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EDITORIAL

In My Opinion...

Becoming the editor of the notorious Ridge Rambler has proved to be a very challenging job and I only hope that I can do as good a job editing the Rambler as past editors have done. I want to especially thank Michael Quigley for establishing the Rambler this year, and for his help and advice in editing this Rambler. And another thanks goes out to the Rambler staff and friends who contributed to this edition. A school paper cannot be a success unless the students contribute to it and read it. We are going to try to put out a Rambler at the end of each month, so if you have anything you want published in the February Rambler, you can just drop it in the Rambler box in front of the office in the main office.

For my first editorial I have chosen a very controversial and frequently re-occurring topic...

In a classroom discussion the other day, we students stumbled upon a seemingly unknown fact (to the students) regarding the smoking rules at Ridge. It is not our staff that makes up the regulations, but it is instead the Maple Ridge and District School Board. And it is to this group of people which we must appeal.

It is a well-established fact that if kids want a cigarette, that no school regulation in going to make them give up the habit. It is not this fact which gives a school a bad reputation, it is the manner in which the students smoke and where they smoke, which is the deciding factor. And Ridge students have been forced into making the smoking habit look vulgar and cheapening to our school. Up until the boundaries have been more strictly enforced, the roads adjacent to the school were clogged with students violently obtaining their quota of nicotine. Now they just move a little farther up the road. But they're still smoking on the streets and they're still wearing Ridge colours. They're still sneaking around and they're still thinking about getting caught doing a horrid thing like smoking!!!

TWO RECORD REVIEWS

The Rolling Stones "got LIVE (that rhymes with "five" not "give") if you want it" doesn't offer many new songs. Recorded at a performance in London's Royal Albert Hall, the album is a cacophony of screaming. The stereo version is preferable, for even though the performance seems to be recorded from the side (screams are mainly on the right track); it is much clearer than the mono version. All the songs on this album, even "Lady Jane", are faster than their original versions. A major disappointment is "get Off My Cloud" where the instrumentation is downright crude, but this is made up for by the use of such instruments as a piano, marimbas, and an organ in other songs. "Satisfaction", which must have been at least ten minutes long, is pared to slightly under four, but we still get Mick Jagger's unique obscene approach plus some frenzied drumming by Charlie Watts. The whole record lacks the slickness of "Aftermath", but nevertheless it is an exciting LIVE performance which should be of interest to all, especially dedicated teeny-boppers.

The Monkees first album, in spite of their witty TV series, is a mixture of mediocrity and other stuff. There are no earth-shaking songs like "Eleanor Rigby" or "Going Home". The theme on the record is badly butchered from the TV show and contains, like some of the other songs, an exceedingly unmusical middle section--very bad instrumentation (only two of the Monkees had any musical experience previous to the show) The whole album seems a bit immature when compared with "Revolver", "Aftermath", or "Fifth Dimension". However, it is the Monkees' first album and contains at least one good song--"Gonna Buy Me a Dog" which is laced with ad lib Monkee humour

MJQ

New Teacher's Review--Mrs. Bigham

After our Christmas vacation there appeared a new face on the teacher's staff of M. R. S. S. This is, of course, Mrs. Bigham, who replaced Mrs. McKinlay as the senior girls' PHE teacher. Mrs. Bigham went to university at UBC after her high school education during which she obtained her grade 10 at MRSS. She has previously taught at Stave Falls for three years, and at Pitt Meadows last year. Her three children are aged 3 $\frac{1}{2}$, 2 and 5 months. Mrs. Bigham and her family have lived in the Maple Ridge District for five years. About the school she says that the students are "generally" very nice and quite cooperative. When asked if there were any activities she would like to see and sponsor she remarked that she "is not too familiar with the present activities and that the coaching seems to be taken care of."

The Rambler staff welcomes you to Ridge, Mrs. Bigham.

Notice Readers:

My name is Ramhilda Ridge. I am a new member to the Ridge Rambler staff. My job is to answer your questions and problems about anything that may be troubling you. Put your problems in the Ridge Rambler box. If you would like this column to be a success you must send in your contributions.

Yours truly,
Ramhilda Ridge