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## The Trojan Banner

### ONE WIN, ONE LOSS IN SEASON'S FIRST DEBATE

The Clarenceville debate squad, coached by Mrs. John Simpson, opened its 1949-50 schedule at Auburn Heights last Wednesday with a negative win and an affirmative loss.

The negative team, which turned in the first Clarenceville debate win of the year, is composed of two junior girls, Jane Rutilla and Audrey Kennard. Neither of these girls has had previous experience in debate.

The affirmative squad is made up of two sophomores, Douglas Gault and Jean Cashman. Both are in their second year of debate.

New material, which arrived on Tuesday, saw the debaters in deep practice all day Tuesday and all day Wednesday, right up until debate time.

The question the high schools of the nation are debating is: "Resolved that the President of the United States be elected by direct vote of the people."

The debaters have been receiving material from the University of Michigan, Michigan State College and other sources.

The Clarenceville debate squad will hold its next debate at the High School on November 28. The starting time will be 1:15 p.m.

**Trojans Open Practice in New Gymnasium**  
The Clarenceville High School basketball team began practice last Wednesday night under the supervision of Head Coach Charles Greig and Assistant Coach Harry McKelrick. Approximately 33 candidates appeared for the initial practice session.

Coach Greig stated he would have six lettermen returning for next season. They are Don Rutilla, Bob Riggs, Roy Nelson, Bob Godette, Bob Layland and Hank Albers. Coach Greig stated that only Sid Frey, Trojan's top pivot man, had been lost through graduation from last year's starting quintet.

The practice was carried on without the aid of the two stationary backboards, which have not arrived yet. Two temporary baskets and boards were erected to enable the squad to practice.

### Calendar

Wednesday, November 23 — Senior Dance at the CHS gym from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. It is entitled "Pilgrim France".  
Thursday, Nov. 24 — Thanksgiving vacation begins. Ends November 28.

### THE TROJAN BANNER

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### Detroit News Sponsors Regional Writing Awards

The Detroit News is sponsoring the Southeastern Michigan Regional Scholastic Writing Awards for students in public, private or parochial schools, in grades 7 through 12. The deadline for the 1949-50 Writing Awards project is February 18, 1950. The contest will be in two parts: the senior division for students in 10th, 11th and 12th grades, and the junior division for grades 7, 8 and 9. The winners of the National Program will receive cash awards, honorable mention certificates and certificates of commendation.

Among the classifications one can enter in the senior division are: short stories, 1,000 words or under; essays, 2,000 words or under; poetry, all forms of verse, rhymed or free are acceptable, total of 50 lines minimum, not more than 400 lines; short stories, 1,000 words or under; reviews, books, plays, radio program, music or art, 1,000 words or under; and historical articles, 1,500 words or under.

The junior division includes: essays, suggested length 500 words; poetry, from 12 to 75 lines; short stories, between 1,000 and 3,000 words.

Here are a few rules and instructions for the contest:  
Do not enter any manuscript for the awards if it has been entered in any other competition.

Manuscripts should be typed or written in ink on one side only, on paper measuring 8 1/2 x 11 inches. No manuscripts will be returned; students should keep a duplicate.

The English and Journalism teachers are looking for unsuspected talent in writing. For further information on entering the contest, contact Miss Meyland or Mrs. Simpson.

### MR. WEBSTER ENTERTAINS

Mr. Norman Cones Webster, lecturer, teacher and critic, gave a talk on poetry to the assembled students of CHS Tuesday, November 15, in the gymnasium. Mr. Webster held his audience spellbound with illuminating anecdotes and an entertaining rendition of "Casey at the Bat".

### Editorial

#### NEW DESKS

The high school was blessed last week with the addition of new desks to the study hall and to several other class rooms around the school.

A careful survey during the next few days by the administration proved the desks were being abused by the high school student body. Large pencil marks were found on the chairs in the study hall. Initials were deeply carved in the tops of the desks. Remains of lunches were found in the carriages of the new desks after lunch hour. Footmarks were noticed on the new desks, and on the seats.

The old belief that younger students have no appreciation for desk tops was proven wrong by the treatment that the high school students gave the new desks. The younger pupils sometimes have more respect for equipment than the older students.

As we grow, we have the tendency to become a bit independent and thoughtless of other people's property. Our belief is that the younger students will appreciate the new desks and will treat them with due respect.

### ALL-STATES CO. PHOTOS ENTIRE STUDENT BODY

The Misses Betts, photographers representing the All State Photo Company, are in the process of taking identification pictures of every student in the school system. The pictures will be used to complete the records of each student in the three schools.

Work began in the high school Monday morning and the photographers have been at it steadily for the past two days. Students will have an opportunity to buy their pictures at an inexpensive rate. Any profit derived from the sale in the high school will go into the year book fund.

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### WORKERS INSTALL STOKER IN C.H.S. BOILER ROOM

The boiler room of C.H.S. has been fitted out with a new Peerless Fireguard automatic stoker. This piece of equipment has a metallic blue-gray finish that puts a gleam in the otherwise dingy boiler room.

The stoker arrived last Tuesday from J. P. Naylor Company and was installed immediately by workmen. It will feed anywhere from one-fourth to three-fourths of a ton of coal to the firebox per day, depending on the weather.

A quarter-ton hopper is affixed to the top of the stoker. A one and one-half horsepower electric motor that turns over at a rate of from 1650 to 1750 r.p.m. drives a worm gear which feeds the stoker coal to the firebox through a six inch tube.

Lavoisier is called the "father of modern Chemistry".

### SPEECH CLASS GIVES PROGRAM ON ARMISTICE DAY

The students of C.H.S. were treated to an assembly last Friday which was sponsored by the speech class. Pauline Griffin opened the program with a speech on the meaning of Armistice Day in 1949.

A skit was given to relate the home atmosphere during the first World War. The members of the cast were: Bob Garbin and Betty Vincent as the parents; Jane Rutilla, Audrey Kennard and Jan Behrens as their children. Bob Garbin concluded the program by playing several pieces on the piano.

The entire assembly joined in on "God Bless America".

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