



In the first photo grouped around Jane Hickman (center) are, from left, Claudia Smith, Susan Smith, Nancy Howle, Joyce Lynn Westergaard, Joycelyn Bertin and Judy Lou Spain who participated in a recent talent show presented at Gentilly Terrace school. The comedians are pictured next with Beth Richardson (center). They are Hugh J. McClain Jr. (left),



and Richard Ute. In the third photo is a military dance group composed of (left to right), Jeanne Cunningham, Margaret Link, Katherine Travellas, Laura Riley and Ann Cumiskey. Sixty talented pupils of Gentilly Terrace school, under the direction of Mrs. Harold L. Fields, music chairman of the school P-T-A, participated in the program which was



presented in two performances. There were vocal solos, song and dance numbers, comedians, recitations, vocal duets, instrumentalists, ballet and tap selections, group numbers and acrobatics, all introduced by master of ceremonies Kenneth Potter. Mrs. W. E. McWhirter was piano accompanist. Others participating in solo or group numbers were Mike Hernandez, Trudy Escudier, James Moore, Barbara Clark, Richard Clark Jr., Kenny Haerer, Peggy Anne Smith, Guy J. D'Antonio, Brenda Faulkner, Barbara Blanchard, Donna Narozniak, Janice Walker, Ira T. Dell, Betty Moore, Joycelyn Bertin, Jacquie Sheeren, Peter Dakin, Claudette and Ediel D'Antonio.

Young People's Paper

AUNT JANE'S LETTER CLUB

Dreaming of Freeport, Texas

Moves

Dear Aunt Jane:

"Hi there! Well, it seems as though every time I write to you, I have a different address. I surely hope I am through moving for awhile. New Orleans, gosh, will I ever get used to it? Leaving a small town like Freeport and coming to New Orleans, sure beats me. To me, there's no place like Freeport. I guess it will always be my favorite.

For those clubbers who have no idea where Freeport is, it is in the wonderful state of Texas, located about 80 some miles below Houston, and right on the Gulf.

We soon will be losing my sister. She is going to Japan with her two children to be with her husband who is stationed there with the Navy. She seems quite excited about it but none of us are. They will be over there from three to four years.

Hope to see you and all the clubbers at WTPS real soon. Until then will be saying good-bye and may God bless you.

PATRICIA PORCHE,
Age 16, 3708 Bienville ave., New Orleans 19, La.

(Well, we are sorry you can't get used to New Orleans, having lived so close in Gretna for so long before moving to Freeport. But don't worry, it will grow on you—it always does. Then if you ever go back to Freeport, you will hate to leave

New Orleans which is in the wonderful state of Louisiana. Did you know you live close to the Hickeys and Eileen Dufour now? Do hope you'll be at the station much sooner than real soon.

AUNT JANE.

Join

Dear Aunt Jane:

I would like to be a member of your club. I am in the fourth grade at Lafayette school and Mrs. Ivy Bardin is my teacher. I like to make model ships and airplanes.

HOWARD JOSEPH WIEDEMANN, II,
Age 10, 2240 Dante st., New Orleans, La.

(Welcome to the AJLC, Howard. We are happy to have you with us. And what a smart little boy you are to be able to make model ships and airplanes.)

AUNT JANE.

Four!

Dear Aunt Jane:

Please forgive me. I haven't written to you in over four years. I have been getting along fine, have a few penpals and I love writing to them.

Now if you have forgiven me, you will grant me one favor? Please send me a boy penpal, either French or Indian, or both, around 17 or 18. I would also like to have other foreign penpals.

Thanks and I promise to write you at least twice a year.

MARY ANN MADERE,
Age 16, 8001 Shirley st., Metairie, La.

(Well, Mary Ann, I can count on at least eight more letters from you before you "retire" at 20, huh? And I do forgive you since you say you are still writing to your penpals. But you're missing out on a lot of fun participating in the many Aunt Jane Letter Club activities. Also, I've never had the pleasure of meeting you. Why don't you come to the radio station on Saturday sometime and visit with us during the Aunt Jane show? There are several members who come from Metairie and you might make a few new friends.)

AUNT JANE.

Time Flies

Dear Aunt Jane:

How time flies and that makes me realize how awful I've been about not writing you a letter. I'll try to make up for my neglect in the future.

Christmas is truly in the air, and the store where I work has already decorated everything rather nicely.

Anyone remember former AJLCer Perrin Weber Jr.? He is now home from the Army for

good—so welcome home, Perrin. Thought I'd pass the information on to interested letter clubbers.

Reserve surely had its share of excitement a few weeks ago. The Bank of St. John was robbed and the authorities caught up with the lone gunman shortly after the holdup. While this is an every day occurrence in other localities, it was unusual for us and in my opinion the authorities deserve some recognition.

SHERRY MILLET,
Age 18, Box 1182, Reserve, La.
(So glad Weber is home. Haven't heard from him since his letter while he was in the Army. You really had some excitement and I agree with you, the authorities should be commended.)

AUNT JANE.

Write, Marie

Dear Aunt Jane:

My sister Linda goes to kindergarten and can tell me now. Please ask Marie Craddock to write to me. If Ross talks about me in his column, will that count toward a picnic invitation? I hope my letter will be in the paper so my grandparents in New York will see it.

My sister Linda, a brother Michael and I hope Frank Guzzo sings again next week.

JOHNNY BIGUENET,
Age 7, 2725 Mendez st., New Orleans, La.
(Hope Marie sees the "jacking up" she's getting. Well, now, if Rose is talking about you with reference to the AJLC, that might count toward an invite. What really counts is your activeness in the club doings. Your letters count, listening to the program every Saturday or better still coming in person, and participating in the many activities of the Aunt Jane Letter Club are some of the other things. Just being mentioned in a column doesn't mean you are being active in AJLC, you think? You might be mentioned for having a birthday or for having been seen playing in the park, but neither one is an AJLC activity. I guess you'd better count on writing more letters. Even if your letters don't reach the page, I know when you write them, remember.)

AUNT JANE.

Goal 100

Dear Aunt Jane:

I still have not reached my goal for 100 penpals by the end of 1956. I do hope I can accomplish this, so come on, clubbers, help a girl out.

I just finished listening to the radio. I was so happy to hear Frank sing again. Hope to see you and the penpals at the station this coming Saturday.

MARY ROYER,
(No age listed), 1535 Shirley Dr., New Orleans 14, La.
(Do hope you reach your goal, Mary. We have missed you at the programs on Saturdays and look forward to seeing you soon.)

AUNT JANE.

C of C Chapter Celebrates with Christmas Party

After the December meeting in the home of the Frank A. Courtenay on Beverly dr., the members of the M. Jeff Thompson chapter of the Children of the Confederacy were entertained at a Christmas party given by Mrs. Courtenay and Mrs. George T. Geron Jr. Alternating at the punch bowl were Sharon Mary and Marilyn Cofalu, and assisting in serving were Jeanne Prados and Eileen Fortier.

Other guests present were Katny and Kim Fitzgerald, David Fortier, Michele and Suzanne Germon, Yolande and Milton Mary, Donald Toso, Wayne Young, and Mary, Patrick and Joseph Wallis.

Stamp Notes for Juniors

Two Hamiltons

By **THOMAS BARBERITO**

Alexander Hamilton, first secretary of the treasury of the United States, will be honored with the issuance of two commemorative stamps on the 200th anniversary of his birth, Jan. 11, 1757.

One is the new commemorative which will cost three cents and will be issued from New York, N. Y. The color is still unknown. Orders for first day covers are to be sent to the Postmaster, New York, N. Y., together with three cents and a self-addressed, unstamped envelope before Jan. 11. Patrons are asked not to seek plate number blocks of four as the post office will not make special effort to fill such requests.

The other Hamilton stamp is a special 24-cent green and blue commemorative which will be released from his birthplace, St. Christopher, Nevis, Anguilla, The stamp, horizontal in format, will show Hamilton against a pictorial background.

Theoretically, first day covers will not be serviced, but requests, received before Jan. 11, will be cancelled and mailed on the date of issuance, thereby providing a first day cover.

The face value of the stamp is 14 cents in our money (24 cents in theirs). Make money order or bank draft for 14 cents, payable to the Postmaster, St. Kitts, but forward all orders to the Postmaster, St. Christopher, Leeward Islands. Airmail and surface mail rates from here to St. Christopher are 10 cents and eight cents, respectively.

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'Interview' of Busy Teen Puts Spotlight on Barrett

By **RONALD MURRAY**

Today's spotlight shines on Jimmy Barrett, 15-year-old soph at Jesuit H. . . a truly active teenager . . . began shining in seventh grade at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Kenner . . . had highest average in class, carried away over 20 awards in 4-H and was prexy of 4-H club . . . Eighth grade brought him assistant editorship of school paper, vice-prexy of Jefferson Parish Executive Committee, member of the Library club and So-dality . . . re-elected prexy of 4-H club . . . placed third in an "Ideal Boy Contest" . . . won four 4-H championship ribbons, awarded two trips and an Achieve ment Day, he was the highest scoring boy.

Crowned "Out-standing Camper of the Year" and again had the highest average in class which won him a scholarship to Jesuit . . . as a frosh, he was one of the top five in his class, won 25 more 4-H ribbons, captured "Camp Counselor of Parish" title . . . this year more honors for Jimmy . . . again he's in the top five of his class . . . won first place YABC trophy at Mid-Winter Fair, 25 4-H ribbons and two champion ribbons, besides he's a member of Junior United Nations, Debate team, Junior Philatelic Society and Probation Sodality . . . After graduation in 1959, Jimmy will head for a college career . . . Good luck Jimmy, "Success is in your path."

'56 Home-Comings

Here's the lineup of the Crescent City home-comin' queens

- Joan Grace
- Behrman's
- Belle Chasse Hi
- Ranatta
- Cynthia Ruiz
- Chalmette
- Hi's queen
- Ann Gillian
- Whitter
- Fortier's queen was Judy Shaw
- Carol Champagne had the honor at Holy Name of Mary
- Kenner Jr. Hi chose Jo Ann Blum
- Adrienne Landry won at McDonogh Hi, Patsy Lemoine at Nichols, Mary Sue Ogg at Newman and Mary Ann Gengo at Ridgewood . . . Marilyn

Closing Prayer Dedicated to H. Pendergast

(Carol Ann Wagner, age 12, 5120 Cameron Blvd., New Orleans 22, La., composed and dedicated the closing prayer which she gave on a recent Aunt Jane radio show to Harold Pendergast, a student with her at St. Peter and St. Paul's school, who is now at Charity hospital as a result of a shooting accident.)

"Oh, my Jesus, cast upon us a look of mercy, turn Thy face toward us as Thou didst to Veronica. Not that we may see it with our holly eyes for this we do not deserve. But turn it towards our hearts so that, remembering Thee, we may ever draw from this fountain of strength the vigor necessary to sustain the combats of life."

Amen.

Birthday Corner

Sing "Happy Birthday" to Brennan Paternostro, 2729 Milan st., New Orleans, who reaches her No. 1 birthday today; to Frances Pittari, Rt. 1, Box 41, Algiers, La., who will be 15 on Dec. 19; and to Yvonne Martin, RR 1, Box 80, Napoleonville, La., who will be nine on Dec. 21.

Send belated birthday greetings to Tunell Backlund, 115 Felicity st., Bay St. Louis, Miss., who was 11 on Dec. 9.

SCHOOL FARE FOR WEEK OF DEC. 17-21

- MONDAY**
Creole beans on rice
Glazed carrots
Pear and cheese salad on breaded lettuce
Hot rolls and butter
 - TUESDAY**
Ham loaf
Buttered greens
Buttered cauliflower
Stewed prunes and applesauce
 - WEDNESDAY**
Hard cooked or soft-boiled egg
Creole spaghetti and cheese
Buttered green beans
Peach jelly
Biscuits, butter
 - THURSDAY**
Turkey in brown gravy
Baked dressing
Cranberry sauce
Buttered cauliflower
Coconut cream pudding
French bread, butter
 - FRIDAY**
Tuna crolets on rice
Cabbage, carrot and green pepper salad
Fruit jelly
Christmas cookies
Hot rolls, butter
- (Menu subject to changes.)

8-Year-Old Turns Actor

Nothing was further than acting from his mind when eight-year-old Dennis Pinette was spotted by Elroy M. Fulmer, Little Theatre director. Dennis had gone to a rehearsal of "The Remarkable Mr. Pennypacker" with his sister, Penny, age 15, who was already in the cast.

A young boy was needed and Mr. Fulmer suggested that Dennis, sitting out in the audience, try out for the Ben Pennypacker part. There were only two lines to read but Dennis passed with flying colors. He was "in" and found he liked acting. Until then he had looked on play-acting with the usual disdain of an eight-year-old.

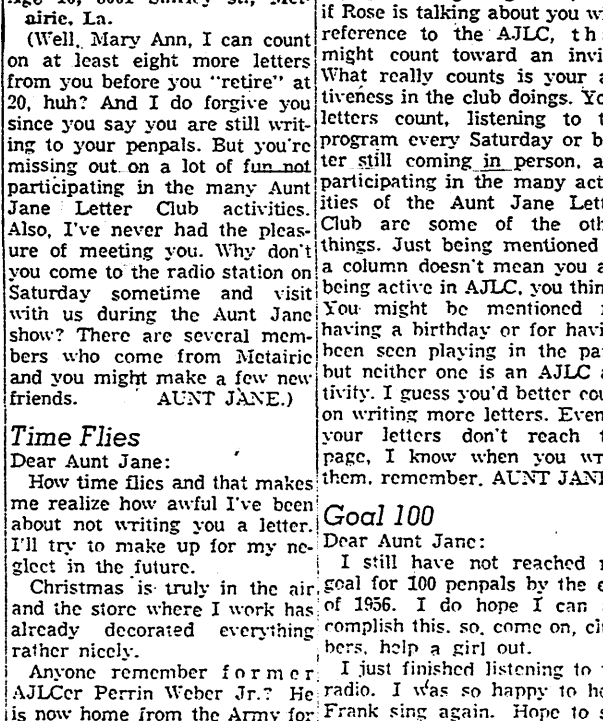
So far young Pinette has taken part in three plays for three different theater groups. The first, "The Remarkable Mr. Pennypacker" at the Little Theatre where he was "discovered," then he appeared in the Community Theatre's "Life With Father" as one of the red-headed Day sons, and more recently in the "Seven Year Itch" at the Gallery Circle Theatre.

His medium job night needed a red touch-up job every night for the two-week run of "Life With Father," with the exception of the two "off" nights.

Now Dennis is branching out. The acting parts have led to television commercials in which he has been asked to participate. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Ray Pinette, 608 Atherton dr., Metairie. He has no interest in



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Letter FROM Aunt Jane

Dear Nieces and Nephews:

Everyone has been asking when there will be another Aunt Jane letter to bring them up to date on my vacation doings.

At long last there's some space for a letter to you. Guess by now you're thinking I've taken the "long sleep" since my last column ended with me snuggling down under a wool blanket for my first night in California.

That wasn't the only night I slept under a blanket while I was vacationing there. The mornings were crisp and sunny and cool, the days warm but the nights were always cold.

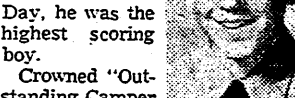
I covered a lot of territory in the short while I was on the West Coast. Santa Anna, Laguna Beach, Los Angeles, Burbank, Las Vegas and San Francisco, with side trips to see the swallows at Capistrano, Knotts Berry Farm, Disneyland and the Cow Palace out side of San Francisco. I did fly over Catalina but kept hoping I'd have time to take a boat there.

You know how you will make the remark when you return from a trip, "love vacationing there, but wouldn't want to live there?" Well, I've said that, too—but about California. I'd be quite happy to live there. Hope Knotts Berry farm are the only modern buildings I can remember seeing.

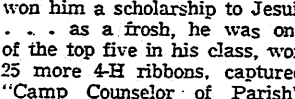
Then Disneyland—it would take a couple or three eight-hour days to see everything there. I took a ride on the steamboat, the horse-drawn street car, and wanted to go on the Sky Ride and a lot more things, but couldn't get any more time. Swore I'd gather up a bunch of letter clubbers and make the trip back. Then I'd be assured of company on all the rides. I know I want to go back. I don't know when, how or with whom—but I'm aiming to go West, young guys and gals. I'm aiming to go West again.

More next week.

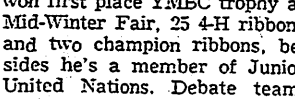
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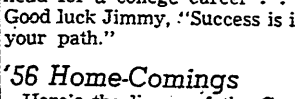
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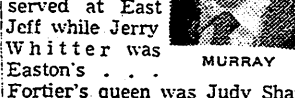
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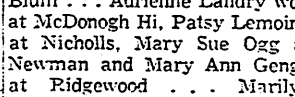
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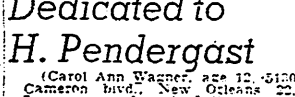
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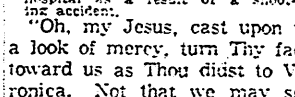
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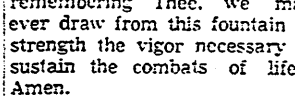
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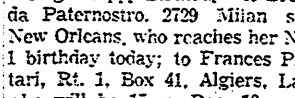
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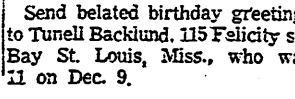
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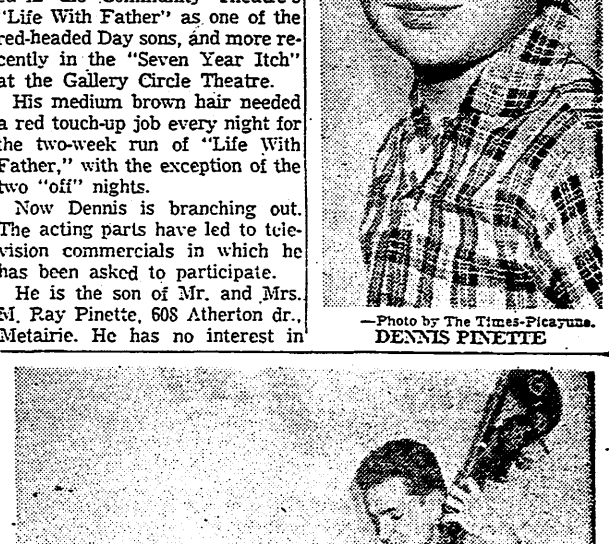


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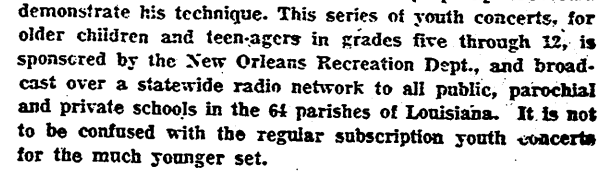


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'Spotlight' Ridgewood



From left to right are Eddie Litloff, Elaine Leicher and Delphine Strobel who represented Ridgewood Preparatory school in the "Spotlight Your School" feature of the Aunt Jane radio show recently.