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## Cassino Campaign Vividly Portrayed

In vivid word and picture descriptions Margaret Bourke-White, Life photographer, gives us the story of the Cassino campaign in "Purple Heart Valley."  
 The author gives us a report in pictures of the suffering, havoc, and work involved in fighting a war.  
 Touring the various fields of battle, whether they be the lines or far behind the front, she makes us realize what goes into the make-up of an army. She aptly presents the artillery observer flying over enemy territory in a small, flimsy plane, divers clearing littered harbors, engineers in their heavy combat and necessary tasks, quartermaster troops who do not only gather supplies but fight often to save them, as well as the work of the men you seldom or never hear about but who are often indispensable in keeping the modern army rolling. When you have read "Purple Heart Valley," you will better understand the complicated system that goes to make up our army, perhaps even learn a little more about the men who fought and won the war for us.  
 —H.M.H.

## Make These Two Music Dates

Sunday, March 31, is the date the P.H.S. auditorium is the place, and Albion College Orchestra and Band Concert is the event.  
 This organization, conducted by Mr. Conway Peters, has made annual tours of the state for the last fifteen years and is well known to music lovers. The music for the first half of the concert will be provided by the orchestra, while the remaining half will be played by the band. A unique thing about the group is the way in which they usually surprise the audience by a skill, which is top-notch in showmanship. Lloyd Smith, Jr., director of P.H.S. band, was a member of the Albion Orchestra and Band for five years.  
 A Massed Band Concert is to be held April 5, with the Clarenceville and Farmington Bands combining their talents. Members of other bands in surrounding communities will be invited to take part. An hour's entertainment is being planned for the occasion with guest artists, a woodwind quintet, from Wayne University.  
 —M.J.S.

## THUMBNAIL BIOGRAPHIES

**Leah Herron**  
 Most of us know this senior girl who is constantly tracked down by students and teachers for the purpose of painting posters, decorations for dances, etc. She is 17, has dark brown hair, hazel eyes and likes Vernon's Gingerale. What's more she's a baton twirler. Ideal date: 6 ft. 3, brown hair and hazel eyes. First they'd have dinner and then would go to a musical. Favorite Song: "Because."  
**Ethel Mae Johnson**  
 She's our "Ghost Girl." No, she is not; that's just her name in the coming senior play, "You'll Die Laughing." Ethel Mae is 16, has light brown hair and blue eyes. Ambition: Social work combined with psychology. Likes: Horseback riding and playing her clarinet. Favorite song: "Till the End of Time."  
 —M.H.V.

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## Native Alaskan To Give Program

Nutchuk, soldier, pianist, author and lecturer, will present a program on March 15, at 2 p.m. in the P.H.S. auditorium.  
 In the army he worked with our troops who were not accustomed to the Alaskan climate. He later wrote "Son of the Smoky Sea," chosen as the Literary Guild selection, and now he is writing a sequel, "Guns on the Smoky Sea."  
 He studied music at the Chicago Music College, and did popular work with Fred Waring.  
 Since he addressed more than 500,000 students on his last trip to the United States, sponsors feel his talk will be of special interest.  
 —M.A.I.

## Spelling Bees Begin March 15

The contest for the Grade Bee winners from the Farmington Public Schools, has been scheduled for Friday, March 15.  
 In the morning the spelling words will be pronounced to each class participating. The last child in each grade to be spelled down will receive an edition of Webster's Collegiate Dictionary from the Detroit News, sponsor of the bee.  
 Each school in the district will have a Grade Bee on Friday. Then, on April 5, the School Bee will take place. In this the contestants are the last ten in each class spelled down on March 15. Winners of this contest will receive a medal and a chance to spell in the District Bee.  
 —M.H.

## HONOR SOCIETY TO INITIATE AT ASSEMBLY

At a special Honor assembly to be held soon, nine lucky seniors, excelling in character, scholarship, leadership, and service will become members of The National Honor Society. Miss Ruth Bailey, chairman of the committee, will present pins and plaque-drapes to the initiates.  
 Rating scales by the faculty assisted the committee consisting of Miss Bailey, Miss Dammann, V.O. Bates, Byron Oliver, and Royal Davis in making the final selection.  
 The nine members can not be named at this time since they will not know of their election until their names are called during the assembly. The drapes presented as part of the ceremony will be worn throughout the day.  
 Look for the blue ribbon drape with the gold plaque — the wearer will be a leader, a student, a consistent worker in many activities, and a person of high ideals.  
 —N.S.

## Shop Boys Complete Shell

The finishing touches have been put on the shell under construction by the shop boys. It is to be used particularly by the Music and Dramatics Departments, or any other group that might have some use for it.  
 Constructed of masonite, it is strong and light and made in such a way that it can be assembled easily and stored in a small place. Since it is built in six pieces, it is portable, and can be used either indoors or out-of-doors. The shell is 21 feet long, 9 feet high in front and 7 feet deep.  
 The students who have worked on it are: Charles Wells, Hugh McKay, Dick Boyce, Herbert Mundt, and Bob Lueder. It was donated by Ray Eichler of the Farmington Kiwanis Club, M.J.E.

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