

## MCKAY TORCH

VOL. 4 - KO. 1 Chicago, Illinois June 1970 Dear Graduates,

Once aqain we come to that time of the year when wo must say goodbye to our eighth graders. Your elementary school graduation marks the end of your childhood and the beginning of young sdulthood.

It is very possible that many of you will be voting in a few years. Your high school educailion will holp you make impor-


## THE MCKAY PANTHERS

The Mckay Volleyball team was no doubt one of the best teams this year. The team consisted of the boys in the accompanying picture, with their coach Mr. Zelazek. From left to right are: Bob Prohaska, Bill Rossman, Coach Mr. zelazek, Bob Rydberg, Ed Deksnis, Joe Morkunas, George Kelleher, Don Scanlan and Dave Rydberg. The team entered two
tant decisions for that qreat event. Make the most of the next four years. Hold only yourself accountable for failure you may encounter.

You are the future leaders of our country. Bducation, intelligence, and good sense are the tools to use to make our country even greater. You have these tools and we can face the future with optimism because we are confident that you will make the world a better place in which to live.

Congratulations to all of you. Remember Mckay as we will most certainly remember you.

Sincerely yours,


Daniel A. Zelazek

leaques, one at Rainey-Hancock Park, and the other at Marquette Park. When we went to Rainey-Hancock, we were still down in the dumps from our baskethall season (having wound up third) but we soon snapped out of this. It took us three games to beat the Hale Hawks, and then we went on to beat the rest. In the finals we played the Stevenson Chargers, who looked rough to us. We beat them in two games, $15-4$ and $15-5$ to become the Rainey-Hancock Champs. We also won the tournament at Marquette Park to win a double championship for our school. This is the second consecutive year the McKay School team had captured both crowns.

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Joe Morkunas Room 104 - Grade 8
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## GIRLS TRACK MRET

The girls in the 5 th, 6 th, 7 th, and 8 th grades recently participated in a track meet held at Marquette Park. The events that the girls engaged in were the 50 yard dash, running broad jump, high jump, and four girl re-lay. Cheryl Kruspe won first place in the high jump. The girls look forward to the Kll Girls' Track Meet each year.

Cheryl Andrulis
Room 208 - Grade 6


## EIREMAN FRIENDLX

Fircfighter Albert Guerra visited the MoKay School during the week of May 18. This was his third and last visit of the year.

He talked about fire grevention, and sugqested that the thing commonly found around the house to extinguish fires was baking soda.

He has been a fireman for 22 years, and has been assigned to the 15 th district for the past two years. He also goes to the Catholic as well as the Jewish, Grock and Lutheran Schools in the neiqhborhood. During the summer, Firefighter Ml goes to the different schools and parks with the snorkel unit. Boys and girls may have rides on the snorket or on hot days are sprinkled from the hose.


Lynda Zoiss
Rcom 210 - Grade 7

## OUR SCHOOL ENGINEER

Mr. Jones, our school engineer, has worked in the McKay School for six years, and with the Board of Education for twentyseven years.

He is married and has two married daughters. He is also the gransfather of six. We are lucky to have a good engineer like him.

He directs his ataff in taking care of our school and grounds. He helps keep McKay warm in the winter. His maintenance staff cleans the floors, fixes windows and shades and many other thinge.


## MARQUETTE PARK TRACK MEET

In May, a track meet for boys ages 9 to 15 was held at Marquette Park. The events were the high jump, long jump, 50 yard dash, 75 yard dash, 220 and 440 relay. Don Scanlan took second place in the high jump, Dave Rydbery second place in the long jump. In the 75 yard dash Dave Rydbery captured firgt place and Bill Rossman second place. In the 440 yard relay, Dave Rydherg, George Kelleher, Bill Rossman and Don Scanlan took first place but were disqualified because George was too young. The Park Director said he could run in the relay if he did not participate in the 50 yard dash with the younger boys, but then they changed their minds.

David Rydberg


Room 104 - Grade 8


## POLLUTION

pollution ruins our air, water and land. While we need more food because of our increasing population, we find it is decreasing due to pollution. Laike Erie and Lake Michigan are badly polluted because of parbage, detergents, and wasta materials that are being dumped in it by large corporations and factories. This is a very serious problem to us, as nature won't help clean them out, as water flows into Take Michiqan instead of out of it, into Lake Fluron which in turn flows into Lake Erie and thence into the ocean. So as you see we must stop pollution instead of paesIng it on in a continual endless chain. If this contimues, not a single place on this earth will be unpolluted. So we better do something about this. Don't you care about your future life? As a matter of fact, don't you care about anyone's life? To make your future life better, follow the fifteen rules that are listed elsewhere in our paper on "Join the Fight Against Nir pollution". Inform your parents and friends about pollution and its problems. Write pollutors and complain and publicize their polluting our lakes, rivers, and air. Earth Day is over, and we may be also if we don't have an Earth Day 365 days a year.

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Allen Prusis
Rocm 208 - Grade 6
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MRS . KELLY
Our school is very lucky to have a wonderful woman as our school clerk, Mrs. Meredith Kelly, She is a nurge, a typist and helps us with our school drives and our school newspaper. She takes care of all of the school statistics, calls our homes when we are sick, and comforts you when you're feeling bad. She holps our principal, Mr. Zelazek, keep our school running smoothly, and last but not least, she has a kind word for everyone. Mckay is indeed fortunate to have Mra. Kelly on her staff.

Francine Jonikaitis Room 110 - Grade 8


## THE DISTRICT SCIENCE FAIR

I went to the District Science Fair with my project on "Water Purification". It was very exciting to be chosen as the winner at McKay School. A11 of the boys and girls who were the winners of their school in District 15 were there. There were two judges, who went around to each project and asked the pupils questions about them. I didn't win, but the boy who was next to mie took first place. At the Awards Assembly in June I will get a certificate from our school and one from the Dawes School.

Gerry Duvick
Room 305 - Grade 4

## KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Elghty-two children will be promoted to lst grade in June. Some of them will return to McKay and some will go to other schools. We congratulate thesc children and wish them success next year.

We have been getting ready for first grade by working on our reading readiness and mathomatics work books.

We thank our "Big Helpers" for all
they have done for us this year.
We wiah everyone a happy, safe summer vacation.

Room 101
Kindergarten


## KEEPING CHICAGO CLEAN

We in room 103 will help to do our best this summer to keep our city clean. We promise to put all our gum, candy and ice croam wrappers in garbage containers.

## Room 103

Kindergarten

## THE MONARCII BUTTERFLY

When a Monarch butterfly lays her eggs, they will hatch in a few days. Then a caterpillar will come out of each egg. The caterpillar will eat Just milk-weed for two weeks. It will take off its skin and turn into a pupa and hang up-side-down for two weeks. Then it will turn into a beautiful butterfly.

## Sophia Daukas <br> Room 205 - Grade 2

## NHAT I LIKE TO DO

I like to draw, to color, and to run. I like to go into a pool and swim and swim.
I like to qo to the musoum and look at everything.
I like to do many things, especially hugging my dog.

Lou Ann Scanlan
Room 207 - Grade 3


## GIRLS'VOLLBY BALL TEAM

The eighth grade girls' volleyball team consisted of Sylvia Kuraitis (Captain), Pat Nail, Janet Simeone, Faith Terpatra, Lynne Haugen, Cheryl Kruape and Pran Jonikaitis.

We played five straight games at Marquette Park before we were defeated. Although we only lost two games, we came in third place.

Pat Nail
Room 104 - Grade 8

## NY SCHOOL

I think my school is a qood school. We have gym, library, movies and reading, I like the movies the best.
At recess we go outside and play games. At lunchtime we go to the lunchroom to eat our lunch.
I have lots of fun at school.
I like my school and I think it is nice.
My school's name is the McKay School.


Tom Cernius
Room 207 - Grade 3

## DAY CAMP

School vacation is coming up soon and I know that everyone will be happy to be out of school and be able to do all of the fun things. Day camp is one of the greatest fun things to do. You can take crafts, yym or anything you are interested in. I won four ribbons for day camp in the past years and I have them on my wall at home to show every body how proud and happy I am that I go to Mckay Day Camp. Why don't you?

## Dobbie Tripamer <br> Room 301 - Grade 5

## SCHOOL NEWSPAPER

Getting your article in the sohool newspaper is fun. Lots of kids like to see their name in the paper. Some draw picturbs and some write stories. Some even tell about events in school. Writing artieles is fun. But reading stories is my favorite one.


Lori Perry
Room 208 - Grade 6

## THE BALL GAME

My whole family went to see the cubs play ball. On the way to the ball park we saw Lake Michigan, the Buckingham Fountain and the Museum. At the ball game I saw Ernie Banks hit his 500th home run. Ron Santo also got a hit with the bases loaded. We all enjoyed our day at the ball park.

## Ricky Rapnikas

Room 305 - Grade 4

## SCHOOL DISTRICT TRACK MEET

I was the only one in my room who went to the Track Meet at Rainey-Hancock Park. There were nine kids from McKay, and four of them received a trophy. I won the trophy for the four man relay. My teammates were Tony Butkus, Jack MeMillan and Stan Pasciak. I hope our school wins this year.

Nicky Haugen
Room 301 - Grade 5

## MR. SULLIVRM

Mr. Sullivan is our school fireman. He was burned very badly in early May by a careless accident. Someone put a spray can into a waste paper container. When Mr. Sullivan omptied the container into the furnace the can exploded. He was taken to Holy Cross Hospital with second degree burns. We all want to express our sympathy and wish him a speedy recovery. We should all take care and watch what we put in the waste containers.

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Kathy Tuleja
Room 305 -Grade 4
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## MOVIE BOY

Being a movie boy is fun. You learn how to run the projector, and you also do services for your school. It helps you to become a responsible person, to get to know the teachers better and to see how you can be of help to your achool. Being a Novie Boy is just plain great.


Mark Wagner
Room 210 - Grade 7

## FUTURE TEACHBRS

We wish to thank the following girls from room 210 who have helped in the Future Teachers' Club during the past year.
Theresa Conne1ly
Toni Malik
Carol Foster
Caron Piddington
Alberta Kohl
Patricia Nail

Fancy Andrews
Susan Haugen
Mary Pinnick
Linda Nicholas
Debbie Malmgren
Lynda Zoiss

## MC KaY SCHOOL LUNCHROOM VOLINTEERS

We wish to thank the following mothers who have volunteered to help in the McKay School lunchroom during the past Year:

| Mrs. Burton | Mrs. Impallaria |
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| Mrs. Buttliere | Mrs. Kinster |
| Mrs. Cyborski | Mrs. Kruspe |
| Mrs. Elget | Mrs. Gybarczyk |
| Mrs. Furtado | Mrs. Sullivan |
| Mrs. Hochwarter | Mrs. Svoboda |
| Mrs. Horton | Mrs. Tauras |
| Mrs. Zdanys |  |

## OUR NEW TEACHBR

Our new teacher is Miss Norris. She is teaching us all about the planets. I have a lot of fun having science with her. I think she is pretty cool.

Cheryl Rydberg
Room 301 - Grade 5

## HON TO STOP POLLUTION

The pollution is getting bad. We should try to stop it. Don't burn leaves in the fall or any other time. If you have a coal heated house qet gas heat instead.
Don't throw garbage in lakes, streams or streets. Keep Chicago clean.


Kelly Lyon
Room 207 - Grade 3

## ASSEMBLIES

The assemblies at McKay are colorful and gay, One month the upper grades have an assembly, and the next month the lower gradea perform. We have excellent singing, and sometimes the rooms or the reading groups put on plays. The parents and children in the rooms that are not participating are invited to watch. The assemblies are a lot of fun, and there are a few laughs also.

> Pat Nail
> Room 104 - Grade 8

## THE MC KAY SCHOOL BAND

We belong to the McKay School Band. We are learning to play the flute, and enjoy it very much. It is interesting to learn about these instruments. We have a very good teacher, and wo know he cares about us because he wants us to learn. We joined the band because we like our teacher, and because we like music. We only started to play in February and we think we play quite well now, but hope to improve. More of the children should foin the band and then they won't have time to get into mischief. We think it was a good idea for Mr. Zelazek to allow us to have a band.


## ARBOR DAY

Arbor Day was observed by rooms 207 and 205, with a program held in front of the school. Arbor Day is in the spring, and is celebrated in many parts of the united States by planting a tree. The first Arbor Day was held in Nebraska about 100 years ago. Then people in other places thought it was a good idea, 50 they planted trees too. We thought it was a good idea too, so this year we planted two hockberry trees to replace the trees that once stood in front of McKay School.

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Tom Cernius
Room 207 - Grade 3
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Pifth Row:
Sharon Reh, Debbie Nurphy, Paula Cepicka, Sylvia Kuraitis, Faith Terpstra, Debbie Malmgren, Iynn Haugen, Donna Kesler and Fancy Andrews.
Fourth Row: Alberta Kohl, Debbie Bradiey, Linda Zoiss, Donna Janis, Liz Rayfield, Cheryl Kruspe, Sharon Hasler, Susan KoGraw, Niki Schaafsma, Karen Derwinski, Pat Nail and Susan Pilachowski.

Third Row: Janice Wreqlesworth, Debbie Sizemore, Patty Coon, Linda Petrulis, Debbie Zebell, Nary Pinnick, Nancy Craven, Lorraino Martin, Janet Simeone, (Name removed by request), Christine Orozco and Mr. Arthur Silhan, Director.
Second Row: Nancy Emerson, Elizabeth Doherty, Toni Malik, Susan Haugen, Theresa Connelly, Carol Poster, Cheryl Andrulis, Marianne Hartl, Rita Connelly, Caron Piddington, Cindy Pilotte, Linda Nicholas, Elaine Spiegel and Tina Tripamer.

First Row: Kay McWillan, Phyllis Doherty, Beth Duvick, Debbie Horton, Patsy Fisher, Debbie Rizzo, Lari Perry, Cindy Carragher and Terry Malik.

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LAST WILL AND TESTAVENT OF THE CLASS OF JUNE 1970
Niki Schaafsma......I will my large bouffant hair rollerg to Mike Navickas. Susan Pilachowski...I will my one and only pair of bobby socks to Linda Ficholas. Debbie Murphy....... I will my chain of 100 pop tops to Nancy craven. cindy pilotte.......I will 20 bottles of throat spray to Mr. Silhan, for his voice. Joe Orozco.......... . . will Anthony Akstins' trousers to Robert Rydberg.
Debbie Bradley...... I will my bus pass to Stanley pasciak.
John Kakta. . . . . . . . . . I will my Mickey Mouse watch to Jeff Kishkunas.
Lynne Haugen........ will my sister Sue a pair of old shoe strings.
Pat Nail............ I will my favorite nylons to Janice Wreglesworth.
Sharon Reh. . . . . . . . . I will my mask to Mr. Silhan, who calls me "Zulu" .
Cheryl Kruspe. ....... will my old gym shoes to Rita connelly for graduation.
Liz Rayfield........ I will my "Beauty Secrets" to Mr. Silhan, who calls me "Queen".
Sharon Hasler. .......I will 100 bottles of eyeliner to Elaine Spiegel.
Don Scanlan......... I will my slightly used and worn pink levis to John vieratis.
Anthony Akstins..... will my ballet shoes to George Muersch.
Sylvia Kuraitis...... will five pounds of candy to Douglas Gilland in my desk.
Janet Simeone....... I will my empty can of Right Guard to Fancy Androws.
Donna kesler......... will 500 slightly used pieces of gum to Alberta kohl.
Bob Ripley........... I will $11 \frac{1}{4} \hat{4}$ to Jim Molnor on the $\$ 45,000,00$ I owe.
(Name removed by request) : will my repossessed box of Kleenex to Mary Pinnick.
Lorraine Martin..... I will my favorite bobby pin to Debbie Horton.
Tom Marley........... . will all of my "100" papers to Mark Wagner.
Susan McGraw. . . . . . . . I will my Frankenstein mask to Toni Malik.
Ed Peck.............. I wil1 my gym shoe with the biggest hole to Al Peck.
Paith Terpstra. ..... I will my used green notebook to Lynda zolss.
Joe Morkunas......... I will Mr. Silhan a 1923 wide necktie I found in my attic.
George Kuba.......... $I$ will my brother Mike Kuba all my broken pens.
Robert Prohaska..... I will Debbie Malmgren my old basketball.
Harry Gleason. . . . . . . I will Carol Foster a picture of me when I was a baby.
Dave Rydberg. ....... . . will Ron Kirsininskas a pair of bym shoes with $3^{\prime \prime}$ heels.
Bill Rossman........ I will Debbie sizemore all the gum underneath my diesk. George Kelleher..... . . will Tom Petrose a pair of my good Converse All Stars.

Donna Janis. . . . . . . . I will Caron Pidaington three used eyebrow pensils.
Bdward Dekanis.......I will a picture of myself to Theresa Connclly
Jim Emergon. ......... I will my magnificient brain to Jack McMillan.

## SOCIAL CBNTER

Social Center provides an opportunity for both boys and girls to have fun, participate in sports and meet new people. It helps us to adjust to new situations. Anyone from third grade up, and from our neighboring schools can attend.

Some of the activities this year were crafts, table games, corrídor games and gym. This yedr we had co-ed volleyball teams in which we had much competition.

If more children would attend Social Center next year, we could expand our proyram to include dancing for both boys and qirls.

> Faith Terpstra Room $104-$ Grade 8

## MY PET RABBIT

I have a white rabbit who became part of our family about a month aqo.
Her name is cotton Tail.
She eats about a head of cabbage a day. She is not afraid of my dog.
cotton Tail is tame, and when she jumps, she Jumps about a foot, and when she hops, she hops about a half a foot. She is very pretty.


Edward Jankus Room 207 - Grade 3

## MC KAY SCHOOL SCIENCE PAIR

This year was truly one of our finest Science Falrs at McKay School. It was held In the school gym in January. The projects ranged from breeding fish to the human eye. Bight winners were selected from the many projects that were exhibited.

In the upper grades, 1st place was given to "Water and Air Pollution" by Linda Nicholas and Mary Pinnick, 2nd place to "Using a Transit" by Niki Schaafsma, and 3rd place to "A Motor" by Tommy Petrose.

In the intermediate grades there wore Ifve winners, Geraldine Duvick, Chuck Svoboda, Chris Moore, Vito Vitauskas and Paula Cepicka and Lori Perry.

Gerry Duvick's project "City Water Cleaning System" was judged the best of the fair and Gerry went to the District Science Fair.

## (Name removed by request) <br> Room 104 - Grade 8

## FLORIDA

I would like to go to Florida. It is sunny and warm there. You can swim there too.
There are many orange and palm trees to see
Michae 1 Robbins
Room 204 - Grade 1

FANOUS SAYINGS FROM GRADE 2
There was a little girl She would not speak to me. Until she saw another little girl And then she was happy as could be.

Thomas Stusek
The skunk puts up his tail when he's mad, But a cat puts up his tail when he's glad.

## 5 <br> Christine Sturenfeldt

I have hair as fuzzy as a pear
That I wear and I wear
And it is hot, like water in a pot.
Louis Valentine
The sky is blue
And the birds sing too.


The sun is yellow
And he's such a big fellow.
The robin and his wife sing nice
While the cat finds his lunch: the mice.
Frances Kaktus
I'd like to be a clown,
But sometimes I will frown. Then I'd clown around
And soin all over the ground. I'll be very funny


And then pretend $I$ am a bunny.
Roman Tamositis
I wish I were a crocodile All pretty and green. With nothing to worry about But those pesty

Cynthis Horton


GIRLS' CHORUS


The Mekay School Girls' Chorus is an exciting opportunity for the girls in 6 th, 7 th and 8 th grade to develop their musical ability. Thanks to our director, Mr. Arthur Silhan, we have been able to learn and sing a great variety of songs.

To keep in tip-top shape, we rehoarse every Friday afternoon.

The biggest thrill of Girls' chorus is to perform at special assemblies for the P.T.A. and caroling at Christmastime.

We are grateful for the opportunity offered to the girls at McKay School, and we say "Thank you" to Mr. Silhan.

The Girls of Room 210


Anthony Akstins Doborah Bradley Edward Deksnis James Emorson
Harry Gleason
Sharon Hasler
Lynne Haugen
Donna Janis
(Name removed by request)
John Kakta
George Kelleher
Donna Kesler
CheryI Kruspe
George Kuba
Sylvia Kuraitis
Thomas Marley
Lorraine Martin
Susan McGrav
Joseph Morkunas
Deborah Murphy
Patricia Nail
Joseph Orozco
Edward Peck
Susan Pilachowski.
Cynthia Pilotte
Robert Prohaska
Elizabeth Rayfield
Sharon Reh
Robert Ripley
William Rossman
David Rydberg
Don Scanlan
Niki Schaaftma
Janet Simeone
Faith Terpatra

Football
Dancing
Baseball
Baseball
Sports
Swimming
Dancing
Swimeing
Breeding Tropical Fish
Bowling
Sporta
Record Collecting
Record Collecting
Girls
Dancing
Sport
Record Collecting
Record Collecting
Sports
Dancing
Record Collecting
Swimming
Girl Watching
Dancing
Collecting
Sporta
Swimming
Sports
Sports and Girls
Sports
Sports
Sports
Swimming
Music
Swinueing
Interviewer
Robert Ripley


Pro-Football
Housevife and Mother
Policeman
Pro-Baaeball
Policeman
Stewardess
Secretary
Airline Stewardess
Doctor
Oceanographer
Pro-Baseball
Airline Stowardess
Secretary
Salesman
Secretary
Policeman
Nurse
Beautician
Doctor
Housewife and Mother
Nurse
Doctor
Football
Housewife and Mother
Beautician
Baseball
Airline Stewardess
Beautician
Mechanic
Mechanic
Pro-Baseball
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Teacher



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Fifth Row: Robert Prohaska, Lynn Haugen, William Rossman, Faith Terpstra, Anthony Akstins, Sylvia Kuraitia and Robert Ripley.

Fourth Row: Liz Rayfield, Niki Schaafsma, David Ryaberg, Deborah Murphy, Donna Kesler, Edward Deksnis, Cheryl Kruspe and Sharon Rey.

Third Row: Thomas Marley, Donna Janis, George Kuba, Joe Morkunas, Edward Peck, Sharon Hasler, Donald Scanlan and George Kelleher.

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