

THE SKATING PARTY

I guess the first thing I should tell you about myself is that I am a mouse. It's really no big deal; I'm [back/ just/ wave] your basic mouse. Nothing much ever [happens/ purple/ clearer] to us mice, but last Friday [boxes/ cellar/ night] was different. Oh, boy, was it different!

[Or/ By/ I] live with a few of my [record/ friends/ posted] at the YMCA. Not that you [party/ would/ chair] ever know we were there. We [red/ pot/ are] very polite. We don't bother [set/ off/ the] people that come here to exercise [and/ you/ dog] they don't bother us. In fact, [Way/ Pat/ I'm] sure they don't even know we are [remove/ around/ decide]. We are out only at night, gathering [an/ up/ ray] scraps of food that are dropped. [Of/ He/ Up] course, it's mostly health food, [but/ doe/ the] when you are a mouse, you [there/ can't/ very] be too choosy.

But as I [and/ was/ toe] saying, last Friday night was different. [Man/ Sow/ The] "Y" usually closes down about ten [gathers/ around/ o'clock]. That's when we mice come out. [Out/ But/ Hoe] the people in charge here had [this/ can't/ read] really brilliant idea about having an overnight [skating/ differs/ really] party for the third grade kids [my/ at/ was] the nearby school. We mice had [heard/ where/ couch] them talking about it. They were planning [me/ on/ pie] taking the kids to the skating [they/ wets/ rink] down the street and then coming [this/ want/ back] here to spend the night. At [first/ down/

plan], my friends and I didn't think [much/ outs/ were] about it. We figured what could [in/ a/ up] few little kids do to bother [on/ us/ are]?

That gang of kids got back [to/ us/ if] the "Y" around eleven o'clock.

You [they/ mine/ have] never heard such noise. I thought [of/ is/ we] were being attacked. There was yelling [map/ and/ had] shouting and hooting and hollering like [you/ tie/ kite] wouldn't believe. And the music! At [short/ takes/ least], I guess it was music. It [man/ was/ the] so loud that the walls shook. [At/ I/ We] mice had to hide in the [where/ them/ outer] walls all that night.

This went [on/ we/ is] the entire night. Those kids didn't [can't/ close/ them] an eye until about four o'clock [said/ thing/ that] morning. Then they were up and [me/ at/ us] it again at six. Let me [what/ mice/ tell] you, there was one tired group [the/ are/ of] mice that next day. The next [time/ near/ had] the "Y" plans one of those overnight [parties/ figure/ really]; my friends and I are planning [if/ I/ a] vacation away. Maybe Florida. I hear [grade/ they/ come] are nice to mice there.