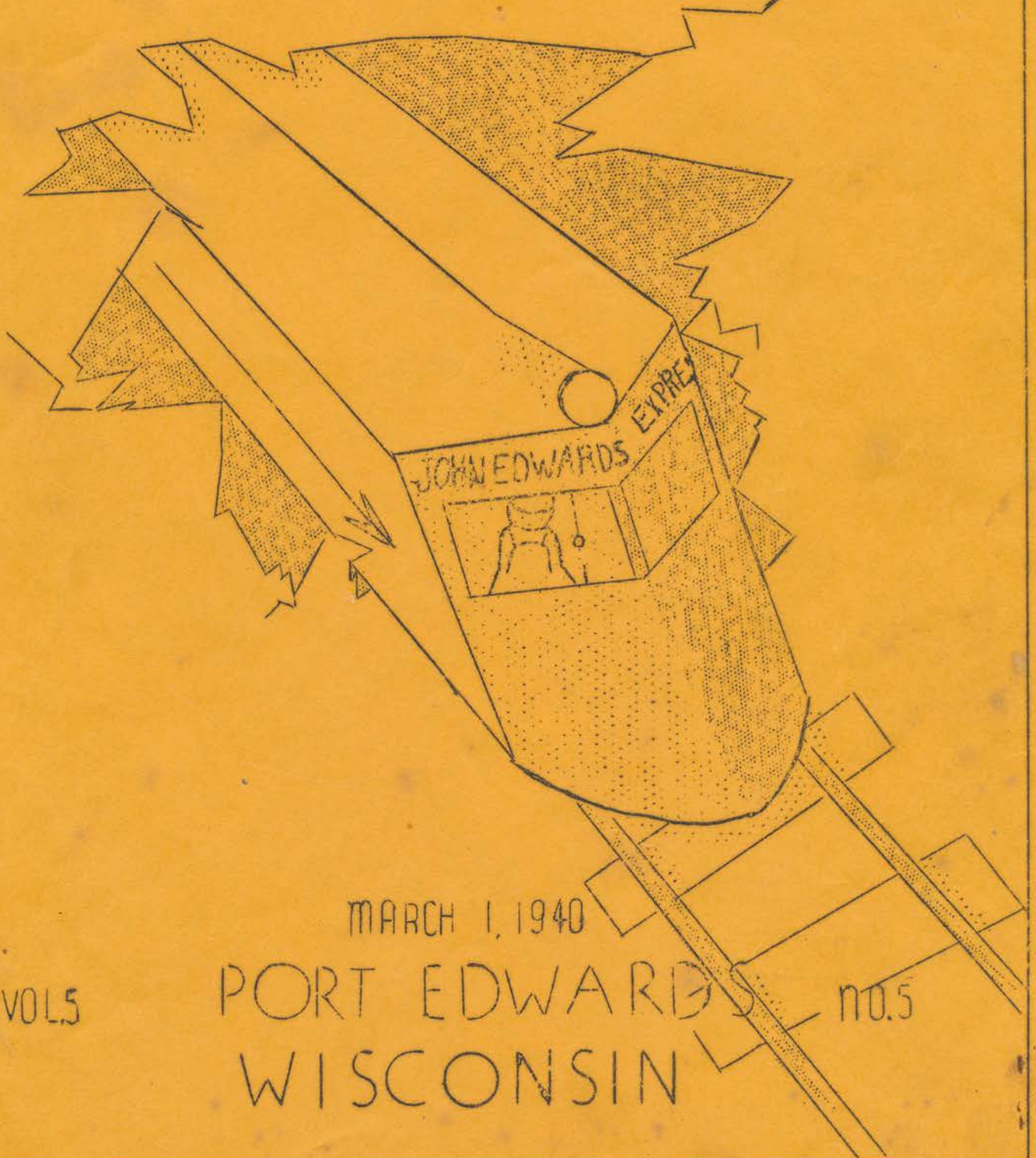


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THE BANKING PERCENTAGE

The banking percentage for the High School this year has averaged 28%. This has been far under the banking percentage of last year when 40% of the school banked. This average of 28% means that almost 3 out of every 10 people are banking. Are you one of them?

Banking not only provides us with money to use when we need it for special purposes, but also teaches us how to handle money in a thrifty manner. Let us see if we cannot better last year's mark!

--Beverly Meyer

ST. VALENTINE'S DAY

Valentine's Day is the festival of hearts, the day of romance, and it comes on the 14th day of February. We celebrate it by giving parties and exchanging valentines. Years ago people used to say that birds chose their mates on St. Valentine's Day; and if two people, a man and a woman, met on that day, they would be sweethearts for one year or longer if they wished.

Sometimes the young people would hold a game called "Lottery" on St. Valentine's day. The girls would put their names on a piece of paper and then they would put them in a box. The young men would draw the name of a girl and the pair would exchange gifts and would also be each other's sweetheart for the rest of the year.

St. Valentine had absolutely nothing to do with St. Valentine's Day. There are seven St. Valentines. St. Valentine's Day is the day of celebration for all of them. We learned how to celebrate Valentine's Day from the ancient Romans. They used to hold a festival something like a carnival. We celebrate it in a little different manner but we got the idea from the Romans.

--Barbara Hamilton

AN UNFRIENDLY VISITOR

In many classes some pupils slide down in their seats at the beginning of the hour and dream of what they have done and what they will do. When they are called upon to answer a question their answer too often is "I don't know." Why do some pupils always pass the weight of a problem onto their neighbor's shoulders?

When the question was asked for their benefit, why do they turn down the opportunity to learn? Why do they sit around gambling a good time now against a life of ignorance and hard work in the future? Often in a study hall this pupil will be dreaming or reading magazines. His mind has been occupied by an unfriendly visitor whose motto is: "Why work when you can be playing?"

--LeRoy Sigler

MOVIE

Thursday, February 8, the school presented the moving picture "Little Men" written by Louisa May Alcott. The story was very exciting and lasted one hour and thirty minutes. The movie had to be stopped at 12:00 and renewed at 1:10 because of the length of the reel.

The picture told of the adventures of several boys in an old boarding school. The picture showed how important school is in one's life and how it is important that we work hard in school and do our playing after and outside of school. It is hard for us to realize how it would be not to have any school because we never have had that happen to us. This picture made us feel thankful that we all have so many opportunities for developing ourselves.

--Homer Fairfield

NEWS

ASSEMBLY PROGRAM

A fine program was given by the Juniors for the high school students Friday afternoon, February 16. It included two violin solos, "The Nightingale" and "Bluebirds in the Moonlight", played by Stanley Arnold, accompanied by Marine Ratelle. Next a play was given. It was entitled "X on the Spot". Characters were Wayne Steinfeldt, Roger Hinkley, Clifford Swanson, Howard Thorstenson, Shirley Nelson, Dorothy and Doris Moulton. A pianologue was then presented by Shirley Nelson and Freda McKenney. They were accompanied by Eloise Humphrey. As a conclusion to the program a Valentine stunt was presented.

Following the junior program the sophomores conducted a pep meeting in view of the basketball game with Plainfield. A comical skit, "A Basketball Diet", was presented by Perry Griffith, Russell Westover, Joyce Berryman, Mary Ashburn, Ruth Clark, Lilas Keyzer, Harry Allworden, Kenneth Schultz, Harold Sisco, Junior Miller, and William Martin. Ordeen Elliott and Doris Alexander were the readers, and Marion Krumrei directed.

--Rachel Schelvan

FROM MARS TO VENICE

For several days, from 8:40 to 9:30, the juniors and sophomores listened to fifteen records of William Shakespeare's play, "The Merchant of Venice." They got quite a thrill listening to Shylock, played by Orson Welles, demanding his rights. They tried a new experiment that worked very well. They used books that came with the records so that they could read as well as listen to the play. Many customs and traditions of the Middle Ages were brought out by this study.

--Homer Fairfield

MOVIES

Monday, February 15, we were entertained with a movie on Japan. There were four reels covering Spring, Summer, Fall, and Winter.

We also noticed that many of the things such as Japanese styles of clothing, homes, gardens, flowers, and many other things were copied from us.

Many of their luxuries were different from ours. For example, everyone took time out to look at the spring scenery. Their homes and gardens are kept very beautiful and green. Japan is a very wonderful country and everyone tries to keep it that way.

We could copy some of the things that the Japanese do. We have copied some of their different kinds of flowers and their beautiful flower gardens. I think we could copy some of their costumes and their sports and games that they play. The Japanese people also gave us the Japanese lantern.

--Billy James

THE SENIOR PROGRAM

On Friday, February 9, we were entertained by the seniors who presented three exciting plays. The name of the first was "A Background For Living." This play tried to show what a good education means to you. As you could see for yourself, your job fits your education.

The second play, a detective mystery, took place in a principal's office. This one showed that often people who are not guilty seem guilty and the one that is guilty seems innocent. However it was clearly shown that crime does not pay.

The third play was set at Boger's. The seniors were trying to show you what it is to have an annual and how much work is connected with it. Miss Landaal was very entertaining in her part in the play.

--Norman Zicher

STEVENS POINT BAND CONCERT

On Friday, March 8, at eight o'clock, the Stevens Point Band will entertain us here in our auditorium. There will be no admission. This band consists of seventy pieces and is directed by Professor Peter J. Mickelsen.

This band plays here as one stop on a six day tour, running from March 6 to March 10.

We should feel honored to have a band of such fine quality play here. On part of the program, the band will play a few of the contest numbers that our band is going to play at the tournament. This concert will have on its program a variety of numbers, both modern and classical.

--Norman Zieher

BAND CLINIC

On February 16, 1940, a band clinic was held at the Stevens Point State Teachers College. Many bandmasters from this part of the state attended.

The band rehearsed the Class A, B, and C contest numbers in the afternoon. This rehearsal was open to the public and was attended by 70 band directors.

In the evening, the band played the state contest list and the audience was given a chance to ask any questions on speed, volume, or the use of substitute instruments. Any changes suggested by the audience were played so that each director could hear a number played much as his own band would play it. Disagreements on any of these points were fully discussed and the best method decided upon.

--Betty Patricka

Jerome Breese, after hurting himself in gym class: Mr. Lewis, I'm afraid that I'm going to die.
Mr. Lewis: Nonsense, that's the last thing you'd ever do.

OUR PEP BAND

Our pep band is a stand-by of our Port Edwards basketball players. The last two years the pep band has been very successful due to the fine cooperation of the band and the loyal townspeople. The pep band practices once every week after school.

In all the games played this year including the Plainfield tournament, the pep band has traveled 650 miles. Last year the band even traveled to Stevens Point for the regional tournament and to Madison for the state tournament. The band hopes that the team will win all their tournament games so that the band may again accompany them.

--Elton Schultz

SOLOS

Last year Port Edwards High School soloists got four first places at the tournament held at Wausau. Elton Schultz, Gordon Hinkley, Ethel Griffith, and Arlene Hubbard were the four who received these high honors.

This year some twenty-five people are working on solos for the tournament. Several other people are working on duets. They are working to prepare their solos for the Stevens Point Festival, April 19, where they will be heard and criticized in preparation for the tournament to be held later.

--Beverly Meyer

Remember the Port Band and Chorus concert Wednesday April 17 at 8:00.

Herbert Z.: Hey waiter, there's a bee in my soup.

Marion K.: Well, maybe that's the vitamin B they have been talking about.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

SCOUTS CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

From February 8-14 the boy Scouts of America celebrated the thirtieth anniversary of the beginning of scouting. Walter W. Head of St. Louis, president of the Boy Scouts of America, spoke to the Boy Scouts from Detroit. He also addressed a dinner of scout leaders.

Boy Scout Week is the most important week in the Boy Scout calendar. Millions of present and former scouts and leaders joined in the celebration.

Sunday, February 11, was Reverence Day. On that day churches of every denomination held special scout services.

The Boy Scouts of Port Edwards have been working on first aid. The "A team", consisting of Bob Kauth, Verlyn Rayome, Francois Palmatier, Tom Auchter, and Dale Palmatier, was picked to represent Port in the first aid contest which was held February 28 at Wisconsin Rapids.

--Reuben Newman

DRAMATIC CLUB TO HEAR SPEECH

On March 4 the Dramatic Club is to hear Mr. Ira England speak on make-up. Mr. England has studied dramatics at Iowa University and has had experience as a producer and actor. He will demonstrate different types of make-up on many students.

GIRL SCOUTS

The Girl Scouts of Port Edwards have been selling candy during February to raise money to help pay for the Lodge of Lake Wassekaw.

The Busy Birchers Patrol had a candy sale in the front hall on January 31 to raise money for the Infantile Paralysis fund. They celebrated the Presidents Birthday by contributing \$2.49.

--Betty Patricka

DRAMATIC CLUB GIVES PLAYS

On March 14 at 8 o'clock the Dramatic Club is to give three daring and exciting plays entitled: "Bread", "Stuffed Owls", and "The Bishop's Candlesticks."

"Bread" proves how family affection means more than luxuries.

When the curtains open, a farmer is struggling and trying to make his farm pay during depression. A young blind girl's character is brought out by her blindness.

The cast:

Marion Krumrei--Betty

Eloise Humphrey--Martha

Doris Moulton--Stella

Mary Ellen Kennedy--Grandma

Jack Rewey--John

Tom Auchter--Jim

Assistant Director

--Bernice Russell

"Stuffed Owls" shows how a Woman's Club tries to get a wealthy woman to join her club and she finds out that the wealthy woman is a simple person who likes simple things and is not a snob or stuck-up miss.

Mrs. Mullen--Julia Jakubazak

Mrs. Potter-Porter

--Freda McKenney

Mrs. Foster--Virginia Hamilton

Miss Lovejoy--Virginia Benson

Sallie Hobbs--Ordeen Elliott

Agatha Cook--Doris Alexander

Assistant Director

--Dorothy Moulton

"Bishop's Candlesticks" pictures the struggle of a convict to start life anew.

A kind, old Bishop tries to help him and he finally succeeds.

The cast:

Persome--Joan Auchter

Marie--Ardean Rayome

Convict--Francois Palmatier

Bishop--Roger Hinkley

Sergeant--Alvan Hinkley

Assistant Director

--Lucille Palmatier

GRADE NEWS

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

We have a bird feeding tray outside our window, and feed the birds every day.

February 20 we walked to the station to watch the Hiawatha come in. We saw the engineer and a waiter. We also saw a freight train. On Thursday, February 22, we all rode from Wisconsin Rapids to Port Edwards on the Hiawatha. We have a new toy model of the Hiawatha in our room to play with.

FIRST GRADE

We have read and dramatized stories about George Washington. We have learned all about the story of the first flag, and we have learned in what way our flag is different today than it was long ago.

We made charts showing the different kinds of clothing we wear. So far there are four charts in our room, a wool, silk, cotton, and fur chart.

We all enjoyed our Valentine's party. We had our boxes, one for each table in the room, and we took turns distributing the Valentines.

SECOND GRADE

We have finished our unit on "Daily Helpers." We made many interesting visits to see the helpers at work. Some of the places we visited are: the Village Mart, the DeLux Bakery at Nekoosa, the Wisconsin Valley Dairy at Wisconsin Rapids, and the Port Post Office. We have written stories about each trip and put them in a booklet along with riddles and games about each helper. We have made large posters showing "How Mail Travels." We have also started a stamp collection.

THIRD GRADE

We are going to make furniture for our pioneer house out of orange crate boxes. The candles are going to be made of wax.

We are busily practicing for our assembly program which will be given March 6.

FOURTH GRADE

We have just completed our Swiss unit. We gave a Swiss play for our program. We made a large Swiss frieze. We are now studying about Holland, and we are learning many interesting things about this country.

We are also learning many interesting things about the dictionary in our "Dictionary Fun" classes.

FIFTH GRADE

On February 14, we gave a Valentine program. The Melody Band played. A play was given and some of the pupils in our class sang songs.

We are now making a southern plantation.

We have just finished some illustrated notebooks of the North Central States.

SIXTH GRADE

We are all making graphs showing our daily progress in Arithmetic.

We have just completed studying life in the Mediterranean world of today. Maps of the Mediterranean have been made.

We have completed our Science unit on weather. During our study of weather we kept a weather record on our chart.

The Health class is studying the nervous system. We are making drawings of the ear and the eye for our notebooks.

--Rachel Schelvan

SPORTS

PORT SWAMPS WESTFIELD

On the night of February 1, 1940, the Westfield team came to Port. The Port team made the unusual record of scoring on 11 out of 13 free throws.

Every man on the Port team made two points. This helped boost the final score to 35 to 6. Gleason was high scorer for Port with two baskets and seven free throws. Parker and Loose were high scorers for Westfield with a basket apiece.

--LeRoy Sigler

PORT DEFEATS MONTELLO

Coach Lewis took the team to Montello hoping for a victory. The game was very close. Neither team led by more than two points in the later parts of the game. The final score was 16 to 15. Gleason was high scorer for Port with five baskets and a free throw. Robinson was high scorer for Montello with 3 baskets and 1 free throw. It was a very exciting and close game.

--Jerome Breeze

WAUTOMA TRIPS PORT

One of the most exciting games of the year was the Port-Wautoma game at Wautoma. Wautoma led all the way through the game. Gleason was high scorer for Port with two baskets and one free throw. Renner was high scorer for Wautoma with two baskets and three free throws. It was difficult for the Port boys to work the ball down because of the very small court. When the horn sounded at the end of the game, the score was 17 to 12 in favor of Wautoma.

--Jerome Breese

BASKETBALL IN REVIEW

The first game of the 1939-40 season that Port played was with the Alumni. Port won by a score of 23 to 16. Gleason was high scorer for Port with four field goals and five free throws. Stewart was high scorer with three field goals.

On Dec. 13, 1939, Port battled Westfield to win by a score of 24 to 18. Gleason again was high scorer for Port with five field goals and four free shots.

The game with Wautoma Dec. 21, was easily won by Port by a score of 32 to 18. Again Gleason was high scorer for our side with eight field goals and one free throw.

The second meeting with Westfield resulted in another victory for Port by a score of 35-6. This game was different from any we played in the season. Thirteen minutes after the game had started Westfield scored its first field goal. In the last few minutes of play Coach Lewis sent subs into the game. The subs scored 12 points.

A less cheerful game was the second Port and Wautoma game. We lost this game 12 to 17 largely because of the small floor at Wautoma.

The last game of the season was with Plainfield. Port had to win this game to win the championship. The boys came through with a victory by a score of 24 to 20. Whitey Oilschlager was knocked out just as Plainfield scored. The field goal, however, did not count. Whitey was back on the floor as good as new after a short rest. The team fought off desperate Plainfield plays to keep in the lead and win the game and the championship.

The end of the season found Gleason leading the conference

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EIGHTH GRADERS VS. THE PORT SCOUTS

On February 20, the eighth grade basketball team beat the Port Edwards' Boy Scouts with a score of 18-13. The eighth grade avenged an earlier defeat at the hands of the Boy Scouts. The game was very fast. The Scouts piled up a 6-2 lead at the quarter, and led 12-4 at the half. At the start of the second half, the eighth graders came back stronger and went out ahead in the third quarter. The Scouts never overcame the lead of the eighth graders. Reuben Newman was high for the Scouts and Jerome Breese was high for the eighth grade. Breese had 10 points and Newman, 12.

--Wilber Ratzburg

PORT BOY SCOUTS DEFEAT RAPIDS BOY SCOUTS

The boy scouts of Port Edwards battled with the Wisconsin Rapids Boy Scouts on February 6, 1940. It was a very fast game. This was Port's first game of the season. When the game first started, the Rapids' guards and forwards were in the wrong position and Rapids made Port's first basket. At the half Port was leading the Rapids 8 to 2.

In the second half, Rapids came back stronger. They quickly whittled down the lead of the Port Scouts. Rapids tied the score in the fourth quarter, 14 all. Then with a minute left in the game, Gordon "Fizz" Hinkley made a free throw to win the game 15 to 14.

--Reuben Newman

LIBRARY CLUB GIRLS WIN

A basketball game was played on Friday, February 16, between the Library Club Girls and a picked girl's team. Herbert Zurfluh was the referee.

The game ended with the Library Club Girls the winners by a score of 14 to 11.

--Betty Olson

GUESS WHO?

Without the help of one great man, the people of today would be without many great luxuries. He started his career just like any other boy of his age. At the age of twelve he sold papers on a train running between Detroit and Port Huron. Three years later, he installed a printing press in the train's baggage car. That was the first printing press ever run on a train. The name of his paper was "The Weekly Herald." About a year later, he broke a bottle of phosphorus and started the car on fire. After that the angry railroad man threw him off the train.

He then turned to inventing and made a phonograph. Later he found that a wick would glow with light when electricity was sent through it. After many hundreds of trials he brought the electric light bulb to perfection.

--Teddy Berryman

BASKETBALL IN REVIEW

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scorers with 44 field goals and 26 free throws totaling 114 points. Our team had the best defensive average of the league, only an average of 17.6 points per game being scored against it. We were able to average 23.5 points per game against our opponents.

Our conference record was 7 won and 3 lost for a 700 percentage, while our record including non-conference games was 9 won and 3 lost for 750 percentage. We hope we can keep up this fine work in the coming tournaments.

--Marvin Newberger

Mr. Radmer: When was Rome built?

Billy James: At night.

Mr. Radmer: Who told you that?

Billy James: You did. You said Rome wasn't built in a day.

FEATURES

MICKEY MOUSE'S DIARY

September 13, 1939. I visited John Edwards High School. I had a grand time eating all the garbage left by students. My what delicious gum! The gum was so fresh and there was so much of it. I got all stuck up with it.

October 6, 1939. I went to the library of the John Edwards High School. There sat six mice gabbing about the condition of the school. They thought it was just grand how, no matter what room you went into, you could have fresh gum and candy. One of the mice was caught in a trap and the rest of us tried to get him out. He squealed so hard he almost made us deaf. He was caught by his head and we all pulled until finally his body left his head. Well, at least it had stopped the noise.

October 31, 1939. A gang of us went to the high school for a party. We brought the main course but most of the rest was acquired in the school. After lunch we played hide-and-seek. Minnie, one of the guests, hid behind a big wad of gum. When I found her, she was stuck to the gum and couldn't get away. Was she a pretty mess!

November 26, 1939. Some of us went to the high school for our Thanksgiving dinner. We were thankful that the students chewed gum and ate candy, and prayed that the students would not mind the "keep clean program." We figured that if they got any cleaner we would have to find another place for our parties. This was sad because nice shiny white drinking fountains and slippery floors were swell for dances afterward.

December 18, 1939. We had to bring about half of all we ate. Could it be that the children were saving their pennies for Christmas gifts?

January 20, 1940. We had a hard time because it was getting so that we had to buy our food and we couldn't have any fancy clothes.

February 25, 1940. The number of untidy people has decreased to an alarming degree, but a few students still make it worth our while to come here!

--Julia Bruener

GUESS WHO

I was born in Kentucky, the son of very poor parents. I was raised in a log cabin. The cracks between the logs of my home were chinked with mud and rags.

I would read when plowing or walking to town. At night when the family went to bed, I would sit by the fire and read, and write on our wooden shovel with charcoal. I was the strongest and fleetest boy in my neighborhood and I could chop wood and split rails faster than many grown men.

Later when I moved to town, I got a job in a very small store. A woman came into the store one day. When she left, I found I had short-changed her three cents. I walked seven miles to her home to return her three cents.

Soon I decided to take up law. One time I borrowed a law book from a farmer. At night I put it between the logs in our attic. It rained during the night soiling the book. I had to husk many bushels of corn to repay the cost of the book.

Later when Senator Douglas was campaigning for the Senator's chair, I would follow him giving speeches in debate with him. During these speeches I became very popular.

I served as President of the United States during the Civil War.

--LeRoy Sigler