

THE BLUE AND WHITE

DORIS CAMPBELL IS NAMED VALEDICTORIAN

Leading the class in outstanding scholarship for the past three and a half years are the following valedictorians: Doris Campbell, valedictorian; Irene Morris, salutatorian; Carmela Brancalione; Alice Griffin; Ethel Turner; Bernice Lundberg; Dave Sullivan; Suzanne Warner; Connie Rosenboom and Edie Rhoads.

Many of these students have been active in other activities, too, such as band, football, basketball, glee club, and plays. —D. King

ATTENTION, FELLOWS!

Just to remind you—the Navy and Army V-12 program exams are to be given April 2, at 9 a.m.

This exam will determine the future officers of the Navy and Army.

To show the value of this program we quote an excerpt from a letter that Miss Dammon received from Ensign Walter Jacob of the Advanced Naval Training School, Richmond, Virginia:

"If you get the chance to pass out any advice, tell your high school seniors to enlist in the Navy's new V-12 program. It's the chance of a lifetime to get a real college education and to serve the country at the same time. Most of the future Naval officers will come by way of this program, despite gas and refreshment ration and any good boys who do well to enlist in it."

—Suzanne Warner

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VERA DIETRICK WINS SPELLING CHAMPIONSHIP

In the Spelling Bee held in the F.H.S. gymnasium on Thursday March 25, Vera Dietrick—eighth grader—became the champion speller of the school. John Pettibone, seventh grader, was runner up, having missed on the word "believe." The ten best spellers from each of the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades took part.

The judges were Mrs. Patterson, Miss Helen Thomas and Mrs. O'Bradovich.

The number of words pronounced by Miss Wismeyer was 86. —J. Leach

'TIS SAID . . .

The poor old gym has really been used a lot this last month. Gosh! This last weekend we had two very delightful affairs—the Athletic Banquet and the Girl-Bid Dance. Both were colossal successes.

It was funny to see the girls driving around picking up their dates.

Our eagle-eyes are really getting quite a work out lately. We spotted a certain junior leaving his date at the dance to run up town and change some signs. Gosh! Why didn't she go and help him! After all, it was a girl-bid affair. That was quite a song some of the kids sang at the Banquet Friday night. My-my we didn't realize we had such talent.

"Tis said the seniors finally got together on their announcements. Guess they haven't given Commencement too serious consideration—yet.

Congratulations, Doris and Irene. It's been a long grind—but worth it. —Ira Surchin

Girls Bid For Dances

The Seniors held a Girl-Bid dance Saturday night. Every one who attended had a "swell" time will come by way of this program, despite gas and refreshment ration and any good boys who do well to enlist in it."

The music was furnished by rec- orle. —Shirley Barber

ESSAY CONTEST IS WON BY BARBARA STEVER

Barbara Stever, sophomore, won first prize in the American Legion essay contest, sponsored by The Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion Peace Committee. The runner-up were Marion Devroy and Shirley Johnson, both juniors.

The Junior High School winner was John Pettibone.

The prizes for the first place holder are \$25.00 in Defense Stamps. —C. Billing

"MAKING AMERICA STRONG"

At the present moment everyone is concerned with building stronger America so that the future turmoil in which the present world finds itself.

Since the strength of America depends upon the strength of its citizenry, let us take our meat from the statements of the common citizen.

Let us consider the ideas of a cook in a small cafeteria, who believes that American people must eat foods containing the right amount of vitamins and minerals to keep healthy. Since at the moment more doctors and nurses are enlisting in fighting units, Americans must keep healthy to get along without their services.

A high school teacher of Home Economics believes that better housing conditions would help rid America of mental and physical diseases.

A girls' gymnasium teacher believes in a well-rounded life of eating, exercising and getting the proper amount of sleep.

This observation was made by the boys' physical education instructor.

"The place of the United States among the nations of the world depends upon the physical ability of the people to operate machines of production.

Many people do not know that over two million people are crippled by injuries in the United States. Seventy per cent of those crippled are men of working age (fifteen to sixty-four). Many were crippled in factories or places of business through injuries, caused by their own or others' carelessness, carelessness credited to un- deractive nerves due to loss of sleep.

An English teacher says we must have an intelligent America, so people will know what is true and what is vicious propaganda when reading a newspaper or listening to a radio. An intelligent America will want good reading matter. This will do away with that reading matter which leaves a "bad taste in one's mouth" and low thoughts in one's mind.

With apologies to W. D. Ruff, I take a statement from his editorial: "Opportunity is not what may come to us tomorrow, but what we can make out of it today." We must think about getting the right education so we may recognize our opportunities and use them to benefit the world.

Had in hand with opportunity is ambition; that is the backbone of democracy. From reports gathered here and there, it is found that the youth of America is definitely letting the hard working, hard hitting, American youth down. We are expected to build up a stronger, more efficient America, to keep our defeated machine in control. At the present many people are absent from schools; they have no ambition to do things; and how can we be trained for our very difficult task if we have no ambition, and no "stick-to-it-iveness?" We are absent from work, thinking that someone else will carry on when we are not there, but what was? Armed forces felt the same way? Where would we be? Certainly not in our comfortable homes, not going to the church of our choice, believing in God, able to read the Bible without drawing the shades and trembling at every footfall that is sounded after the curfew. A stronger America means a responsible America.

In conclusion let us consider these two statements:

First this:

Let us redouble our efforts. We know that the state of this nation is good. The heart of this nation is sound. The spirit of this nation is strong. The faith of this nation is eternal." These words were spoken in President Roosevelt's Message to Congress, January 6, 1943.

Now this:

"Americans are soft and flabby. They will never give up their luxuries and weekends to wage a successful war. Decadent, inefficient democracy cannot forego living as usual." These are the substance

of numerous speeches and statements by Adolf Hitler, dictator of the totalitarian state.

Many of us will be able to crush Hitler's contempt for human freedom in the actual conflict, but millions are too young to fight. So, besides buying all the war bonds and stamps we can, helping in salvage drives and Red Cross drives, and everything American already does, we must strengthen our country by building sturdy responsible American citizens. We must build a stronger America for our own fight to rebuild the world.

Another essay will be published in next week's issue.

American Legion Award Will Be Presented

The American Legion Medal is to be awarded this year by the Groves-Walker Post, No. 346, to the outstanding boys and girls in public and parochial schools in this vicinity. The awards will be made in four groups: 1—Elementary grades (through sixth grade); (a) boys; (b) girls; 2—High School (grades 9-12) (a) boys (b) girls.

Students who will be chosen for these awards "should best represent the qualities of character and ability, which we believe, when properly cultivated and nurtured, will result in worthy citizenship and well-rounded manhood and womanhood."

The following general suggestions and regulations will apply in the selection of candidates: a—the plan must first receive the approval of the school authorities; b—the local school shall make the selection and names of candidates must be given to the Post Chairman not later than May 1; c—selections are to be made by teachers and students on the following basis: Honor, courage, scholarship, leadership and service. —S. Kekkonen

All-Opponent Team Is Selected

Members of the basketball team have selected an All-opponent team, composed of players who were on opposing teams. Players were selected on the basis of playing ability, benefit to their team, and good sportsmanship.

Not only players from league competition were chosen, but two players were named for their play in the tournament.

Those picked on the team will be sent letters informing them of their selection.

The team was as follows:
Cox, F., Walbridge Lake
Bernardo, F., Berkeley
Hopkins, C., Birmingham
Hunter, G., Northville
McGowan, G., Redford Union
—Dave Sullivan

Seniors Begin Graduation Rush

The seniors held two class meetings during the last week, one on Monday in the study hall at which Skip Day, and the Girl-Bid dance were discussed, the other Thursday in the gymnasium. At this time they voted gold print to be used for the graduation announcements.

A final meeting was held Monday, March 23, during the second period. It was decided to abandon the Skip-day idea since the seniors have been absent this year on an average of eleven days. After a lengthy discussion, by two-thirds vote, the gold print was changed to black for commendation announcements and calling cards. —Marie Slusser

Awards Made At Athletic Banquet

The outstanding feature of the annual Athletic Banquet, held in the gym Friday night, March 26, was the presentation of a letter to Elliot Tyler, only freshman to receive the honor. Other letters were presented by Coaches Hutton and Hagan to football and basketball men.

The program was an interesting one. Dave Sullivan acted as toastmaster. Speakers were Bill Fournier, R. J. Auten, Dick Pauline, Dick Fournier, Mr. Strover, Mr. Dunach and Mr. Ayres, who announced the ten senior students with the highest scholastic records. —Shirley Barber

Movie Assembly Given

Last Wednesday afternoon the High School was entertained by Mr. Litalo, who showed moving pictures on different subjects such as: Farming For Victory, The Yanks Landing in Africa, United States Carrier Fleets For Life, Victory Over Bombs, and the New Parade of 1943, showing President Roosevelt and Winston Churchill in conference at Casablanca, Africa. —Shirley Barber

THUMBNAIL BIOGRAPHIES

William John Owens, age 18
Nickname—Jack
Years at Farmington—3
Activities—Football and track
Ambition—Radio Signal Corps, Army.

John Rachow, age 18
Nickname—Johnnie
Years at Farmington—5
Activities—Basketball, baseball
Ambition—Army Air Corps

Barbara Jean Roberts, age 17
Nickname—"Barb"
Pet saying—"Oh, I don't know."
Years at Farmington—2
Ambition—Nurse

Shirley Roque, age 17
Pet saying—"You can say that again."
Activities—Glee Club
Ambition—Dancer

Connie Rosenboom, age 17
Nickname—"Pee Wee"
Pet saying—"That's for sure."
Years at Farmington—3
Activities—Glee Club and basketball.
Ambition—Store manager. —M. Tamm

DID YOU SEE —

A few girls in town last week without coats—
The robins singing on your lawn
The trees budding and grass turning green—
Baseball games in vacant lots—
Flowered bonnets on the ladies—
Boys and girls on roller skates—
High school students going home with fewer books at night!
Ah, yes! Spring is here.
—The Observer

Buy A Stamp Today

Do you love your country "good"?
Are you doing all you should?
If you're not, here's a way:
Buy a stamp or bond today.

Sturdy planes these stamps will buy
To fight for freedom in the sky;
Ships and subs out in the sea
Are reassuring our victory.

Thus, buy a stamp or buy a bond
So that our men may fight on;
Buy a stamp or bond today
For your soldier far, far away.
—Margaret Wolfe

But You Eat Them
An automatic pancake maker, recently invented, pours the batter, flips the cakes over, and removes them when ready.

Seedlings Spring Up
So lavish is nature in her methods of reproduction that 10 or more seedlings spring up for every tree harvested.

YOU CAN COUNT ON THESE CANDIDATES



STEPHEN S. NISBET
for
State Board of Education



WINFRED O. ARMSTRONG
for
State Board of Agriculture



SARAH VAN HOESEN JONES
for
State Board of Agriculture



CHARLES M. ZIEGLER
for
State Highway Commissioner
Former Deputy Comm.
12 yrs. in Dept.



EUGENE B. ELLIOTT
for
Supt. of Public Instruction
Thrice Elected
Incumbent



R. SPENCER BISHOP
for
Regent of the University



RALPH A. HAYWARD
for
Regent of the University

Each is capable, experienced, well-fitted for the task ahead. • Each has a record of accomplishment—a reputation for fairness and efficiency. • Each will bring into state government a deep sense of responsibility, an awareness of today's complex problems, and a firm resolve to cope with them fearlessly and impartially. • Your vote for these candidates is a vote for unity, for further strengthening of the high principles of the Republican Party, for giving Michigan responsible government on every front. • It was your vote last November which started the trend back to that kind of government. Your vote for these candidates on Monday, April 5th, will carry that trend another step forward.

VOTE REPUBLICAN
MONDAY, APRIL 5th

Domestic Help Available
HOUSEHOLD SERVANT HOU.
dependable hard worker, aged
7 days a week, no room or perien
board required. Experienced. Good.
Can furnish best of refer- mior
ences.
HOUSEKEEPER
or aged; stay
home.

WAGES

2 cents an hour!

AN AD such as this one, if it appeared in the newspaper today, would probably draw hundreds of replies—provided that eager, prospective employers didn't think it too good to be true. Actually, not a word in the ad is exaggerated: Every bit of it is true—even the wages of 2 cents an hour—when applied to your household electric servants.

The commoner electric servants in your home work for a few cents per day. Some of them operate for only a fraction of a cent per hour. See how cheaply electricity serves you (at the thrifty "bargain" steep in your residence rate, 2 1/4¢ net per unit) in half-a-dozen daily jobs:

ONE CENT will run your electric clock a whole week . . . or chill your electric refrigerator for more than 10 hours . . . or tune in your favorite radio program for the whole evening . . . or run your vacuum cleaner for nearly two hours . . . or brown the family toast for several breakfasts . . . or make 15 cups of coffee . . . or do half the weekly wash . . . or iron clothes for an hour . . . or wash the dishes for three days' meals.

Your residential electric service costs only about **ONE-HALF** as much today as it did twenty years ago. If other things were as cheap, the cost of living would be half what it is. The Detroit Edison Company.