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# **Farewell to Seniors**

Teachers and administrators share mutual sentiments of regret as each springtime brings the reminder of graduation and departure of Senior young men and women. No educator wants this goodbye to be final because, irrespective of who you may be as a student, each teacher possesses keen awareness of you.

They want to know your plans. Where are you going to college? Your occupation They want to ex-alt in your successes, just as they will find your failures distressing, because your actions, commendable or reprehensible on your part, are in a measure a reflection of themselves.

Perhaps one should stop here, were it not that these solicitudes are more keenly felt by friends of graduates today than ever beforeout of respect for the unsettled state of the world we live in. They feel relief and abatement of anxieties for your welfare, only to the extent that faith can be placed in the graduates resolve to be not only successful in an occupation, but also a responsible citizen of your community, state, nation, and the world. One need not seek far to discover that security of one's own person is simply the by-product of moral, economic, and political or-der world wide. And the latter cannot continue lest each individual addresses himself to these matters. Grandfather could run away from problems by going west to take up a homestead. That alternative no longer exists free land is gone. What now?

We do not want to bid farewell to that part of you which we know as fine, wholesome character, initiative, ambition, creativeness, and in cooperativeness. These traits are in abundance. If farewells are at all in order, let us join one another in bidding farewell to whatever remnants are left of indifference and irresponsibility, because such are out of order in an age that cries out for stout hearted men and women.-Mr. Miller

# Commencement

Thursday, May 29 - 8 o'clock. We have reached the end of another hard year of work. The seniors have reached the end of their last year here at Lincoln high school, and 202 will be taking part in the exercises of commencement. The program:

Processional, High School Orchestra Joseph Liska, Jr., Director

Invocation .. The Rev. G. DeMotts Class Welcome ...... Mary Henke Piano Selection ......

....Susan Reiland and Orchestra Address ..... Dr. Glen Eye Presentation of Diplomas

..... Superintendent Floyd Smith Alma Mater ... Class and Audience Benediction, The Rev. G. DeMotts

# AWARD NIGHT

Wednesday, May 28 at 8 o'clock. The graduating class of 1947 has a new program this year. Instead of giving awards on Class Night, a special evening has been arranged for this. The program:

Our Fields and What Has Grown in Them ..... Herbert Kronholm Our Music Field, Madeline Johnson

Band and Orchestra Mothers' Award

Our Dramatic and Forensic Field ..... Donald Love

Rotary Award Vocal Solo ..... Mary Henke

Our Athletics .

- William Knickerbocker American Legion Award
- Our Clubs ..... Dorothy Wilcox Wood County Conservation
- League Award Vocal Solo ..... Tom Koss Our Classrooms ..... Steve Hill D. A. R. Award Elks' Award
  - P. E. O. Award
- B. P. W. Award A. A. U. W. Award
- Wisconsin Junior Academy of Science ...... Mr. A. Hornigold Presentation of Spade to Juniors ...... Herbert Kronholm Junior Class Acceptance ...





Top Row: Kubisiak, Kronholm, Kruger, Cole, Rickman, Peck, Molsberry, Acott, Hill, Gilmaster, Christensen. Bottom Row: Ashbeck, Bender, Henke, Schroeder, Prusynski. Missing: Hoogesteger, Middlecamp, Padags, Wilcox.

# CLASS DAY

In the last few years, Class Day has been an evening program, but this year this class activity will be an afternoon program, Friday, May 23, at three o'clock. The program is as follows:

Greeting ...... Herbert Kronholm Piano Solo ..... Don Love Class History ..... Jack Mols-

berry and James Kruger Class Will ... Kenneth Christensen Vocal Solo ...... Shirley Crotteau Class Prophecy .... Arthur Gilmaster and Steven Hill

Class Mementoes ...... Dan Teas, Jim DuPree and Maurice Matthews

### **Baccalaureate Services**

The vesper service is a traditional part of graduation and this year it will take place Sunday, May 25 at eight o'clock. The Rev. H. T. Kant will preside. Following is the program: Prelude ..... Madeline Johnson Hymn ..... Congregation Invocation ..... Anthem ..... School Choir, Miss Betty Edstrom, Director Scripture Reading ..... Prayer ..... Response ..... School Choir Vocal Solo ...... Maurice Mathews Sermon .... .....The Rev. F. F. Knickerbocker

# TWENTY STUDENTS WIN HONORS

Twenty seniors were able to come through their four years of high school with an average of 90 or above. Eleven of the twenty are boys while nine are girls. These students should be given a lot of credit because it takes a lot of brains, good hard work and stamina to maintain a 90 average. Most of these students have done outstanding work in extra-curricular activities, also.

# Madeline Johnson D.A.R. Winner

The senior girls elected Madeline Johnson as the D. A. R. representative from Lincoln high school. The good-citizen is chosen on the basis of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism.

Madeline has participated in dramatics, she has been a member of the Girl's Sextet and has accompanied many musical groups. She is active in church work.

# Farewell Dance

May 23 the Field House is the scene of the annual dance at which an informal good-bye is said to the seniors. An outside orchestra will play to enable all the seniors to enjoy an evening of dancing. A door-

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Alma Mater ..... Audience

# Above Suspicion

If you have any skeletons in your closet - beware. We aim to dig out almost everything!

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'Fer instance, we've heard tell of a politician who never writes in capitals 'cuz he doesn't want to lose the labor vote.

Some guys adore a pretty face, Some love a pretty curl; But that's not for Bob Treutel: He wants the whole darn girl! \*

When we saw Darlene Zange scratching her head in room 104, we told ourselves "There are only two things that make a person do that. The other one is thinking.'

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Jean Daly: "Can you drive with one hand?"

Jack Molsberry: "You bet I can !" Jean Daly: "Here then, have an apple.

Mrs. Ernser's attitude toward people who gripe about the coffee in the cafeteria: Quit growling. You may be old and weak yourself, someday.

Red Rickhoff: "But I don't

think I deserve an absolute zero.' Mr. Miller: "Neither do I, but it is the lowest mark I can give."

CAUTION: In case of fire wring the towel.

In olden days Mary had a lamb, but now she has a wolf. It used to be that the lamb would follow her to school. Now the herd shows Mary around. The lamb used to be shown to the school door because it caused a disturbance. Now its counterpart has the strangest way of being tossed out for failing to come!

Well, kids, this is the end of a column, and the end of a school on another!

# CONSERVATION CLUB GOES TO EAGLE RIVER

Friday, May 17 at one o'clock, twenty boys left on the school bus to go to the Eagle River Federal Forestry Camp, where they studied research work of the state and federal governments.

The bus stopped at Stevens Point to pick up twenty boys from there. While at Tomahawk the group stopped to look at Federal firefighting equipment.

At Trout Lake, they saw a large assortment of trees from all over the world. Here, they saw research work that will take 200 years to complete: the experimenting by state men to see which foreign trees will grow the best in our state.

### BIG PLANS

The newly elected officers of the Conservation Club are: president, Charles Steward; vice-president, Don Swetz; secretary-treasurer, Dick Kingston; and directors, Ben Moore, Don Jacobs, Howard Hagen and Norman Helke. An ambitious program is being planned, under the guidance of Mr. Hornigold,

# **Election Plan Altered**

This year a new form of election for class officers was adopted in Lincoln. First a nominating committee that woul accept suggestions for class officers was nominated at a class meeting. This group was then voted upon. The selected committee that would accept suggestions from the students for the various offices. These nominations were in the form of a petition with the signature of 25 or more students.

This spring, to save congestion and time next fall, the nominating committees were elected. Now they are open to proposed candidates. These names may be handed to them before May 23 or during the first week of school next fall.

One of the juniors in the student council will be elected vice-president of it and automatically become president of the council when he is a senior. This plan was year. One blessing is always piled adopted so the council will always have experienced leadership.

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# GETTING BY . . .

What will graduation day mean to you?

Are you ready to take your place in the world and to face the responsibilities of citizenship? Can you say to yourself, as you walk happily across the stage to receive your diploma, "I have made the most of my four years at Lincoln"?

Or will you be forced to admit to yourself, "I have been satisfied to 'get by.' All I wanted out of high school was my diploma and I have it.'

If you have been satisfied to just get by," you have missed something. There is no inner satisfaction. Try your hardest to change! You wouldn't want to miss something all the way through life, and that's what you'll be doing if you don't really tackle things as they come up.

And you underclassmen, you still have a chance to stop being a 'getting by'' student. You can make your diploma more than just a passport out of school.

# This Generation and That

Pep Club held their annual Mother and Daughter Tea, Tuesday, May 13. The theme was Spring. Chairmen of the committees were: Program, Helen Gazely; Decorations, Dorothy Hagen; Food, Pat Hanley; Invitations, Sue Schreiner; and Entertainment, Shirley Crotteau.

# WHO KILLED BETSY?

A sophomore lay dead in the hall

Crowds of students, some griefstricken, some curious, swarmed around her body as it was placed on a stretcher and borne away. The question on everyone's lips was Who killed Betsy?'

Was she slain in cold blood by a jilted suitor? Did she take her own life because she was failing in geometry? No. It was the students

-she was caught in a rush! Yes, young Betsy made the fatal mistake of getting in the path of some stampeding Lincolnites. We are always rushing about, in the halls at school, on the streets in town, and in our homes, in herds that would amaze a horse-wrestler.

Perhaps with the rallying cry of "Remember Betsy!" ringing in our ears, students will be reminded of their debt to the fallen martyr, and peace and order will reign once more in the wake of high school students in the loving memory of one who shall not have died in vain.

Isadora Dewdrop: (To Isadore who has just kissed her in public) 'You ignoramous.

Isadore: "Whaddya mean callin' me names?"

Isadora Dewdrop: "For you, that was an honor.

Isadore: "That shows how little I know.'

Isadora Dewdrop: "Yes, most people could call you a moron.'



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# A Toast To Miss Talbot

### By Bob Peck

Through the years, high school students have become well accustomed to many of the luxuries of school life. Activities, such as the regular Wednesday assemblies, the annual, and even the Senior Graduation Exercises are taken for granted.

It is my purpose to give a little insight into the life and work of one who has had some of this responsibility for many years.

Miss Talbot, who has been on our faculty since September 1920, has been Senior Class Advisor and in charge of senior activities for twenty-five of her twenty-seven years on the staff.

Back in the 20's, the young Miss Talbot, who incidently was a pretty red head, had troubles with seniors much different than ours are. For instance, the decision of "hoop skirts" or "bustles" for graduation, white or dark dresses they didn't use caps and gowns), dark or light colored shoes, were important ones. All the duties, which she calls "re-sponsibility to" and I'd call "the act of riddance of" seniors, have changed with the times. The production of the annual was formerly in charge of the Senior Advisor, but this has been changed. Miss Talbot says that in the place of a Junior Prom, each Senior class had semi-formal parties at the close of each school term. There, too, was work and worry for advisors.

Miss Talbot has been an untiring tutor for many outstanding students; people who have made a mark not only in our own community but in other parts of the world. John Jeffrey, Harold Billmeyer, Byron Conway, and the Brazeau brothers, who are attorneys-at-law, graduated under Miss Talbot's advisorship. John Plenke and Johanna Kumm, high school faculty members, were senior class students during this time. Dr. R. E. Garri-son and Dr. Carl Bandelin are Lincoln High graduates. All these have

# SCRAPS ABOUT OUR L. H S. SCRAPBOOK

L. H. S. has kept a scrapbook since 1933. Miss Pedersen has su-pervised, and the work is done by some senior girl.

This year, Jeannine Matthews is responsible for the book. She clips newspaper articles, gathers pro-grams and invitations, includes pictures of school life. These are placed in chronological order.

Anyone may pick up this year's book, or any other, and see our high school happenings from beginning to end in a complete record of a school year.

# SENIORS EMPLOYED

Beverly Gillis ..... Consolidated Alberta Schroeder .. Consolidated Joan Prusynski ...... Consolidated Marjorie Kroening .. Consolidated Elaine Knuth ..... Consolidated Betty Link ..... Consolidated Jean Gaetke ...... Prentiss Wabers Rita Middlecamp .. Prentiss Wabers Patricia Padags ..... City Gas Robert Hetzel ..... City Gas Beulah Schierland ..... City Gas A. Staniforth, First National Bank A. Wagner .. First National Bank Marjorie Walters .. Water & Light Norma Taylor .. Nekoosa-Edwards Naomi Worlund .... Kellogg Bros. Frances Kreutzer ...... Eatmore Lorraine Hanneman, Hotel Witter Kay Bender .... Frita Bender, Ins.

returned to serve this community. Probably the best known of past graduates of significance is Edward Brenner who is now attending the University of Wisconsin. In the past year, he has been given the title of the "most useful student." He was also senior class president.

Working as a senior advisor is no soft job. Did you students know that Miss Talbot has to look after caps and gowns, order announcements, and supervise all graduation activities? And did you know that this is the silver anniversary of Miss Talbot's service as Senior Advisor on our staff?

So, another class of seniors is lining up for the last procession of the school year. Miss Talbot will be there to see that there are seats for all, so someone won't be sitting on embarrassment, that all caps are on straight, and all the gowns are hanging right.

Let's give a hand to one who never shirked,

Give a smile to one who's always worked,

Give a nod to one with faith In what we thought was waste.

# Seniors Look to Colleges

Next fall about fifty members of the senior class will be in colleges in various states. According to the survey made in the senior class Stevens Point will have the largest number of our students, with the University of Wisconsin receiving the second largest number. The list below is as complete as could be compiled at this time:

Stevens Point State Teachers-Dean Baltz, Jim Benson, Ulee Clinton, Barbara Higgins, Paul Kelly, Bill Knickerbocker, Thomas Koss, Gerald Rued, Darrel Sandman and Dane Sherwood. University of Wisconsin-

Henry Becker, Kenneth Christensen, Arthur Gilmaster, John Ritchay and Robert Steward.

University Extension-Don Krohn.

Marquette University-

Philip Dolan, Arlene Duggan and Bob Forster.

St. Mary's School of Nursing,

Milwaukee-

Alice Diebels and Erletta Hein. St. Mary's School of Nursing, Wausau-

Joan Nelson

St. Francis School of Nursing-Margaret Brayback and Billie Mae Goggins.

Carroll College-

Donald Kubisiak and Dorothy Wilcox.

Lawrence College-

Jim Kruger, Susan Reiland and Dan Teas.

Miss Wood's Primary School, Minneapolis, Minn.-

Dorothy Hagen and Susan Schreiner.

Sioux Falls College,

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Douglas Baltz and Robert Peck.

Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa-Jack Molsberry.

St. John's, Collegeville, Minn.-Donald Love.

Lee College, St. Paul, Minn. Neal Smith.

Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Ill.

Doris Polansky.

University of Minnesota-Richard Accott.

Oshkosh State Teachers College-

Mary Henke. Layton School of Art— Ruth Klun.

Wood County Normal-

Beulah Schierland. Mount Mary-

Pat Padags.

Seniors who are still undecided as to the school they are to attend are: Jack Cole, Steve Hill, Marvin Klevene, Don Kuechle, Maurice Matthews and Douglas Trantow.

## SENIORS GIRLS TEA

The local branch of the American Association of University Women entertained 150 senior girls from high schools in Wisconsin Rapids, Nekoosa, and Port Edwards at a spring tea in the Elks Club on April 9. Mrs. Mark Troxill, dean of women, University of Wisconsin, was the guest speaker.

## WORK SHOP WORKED

The Radio Work Shop, under the direction of Jane Miller, has put in a good year and deserves a little pat on the back. Let's make that a big pat! They ended up the activities of the year with a "bang" in the form of a picnic after the last regular broadcast.

# ROYALTY REIGNED

The field house was transformed into a wonderland, May 2nd! Yes, it was the Junior Prom with all the usual charm and fascination. And over all this magic, King Paul Johnson and Queen Pat Nobles reigned.

Other Proms may come, but we wouldn't want this last issue to be published without mentioning the one that has just gone. Here's a round of applause to the tens of tens who with the spilling and mixing of the colors of the rainbow, with the pounding of nails, with the flying of artificial snow, and with the pouring of punch made this "dance of the year" a success.



### **SPOOKS!**

May 8th and 9th the senior class presented their play. A shivering audience sat through "Ghost Wanted" and saw Dan Teas, Bob Treutel, Beulah Schierland, Sue Schreiner, Dorothy Wilcox, Joe Salzman, Pat Griffin, Don Love, Beatrice Sage, Beulah Thomas, Barbara Higgins, Maurice Matthews, and Don Krohn (under the guiding hand of Miss Marion Bischoff) perform.

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# **Raiders Cop Opener** From Merrill 8-3

Wisconsin Rapids opened its defense of the Wisconsin Valley baseball crown successfully by defeating Merrill 8-3 on April 22 at Witter Field.

Herman and Knickerbocker had little trouble in disposing of the Merrill nine.

A big five run second inning iced the game for our nine. Showers bounced out to open the second frame. Knickerbocker was issued a pass and moved to second when Tory" Jr. was hit by a pitched ball. Herman pounded a solid single off the glove of the third baseman, Knickerbocker scoring.

Ritchay then cracked a double that cleared the sacks. Ritchay scored a moment later on Robenolt's single. "Lefty" went to second on his hit because the left fielder juggled the ball. Robenolt scored later on Gazeley's single.

The Rapids took a 7-0 lead when Merrill committed four errors and a passed ball.

Herman pounded a double, stole third, and romped plateward on Ritchay's fly for the final run.

Merrill scored two in the sixth and one in the seventh to account for her runs.

Herman allowed three hits in the three innings he pitched but got a sore arm in the fourth.

Knick" took over from there and pitched hitless ball, but he did exhibit some wildness in the final two frames

Wisconsin Rapids garnered seven hits off O'Day and Zuellsdorf, two of which went for extra bases.

# RAIDERS GRAB FIFTH IN TOUGH MADISON RELAYS

Madison West grabbed off first place in the Madison relays at Madison, Saturday, April 5. Wisconsin Rapids finished fifth with 18 points that were scored in three events.

Wisconsin Rapids best showing was a second in the sprint medley. Her other points were gained by a third in the mile relay and a fifth in the two-mile relay.

Three records were broken in the strong meet. Madison West broke the record of the half mile relay and Reid of West broke the 60 yard dash record.

Dockery of Madison Central broke the 60 yard low hurdles record. Raiders to score points were Jim Dupree, Dick Schindler, John Ritchay, Don Soe, Bob Kawalsky, Jack Lukes, Gerry Lutz, Paul John-son, Bernard Bemke, Darrell Sandman, Roy Toepel, and John Kruger.

**Raiders Gain Second In Record Smashing Meet** No less than four records were

shattered at the Wisconsin Rapids Indoor Invitation Track meet at the Field House, March. 28. Madison West finished far ahead of every competing team with 67 points. Wisconsin Rapids was second with 28 7/10 points.

Don Soe was the bright light of Lincoln High when he roared home well in front in a record breaking half-mile of 2:07.4 to break the previous record held by him of 2:09.3.

Jim DuPree collected our only other first in the first section of he quarter mile.

All the records broken other than Soe's were broken by Madison West.

Toltzien broke the broad jump record with a jump of 21 feet 101/2 inches. Bleckwenn's mighty arm heaved the shot 49 feet, 21/2 inches. Mansfield's time in the second section of the quarter mile was :53.6.

West garnered first in every event other than the half mile, hurdles and relay.

Red Raider scoring went as follows: Ritchay 51/2, Soe and Dupree 5. Sandman 4, Berrend 3, Reimer Torresani and Bemke 1, and Johnson, Kawalsky, Lukes, and Lutz garnered a third in the relay.

# Dying, Dying, Dead-?

The seniors are dying !!! From outside, the chemistry lab looks like a hastily converted laun-Bartz, another Ripon boy set the dry. From within it doesn't appear much better. One can find anything from purple sweat shirts to aqua duck trousers. Then there are those who like to experiment. Did you ever see a pair of socks died four colors all at once?

> All in all, the dying seniors have had a lot of fun and have learned a lot about the art of coloring.

# Look To Their Election

At the last regular meeting, Gamma Sigma members elected officers for next year. They are: President, Priscilla Peterson; Vicepresident, Jack Moll; Secretary, Betty Lou Gross; and Treasurer, Lawrence Bocaner.

The club also voted on two senior members to receive the gold and silver awards. Susan Reiland will receive the gold award, and the silver award was voted to Don Love.

Good Luck Seniors!

# **RAPIDS SQUEEZES OUT** ANTIGO 3-2

"Red" Haferman opened up the last of the seventh inning with a triple and scored later on a passed ball to give Wisconsin Rapids a well earned 3-2 decision over Antigo under the lights at Witter Field, Thursday, April 25.

Dale Showers and Jerry Van Oyen pitched masterful ball in about the most enthralling game the Raiders have played. Showers whiffed 17 batters to come along side of Haferman in sharing honors.

The Raiders scored a run in the second due to errors and Van Oven's uneasiness.

Wisconsin Rapids was unable to score again until the fifth frame when the team got its initial hit, a ground single to left center by Knickerbocker. He went to third on a wild pitch and scored when Ritchay singled to left.

Showers weakened in the sixth inning, and the hope for a shutout swindled and ended. Antigo unleashed three hits and took a pass to shove across two runs.

But the Raiders showed they were out for another Valley crown in the last of the seventh with Haferman's heroic blow.

Wisconsin Rapids remained at the top of the league and also has kept up her record of not losing to a single Valley foe.

## Nom de Plumes

This year's senior class, aside from being different in general ways, also shows its distinction in the unusual names its members tote around. How would some of them sound, though, if we did a bit of editing? For instance:

Steve Mountain instead of Hill Kay Twister instead of Bender Dale Cloudburst instead of Showers

Darrel Gravelman instead of Sandman

Dick Abed instead of Acott Bob Bushel instead of Peck Carol Pole instead of Stake Harlen Truck instead of Buss Dan Annoy instead of Teas Carl Hunter instead of Fisher Barbara Slave instead of Freeman

John Poorie instead of Ritchay Don Hate instead of Love Jack Blackberry instead of Molsberry.

### LATIN SCRATCHIN'

Darkabous nightabous, No mooniorum. Boyabous kissabous Sweeta girliorum. Dadabous hearabous Loud smackiorum. Kickabous boyabous Outa back doorirum.

# Don Soe Jim DuPree

# **Ritchay Leads Raiders To** Indoor Track Championship

Wisconsin Rapids scored heavily to take the second annual indoor track meet at the Field House April 12. Wisconsin Rapids piled up 671/2 points and broke five records and tied one. Don Soe set Field House record in the half mile of 2:06.7.

Ritchay broke the broad jump and pole vault records easily. John went 20 feet, 111/2 inches in the broad jump and 11 feet in the pole vault.

Jim Reimer heaved the shot 44 feet, 6 inches for a new record in the shot put.

The relay team of Dupree, Kawalsky, Lukes and Soe set the relay record at 1:44.5. Dupree tied the quarter mile record of 56.5.

Jess of Ripon broke the 40 yard dash record, sprinting the distance in 4.7.

mile record with a time of 4:56.1.

Fourteen Raiders contributed to the runaway. Ritchay, breaking two records, led the field with 13. Soe and Dupree each had 71/2, Kawalsky 61/2, Reimer 5, Daly, Kruger, Shedler ,and Sandman 4, Keip and Bemke 3, Lukes 21/2, and Haferman one-third.

# Locker Lore

Now that spring is here (or is it?) the girls' gym classes are go-ing outside. If you chance to be near the girls' locker room you would hear all sorts of protests gainst going outside. Usually, all the excitement starts when someone shouts, "Cobbie! Are we going out today?" Then follows in rapid succession, "Oh, it's so cold out and I haven't got my sweat shirt." "I've got a date tonight and what will my hair look like?" "Must we?" You know how the story ends.

The girls go outside for gym.

