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going to have to say goodbye to some of them again.

Remember our harvest vacation and the senior play? We surely had a lot of fun at that. Then our first basketball game at home. It surely was an exciting game.

Then came the junior play and the banquet, and now we're ready for commencement and the closing of school. This has been a pretty short year, and it's gone quickly. We've had a lot of fun together, but now it's all changing.

The seniors and some of our teachers (we're sorry to say) will be leaving. We who are left will move up a step and new ones will come in to fill the gaps and school will go on just as always.

We're sorry to see you leave, seniors, but we know you won't forget the school or us, and we want to wish you all the luck and happiness in the world.

H.M.

REMINISCING

Well, now that our last day of school for this year is so near, and the Seniors are through, we begin to think of some of the things we've done this last year. As we look back, it seems we've had a lot of fun this year.

Remember way back at the start of the year? How we were all wistfully thinking of our vacation days that were gone? Most of us had a nice coat of tan or we'd been working and had made a lot of--well, shall we say--money.

Remember all the new teachers we had. We didn't know them, but we soon got acquainted. Now we're

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SOPHOMORE NEWS

The Sophomore Class has been very busy lately working on their "Ivanhoe" projects. As a class, their work was very good.

John Leach turned in an outstanding medieval Norman castle, which he modeled from a picture he found in a history book. John constructed this castle from cube starch glued together and a mixture of flour, salt, and water to form his base and moat.

Other good projects were some miniature weapons made by Preston Streight and Wilfred Ringo. Margaret Allsup, Jean Wakefield, and Doris Massey dressed dolls in medieval costumes. Harold Eagler and Dick Pinney made outstanding Ivanhoe newspapers. Other projects were also good.

FRESHMAN NEWS

The freshman class the past month has been rather inactive. They have been having a drive on for their dues, and most of them have paid.

Some new and very good talent was discovered out of the freshman class. She is Thelma Widick. She played for the Hi Tri banquet and at the Junior Play.

Several of the "kids" are out with the mumps.

SENIOR NEWS

Senior skip day, March 1, we all went to Bloomington with Dorothy Braden as chaperon. First we went skating, and then later went to see "Kismet."

The Seniors wish to express their thanks to the Juniors for the Banquet and dance held on the 6th of April. Surely was fine!

Class night program was on April 13. The whole class participated in this program. They appreciated Dorothy Cooper's coop-

eration in helping with the music. The seniors received their annuals that day.

Baccalaureate service was held Sunday evening, April 15 and graduation on April 19.

JUNIOR NEWS

We Juniors surely had a swell time planning the banquet and at the banquet, too, making the seniors happy. After all, it was their night.

It pleases us very much to have Helen Moore as our editor for the junior issue of the Blue and Gold, and our paper certainly looks as if she knows what she's doing.

We did our darndest in the stamp sales. At least we tried to see the movie free!

Quite a few of the students have been absent with the mumps lately, but we can safely say (as yet) the juniors aren't going in wholesale for them as the seniors are.

Here's hoping everybody has a grand time this summer, and comes back to school with a wonderful tan and their minds at rest. To the seniors, we extend our thanks for being such swell company, and hope they'll always cheer people up like they have us.

BACCALAUREATE

Reverend Zimmerman addressed the Senior class on April 15 at the Baccalaureate services.

Reverend F. H. Head presented the invocation and benediction, and Reverend O. Lee read the scripture.

Thelma Widick played a violin solo, "Souvenir," accompanied by Emily Widick.

The orchestra, directed by Mrs. Dewhirst, will play the Processional and Recessional.

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Here it is again. Time to tell the news about all the service guys and gals.

There have been quite a few home since I last wrote so here goes. Glenn Marlow got home for Easter and then again about the 5th or 6th of April. From what I hear, Glenn goes to Brooklyn. Do you suppose he'll come back with that "accent?" Bill Reiter gets home every once in awhile for week-ends. Just this morning I heard that Marion Day had gotten home. (So, that's the reason for the stars in Juanita's eyes.) Bill Hambrecht walked into school the other day and surprised us. We've all heard of the splendid job he's been doing and we're proud of him, but it's nice to have him home again. "Bud" Osborn was home for awhile around the first of April. We saw Bill Rohrschieb, too, about a couple of weeks ago. It's been swell having all you fellows home again, and we're hoping you get home again soon. And for all you other people who have been wishing and wishing that someone would hurry and get home, I hope you get your wish. (I really do)

Now I want to wish all you fellows that are planning to enlist or leave this summer the best of luck. Hope you like it.

W.R.

F. F. A.

The F. F. A. boys held a meeting in the chapter room March 9. Plans were made for a project tour. An order was placed for future delivery of F. F. A. "T" shirts. A committee was appointed to handle the initiation of the Green Hands.

On Tuesday, April 10, the F. F. A. boys took a tour to visit all of the productive projects owned by the boys. They used

Mr. Keyes' camera and took pictures of the projects to make a film strip for later showings to the boys and others in the chapter room. This was a very interesting and valuable trip.

The F. F. A. boys are selling garden seeds again this year. The purpose is to raise money, make good seeds available, and furnish the boys with a cooperative enterprise.

The Maroa Livestock 4-H Club met Monday night, April 2, and elected the following officers for the coming year:

President--Dean Vaughan
Vice-Pres.--Gene Rohrschieb
Sec.-Treas.--W. H. St. John

There are twenty members in the club. Mr. Nicol is leader.

Roger Simms has been nominated as a candidate for the State Farmer degree from the Maroa F. F. A. chapter.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The student council has been very active this year. The members were:

(Gwen Hartsock (Pres.)
Sr. (Bennie Myers
(Jack Hockaday
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(John Leach (V. Pres.)
So. (Lucille Gardner
(Wilma Neibuhr (Sec.)
Fr. (Kenneth Wentworth

The council attended the district meeting early this fall and was going to attend the state convention, but government restrictions canceled this. The stamp sales averaged \$175 a month which was very good for a school this size. A contest was held for the winning last stamp sale. The freshmen, the winning class, was admitted to the last movie, "Christmas in July," free of charge. The sales were \$196, and the Freshmen sold \$148 worth. Student (Continued on p. 6, Col. 1)

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 attendance of assembly programs has been almost one hundred per cent. Perhaps you students would like to be reminded of the way the council members are elected. We hold an election first of the two old members, keeping one. Then the other member is elected from the class. This leaves experienced persons to help the new members each year. This election is held during the first two of school each fall. The Council is your group, representing you in school affairs--keep it informed of your problems, so it can help you.

M. C. H. S. RIFLE CLUB

The club has been organized by Mr. Keyes for the purpose of teaching the boys of Maroa High the fundamentals of shooting, and to develop marksmanship. There hasn't been enough time or enough ammunition for all the boys to receive instruction, so it is limited to boys over seventeen and the seniors. At the rate they are using ammunition now, they will have enough to last through next year. The club has joined The National Rifle Club, to which they send five dollars entry fee. In return for this they can buy ammunition, get books on shooting, and also get medals if they are good enough to earn them. They get instruction in rapid fire and slow fire with the pistol and the rifle. They practice during P. E. periods when the weather permits. Some of the outstanding shots in the Maroa Club are Ben Myers, Bob Tombaugh, Dick Tozer, and Harold Eagler. These boys have a good chance to win some of the medals offered by the National Rifle Club. When and if these boys have to go into the armed forces, they will have already taken a big step towards their training for combat.

HOME EC. NEWS

The school calendar has been so full that our club hasn't been able to meet very frequently this year. We hope next year we can do much better. The officers from this year will remain in office until next fall when the club can be reorganized under its new sponsor.

The home ec. classes are busy finishing their year's work. The freshmen have completed a unit on luncheons; they turned out to be remarkably good cooks. Only a few sad mistakes were made--(how do you like jello pie, Annetta?!) The second year class is busy learning how to take care of household money and expenses. (Budgeting it is called) In home ec. III the seniors have been giving their time this last week to organizing the files in the home ec. room. It was a big piece of work and we owe them a big vote of thanks for doing it.

JUST CAUSE

A woman finally found she could get a divorce from her husband because of his flat feet. His feet were in the wrong flat.

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SNOOPIN'

I'm not supposed to know all this, but I've been asking around and I've finally found out some of the highlights of the junior play practice and what went on behind stage. For instance, the time Hi threw the socks. Hi said it was fun and she missed Wes just once--the night before the play. Remember the cookies in the last act? I guess they had to buy some more every night because just as soon as those cookies were off stage, they disappeared. Evidently play casts get hungry. They had a lot of fun working out those love scenes--didn't you? or so I heard--Guess what that play cast used for a motorscooter for some of the practices! A saw horse. Personally, I'd have been scared of splinters, but I guess nothing seriously happened except two or three times Eve almost fell off. Did I say almost? Poor Hi! From what I hear she practiced "that piano scene" without a piano most of the time. She played on air--not that it could help--or could it? For a while Carol simply insisted on having a "self-turning" radio. They finally got it straightened out. That first practice of the football play! Honestly, it must have been good. They said there were people sprawled all over the place. More fun--more people almost killed. I guess a few tragedies even occurred. Eve got her foot caught in the footlights and had everyone kinda scared for a minute, but it wasn't serious. A few people got scratched up "playing" around the motorscooter ---Hmmm(?) I guess the cast were having a gay old time on the stage before the curtain went up. They even had Mrs. Turner dancing ballet to the orchestra music. All in all I'd say everyone had a lot of fun, despite everything that happened that shouldn't have

and a lot of good laughs.

Found out by-----

well, never mind-----

just found out-----

JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET

The Junior-Senior banquet, given by the Junior class, was held Friday, April 6, at Scovill Club House.

Our program theme and dinner menu were in honor of the Navy. We were served a very delicious menu which was:

Ship to Shore Steak
 Scouts and Raiders Potatoes
 Beach Jumper Beans
 Booby Trap Salad LSM Relish
 Assembly Circle Rolls
 D-Day Ice Cream
 H-Hour Cake
 Sailor's Ale

Skipper Dick Glosser and his crew gave us a wonderful program as follows:

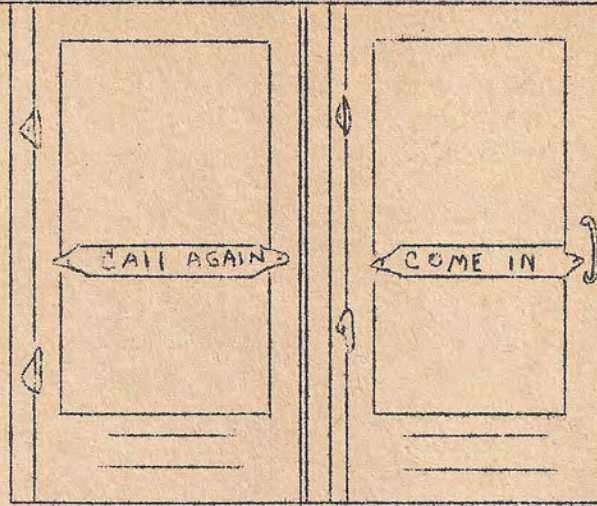
Bon Voyage-Lieut. B. J. Lindsley
 Au Revoir-----Captain Roger Simms
 Navy Songster-Ensign Emily Widick
 Seaman's Reader--Ens. Helen Moore
 Smooth Sailing---Admiral Dewhirst
 Shoving Off----Vice Admiral Keyes
 The Blue Jacket Quartet--
 Lieuts. Dwight Allsup, Dick Glosser, Bill Morris, Harold Eagler sang "Bell Bottom Trousers," accompanied by Norma Jean Hockaday.

We are very sorry Mr. Dewhirst was ill and unable to attend the banquet. This is the first time in a number of years that he has been unable to attend.

Lee Homebrook's orchestra was enjoyed, as well as the special dance with confetti.

To the proprietor of the Scovill Club we wish to express our thanks for a wonderful evening, as we certainly enjoyed ourselves.

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ORCHIDS

An orchid to.....

each member of the junior play cast for a performance we'll all remember and smile at.

the committee in charge of the junior-senior banquet--it was terrific! Another orchid goes with this to Dick Glosser, toastmaster. If a trace of ice remained after the dinner, Mr. G. certainly broke it!

all the "freshies" for being such good little children all year. (Miss Sanner did not verify this)

"Chub" Eagler, the only sophomore to gain admittance to the junior-senior banquet.

a special orchid to a sweet little junior, Norma J. Hockaday. She's waited a long time for Danny Birt, and now he's coming home ---if the army doesn't complicate things.

Vera Beccue and Gene Wilson, a cute couple who looked wonderful at the banquet.

Joan Wilkey and Bob Barnett on their recent and not too surprising engagement. Congratulations, kids!

"Bugs" Vaughan and Evelyn Marsh, a new couple in the old alma mater, but they should go places!

Mary Tozer--we hear she can't stand to hear people talked about behind their backs, so she's doing something about it. Nice going! Wouldn't it be swell if there were more like Mary?

Della Tozer for waiting faithfully for Bill Hays. He's a lucky guy! (Continued on page 12, Col. 1)

ONIONS

Onions and unpleasant thoughts to.....

Lieut. (jg) Robert E. Turner, a navy man, for not making it home for Easter--if you think it isn't terrible, ask his wife!

the boys in seventh hour senior science class-----and they know why!

the girls who buy their suntans at the dime store during rainy weather.

the daily gathering of girls in front of the water fountain. While they chatter and "stuff," some poor lost soul may be wondering how he can manage to find his way through for a drink.

the pencil sharpeners in our classrooms that grind your pencil into an absolute nothing.

any person objecting to the youth center proposed by Mr. Keyes for Maroa. Let's back him up, kids; it's for us!

characters that are renewing their old practice of putting tacks on other students' chairs.

Mr. Keyes for handing many of us a "mental pinch" on the definition of a class banquet. We're only teasing--it was really fun.

a certain girl continually boasting of admirers in another town--we'd like to see them--we're only human.

 COMMENCEMENT

The Commencement exercises of the Senior Class of '45 will be held April 19. Besides the orchestra and other music, the speakers will be Audrey Beasley, Della Tozer, Bob Tombaugh, and Dick Tozer.

CLASS NIGHT PROGRAM

On Friday night April 13, the senior class night was held at the Maroa High School at eight o'clock. The program consisted of the following:

Nadene Rose, Betty Smart, Gwen Hartsock, Freda Thomas, and Margaret Gregory sang "Moonlight Bay!" Bob Tombaugh announced the class history, and Willa Mae Comer read it. Nadene read the "Flower Garden." Jim asked Dick to give us the lowdown on everybody just like he used to. Dick read the class prophecy, which is known as "Reel Life." Audrey Beasley sang "Holiday for Strings", which was suggested by Margaret Gregory. Gwen asked Roger to read the class will. After the reading of the class will, Kathryn asked the sextette to sing "Magic in the Moonlight". The sextette included Bob Tombaugh, Jim Montgomery, Roger Simms Betty Smart, Gwen Hartsock, and Freda Thomas. Ben asked Della to read the class poem, which she had written for the Senior Yearbook. After Della read the class poem, they all sang "Sweet Dreams, Sweetheart."

Short talks were given by the Salutatorian, Willa Mae Comer, and the Valedictorian, Freda Thomas.

The annuals were given to the seniors preceding the program.

ORCHESTRA

The orchestra played at the Masonic Lodge on Wednesday, March 21. March 29, they had a party at the Decatur Youth Center, with about fifty people attending the party, which meant a wonderful time. Each one of the members invited one person, and they were all invited to join the Youth Center.

The orchestra also played at the Decatur Club Saturday after-

noon, April 7, for the recital of Mrs. Dewhirst.

The Spring Musical was held at the High School, Wednesday evening, at 8 O'clock, April 11. The program consisted of piano solos, two-piano pieces, and orchestra numbers.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

We can have recreation night now that the necessity of heating the building is past. The committee is planning to have different activities each night, in addition to the regular games. Why not some stunts by classes or clubs, an amateur hour, playlets, etc., as extra features.

I think the whole student body should contribute ideas to the student committee. This will help make it a growing and popular center.

HI TRI NEWS

At the last meeting of our club we had the election of new officers. The following people were elected:

- President Helen Moore
- V-President Virginia Davis
- Secretary Betty Jean Lindsley
- Treasurer Joan Montgomery

The Hi-Tri banquet took place in the high school gym March 8 at 7:00 P.M. The potluck supper was the first thing on the program. After this we were entertained by Emily and Thelma Widick, Joy Montgomery, Dorothy Gentle, and a trio of Margaret Allsup, Betty Smart, and Jean Wakefield. We also had the installation of the new officers. Later the boys came for dancing and other recreation. Everyone had a swell time.

BUY WAR BONDS

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ORCHIDS

An orchid to.....

various "bolles of the ball." Some were Aud Beasley, for looking so sophisticated. Gwen Hartsock, for being her usual cool, poised self, and Willa Mae Comer--no one could have looked more "out of this world," and Emily Widick with her lovely voice.

Betty Lindsley and Gene Henderson--you've heard they're back together again, haven't you? Wonder what cause them to split up?

Freda Thomas, who sometime ago said that if Dwight A. didn't ask her to the banquet, she wouldn't go with anyone. She went with him and for that we send an orchid.

Charles Stoutenborough, for struggling bravely through the mumps. Glad you're back, Charlie!

Wanda Rodgers and Jack Hockaday in recognition of another new couple. Keep an eye on them!

all the faculty for contending with all of us.

the seniors as our "going away present" from us. Best of luck to all of you, and don't forget us or M.H.S.

Roger Simms and Gwen Hartsock. That's right--another engaged couple. Wonder who's the luckiest?

Bill Morris and Wilma Neibuhr--another new couple seen at the banquet. Well, this is a surprise!

GOOD LUCK, SENIORS!

The

INQUIRING REPORTER

What are you going to do this summer?

EILEEN MARQUIS--I would like to work at Block and Kuhl's.

JOAN WIKOFF--I am going to stay at home.

BETTY J. LINDSLEY--I am going to work at the hospital.

JOAN MONTGOMERY--I would like to work in some department store.

DOROTHY GREESON--I want to work in some restaurant.

AUDREY BEASLEY--I am going to work at Wisconsin Dells.

ANNA MAE DUNHAM--I am going to work at the Piggly Wiggle Grocery store.

EVELYN MARSH--I want to work in an office.

EMILY WIDICK--I am going to practice my music.

ANNUAL SPRING PROGRAM

The orchestra recital took place in the high school gymnasium April 11 at 8:00 P.M. There were thirty-five students playing in the orchestra. The first half of the recital was given by Mrs. Dowhirst's music students. There were two-piano pieces by six girls.

The orchestra played a number of pieces, in which there were some solos played by Dick Pinny, Roger Simms, and Gene Wieso. Mrs. Dowhirst directed the musical.

D. N.



HUMOR



Miss Bottenfield-"Are you going to the state tournament?"

Red Foster-"No, I ain't going."

Miss Bottenfield-"You must not say 'I ain't going.' You must say 'I'm not going'. You are not going. She is not going. They are not going."

"Now, can you say all of it?"

Red-"Yes, ma'am, there ain't nobody going!"

John L.-"What did one wall say to the other wall?"

Jack A.-"Meetcha at the corner."

Mr. Nicol-"Why is Illinois called the Corn Belt?"

Roger S.-"Because this is where all of these corny jokes originated!"

Bob D.-"So you think you are going to marry a thrifty girl huh?"

Bob T.-"What do you think? Before Willa Mae eats a marshmallow, she always powders her nose with it."

Mr. Keyes-"How many subjects are you carrying?"

Robert C.-"I'm carrying one and dragging three."

Missionary-"Poor man! So you know nothing of religion?"

Cannibal-"Oh, yes. We got a taste of it when the last missionary was here."

Nadene-"What did the rabbit say when he went through the briar patch?"

Audrey-"I don't know."

Nadene-"I've been 'defurred'!"

Kathryn M.-"What did the mayonnaise say to the ice box?"

Dorothy G.-"Close the door, I'm dressing!"

Freda-"Cora told me that you told her that secret I told you not to tell her."

Gwen-"She's a mean thing! I told her not to tell you."

Freda-"Well! I told her I would tell you she told me so don't tell her I did."

Dwight-"Why did you leave your last job?"

Len S.-"Illness."

Dwight-"What sort of illness?"

Len S.-"My boss said he got sick of me!"

A negro and his wife had appeared before the old judge several times. It was always the same charge - fighting with each other. This time the old judge looked at Sam and said,

"Have you been fighting again Sam?"

"Yes, Suh," came the meek reply.

"Liquor again," responded the judge.

"Oh, No Suh," replied Sam excitedly, "She all done and licked me this time."

Here lies the body of Seaman Foosby

Who died of a heart attack,

His laundry was promised for Tuesday

And Tuesday he got it back,

"Little boy, do both of your dogs have licenses?"

"Yes, sir! They're just covered with them."

Mrs. Keyes-"In what battle did Wolfe cry: 'I die happy!'"

Don T.-"I think it was his last battle."

Read!

LITTLE AUDREY

Dear Agatha,

I'm still all excited over the banquet. We really had a wonderful time. The food was good, and so was the dancing. And you should have seen all the new couples that creeped out. My! My!!

For instance, there were Dwight Allsup and Freda Thomas; Ben Myers and Audrey Beasley; Jack Hockaday and Wanda Rodgers; Dean Vaughan and Evelyn Marsh; Gene Wiese and Mary Tozer, Shirley Weikle and Don Oakes (I guess they're going steady), and then of course, there were the old standbys--Gene Henderson and Betty Jean Lindsley, Roger Simms, and Gwen Hartsock, Owen Simpson, and Norma J. Stuard, and Bob Tombaugh and Willa Mae Comer.

There were quite a few guests for the dance, too. Glenn Marlow was there for one. Then Bill Morris brought Wilma Neibuhr; Doris Neibuhr had a boy friend (those Neibuhr girls seem to get around, don't they?); Dick Glosser had his girl, and there were some Argenta boys there, too. Pat Garver had Bob D., and Helen C. had Alan J. I wonder what some of those boys said that had asked Helen for a date, but she said she was going steady? I heard Dick T. asked her! I also heard that Doris Query was to have a boy friend there from Farmer City, but I didn't see anything of him. I wonder what happened!

Well, that's enough for the banquet. Joan Wilkey has a diamond. Guess who? That's right! Bob Barnett. How did you ever guess?

Gwen Hartsock and Ruth Scribner also have new diamond rings ,

but I haven't seen them yet. I'm going to ask them about it the next time I see them.

Wanda Rodger's sailor is home for a short leave. Lucky girl! I surely would like to know how these girls get their sailors, wouldn't you, Agatha? Freda had one, too, just recently, and Juanita Harris had a soldier.

Well, I guess that's all the news for now, and I'd better get to work on my homework. Have a good time this summer, and don't do anything I wouldn't do.

Love,

Audrey

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