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Voting light in key primaries

(UPI) - Bad weather and a lack of excitement combined to keep many voters away from the polls Tuesday as six states chose nominees for governor or the U.S. Senate, a prime target of President Nixon in the November elections.

All five Senate seats at stake are held by Democrats and of the four incumbents seeking renomination, only Sen. Joseph D. Tydings, D Ma., faced serious trouble. The fifth seat is being vacated by Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy, D Minn., and former Vice-President Hubert H. Humphrey was heavily favored to win endorsement for a comeback.

The other incumbents were Sens. Henry M. Jackson, D Wash.; John O. Pastore, D R.I., and Edward M. Kennedy, D Mass. Kennedy was unopposed for renomination.

Because of rain, the voter turnout in Massachusetts was the lowest in memory in some areas and threatened to cut into the lead of Boston Mayor Kevin H. White, one of four Democrats battling for the chance to oppose Gov. Francis W. Sargent in November.

Voting was "extremely light" in rainy Rhode Island, where keen competition was lacking, and a persistent drizzle discouraged balloting among Minnesota's 2.1 million eligible The Lineup!

Minnesota – Humphrey •opposed by •• Earl Craig Jr., 31,• a black peace candidate, for Democratic nomination. Rep. Clark MacGregor was the likely GOP nominee. Candidates selected for successor to Gov. Harold Levander, a Republican.

Massachusetts Conservative John J. McCarthy raised the Chappaquiddick issue against Kennedy in an 11th hour debate against liberal Josiah A. Spaulding for the GOP Senate nomination. In a significant congressional race, Louise Day Hicks, an opponent of school busing, was expected to beat two opponents for the Democratic House seat nomination to succeed retiring Speaker John W. McCormack of Boston. Maryland-Tydings counted on support from the Washington suburbs in his fight against conservative George P. Mahoney and Life magazine suggestions of conflict of interest. Democratic Gov. Marvin Mandel and Republican C. Stanley Blair were favored for governatorial nominations.

Washington-Jackson was expected to win handily over black lawyer Carl Maxey, a peace candidate.

Rhode Island-Pastore was favored to breeze to renomination despite first primary challenge in nearly 20 years. The Rev. John McLaughlin, 43 year old Jesuit priest, was unopposed for the GOP nomination to face Pastore. Democratic Gov. Frank Licht unopposed for renomination, and Atty. Gen. Herbert F. Desimone regarded as an easy winner as GOP nominee.

Hall and State Sen. Bryce trict, Rep. Samuel Friedel's op-Baggett fought for the Democra- ponent in the Democratic pritic nomination to oppose Gov. mary. Negro Parren Mitchell, Dewey Bartlett in November. claimed that as many as 35 black There were numerous reports of precincts were having trouble voting irregularities in Maryland. with voting machines.

Oklahoma-Lawyer David In the 7th Congressional Dis-

C.A. to be phased out

by Denis DuBay

This year, the Department of Communication Arts will not accept any new majors, due to the planned phasing-out of the department in the next two years.

In a letter sent to communication arts majors on August 29, the department announced that it will move into undergraduate work under the Program in American Studies. Professor Weber, director of the Program in American Studies, has also been named chairman of the Department of Communication Arts. In speaking of the change Professor Weber stated, "it was the consensus of our department that it was the best thing to do."

Several technical courses previously offered under the department will be dropped, although a majority of the Communication Arts curriculum will be transferred to the Program in American Studies.



Professor Ronald Weber

Junior and Senior majors in Communication Arts will not be affected by this movement. The course offerings and the faculty will be the same as in the past. After these present majors have completed their programs however, the department will offer undergraduate courses and an undergraduate degree only in to communication arts majors American Studies.

The master's degree program in Communication Arts, which offers course work only during the summer, is not involved in the change. This program will continue under the direction of Professor Stritch.

Professor Weber, in explaining the merger, claimed that the department was not abandoning

its interest in communication arts. Rather, he reasoned that the merger with the Program in American Studies will provide the best means for a student to prepare himself for a career in the field of communications.

As stated in the letter sent out August 29, the department has, "always felt that a great danger for the communication's major is that he will master the means of communicating without having anything worth communicating." The Department of Communication Arts feels that it can best meet the needs of these students under an expanded program in American Studies.

Faculty senate meets **Princeton plan discussed**

by Tom Bornholdt

Improvements in campus security and procedure for the October referendum on the Princeton Plan for allowing studeats a ten day recess from classes to engage in political campaigning were among the items discussed at a Faculty Senate meeting last night.

The mention of the Princeton Plan occurred during the last few minutes of the meeting. Prof. John A. Oesterle, the Chairman of the Faculty Senate brought up the issue. According to Oesterle, the referendum to be held on October 2, would be on the proposal to allow students to be free from classes from October 24 to November 4 to campaign for the political candidates of their choice. This measure includes the stipulation that adequate compensation be provided for lost class time. The Faculty Senate did not know what means would be presented for making up lost class time. It did know that six proposals had been presented to the Academic Council including the possibility of working up until Christmas Day, Saturday classes, and make-up work after Christmas. Whether a vote on the classtime compensation process would be included in the referendum was not known.

approve the measure for it to go into effect. The Faculty Senate was unsure of its role in respect to the referendum. The opinion was expressed that the Faculty Senate would probably pick four of the five faculty members of the election board, with the Chairman of the Faculty Senate being the fifth member.

There is also to be five student members of the election board, but it was not known how they are to be chosen. Fred Guffrida, a student representative to the Faculty Senate felt that SBP Dave Krashna would probably choose the student

members of the election board. The issue of campus security came up during the reading of the report of the Committee on Administration Affairs. One faculty member complained "After sunset the university is like the inside of a pocket...there have been some people who have attacked outside the Engineering Building." He went on to say later, "We have people with six or seven stitches from being beaten...students are being beaten up in their own rooms in the dorms." To this Anthony replied that the University has begun to take serious measures to improve security, including the lighting of the parking lots, the hiring of a private investigator, and the use of a student patrol. Anthony felt that it would either be undesirable to institute severe security measures, such as fencing off the entire university or requiring

student identification cards for entrance and egress.

One faculty member desired that the entire university as well as the parking lot be lit up. Another complained the East Gate Security post had its windows destroyed so often that it now has plywood boards with slits and that the guards were now armed.



In a personal interview held yesterday, Richard D. Willemin, the newly appointed Director of the Placement Bureau, explained

compass the new aspects he hoped the Bureau would be able to undertake.

Under the first point came the career general expansion guidance to include undergraduate counseling as early as the freshman year and for the first time the opening of the office to the students of St. Mary's. Included in this facet would be the enlargement of career information to form a "library" of such pertinent material which would be made available to all students. The second point dealt with a summer employment program which the Placement Bureau hopes to have functioning by the second semester of the current academic year. Under such a program the Bureau would contact employers concerning summer employment. In the second semester it would post job opportunities in the Placement Office. Willemin pointed out that besides the fiscal results for the students such a service would provide it

chance for undergraduates to select employment in their resident areas in fields in which they eventually wish to pursue

Dr. Robert Anthony was certain that the students and faculty votes' would be tabulated separately, and that a majority of both groups would have to

his dual aims of broadening the services of the Bureau and making them more relevant to the undergraduate student while maintaining the career services to graduates.

Mr. Willemin, who replaces the retired Father Louis Thornton C.S.C., cited his twenty years of experience in such recent guidance capacities at Notre Dame as Director of the Reading Development Program and Pre-College Program as the source of his view that sudents need guidance prior to their' senior year in career and employment selection.

Though pointing out the adequacy of the Bureau in past years in performing its functional task of arranging placement interviews, Willemin stated that such a view was too narrow for the present. He outlined a three

The last item in the overall plan outlines the establishment of a teacher placement program. Such a service would provide a list of opportunities available for those graduating students who wished to go into teaching for a probational period. This plan would also help alumni who were temporarily displaced from research or corporation work.

The new director closed with his thoughts on the conflict in the past two years between the University's open door policy on corporations allowed to recruit on campus and the view of some students that certain companies should be banned due to actions which they felt were immoral.

Willemin argued that it was neither in the place or the power of the University to investigate

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NSHP begins new year, needs tutors

The Neighborhood Study Help Program begins its new year of operations with substantial Title I funding and increased resources, but in need of 800 tutors from the Notre Dame-St. Mary's community.

The NSHP, which provides tutors for underachieving children in the South Bend primary schools, has established itself as a complement to the South Bend school system. Last year the program operated on a shoestring budget donated from private sources and finished the year a thousand dollars in debt. The present program will receive funding from the Title I funds that were allocated to the South Bend school district, and from South Bend banks, insurance companies, and real estate agencies.

tions with the South Bend

school district, headed by Donald Dake, the Neighborhood Study Help Program will be able to employ the learning equipment bought by the school district, which includes tape recorders, movies projectors, IBM reading sets, and group listening booths.

In previous years the tutoring program's success was hampered by having one tutor work with two and sometimes three students on a once a week basis. This year tutors will have but a single student and will tutor that student twice a week, either on Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday. Also, tutors will meet with the tutee's parents and teacher, and will keep in contact with them every two or three weeks.

A list of over 800 potential

great. Michael Heisler, a senior from Philadelphia and a co-coordinator of the program, said, "It is easy for a kid in a classroom of forty kids to just slide through without any personal attention. If a teacher doesn't have time and the parents don't know what to do, Notre Dame and St. Mary's students can make a tremendous difference. Most of these kids have acquired a negative association with learning. Notre Dame and St. Mary's students that are willing to put in three or four hours a week can, over a year's time, bring these kids to a positive association with learning."

Each of the sixteen Study Help centers throughout South Bend will be staffed with about twenty Notre Dame men and twenty St. Mary's women, with a Notre Dame and St. Mary's captain for each center. Frequent parties among each center's tutors are planned to give each center a group spirit. A trip to Chicago with the tutors and their students is planned, with visits to the Museum of Industry

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The administrative planning for the NSHP has already been completed with the help of the South Bend School District and interested parents. Busses from the St. Mary's and Notre Dame circles will transport the tutors to their centers and back.

Last year's tutors achieved approximately a one year improvement in reading and mathematical abilities in about 70% of the tutees. During the present school year the program's leaders hope to improve this record through the one-to-one ratio of tutors to tutees, the twice a week meetings with the students, and the use of the educational equipment made available through Title I funds.

South Bend school district has made primary education less than adequate. As Mike Heisler explains, "A lot of the kids in the South Bend School District, just like in other school districts, get passed into the next grade so that they can clear the way for the incoming grade. And the result is that the kids don't have the fundamentals. A fourth grader doesn't have the fundamentals a first grader should have, and an eighth grader reads on a fourth grade level."

Students interested in working in the Neighborhood Study Help Program can contact Michael Heisler in 441 Lyons (phone 7992) or John Reid in 201 Morrissey (3495). Study Help recruiters will be in the dining halls Thursday and Friday evenings.

The lack of funds in the

Workers ignore injunction

leaders requested 40,000 striking guess they got the word," a B&O rail workers to return to their spokesman said in Pittsburgh. jobs Tuesday after a court injunction failed to stop their walkout against three selected railroads.

Many strikers said they would not return to work until they received official notice of U.S. District Court Judge Howard F. Corcoran's Monday midnight order.

Their walkouts shut down the Southern Pacific systemwide, halted all passenger service on the Baltimore & Ohio, and seriously hampered the Chesapeake & Ohio.

Finally, in midafternoon, the Transportation Union and the Brotherhood of Clerks issued statements requesting the workers to comply with the courts order. They notified local officials by phone and wire.

Most of the striker 'reeded the unions' plea. Pirkets withdrew at B&O inst Baltimore and Pitts argh and

WASHINGTON (UPI) Union workers returned to the job. "I

New goals set

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the actions and policies of every company that came to recruit on the campus.

Willemin said that the University and his office would adhere to the policy set out in "Principles and Practices of College Placement and Recruitment' which is published by the College Placement Council to which Notre Dame is a member. The clause to which the director brought attention was that "the fostering of communication and exchange of information between employers and students but an employer should not be required to present and defend a corporate position before college and university groups as a as in condition for recruiting on campus.'





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Mark Winings

Pass-fail draws responses

by Art Ferranti

In an interview yesteday, SBVP Mark Winings said that he had received responses from nearly one seventy schools on a letter he sent last July on the suggested pass-fail system. Winings sent the letter to 1400 major and local universities. He asked the schools to forward to his office any data pertaining to the two main points of his missive

The letter sought information on a change in the present grading system to a pass-fail plan. This information was to be

based on each of the 1400 said universities' experience in the field.

The second topic concerned a withdrawal option for all undergraduates. Winings outlined the plan as permitting the student "to drop a subject anytime up to a week or so before final exams and lose only his three credits." This was brought before the Curriculum Revision Committee last year, and, of that encounter, Winings said, "There is no valid arguement for not having this (plan) because the student is already penalized by, one, the losing of the money he invested. in the course, and, two, the loss of the amount of credit hours."

To date, one hundred and seventy schools have replied. Although it is early, Winings said that "many excellent responses have come in." Three examples which came into his mind were those of U.C. Berkeley, U.C. Santa Barbara, and Barat University of Illinois.

When asked about his conclusions on the letters thus far, Winings pointed out that it was still very early but that he was "impressed by the flexibility of the student government of the colleges in question" and that "it is a shame that Notre Dame does not take the initiative that one would think a major university should.'

Announcing Augusta Hall: SMC'S unique new dorm

by Mary Chris Morrison

What do you do with an and activities. almost barren ex-convent with only two phone lines, furniture missing from all but three lounges, terribly empty walls, and 37 girls who are determined to call it home? You have a redecorating party, put up Pea-nuts posters and "home-made originals" jump like mad when you hear the phone ring and pray for the telephone man to come install the phones in each alcove that were supposed to be there yesterday, and the day before, and the day before...

And voila! Instead of a hall director and sign-out desk, Simon and Garfunkle and Linus greet you at the door of Augusta, and you almost never hear the word dormitory used. For the girls living in the newest residence on the SMC campus consider Augusta Hall their "house" rather than a conventional dorm, a "living exper-ience" they can shape rather than another dorm situation to endure.

Thus, with the motto "A house to believe in", half of Augusta Hall was transformed this fall from the Novitiate of. the Sisters of the Holy Cross to body wanted virtually shut house 30 seniors and 7 sopho- down General Motors Corp., the mores.

Although the hall is subject to day and was sure to last until all college regulations regarding next Tuesday, when the United security, sign-out procedures, Auot Workers and company baretc., the size of the group per- gainers meet for the first time

by Frank Mahon

mits much greater flexibility in the realm of hall management

There is no hall director in the traditional sense. Sister Mary Elizabeth Griffin and Sister Elena Nalits live with the girls as their advisors. Hall government is effected through house meetings. Any questions or decisions affecting the house are made by the entire group rather than through the conventional officer system.

Yet the group is not trying to isolate itself from the rest of the campus community by any means. Although they do not have a hall president, the group has selected three of their members to attend the St. Mary's student government meetings to represent them and keep in touch with campus issues. The girls themselves are handling most of the administrative necessities required in a residence hall by setting up their own schedules (on a voluntary basis' to take care of desk duty and many housekeeping respon- bers and friends.

sibilities. They are also hoping to arrange for a weekly liturgy in one of their lounges.

An informal, closely-knit atmosphere pervades the small group in the house, the first two floors of which are devoted entirely to lounges and study rooms. As one of the seniors commented, "There are always close friends to be with, and yet always places to be by yourself in the house. I never found that in any of the regular dorms . . . here you have some breathing space."

The group is already planning several Friday night gabfests in the house with members of the Notre Dame and SMC faculties campus. The opening gabfast will be tomorrow night at 8:30 pm with Dr. Noell of the English Dept. and Dr. Feigl of the SMC Chemistry faculty. They are also hoping to have several informal dinners and gatherings in the house for both their own mem-

Walkout hits G.M.

since the walkout began.

Within hours after the strike at midnight Monday, layoffs began spreading through automotive related industries. Both sides agreed Tuesday to hold the first bargaining session beginning at 2 p.m. Sept. 22. They will meet informally, however, Wednesday to discuss procedural matters not related to the actual bargaining.

New Drug Info-Center opens of the Human Affairs Com-Among the clubs and organmission of Notre Dame, told the

Observer that his group will act

as an aid to the D.E.C.,

especially with matters pertain-

DETOIT (UPI) A strike no-

nation's No. 1 auto maker, Tues-

As 343,610 UAW members marched on picket lines outside 199 plants in the United States and Canada, Labor Secretary James D. Hodgson ruled out-at least for the time being-any fed-

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Education Commission opened a

Drug Information Center to

This is the on-campus side to the two-part commission. Its creator is N.D. student Tom Tollksen. The other half is made up of the Drug Rehabilitation Center, an off-campus organization formed by N.D.'s John Kwiciak. Although these two groups were formed and function independent of each other, they serve to compliment each other in their common goal; to make people more aware and informed of the uses and effects of drugs.

Orlando Rodriguez, chairman

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ing to the university. Currently, Rodriguez is trying to obtain eral action in the strike. office space in La Fortune for the Drug Information Center. Once the Center is able to estab- left the final session before the lish a permanent headquarters, it strike began at midnight Monhopes to remain open indefinitely to serve the Notre Dame -St. Mary's community. John

South Bend.

is located on Western Ave. in

No new bargaining sessions were scheduled Tuesday. As he day, chief GM negotiator Earl Bramblett indicated negotiations would resume, "probably Wed-Kwiciak's Rehabilitation Center nesday," on the unresolved issues of money, early retirement and cost of living allowances.

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Improved Wildcat's will be trouble

by Terry Shields **Observer Sports Editor**

Believe it or not, the Northwestern Wildcats could be great argument material at season's end if Notre Dame is still in contention for the National Championship.

NU, who always plays one of the toughest schedules in the nation, has been rebuilt and their coach, Alex Agase, has a real darkhorse contender this season in the Big Ten.

Daigneau Leads Offense

Maurie Daigneau, the sophomore from a season ago who made such a stunning quarterback debut against none other than Ohio State (22 of 34 passing in that game), is back to lead the offense. Daigneau has lost a

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speed since last season and this ing great speed. has aided in the Wildcats newly installed option series. Dave Shelbourne, a starter at the is a junior flankerback with giftbeginning of last season and Todd Sommers, an exciting soph provide excellent backup strength at the signal-calling spot.

Adamle Best Runner

Running strength will also be present in the potent Wildcat offense. Mike Adamle, who gained 316 yards in a single game (Big Ten record), has moved to fullback. Al Robinson, a junior, will be the halfback. Both of these running backs are a threat to throw the football on option plays. Neither Adamle (5'9", 190 lb.) nor Robinson (5'11", 195) are big, but both are hard

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little weight and added some aggressive runners, each possess-

Another man with speed and moves is Barry Pearson. Pearson ed hands. The other top receiver for NU, also a junior, is Jerry Brown. He is the real speedster on the squad. Like Notre Dame, Northwestern will start a sophomore at tight end in Steve Craig.

Veteran Line

The offensive line is another reason why NU will be a more respected opponent this season. Every position is filled by a returning starter. They are center Joe Zigulich (6'1", 224), guards Mike Sikich (6'2", 235) and John Hoerster (5'11", 220), tackles Jon Hittman (6'1", 230) and John Rodman, the big man at 6'3" and 250 lb.

Strong Secondary

Offense will not by the only game in town, at least when the town is Evanston, Ill. Agase has seven returning starters on the defensive squad as well.

The defense will build around Wil Hembly and Mike Morkin, two quick but not big (220 lb. each) ends. A speedy secondary will counter Irish aerials. All four backs are veterans. They are Eric Hutchinson, Rick Telander, Jack Dustin and Mike Coughlin.

Linebackers Weak Spot

Linebacking may be a problem with only Joel Hall and Jack Derning having experience at this key position.

The Wildcats will be a vastly a little lighter than usual and improved team relying mostly on a solid ground game, but if they must pass Daigneau has proven ability. Their schedule is anyone of importance.

JIM MURRAY

their record by season's end may be that proof ND fans can show when asked if the Irish played

The Hard Sell

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I once had an Irish friend who liked to sing when the hour was late and the sentiment was warm. One night, after the orchestra had wandered through a gaggle of undanceable, incomprehensible songs, he turned to the leader in exasperation: "Doesn't anybody know 'Moonlight and Roses' anymore?" he demanded.

I have another version of the same question today: Doesn't anybody read Frank Merriwell anymore?

There used to be a time when our athletic heroes, at least in fiction, but also often in fact, were great modest superachievers, greatful to be on the team, loyal to God, country and Yale.

The Merriwell Boys would come in from another victorious day against the Harvards and the Burt L. Standish's writing would go on something like this:

"Hurray!" cried fun-loving Robert, his eyes dancing merrily, "you old Frank Merriwell, you surely showed Fair Harvard!"

And Frank would hang his head and paw the ground: "Pshaw! It was nothing. They are fine adversaries and we were fortunate, indeed, to have overcome them."

' would protest Robert, "you went 10-for-11, including five 'But,' home runs, three triples, two doubles and five stolen bases and you pitched a no-hitter!" and Frank Merriwell would blush.

Then, in the Ralph Henry Barbour books, our hero would get in the Big Game, the day of which dawned bright and clear, and score 11 touchdowns, intercept 21 passes, and drop kick the winning field goal from his own 20-yard-line. "Shucks, it was just luck!" he would say in embarrassment as his teammates carried him off the field.

Braggarts always get their comeuppance. Boys always met their match.

Frank Merriwell, always got his hair cut, his shoes shined, and wore the school tie, and he would thrash gamblers and other blackguards roundly. Some of them, he even reformed.

Today, Frank Merriwell would throw a bucket of water over Burt L. Standish. Ralph Henry Barbour's hero would be "Broadway Buck" and have sideburns and a fondness for whiskey and chorus girls and places where bookies hang out. Dick Merriwell would come snarling in the front office and say, "I want \$75,000 or I go and take half the team with me!" And the GM would say, "But, Dick, you only batted .210 and struck out 195 times with the bases loaded last year!" "Take it or leave it!" the younger Merriwell would snarl, punching him in the jaw.

Dink Stover would jump the team bus. Or the team. Dustin Hoffman would get the part if they made a movie. He would lose the game but get the coach hauled into court. "Knute Rockne, All-American" would be rated "R" if they made it today.

When Dennis Dale McLain took the mound for the Detroit Tigers a few years ago, some of us thought Frank Merriwell was making a comeback. There were still a few around the league-Ernie Banks, Al Kaline, Henry Aaron, Frank Howard, to name some-but sports, was beginning to run to run-off-at-the-mouth types. "I am the greatest," "Play me or trade me," "What I do off the field is my own business.'

Still McLain was the best pitcher to come along in the American League since Lefty Grove. He won 55 games in two years, put his team in the World Series, and got every award short of the Nobel prize. He was a parochial school graduate, and his worst vice was soda pop which he drank by the case. He went to bars only to play the organ.

Then, fate began to rip a few line drives back through the box on Denny. A national magazine suggested the smashing of his toes in the final weeks of the 1967 pennant drive was not due to a mowing machine but to the heel-stomp of an underworld enforcer. Denny's business partners proved to be bookmakers. The last time ball players went into a partnership with bookies, the World Series was thrown. His other businesses went bankrupt. The commissioner suspended him for several weeks-which is like sending a kid to his room for blowing up the Empire State Bldg., but maybe he thinks the Mafia is a potential TV sponsor. Failure went to Denny's head. When he got back, he couldn't get anybody out, but, the other day, he finally found a batter he could fool. Watty Spoelstra is 60 years old, wears bi-focals, and is a grandfather and deeply religious. Also, he's a sports writer. Clearly, it was all his fault.



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Denny threw his first pitch this year with something on it-a pail of ice water. Fortunately, it didn't break Watty's glasses but he did have to go home and put his feet in a tub of hot water.

I'm sure glad I'm not growing up today. I'm still not ready for Frank Merriwell to go around beating up old ladies, setting fire to Santa Claus, making book, taking his clothes off in movies, But I guess that's what he'd have to be doing today or it wouldn't sell.