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Commencement Tonight For Thirty-One Seniors

Peterman, Moore, Means Receive Josten Awards

Monday, May 8, at nine o'clock began the processional of the Senior Class into the Farewell Chapel held in the high school assembly room. Rev. Carpenter, for many years the speaker on this occasion, pleased the audience with his address on the subject, "A Safe Foundation."

After the invocation, Laura Lee Peters sang a solo, "Agnus Dei," with Miss Marjorie Christenson as accompanist. The address of Rev. Carpenter was followed by the singing of the first stanza of America by the audience, standing.

Superintendent Armstrong next made the Josten citizenship awards to the senior boy and girl selected by the faculty as most representative in four fields, mental, physical, social and moral. As a result of a tie, two girls, Florence Means and Jeanie Moore received awards and Gordon Peterman received the boys' award.

Last before the recessional was the giving of athletic and scholastic recognition in the various departments. Certificates of award were presented for outstanding work on the "Volcano," in the Pep Club, Music, Commercial, Athletics and F. F. A. Presentations were made by the teachers in charge

G. R. MOTHER-DAUGHTER TEA

The annual G. R. Mother-Daughter Tea was held Thursday, April 6, 1944, in the high school gymnasium.

The retired president, Florence Means, gave a welcome and Mrs. Renate Warne gave the response.

Martha Ann Dobson and Laura Lee Peters had worship. Deloris Schantz sang "My Heart Ever Faithful," accompanied by Miss Marjorie Christenson.

A skit, given at the high school carnival, was presented to the girls and their mothers by Gene Goodman, Peggy Mann, Carolyn Tyler, and Phyllis Sierp. Mrs. Clara Overman gave a talk on what Girl Reserves had meant to her daughters. Mrs. Herman Christie then sang "Mother of Mine," accompanied by Mrs. ??? Russell.

Mary McCracken spoke on "How G. R. Will Help Me in Later Life," after which the Girls' Glee Club sang "Mountains."

Katie Hyde, the new president, talked on "Future Goals of the Club." Laura Lee Peters, music chairman, took over the meeting and the girls sang several songs.

Delicious refreshments were served to the mothers and girls. The meeting was brought to a close with all joining in the singing of "Taps."



May Theme Highlights Jr.-Sr. Banquet

The Jr.-Sr. Banquet was held May 1, at the Presbyterian church. The tables were decorated with the Senior colors—green and white. The class flower is the Lily of the Valley.

The menu consisted of:
Flower Garland Fruit Cup
May Queen's Choice on Rosettes
Fleecy Clouds

Sunshine Rays (Glazed Carrots)
Cotton Tufts (Rolls)
Sweet Nectar Salad
Angel Cake and Cherries
Mist and Shower
(Coffee and Cream)

Toasts were as follows:
Toastmaster Kenneth Tyler
Welcome John Anderson
Response Bud Arbogast
Toast Mary McCracken

"We have crossed the bar,
The ocean lies before us."

Toast Mary Lou Focht
"Years of Entwined Streamers"

The delicious three course meal was served by:
Darlene Nisely
Twilla Forsythe
Lois Gray

Shirley Young
Catherine Larson
Phyllis Agnew
Leland Means
Dale McAlpin

David McAplon
Bill Fryrear
Junior Brandt
Russell Froyd.

Immediately following the banquet, the guests proceeded to the High School Gymnasium where
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Baccalaureate Services Sunday at Methodist Church; Sermon by Rev. Bowden

The first formal graduation services for the thirty-one seniors, baccalaureate, was held Sunday night at the Methodist church. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers and the senior colors, green and white, were used effectively.

The junior class president, John Anderson, and Barbara Wolfe, escorted the seniors to their places. The processional was played by Miss Maxine Christenson.

The entire congregation sang "Day Is Dying in the West." Rev. F. W. Thompson read the scripture lesson and Gene Goodman sang "Oh, Devine Redeemer." The congregation was led in prayer by the Rev. L. B. Carpenter, after which the Rev. E. M. Buehler read the announcements. The high school mixed chorus sang "God of the Open Air."

The address of the evening was given by the Rev. W. S. Bowden. His topic was "The Profitable Pursuit."

The Rev. Mr. Buehler gave the benediction and the recessional was played by Miss Christenson. The church was filled to capacity by parents and friends of the graduates.

Jean Johnson, secretary of the Tyler Ice & Coal Company is entertaining her sister, the former LaVerne Johnson this weekend. LaVerne came from California where she is making her home and plans to remain in Villisca to assist her sister during the butchering season.

SENIOR CLASS PLAY

On May 9 the Seniors presented "Beginner's Luck" to a crowded house at the Rialto Theatre.

The leading roles were played by four girls: Jean Masters, (Jeanie Moore), who was going to write "The Great American Novel;" Gail Fuller (Laura Lee Peters), whose soprano voice was destined for the Metropolitan Opera; Meg McRae, (Lois McIntosh), who was going to drag painting bodily into a new Renaissance; and Pat Jordan, (Joanne Overman), who was going to set the world aflame with her acting.

When the play opens, the girls are starving in a proverbial Greenwich Village garret—each trying in their own way to contact some important person who will realize their talent. Their two friends (also striving for success) are Chris Murray, a writer played by Bob McCreedy, and Paul Hanford, and art student, portrayed by Paul Barchus.

The four girls, Paul and Chris, and two other friends, Tony Donato, an Italian street musician, played by Bob Arbogast, and Brantwell Booth, an actor of the old school portrayed by Gordon Peterman, plot to make Birdie Brown, (Martha Dodson), a society editor for the paper from the girls home town, believe that they are successful—each acting as if they were interested in each of the girls' work.

Their landlady, Mrs. Pike, (Doreen Titsworth), introduces them to a Mr. X, (Dale Hanson), who is a mystery character and tries to help the girls with his influence.

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McCracken Valedictorian; Titsworth Salutatorian

At the sixty-first annual Commencement exercises of the Villisca High School, thirty-one seniors will receive diplomas tonight.

The services are to be held at the Rialto Theatre and the usual capacity attendance is expected. The class of '44 is the smallest to graduate in many years, having only eight boys and twenty-three girls.

Miss Marjorie Christenson will play the processional. The invocation is by Rev. F. W. Thompson, followed by a musical number, "Open Our Eyes," by the girl's sextette.

Mr. Earl Williams of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is the commencement speaker. Mr. Williams was graduated from the law school of the University of Iowa, and has been with the F. B. I. for several years. His talk is entitled "What Is Likely." Supt. Armstrong will present the scholarships. Mary McCracken leads the class with an average of 96.69. Doreen Titsworth was named Salutatorian with an average of 96.25. The next four high are: Joanna Overman, 93.81; Jeanie Moore, 93.65; Florence Means, 93.56; Peggy Brodrick, 93.50.

The high school mixed chorus will sing "O Sing Your Songs," under the direction of Miss Christenson. The class will be presented by Supt. Armstrong.

Mrs. Bertha Peters will award the diplomas to the thirty-one graduates. The exercises will close with the Benediction by Rev. E. M. Buehler.

Following are the members of this year's graduating class:

William L. Allshouse, Rosalee Allshouse, Betty Anderson, Robert B. Arbogast, Paul O. Barchus, Peggy Louise Brodrick, Zelda Darlene Burkhead, Robert L. Cervene, Mary Leora Copelin, Martha Ann Dodson, Patricia Ann Dunn, Dale E. Hanson, Thomas C. Ingersoll, Elvera Jean Johnson, Irma LeVerne Johnson, Mary Z. Lewis.

Mary C. McCracken, Robert K. McCreedy, Lois A. McIntosh, Florence Irene Means, Jeanie Moore, Joanna Overman, Gordon G. Peterman, Laura Lee Peters, Betty Jean Pettengill, Virginia Mae Raines, Rachel L. Robinson, Betty Charlene Scott, Doreen E. Titsworth, Phyllis Virginia Warner, Bette Mae Wohlhausen.

BACCALAUREATE

Baccalaureate for the senior class of 1944 was held May 1, in the Methodist church. The processional, played by Miss Marjorie Christenson, was followed by the congregation singing "Day Is Dying in the West." After the scripture

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To the alumni now serving in the armed forces, is dedicated this Senior Edition of the Volcano.

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Friday, May 12, 1944

LETS LOOK TO THE FUTURE

Let us not assume that life is too uncertain to plan. Every great victory of the human race has been won when a great many people were saying it could not be done. We can plan and lose and then plan again, profiting from mistakes that we have made and each time we should rise a little higher.

Many people fail because they do not look ahead, they do not care to sacrifice the smaller things now for the greater things which lie in the future.

In making our plans let us plan to become strong and useful, to obey the laws of right living and to find out what our duty is as a good American.

Someday, the war will end, we shall have many problems confronting us. Shall we look to the future with confidence or with fear? I think the answer to this question lies entirely in our ability to plan now.

Mr. Armstrong

VOLCANO STAFF FOR 1944-45

The editors and managers of the writing and business staff of the Volcano for the year 1944-45 have been selected for their ability and the evidence they have given of a sincere desire to participate in the work of the school publication.

The new editor is Gene Goodman and the assistant editors are

Russell Watts and Peggy Mann. The business and assistant business managers are Jean Retland and Anneva Hendrickson and the art editor is Bob Brandt.

We future editors and assistant editors, in this small space, wish to say farewell to you who have completed your work on the Volcano. Your splendid work in the past year has set us a wonderful goal which we hope to achieve.

Our hopes are to keep up the circulation and up-to-the-minute news. Our policies of the future year will be much like those of the past. Thanks again, your guidance has been appreciated and we will strive to keep the Volcano Ever Erupting—Never Corrupting.

We the editors of the Volcano, would like to express our appreciation to the writing, business, and art staffs for your fine cooperation during the past year. To Miss Seibert and Mrs. Armstrong for their splendid support and untiring effort, we say, "Thanks a million."

Working with such a group as you has been great fun, and we believe that because of your efforts, our paper is one of the best.

To next year's staff, we wish the very best of luck. Keep the Volcano erupting.

Jeanie Moore
Jo Overman

May Theme Highlights
Jr.-Sr. Banquet

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they were entertained by a short program as follows:

Master of Ceremonies Bob Brandt
 Winding of Maypole—Grade Children under the direction of Miss Christenson,
 Lavendar Ladies Gene Goodman, Phyllis Draper

Solo John Anderson
 "Oh, What a Beautiful Morning"
 Girl's Sextette—Mary Lou Focht, Deloris Schantz, Laura Lee Peters, Lois McIntosh, Gene Goodman, Carolyn Tyler

"Robin in the Rain"
 The May Pole Theme was carried out very effectively. The gymnasium was attractively decorated with green and white streamers, and represented a garden with its old fashioned well, picket fence and arch. The May Pole was erected in the center of the garden.

Following the program the remainder of the evening was spent in dancing and playing games.

Senior Class Play

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Upon Birdie's arrival, she is quite impressed to find the girls doing so well and believes the amateurs to be real—but is definitely confused when four people appear who claim to be the real "McCoys"—Mme. Humperdinck, (Rachel Robinson), from the Metropolitan Opera; Clarissa Coy, (Peggy Brodrick), from the Madison Art Gallery; Lucy Riggs, (Mary McCracken), a literary agent; and Boris Borislavsky, (Tom Ingersoll), a theatrical director.

We musn't forget the little telegram girl played by Phyllis Warner, who had a very slim supper after the meager tip offered by the girls.

The stage is one riot when the amateurs and the truly famous people become angry and confused.

After many frantic explanations, each girl and her friend gets her chance before the curtain falls on the happy ending.

ANNUAL 8TH GRADE PARTY

The annual party of the eighth grade was held in the gymnasium

the evening of May 4th. Lavender and yellow, the class colors, were used for the decorations. Violets, the class flower, made attractive corsages.

After games, suggested by Jeannette Ar buckle and Frances Weaver, were played, the following program was presented:

The Historian, Bill Pederson, a very old man, read the class history.
 Dr. Wiseguy, Mary Jo Vernon, gave her diagnosis of the class of '44 which created much fun for the evening.

Rudy Titsworth, the class lawyer, "Edwin I. Knowitall," presented the will.

The last thing on the program was the fortune teller, Leatrice Danielson, who gave the prophecy by crystal-gazing, predicted all sorts of future adventures.

The lexicodictor of the class was Ruth Lewis and salutorian was Marjorie Fisher. Marvin Coon and Marjorie received the Josten Citizenship Awards.

The motto for the eighth grade of '44 is "Learn to live and live to learn." Their yell is:

Who are, who are, who are we,
 We are the eighth grade can't you see.

We've got brains, we've got class,
 And we won't take anybody's sass.

Now all of you just watch your step,
 And you'll see we've plenty of pep!

The yell and class song furnished much gaiety and pep. Refreshments of ice cream, cake, and candies were served. This ended a very delightful evening for the eighth grade class of '44.

FADS IN LIDS AND DUDS

The Mother-Daughter Daughter Tea, Easter and spring in general have brought out many new outfits. Those who have suits worthy of note are Anneva Hendrickson, Jean Graham, Bette M., Janice Focht, Lola McIntosh, Jeannie Moore, Flossie Means, Phyllis S. and many others.

The outstanding thing of the season: Gene G's fashionable new red coat.

Martha D's striking green blouse is strictly all right.

Miss Gardner looked quite springy in her brown and white checked dress.

Bright and pert is Miss Seibert's fuschia hat. (hat?).

Phyllis D. made quite a hit at the G. R. dinner in her new plaid jerkin and skirt with a short white blouse.

In line for comment are the fellows' red and blue hats! And those two Junior Commandos Russ F. and Junior B.!!!!

Forecasts of spring fashions are Janice F's two piece green and white checked, Lois B's bright yellow, and Peg M's gay figured pinafore dress.

Mrs. Armstrong looks very nice in her new brown and white spring dress, and her gray pin-striped flannel suit is lovely.

Carolyn T. looks very fetching in a frilly long-sleeved white blouse.

Dee Dee's contribution to the spring fashion parade is a quaint dress of various colored stripes, many gathers and a square ruffled neck-line.

During the rainy season, Peg M. came out in a striking new blue reversable.

The Junior-Senior banquet, a beautiful affair in itself, really brought out the best in all the fellows and girls. Did you ever see them look so neat? The Juniors, of course, all had new formals. A few we especially noticed were: Anneva Hendrickson, a pale blue printed chiffon; Dorothy Pentengill, a yellow net trimmed with white daisies; Alice Olson, a brocade peach taffeta; Jean Esais, a printed jersey blouse with a black skirt; Lois Bundy, a ruffled peach taf-

feta; Jean Retland, a light blue taffeta; Virginia Warne, a pink taffeta and Betty Lewis, a teal blue taffeta. We'd like to include them all, Juniors, but we can't do it.

Did you ever see a more comfortable looking bunch of fellows and girls than the Seniors on skip day? Oh, those sloppy trousers and slacks and old shoes!

Bud Arbogast has "crashed" this writer's column again with his white cable-knit pullover, which his mother knitted for him. We wish we had one like it, Bud!

Just a preview of something to come—That navy blue uniform is going to look nice on you, Paul Barchus.

Here's hoping you can all blossom out in those spring clothes pretty soon instead of getting your snow suits out of the moth balls!

MUSIC GROUPS RATE AT STATE CONTEST

The Villisca music groups received four first ratings and one second at the district music contest held at Bedford April 28.

The events entered were: Contralto Solo, Gene Goodman, first place in Class B-C; Soprano Solo, Delores Schantz, first place in Class B-C; Tenor Solo, John Anderson, second place in Class B-C; Girls Sextet, Class B-C, 1st place. Mixed Chorus, Class B, first place.

Due to gas restrictions, only the small groups were able to enter the State Contest held at Carrol, April 28 and 29.

There were fifty sextets, Class B-C-D entered and the Villisca group received a second place. Delores Schantz also received second place in competition with sixty soprano soloists.

All entries had keen competition and much credit goes to both our director and students for their splendid work.

LIBRARIANS ENTERTAIN SENIOR MEMBERS

The Librarians' club held their Farewell Dinner, for the Seniors, Monday night, April 17. Invitations were written, rolled, and bound in the form of certificates. Following an appropriate dinner, a welcome was given by Gene Goodman, with the response by the President, Rachel Robinson. Phyllis Draper, chairman of the entertainment, then led in a clever game of Truth and Consequences, which brought to a close a very enjoyable evening.

The Librarians' Club held their annual "Early Morning Breakfast" Friday, May 5th at 4:45. Due to unusually cold weather, it was held at Miss Gardner's home, instead of Recreation Park. Though rather sleepy, the girls did not lack an appetite, and a very enjoyable time was had by all.

SKIP DAY

After endless class meetings, debates, and casting of votes the senior class decided to spend skip day at home. April 19 was decided upon as the lucky day—and what did it do but rain. A scavenger hunt in the morning proved to be quite interesting since finding a hatchet in the cemetery was on the list. Crawling under the overhead was quite an experience too. The recreation center really was in full swing—what, with all the jitter-bugs and such! A picnic dinner of wieners, buns, olives, potato chips, plus all the trimmings was consumed in great quantities. In the afternoon everybody went to a track meet and then went home. At seven the class enjoyed ????? steaks and chicken at Tenville and then everyone went back to high school for dancing. Amen.

KITTY'S KOLUMN

This little Kitty meows for the last time this time—so it's time the meowing started. The Seniors are leaving—well, aren't you going to say you're sorry? We can't sit here all day turning your wrist. Poor Paul is the first of them to go. He came back from taking his physical the other day and the fellows asked him how it went. Says Paul, "If you can see lightning, hear thunder, and have two teeth, you're in." (He's in.) v v v Bud was taking a pair of Peggy's shoes to the cobbler's the other day, and of course, they weren't wrapped. Ed Gidley stopped him and remarked: "Not going to let her gad about, eh, Bud?" Guess that was kinda unfair, they got enough raszin' at the banquet. v v v Speaking of the banquet, it was a swell one, Juniors. Beautiful decorations and the program was remarkably clever. And the food. It was delicious. Flossie did have occasion to complain about one of the waiters, though. Reminded one of a sign seen recently in a restaurant. "Don't insult our waiters—customers we can get." v v v This waiter—we could bear the rain, but when it comes to going to G. R. Farewell in white dresses in a snow storm—that's too much. v v v It appears that some of our male population have formed a Youth Movement—so interested in seeing that every one gets their money's worth—even if it is on pin ball machine. v v v Those Librarians are the most ambitious bunch—kinda' crazy too, don't you think—getting up at six just to eat breakfast. v v v Hope you all thought Beginner's Luck was worth that extra seven cents. Miss Seibert has the admiration of the class for her aid in their "time of distress." v v v The music department made a fine showing at the State Contest. To Gene, Deloris, and the Sextette, we say "thanks" for representing our school so aptly. v v v The Jr. High had their big night not so long ago. Marjorie Fisher and Marvin Coon were the honored students. Looks like a swell bunch of freshmen for next year.

The seniors sorta wish they could be here next fall to welcome them in. But, I guess all good students have to leave—and so do the bad ones. We'll miss school very much. The four years in high school have contained more fun and more pleasant times than any other four years. We all have a lot of happy memories to carry away, and we hope we leave some sort of a mark on the high school we love. To get very old and preachy for moment—we say to the classes behind us—appreciate it while you can, you'll be glad when you are where we are. "Kitty."

SENIORS PRESENT LAST CHAPEL ON MAY 1

The Senior Class presented their class chapel on May 1, in the high school auditorium. Bob McCreedy, as Master of Ceremonies, introduced the various parts of the program. The six-piece band played two numbers which we did not recognize but nevertheless rated a few claps. The Burlington Railroad scene was almost convincing. Martha Dodson should have lived in the gay '90's when "My Gal's a Corker," was really a smash bit. The reading of the class history brought back old memories while the class will just gave our memories away. Music by the trio and a quartet was the high spot of the program. We hope Nutrina Mills doesn't decide to sue! The prophecy was packed full of surprises and made more than one face blush! Finally, the scene from "Beginner's Luck" proved that the seniors can run pretty fast.

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The members of the writing and business staffs of the Volcano who received awards at Senior Chapel Monday, May 8, are as follows: Jo Overman, Jeanie Moore, Laura Lee Peters, Gene Goodman, Mary McCracken, Jean Retland, Martha Dodson, Betty Anderson, Delores Schantz, Peggy Mann, Gordon Peterman, Dwight Lewis, Florence Means, Patty Dunn, Betty Clark, Jean Johnson, LaVern Johnson, Betty Wohlenhaus, Phyllis Warner, Betty Scott, Darlene Burkhead, Mary Copelin, Beverly Carlson, Katie Hyde, Anneva Hendrickson, May Lou Focht, Dorothy Waage, Barbara Wolfe, Lola Jean Rock, Jean Esias, Fredyne Lamkin, Phyllis Draper, Arlene Selley, Mary Delaney, Kathleen DeVoss, Virginia Watts, Nadine Nelson, Maurine Focht, Vona Wheeler, Donna Delaney, Betty Marsh, Darlene Nisely, Twilla Forsythe, Lois Gray, Sylvia Dumler, LaVerna Hewitt, Rita Delaney, Helen Frist, Phyllis Agnew, Carolyn Tyler, Lola Sweeten, Mary Jean Wills, Francis Bixler and Janice Focht.

Baccalaureate
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reading by Rev. F. W. Thompson. Gene Goodman sang "Oh, Devine Redeemer." The congregation was led in prayer by Rev. L. H. Carpenter, after which Rev. Buehler gave the announcements. The High

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**COMPLIMENTS OF
 WIEDEMAN'S
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**TO EACH MEMBER
 OF THE
 CLASS OF 1943**
 I Extend Congratulations
 and Best Wishes for
 the Future
G. W. KEHR

**MEANS
 HARDWARE**
 Hardware for
 Hard Wear

School Mixed Chorus sang "God of the Open Air" which was followed by the address of the evening given by Rev. W. S. Bowden. His subject was "The Profitable Pursuit." Rev. Buehler gave the benediction and the recessional was played by Miss Christenson.

CLASS WILL

WE, the class of 1944, having definitely decided that we are about to graduate and that we are of sound minds and bodies have drawn up our last will and testament which follows:

Tom Ingersoll wills his farming ability and height to Chuck Graham, in hopes that they will make him a great success.

Rosalee Allshouse and Patty Dunn give their ability to keep their class in suspense, to Marvin Kernen and Bob Harris. We're hoping that they will take pity on their fellow classmates; Patty also adds her MEANS of doing things to Vona Wheeler.

"Morale Builder" Betty Pettengill wills her "Keep the Guys Happy Club" to Jeanette Stafford. Let's hope she'll keep up the fine tradition. We MUST keep them happy.

Bill Allshouse gives his girl friends wherever they may be to Warren Bates. We know you'll appreciate them Warren.

To Nadine Nelson and Lola Jean Rock goes LaVerne Johnson's and Mary Lewis' ability to get around with the Army and Navy. Oh you kids!

Francis Bixler will now be the proud possessor of Virginia Raines farming ability. Well, farming IS an essential occupation.

Jo Overman wills her numerous Des Moines Trips to Dorothy Mewhirter and Bette Wohlenhaus wills her driving ability to Paul Crussell. You two kids should get together.

Betty Scott wills her way with the teachers to Henry Ankeny and to Lois Joyce Bundy goes Betty Anderson's management.

Bud Arbogast's protective soul—we'll throw his Packard in, too, for good measure—to Wayne Fast. Better take it slow, Wayne.

Phyllis Sierp gets Lois McIntosh's shyness. We really don't think you need it Phyllis but we had to fill up space somehow.

Harold Kirby and Ed Gidley are now the proud owners of Jean Johnson's and Mary Copelin's quietness. We hope you can use it.

Phyllis Warner obligingly gives Bob Brandt her height and sense of humor. Treat them gently Bob.

Since she doesn't need them anymore Mary McCracken gives her A's to Harold Starlin. You lucky kid!

Peggy Brodrick and Bob McCreedy will their extensive wardrobes to Janice Focht and John Anderson. What a start for you kids!!!

Martha Ann Dodson and Laura Lee Peters will their way with all the underclass MEN to the senior girls of 1945. There'll be a man shortage then too.

Robert Carmichael you have now become a man because Gordon Peterman has given you his manly figure.

Mary Lewis wills her teaching ability to Darlene Nisely. We'll need teachers in three years.

Merle White has now come up in the world because Darlene Burkhead has given him her height.

Jeanie Moore give her ideas for G. R. programs to Phyllis Draper and Mary Lou Focht.

We hate to do this to you Paul Barchus but we have given your dancing ability to Lyle Gage. You won't need it in the army, anyway.

Rachel Robinson gives her curly locks and cute snicker to Donald

Stovick. Take good care of them Donald.

Robert Cerven with a lot of persuasion wills Helen Harmon to the Senior boys next year. We hope there will still be space in the halls then.

Robert Rockwell is the lucky guy to get Doreen Titsworth's cleverness and black hair.

Maybe gas rationing will be cut more but without thinking about that, Dale Hanson and Florence Means will their parking ability to Tom McAlpin and Bubbles Coy. Don't forget to keep up the tradition.

WE, the senior class of 1944, will our little used seats in the assembly, our music ability, our Volcano editors, our places in the letter club, our G. R. officers, our Commercial Department stars, and last our privilege of being seniors to the classes which will follow us.

The above statement was duly read and sworn before the Seniors on this first day of May, 1944.

(Signed)
 The Senior Class of 1944.

**SKUNK ZOO TO CLOSE
 MONDAY**

The famous Skunk Zoo at Guss, Iowa, where millions have come to see the world famous pets perform, will close Monday, it was announced today by the zoo's keeper, the former Phyllis Warner. When asked her reason for retiring, Phyllis said, "I find one "Stinky" enough to care for." Phyllis' son was three years old yesterday.

America's No. 1 pilot, Mrs. J. Baker, will no longer be seen doing barrel-rolls and power dives in her P-38 "Johnie Avenger." It has been reported that the former Doreen Titsworth's husband has threatened divorce on the ground of desertion unless she spends more time with him and less with young air-line pilots among the clouds.

A report, received this week by the National Garden Growers' association from Iowa's Ideal Farm, indicates record results in this year's cabbage crop. The farm, managed by Virginia Raines, produces annually more cabbages than any other two farms. Virginia is now attending the State Fair in Des Moines, where her prize cabbage, weighing 45 pounds is on display.

The celebrated opera star, Madam Humperdinck, is now on tour in Russia, and is scheduled to sing for Stalin, Roosevelt, and Churchill in Berlin in the near future. Madame Humperdinck's operatic abilities were discovered in 1944 when she appeared in the famous production "Beginner's Luck." Many will remember her as Rachel Robinson.

The Misses Betty Anderson and Mary Copelin returned to Villisca this week from Washington, D. C., where the two girls have been employed. Mary plans to take the fatal step soon, but no wedding bells for Betty. When asked her plans for the future, Betty said, "Always the bridesmaid but never the bride for me. I had my share of cooking during G. R. activities while in high school."

Darlene Burkhead is announcing this week her graduation from the popular new correspondence course, "How to Become Short in Ten Easy Lessons." Speaking in favor of the course, Miss Burkhead, bookkeeper at Younker Brothers in Des Moines said, "I'm only four feet, nine now, and the happiest girl in the world."

Mrs. Max Roberts, the former Betty Wohlenhaus, left this week for Hollywood. She has been called there by a motion picture producer to assist in a picture production. The picture will be called, "The Toughest Kid in the Block" and will star Betty's kid brother, Billy.

Mrs. Jo Overman Sawyer, Mc-

Cormick, Woolworth, Vanhoover, Randchester entertained 100 guests at her penthouse in New York Friday, celebrating the last of her many marriages. Mrs. Randchester stated that she considers this one final.

The paper received today the news from Geneva, Switzerland, that Betty Scott has been awarded the National Vegetarian Medal of Honor for her Swiss bread entry in the world-wide exposition now being held in Geneva. Miss Scott learned her bread-making technique in the V. H. S. Homemaking Department.

Gordon Peterman, president of the Villisca National Bank, announced this week his platform which he will advocate in the next term as State Comptroller of Currency. The platform reads: "More Money for Everyone, no Matter from What Source—My Privately-owned Counterfeiting Factory, My Counterfeiting Factory, or My Home-owned Counterfeiting Factory."

Pictured above are Senator Mary McCracken and friend, Clara Luce Booth on the capital steps. The picture was taken just after Senator McCracken's press conference in which she pledged to clean up Southern politics. "A life long ambition," said Miss McCracken, "Dates back to a discussion in my senior Government class in V. H. S."

Dr. Lola McIntosh, M. D., specialist in arms, legs, fingers, and toes, has just published a book entitled, "Joints, Wet and Dry." It promises to be a best seller.

Out of town guests of the week are the charming young Arbogasts, visiting in the home of Mrs. Arbogast's parents, the W. E. Brodricks. The couple plan to fly to Chicago the first of the week where Mr. Arbogast is employed as Literary teacher in the Chicago public schools.

Morris and Max, Jr., twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Max Means, entertained eight little girls at a birthday dinner last evening, celebrating their sixth birthday. Refreshments served by their mother, the former Patty Dunn, consisted of ice cream similar to that made by her during carnival time at V. H. S.

And here's an advertisement: Allshouse Rollerdom, Greatest in the West, Open Every Day of the Week. Rosalie and William Allshouse, owners and stars of the continent give exhibitions every Monday and Friday evenings.

And now we go to the farm front. From the National Stockman's Convention, T. C. Ingersoll again has been elected foremost stockman of the year. While there, Tom read a Scientific paper on "How to Keep Baby Beeves from returning to Their Mothers." Another member, Dale Hanson, has been active in this same organization for many years, also attending this convention. He reports, however, that he and his wife, the former Florence Means, also famous in the Homemaking field have decided to retire in the preference of raising-----corn!!

Another personage of national importance, Bob Cerven, spoke at the banquet on the subject of "White Chickens and the Shape of Their Eyes."

Advice to the love-orn by Martha Dodson, expert on the subject of love: Dear High School Girl: Should you go steady while in school? If you are now going steady, my advice to you is as follows. Hang on to him. If you are not now going steady, there isn't really much you can do about it, is there? Yours for love, Dotty Love.

Read the Ads in this issue of The V. H. S. Volcano.

CLASS HISTORY "44"

Scene: The History Room—
Time: About that time—
Characters: Class of "44"—and
History teacher Guess who???

Properties: History Books—dated September 1, 1931 to May 12, 1944—
Children, take your seats—and open your books to kindergarten where Miss Xenia Brown patiently awaited another bunch of freckle-faced, bow-legged kids. It was a cloudy day—but the smiles on those children's faces were enough to brighten any classroom. We had a big enrollment—believe it or not that first year—among them were: Paul Barchus, Richard Osborn, Earl Neal, Bill Peckham, Leo Shrimpton, Ralph Walter, Georgie Landers, Tom McFarlin, Robert Finkle, Lyman Larson, Junior Crowder—my look at the boys—Lois Joyce Clayton, Norma Calvert, Mary Jean Hutton, Doris Wynn, Joyce Tyler, Jeanie Moore, Lola McIntosh, Martha Ann Dodson, Joanna Overman, Betty Pettengill, Laura Lee Peters, and Dorothy Williams.

We were really hot on the blocks that year—our band had several engagements led by Bill Peckham breaker!

Tommy McFarlin set the style that year with a cow-hide coat—Boy!—were we jealous—it was a Guemsey!

Lois McIntosh lost her—it broke—the handle on her pocketbook—fooled you didn't we? The whole class was dismissed to go out in the school yard and look for it. Paul Barchus went out for a drink of water. We all passed with flying colors—flying anyway. Turn the page and go on with the lesson. First grade.

We learned to play postoffice this year. What we mean is we had a little make-shirt postoffice and took turns being the runners of it. Oh, the fascinating letters we sent that year and Betty Anderson in while Junior Crowder left.

Miss Skinner taught us the old "push and pull" method this year—and Jeanie Moore was the only one who could use pen and ink without scribbling—but we all got penmanship pins in the end!

What—a new addition—Bob McCreedy came in and Georgie Landers, our little Mexican friend left. We had a real fire on the roof this year. When we heard the fire bell we all ran out on the school yard and watched the firemen put out the blaze. Lois Joyce Clayton cried her eyes out cause she had some new overshoes and she was afraid they'd burn up. She'd bawl now if her overshoes were in a fire.

Miss Cervin taught us to sing and gave us a star for every time we hit a right note—stars weren't in season that year.

We all brought bread wrappers for the slippery slide—greased lightning!!! Joyce Tyler was the first one to come to school this year in her bare feet and all the rest of the girls had to wait for at least May 1st before we dared to roll our socks down to our knees.

School was getting to be a snap and so we passed on to 2d grade and Miss Katherine Meyers—while Paul Barchus still drinks at the water fountain.

Music was our passion—we sang such songs as "Polly Pu the Kettle On," and "This is the Way We Wash Our Clothes, Wash Our Clothes," etc.—with actions.

It was the usual year with its cuts, scratches, and bruises—splinters from the slippery slide. Raymond Casebolt came in and had a wreck on his sled.

We ascended the stairs into third grade. Learning to march and cross over with your partner on the stairs was our biggest accomplishment this year. We were thrilled to death when we got to stay

after school and wash the blackboards. Betty Pettengill had the scarlet fever and Jo Overman took a trip south that winter. Miss Miller came to the conclusion that we were definitely dumb in figures—but look at us now—!

Fourth grade and Miss Verna Fengel here we come. Ha, ha. Jeanie Moore got slapped this year. Roger Hausen came in and took over the hearts of the pin-up girls of the 4th grade. Our most important step was the election of our mayor and city council members. The duties of these peace makers were to restore justice on the playground and make sure that everyone had brushed their teeth and washed their little bodies with the Life Buoy soap they passed out weekly.

New Chapter—new year—dear children take your seats. We caught up with Keith Smith this year and Johnny Wells, the Missourian entered our domicile. Morrie Johnson, wearing "snickers." One curl across the forehead was the rage—boy, were we messes—but to us that spelled CLASS! Miss Floyd used to give us the once-over every morning as we entered the room—just to see if anything new had been added. Giving valentines sort of cramped our styles—oh, the ????

Sixth grade. My but we were devils—putting the birds in Miss Peterson's desk drawers—throwing dogs out of windows.

Robert Moser (Pood to you) was Poet Laureate of the 6th grade. We all got lice that year and Robert Finkle shaved his head. Keith Smith was the bully and we all picked on him!

We took a trip east that fall—to seventh grade. Miss Enarson, Miss Hemsted, and Miss Hayes were at the door to greet us. Our biggest accomplishment this year was learning to do without recess. We used to sing in the choir on Sunday evenings—afterwards, the more aggressive kids had dates.

We were wild about every Tom, Dick and Harry—much to the distress of our dear teachers—but you know how that silly stage is—and Paul Barchus came in from the fountain! My but that was a long drink, Paul. Impatiently we awaited the eighth grade and upon our arrival we started planning the eighth grade class party almost at once.

Star-gazing was an outstanding feature—like fools—we looked at the stars, with a few exceptions. Class officers were: Jo Overman, president; Emmett Fastenau, vice; Jeanie Moore, secretary, and Roger Hausen, treasurer.

Music was B. sharp, B natural, but never B flat. The colors: Blue and gold. The flower: Tulip.

Graduation from eighth grade calls for brand new history books entitled: "Now that you're here, get used to the fact." In the shuffle we have lost several students and gained others. The enrollment stands as: Doreen Titsworth, Flossie Means, Mary McCracken, ????, Murren, Lois Morehouse, Mary Lou Bryson, Rachel Robinson, Patty Dunn, Dale Hanson, Bob Cervin, Tom Ingersoll, Bob Gray, Billy and Rosy Allshouse, Jimmy Larson, Jack Keller, Barbara Victor, Betty White, Laverne and Jean Johnson, Peggy ????, Delphia Winston, Virginia Raines, Betty Teacher, Jo Overman, Jeanie Moore, Betty Pettengill, Bob McCreedy, Paul Barchus, Martha Dodson, Richard ????, Joyce Tyler, Gordon Peterman, Peggy Brodrick, Laura Lee Peters, Bette Wohlenhaus, Elvera Anderson, and Lola McIntosh.

Miss Jamison, Miss Gardner, Miss Rusk, Mr. Armstrong, and Mr. Jackson were our teachers.

The only excitement was Betty Pettengill's leg—she pulled the lig-

aments in her knee and got carried across the park on a stretcher. We clamored for social life and so spent all our spare time in joining all the extra activities.

We looked forward to the time when we would no longer be looked upon as the underdogs—and so our passing on was a blessing.

Geometry—ugh—we gave Ronald Yaichek a headache but the feeling was mutual. Miss Larson was a one-act-play enthusiast and so likewise we became enthused—turned out some pretty good stuff, too. We had choc. Cherries in Miss Gardner's Latin—worms in Worley's Biology, and Mummies in Aunt Margie's History Class. We were proud to be a part of the group that go to the State Music Contest in Council Bluffs—oh those bus rides—no gas rationing!

Time is passing, paper waiting—let's get on to Jr. year. Our sponsors were Coach Dillon and Mrs. Kinsinger. Class officers were: Jo Overman, pres.; vice., Jeanie Moore; secy., Bud Arbogast, and treas., Mary McCracken. The Jr. Class Play was one of the hi-lights of the year. "Grandma and the American Way."

We were all terribly self-conscious as we sat down to our typewriters for the first time—plunk, plunk—oh those nasty budgets! Jr. Sr. Banquet—need we say more? Remember that night club scene with the painted sky-scrapers in the background—flying airplanes, spot lights, and the flop blackout when no one heard the siren—but never the less, we had a riot of a time.

We turn to the last chapter with faltering feet—

The Senior year has flown for us and here are the results of the direct primary: Bud Arbogast, pres.; Bob McCreedy, vice; Betty Anderson, secy.; and Lola McIntosh, treas.

Sponsors were Miss Seibert and Mr. Vernon. Flower: Lily of the Valley. Cholors: Green and white. Motto: We have crossed the bar, the ocean lies before us.

Skip day was spent at home and we had a swell time. Senior Class Play (plug) was "Beginner's Luck"—Senior Chapel, Jr.-Sr. Banquet, (we were the guests), Baccalaureate, Farewell Chapel, and Commencement were the concluding events of the year.

But wait, is that the end at the bottom of the page!—why no, it's only the beginning!

SENIOR FUTURES MAKE HEADLINES

I have with me today, the latest edition of the unabridged, unprejudiced, and uncensored paper, the "V. H. S. News," published each year by the senior class of the Villisca High School. This publication contains valuable, and entertaining news of the individual members of each year's graduates. And brought to you at no expense whatsoever, financially or otherwise.

This year's edition is sincerely dedicated to the Class of 1944, who were, ten years ago, just starting on their roads of adventure. Now we may report to you where they are, who they are, what they are doing, and why.

Let's check up on the Class of 44.

BEHIND THE SCENES

The audience which witnessed the performance of "Beginner's Luck" Tuesday, April 9, enjoyed the play immensely. But so did the performers! Play practice was real fun for each member of the cast, and "back stage" memories of funny incidents will not soon be forgotten.

Waiting for their cues back-stage, the actors and actresses de-

voted the first day of practice at the Rialto in adding their names to the walls of the supposed bedroom and kitchen. There we found the names, plays they were in, and date of the productions of probably every V. H. S. er who has taken part in a play since the beginning of time. Some names were forgotten, but the majority were remembered, and it was great fun to explore these sacred panels for the names of your older brothers and sisters and their classmates.

Bud Arbogast, the amazing Tony Donato, produced a problem for the costume committee when he could not produce a hand-organ, vital necessity to complete his character of an Italian street musician. So Doreen Titsworth and associates saved the day by creating one out of bat box and a little bright paint. The saying, "Necessity is the mother of invention," was again proved when the stage crew created approximately six "background" skyscrapers in five minutes out of wallpaper, colors, and a great deal of imagination.

Despite the occasional smell of deceased rodents and a very chilly atmosphere, the play progressed remarkably. Jo Overman donned bedroom slippers to keep her toes warm. Martha Dodson lost herself in Gordon Peterman's jacket, and Bob McCreedy resorted to ear muffs, but all kept from freezing. We hadn't planned on snow in May. Gordon Peterman showed interest one day over the supposed "Fall City Echo," "the home-town newspaper" which Jeanie Moore was reading. He interrupted Jeanie, asking her to tear out the first page. Then, "Tear out the second page," (rip, rip), "Now tear out the third page," (rip), "Now hand over the funnies."

We could recite forever and a day on happenings "behind the scenes" of "Beginner's Luck." If the audience enjoyed our actual production as much as we enjoyed preparing and presenting the play, it was a great success.

COMMERCIAL STUDENTS RECEIVE GREGG AWARDS

Once each month Mrs. Armstrong gave both the beginning and advanced shorthand classes the Gregg Dictation Test. The tests are given at the rates of 60, 80, 100, 120 and 140 words per minute for five minutes. Those who passed the 60 word dictation in the beginning are as follows: Carol McKee, Barbara Wolfe, Gerry Lohry and LaVaughn Olenius. In the advanced class those who have passed the 100 word dictation test are: Peggy Brodrick, Patty Dunn, Mary McCracken, Florence Means, Jeannie Moore, Jo Overman, Laura Lee Peters, Betty Jean Pettengill, Betty Scott and Phyllis Warner. Those in the advanced class who have passed the 120 word dictation are as follows: Peggy Brodrick, Mary McCracken, Jeannie Moore, Jo Overman, Florence Means. Mary McCracken successfully passed the 140-word dictation test.

In the Homemaking Page, edited by Home Economist Florence Means, offered for a tempting breakfast dish for the coming bad weather is radish cereal. "No fuss, no muss, just pour it out and eat it up." Rich in the new vitamins X Y Z. A dish designed solely by yours truly.

It is reported that Captain Robert McCreedy just finished a mopping up cruise in the South Pacific, it has just been reported by the the Navy Department, Captain of the P-T boat, "The Zombie," McCreedy states that the crew shot down three attacking sea gulls and captured numerous aggressive monkeys.

Mrs. Myron Demorest, the former

Jeanie Moore of the Class of '44, stopped at her home in Villisca for a short visit before returning to Washington, D. C., where she is employed. Mrs. Demorest has been spending the last three weeks with her husband who is stock market reporter at the Omaha, Nebraska, Radio Station.

The former Betty Pettengill, now wife of Don Bryson, is taking the place of Dorothy Lamour in stardom fame. It all goes back to the Bryson's south sea island home where Betty has become an expert at wearing a zipperless sarong; therefore, when the shortage of zippers came along, there was Betty, the perfect solution to all sarong-loving fans of the motion picture industry.

Word was received by this paper today that Laura Lee Peters of Washington, D. C., has not yet arrived in Villisca. Miss Peters, F. B. I. employee in our nation's capital since 1944, has been trying for six years to take a vacation, but the soldiers would never let her off the train.

The Jr. High wishes to thank the Girl Reserves for the money they gave them for their part in the carnival. They plan to buy two pictures with this money, one for the 7th grade room and one for the 8th grade room. On the bottom of each picture they are going to have a plaque with the words "Jr. High '44."

Read the ads in this issue of The V. H. S. Volcano.

We want to thank the Senior Class and other students of the Villisca Schools for the fine pat=ronage given our store.
H. C. LINDELL

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