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SPRING

Spring is symbolic of many things. New born lambs gambling in the meadow, flocks of wild geese high over head honking their way back to the northland, frogs croaking in the pond to tell the world that winter is past.

Walking home from school, we see small boys playing in mud puddles, little girls out strolling with the bright new dolls and buggies they received from Santa. Groups of boys litter the sidewalks with marbles and the sky is a riot of gay colored kites, dragging long nondescript tails behind them. Bicycles, roller skates, scooters and saddle horses come out in unison.

Here and there we see shoots of green with a promise of early blossoms. Now and then a robin is sighted, and the chattering of saucy Bluejays, although heard frequently during the winter, is more common now.

All of these sights herald the events of Spring, but to the High School Senior there are numerous other things which tell us that the final school year is nearly over. There is the talk of caps and gowns, a Senior trip, Junior Prom, invitations, Fictures, and commencement, together with college, occupation and job hunting. These typical things tend to make this Spring just a little different from the others, and much more important to the class of 1949.

CAN YOU IMAGINE

1. Betty Felzke not blushing.
2. Richard Moots not studying.
3. Jack Crowner being short and fat.
4. Dick Spayde without his motor bike.
5. Richard Kirchen with red hair.
6. Barbara Johnson caring about a boy.
7. Floyd Fowler not talking with a girl.
8. The students of D.H.S. being quiet in study hall.
9. Dorothy Miers being anything but a model.
10. Follows not shooting paper wads.
11. Ernie Pond not talking.
12. Greta Perry without her horse.
13. Lawrence Ritter without Joy.
14. Dot Hill not getting married.

Student: "Last night I was driving and hit a cow."

Roommate: "A Jersey cow?"

Student: "I don't know I didn't see the license plate."

Barber: "Your hair needs cutting badly, sir."

Irate customer: "No, it doesn't.

It needs to be cut nicely, you cut it badly last time."

Grade News

Beginners and First Grade

Our attendance records show many absences during the past six weeks due to chicken-pox, scarlet fever, etc.

Group 2 have begun work in their last Reading book "Round About." We will have to work hard if we complete it by the time school is out.

Our blackboard border is made up of little Dutch girls, windmills, and tulips. We have a bouquet of pussy willows in our room.

Patty Hiatt entered our room at the beginning of the six weeks period.

The beginners will complete their number workbook this week.

Twelve first graders received an A in spelling last week. Several received an A-.

2nd & 3rd

We are preparing spring decorations for our wall. We are having much fun at it.

Science is giving us a good idea of what to look for early in the spring.

Second and third grades are divided into sides for Arithmetic. The sides earning the most stickers will win. They will be entertained by the losing side the Friday after vacation. We have all our girls and boys will be back by that time.

Fourth Grade News.

Mrs. Stiffler

We have completed the book "The Wizard of Oz" in our story hour. For each chapter we chose two pupils to illustrate the story. We are very proud of the

drawings.

Sorry to have Phyllis Moon, Joan Challendar, and Gretchen Keibler absent due to illness. We hope Joan will be able to attend school again this year. Gretchen and Phyllis will be back soon as they are through entertaining the chicken-pox.

We are looking forward to March 28th which starts Spring vacation. Hope we will be back April 4th, forty-nine strong and healthy.

Fifth Grade News

Mrs. Wells

Jean Collins from Muskegon has enrolled in our room. This makes our enrollment 48.

Roger Taylor and Bob Doak have been at home with the chicken-pox.

For extra credit in geography, these boys and girls made model ranches and book reports, Judy Parker, Duane Deveraux, Betty Jane Kironen, Leonard Shaffley, Bob Carp, Robert Taylor, Rosalie Hunt, Danny Crane, Dorothy Nichols, Carlton Lietzke, Mary Mullen, Donald Peterson, Carl Hawk, and Sharon Tingay.

The Room Helpers this week are Danny Crane, Janet Wisner, Nancy Ackerman, Flora Ferguson, Jean Soath, and Donald Peterson.

Sixth Grade News

Mrs. Caldwell

We have been stressing reading stories with dramatic emphases. We hope to make our stories more interesting in this way, as we share them with the group.

We had English lessons this week which taught us how to an-



Career Day Conference

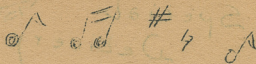
The Junior and Senior classes of DeWitt High spent an enjoyable day at Rodney B. Wilson High school in St. Johns, March 24. Approximately 500 were there to make the career day program a success.

At 10:00 a.m. the students assembled in the school auditorium to begin the morning session. The film "A Letter from America" was shown and then Mr. Vern Mable of Western Michigan college, was the featured speaker and gave a very interesting address.

The Seniors ate their lunch in a group at St. Joseph's Church where they were entertained by The Ovid High School. The Juniors were divided up and had their luncheons at the First Methodist and First Congregational Churches. The DeWitt Sextete furnished the program at the Methodist Church and the program at the Congregational Church was furnished by St. Johns High School.

Dancing for all visitors was held in the school gymnasium from 12:30 to 1:15 with music furnished by the St. Johns High School orchestra.

Section meetings were held from 1:15 to 2:00; and from 2:05 to 2:50 p.m. where the students met with experts in various vocational fields. Classes in Civil Service, Commercial, and Retail Selling were found to be crowded while few attended college Entrance and Professions, Journalism, Music, Elementary and Secondary Education, Nursing and Home Economics were of interest to the girls while the boys were interested in Building Trades, Army, Navy, Aviation, Engineering Agriculture and Industry. After the section meetings were held an evaluation period followed in the school auditorium.



Glee Club News

The sextete was invited to sing at the DeWitt Community Building, Wednesday afternoon, March 16, they sang the following songs; Come to the Fair; Three Little Lads, and the Blue Tail Fly. The same three songs were sung at the Basketball Banquette, which was held in the High School Gymnasium.

The sextete was also invited to sing for Mr. and Mrs. Perry's Silver Wedding Anniversary, on April 16th.

Band News

The Senior band will begin spring by practicing on several new marches and semi-classical tunes. The band has not practiced any new music for some time.

Three band members were awarded a trip to Detroit for selling the most radio raffle tickets. They were; Lester Cook, Marion Cook, Carrol Steepy, Charles Ridenor. They attended the Fox Theater where they saw Lionel Hampton's Band. The band concert given Friday, March 25, was a great success and we appreciate all those who participated in it.

Customer: "What on earth is this broth made from, waiter? Surely it isn't chicken broth?"

Waiter: "Well, sir, it's chicken broth in its infancy. It's made out of the water the eggs were boiled in."

Diner: "How do the foreign dishes compare with American ones?"

Waiter: "Oh, They break just as easily."

Special Delivery

Dear Gertie;

Well Spring is here with all its traditional accompanists. They always say "In the Spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love." Because of this I felt that my last letter would be a good one, but no such luck. People in good old D. H. S. can't win. "Do what comes naturally." Oh well I'll try.

Not too many people realize it, but Clayton Church certainly does it around.

Laurean O'Leary wants to know if it's proper to ask a boy to a dance. I would think so, wouldn't you?

Norma Decker seems to make a practice of going alright for herself. This time it's Vernell W. Varney.

As for the Sr. Class, all the girls are engaged, going steady or going alright, and I don't hear any boys complaining.

Although only a few get together, the Jr. fellows and girls get around too.

Suckin' around around Larry Martin is excellent in going so.

Who is it Clayton Church has been seeing so much of lately?

From most reports Norma Teller seems to be going steady with a sailor. Come on Norma, give the rest of them a chance.

Who are the two girls Kenway Dick went around with during Spring Vacation.

From the looks of things, Harold Kelly and Lucille haven't are getting along fine together. Keep it up kids.

Seen at the show lately, Yvonne Hickerson and Jack Rice. Whats the verdict?

From reports, most of the senior girls have their formal. Do they all have a date????

Lloyd Ballard and Greta Perry have been quite chums in riding to ether. We hear Ernie Bond is feeling pretty blue.

How are Nancy Curtis and Ron Wick getting along? Let's hear about it.

We see Ray Hart has gotten out of the Bachelor group. Nice win, Bev.

That's all for now folks. It's been nice being with you.

Love,

Fanny

P.S. Poor Fanny has chicken pox.

P.S.S. We wonder who the fellow was in the black Chevy who was looking for Clarabelle the other night.

Whats this we hear about Genie Coin getting jealous over a small mistake having to do with Marilyn riding in strange cars.

Christina Wick sure does get around doesn't she? The latest was Orville Smith.

Whats this we hear of Roberta White and Harold Klaver going steady?

We hear Jean Tenney and Roger Ward are seen together quite frequently.

Is the rumor true of Larry Martin and Jackie C?

Hey Vada, who was the new guy you met while away?

What is it they say about off again on again, to do with the budding romance of Jake and Bobby Anne?

Why was Mickey F. so against having the St. Johns orchestra for the Prom? It wouldn't be because her date would have to play would it?

Flash!! Seen sitting together at the play yesterday. Floyd F. and Betty Felzke!!!!!! Could this be another new romance???

We wonder if Hewitt could have gotten the chicken pox from a certain Chuck H.????????????

"Johnny," asked his teacher, "can you tell me what a waffle is?" "Yes'm, it's a pancake with a non-slip tread," replied her prize pupil.

JUNIOR PLAY

When Robert Woods and Pinky Rhodes, former members of a St. Louis mob, try to conduct their business in a small college town by breaking into Professor Newcomb's home they discover that it is a turning point in their lives. The Professor discovers them and seizes the opportunity to put a theory of his into operation-----that young men, given proper surroundings and chances, are not bad at heart. He offers to place them in college, give them educational advantages, and a chance to become useful citizens. Impulsively they accept, burning their bridges, and enter a new and more complicated life.

Robert finds that the town is dominated by a crooked gambler and, against the warnings of the Professor, starts a clean-up campaign. He also starts a campaign of his own to win the hand of the Professor's daughter, Barbara. Pinky finds that football surpasses the thrills of robbery and becomes the star player with his picture in the paper and everything. The picture is the beginning of their unmasking, for it brings along Mazie, Robert's former sweetheart, and the budding college romance is on the point of permanent blight.

Meanwhile the clean-up campaign is in full swing--even to the point of the Professor being proposed for Mayor. Rex and Noel Spenser, the local underworld king, team up against Robert and his Professor and the political fur starts flying.

Barbara, meanwhile, finds out about the past of her heart-interest when Aunt Eva arrives from St. Louis. Aunty had--miracle of miracles--been on the receiving end of Pinky's purse and bracelet snatching. She recognizes him, which tends to prove the world is still a small place. Pinky tries to explain himself out of his mess, with not very

convincing results either for Aunt Eva or Cynthia, the maid of all work, who "loves football players" as well as "dates on practicing for an operatic career."

Barbara's kid sister, Marcia tries to untangle some of the mess and succeeds quite well in making things much more muddled for all concerned. But before the complications completely wreck the happiness of the lovers, the past comes to light, a mob is imported from St. Louis to clash with the football team of the college, which is called in to aid in the clean-up campaign--but does not appear on the stage--and the Professor's prize dahlia bed is ruined. It all makes a pleasant evening of pre-war small college life, enlivened by the troubles and loves of a number of interesting people.

The Cast is:

Robert Woods.....Jack Crowner
An unwilling college student.
Pinky Rhodes.....Ronald Wick
A football playing demon.
Prof. Albert Newcomb....Lester C.
A mild-mannered professor.
Neil Spenser.....Bill Schaar
A slick business man.
Rex Hudson.....Richard Kirchen
A "wise-guy" gangster.
Fete Jamison.....Robert Smith
An almost literal gorilla.
Barbara Newcomb.....Nancy Curtis
A sweet young college girl.
Marcia Newcomb....Laureen O'Leary
A not-so-sweet school girl.
Cynthia.....Joyce Ridsdale
An opera-singing maid.
Aunt Eva.....Christina Wick
A meddlesome middle-aged woman.
Mrs. Newcomb....Yvonne Hickerson
A mild mannered spouse.
Mazie.....Clarabelle Long
A gal from St. Louis.

Teacher-"Now tell me, Bobby, where is the elephant found?"
Bobby-"The elephant, teacher, is such a large animal, its scarcely lost."

INQUIRING REPORTER

Here is your inquiring reporter back again to tell you some interesting facts about a few of your school chums.

This time I learned about some embarrassing moments and some pet peeves that I thought might be interesting to most of you.

Barbara Hicks- "My most embarrassing moment was when I went to work with my skirt unzipped."

Marilyn Staub- "I was waiting for my date to call one evening in my slip. Instead of calling he came an hour early. He was more embarrassed than I was."

Joan Miller- "At my first Formal dance I slipped and fell down. My escort just stood there and laughed at me."

Mrs. Down- "I was in a play and just as I came out on the stage to speak my first lines someone in the audience let off an alarm clock."

Vada Tanous- "One day all of my relatives came over and I was going to show them how I could ride. My horse got hold of my blouse and ripped it half off."

Norma Toller- "My Pet Peeve is boys that swear."

Frankie K. - "Girls."

Don Hunt. - "Bashful girls."

Jake Kirchen - "Girls who are not ready in time for their dates."

Roberta W. - "Young boys that smoke and drink."

Doug R. - "Girls that talk too much."

Delores H. - "Boys that boss girls around."

Barbara J. - "Someone that thinks that they are more than what they really are."

Arnold K. - "Girls that giggle."

Customer- "I want a quarter's worth of rat poisoning."

Druggist- "Do you want to take it with you?"

Customer- "No I'll send the rats in after it."

MYSTERIOUS CITIZEN

Our citizen last time was June Lankford.

Our citizen of mystery this time shouldn't be a mystery to most people. He has a business of his own here in DeWitt, which is very prosperous. He has a very attractive wife and two adorable children. His brother works for him, and he is also well liked; he graduated last year. To look at "The Mystery Man," you can tell he is a jolly sort of fellow and you never see him angry. Can you guess who he is?

MYSTERIOUS PERSONALITY

As you must have guessed our Mysterious Personality last time was none other than Roberta White.

This time it is a boy. He is 5ft. 8in. in height and weighs 141 lbs. He has light brown eyes and dark brown hair. He was born November 14, 1930.

His favorite actor is Dan Dailey, favorite actress is Lucille Ball. His favorite sports consists of just one, Baseball.

He says he has no hobby but his pet peeve is Grammar.

Come on now, get your thinking caps on-----Guess Who!



Billy- "We've got a new baby at our house."

Betty- "Where did you get him."

Billy- "We got it from Doctor Brown."

Betty- "We take from him to."

News Boy- "My uncle bought a swell car and he only paid fifty five dollars for it."

Customer- "Fifty five dollars? I can't get over it!"

News Boy- "Neither can he. He's always under it."

Grade News (cont)

8th. Grade News
Mrs. Davis

swer the telephone and the door politely. We also talked over how to introduce new people to our friends and to adults.

The following earned an A in our geography test: Jack Scott; Joyce Parks, Allan Nickels Bill Fuerstenau and Dick Hill.

Our History lesson Monday will be a simple debate on the question: Resolved that working in the kind of factories they had in Colonial period was more interesting than working today in a factory.

Now officers for this six weeks period are Carole Steppoy, Phyllis Moscoff, Allan Nichols and Richard Rosekrans.

Mary Ellen Jackson and Joan Vaughn did a fine job of house-keeping in our room this week. Last week Carole Steppoy and Lucille Richter got every thing in order for "Open Night."

Charles Rignour and Carole Steppoy were Outstanding salesmen in selling tickets for the band. Their reward was a trip to hear an orchestra in Detroit

7th Grade News
Mrs. Sharp

We enjoyed our dancing party after school last Thursday. We were happy to have Mr. and Mrs. Sherail Tinney as our guests. Mr. Tinney ran our recorder for us. James Tinney played his guitar. It was fun dancing to his music. Since everyone was so well behaved we are going to have another party very soon.

Joyce Collins from Muskogee has entered our seventh grade. Our enrollment is now 43.

We are sorry to have so many students absent due to sickness. It is very difficult for them when they return to school.

Our class party which was held Thursday, Mar. 17, in the Gym was enjoyed by everyone. We danced and were also entertained by Jimmy Tinney with his electric guitar. Thank you, Jimmy. We think you play very well and enjoyed dancing to your three numbers. We are all looking forward to having another party very soon.

We are pleased to hear that Harry Wick and Ronnie Schlerel were picked with eight other boys in the county as honor basketball players, representing an all star team, among 115 youngsters who participated in the Junior High Tournament. They will receive gold lapel pins. These awards were based on defensive and offensive excellence, team play, and sportsmanship.

Kenny Ackerman and Geraldine Thompson are missed a great deal and we hope they will both be back with us soon. In fact, we have had from 7 to 10 people absent every day for the past two weeks. Let us try to put some of our first aid rules into practice and see if we can't keep our bodies in such fine physical condition that we won't be susceptible to all the germs running at large around DeWitt.

Mr. Tinney, we wish to thank you for so ably taking charge of playing the records for our party.

"How old are you?" asked the office manager of an applicant for a job.

"Twenty-seven," answered the young man.

"Well what do you expect to be in three years?"

"Thirty," the young man replied.

"The new baby has its father's eyes and its mother's nose."

"Yes, and if Grandpa doesn't stop leaning over the crib, its going to have his teeth."

Teacher Interview -

LORETTA SHARP

My first eight grades of schooling were spent in a country school in Gratiot county. I attended Alma High School the next four years. This was fifteen miles from home, so it was necessary for me to room and board there during that time. It was fortunate that I was in high school during the only four years that Alma High School had a girls basket ball team. I played guard during those four years. It was a surprise to learn graduation night that I was valedictorian of my class.

My teacher's training was received at Ithaca County Normal and Central Michigan College of Education.

I received my first experience in teaching in a country school a mile and a half from home. There I spent three happy years. Next, I went to the village school of Wheeler. My first four years there were spent teaching the fifth, sixth, and seventh grades. My last two years there, I was principal and my duties consisted of teaching the eighth, ninth, and tenth grades. During the time I was at Wheeler, I coached the girls' basketball team.

In 1937 Mr. Sharp, daughter Marjorie, and I moved to DeWitt. It was indeed a pleasure to teach in a new school.

During my years of Teaching, I have found that most girls and boys really want to learn and want to do what the teacher desires of them. That is what makes teaching fun.

My hobbies are knitting and playing with my grandson. There is a saying, It is wonderful to be a mother, but more wonderful to be a grandmother. I am beginning to believe it is true.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST: By Janet Hewitt, one clear conscience.

WANTED: A man for Lauren O. No specifications required.

WANTED: By Dick K. More dirty cars and a pair of red shoes to go with Bev's.

WANTED: By Greta Perry a soft saddle.

WANTED: By the EKKPG. class, an answer book.

LOST: By Lawrence Ritter one Ford Car, if found don't return.

LOST: Four Diamond rings by Eugene C. Lewis L.-Lee, L.- and Bob S. Found four diamond rings by Jackie M. Dot H.- Marilyn S.- and Mariette Jones.

LOST: By Joy Purdy one yellow sweater, found on Lawrence Ritter.

WANTED: By Largie Miller a date with Lloyd Ballard.

FOUND: By John Rice a new set of badly needed brakes.

LOST: Mickie F. temper over people hearing secrets of hers.

WANTED: By Norma Decker and Dee Dotson a date for the From Hey!!!!

WANTED: By John Rice a different girl for every week.

WANTED: By Vada, a palamino horse.

Customer-"Have you a book called, "Man, Master of Women?"

Sales girl-"The fiction counter is to your left, sir."

Customer-"Have you any good pork?"

Butcher-"Good pork! Say, I've got some pork that will make better chicken salad than any veal you could buy."

Tom-"You remember the \$5 check you gave me to drown your cat."

John-"Yes, I remember."

Tom-"Well, the check came back."

John-"so did the cat."