

### MARTHA VIRGIL WINS HIGHEST HONORS

By Dick Adams

The office announces that a summary of grades earned for three and one half years by the members of the senior class, disclosed that Martha Virgil is high with an average of 93.36. This entitles her to the high office of valedictorian.

In second place is Patsy Bates with an average of 92.90 who thereby becomes salutarian.

The first 10 included Lois Butterbaugh 92.67; Patsy Shoup 92.58; Louise Amato 91.85; Norma Hartung 91.46; Teresa Lucas 91.17; Mary Lou Bonebrake 89.85; Flora Armour 89.80; and James Berger 89.25. These averages were determined by counting A as 96, B-92, C-85, D-77, F-65.

This was a county ruling of long standing. It does, however, prevent our students getting over 96 as an average.

Subject awards are given at the time of graduation. In order to be eligible a student must have majored in that subject and maintained an A average.

### NOON HOUR RECREATION TO BE SET UP

By John Thompson

A noon hour recreation program is now being set up by Miss Bradely and the five members of her committee.

Miss Bradley who is one of the new teacher on Clay's staff has been very active in the promoting activities for the students of this school. She is the chairman of the noon-hour recreation committee.

This committee is striving to make our noon hours enjoyable by arranging different types of recreation in which we might take part or enjoy watching. "A few of these activities may run over the noon hour", said Miss Bradely but time will be allowed.

The members of this committee are: Mr. Rogers, Mr. Eaton, Mrs. Goheen, Mrs. Pearson, Mr. Tackett. This committee met after school on March 15 and made direct plans for these events. They are planning musical programs in which they want to have the students take part. It was also talked before the committee to have each class put on a program. Mr. Eaton will be in charge of the gym activities, such as ping pong, volley ball and dancing. The music for dancing will be by juke box, but if it can be arranged they would like to gather some of our musical talent for a small orchestra. Miss Bradely said, "There will also be some amateur shows, which students usually enjoy."

The work of this committee may mean the enjoyment of us students for the rest of our school year so let's all be as co-operative as we possibly can and help them to out greatest ability. If you are chosen to be in one of the programs or in some activity, be as willing to do this as you would to get a day off from school.

### INTERVIEWS REVEAL THE DESIRE FOR JUNIOR COLLEGES

By Delmar Gardner

According to a recent small but brief survey conducted by this locality seems to be in favor of the project of establishing more junior colleges in the state of Indiana.

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Bill Graham, senior at Washington Clay High School, says he is in favor of the plan because "It would help more high school students to attend at least the first two years of college."

He thinks that there should be a junior college to every city of 200,000 people or better and that the larger, regular colleges would be in favor of this plan.

"More high school graduates would be inclined to go to college if such a product was established," says Bill.

He believes taxation would be the best way of raising revenue for such a project.

Francis Ernst, teacher at Washington Clay High School says he thinks that it should not be a state wide project but only where popular educational desires are noted. They should be located through a relation of population, strength and area, according to Mr. Ernst. He also believes the regular colleges would favor the plans.

Mr. Ernst said: "This move would make it possible for many high school graduates to feel more certain of their ability to cope with the complexities of life"- He added that with federal aid and with possible unification and re-organization of some of the state agencies, the money for such a move could be raised.

A housewife, Mrs. A. K. Fox of 210 Dixie Way North, says she would favor the plan because "More young people would have the advantage of advanced education."

She thinks the colleges should be located where the population is big enough to back and finance the college and that the larger colleges would favor this because they could then accommodate everyone.

"The high school graduate of today, at least nearly all of them, could look forward to a college education if such a plan went thru", says Mrs. Fox. She also said said taxation would be the best way of financing the project.

## SENIORS

By Charles McNerney

You know, it takes a long time to become a senior, twelve years to be exact. It's twelve years that will never be forgotten by any of us. Of these twelve years, the senior year will hold memories that will stand out beyond that of anything else of our school career.

Seniors, like all other students in the school, have to keep their grades up at decent levels. If they fail to do this, Mr. Harke has a pleasant way of saying "Hello" to returning veteran seniors.

Work and play can mix, if you take it a little easy on the latter. A typical senior joke, that many students (No teachers) witnessed was when Ed Kubiak opened his locker door and was washed out to sea. Someone (a senior) put a can of water, so balanced in his locker, that when it was opened--well Ed was a nice guy. It wasn't that bad but it's the stuff everyone will remember.

Don't forget this, juniors, a senior is a senior, with a privilege that can be taken away. Never forget you're still just a student like everyone else and will be treated as such when in the wrong.

## OVERTURE TO SPRING

By Viney Wilder

The plows are turning and the smell  
of rich, brown earth is strong;  
The Pussy-Willow braves the wind  
To hear the robin's song;

Forsythia bushes spill their gold  
Where only yesterday  
The frozen blanket of the snow  
In ruffled splendor lay.

The frogs are busy tuning up  
In marshlands everywhere,  
The buds are swelling on the trees  
That lately stood quite bare;

And Spring, returning, green and life,  
Across the countryside  
Is telling us that faith and hope  
Still walk the earth with pride.



## AMBLING REPORTER

By Pat May

Let's go strolling through the hall on this fair spring day. (It is raining as I write this), and see what's new around the halls of Washington-Clay.

At the first stop, the office I saw Mrs. Spencer so I thought I would ask about the P. T. A. Broadcast. The eight grade of Washington-Clay will present "Dead Line For Living," Saturday, March 27 at 9:30 o'clock over W. H. O. T. This is to be sponsored by the St. Joseph Council P. T. A.

The Easter Seal Sale has closed and we have collected \$29.23. Mrs. Schultz's 12's had the most money turned in. This money helps maintain Camp Millhouse, a summer camp located off the Liberty Highway and buys all kinds of appliances for the crippled child.

The Honor Roll for the first six weeks-second semester has been accounted for. An average of all A's with not more than one B must be maintained. Congratulations to the following: Virginia Izdepski, John Neher, Mildred Grabowski, Anne Welch, Ann Kreps, Douglas Roth, Delores Snow, Patsy Shoup, Richard Adams, Patsy Bates, James Berger, Magdalene Gaedthe, Wm. Bradshaw, Patricia Greenwood, Dwain Spencer.

The fourth hour home economics class was visited by Mrs. Wilmetta McKinney who showed the class silverware. The class all enjoyed the demonstration and wants to thank Mrs. Eaton for writing her.

This is all for now so "Keep Smiling" and I will be back next issue.

## WHAT'S YOUR OPINION

By John Thompson

Hello, Brains:

Well, I guess it is time to start digging up those opinions again. I hope you guys and gals don't get tired of me twisting your arms for answers.

This week we will find some subtle question and then wander around till we get the answers. Now for the jackpot question. What is your idea of good school activities?

For a good bright answer we shall circulate around amongst the seniors and see what kind of an answer they can give. From that beautiful red-headed boy Pinky Gardner (Dave Gallup) we have this sporty answer. "I would like longer noon hour and more programs with humor in them. I like good educational programs now and then but a program where I can laugh makes school more fun." I think you have a good argument, Pinky.

For our next bit of quizzing I stopped a blond-headed junior that looks as tho he might have a few good answers for us, Jack Blankenbaker, this is his opinion. "I like noon movies and I think we should have more of them. That basketball tournament we had really hit the spot in the way of programs. I think we should have more of a variety routine."

Have you ever gone to a movie where you saw an actor you admired very much? That is the way the boys feel about our next one. She is a sophomore and turns around when the name Helen Gross is given. But be careful boys, I think she is taken. "I like noon hour entertainment but I don't care much for movies unless it is an extra good one. I like musical programs about the best but I also like humorous programs, too."

Well, for the next member of our interview I have a boy that Mr. Harke knows. Bill Raber is our boy and he has a few points, too.

"I like funny programs because I love to laugh. I also like ping pong and hope they have a ping pong tournament this year I like good exciting movies like we had last time."

So goes the column for another couple weeks, although I don't want you kids to think I would forget a joke for my column as the chicken said to the duck that was a dirty quack. Farewell.

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Wife, sometime during the night: "John, I hear a mouse squeaking."

John: "What do you want me to do, get up and oil it?"

## JANE OF THE WEEK

By Blondie

Out Jane of the Week has very pretty blond hair and green eyes--and yes, she has big pretty dimples when she smiles. She is sweet sixteen, 5 foot 2 inches tall, and a junior this year.

When asked what her ambition was she replied, "Get married." Then she added that she has a likely prospect, too. (More than most girls can say?)

Her favorite foods are fried chicken, strawberry shortcake, apple pie with ice-cream, olives, hot peppers, and pop.-corn. (Gad's what an appetite!!!)

She likes to watch a basketball game, roller skate, go riding on Sunday afternoon, go to shows, and collect recipes.

I asked her what she thought about the boys and her reply was "Ha-ha-ha-ha!!" And then she thought about it seriously and said, "Some of them are nice, but Jim is the nicest."

Now have you guessed her?? For those who haven't--may I present our Jane of the Week--Evelyn Blackford.

## JOE OF THE WEEK

By Blondie

Out Joe of the Week is sort of new at Washington-Clay. He is 15 years old, 5 foot 6 1/2 inches tall, weighs 135, and has blue eyes and blond hair. (Sounds good, huh girls?) He last attended Lincoln High School in South Bend.

His favorite foods are fried chicken, french fries, and banana splits. (Not a very big eater)

He says his favorite sports are football and basketball. He likes to swim, read and write notes in his pastime.

When asked about the girls he said, "Most of them are nice." (Natch!!) Then he added that he has a couple in particular in mind. (Could Beaty be one of them??)

Now may I present to you our newcomer as the Joe of the Week---Delbert Holcomb "Satch"

## TATTLETALES

By Vel and Del

Attention, Gene Dunnuck--Delores Niswonger seems to be awfully interested--also Eva Wienhold - but then he took Flora Armour to the party Saturday night!

What's this we hear about Joan Schrader and Barbara Warren?

What's the reason for Mary Lehner's sudden interest in Central, Couldn't be "Emery" could it?

What's this--Joan Blankenbaker and Jimmy Brown? What about Chico, Joan??????

Along with the regular couples seen at the banquet were Keith Handley and Gladys Strausser.

We hear Louise Amato talking about Frank Claeys lately--Interesting huh?

Did you hear--Janice Meyers and Dick Nelson are going steady.

Mr. Rogers, we like your new suit and tie--pretty sharp.

Bob Landick seems to be in love--could it be Elaine Frell from Riley?

I guess you already know that Johnny Thompson is going steady with Marian Driver from Adams.---Bob and Johnny sure get around??? So they just told me!

Why were all the tears shed in 5th hour Library class, by the senior girls??

Margie Schrader blushes when ever Russ Huss is mentioned--What about this Marge?

Is Carol Thomas worried about what was in the column last issue? Did you find out who he is yet, Carol?

What is the mix up between Beverly Martin and Jack Kelly?

Has Bob Huddleston changed his mind? Ann???

Who is the current favorite of Beatrice Sowers? Charles (from Jimtown). She also has a secret admirer here at Clay, huh Sach?

What happened to Dick Dehne's five-dollar bill?

Doesn't Bill Hoel like world history class?

We have seen lots of Gordon Thompson and Ann Dreps lately--

Joyce Kruespert's eyes are moist. Russ Huss is graduating soon?



# UTOPIAN- WASHINGTON-CLAY

By Marion Bradley

Believe it or not but almost seven of the nine months of school have been completed. I find myself reminiscing about the experiences encountered during my first year at Washington-Clay and have discovered that most of the memories are of enjoyable happenings.

Remember--The enthusiasm with which all you began the first semester--the fun you had in learning new things (not realizing you were studying)-- the nice vacation you had in October while we teachers were getting a bit of larnin' ourselves-- the beginning of the basketball season-- the County Tourney--the Sectional Tourney-- and the numerous other activities of the year. We really got off to a good start. However, as time goes by we forget the good things that have occurred.

Sure, we all want a school that we can be proud of and we want it to get "better" all the time. Washington-Clay of the future has a wonderful chance of becoming "better" and "better." We all know that we are a long way from a Utopian school. One of these days--not too far in the future--there will be ample room to house the student body with a little extra room left over in case it is needed for something special. Also, I believe we will see the day when we have a special period during the day for clubs which will be open to the entire student body. Of course, the new auditorium will have an ample seating capacity with a stage suitable for the excellent programs that will be presented.

Perhaps, with plenty of activity going on it will be no longer necessary for students to roam the halls before school and at noon as there will be something of interest for everyone.

More equipment outdoors would be helpful, too. What about more evening entertainment--dances, amateur programs, more good plays, etc.?

Utopian Washington-Clay almost sounds too good to be true, doesn't it? I do think the students could help the teachers improve the atmosphere of the classroom. With a new Washington-Clay, feet on the chairs and tables will look a little out of place. Boisterous voices will ruin the sound of the chimes(bells) at the beginning of the hour. Of course, speaking out of turn will not happen anymore as it will take all the time we can get to take care of all the subject matter and the extra-curricular activities that will be so wanted and needed. And between classes--no more standing in line to get a drink out of a fountain that works most of the time. Utopian Washington-Clay will have new drinking fountains with cooled water. Looks like we'll be able to throw away the late slips when everyone can get a drink in a few seconds.

The Utopian library will contain many up-to-date books and periodicals and will have ample space for students to study in their spare few moments. Of course, field trips will occur frequently if we manage to plan the time carefully. Naturally, we won't have time or even bother with attendance slips in the new school as everyone will be at school to make sure not to miss out on anything and to be able to keep up with the progressive pace you will be setting. Students will make decisions as to measure to be taken for those not cooperating. What do you think of Student Government?

Won't you take a few of your spare minutes to give the above some thought! Remember--let's do the best we can with what we have. What can we each do between now and May to make our school "better?" Let's meet each other half way!

## OFF THE RECORD

By Anita Kendall

Greetings you March 15 deductions:

Now that basketball is nearing the end perhaps several columns in this paper will be read other than the sport columns. This is really a State for basketball. The stork doesn't deliver babies in Indiana. He just circles over a house and drops them through a hoop.

Enough of muscled into Pinkie's territory and now to dig into the Shellac stack. Best record of the week honors go to the Ray Block recording of 'Molly Malone' and 'Too-Ra-Loo-Ra-Loo-Ral-' on the Signature label. Connie Haines is vocalist on the first tune and proves she is still a top singer as she was in the days when she was with Tommy Dorsey. A new comer, Larry Douglas, is featured on the "Irish Lullaby" song" and "I Think Things Can Be Expected Of This Lad." His diction is very commendable.

A new record by the English singer Anne Shelton on the London label. This recording of "My Silent Love" and "You've Changed" is well worth giving a twirl on the turntable.

The Harmonicats have come up with a swell rendition of "Dardanella" and "Ritual Fire Dance" on the Universal label. Their best work in months.

At last, the fine classical song people have been waiting for by their favorite dance band has been waxed on the Capital label. The song is "Cigarettes, Whiskey and Wild, Wild Women". Red Ingle and his Natural Seven group have the distinct honor of recording it with "Pearly Maude" a little French ditty on the flipover. This record should go places.

Kay Kyser and band has come forth for Columbia with a swell treatment of "There Ought to be a Society" and "Worry, Worry, Worry" both of which should reach the Hit Parade in several weeks.

December of last year the music world paid its respects to one the

best band leaders in the business. This great man's name was Glen Miller, whose name has been kept alive by one of his former singers and sax player, Tex Beneke. It was on December 15, 1944, that Glen Miller a Major in the Army, left Twin-Wood Farms, England to fly to Airfield at Orly, near Paris, where he was scheduled to conduct a band concert on Christmas Eve. He left England in bad weather, flying in a small single engine plane, with no radio and was never heard from again. Presumably he had crashed in the English Channel, for no wreckage was ever found. A year later he was reported missing and the Army declared him legally dead. The leadership of his band was taken over by Ray McKinley, who had his own band, until it was disbanded after the war. The members of this band formed after the war. The members of this band formed after the war and Tex Beneke took over the baton of the Tex Beneke and the Glen Miller Orchestra. A few months ago Glen Miller's name was dropped from the billing. There are many stories and rumors about Glen Miller's disappearance. Some say he is still alive and living in England, leaving his wife. Walter Winchell reported that he had talked to a GI that was at the air-field Miller was expected to land at; stating that the plane landed, having no trouble on the trip and that Miller was not aboard. Other say that American Artillery units shot his plane down thinking it an enemy plane.

I think that Glen Miller was one of the greatest assets to the musical world and his records are sold more than any of the present day bands and they are still going strong as Victor has been re-issuing many of his old recordings.

This just about wraps up the ole Wax Works except for this bit that I noticed the other day. A fellow was with a girl at the magazine counter. He was taking Libertys and getting dirty Looks.....



**P. T. A. HONORS  
CLAY NET TEAM  
By Pinky Gardner**

On Thursday evening, March 11, Washington-Clay High School's 1947-48 basketball team were honored at the annual banquet sponsored by the latters Parent-Teachers Association and held in the First Church of the Brethren in South Bend.

The affair, which closed the basketball books for the present school year, was featured by jokes, slams, music, food, and presentations of awards.

After Reverend A. C. Ward, of the Maple Lane Evangelical Church, opened the program by delivering the invocation, and everybody downed their food, the more humorous side of the program began with Mrs. R. E. Butterbaugh, president of the P. T. A. introducing the toast-master, Kenneth R. Olin.

Frank Crosiar, WHOT Sports announcer was the guest speaker of the evening, declaring that in his opinion Washington-Clay had one of the best if not the best coach in this area in Hershel Eaton.

Mr. Crosiar said: "I sincerely hope at this time next year Washington-Clay will be participating in the semi-finals at Lafayette." He added that he thought htat all South Bend sports fans should follow whatever local team won the sectional and do their best to help them go up state.

Principal, M. H. Harke remarked on such things as our teams' sportsmanship showing during the past season, our new city opponent for next year, (Riley) and of our team being handicapped because of the smallness of our gym.

Hans Mohn, trustee, gave brief congratulations to the team and a unexpected guest, H. P. Kelsay county superintendent of schools, expressed his belief that basketball was a great character builder for future life.

Coach Hershel Eaton and his assistant, H. T. Blair awarded the A and B team letter awards respectively.

Individual awards were presented by Harold Webber of the "Boosters", to Kenneth Call for the best free throw throw average, another went to

Kenny for the most valuable player presented by Bert Reader for the "Lettermen's Club", to Charles McNerney and Donald Cornwell for the most improved players by William Yena for the "Ushers" and to Russell Huss for outstanding sportsmanship, the "Gilbert" award, presented by Frank Bratina.

Music was furnished by Jeanette Grabowski (accordion), Regina Ivory (guitar), Herman Reed (bass viol), Richard Wisner (guitar) and Gordon Thomson at the piano. It was featured by Jeanette's playing "Memories" for the team, the graduating seniors on the team and senior cheerleader, Bob Landick.

The program was ended by these musical entertainers playing the school's song.

**ALUMNI NEWS  
By Dick Adams**

There is a feeling abroad that the time has come to organizè an active alumni association of Washington-Clay. The members of the national honor society are making this a project.

They are trying to locate officers of the graduated classes, but to do so, they must have the present correct names and addresses of these people. It would be greatly appreciated if everyone will give information to Martha Virgil or Teresa Lucas about the following persons:

Robert Maurer, Douglas Eby, Olga Weis, Monroe Klinger, Charles Spark, William Christman, Naoma Jones, Alice Crawford, James Hunger, Russell Jannasch, Frances Young, Jean Bussert, Myrene Teeter, Bud Lusk, Lois Christopher, Robert Alber, Jaunita Sanderburg, Dick Walton, William Bartlett, Margaret Toth, Florence DeGrove, Wanda Chapman, Eugene Wilson, Charles Helman, George Walsh, Phyllis Galvas, Jack Myers, Harold Asire, Mary Nemeth, Helen Sowers.

# SENIORS WIN TOURNEY

By Bob Landick

The inter-class tournament, an annual affair, started Tuesday March 9. The seniors and sophomores started the tourney off with the freshman-junior tilt scheduled for March 10. The two losers, sophomores and freshmen met noon in a consolation game the winners played last hour for the championship.

The senior squad with four varsity players on it ran into some difficulty in defeating the sophomores 30-26, as the score indicates. Donnie Cornwell apparently the only one who could hit for the seniors took scoring honors with six field goals for 12 points, while Dick Johnson, who was in the senior's hair the whole game was runnerup with 10 tallie's.

The junior class squad poured it on an underclassed freshmen team 28-13. It was a close game the first half, but the juniors cut loose in the second frame. George Plain and Jim Brown led the winning attach with 10 points apiece, while Neher hit five for the losers.

The sophomores licked a fighting freshmen team 28-18 in a consolation game. The freshmen surprised the sophs the whole first half, the score being knotted 13-13 at the end of the first half. In the second half some faulty shooting by the freshmen cost them the ball game. Garry Borkowski hit nine points for the winners while Neher and Lynch each scored five for the losers.

The seniors won the class tournament, their third in a row, by defeating the juniors 40-22. The senior team, stunned the first half, by a fighting junior squad sparked by Sam Mirkin slashed back in the second half and held the juniors to a mere five points the whole last half. The score at the end of the first half was 17-15, the juniors in front. Harold Webber started to work for the seniors and the juniors never caught up. Mr. Webber knifed in 13 points for the seniors, but Sam Mirkins took scorings honors with 14 points.

Mr. Eaton and Mr. Olin did a fine job officiating the tourney and deserves a pat on the back for their work.

# WASHINGTON-CLAY HIGH SCHOOL

## BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

1947-1948

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
April 20	Niles	T	4:00 P.M.
23	S.B. Wash.	T	"
27	New Carlisle	H	"
29	Middlebury	H	"
May 4	New Carlisle	T	"
6	Middlebury	T	"
11	S. B. Catholic	H	"
12	Riley	T	4:15
20	S. B. Catholic	T	"

Note: Three or four additional games are pending but are not definite.

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"O What a glory doth this world put on  
For him who, with a fervent heart,  
goes forth  
Under the bright and glorious sky, and  
looks  
On duties well performed, and days well  
spent!  
For him the wind, ay, and the yellow  
leaves,  
Shall have a voice, and give him eloquent  
teachings!

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