which actually tells time. It is made completely of flowers, which are a beautiful sight to see. Its colors are red and yellow with giant silver hands. Right in front is a large fountain which reflects the loveliness of this clock.

Susan Stolar  
Room 208-7B

### High School

High school is a phase in the lives of all young people which is usually enjoyed. In high school they learn new things and meet new friends. The work, of course, will be a little more difficult, but an eighth grade boy or girl should be able to do this work.

Besides work, everyone must have time for play. To take care of this, the high school provides the student body with activities and sports to give everyone some thing to do.

Thomas Christianson  
110-8A

### Rose Bowl Game

Hi! Everybody.  
Tom Sparrow reporting on the Rose Bowl Game. What a beautiful day this is for a game. Today is 1959. The Hawkeyes of Iowa University football team met the stalwarts of the University of California. The weather was ideal and the sun was shining brightly. This morning we viewed one of the most beautiful Parades of Roses in history. The flowers were never lovelier. The game was action packed. Final score-Iowa 36-California 12. It is no wonder this game has come to be known as the American Classic.

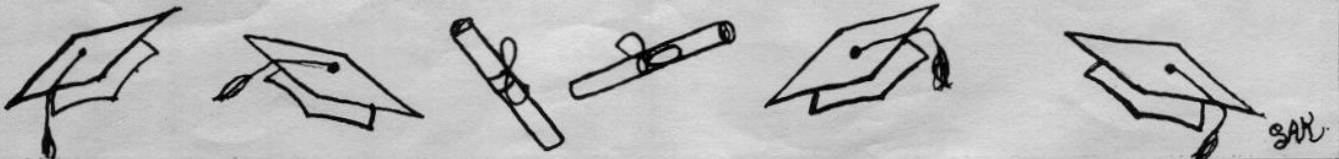
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# Success Graduates

NAME	HOBBY	AMBITION
1. George Arrangelovich	Sports	Engineer
2. Marianne Brzezinski	Painting	Teacher
3. Thomas Christianson	Model Railroading	Engineering
4. Darlene Combis	Dancing	Beautician
5. Rita Faloon	Roller Skating	Teacher
6. Sandra Kraus	Swimming	Commercial Artist
7. Irene Krikscunaite	Dancing	Policialady
8. Angie Lambros	Skating	Secretary
9. Sandra Malmgren	Bowling	Secretary
10. Myra Marcus	Roller Skating	Secretary
11. Linda Nyberg	Roller Skating	Teacher
12. Ruth Rossman	Skating	Teacher
13. Gerald Schultz	Collecting Coins	Public Accountant
14. Erika Scrandzuis	Dancing	Nurse
15. Jim Smith	Collecting Records	Automobile Salesman
16. Charlene Whinna	Sewing	Teacher

### Class Prophecy

- George Arrangelovich will be a very graceful ballet dancer.
- Marianne Brzezinski will be the world's bubble gum blower champion.
- Thomas Christianson will be a thumb tack packer.
- Darlene Combis will be a clever poodle's hair stylist.
- Rita Faloon will be an attractive false teeth model.
- Sandee Kraus will be a very curly eye lash waver.
- Irene Krikscunaite will be a very conservative sneeze inspector.
- Angie Lambros will be a well built muscle woman.
- Sandra Malmgren will be a chocolate candy dipper.
- Myra Marcus will be a world known book worm.
- Linda Nyberg will be a professional yawner.
- Ruth Rossman will be a fly swatter repairer.
- Gerald Schultz will be a famous floor walker.
- Erika Scrandzius will be a very daring snake charmer.
- Jim Smith will be a toothless, teething ring tester.
- Charlene Whinna will be a collector of whole toe nails.





### The Spelling Bee

Tuesday, December ninth, McKay School had its annual spelling bee. There were two contestants from each room from grades fourth through eighth. The judges were three teachers with Mrs. Kuehl doing the calling of the words. Roy Wuchitech and Arlene Kahn were the entrants from our room. Arlene Kahn won the contest, and is studying very hard for the district contest to be held in January.

Karen Natale  
Room 210-8B

### Welcome Alaska

July 4th will be a day to remember. It will mark the date our new flag becomes official with forty-nine stars instead of forty-eight. Alaska becomes our largest state, even larger than Texas. We are glad we bought Alaska from Russia, because she has rich mineral resources and a good location.

Raymond Koenig  
Room 306-5B

### The Seven Wonders of the World

These wonders are the Empire State Building, The Statue of Liberty, the Nautilus, Eiffel Tower, Hoover Dam, Golden Gate Bridge, and the first man made Earth Satellite. Of these only the Nautilus and the Satellite were built in our lifetime.

Betty Bereznek  
Room 208-7B

### The Christmas Movie

We saw a Christmas movie on Friday, December fifth at one o'clock in the afternoon. The film was presented by the Illinois Bell Telephone Company. It told the story of The Night Before Christmas, and explained how it was written. We also saw a movie of The First Nativity. This was the story of the birth of Christ. Both stories were in one film. They are shown every year at Christmas time and enjoyed anew each year.

Jerry Thomas  
Room 210-7A

### Double Date

Double Date is a story of identical twins named Pam and Penny. It tells about the good and bad things that happen to them when they move from Chicago to a suburb called Glenhurst. It also tells of the difference between the identical twins. Penny was a shy girl who always followed Pam around. After having talks with her mother Pam became very popular and was crowned Queen of the Senior Prom. It was a very enjoyable book.

Beverly Farmer  
210-8B

### Snowflakes

Snowflakes landing everywhere,  
Everyone without a care.  
Tumbling from the heavens down,  
Landing on houses, trees, and town.  
Grown-ups, animals and children all,  
Enjoy the patterns as they fall.  
Indeed they are a pretty sight,  
And glisten in their fluffy flight.

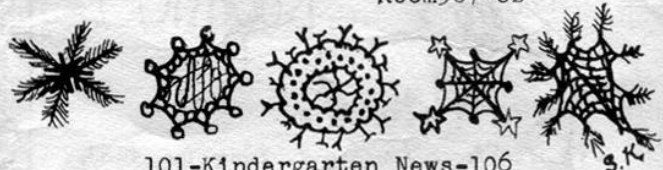
Virginia Snyder  
Room 301-6A

### Winter Carnival

Goodness! What's all the gossip about?  
Everyone's talking, big and small.  
Why I know what it's all about,  
The Winter Carnival.  
The huge ferris wheel,  
Goes round and round.  
One snowman turned an olive green  
And fell right to the ground.  
Over there is the sky ride.  
This story is not pretend  
About the snowman who closed his eyes and said,  
"Tell me when this ride comes to the end."  
Let's go to the refreshment stand,  
Of course this you must know  
You won't have any ice cream,  
In a cone you'll have some snow.

Now at the big toboggan slide  
On a big wooden sled,  
One snowman went whizzing so fast  
He nearly lost his head.  
Now we hear the barker,  
He's calling you and me,  
For just one little nickel,  
You'll see the snowman hula-hoop.

Loretta Gorski  
Room 307-6B



101-Kindergarten News-106

Our Kindergarten year is almost over and we're all eagerly looking forward to Friday, January 30th, when twenty-seven of our children will be promoted to First Grade and fifty-eight will be promoted to Advanced Kindergarten.

Our big helpers Rita Faloon, Charlene Whinna, Myra Marcus and Ruth Rossman are graduating from the eighth grade of our school.

We hope we will have many new children entering Kindergarten on February 2, 1959. Every child who lives in our school district and who will be five years old on or before April 12, 1959 will be admitted. A birth certificate must be presented at the time of registration.

# A Cute Two Year Old

I have a little niece that is two years old. She is funny. When she puts on her pajamas we all tell her she looks like a duck. Then she says "ya, but that's all right."

Patti Sue Jan. 8

# My Favorite toy.

The toy I got for Christmas that I liked the most was a Shirley Temple doll. I liked it best because her eyes move.

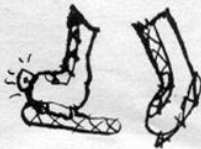


Sandra Henry.  
Room 103.

# Winter Time

It's winter time and time for fun!  
When ice and snow are all around.  
When Jack Frost creeps without a sound  
To nip our fingers and bite our toes  
And make our cheeks as red as a rose  
The lake is hard and seems to say,  
"Come on out - skate your troubles away,  
And the soft snow calls,  
"Come join the fun!"

Laurie Benz  
207-3A



# Little Daniel Whelan 104

Christmas we sang for the P.T.A. We sang Silent Night and other songs. We sang the Christmas Alphabet and held the letters. We had fun.



Our Christmas tree This week we took down our Christmas tree. We had fun taking off the trimmings. We put them all away for next year.

William Amoroso  
Room 103







# Learners



Kathy D. 104

Our Fall Trip. We went to the Little Red School house.

We saw animals, and we walked on Black Oak Trail. We went on a bus. It was fun.

## My Duck

One day, when I came home, my sister had a real duck in her hands. We fed it bread and water and kept it on the back porch. One night it got away but my friend found it and returned it. We put it back in its box. The next time it got away we never found it. This really happened to us.

Barbara Mugarus.  
207 - 3B



## What I Do On A Cold Day

I play with my dolls and my dollbuggy. I watch T.V. and sometimes I help my mother make a cake.



Susan Bleier  
Grade 2B Room 206

## My Favorite Pet

I have a dog. Her name is Tootsie. She had to have an operation on her broken leg. She got hit by a car. Now she can run and play.



Pamela Rey Room 206  
Grade 2B

## Carrot Nose

Once three children made a snowman. They made the eyes and mouth of coal and put a carrot on for a nose. They called him Carrot Nose. In the morning the carrot was gone. That night, after they put another carrot nose on, they looked out of the window and saw three rabbits eating the carrot. They asked if they might feed the rabbits. After that Carrot Nose kept his nose until he melted a way.

Peter Economos  
207 - 3B









# Oh What A Beautiful Baby!





# Chuckle Corner



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### Cross Word Puzzle

Across

1. Thing the graduates are looking forward to.
6. A teenage dance.
7. A narrow ridge of rocks or sand at or near the surface on the water.
9. Opposite of yes.
10. A night bird.
12. Thing that opens a lock.
13. Nickname for mother.
14. A device that tells your weight.
17. Frozen water.
19. A part of the leg.
21. Not shallow.
22. Not first.
24. We are \_ school.
26. A winter sport.

Down

2. Something graduates are proud to wear.
3. What the graduates will receive on graduation.
4. A spring month.
5. A winter sport.
8. A word said when parting.
11. A district in Great Britain.
15. A desert animal.
16. To take away.
18. Not full.
20. Something worn on the head.
23. Bagging or drooping.
25. Nickname for father.

### RIDDLES

Peg: "What makes more noise than a pig in a barn with a fly on his back?"  
 Don: "I don't know."  
 Peg: "A fly in a barn with a pig on his back."

Teacher: "Why were you absent from school?"  
 Nutly: "I had the Egyptian flu."  
 Teacher: "Where did you get it."  
 Nutly: "From my mummy."

Joe: My father is in the Navy.  
 Pat: My father is in the Army.  
 Little Bobby: My father is in the house.

Danny: It's a good thing my name is Danny.  
 Dad: Why is that, Son?  
 Danny: Because that's what everyone calls me.

### ANSWERS TO CROSS WORD PUZZLES

- Across  
 1. Graduating, 6. Pop, 7. Reef, 9. No, 10. Owl  
 12. Key, 13. Ma, 14. Scale, 17. Ice, 19. Shin  
 21. Deep, 22. Last, 24. At, 26. Toboggan
- Down  
 2. Ribbons, 3. Diploma, 4. April, 5. Ice-cream  
 8. Bye, 11. Wales, 15. Camel, 16. Deduct,  
 18. Empty, 20. Hat, 23. Sag, 25. Pa.



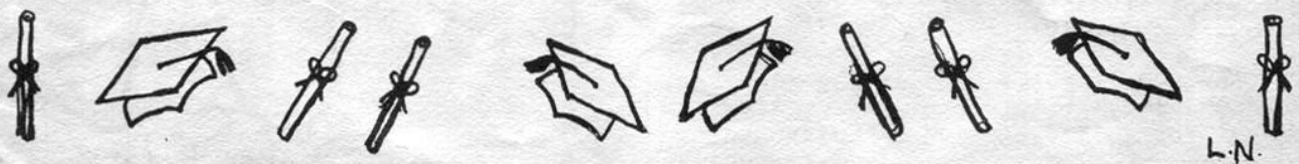
# GRADUATES JAN. '59



Third Row Charlene Whinna, Ruth Rossman, Jim Smith, Sandee Kraus, George Arrangelovich, Sandra Malmgren.

Second Row Gerald Shultz, Irene Kriksunaite, Rita Faloona, Linda Nyberg, Tom Christiansen.

First Row Angie Lambrose, Erika Skrandzius, Darlene Combis, Myra Marcus, Marianne Brzezinski.



L.N.