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#### SEVEN WASHINGTON-CLAY STUDENTS WIN RIGHT TO VIE FOR STATE HONORS

Seven Washington-Clay High School students, Ann Kreps in first year Latin, sponsored by Francis Ernst, Margaret Zoller, Lois Voss, Martha Virgil and Norma Hartung in grammar and comprehensive reading, sponsored by Mrs. Thelma Barber, and Douglas Roth and Mildred Grabowski in plane geometry, sponsored by Mrs. Muriel Goheen, win right to vie for state honors at Bloomington, Indiana, April 24.

Margaret Zoller had 496 correct answers out of 577 points, placing her first in the South Bend area and tenth in the top fifty-one percent of the state.

Douglas Roth, with a score of 226 out of a possible 285, ranked thirtieth out of 318 students.

The subject teachers, Mrs. Barber, Mrs. Goheen and Mr. Ernst, are to be commended.

The members of the Washington-Clay School, we know, extend the chosen few the best wishes.

# PRINCIPAL'S DREAM MAY COME TRUE By James Berger

A dream of Mr. Merica, former principal of Clay, may come true, but about twenty years late for his personal pride.

Plans drawn up by Mr. Merica were submitted to the Purdue Landscape Service in 1934 to be revised, and maybe put into use. The plans were so complete that each shrub and tree could be recognized and identified by a number on accompanying blue prints.

The block plan was used in these drawings and include a playground, ball diamond, football field, volley ball and tennis courts, and a nursery plot. This was all beside the main building. The shop building had not yet been provided for.

Now the state and county find it necessary to build a new school because of the increased population. Clay township is the largest populated and unincorporated area in Indiana. A school of the proposed type in the drawings would be a credit to both the county and state school systems.

The plans are by experts and each foot of ground has been put to full use. No waste would come to the taxpayers money. Teachers and parents are all in favor of the new school, so maybe Mr. Merica's dreams will come true.

### HARBAUGH-BLAIR DIRECT LANDSCAPING PROJECT By James Berger

Landscaping of Washington-Clay began last week after a call went out for trees and shrubs.

According to Mr. Blair, in charge of plotting, more help is needed both from students and parents. Even though many shrubs have been contributed, there is still a need for more. Also is needed is black dirt and grass seed. Fencing will be also needed to protect the newly acquired beauty against vandalism.

Mr. Harbaugh, who is directing the project, says that the interest the prople of Clay Township are taking in this project is greatly appreciated by the school. People of the township are invited to visit the school and see the improvements as they are made

Improvements have begun with the shop building. Trees and shrubs constitute the estent of outside improvements. Shop classes and students from study halls have done much in advancing the project. The work done can be furthered by more aid of this type.

Mrs. Lamson, Mrs. Vandygrift,
Mrs. Shoup, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Spencer,
and Mrs. Vivian Walker have all contributed to the cause generously. There
have been many calls and many promises
for future contributions. Interest has not
been fully aroused, but it will increase
after improvements have been viewed.

### FADS AND FASHION By Billie McIntyre

Spring is the time a young man's fancy turns to love and a young lady's to clothes.

To the girls who will start to college or to the girls who will stay at home or work this summer, pretty cool dresses

are tops in your wardrobe.

Fairy tale charm in a high fashion key. Fitted jacket with a wide quilted collar to frame your face and a quilted peplum to match. A wide whirling skirt that you can wear alone, partnered with your favorite blouses. This comes in the new off white, pink and maize at the leading downtown department stores.

Here's the feminine look, equally charming for street wear of office. It has a flattering camisole neckline and petticoat ruffle of eyelet bastiste, whirling skirt you can wear with the jacket or with your favorite blouse.

All-American Suitdress-done with with new excitement. It is all round perfect! Brief figure-hugging jacket, full circle skirt---wonderfully turned out in Stein-tex cord, a cool crisp cotton. A dress like this is sure to help you when you are very depressed.

By the way, girls, have you noticed the new opera pumps. It seems as if they are all the "go". They are also supposed to be excellent for the feet.

Well, I shall close for this issue and see you again in two weeks.

Nit: "Did your watch stop when it fell to the floor?"

Wit: "Certainly, did you think it would go straight thru?"

# STRICTLY PERSONAL By Regina Ivory

Greetings, you prom date seekers!

Yes, it is the time of the year that many of you are looking forward toyou guessed it, the prom. And to some of you this is probably one of the most important events in your life. It is fun, and something to look forward to.

The worries and frets that run through the mind of us girls are things you boys would never guess. Maybe I am telling secrets I shouldn't but here is one instance that might be troubling them.

"About the prom have no more doubt. I've got my bid. It should restore me. But now I worry more about HOW MANY GIRLS HE ASKED BEFORE ME."

I guess girls are never satisfied, are they boys?

Now that summer vacation is just around the corner, many of you "Onsey, Towsey" (couples going steady) are probably thinking this.

"I dread the prospect of vacation I am not bored with education, I'd rather work right through the summer,

Than sit around, just getting dumber, It's not because I'm such a scholar, That I don't want to be a loller; But-going to school's the only way TO SEE MY DREAM (Boy-Girl) EVERY DAY!"

Report-cards period is another sad time to most of us. But naturally we tell the teachers this:

"My report card is low, so my face it is long,
On study my friends make suggestions,
But I'm sure that my answers wouldn't be wrong,
IF TEACHER WOULD ASK THE RIGHT QUESTIONS."

Here is a problem we girls are trying to decide.

"Oh, shall we be brainy.
Or just be hep Hedy's?
In which shall we major-Our Studies or Steadies?"

#### TATTLETALES By Vel and Del

Our Joe of the week is sixteen years old, five foot seven inches tall, and weighs 125 pounds. He has brown curly hair and big blue eyes and is a freshman in school.

His ambition is to be a farmer. (You'd never know it by looking at him.) He would like to own and fly an airplane someday, too.

Usually our Joe has a lot of favorite foods--but not this one. He says his only favorite foods are fried chicken, malts, and hamburgers.

As for sports, he likes basketball and softball. In his pastime he likes to look at slam books, read and dance.

On the subject of girls he says he's on the "look-out" so look out girls--- he's a handsome kid.

Now for those who haven't guessed him already our Joe of the week is none other than ----Charles Beaver.

# JANE OF THE WEEK By Blondie

Our Jane of the Week is fourteen years old and is five feet, seven and a half inches tall. She has brown hair and big brown eyes and is a freshman in high school.

When asked what her ambition after school was, she replied very cheerfully, "I'd like to be a nurse." She's not quite sure about going to college, though.

Her favorite foods are strawberries, chicken, and ice-cream. (Sounds good, doesn't it?)

As for sports, she likes basketball and swimming. In her pastime she likes to read.

On the subject of boys she says they got to be tall, dark, and handsome and not conceited. (Hum-m-I don't blame her.)

Waiter: "Of course not. Did you ever see any horses in horse-radish?"

Jean Grabowski is back in circulation again .... What's this about Regina Ivory and Bob Kingsafer .... What were Jack Blankenbaker and Melvin Kulwicki fighting about last week?....Anne Welsh has bad eyes --- Well it's a good excuse to sit in the dark anyway!!... Dick Adams should be ashamed of himself. Regina and Margie's faces were so red!....Ask Tom Haney what happened to his class ring -- he says he lost it--What's her name, Tom??.... Say have you heard about Donnie Cornwell and Mishawaka -- her name is Margie Haizer... Who was Beaty Sowers waiting for at the Granger Dance Saturday night---Did he finally get there, Beaty?.... What happened to Russ Huss after Baseball practice Monday night?.... Blondie looks kinda lonesome lately-couldn't be because Eddie's in Iowa, could it?....Bert Reader also had quite an experience after practice Monday night? -- N.C.!!... Bill Graham is going steady with Rosemary Krueger from St. Mary's....Billie McIntyre seems pretty happy since Gene Wilson's home!!!...Carol Thomas finally found out who that senior was--Huh Carol!!....Ray Johnson is scouting for a prom date....Also George Plain!... Mildred Grabowski this is Leap Year!.. Ronnie Logan and Christine Zurat got a big surprise Friday night, didn't they Ray?....Attention, Lois B. Jean Salsbury seems to think Harold Asire is wonderful!....In home room the other morning, Nita Kendall's face was actually red!.... Of course you've all seen Donnie Ansbaugh and Ruth McMullen together... So Jack Stone takes quite an interest in Green Township!!... What happened to Bill Yena and Shirley Clobridge?...Who's the freshman girl who thinks so much of Dale Walsh?...We also hear that Becky Serene is mad about Bob Huddleston .... Why doesn't somebody lend Jack Brady a car? Helen's neighbors are complaining--remember, Jack, it's a party line. ... What about August Bultinck saving a seat on the bus every night for Anne Welsh!!...

Susie Roden seems to enjoy her walks with Donald Lynch .... Who's the senior who's eyeing Beverly Marin??...What ever happened to Velma Rogers and Jack Melton?... So it's still Joyce Kane, huh, Bob?... Who is the Bob that Kay Depriester is hoping for ?... Marilyn Barnhart has had a good number of dates lately... Who is it this time, Leo Sebelski?...Jim Haney seems to enjoy Latin class!... Russ Huss, do you know you get 10% off cash and carry?...Is it still Hugh Masterman, Carolyn Squint?... What's the "little woman" getting Jim Berger for graduation?... Has Teresa Lucas decided yet?... Hey, fellows, Beatrice Robinson is available!...

# OFF THE RECORD By Anita Kendall

Greetings you high IQ'ers and you, too, under classmen.

Best record of the week honors go to Kathryn Grayson for her MGM recording of "All of A Sudden My Heart Sings" and "Jealousy." This is Miss Grayson's first attempt at waxing tunes. Her husband, Johnnie Johnston also records for MGM.

Columbia has re-released an old number by Gene Krupa called "After You've Gone" and "Dark Eyes." Both feature Roy Elridge on trumpet work.

MGM has also come along with a harmonica group. They are called Jimmy and Mildred Mulcay, the Mr. and Mrs. Harmonica. Their first recording is "When Veronica Plays the Harmonica" and "Blue Prelude." Both these tunes were recorded with an instrumental group called the Three Dons. This record reminds me of an old maid named Veronica who always wore cotton gloves because she had no kids.

No matter what Johnny Mercer records he seems to always to do a good job of singing. His latest is a cute little ditty called "Goofus" with "The Hills of California." Decca has had the Andrew Sisters record a tune which I believe will be up on the Hit Parade in several weeks. This bit of notes and bars is called "Toolie, Oolie, Doolie" with "I Hate to Lose You" on the flipover.

Here is a band that gets better and better with each recording. Tony Pastor and his group is there best on novelty numbers such as their latest for Columbia called "Who Killed er'," the black widow song, with "At the Sidewalk Penny Arcade" on the flipover.

Capitol has come forth with some good Dixieland jazz, featuring the Swedish clarinet import, Stan Hasselgard. The records are "Who Sleeps" and "Swedish Pastry." This lad will bear watching as his styling is much better than B. Goodman.

Here is music from another MGM movie soon to be released. The songs are recorded from the sound track of the movie and features Judy Garland and Gene Kelley. Ask for "The Pirates" album. This album features the tunes, "Nina." "Love of My Life," "Mack the Black." "Be A Clown," "Pirate Ballet" and "You Can Do No Wrong." The locale of this movie takes place by the seashore, which reminds of the dry spell out in California. It was so dry out there that even the wagon tongues were parched.

# AMBLING REPORTER By Pat May

Hello, it's so nice seeing you again. We haven't too much news but we shall tell what we know.

The different classes have been putting on revues of their class talent. (You haven't seen anything till you see the seniors.)

Many noon programs have been presented. Among these are the numerous sock hops and revue's previously mentioned. I'm sure you like them don't you?

Not so long ago we had only 28 people absent. Pretty good, huh. Let's have more of this.

Congratulations to Eleanor Touhey on receiving her ring from Lenny. It sure is pretty. Her corsage was very nice, Wednesday, too.

Say, how were the grade cards. Just fine I hope. But I suppose many of us should work a little harder and we won't be so disappointed.

In closing I will say that if spring is here, I sure would like to know where it is hiding. So long, be happy, till you read the next column. (I hope)

### FACULTY FACTS By Bob Landick

Mr. Olin----Work at Studebaker's. Mr. Harke --- Keep busy getting things

ready for school next

Mr. Rogers---Finish Master's Degree at I. U.

Mr. Harbaugh--Work at school on programs for next year.

Mr. Tackett--- Take a trip to Colorado and loaf.

Mr. Shearer---Raise flowers and do farm work.

Mr. Ernst---- Go to school at Notre Dame.

Mr. Blair--- 4-H work at W. C.

Mr. Eaton--- Playground supervisor at W. C.

Mr. Brumbaugh-Plans to work.

Mr. Loop---- Teach private lessons.

Mrs. Olin---- Spend summer at cottage on Tippecanoe River.

Mrs. Schultz-- Spend summer at cottage on upper peninsula of Michigan.

Mrs. Eaton --- 4-H and Home Ec. at W.C.

Mrs. Farley-- Plans to go to school at St. Mary's.

Mrs. Pearson- Go fishing at Estes Park in Colorado.

Mrs. Kearney -- Go to Missouri.

Mrs. Goheen-- Spend summer at Indian Lake fishing and golfing.

Mrs. Barber -- Going to school at St. Mary's of Indiana extension.

Miss Bradley- Work on Master's
Degree at Ball State.
Miss O'Neil-- Going to Boston.
Miss Kegebein -- undecided.

# ?WHAT'S YOUR OPINION? By John Thompson

Well here I am:

Ah it's a beautiful spring day and I feel so gay. Here, what am I doing? I sound like Longfellow.

I guess we're getting pretty close to the end of school and there won't be many more "Colonials" so will have to make the last few good -- better than usual. The question this week is going to be on spring (kind of a bouncing question). "What does spring do to you or make you think of?"

To pep up my column I have decided to use the "glamor boy" from the senior class who just can't keep the girls away -- Delmar O'Dell (Tyrone Power).

"Well, it gives me the lazy feeling (lazier, I should say) and it makes me want to take a long trip in the nice spring air. Ha, Ha, I'd say it makes me think of girls, but that's an every day occurrence. I can think of more, but John say no."

Coming down the hall we find the lovable and most charming Verla Berends with her eyes looking far ahead. I wonder what's she thinking of? I'll bet I could guess. "Spring is the time of the year when everyone should feel happy, but then it also makes you feel lazy too. I hope that everybody enjoys spring as much as I do."

That little pest, Bob, is bothering me again, so I'll just brush him off and continue.

By the way, do you know what one elephant said to the other one? "Pack up your trunk, we got a long trip to make." (Corn).

I'll gaze into my crystal ball and see who my next little imp is. Ah, yes, he is a handsome young spring lover and I'll bet he has some good ideas on spring. Jim Pruett is the boy.

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"Spring is the time when people like to see things looking clean and pretty. It makes a fellow feel like kissing all the girls, too".

Oh, gosh, I'll just have to quit writing. These kids get me feeling

sentimental.

One more thing - I received a telephone call from a friend of mine asking me to retract a statement that Dick Adams made. The statement was that Paul Jacobs was engaged to Grace Bennett. Paul said, "This isn't true." Well, as the card shark said when they dealt him a spade, I guess I'll be shoveling off. So 'long.

## BLACK CLIMAXES COMEBACK BY HURLING NO HIT SHUTOUT By J. C. Corley

Today the sports world has been shown again that on athlets, who by all the so-called experts is said to be through, can and did prove that a

person can change.

Don Black, at the start of the forty-seven season was widely known for his play-boy antics. He was a living example of what drinking and night life could do to a pitcher that otherwise could be great. As a freshman with the Cleveland Indians, Black showed great promise during the forty-six season when he won twelve and lost six. Toward the end of the forty-six season, Black, like so many other star rookies, thought that he was in and he could visit night clubs and break all training rules and still pitch winning balls. Consequently his pitching became worse by the day and soon there were rumors that Black would be released unconditionally. But president Bill Veck of the Indians had faith in Black and he decided to have a talk with him. After a long talk with Black, Veck knew what the trouble was. When Black first came to the Indians he had an inferiority complex which he tried to cover up by breaking training rules. But underneath that inferiority complex are the making of a truly great man.

Mr. Veck told Black that he was getting one more chance to prove that he

could still pitch winning ball.

Mr. Veck proved his judgement in man was good when yesterday Black won his eleventh game by pitching a no-hit shutout against the Philadelphia Athletics four to nothing. Black has never broken a training rule since the start of the forty seven season.

# SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM INTRODUCED AT CLAY By Pinky Gardner

A summer recreation program, open to all Clay township children and under the supervision of the director of athletics here at Washington-Clay, Hershel Eaton, is scheduled to begin June 7 and continue until August 15.

The program, to be conducted on the school's playground, and, if necessary because of bad weather, in the gym, will be open five days a week, Monday through Friday, with the hours pending on a survey taken recently on children planning to participate.

The different grounds as the tennis and basketball courts, the softball and and baseball diamonds, will be open to anyone when not being used by an organized group. Rules and regulations for the use of these will be set up later.

Activities in which an individual may participate in include softball, baseball, basketball, tennis, ping pong, croquet, badminton, volley ball, archery, horse shoes, tumbling and other organized play.

Several softball teams, playing in their own age group, will be organized

to play regular schedules.

Since this program is a new project, introduced to you by your township trustee, the success of it depends upon all that are concerned. It has more advantages than this paper has room to print and it has been established for your enjoyment, so take advantage of it.

Watch for further information on this program through the Clay Township News and your supervisor, Mr. Eaton.

#### NILES DEFEATS CLAY'S TRACK TEAM 71-38 By Bert Reader

The Washington-Clay track team opened its season by losing to Niles 71-38 last Friday evening April 9, on the Niles home field.

The 440 yard dash was won by Jim Brown; the high jump, by Dale Walsh; the broad jump, by Garry Borkowski; and the medley relay, composed of Bert Reader, Bob Landick, Garry Borkowski, and Jim Brown.

The second's were won by Tom Haney in the high jump; high hurdles Dale Walsh; low hurdles by Bert Reader; 100 yard dash by Jim Brown and the one half mile by Jim Lynch.

Washington-Clay's third's were won by Dick Johnson in the mile run; Jack Stone in the 880; Glen Swift in the shot put, and a five-way tie in the pole vault, consisting of Tom Haney, Dick Johnson, Russell Huss, Bert Reader, and Keith Handley.

Clay's track team has been practicing for about two weeks. This can account for the great score they were beaten by. The fact that this was their first track meet had a little to do with it too. Now that the team has had their first meet they should be over any nervousness that they might have had and get down to work and concentrate on winning the next meet and the meets to come.

#### NOTICE

For those who are interest in records, Mel Lutes has a recording outfit and can record any tune you wish. Out of some odd 1700 records in his collection there may be numbers that you were not able to get. He has just about a complete collection of Harry James, Tommy Dorsey, and Kay Kyser. Also he can cut you a record of the popular "12th Street Rag" by Pee Wee Hunt that you hear so often over Sandman's Serenade.

THE COST! 55¢ a record, an unbreakable one at that. Plus you can make your own choice of the two tunes you want on the record.

Contact Nita Kendall if you are interested in having any record made for you.

# "DUTCH" CONQUERS SHETLAND GETS STORY By James Berger

A pony, a piece of lettuce and a camera, that's what "Dutch" Hennings, of the <u>Tribune</u> used to get the picture for this story.

Answering the call of a very nervous woman, Mr. Hennings found her locked in her house sitting very close to her telephone. When he arrived, the police came around the corner and burst forth ready for anything. Well, they got it. The lady had been frightened by a poor little pony who, by some strange coincidence wandered on to the lady's porch and gazed in astonishment into the living room window.

With the aid of a piece of lettuce, Mr. Hennings managed to disengage the poor little Shetland from the porch and quiet it's nerves. The pony was more freightened of the lady, than the lady was of the pony. Because of the precarious position, the pony stayed as far away as possible from everyone and everything except the lettuce.

Said the first Texan, "I got the quickest shootin' cousin in th' West,"

Answered the Second Texan, "Yeh?"
"Well my cousin shoots so fast he's
shootin' before the gun in outta th'
holster."

First T. "Wut's his name?"
Second T. "Toeless Joe.".
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"What an interesting mountain. There must be many stories about it."

"Sure are. Once two people went up there and never came back."

"Good heavens! What happened?"
"Went down the other side."

## COLONIALS OPEN DIAMOND SEASON; LOSE TO CONCORD 7-3 By Pinky Gardner

April 16 ---- Washington-Clay High School's 1948 baseball team, dropped their season's opener to a tough Concord team 7-3, on a Elkhart park diamond this afternoon.

The game was more or less a practice for the Colonials in that Coach Hershel Eaton used his entire pitching staff, not that he had to but because he wanted to, in order to protect their throwing arms for later in the season. He stated previously to the game that he intended on using all of them.

Loran "Skippy" Miller, the first of four pitchers, worked the first three innings allowing no runs and giving up only two hits. When Miller left the mound to play third base, Clay was leading 1-0 on a unearned run scored in the first inning when Kenny Call was safe on a error, stole second, and scored on a line drive single into center field by Russ Huss.

Francis Lenninger, the prize rookie of the ball club and pitching in his first regular baseball game, took over the mound duties in the fourth inning. Apparently nervous over his first experience, the lefty was jumped for three runs, all unearned. He allowed only one hit during the inning but uncorked two wild pitches.

Going into the top half of the fifth inning and trailing 3-1, the Claymen bounced back to tie it up. Landick walked, J. C. Corley beat out a infield hit, Landick taking second. Both runners then advanced on a wild pitch, and both scored on a single into right field by Charley McNerney.

With the score tied 3-3 and going into the last half of the fifth inning, Bill Yena was waved in from the bull pen.

Bill no sooner got there than was he jumped for the four deciding runs, again all unearned. Bill being of no blame in that he gave only one hit, the damage coming from errors. Kenneth Call, the last member of the pitching staff, then relieved Bill and put out the fire. The game was called at the end of the inning.

Washington-Clay scored three runs on six hits and Concord had a total of seven runs on four hits. Charley McNerney, Clay first baseman, had the only extra base hit of the game, a double down the right field foul line in the first inning. He was then picked off second base.

ANSWERS-1. Duplicate. 2. Suffocate. 3. Indicate. or locate. 4. Educate. 5. Lubricate.

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