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NEW TEACHERS

This year at Putnam we have several new teachers. We want to give them a very cordial welcome to our school and hope they will enjoy being a part of our staff.

Mr. Jerry Clark, teacher of seventh grade social studies, is our new football coach. He is a native of Ashland and attended Ashland High School. As a member of the Tomcat football team, he was all-state tackle in 1950 and in 1951 moved to the position of guard and was named all-state guard as well as all-southern.

After high school, Mr. Clark attended Marshall University, where he received his A. B. degree. He later attended Ohio University and did some work on his Master's Degree. He spent six years at Jackson, Ohio, where he taught and was recreation director for two years. He then went to California. While in California, he taught science and social studies and coached track and baseball. He won the district championship in these sports. He was also recreation director in Los Angeles County.

Mr. Clark is married to the former Beverly Aylor, also a native of Ashland, and they have three children, Lee Ann, 10; Kimberly, 8; and Steve, 5.

Mrs. Henry Ettlting is our new art teacher. She lives in Huntington. Before coming to Putnam she taught at the Huntington Galleries for 14 years. She has taught art to people three years old to 93 years old.

Mrs. Ettlting studied at the Rhode Island School of Design and at Marshall University. She has done three one-man shows, one in Charleston and two in Huntington. Her interests are painting, drawing, gardening, and singing for her own pleasure.

Mrs. Ettlting has a son and two grandsons.

Mr. Herbert Conley is the new ninth grade teacher for physical education and health. He was born in Salyersville, Kentucky. After high school in Ashland, he attended Eastern Kentucky University at Richmond.

He enjoys football, basketball, baseball, and track. Football is his favorite. In addition to teaching duties at Putnam, he is one of the football coaches at Paul Blazer, working especially with the sophomore team.

Mr. Conley has one son, Greg, age 13 months. In Mr. Conley's opinion, Putnam is great and he loves it!

Mrs. Jean McAlister, is our new math teacher. She moved here from Mullens, West Virginia, where she taught at Pineville High School.

She has two sons, one a sophomore at Paul Blazer, and the other one is an eighth grade student at Putnam. Her interests are reading and sewing, and she also enjoys teaching.

Mr. Stanley C. Nickell is our new teacher of seventh and eighth grade math. He was born in Ashland and received his B. S. degree at the University of Kentucky. He also has a Doctor of Law degree. He has not taught before coming to Putnam. His likes are popular music, golf, and reading.

CHEERLEADERS

Football season is here again. The team needs a lot of spirit, so naturally we think of the cheerleaders. This year's group includes:

Narda Pergrem, a fourteen-year-old ninth grader, who is 5'1" and has blonde hair and blue eyes. She likes to play basketball and to read. Plum and navy are her favorite colors. She hates black and white. Her favorite TV show is *Bewitched*. She likes algebra. Her plans are to become a surgical nurse.

Cindy Hannigan, another ninth grader, is also fourteen. She is five feet tall and has strawberry blonde hair and blue eyes. She enjoys cheering, water skiing, and fixing pizzas. Her favorite foods are pizza and steak. Her favorite song is "Cherish".

Jenny Jordan is fourteen and is also in the ninth grade. She is 5' 3 1/2" in height, has reddish brown hair, and blue eyes. Her favorites are cheering, horseback riding, and you'd be surprised (guess who?). Her best subject is study hall. Her favorite TV program is *I Spy*. She plans to be a detective.

Jenny Finkbone, a fourteen-year-old ninth grader, is five feet tall. She has brown hair and blue eyes. She likes music, swimming, and boys. She likes blue and hates orange. Her favorite foods are spaghetti and pizza. Her favorite song is "Cherish." She plans to be a fashion designer.

Jenny Griffith is the ninth grade alternate. She has light brown hair and blue eyes. She likes tennis and swimming. "Cherish" is her favorite song, and her favorite foods are pizza, steak, and Pepsi. Her favorite colors are burgundy and navy, and she hates turquoise. "The Girl From Uncle" is her favorite TV program. She plans to be a nurse or airline stewardess.

Debbie Workman, an eighth grader, is 13 years old and is 5' 3" in height. She has blonde hair and green eyes. Her favorites are horses, swimming, cheering, and Steve. She likes to collect stuffed animals. "See You In September" by the Happenings is her favorite song. Her favorite subject is gym.

Becky Mahan, another eighth grader, is 13 years old and 5' 2" in height. She has blonde hair and green eyes. She likes swimming, water skiing, and horses. Her favorite TV program is *The Fugitive*. She likes pizza and french fries. She plans to be a teacher.

Rita Sutphin, the eighth-grade alternate, is thirteen years old and 5' 2" tall. She has blonde hair and blue eyes. Her favorites are horseback riding, swimming, and mainly boys. She likes blue, but hates bright red. *Peyton Place* is her favorite TV show. She plans to go to college after finishing high school.

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OUR MAJORETTES

Marching in front of our band will be this group of talented young ladies:

Patty Dunn, an eighth grader, likes cheese, pizza, and Coke. Her hobby is swimming, and her favorite color is blue.

Wanda Baker is a ninth grader, and her hobbies are twirling and dancing. Her favorite foods are sausage and pizza. Her favorite color is green, and "Cherish" is her favorite song.

Carla Worley, who is an eighth grader, likes to swim, twirl, and skate. Her favorite food is spaghetti. Paul Revere and the Raiders rank top as a singing group with her.

Ruth Danks, a ninth grader, likes music and twirling. "I Was Born a Woman" is her favorite song. Her favorite school subject is gym.

Sammie Leadingham is a ninth grader. Her interests are boys, twirling, and swimming. She likes pizza and Latin. "Hurrah For Hazel" is her favorite song, and blue is her favorite color.

Susan Anderson, a ninth grader, likes twirling and reading. "Cherish" is her favorite song, and the Putnam Band is her favorite band. She likes any kind of food. Science is her favorite school subject.

—Nancy Adams

WELCOME, SEVENTH GRADERS!

How does it feel to be a seventh grader? Your first year at Putnam, and what a year it's going to be! Sure, you're pushed around in the halls, offered tickets to the elevator, and looked down upon by eighth and ninth graders. But, now you feel more grown up; you are a teenager (or soon will be). When this word is mentioned around adults, they get a worried frown on their faces and wonder what's to become of the younger generation. But you won't mind. You'll be going to parties, joining clubs, and having the best time of your life. Above all, remember you are in school to learn! If you are courteous and respectful to your teachers, study, and do what is expected of you, you'll have no trouble. So, we say, "Welcome, seventh graders!" Study, learn, and have fun all in the school spirit for which Putnam is noted.

—Jane Boggs

SHOVING IN THE HALLS

How do you feel about getting pushed around going up and down the stairs? How many times have you had your books knocked out of your arms going from class to class? If someone drops his books, it will only take a second to help him pick them up instead of walking all over him and causing others to trample him. The same goes for the time when the 8:20 bell rings each morning. What a mess when the doors are opened! Books flying! People tripping! It would be a lot safer if students would go in a few at a time. We would get in just as quickly. Think what other people's opinion of Putnam would be if they saw us like this. I think our halls and stairs would be a lot safer if we will just take a little more time and quit pushing.

—Don Cawood

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HALLOWE'EN — A GREAT TRADITION

Hallowe'en is no time for Scrooges. Neither is it a time for dirty tricks.

It is a time for fun and frolic, treat and tradition.

Historically, it is the holy evening before All Saints' Day, November 1.

Its trick or treat delights and nonsense go back to the mysterious Druids of Britain, who pegged the day as the end of summer and a time to remember the dead. Ghosts were believed to return and cheer their relatives for the coming winter. So, the summer's growth of pumpkin, turnip, and corn was brought in for feast and fun.

But there were wicked spirits, too, so goblins, elves, and witches with their black cats were free to play all kinds of nasty tricks.

After the Romans invaded Britain, the traditions were passed on and expanded. People bobbed for apples, played games, and drove evil spirits away with lighted candles in hollow pumpkins. They also gave food to the poor, for this was thought to be a good omen for the following year's prosperity.

So, along with the treats this October 31, remember the traditions.

TV SHOWS AND PUTNAM

Run, Buddy, Run — Caught by Mr. Ford for skipping class.

It's About Time — What teachers say when you are late.

Get Smart — What a mother tells her flunking son.

Linus the Lionhearted — Mr. Rigsby.

F. Troop — Students after they get their report cards.

Flipper — "Speedy" Hayes.

Mission: Impossible — Trying to cheat in Mrs. Rule's room.

The Iron Horse — Charlie Cox.

To Tell the Truth — Caught cheating on a test.

Batman — Jerry Gregory.

The Fugitive — Mike Burton.

Monkees — Mr. Nickell's sixth period math class.

12:00 O'clock High — Lunch time.

EVERY TEACHER HOPES —

What do teachers wish for when they face their classes day after day?

Were you the teacher, what qualities in your students would you like to see?

Simply, then, each teacher looks forward to a student—

- * Who tries his best.
- * Who completes his assignments on time, all the time.
- * Who keeps himself mentally awake and physically fit by getting enough sleep and by eating the right food.
- * Who strives to get ahead and stay ahead.
- * Who is always in his seat on time, prepared for the lessons of the day.
- * Who is friendly and cheerful.
- * Who is sincere and honest.
- * Who asks questions when a problem arises and listens carefully when other students ask questions.
- * Who understands that learning, which is a chore at times, will pay off in such rich dividends as full appreciation for all that life has to offer.
- * Who gripes now and then, but faces his responsibilities to himself, to his family, and to his school and community.

Such a student will get every teacher's support.

More important, he will mature and become a valued individual no matter where he lives, no matter what he does.

And that's what every teacher wants for you.

PERSONAL SUGGESTIONS FOR PERSONAL IMPROVEMENT

1. Smile more often. Greetings should reflect friendliness. Remember, the face with a smile wins.
2. Use names whenever possible. Everyone enjoys hearing his own name. Learn names and use them.
3. Give your full attention, particularly to your teachers. It's pleasing and flattering to listen with your eyes as well as with your ears.
4. Be sympathetic. Show interest in other people's problems.
5. Avoid arguments. It takes two to argue and no one ever wins.
6. Say "no" gently. When you must say no to a friend, say it reluctantly and explain why.
7. When a friend is in a rush, speed up; when unhurried, be patient.
8. When a friend knows it all, grin and bear it. Let him talk; be pleasant and tactful.
9. When a friend is undecided, make suggestions. That's why you are a friend.
10. No one likes to wait. Time is precious, especially to anyone kept waiting unnecessarily. Show consideration to your friends, your teachers, your parents.
11. Look your best. Everyone takes a mental picture of you. Only you can guarantee a favorable likeness.
12. Be courteous. It is not enough to know good manners. Use them constantly. They never wear out.

And with these suggestions, keep this in mind. You may not be the most beautiful girl in school, or you may not be the most handsome boy in school — but you will be the "most of the best."

TEACHER OF THE MONTH

The Prattle Staff chose to honor Mr. Don Forgey as Teacher of the Month in this first issue of the Prattle for this year. Mr. Forgey has been at Putnam for 11 years. During this time he has taught Industrial Arts and Physical Education.

He graduated from Chesapeake (Ohio) High School, where he participated in football, basketball, and track. He went to Billings, Montana, to attend the Rocky Mountain College.

From 1956 to 1959, he was assistant football coach. From 1959 to 1963, he was head coach of the Buccaneers. Unfortunately, he had to quit coaching the football team in 1963 because of illness. Many outstanding high school and college athletes in the past few years got their beginning under Mr. Forgey and give him much credit for their success in athletics.

We want Mr. Forgey to know that we appreciate him and the fine work he has done at Putnam, and we wish for him many more years of successful teaching.

—John Riddle

EXCUSES, EXCUSES

These are a few of the many excuses students come up with for not having their homework.

- "My little sister wrote all over it."
- "Our dog tore it up."
- "My paper's in my locker partner's book."
- "I lost it on the way to school."
- "I dropped it in a mud puddle."
- "I misunderstood the assignment."
- "I forgot about it."
- "You didn't tell us to do it."
- "It was stolen from my locker."
- "I didn't have any paper."
- "I didn't have time."
- "I had to go somewhere."
- "I laid it on the table and it disappeared."
- "My pencil broke."
- "I put it in my notebook and can't find it."
- "My mother threw it away."
- "It was blown out the window."

—Don Cawood

WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

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| A.—Alert | A.—Ape |
| B.—Brainy | B.—Bum |
| C.—Cute | C.—Clod |
| D.—Darling | D.—Deer |
| E.—Elegant | E.—Elephant |
| F.—Faultless | F.—Fink |
| G.—Grape | G.—Grape |
| H.—Happy | H.—Hog |
| I.—Ideal | I.—Idiot |
| J.—Junky | J.—Jerk |
| K.—Keen | K.—Kook |
| L.—Lovely | L.—Lunatic |
| M.—Mangy | M.—Mutt |
| N.—Nice | N.—Nut |
| O.—Ooh-la-la | O.—Octopus |
| P.—Pretty | P.—Pickle |
| Q.—Quick | Q.—Queen |
| R.—Rich | R.—Raisin |
| S.—Sick | S.—Sap |
| T.—Tuff | T.—Tomato |
| U.—Uncanny | U.—Ungulator |
| V.—Versatile | V.—Vampire |
| W.—Weak | W.—Walrus |
| X.—Xuberant | X.—Xedrophilous |
| Y.—Young | Y.—Yam |
| Z.—Zowie | Z.—Zandus |

Match your initials.

BUCS TOPPLE MCKELL IN OPENER

Putnam won its season opener on September 8 in our stadium by blanking the McKell freshmen squad, 14-0. McKell held even with Putnam until the fourth quarter, when the Bucs broke the game wide open, starting with Jackie Daniels' 15-yard gallop over tackle for the first Buccaneer touchdown. Greg Dowdy then proceeded to toss a pass into the end zone, which Curt Daniels hauled in for the extra point.

Putnam kicked to McKell after the touchdown and the Bucs' brilliant defense took the ball on downs. Dave Culbertson, Tom Greene, and Curt Daniels turned in outstanding defensive jobs, getting tackle after tackle.

Putnam marched to the 35, where quarterback Tom Hagerman handed off to Jack Daniels, who cruised around right end, going 35 yards for his second touchdown of the day. Once again, Dowdy threw to Curt Daniels for the extra point. Other outstanding backfield jobs were turned in by Mark Dempsey and Pike Caskey.

—Dave Hagerman

PUTNAM ROMPS RACELAND 33 - 0

The Putnam Bucs breezed past Raceland in a 33-0 shutout. The Putnam rally started early in the first quarter when Curt Daniels plunged over for his first touchdown. Curt also scored one later on in the game, with Jack Daniels, Greg Dowdy, and Tom Hagerman contributing six points each. In this game, Wayne Hood broke his leg and will be out for the rest of the season.

BUCKY BUCCANEER

Uh-oh! Something's wrong! Bucky has a bad case of "Good-student Amnesia-itis!" But, as he kicks his locker to open it, the books fall on his head. Hurrah (!) Our hero(?) is cured.

As Bucky sneaked up to the balcony, it seemed funny to him that some unsuspecting eighth grader might get a raw egg on his head. Perfect!!! While Bucky was going to his homeroom, he took time to hang 3 or 4 seventh graders on the lockers.

Before Mrs. Chandler came into the room, Bucky took his penknife and carved his initials on every desk. Next, he loosened the screws in every chair. What a calamity!

During gym, he ran over some seventh graders. OUCH!! But, that's not all. While the boys were taking their showers, Bucky hid their clothes! Then, the bell for the next class rang!

His next class was English, and his teacher was Mrs. Rule. He played a tape recording of 100 girls screaming! Bucky, you prankster, you!

During lunch, Bucky put buckshot in the turkey pot pie and chopped worms in the chocolate cake. UGH!!!

Next came study hall. First, he sawed a hole in the stage where Bob Corn was to stand in assembly tomorrow. After that, he disconnected the microphone. And then he hooked up a Beatles concert. And if that wasn't enough, he exchanged a picture of George for one of George (Harrison)!

In Industrial Arts, Bucky ran Mr. Forgey's nice, new cabinets through the power saw. When Mr. Forgey got back, boy was he mad!

Science was last. Bucky forgot that Mr. Ford was the assistant principal. First, he changed the textbooks for 007 novels. But, alas. As he was changing the test papers, Mr. Paddle-Conscious Ford caught him. And his reputation is true, poor Bucky.

Well, Bucky is cured for this month, but here's always next month.

WHAT IF?

- Randy Summers were Randy Winters? Mrs. Rice were Mrs. Wheat? Brad Moore were Brad Less? Sandy Green were Sandy Red? John Riddle were John Joke? Mr. Nickell were Mr. Dime? Ruby Parsons were Ruby Sears? Mrs. Rule were Mrs. Yardstick? Alan Wolfe were Alan Beaver? Speedy Hayes were Speedy Alfalfa? Mary Henry were Mary Tom? Bobby Cartwright were Bobby Wagonwrong? Ellen Winn were Ellen Lose? Jody King were Jody Queen? Kevin Morman were Kevin Quaker? Janie Boggs were Janie Swamp? Joy Downs were Joy Ups? Ricky Evans were Ricky Kroger? Joe Hall were Joe Corridor? Jonathan Wright were Jonathan Wrong? Earl Borders were Earl Boundary? —Phil Mayer Kevin Hable Greg Parsons Ronnie Charles

SCHOOL SONG

And, when old Putnam's ball team falls in line, You're going to see them win the game each time, And on the basketball court or football field, You're going to see their adversaries yield, And we will fight, fight, fight for every yard; And when we tackle, we will tackle hard; And we will roll ole Coles on the sod, on the sod, RAH! RAH! RAH!

PRATTLE TATTLES

Brad and Jill have been seen together a lot. Who is Cindy Wettling's secret love? Could it be Steve R.? Are S. Hagaman and D. Workman going to make it a year? Is that Bob C.'s pin on Vicky? Did D. C. and Luzz get back together? What happened to poor Harold? Does Bev like Rick? Does N. Barker really go for Doug W.? Does K. Messer like a boy from California? Roger Cooper sure is lonesome! G. P. and T. G. still thrill each other. Is it true about Andi S. and R. Jones? Sandy Green has lost all hope. What happened to Ben and Jan? David H. and B. Ross are finally coming through. Karen M. is still looking around. Big news! Rita S. is single! N. Tackett got herself an 8th grader. How about R. Summers and M. Henry!

CHEATING: WHO'S REALLY BEING CHEATED?

Every day in our school people are cheating themselves. Whether they cheat on tests or homework, it is still cheating. A reporter recently took a poll on cheating and the reasons for doing so. The three main reasons for cheating are:

- (1) Adult society sets a bad example for youth. (2) Students feel the need to cheat to get good grades. They need good grades to get into college. The pressure comes from parents and teachers who tell them they have to get into college to make a living. (3) It is an easy way to get out of a jam. Cheating is an "insurance policy" against those times when they leave their homework unfinished, don't study for a test, or generally go unprepared to class.

Many students say they could get good grades if they wanted to without cheating. But, how do you know until you've tried. Good grades honestly arrived at are a sign of maturity and is basic to success in any career—from garbage man to President.

In my opinion, the real victim of cheating is the cheater himself. The cheater loses some things beyond price — the experience and feeling of an honest achievement. Other names for these treasures are: self-respect, self-reliance, self confidence. They all ring sweeter in the ear than cheating.

—Phil Mayer

BUCCANEERS EDGE C - K 7 to 6

Putnam defeated Ceredo-Kenova for its second win of the season in a real cliff-hanger. The Bucs dented the scoring column when Greg Dowdy fired a pass to Curt Daniels at midfield, who scooted 50 yards for a touchdown. Quarterback Tom Hagerman then handed off to Jack Daniels, who bulled over for the point after. With Joe Hall placing a beautiful deep into C-K territory, the Bucs forced the Wonders to punt. Putnam drove to the C-K thirty, where their attack stalled. C-K then scored their touchdown on a sweep around right end, which was good for 70 yards. The Bucs defense dug in and smothered the extra point attempt, which proved to be the key defensive play of the game.

—David Hagerman

Included in this puzzle are the last names of all 33 members of the Putnam Junior High staff. For those having the same name, the name is included twice. The letters of the name are in a straight line which may be backward, forward, horizontal, vertical or diagonal. Some letters are used in the name of more than one staff member.

A 15x15 grid of letters with various names circled in black, including: ULRCE, ELKINS, SMR, RXTYAD, ECFIR, FCHIH, ALLIH, WCVF, IGI, LMORE, EUS, CHCNO, MASA, JBO, ILLK, NGN, MBEB, NLLKV, DAPOU, LHJ, NC, ONLEY, USW, ORO, BERT, SST, UTJ, NICK, ELL, FUF, LBI, UC, BH, UPC, AG, F, BGO, RQH, PUF, AV, JSI, YL, HP, US, XV, UT, MIT, NJ, AR, AV, OT, URS, N, T, UL, BARBOUR, BGE, KIO, UQ, AN, RY, FG, OK, Z, T, UI, TANDY, GK, C, F, I, GN, J, VFD, WX, Z, UK, S, Q, LL, AJ, C, Q, ST, IM, X, KD, H, NY, RLL, MOW, PAR, BE, TM, G, SF, KM, V, BOS, UTE, V, MF, ED, AI, HW, JOHNSON, OS, CP, WTE, TGF, O, WDR, UOL, DF, Z, DNC, PHOM, XA, QP, WNR, WJL, RU, JR, CL, Z, H, MC, NA, I, RY, M, GL, V, RP, OK, LOR, XETT, LING, M, Z, SX, B, KT, V, HI, T, Q, F, J, N, X, NX, MS, ZI, ZA, S, I, L, P, I, L, T, L, W, I, L, S, ON, TH, O, Z, J, Y, ATK, OR, M, O, O, R, E, O, J, T, K, T, N, RT, GAL, LI, H, ER, D, P, S, RT, S, T, I, P, H, N, N, A, M, E, D, I, E, W, E, C, K, E, L, N, L, IO, G, HT, RD, CV, B, NM, Z, X, CR, WR, WS, AX, Z, T, UM

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THE LIGHTER SIDE

A student came up to Hill High's coach and asked if he could join the team. The coach asked, "How do you do in football?"

The student said, "I didn't want to mention it, but I made high school varsity."

The coach said, "How do you do in baseball?"

"I didn't want to mention it, but I batted .600," said the boy.

The coach was drooling and asked about basketball.

The boy replied, "I didn't want to mention it, but I made several letters in that sport."

The coach was jumping up and down. He said, "How are your grades?"

The student said, "I made straight A's."

The coach was half crazy. The excited coach asked, "Do you have any faults?"

The athlete replied, "Just one. I lie a lot."

ALBERT: "Did you hear about the mathematical plant?"

ALFRED: "No, I didn't."

ALBERT: "It grew with square roots."

"Mary had a little lamb,
A little pork, a little jam,
A little egg, a little toast,
Some pickles and a great big roast,
And ice cream soda topped with fizz,
And, boy, how sick our Mary is!"

TEACHER: "I would like to know why it is that whenever I leave the room for a short time and return, I find no one working."

BUCKY: "It's because you wear rubber heels, ma'am."

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to be a person smart, brave and true.
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DEAR GABBY

DEAR GABBY,

When classes change and I want a drink of water, there is usually a mile-long line. I end up late for class. How can I solve this problem?

THIRSTY

DEAR THIRSTY,

Carry your own personal water fountain.

GABBY

DEAR GABBY,

I am a seventh-grader and have been asked to buy an elevator ticket. Should I, or should I not?

THE ASKER

DEAR ASKER,

It's your decision, but if you do, make sure it's a round trip ticket.

GABBY

DEAR GABBY,

I am taller than all (well, almost all) the cute boys. Can you give me any advice?

WORRIED.

DEAR WORRIED,

Feed your boys Kellogg's Cornflakes and "tall up . . ."

GABBY.

DEAR GABBY,

I like this boy and my girl friend says he's showing signs. How do I find out?

WONDERING.

DEAR WONDERING,

Wait! Take things as they come.

GABBY.

DEAR GABBY,

I like a boy and he's real cute. I am not very cute, and I want to know how I could get him to like me.

THINKING.

DEAR THINKING,

Be cute.

GABBY.

DEAR GABBY,

My friend is in love with a boy that hates her. What can I do for her?

CONCERNED.

DEAR CONCERNED,

Nothing!

GABBY.

DEAR GABBY,

All my teachers hate me, and since I am in the seventh grade, this is bad because I will be here three years. Should I change my schedule or mend my badly-torn ways?

HELP NEEDED.

DEAR HELP NEEDED,

Of course, mend your badly-torn ways.

GABBY.