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## A TRIBUTE TO HONOR STUDENTS

The more understanding one has, the better he realizes that a better world will come about only when man desires within himself a better world, and works toward that end. As young people study and live together day by day in their various classrooms, they learn the facts and principles that govern life. Those who work energetically and faithfully to get these facts, and who apply them to work out problems that constantly arise, keep enlarging their horizon, and become the leaders of their community.

There are thirty students in the class of 1944 who have distinguished themselves, not only by earning a place on the Scholastic Honor Roll of Lincoln High School, but also by having given valuable service in other activities of the school and of the city. Through a recent survey, it came to light that some of these students, because of the man-power shortage,

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## HONOR STUDENTS

## ANNUAL JUNIOR PROM GALA SOCIAL AFFAIR

The prom of this year is again only a memory in the minds of the students, but it is one that the Junior Class is willing to bet on as the best, since the older generations were giving them.

All hearts beat as one when the youngster of the band "gave out" on several vocals, and students are still talking about the good music of this year's prom.

The royalty was dressed in grand array, and were given a nice round of applause as they were presented for the grand march. Queen Shirley Kennedy was beautiful in a white formal. The many couples in the grand march were King Tony Yeager and Queen Shirley Kennedy, Jack Kahoun and Thea Jane Worlund, Bill Baer and Rita King, Jerry Rowland and Evelyn Taylor, Rose Marie Becker and Charles Bremmer, Marjorie Rockwood and Harry Nelson, Wayne Williams and Kathryn Bender, John Fiegel and Shirley Walters. The chairmen

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## Lincoln High Commencement Exercises Thursday June 1st; 203 Seniors Will Graduate

**Rev. R. W. Kingdon To Deliver Sermon at Senior  
Vesper Services On May 28, L. B. Mosely  
Speaks At Commencement Exercises**

In the class of 1944, there are 203 seniors that will graduate. Plans are not complete for the commencement exercises, but the following program has been arranged.

The Senior Vesper Service will be held in the Field House, Sunday, May 28, at 8:00 p. m. Rev. R. W. Kingdon has been chosen to speak to the seniors.

The event everyone is looking forward to is Class Night, May 31. The president of the senior class, Jack Kahoun, will preside. The program is being prepared by the class, and will include their will, history, and prophecy. Awards, including those of the D. A. R., American Legion, Elks, Band and Orchestra

Mothers, and Rotary, will also be given.

The most memorable night of all, graduation, will be Thursday evening, June 1. Mr. L. B. Mosely, of Madison, will talk to the students. The speakers representing the senior class were elected by the honor group. Jean Abel will give the class welcome and Bob Cooper the farewell for the class.

Lincoln Lights especially wishes to congratulate, on behalf of the faculty and student body, those seniors who will graduate with the class, but will not be able to be here because of service in the armed forces.

## "MRS. MINIVER" SCORES AS SENIOR CLASS PLAY

The successful novel and motion-picture success, "Mrs. Miniver," by Jan Struther has now been made into a play by Christopher Sergel, and was presented by the Senior Class of 1944 on May 15-16, at 8:00 P. M. in Lincoln Field House.

"Mrs. Miniver" is a three act play taking place in the early stages of World War II. The scene for Act I is Mrs. Miniver's living-room in September, 1939; Act II is the same but the following spring; Act III is a few weeks later.

The cast chosen to take the parts in the play is as follows: Clem (Mr. Miniver), played by Bob Cooper, is a successful architect; Mrs. Miniver, his wife, played by Ruth Roberts; Vin, Toby, and Judy, their children, are played by Bernard Haza, Bob Brehm, and Jane Ritchay respectively. Adie, Carol Pfeiffer, is the Miniver housekeeper; Helen, Betty Keuntjes, is engaged to Vin; Johnny, Jack Kahoun, is Helen's brother; Susan, Dorothy Mader, is Mrs. Miniver's friend;

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THIRD ROW: Robert Cooper, James Marks, Clifford Shearier, Bernard Haza, George Schmidt, Ervin Jagodzinski, Bruce Fischer, Charles Fisher, Wallace Fritzsche. SECOND ROW: Dean Plzak, Ruth Rickman, Gayl Christensen, Barbara Brown, Madeline Simonis, Audrey Schmidt, Georgia Gerum, Jean Abel, James Engelman. FIRST ROW: Nancy Nash, Betty Ann Johnson, Jane Tess, Dorothy Wittenberg, Alice Jacob, Joan Peterson, Arlene Oestreich, Lynette Cutler, Jane Ritchay. NOT ON PICTURE: Mary Huffman, Marvin Teske, Edward Murgatroyd.



## Wendell Willkie Gives Interview To The Lincoln Lights Editor

By Robert M. Kingdon

Having been assigned to cover Mr. Willkie's visit to Wisconsin Rapids for the Lincoln Lights, I had been hoping all day that I could have a chance to interview the great man himself, but as the minutes ticked away and he was introduced and then spoke, I grew more and more doubtful of my chances. Through the graciousness of Mr. Mead, however, an interview was arranged for me at the Mead residence where Mr. Willkie was staying while in Wisconsin Rapids.

After Mr. Mead had introduced me to Willkie, I sat down on the couch beside him and asked him a few questions. First I told him that I represented our school paper and

tion to which he referred in his speech. He replied that he did not think that that was important because he felt that the organization itself would develop as the need for it arose. He told me that the important thing in the world today was the fact that the great masses of people in Russia and China especially were being or would and should be educated to the advantages and privileges of liberty. He felt that Americans must realize that this will result in the increasing of the sense of their rights and the place they can and perhaps should assume in the world in the minds of these people.

In response to a query as to whether after this took place, mach-



I asked him if he had any special message for high school students. He replied that since the topic was so extensive and of such importance, requiring thought, he felt that he did not have the time or energy to do justice to it. Then, because the question had never been satisfactorily answered in my mind despite two years of debating on it, I asked him what type of world organization he favored to cope with the need of international coopera-

tion such as the League might be used to promote cooperation. Mr. Willkie merely nodded and departed to meet some of hundred odd guests assembled at Mead's.

The fact that impressed me most during the interview was the realization that though this man had been around the world and talked to people like Stalin, Churchill and Chiang-Kai-Shek, he was still talking to me, a high school Junior, with great consideration and cour-

## LINCOLN HIGH BOASTS OUTSTANDING RECORD

Lincoln High School can be justly proud of its marvelous record in the sale of war bonds and stamps. This record shows that the students are really backing the men and women who are battling on the home front and on the war fronts for victory.

Since January 4, when we put up the Minute Man flag which signifies that 90% of the student body had bought bonds or stamps, that flag has not had to come down once! We have not only kept the average from going below 90% for such a long period, but we have maintained an average of more than 93%! The highest percentage ever achieved was 96% and the total stamp and bond sales amounts to \$14,808.40!

Doubly proud should be the pupils of the rooms of Mr. Hornigold and Mr. Samuelson who have had 100% since the beginning of the year. Also deserving of praise are the rooms which have had 100% since January 4, the date of the presentation of the Minute Man flag. These include the following rooms: (last name of school room teacher given)

Beadle .....	Miller
Bird .....	Neale
Torresani .....	Roach
Holliday .....	Talbot, Kelly

Four of these rooms, those of Mr. Torresani, Mr. Kelly, Miss Neale, and Miss Roach — have missed 100% only once since the beginning of the year.

## LOUISE ZIMMERMAN HEADS GIRLS BASEBALL TEAMS

Louise Zimmerman is head of the girls baseball teams this year. Under her supervision, the girls baseball teams have been organized. The class teams have played the color teams.

Sophomores vs Freshmen, was one of the games played with the Sophomores as the winners. In the future the teams will play off games for the championship.

Good luck kids and loads of fun in baseball next year.

tesy, despite the fact that he was obviously so tired, even asking me if he had adequately answered my question when he was finished. It made me feel that he really meant it when he said in his speech in the Field House that each and every person was of such worth that no one man, however great, could rule them without their express consent and it also made me feel that here was a man who believed heart and soul in real democracy.

## Annual "Pop" Concert Outstanding Success

In observance of national music week, the band and orchestra, under the direction of Joseph Liska, Jr., presented their annual Pop Concert on May 9th.

The orchestra opened the program with "A Musical Tournament," a selection showing the style of Gounod, Brahms, Strauss, and Gershwin in the "Andante" theme from Hayden's "Surprise Symphony." "Valse Bluettes" (Richard Drigo) followed, with a typical Xavier Cugat style of Latin American music played in "Que Paso" (Eugene Holberg) next.

The fourth number was the "Russian Sailor's Dance" from the ballet, "The Red Poppy." Following were the well known Schubert's "Ave Maria" and the popular number, "Holiday For Strings." To close their portion of the program, the orchestra played David Bennett's new "Radio Symphonette" arrangement of Rimsky Korsakov's "Song of India."

After a brief intermission, the band opened the second portion with a march "His Honor" (Fillmore). "Swiss Boy, Air Varie" (Paul de Ville) followed, with two seniors, Jack Kahoun and Bob Brehm, taking the spotlight. "Soldier of Fortune" by Hildreth and "Intermezzo" by Wicand followed. Then the band played a patriotic march "Spirit of America" (Zamecnik). "Safari" (Holmes) was the last number by the band. The program closed with the national anthem.

The program showed much work on the part of the director and students, and they are to be complimented on the fine evening of good music they gave the audience.

## PEP CLUB GIRLS GIVE MOTHER, DAUGHTER TEA

The Pep Club girls will hold their annual Mother and Daughter Tea in the cafeteria on Wednesday evening, May 24. The highlight of the program will be the presentation of each mother to the group with an appropriate poem by her daughter. Afterwards refreshments will be served. As usual the faculty women and the faculty men's wives are cordially invited to attend.

The chairmen of the committees are as follows: Program, Ruth Rickman; Programs, Joyce Helms; Invitations, Margaret Beadle; Refreshments, Nat Lester.



## TWENTY-ONE STUDENTS PASS SHORTHAND TEST

On May 4 the Gregg 60-minute shorthand award test was given.

The requirement for winning the award is to take dictation at 60 words a minute for 5 minutes, a total number of 300 words with 15 or less errors.

Twenty-one of the students made the requirement and will receive the award. They are as follows:

Anna Rose Bach, Audrey Basuener, Rose Marie Becker, Eleanor Braun, Blanche Busch, Delores Coon, Hazel Erickson, Joyce Habbeck, Ardis Johnson, Shirley Kennedy, Lanice Koukalek, Susan Kroll, Shirley Nash, Cynthia Peterson, Gordon Raasch, Richard Renne, Kathleen Roets, Mary Smith, Agnes Sworoski, Edith Weiss, and Wayne Williams.

Miss Hass's advanced shorthand class is almost a minus quantity. Of the 30 girls who were in the class last fall, all except six have jobs, and those six either do not want to leave school now or are planning on going on to college.

Recently three of these girls, Lucille Schill, Lorraine Killian, and Jean Abel, won the 120-word award for shorthand, which means that they took dictation for 5 minutes at 120 words a minute and transcribed with better than 95% accuracy.

## THIRTY SENIORS WIN SCHOLASTIC HONORS

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have been giving on an average of twelve to twenty-five hours a week to jobs not connected with their school work, as well as taking part in forensics, dramatics, sports, music, student council, and other activities that make school life profitable and interesting.

Students, for the most part, who have gained enough mastery of themselves, and of their language to be articulate concerning the issues of the day, are to be found in this honor group.

Two students whose names appear on the Honor Roll are not in the picture: Edward Murgatroyd has joined the service of his country. The friends of Myrtle Hamann, must feel that her calm and eager soul is surely carrying on beside them, with the dawn of each new day.

All these young people have been and are a credit to their parents, to their school, and to their community. To them much has been given; from them much will be expected in the making of a leadership for a better world for all the races of mankind.

## IN MEMORIAM

*Lincoln High pauses to pay tribute to one of its honor students who completed all the requirements for that title, but who will not materially receive them.*

*Myrtle Hamann was one of our senior honor students, but her untimely death on March 31, cut short her fine work. Her fine academic ability and quiet, retiring character won for her the love and admiration of all who knew her.*

## GAMMA SIGMA AWARDS GO TO KAHOUN, TESKE

This year, Gamma Sigma has chosen Jack Kahoun and Marvin Teske to receive the award which has traditionally been given since Miss Bradford first organized this club.

Gamma Sigma has been composed of fifty members this year. The musicians admitted this year were Patsy Breed, Donna Farris, Don Sprise, Paul Roach, Robert Kingdon, Madelyn Johnson, Susan Reiland, Rita Middlecamp, David Taminga and Jill Severance. Gloria Bengert, pianist, was made an honorary member, because she is not a high school student.

The Club is preparing their annual May Concert which will be given the twenty-ninth. Only seniors will participate in this program.

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of the various committees were included in the group.

The theme of the Promenade, "Lamplighter's Serenade," was written in large blue letters and sprinkled with snow; it hung on the back curtain. The characteristic lamplighter was seen in a street scene on the stage.

The punch stand, so designated by large red letters, was almost constantly encircled by "patrons."

The chaperons were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smith, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. King, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Rowland, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Ritchay.

Instead of questions such as "What is your formal like?" "Whom are you going with," the formals are now tucked away 'til a later date and the hustle and bustle of anticipation has left the rafters of Lincoln High for another year.

## Honor Assembly For Outstanding Students

Wednesday, May 24, is the honor assembly of the year. Awards will be given to the outstanding students participating in school clubs and organizations. Jack Kahoun and Marvin Teske will receive awards from Gamma Sigma. The forensic awards will be given to the following: Dean Plzak, Bill Staub, Robert Kingdon, LeRoy Abler, Don Love, Phyllis Peterson, Jack Cole, Robert Miller, Dick Corey, Dan Teas, Dorothy Wilcox, and Robert Manske; extemporaneous speaking, Robert Kingdon; extemporaneous reading, Jean Abel; oratory, Robert Cooper; declamation, Rita King and Kay Westphal. Virginia Brown has been the outstanding leader in the Community Victory Corp. Robert Kingdon, Marian Clapp, and the author of the best article in this issue will receive letters for outstanding work on the Lincoln Highlights. In the art department of the Ahdawagam staff, Joan Staub, Mae Rued, and Margaret Beadle will receive honorable mention. Gayl Christenson and Joyce Haza are also outstanding. The contests for G.A.A. are not yet finished but letters and pins will be awarded. Dorothy Wittenberg will receive the coveted G. A. A. cup. Track awards, unknown at the time, will also be given.

## "MRS. MINIVER" SCORES AS SENIOR CLASS PLAY

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Lady Burfish, Jean Abel, a titled lady; Tommy, Jenny, Liza, are evacuee children, taken care of by the Minivers, are played by Bob Haferman, Rosemary Sawyer and Irene Smith respectively; the Air Raid Warden of the neighborhood is played by Bill Rusch.

The production staff has taken people from all grades in school. They are as follows: Stage Manager, Bruce Fischer; Crew, Bill Baer, Bob Neibauer, Gene Casey; sound effects, Ben Eron and Dave Taminga; properties manager, Sue Severance, crew, Joan Peterson, Ruth Rickman, Kathleen Treutel, Phyllis Peterson, Jean Gross; costume chairman, Jackie Hein, crew, Betty Kittel and Colleen Crotteau; make-up chairman, Rita King, crew, Jill Severance, and Phyllis Koss; advertising manager, Mary Huffman, crew, Arlene Oestreich, Irene Holzt, Ruth Rickman, Joan Petersen; tickets, Joan Malicke, Theresa Strosin, Pat Walsh, Norma Frank; ushers, Betty Kawalske, Lois Kurz, Delores Condo; program cover, Gerald Mathews; music by high school orchestra under the direction of Mr. Joseph Liska, Jr. The student directors were Rose Marie

## DEAN PLZAK AWARDED UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

Dean Plzak was a winner in the Ripon college competition in which he placed ninth in a field of 163 high school students who competed in the examination. He was graded 256 out of a possible 335 points in the examination which included English, mathematics, science, and history.

He was also awarded a tuition scholarship to the University of Wisconsin. He received this on the basis of the scholastic average held by him during the past four years.

Dean has been advertising manager for Lincoln Lights during the last part of this year. We wish him much success in his further education.

## TOM VAN DREESE NEW ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

In our last issue, we stated that assistant sports editor, Jim Kruger, was holding down the job of sharpening the sports editor's pencil. Now we have a fellow who holds down the job of sharpening Jim's pencil. He is a new student in the school who comes to us from Green Bay West, Tom Van Dreesse. However Tom does far more than just sharpen Kruger's pencil. In the short time that he has been here he has covered several articles in the style that made him acting sports editor at West. Tom, who is now in his Junior year, likes Lincoln High School very much. His ambition at present is to become a civil engineer. His hobby is model railroads. As to Tom's journalistic ability, his articles speak for themselves.

## SPANISH CLASS GIVES SPANISH-MEXICAN DINNER

The second-year Spanish Class was host to the first-year class at a Spanish-Mexican dinner on Thursday, May 11, in the school cafeteria at 6:00. The table was decorated with jars, jugs, cactus and whole pineapples.

At the conclusion of the dinner, a toast was proposed by Ben Eron to the out-going Seniors. A Spanish skit was presented by Keith Hackbarth and Donald Kubisiak. Crossword puzzles were worked by all, in Spanish, with Spanish songs being sung between courses.

The committee in charge consisted by Betty Lou Kittell and Jean Gardner.

Becker and Marjorie Rockwood. Assistant director was Corinne Forster. Mr. Angus MacDougal was the director-in-chief.



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## EDITORIALS . . .

## ON EDUCATION . . .

Recently I saw a cartoon showing two men in a public library. One man was dressed in the clothes of a very rich man and had an air of opulence and leisure. He was reading "The G-String Murders." On the other hand was a man dressed in overalls with grime smeared on his face — evidently a manual laborer in some factory. He was reading Plato's "Republic." This situation probably does not occur very frequently but it would be an excellent thing for this world if it did.

A prominent engineer who had gone far in his field was asked once about the subjects that should be taken in high school by anyone who wanted to be a success in engineering. He replied that such a person should take anything but engineering. Doctors, clergymen and other professional men also say that the wisest thing to do for anyone who wants to follow some particular profession is to get a liberal education while in high school and college — to take a smattering of everything — and then to get the specialized material in that profession in some post-graduate school not only because the material presented in a high school or college is not so likely to be so accurate and up-to-date but because anyone who wants to go far in the world must have a general liberal education.

Now just what is this liberal education and what does it consist of? Dr. Kuebler, president of Ripon College, explained it very well in a recent lecture in this city. He stated that the fundamentals of liberal education consist of —

- English which is necessary so that one can learn to express himself fluently. This includes knowledge of our great heritage of literature as well as understanding of principles of grammar and composition. Ideas are of little worth if they cannot be passed on.
- History which is essential for an intelligent appraisal of politics of today which is in turn essential for any intelligent citizen in a democracy. This does not mean mere memorizing material like the date of the battle of Austerlitz or the terms of the Treaty of Westphalia. History must teach the basic undercurrents which affect the world today — undercurrents such as nationalism, imperialism, the industrial revolution and its effects.
- Mathematics which is necessary to enable us to reason clearly and concisely and also to give us knowledge which is essential in our modern scientific world.
- Foreign languages also help us to reason and analyze more clearly and are valuable because they help us to understand and appreciate our own language more and they give us some idea of the cultures and philosophy of other people which we have to know in our present interdependent society.

These then are the things which all of us need to become intelligent and useful citizens no matter what our walk of life may be.

## AROUND THE CAMPUS

Scanning our "Exchange," we ran across this interesting bit — According to the La Crosse Central "High Tribune," Shirley Fuller (an ex-Lincolnite) is still in there "swinging," although, this time it's not with our own "Swing Shifters" but as saxophonist with Paul Frederick's orchestra, being the only girl member.

When Mr. Hornig, our band director for three years, was drafted, Mr. Elliott was assigned to take over his duties. Realizing that this job would only last for the duration of the war, and believing conditions would be better in Milwaukee for him and his family, Mr. Elliott recently resigned and has returned to his former position. The orchestra director, Mr. Liska, has taken over and is doing a very fine job.

The death of her mother caused Miss Virginia Stemp, speech teacher at Lincoln High School to resign. Her duties are being taken over by Mr. McDougal.

Lincoln High was also unfortunate in losing its printing teacher, Mr. Kane. Because of this we were unable to have a school paper this

month. Fey Publishing Company has consented to print the paper for us, so we are able to have a last edition, featuring our graduating class of '44.

It seems that the boys have started another new fashion, but this time it is "Crew" cuts instead of overalls.

Our vocal department teacher, Miss Harriet Lea, decided to take the fatal step and during Easter vacation, became Mrs. Hubert Schroeder.

Mr. Smith, Miss Flanagan, Miss Roach and Mr. Holliday attended the Wisconsin Vocation School Convention held at Milwaukee on May 6.

Lucille Schill is back in school after having her tonsils out.

Mary Warsinske, John Sayles and Marjorie Sandman have returned to school after appendectomies. Note that all live on Elm Street. Couldn't be catching, could it?

Bonnie Olson is back in school after having the mumps.

## ON MUSIC . . .

Are you a swoon-cat following the footsteps of The Voice or his rival Bing Crosby? Or do you swing along with a mixture of Tommy Dorsey and Harry James?

This boogie-woogie stuff is okay, but way back in your mouth, don't you have a taste for classical music? It may not be the heavy, even beats of Wagner or Gounod, but the more modern composers like Debussy or Strauss. Their music was the start of modern swing and is really quite pleasant to listen to. You may like opera, or the lasting songs as "Star Dust" or "Stormy Weather."

Did you ever turn the radio dial slowly and listen to the types of music being played? Starting at the left you might hit a nice, lovely hill-billy band blaring out with "You Are My Sunshine." Next to that Ginny Simms might be singing a love song. An orchestra, like David Rose or Morton Gould, would be rolling and flowing along on a river of notes. "The Marines Hymn" might be heard in a snappy march tempo. Then Frank Sinatra!!! If you're a girl you'd sit down, heave a sigh, and pause awhile. But if you belong to the male species, you'd turn the thing off, sit down, and wonder how he does it. Farther to the right, the New York Philharmonic orchestra might be giving a concert and the strains of Schubert's "Unfinished Symphony" would reach your ears. To top it all, way at the right, a lyric soprano might be yelling her lungs out on "Lover Come Back to Me" or "Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes."

In the conditions of war that exist today, music is necessary. What would the Norwegians do without their exhilarating national anthem? The Poles, Czechs, French, and other conquered countries all have their songs to enlighten their spirits and help them fight.

Would you like this world without music? There would be no whistling, no dancing, no singing, no rhythm, and no feeling for the pleasant things in life. A shiver of excitement runs up the back of a true American when he hears the stirring notes of the "Star Spangled Banner." We, as Americans, have the chance of hearing and obtaining good music, and we should take advantage of these opportunities.



## SWING SHIFTERS CUT A REALLY MEAN RUG

Lincoln High School, in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, boasts one of the finest organizations a school could have — a dance band composed of high school students! To see and hear them today makes it hard to believe that they organized on eighty cents!

In October, 1942, a group of students very boldly discussed the possibility of forming a dance band to provide music for all-school dances. It would, at the same time, give the players a hobby they were equally interested in, as each player already played in the band and orchestra at school.

So a group of twelve, two girls and ten boys, set out very determinedly to make this dance band succeed. Each member got some financial aid from their parents, because after all, they said, eighty cents was very little for an up and coming dance band! In this way, enough money was made available to make it possible to order the first shipment of music — all the popular modern jive numbers. Then came the big night. The night of the first rehearsal. With the very kind help of the school band director, Mr. Roger O. Hornig, now of the United States Army, the sweet and solid numbers began to take shape. Patience and determination were the two factors which kept them working on the music.

To give their parents an idea of the organization they had financed, the dance band decided to appear before the Band and Orchestra Mothers' Club. After hearing what their sons and daughters had accomplished, the club made a generous donation to the dance band. Overjoyed, the students were confident that now they could appear before the student body. So on November 12, 1943, a matinee dance was held at Lincoln High School. Suspense was in every soul as the first notes of the theme "Star Dust" fell on the ears of eager students. But a burst of applause brought a wave of relief over the dance band. They were a success! The student body liked them! The music seemed to come more easily now.

Following their first appearance, the dance band, now called the "Swing Shifters," was asked to appear very often at school dances. They have played over the air from the local radio station. They now have a treasury which has increased remarkably from eighty cents! They have up-to-date equipment — an amplifier, stands, which were designed by one of the players to cut

After stepping into the dim light (or Blackout), for a change we have once again those sparkling personalities, the seniors, coming out into the limelight.

First we run into Bill Rusch, and after waiting patiently for several hours finally get in our plea for an interview. Bill, kind soul that he is, grants it. He has a most unusual ambition and that is to be a bachelor. His pet peeve is women, his favorite sport is football; but most of all Bill likes to build model airplanes. I wouldn't worry girls, he might give you a tumble. Bill has told me that as far as he can remember the most embarrassing experience he endured was the time a girl walked off the floor on him. (Remember, Shirley, or was that too long ago?) His favorite food is, or should we say was, steak, while the orchestra that rates high with him is Harry James. His favorite song is "Jump Town." Bill was born in Chicago and then later moved to this beautiful city of Wisconsin Rapids. Bill is only 17, but knows that he will soon be in there pitching just like the rest of the boys. Bill also has a number of hobbies which he would not tell me about. Why not Bill? Would they embarrass you???

A very popular young lad around school these days is Jack Kahoun, who is not only president of the Senior Class, but of our Student Council, which governs the student body very well. Being a trumpet player and playing in the school band and orchestra, probably accounts for the rare choice of orchestra which is Morton Gould, while the song he likes best is "Pavanne." Jack wants to be a mechanical engineer after graduation, but his main interest is Thea Jane. He loves to eat ice cream cones and says "going steady is okay if you both understand each other."

The next senior to run into our beam of light is Jane Ritchay, who is president of Dramatic Club and also president of Pep Club. Her

down the expense of having them made, all types of mutes, and horns in A-1 condition to do their efforts justice. Clubs and organizations throughout the school frequently ask the Swing Shifters to play for their dances. With encouragement from the student body, and with the aid of Mr. Hornig, the dance band has become a prominent part of Lincoln High School. There are now thirteen members of the dance band, and younger players are being trained so that they may carry on and provide the music at future school dances.

## L I M E L I G H T

main ambition is to be a social worker. Jane says, "my pet peeve is cigar smoke." (We had better remind John to leave his cigars home or in camp the next time he is home on furlough). Her favorite orchestra is Count Basie, and the song is "This is a Lovely Way to Spend an Evening." She loves French fries and steaks, but says rationing doesn't bother her 'cause she would much rather dance than eat any way.

On March 14, 1926, a baby girl was found on the door step of Frank Abel's. They named her Jean. Living a very normal life and getting through school like most girls do, she succeeded in receiving first place in the extemporaneous reading division of the local forensic contest, the district contest at Stevens Point and the state contest at Madison. Next fall Jean has plans to enter the University of Wisconsin.

Her free time is spent playing ping pong, bowling or dancing. Her favorite orchestra is "Tommy Dorsey," and "I'll Get By," is her favorite song. As far as Frankie Sinatra and Bing Crosby are concerned, they both rate about the same with Jean. Her best beau, (Pudge) escorted her to the Prom and it is believed they both had a very good time. Lots of luck to both of you upon leaving good old Lincoln High School.

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WOULDN'T IT SOUND  
QUEER IF:

Margaret's name was HUG instead of KISS?

Jeanne's name was HORTICULTORIST instead of GARDNER?

Koral's was PRUNE instead of REZIN?

Dan's was BEG instead of TEAS?

Alice's was ALDERMAN instead of MAYER?

Ken's was TROUT instead of PIKE?

Mr. Hemp's was COTTON instead of HEMP?

Another teacher's was WALKING-STICK instead of KANE?

Eunice's was CORPORAL instead of SARGENT?

Bill's was WOLF instead of BAER?

## LINCOLN HIGH TRACK TEAM ENTERS 2 MEETS

The Lincoln High School athletes who are on the track team are going to be some pretty busy boys for the next couple of weeks for there are two track meets scheduled in that length of time. First came a dual meet Saturday, May 12, when our boys traveled over to La Crosse to match their skills against the best that the Central High School of that city had to offer. Secondly came a district track meet which was held here. The teams in this meet were divided into the A, B, and C classes so that all teams had an equal chance.

## ★ ★ ★ ★ SENSE and NONSENSE

Another paid assembly program has come and gone. On May 10, the speaker, Mr. Birdwhistle, an anthropologist and instructor at the University of Chicago, left us with a bit more insight into the "Sense and Nonsense" of racial origins and character.

Taking himself as an example, using his hair, head shape, bony structure above the eyes, nose, lips and chin, Mr. Birdwhistle showed us the nonsense of the comparison of man with an ape. He called evolution a "formula" and stated that there was no argument between real men of science and biblical teachers as to the theory of evolution.

In explaining Adolph Hitler's idea of his superior race of people he stated his belief in our victory in this war and also in the winning of the peace. In his opinion, we are at war with the leaders of the Axis powers and not with the people themselves. In discussing the education of a race, he defined "intelligence" as "What I. Q. tests measure."

The closing portion of the program was a question and answer period during which time students received his opinion on some of their long meditated questions.

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# ★ THE MAD BLATTER ★

Well, here it is — the end of the school year. This is the time of the year when sad-hearted seniors and faculty members cry on each other's shoulders and let one another know how much they'll be missed. Henry Acott has already hung out a "for rent" sign in his locker and is taking in boarders for the final week — make your reservations now. Harvard and six other nationally known universities are paying Maurice Hanley not to attend them. (He's holding out for more money.)

Dean Plzak says he has hiccoughs so often — because he comes from a long line — with knots in it.

The Prom was a big success. Doug Becker staggered only once going away from the punch bowl. The theme was the Lamplighter Serenade, so Tomsyck went to Point and got lit up.

Bob Brehm, of the Senior Class Play "Mrs. Miniver" is being watched by Hollywood. One of the seven dwarfs was drafted and Creepy will soon be Sleepy.

Quiz Kid Santoski says he sees dark green with one eye and light green with the other. Figures he sees all right.

Prom night, Bruce Fischer walked into the Sugar Bowl after taking his date home. He kept dabbing at his lips with a handkerchief, wiping some indiscriminate red goo off his puss, and said "That gal of mine has good strawberry jam at her house."

Billy Stoopnagle and Ethyl Bird-whistle are still that way about each other. Next year will be their 7th together in high school.

With so many teachers resigning and new teachers coming in, Mr. Ritchay has had a traffic signal erected at the main entrance.

George Schmidt's toy terrier weighs 2-1/2 ounces after a heavy meal.

Since Greaseball learned how to ride a bicycle he's been making a pretzel out of the horseshoe drive.

Bob Neibauer's diary says he's in love.

Was Caesar a great traveler because he was Roman?

Dijever hear of the moron who thought the book "My Son, My Son" was a story about twins?

Ed Murgatroyd says it's all right in Texas except you find so many people who are in technicolor. Could he mean negroes?

They're going in for a new type of building in Berlin these days—a big hole for the living room, and no more stairways because upstairs is where downstairs used to be. They don't buy cigarettes there any more either. You just walk outdoors and inhale. You'll smoke brother—you'll smoke.

If you have any troubles with your romances write me in care of:

The Zoo Keeper  
Chimpanzee Dept. Cage 13  
Skidunk, Spottsylvania

If all good things must come to an end, I should keep going, but I'm soooo tired. Seriously though—

we seniors will miss you heaps, and we hope the school doesn't deteriorate because we're not around.

Keep the home fires burning bright enough so we can see them where ever we may be — Tokio included.

Good luck to you  
from the Senior Class  
Bob Cooper.

P.S. Man power shortage is so acute around here that Julie Nordstrom walked down the first floor hall and winked at Abe Lincoln. Guess what? — He winked back!

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That's all brother!

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## Wallace Schuetz Killed In South Pacific Battle

Our sympathy goes out to Mr. and Mrs. George Schuetz and family who received a telegram from the Navy Department, stating that recently their son, Wallace, was killed in action.

Gunner 2/c Schuetz attended high school here, being a graduate from Lincoln High the spring of 1939.

He enlisted in the Navy August 14, 1942, took his boot training at Great Lakes, Illinois, his aviation machinist's training at Navy Pier, Chicago. He took his gunnery training at Jacksonville, Florida, and combined training at Norfolk, Va., after which he was assigned to ship duty as an aerial gunner attached to a torpedo squadron operating in the South Pacific.

### HERE AND OVER THERE

Sgt. W. A. Schill Jr. 36241541  
837th Sig. Service Company  
APO 676 c/o Postmaster  
Miami, Florida

Sgt. W. A. Schill Jr. who is an old timer in Brazil writes:

"I shall be looking forward to getting a copy of the school paper. It is always good to get something like that."

He says that during the worst hours of the day, from 12 to 2, when the temperature usually goes up a few degrees; he just takes it easy.

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T. N. Knuth U. S. M. C. R.  
Regtl. Intelligence  
H & S-6th Marine Regt.  
2nd Marine Division  
c/o Postmaster  
San Francisco, California

Ted Knuth says that Uncle Sam keeps him very busy, so he doesn't get much opportunity to write many letters, but he says in his letter to Miss Pedersen, "I can well imagine what took place at those Pep Meetings, when the teachers put on that show. I can make no comments about the picture except that Miss Moll and Miss Talbot have not changed at all."

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9/c Irving Miller 19136127  
Class 48-c Sqd. 11  
D.A. A.F.  
Douglas, Arizona

Irving Miller sends his graduation announcement and is now a Lieutenant in the Air Corps. We extend to him our heartiest congratulations on his advancement.

Herbert Hanson Zuege S1/c  
Acorn Tra. Det.  
A.T.D. Armed Guard  
Spinter City  
Port Hueneme, California

Herb wishes to remind us that it seems mighty fine that old Lincoln High is not forgetting the boys who have left to serve Uncle Sam.

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Michael J. Kubisiak A/S  
Co. 329 U.S.N.T.S.  
Great Lakes, Illinois

"Mike" writes his letter at 4:00 a. m. He says that it is service week for his company, so they have to take over the mess halls. He gets only the best of food and even eats with the officers — that is — after they've gone.

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Pvt. Lyle Brown  
Trp. A-91st R. N. Sqdn.  
APO 464  
New York, New York

Lyle writes: "I am proud that the 90% flag is still waving, that is the way that all good Americans back home can help us boys and girls to come home that much sooner."

"I am glad that what started out for a gloomy evening turned into a good evening for you, by having a good movie on "Madame Curie" and mail call."

This is the last paper that we are printing this year, but I am sure that when it is resumed next year you will receive them regularly.

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Sgt. Charles T. Stankey  
36251846  
19th Airways COMM  
Sqdn. USAAF  
Det. "A" Station 6 NAFW  
APO 616 c/o Postmaster  
New York City, New York

Charles writes that he wants to thank us for sending him "Lincoln Lights" and for quoting part of his last letter. We are glad that we can have a paper this year, too, Charles, what with rationing and all.

As for the old alma mater song, we still use it after every "pep" meeting and after every sports affair. However you aren't the first person who has asked about it. "Roll on You Rapids Raiders Roll" was added only as an extra "pep" song that we sing during the games and so forth.

Glad that your organization had an article in Colliers and am sure that all of us who read it, thought it was swell.

Those in service who have come to visit various members of the faculty, at Lincoln High, are:

Sgt. Fred E. Bonow  
Keesler Field, Biloxi, Miss.  
A.A.F.B.T.C.

Pvt. Robert L. Rowland  
70th A.A.F.T.T.D.  
Carleton College  
Northfield, Minn.

Charles A. Voight S 2/c U.S.N.  
John L. Weldon S 2/c U.S.N.

Calvin R. Rodeghier  
18th Replacement Wing  
Second Air Force  
Salt Lake City, Utah

Paul F. Smith A/S  
V-12 Unit U.S.N.R.  
Oberlin College  
Oberlin, Ohio

Pfc. David Rowland  
1st A.F. 1st Bomb Cmd.

Kenneth A. Polansky, A.S.  
V-12 Unit, U.S.N.R.  
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