



MARKET WORK — Max Gilkey, 17, a senior at Parsons High School, is employed as a produce assistant at the Safeway Store at 26th and Main in Parsons in the school's office education program. His job supervisor is Eddie Melton. A son of Mrs. Xanthus Gilkey at 2121 Grand, he is parliamentarian of the school's Office Education Association. (Sun Photo).

Joni Mitchell Hits You Mid-Hangup

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CHICAGO — A Joni Mitchell album is a very private public thing, and Court and Spark (Asylum Records and Tapes) is no exception. Its lyrics and music are so personal that it could only be Joni's.

At first you may feel a little uncomfortable as you listen to Joni laying her soul bare. I was a few years ago. But if you can get over that — and beyond the gossip guesses about which famous lover she is referring to in a rich and rewarding experience.

The tunes and the playing by sidemen are both excellent, but if you just want some nice romantic songs to make you forget your problems, better forget this album. When Joni strikes a chord within you, it is not usually one of dreamy romanticism. More likely she'll catch you mid-hangup and make you squirm.

Joni writes as a woman, and naturally most of her problems are with men. But although she never declares it, she is a liberated woman — self-reliant, free, thinking. And that is why her perspective is as easy for a man to get into as a woman.

She easily gets into the head

Yearbook Is Dedicated To Sponsor

Special To The Sun
CHERRYVALE — Members of the Cherryvale High School annual staff voted at a meeting Monday to dedicate this year's annual to Miss Cottongim, veteran sponsor of the publication at the school.

Next Saturday, the Future Homemakers of America chapter will have a bake sale beginning at 8 a.m. at Newton's plumbing supply store.

The pep club will meet at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday in the gymnasium and the student council will meet at 8:30 a.m. Thursday.

of the man in "Free Man in Paris," who yearns for the days when he was a free spirit but knows he's doomed to the rat race of the music business, "stoking the star maker machinery behind the popular song."

In "People's Parties," Joni describes herself as observing the goings on "in my frightened silence thinking I don't understand." But her descriptions of the others show she understands all too well the likes of "Photo Beauty," the classic frigid hysterical beauty, or "Eddie in the Corner Thinking He's Nobody," "Jack Behind His Jokes" and "Stone-Cold Grace Behind Her Fan."

In "The Same Situation," she prays for love with permanence, but that's not for her, as she admits in "Help Me," explaining, "we love our lovin' but not like we love our freedom." In "Down to You," she marks the end of another affair, observing that "everything comes and goes; pleasure moves on too early and trouble leaves too slow."

Such constant introspection would get to be a drag in any other hands than Joni's. Even when she's just sitting and waiting for her lover, who "makes friends easily" and is three hours late, she turns it into the beautiful "Car on a Hill."

"Just Like This Train" shows her reacting to the waiting room and the ride with reveries that spring from the sights and sounds she sees but are connected only by her mind, and in "Trouble Child" she is apparently in a hospital room

McCune Girls To Pittsburg

Special To The Sun
MCUNE — Junior and senior girls at McCune High School attended Women's Career Day at Kansas State College at Pittsburg Friday.

The girls heard speeches and viewed films during the all-day affair at the college. They were accompanied by Mrs. Pat Smiley, counselor at the school.

The Tops in Pops

- TOP SINGLES**
1. Spiders and Snakes — Jim Stafford
 2. Seasons in the Sun — Terry Jacks
 3. Sunshine — John Denver
 4. The Way We Were — Barbra Streisand
 5. Abra-Ca-Dabra — DeFranco Family
 6. Last Time I Saw Him — Diana Ross
 7. Smokin' in the Boys Room — Brossville Station
 8. Take Good Care of Her — Elvis
 9. Mockingbird — Carly Simon-James Taylor
 10. Midnight Rider — Gregg Allmann

Seniors to Give Recital Tonight

Special To The Sun
ALTA MONT — Pam Kudrick and Jim Clardy will present their senior recital at 8 p.m. tonight in Harrison auditorium at Labette County High School here.

They will present vocal and piano selections, a vocal duet and Clardy will present a timpani solo. Mary Beth Nummalie and Jo Ellen Taylor will accompany Miss Kudrick in a special selection.

TOP ALBUMS

Planet Waves — Bob Dylan
Court and Spark — Joni Mitchell
Greatest Hits — John Denver
Hotcakes — Carly Simon
Under the Influence of... Love Unlimited — Love Unlimited

State Contests Set for FFA

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — Annual contests in vocational agriculture judging and mechanics for Kansas high school students have been set for April 28, 29 and 30 at Kansas State University.

This is the first year for the contests, and more than 500 competitors are expected from the state's 160 chapters of the Future Farmers of America.

There are 16 contests ranging from livestock and crop judging to electrical wiring and the maintenance of small gas engines.

Meat judging opens the schedule on April 28 and it concludes with an awards assembly on the afternoon of April 30.

The Kansas Association of Future Farmers will hold its annual convention on the Kansas State campus early in June.

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