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Band Wagon

PLATFORM

TRUTH VS. PROPAGANDA

Another presidential election is almost upon us; involving not only leadership in wartime and in the inevitable peace settlement, but also the question of fourth term presidency.

Already by radio, newspaper, and public lecture; the public is being bombarded with promises of different parties. Among these are: New Anti-trust laws to insure competition, an improved labor and agricultural policy based on production rather than scarcity.

Party platforms are not always believable. Some party members stand on their platform only long enough to catch the train to public office.

High school students are not likely to be of voting age, but coming elections should be of vital concern to them. By following newspaper accounts of political developments, by reading biographies of political candidates, they may be laying the foundation for a wiser selection in 1948 and 1952, when they mark their first presidential ballot.

Not only can students form habits of intelligent voting now but they can urge their parents to arm themselves with knowledge before November 7, 1944.

--Genevieve Bruener
--Marilyn Steinfeldt

SO YOU FORGOT?

During the first month of the new year, the six high school classes invested \$245.05 in war bonds and stamps. Only the Sophomores and Juniors maintained a 100% investment for January. The eighth grade followed closely with 98% meeting their pledges.

What of the other three classes? The Seniors and Seventh

grade percentages were 91 and 90% respectively. The Freshmen trailed far behind with only 84%. The reason--they forgot their money.

Is forgetting a good reason? Can soldiers, fighting on the front lines of battle, lying under the burst of Jap machine gun fire, and pinked out of the sky by German anti-aircraft, forgive a lazy memory for prolonging their suffering?

Since the beginning of the war our casualty list has reached 150,470 and of the 34,179 dead, 936 died horribly in Jap prison-camps. Are you going to forget that bond or stamp next week?

--Edwin Kauth

WHY REMEMBER LINCOLN?

What was it that made people admire Lincoln? He wasn't a Rockefeller, a Vanderbilt, an Einstein or a Gable. He was just plain "Honest Abe." He was homely gaunt, ungainly, yet cheerful, wise, patient, and well known for his stories. He was said to have been able to change a Democrat to a Republican by just telling one of his jokes.

In Ida M. Tarbell's story, "He Knew Lincoln," it is related that one time while in court, Lincoln told a story and got every one to laughing. The judge, angered by the disturbance, fined Lincoln five dollars for disorderly conduct. Later the judge's curiosity got the best of him and he inquired of a court attendant what the joke had been. When he was told, he giggled right out loud in court and had to remit Lincoln's fine.

It is Washington we remember with respect and awe, but we remember Lincoln as a friend and comrade.

--Jean Ratzburg

IS FLU UNAVOIDABLE?

During the week of December 6 there were some 36 high school students out of school with the flu. Still physically exhausted from a tussle with the flu "bug" the more severe cases returned to find themselves one week, even two weeks, behind in school work. Could all this lost time and physical discomfort have been prevented?

Some students try to be in too many school activities, while others work outside school until late hours. Thus they come to school in a tired condition and have low resistance against colds which later leads to the flu. The untimely warm weather tempts many people to throw off warm clothing. As a result, colds and other illnesses set in and make a person snuffle and cough.

We are grateful to modern science for the miracles it performs on flu victims. But when rest, recreation, and proper dress could prevent the illness, we owe it to ourselves and to our community to use these precautions.

Doctors are overworked as it is. Also, sulfa drugs which bring down the temperature of a flu victim are being used on the war front. The same sulfa drugs you may have used to wrestle with the flu might have saved a soldier's life. So guard your health, for it is the most precious commodity you possess. That wasted energy may prevent you from doing your all for victory.

--William Oilschlager

We've heard of spring "sitting in the lap of winter" but this is the first winter we ever saw spring reclining in the lap of autumn.

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PLUMBER: Sorry, sir, I've forgotten my tools.

Professor: That's all right, my good man, I've forgotten what I wanted you for.

RECORDS

GRADE BANDS ORGANIZED

The fifth grade has organized a symphonet band under the direction of Miss Patricia Doherty. The symphonet is a black, plastic instrument, a foot long.

There are 16 symphonets, besides cymbals, triangles, wood blocks, and bells. Using the book, "Happy Hour Series," They learned to play, "Merrily We Roll Along," and several nursery rhymes.

The newly organized third grade band, is directed for the present by Mrs. Leone Schumtzler. A child director will be chosen soon.

Their band uses drums, triangles, tambourines, wood blocks, bells, and xylophone.

--Richard Swanson

OUR ENEMY-JAPAN

No one can consider Japan an, easily conquered nation after seeing the movie, "Our Enemy--Japan," on February 8.

In this picture we saw how, Japan prepares for its war to conquer the world. Everyone works on farms, in the factories, or in the home. The children are trained in school to march, to endure privation, and to honor their "holy" leader.

The young men join the army gladly and will die willingly for the emperor if they must, for they have been taught that the emperor is God and those who die for him are lesser Gods. Such an enemy will stop at nothing to, carry out what it considers a divine plan of world domination.

If We Americans backed our cause with as much zeal and energy this war would soon be over.

--Robert Berger

NO SNOW--

NO HORSE--

NO SNOW?

Snow had at last arrived to stay. The Freshman class sleigh-ride party could become a reality! The date was set at Feb. 18. The food committee hopped into action. All looked promising. Then came new complications. The horses planned on could not be had! Finally, on Thursday, February 24, Freshmen, horses, sleigh, and snow got together and settled the business once and for all----- we hope!

--Evereth Buchholz

STUDENTS SHOWN MOVIE

Propaganda in one of it's bitterest forms reached the students through the movie "Prelude to War," shown on January 26. Two globes, one white and the other black, illustrated our choice between a slave and a free world. It was striking to notice the similarity in the rise to power of Hitler, Mussolini, and Tojo. It was plain to see that the present war began back in 1931 when Japan invaded Manchuria.

One of the most impressive, scenes was the contrast between the upbringing of children in a free country and in a dictatorship. Hitler's statement that he wants "to restore in the eyes of youth the gleam of the beast of prey" sent a shudder through the audience. The picture strengthened in everyone's mind the determination to stay free.

--Wayne Jensen

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A feminine fad, be it slacks or a
New shade of russet,
Lasts only as long as the other
Sex cares to discuss it.

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Be a self-starter, so the boss
won't have to be a crank.

TEAM DEBATES FOR PRACTICE

A practice debate--

Resolved: That we must join and reconstruct the League of Nations, gave the school debate team a chance to do spontaneous thinking before an audience on February 8 in the assembly.

The Affirmative was upheld by Duaine Hegg and Tom Coldwell, while the speakers of the negative were Titus Kulinski and John Watson.

The Affirmative resolved: that we need a more unified world with a police force to keep everything intact, and better international relations to settle world affairs. They also stated that the weakness of the League of Nations was that the United States drew up the treaty, but did not join it. This caused foreign countries to lose faith in the document.

The Negative maintained that we should do away with police forces, that racial differences would prevent the type of unified world we want, and that the weakness of the League of Nations was in the written document itself. They also stated that we did as much out of the League as we might have accomplished in it.

--Dorothy Karberg

JUNIORS FROLIC AT PARTY

On Friday, February 4, at 8 o'clock, the Juniors met in the Recreation Room for their class party, with each one bringing a guest. They danced and played games. Everybody had a hand in the refreshments and the taffy pull afterwards. Mrs. Hanson and Miss Leverence chaperoned the party.

--Wilma Gilman

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Of all the things you wear,
the most important--your expression--costs nothing.

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FRESHMEN ATTEND BEY TRIAL

To obtain first-hand information concerning court room procedure, the Freshman class journeyed to the Wood County Court House on January 31 and February 1 to attend a county court session.

The damage suit involving a \$2,334 settlement arose out of an auto accident in which the plaintiff had been seriously injured. The attorneys re-enacted the accident by means of miniature autos. The Freshmen witnessed the selection of the petit jury, the opening of the case, and the final testimony of the plaintiff and defendant.

The Freshmen would like to thank Mrs. Becker, Mr. and Mrs. Rawson, Mr. Humphrey, Mrs. Dailey, Jean Ratzburg, and Mr. Neuberger for making transportation available.

--Joyce Haumschild

SCOUTS DINE WITH PARENTS

One hundred and twenty parents and scout daughters assembled in the High School Recreation Room on January 26 to discuss the benefits of scouting and to promote community co-operation.

Mrs. Don Lichty, master of ceremonies, revealed that seventy-six per cent of Port Edwards girls are enrolled in the Scouts or the Brownies.

Songs were led by Mrs. Frank Coldwell. Camp movies and slides illustrated Scout activities. The Scouts gave pantomimes of such special interests as Health and Safety, Nature Study, and Home-making.

--Sally Serles

A gossip is a person
Who talks to you about others;
A bore is one who talks to
you about himself;
A brilliant conversationalist is
one who talks to you about
yourself.

BAND, CHORUS PRESENT CONCERT

Tuesday evening, February 8, the John Edwards High School Band and Glee Club presented the annual concert.

After the introductory number, "Star Spangled Banner", the musicians played "Anchors Aweigh" by C. A. Zimmerman; then a modern composition written in 18th century style, "In Modo Classico", by R. Mohaupt; "Manzanillo" by A. G. Robyn; "Silver Cord" by Charles O'Neill and "Campus Honors" by H. S. Whistler.

Following the band's first appearance, Duaine Hegg showed his skill at the drum in two solos, "Proctor's No. 3" by A. S. Alers, and "Morris Town Post 59" by H. S. Fay. The third solo was "Mendelssohn's Concerto in E Minor" played by Julia Bruener, accompanied by Patsy Hinz.

The Glee Club sang first the soothing "Lullaby" by Noble Cain, then the sprightly compositions, "Morning" by Edward Greig, and "Robin In the Rain" by Noble Cain. The delightful "Oh, Dear! What can the Matter Be?" by W. Howorth concluded the singing. Joyce Bennett accompanied the club.

The pleasant medley of "Holiday" by R. Commings and "Victor-Herbert's Favorites" introduced the band the second time. The two final numbers, "Semper Paratus" by F. S. VanBoskerck and "Victory" by Paul Yoder, left the audience in a patriotic mood.

--Dorothy Oilschlager

REWARD

It happened during the rush for gasoline ration coupons, and the scene was an American high school. The white-haired teacher at the table looked up and grinned at the man standing before her, application in hand.

"Well," she said, after all these years, I'm finally able to give you an 'A'!"

DRAMATIC CLUB PRESENTS
"GROWING PAINS"

Hilarious from start to finish, "Growing Pains" was enjoyed by an audience of some 350 people on February 15.

Norman Zieher, as the problem child, George McIntyre, delighted the audience with his boyish naturalness. Joyce Bennett as his sister, Terry, drew laughs, then admiration from the crowd as she wobbled on her first high heels, then suddenly emerged in evening gown.

Joan Nash, as Mrs. McIntyre, lovingly allowed the children to get completely out of hand, then appealed to her abstracted husband, LeRoy Sigler, to straighten them out. Both played the middle-age roles very convincingly.

As the vamping Prudence Darling, Barbara Hamilton slew the boys on sight. Henry Martin, as the traffic officer, took his blow on the chest like a man and Patty Leiser and Maxine Pluke supplied additional comedy in their roles as domineering mother and introvertive child.

Each member of the supporting cast, by acting completely natural in his own way, won many laughs from the audience. They were: Shirley Emerson, Phyllis Mosher; Rosalie Orth, Barbara Wiegand; Alice Steinfeldt, Jack Gleason, Duaine Hegg, Rudolph Foth, Wilbur Ratzburg, and Marvin Neuberger.

Behind scenes, the following people contributed toward the success of the play: Julia Bruener; Shirley McGill, Elizabeth Smith, Jean Ratzburg, Dorothy Oilschlagger, Lorraine Lom, and Corrinne Ashburn.

The Spanish style scenery was planned and constructed by Mr. Rawson, with the help of Mr. Kurz, Mr. Larsen, Mr. Howard, Shirley McGill, and some of the manual training students.

--Dorothy Oilschlagger

DEBATERS ATTEND TOURNAMENT

On Saturday, February 12, the annual debate tournament was held at Wisconsin Rapids High School. The question debated was: Resolved that the United States should join a reconstructed League of Nations.


The Port Edwards affirmative defeated Wisconsin Rapids and Mosinee. The Port Edwards negative won against Red Granite. Thus our teams won three out of six debates. It is the best our school has done in the tournament for many years, according to Miss Landaal, Debate Coach.

Eight schools were to have participated. However, Nekoosa had to withdraw from the contest because of illness. Wittenberg was unable to attend because of the weather. Thus, there were only six schools competing against each other. The six schools were: Wis. Rapids, Mosinee, Merrill, Rhineland, Red Granite, and Port Edwards.

--Evelyn Kulinski

WRITING EXPERT
DEMONSTRATES SKILL

J. L. Turner, handwriting expert, who demonstrated his skill before the students, Feb. 9, set many chronic dictionary copyers to thinking. Why not invent a dictionograph to copy 10 words at once? Marvelous time saver! He showed us three kinds of writing; the backhand, vertical, and the natural slant. His most difficult feat was writing a different verse with both hands and reciting a third or singing an original song at the same time. His signature appears below.



--Leonard Knoll

COMMERCIAL NOTES

The following students,--having demonstrated ability to type accurately, are declared by the Examining Committee of the Gregg Writer Commercial Magazine to be Competent Typists, and have been awarded a C. T. Certificate in recognition of their skill. They have written for 10 minutes with less than 5 errors.

	Net Speed
Rachael Schelvan	57
Hester Lafler	42
Maxine Pluke	42
Joyce Bennett	41
Alice Steinfeldt	41
Carol Moore	41
LaVerne Oleson	37
Bette Petricka	36
Shirley Emerson	35

Rachael Schelvan and Barbara Hamilton, who have taken Gregg shorthand dictation for 5 minutes at 80 words a minute, and transcribed the notes accurately, have been awarded the 80-Word Certificate of Progress for the month of January.

--Betty Weldon

FLU EPIDEMIC STRIKES SCHOOL

What once had been a full classroom was suddenly reduced to a partial vacuum on December 6. The cause? The flu had struck John Edwards High. Office records show approximately 36 students were absent from school the week of December 6. According to Mrs. Oscar Larsen, school nurse, many students came back to school too soon with high temperatures and colds. Consequently they suffered relapses and even passed the disease on to others.

--Charlene Sigler

SENIOR PLAY CHOSEN

"Jo's Boy's", a dramatization of Louisa M. Alcott's "Little Men" has been selected as the Senior class play. It requires a cast of six men and nine women in costumes of 1881.

It will be a sequel to "Little Women" which was given by the Seniors of last year. The tentative date is March 30.

--Richard Swanson

PORT TRIUMPHS OVER NEKOOSA

Playing on a bigger court, January 14, Port was trailing Nekoosa 9-13 at the intermission. The Nekoosaagers had made most of their shots from near the free throw circle.

But at the start of the second quarter, Port began to click and it was a sharp-shooting affair for the Hurmen, Port taking advantage of rebounds under both baskets.

In the fourth quarter, Port went ahead by a free throw by Homer Fairfield. Then Rader of Nekoosa was given a charity toss but missed. Sigler on a fast break made a bucket, and the score was 27-24 when the gun went off. Some sharp-shooting entitled Port to win. Sigler was high scorer for Port with eight points.

--Leonard Kroll

SENIORS BUSY ON ANNUAL

"The City of Tomorrow" has been chosen as the theme for this year's annual. It's to be highly illustrative and every student's name will appear somewhere within it's pages. The class is busy working in co-operation with the Commercial Department to get it ready by June. All students will want to buy one of these artistic annuals and glimpse into the world of the future.

--Tere Reiland

ORDER IN THE COURTROOM!



HEART--A girl may love you from the bottom of her heart, but there's always room for another man on top.

Love--Perpetual emotion; a woman knows the value of love, but a man knows its cost.

Kiss--The only agreeable two-faced action.

Hug--A round-about way of expressing affection.

Flirt--A hit-and-run lover.

Necking--It may not be fatal but it has put an end to many a bachelor.

Politician---A man who usually talks himself red, white and blue in the face; one who does not make his bed and lie in it, but makes up his bunk and lies out of it.

Politics--The art of obtaining money from the rich and votes from the poor on the pretext of protecting each from the other.

Polls--Voting places where you stand in line for a chance to decide who will spend your money.

Congressman--One who, as soon as he is elected, either grows or swells.

Crooked Congressmen---Representa-thieves.

Political Platform--A politician's principle that since his rival has been robbing the public for years, he should now be given a chance.

Political troubles--They are always multiplied by division.

MAID: The installment man is here again, ma'am.

Madam (resignedly): Tell him to take a chair.

"Now act like adults, please," warned Mr. Rawson, as the Freshman class filed into the Rapids Court House. "Absolute silence, please," came the final warning from Mrs. Becker.

No one can say the Freshmen didn't try. They looked so old and grim that the bailiff warned them against smoking in the Second Chambers. But it was not long before they relaxed. For Lo! The Judge proved to be a human fellow who had a bad cold and enjoyed a good cigar.

Several other court dignitaries won their way into the Freshmen hearts by their love for good, old common ordinary chewing gum. Guess I'll be a court stenographer.

--Betty Weldon

'TIS THE HIT OF THE SEASON

When the stage curtain parted, Feb. 3, on what Mr. Rawson called a pep program by the primary grades, our astonished eyes fell on a sorry sight. The scene was a grade classroom containing odd looking youngsters our dignified teachers Mrs. Becker, Miss Rom, Miss Doherty, Miss Willkom, Mrs. Hansen, and Mrs. Schmutzler.

Miss Landaal conducted classes in reading, arithmetic, and spelling, all pertaining to the Westfield game. The janitor, Mrs. Schmutzler, swept during classtime probably because she was in such a hurry to go to the Westfield game.

--Genevieve Bruener

Lincoln himself liked to tell the story about two Quakersesses who had a spirited discussion concerning himself and Jefferson Davis.

"I think Mr. Jefferson will win this war," declared the first one.

"Why does thee think so?"

"Because Jefferson is a praying man."

"And so is Abraham a praying man."

"That's true," answered the first. "But the Lord will think Abraham is joking."

SPORTS

WHIRLWIND

WAUTOMA LOSES TO US!

On Wautoma's floor, Port downed the Wautoma team by a wide margin of 47-17. Sigler was high scorer with 15 points, Fairfield followed with 13 points, and Zdorkowski made 12 points for the team.

--Arthur Foth

PORT DOWNS HANCOCK TWICE

Port really went to town with Hancock on January 12, when the teams met at Hancock and again on February 10, when they met here.

James, Fairfield, and Sigler were our supermen on those nights.

Fairfield made a total of 20 points, and James and Sigler each made a total of 19 points in the two games.

--Ronald Humphry

PORT OVERPOWERS ADAMS-FRIENDSHIP

Port's quintet battled with Adams-Friendship, Friday night, January 28. Port won 33-17. The defeat was Adam-Friendship's seventh in a row. Port got a good start in the first quarter with a 11-2 lead. Richard Zdorkowski was Port's high scorer with 11 points. LeRoy Sigler followed with 9 points. Port now trails Westfield by a game and a half in the 7-C Conference.

---Robert Berger

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WITTY BOARDER: Ah, your steak is is like the weather this evening, madam--rather raw.
Witty Landlady: Indeed! By the way, your board bill is like the weather too--unsettled.

PORT DOWNS WAUTOMA

When the Port team met Wautoma on the Port floor, January 24, it took the lead and held it throughout the game. LeRoy Sigler, Homer Fairfield, and Richard Zdorkowski, piled up Port's forty points; Sigler with 16, Fairfield with 14; and Zdorkowski with 10. The victory, Port's fifth at that time, put them in a tie for second place in the 7-C Conference.

--Gordon Dailey

PORT DEFEATS WESTFIELD 37-22

Port Papermakers met Westfield on the Port gym floor in an exciting game on February 3. The Port defense was very good. Most of Westfield's shots were quite far out. The Papermakers did not hit so well the first half, but they came back in the last half to beat Westfield, 37-22.

--Thomas Wipfli

TOURNAMENT FLASH!

Port lost to Weyauwega in the Wednesday night game of the basketball tournament held at Waupaca on February 23 and 24. This cost the team their chance for a try at the Championship. The boys went to Waupaca on Thursday to watch the final games of the conference. Other schools competing were Almond, Amherst, Iola, Manawa, Marion and Plainfield.

--Thomas Wipfli

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JUDGE (in Dentist's chair): Do you swear that you will pull the tooth, the whole tooth, and nothing but the tooth?