

Election Of Student Body Gives Democracy Look

Editor's Note: This is the fourth in a series of articles examining the layers of our educational structure during this week, American Education Week.

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School officials wisely allow the budding teenager a voice in running his own affairs.

The purpose is dual. Junior high and high school youngsters get a close look at the democratic process. And they are dangerously near the age of revolt against parental and all sorts of other authority, anyway.

So, in junior high school, seventh and eighth graders are encouraged to set up a student body, to elect officers, and largely to plan their own money or fund-raising activities.

IN FREMONT Junior High School, a city elementary school district unit, eighth graders campaign vigorously for office, sell magazines to enrich student body coffers, carefully tend their budget, and have a fine time in their spare moments spending their money.

They hire and pay for professional adult speakers who entertain during assemblies. They publish and pay for a slick, entertaining newspaper called "Junior H. Life," and a school annual. They finance club activities, and they buy sports equipment for their teams and cheering sections.

Junior high students are taught self-sufficiency in other ways, too. For the first time they learn to shift from room to room, teacher to teacher, just as that's done in high school and college.

They are thus forced gently to break with the "old gang" which accompanied them through lower grades, and to make new friends. Through a carefully supervised system of electives they are able in small measure to choose courses they want to take.

The pain of transition is eased a little by the "home room" to which students are assigned to spend each full morning under supervision of a single teacher.

Junior high students are tested thoroughly and results of past tests are used, too, in a counseling program far more comprehensive than anything so far offered them.

IT'S TIME, say administrators, they should start planning a future. It's vital, too, for the pre-high school student and his future teachers to have some idea of what he wants to do or is capable of doing.

By the time a student emerges from Fremont, he should be signed up and ready for a curriculum in Klamath Union High School that either will prepare him for entry



ACTIVITIES play an important part of instruction at Fremont Junior High School. These student body officers, Carol Drew, secretary, and Larry Binney, president, look over results of a recent magazine subscription sale planned to enrich student body assets.

in college or give him the rudiments of a trade.

In the meantime, youngsters, most of them, have undergone in a single year the first phases of a fantastic change. Girls change to young women and boys to young men.

The first deep stirrings of rational thought rumble like thunderbolts and youngsters begin to question aspects of life formerly taken for granted. So violently are young minds agitated, many students become amateur anarchists in favor of overthrowing almost everything. It's a tough period for unwary parents and teachers.

FIGHT OVER APPLES

BERLIN (UPI) — Russian and East German housewives fought over scarce apples in the Russian garrison town of Brandenburg, East Germany, the "Information Bureau West" reported.

The private intelligence service said the fight took place Oct. 23. The Russian and German women were lined up to buy the apples at a Soviet army store. Then the Russians announced that only Russian women would be served and the Germans attacked them, it said.

THE CHANGE in attitude over a year's span at Fremont are fascinating, says Principal Lowell Kaup. Boys, generally about a year behind girls in physical development, avoid the opposite sex like the plague. By year's end they not only show acute interest in girls, but may even condescend to go steady.

Girls, in the meantime, interested to distraction by boys, may use any means shy of a lariat to land a boy friend. But late in the school year, when junior high boys finally are asserting masculinity, girls swing their sights to older targets. To land a freshman or sophomore wins them considerable prestige.

In such a state of semi-adulthood do youngsters find themselves when they are ready to enter that citadel of rollicking times and hard knocks—the high school.

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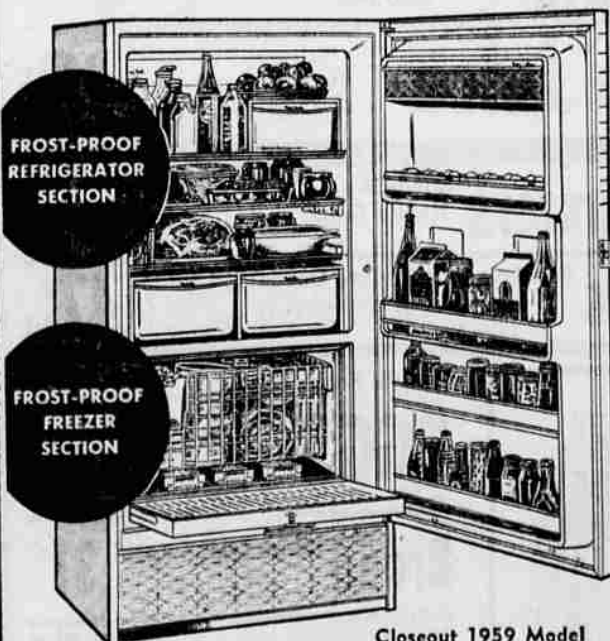
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