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McMAHON and LAYFIELD WIN SENIOR HONORS Y-TEENS PRESENT "SHILLALAH SWING" TONIGHT

SHILLALAH SWING BY JR.-SR. Y-TEENS

Hey Kids?

Have you all heard about the SHILLALAH SWING that is going to be held in our gym, Friday, March 11, from 8:00 to 11:00? It's going to be a sweater dance, and the music is coming from our juke box. The price is 25c single.

The Jr. Sr. Y-Teens are presenting the dance, and the girls who have worked faithfully on the committees are as follows: Radio, Joyce Riehle; Television, Jerry Shappee, Connie Findley, Carol Hubbard; Newspapers, Marilyn Brame, Nancy Layfield; Decorations, Everyone; Posters, Everyone.

Let's all get behind the club and help make this dance a big success. See you all at the dance tonight!

BANQUET HONORS BASKETBALL TEAMS

A supper was given at "The Oaks" for the varsity, B-team, and cheerleaders on Monday, February 28. This supper was sort of a thank-you for their work this year. The dinner was opened with a prayer by Mr. Eaton.

If you had been there you would have seen dishes and dishes of French-fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, noodles, peas, cottage cheese, biscuits, tomato juice, and to top that off, ice cream and cake was served. Everybody was in a very jolly mood and you could have heard some of these sayings. Doc Lang to George Leonakis: Geez, George, you've the biggest elbows I've ever seen. You mean that is all you girls are going to eat? You're just scared to eat in front of us! (We were). It looked like Paul Tennyson, Bob Romine, Larry Jenks, Danny Ullery, Duffy Magera and just everybody was having a contest to see who could eat the most chicken. Several of the guests were: Dr. and Mrs. Lang, Mr. and Mrs. Harke, Dr. and Mrs. Plain, Mr. and Mrs. Eaton, Mr. and Mrs. Landry, and Mr. and Mrs. Harbaugh.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar. 12—Semi-Finals at Elkhart
Mar. 19—Alumni meeting
Mar. 19—Finals at Indianapolis
Mar. 22—Hi-Y dinner
Mar. 26—Donkey Basketball
Apr. 1—Art party
Apr. 7-11—Spring Vacation
Apr. 12—Return from vacation

STUDENTS VISIT COURT CLAY SENIORS MAKING PLANS

On Monday, February 28, the Seniors in Mr. Lanning's Sociology classes and Mr. Dickey's Commercial Law class went to court. School buses left the school at 9:30 and deposited them in front of the Court House. By the time they reached the court room, court was already in session. That day Judge Walton was trying a civil case—a suit between Mrs. Deckerd who had been injured severely in a crash that took place in 1951 and Mr. Jankowski. Mr. Jankowski had filed a counter claim for property damage to his automobile, and that complicated things. The day was spent in selecting a jury. The plaintiff's counsel questioned each member long enough to see if they were prejudiced for or against any fact which might effect the case. There was an hour and a half recess at lunch, during which the students were on their own. When court was again in session, the defense's counsel questioned each of the jurors. The plaintiff unseated one man and when this vacancy was filled, the jury was sworn in. At this time the students had to return to school in order to get buses back in time to transport students home.

They had seen an important part of the trial since the jury will make the final decision, but certainly they had plenty of chance to realize why justice is slow.

The following day Miss Yeager's Sociology classes and Mr. Macon's Business Law class also ventured out. Likewise, they too left the school at 9:30.

The students that attended the trial that day got to hear actual arguments on the subject of who was the more negligent.

You can probably imagine all the sighs that were boasted when the classes had to leave before a verdict was reached.

Conversations on the way home varied only slightly. Some stated that Deckerd was the guilty one, while others argued against Jankowski. One thing was agreed on, however, and that was the fact that the entire day proved to be enjoyable as well as educational.

BAND NEWS

The band is planning to play a concert for the school in the near future. The program will consist of many selections which will be played at the contest in April.

The Seniors of Washington-Clay High School held a class meeting February 15 in the school cafeteria. They are now making plans for Graduation activities, since the annual Senior Sweater Hop and play, "If Mother Only Knew," were given in October and November respectively. Although Graduation is not until May 24, they signed their names on small slips of paper the way they wished them to be on their diplomas. A small discussion was also given to their caps and gowns and plans for Class Day.

Definite plans were made for Senior Skip day. The decision reached was to go to Greenfield Village in Dearborn. They will leave either six-thirty or seven-thirty for the trip, by bus. Those on the Skip Day committee are as follows: Ronald Schryer, Daniel Augh, Judy Colip, Phyllis Clauser, and Barbara Hentz.

In addition to the Skip Day committee, several others were chosen. The motto committee was one of them and they will choose several mottoes, with the final decision being left up to the class. That task will be the responsibility of Gloria Romine, Carole Rager, Marilyn Manion, Elaine Neeley, Daniel Augh, and Dennis Rankin. The same procedure will be followed in the choice of class colors, flower, and gift suggestions, and for the Class Day program and activities. Those comprising the color committee are Patricia Newman, Arlene Perry, Matthew Zabik, Mary Ellen McMahon, Rodger Rawleigh, Phyllis Zimmerman, Loretta Dell, and Marilyn DeBow. The following are on the flower committee: Mona Crynes, Joan Fougerousse, Mary Jo Whitacre, Elsie Greenwood, Sharon Turner, Joyce Sherland, and Judy Sandusky. Those for the gift committee are Joyce Riehle, Lee Stone, Donna Summersgill, Phyllis Towner, Tim Rich, Nancy Layfield, Kenneth Burget, and Dorothy Fogle.

CHOIR NEWS

As you all know we had several choir members going to the State Contest. The "Four Tones" came back with a first. Gerry Shappee and Phil Stanage also received a first for their duet. Gerry Shappee received a second for her solo, and Phil Stanage received a second for his solo. Congratulations to all. Perform for us again soon.



"TRUTH DOLLAR" CONTRIBUTION

During the fourth hour March 3, the students who were interested were given the envelopes for the "Truth Dollars" to help support Radio Free Europe. All the students who placed any money in the envelope were asked to put a stamp on it and add their name and address on the back. A freedom scroll is on its way to the school and those who contributed will have their names placed on it. This money will be used to get more radio programs behind the iron curtain, in order to help prevent the Communists from taking over all the Western part of Europe.

SENIORS RECEIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

On February 28 and March 1 the Seniors received their name cards, graduation announcements, and memory books. Everybody exchanged name cards and wrote in each other's memory books.

Each one had chosen the style of writing that he liked for his cards.

The front of the announcement was decorated with the Washington-Clay crest at the upper left corner and '55 in the lower right corner. Inside on the left page is an etching of our school. On the right page is the announcement.

The memory books have places to record the events during the senior year.

Y-TEEN DANCE

The Freshmen-Sophomore Y-Teens held a meeting on Tuesday, March 3, to further plans for their Hobo dance which is to be held March 25, in the school gym.



TWO GIRLS RECEIVE TOP SENIOR HONORS

Mary Ellen McMahon and Nancy Alice Layfield were named valedictorian and salutatorian of the 1955 graduating class. Mary Ellen has an average during her three and a half years in high school of 98, and Nancy's average for the same period is 97.73.

Mary Ellen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ross McMahon, Rural Route 1, Granger, Indiana. She has been a member of the Colonial Staff for the past three years and is Co-Editor this year. She is also a member of the Junior-Senior Y-Teens and the Booster Club. During her three years in the Chess Club, she was an officer for two years. This year she is a member of the Traffic Control Club. She is majoring in Home Economics and her ambition is to become a Home Demonstration Agent. She is planning to attend Purdue next year.

Nancy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Layfield, 145 Paxson Drive, South Bend, Indiana. She was the class treasurer in her junior year and an office girl in her sophomore and junior years. This year she is the Co-Editor of the school paper. She was picked by her class as the D. A. R. Winner this winter. She has been a member of the Y-Teens for the last three years and in her sophomore year she was an officer. She has been in the Booster Club all during high school, and in her sophomore and junior years, she was in the Chess Club.

Nancy is majoring in Business Education, and her ambition is to become a private secretary. She is planning to attend Western Michigan College at Kalamazoo next year.

BUSINESS EDUCATION

The Business Education Department of our high school teaches no less than six different subjects. Of course two of these, typing and shorthand, offer two year courses. Mrs. Kraus, Mr. Dickey and Mr. Macon make up the business teaching staff.

Perhaps the first subject to be taken in this field is General Business. It is offered to anyone after the Sophomore year. General Business is just what it sounds like, a general course covering the highlights of business. Communications, transportation, and budgets are only a few of the subjects covered by this subject which is taught by Mr. Macon.

Typing, which is taught by all the business teachers, is another commercial subject offered. It consists mainly of the mastering of the keyboard and certain letter combinations and building up speed. The first year students also do simple tabulations, while the advanced students cut stencils and do other practical office work. At least one semester of typing is beneficial to everyone. Even if you have no intention of doing actual typing, personal letters will always come up and you'll never regret having the knowledge.

Shorthand is a shortened method of recording thought. It has many uses besides that of a secretary's, such as taking notes in college. In the first year course students at first learn fundamentals and principles, next they learn to read and copy from the book, and finally they take dictation. A minimum of 60 words per minute should be met by the end of the first year although many have obtained speeds as high as 120 words per minute. The second year is spent regaining the speed which they had the year before which they had lost during the summer and increasing speed. They take dictation and do transcription; that is, they type mailable letters from notes they have taken. A good background in other subjects is essential for this subject, particularly good grades in English and spelling.

Bookkeeping speaks for itself. In this you learn the fundamentals upon which the more complicated book systems are founded. Besides giving you some preparation toward becoming a bookkeeper, this subject gives you an insight of budgets and an understanding of financial sheets, etc. This and the following subjects are taught by Mr. Dickey.

Commercial Arithmetic is the application of arithmetic to business problems. By oral drill the speed of your calculating is increased. Also a study of fractions, percentages, discounts, and invoices is included. To supplement this a one semester course of Business Law is taught. This is a study of the citizen in relationship to problems. Contracts, employment insurance, wills and partnerships are only a few of the subjects discussed.

This department is only one in the high school that prepares a student to take a specialized job after graduation. Of course, if further education is taken in either a Business School or a College even more opportunities will be open to the student. This department opens the way to being a typist, general office clerk, stenographer, bookkeeper, private secretary, and with further education — accountant.

THE LITTER BUG

My name is Litter Bug. I'm sure you've met me sometime before. Everyone runs across me in any public place. You know, I'm the one that takes such joy in dropping paper on the sidewalk.

I had a wonderful time during the Sectional, dropping candy and gum wrappers in the halls and leaving paper cups from cokes on the floor. Once in a while I even got brave enough to throw a chewed piece of gum way down the bleachers. One piece that I watched landed on the arm of a student's mother. Did I ever jump with glee, you see, my aim is improving greatly!

During school time I like to leave chewed gum in the drinking fountains too. I don't know if anyone else ever wants it or not. I never bother to wait and see. Another thing I do frequently is leave scraps of paper on the classroom floors and stuffed into the desks in study hall.

Downtown along the streets, in stores, and theaters, I love to throw down papers and anything else I may happen to have in my hand.

Riding along in a car is when I really like working! Papers, wrappers, bottles, cans, boxes, everything — out the window must go! Have you ever been behind me? And, oh, what fun I have whenever I eat a picnic lunch, letting all the people along the way know what I have!

I'm really getting tired of such hard work, but I refuse to quit until someone not only complains, but also does something toward stopping me. An Eastern town that earnestly campaigned against me is now one of the cleanest towns around! They sent me here! Why don't all of you get busy, too, and send me all the way West — straight into the ocean? You see, I think I'd like just swimming around, doing nothing. I've been working just too hard lately!

SPRING SPEECH EVENTS

We would like more people out for the spring speech events that are coming up in March and April. The first event will be the big speech contest at Howe Military on March 26. We are allowed to send 5 people in each of the following five divisions: humorous, dramatic, extemporaneous, original oratory, oratorical. There will be a traveling cup awarded to each school winning in the five divisions, and also there will be a cup awarded to the school piling up the most points in all events. These will remain at the winning schools until next year's event. We have been to Howe twice and have enjoyed the visits very much.

Also, more people are needed for the coming district and state speech events. There are the same divisions named above with some additional ones. The one on radio announcing sounds very interesting. The district meet will be some time between April 2 and 16, and the State Contest will be held at Central the week before the Latin and Mathematic contests.

If you are interested in any of these events come to room 6 at any time and inquire further about entering. Don't delay, however, as the time is drawing short.

DEBATE CLUB NEWS

Maybe you might be interested in knowing how our debate group is doing. Our topic is one that has required quite a lot of study but one that is very important in our national and international affairs. The topic chosen, nation wide, for high school debating this year is "Resolved: That the United States Should Initiate a Policy of Free Trade."

The students this year that decided to give debating a try were Bill Rich and Ronnie Melichar who chose the negative side and Nancy Carter, Bob Grenert, and Jim Klemm the affirmative view of the question.

We are members of the St. Joe Valley League that consists of a group of six schools: Central, Mishawaka, Riley, John Adams, LaPorte, and Washington-Clay. We meet each team in a contest and finish up with a banquet at the end of the season. The drawback is that we don't know the decisions until the end of the season, unless, as last Wednesday, someone on our side like Nancy just happens to be sitting so close to the judge that she can't help seeing the decision. (for us).

In last week's encounter we debated two rounds with the negative team meeting Riley and Mishawaka and our affirmative team debating with Riley and John Adams. We feel that this debate and all the others that we will participate in are of great value to each student; and we have many enjoyable meetings with students from other schools. Also, these is never a dull moment, especially as we can always depend on Nancy Carter to drop all her debate cards in the most unusual places such as a muddy road or all over the parking lot in South Bend. We are afraid before long she will have to make a completely new pack to finish the season.

Our group also hopes to enter the district contests. Win or lose, we want a lot of experience. As only one of our members is a senior, we will have a good beginning for next year.

BOUQUETS & BRICKBATS

Hi Kids!

We're going to start right out with a special BOUQUET to our basketball team, coaches, and managers for the swell season they have given us this year.

Also, another BOUQUET goes to the seniors on the team, Bob Romine, Eddie Zoller, Doc Lang, Tim Rich, and Duffy Magera, and manager, Gene Ditsler.

Here is a BRICKBAT to those daring kids who take the cheerleaders' seats during a basketball game. We know this one is late, but it might be of help next year.

BOUQUETS to the seniors' name cards and invitations. We know you're very proud of them, and we all think they look swell.

Now for a BRICKBAT to all you kids who are taking advantage of the payphone. Use it for necessity, and not for personal calls.

BOUQUETS to Mr. Landry's patience with fourth hour Driver's Training Class.

BRICKBATS to the 'ole flu bug' that almost seemed to take over here for awhile. We hope everyone is up and running around by now.

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FUTURE NURSES CLUB NEWS

Members of the Future Nurses Club will tour the Northern Indiana Children's Hospital on Friday, Mar. 11. This year the tour will be taken during the morning so that we can see the occupational and physical therapy classes in action.

Members of our club were also called upon to serve at the snack bar in the Children's Hospital on Saturday mornings and to assist in feeding the younger children.

Two future projects of the Future Nurses Club are the making of occupational therapy kits, and a Pot Luck supper followed by an evening of making Easter Bunny tray favors. The bunnies will be donated to the children's wards of local hospitals. Toni Amato is the chairman of this project and has chosen as her committee: Helen Grau, Shirley Baker, Phyllis Zimmerman, Maxine Bryan, Gloria Romine, and Betty Rupchock.

PROM CHAIRMEN CHOSEN

The Juniors at Washington-Clay have chosen the committee chairmen for the Junior Senior Prom. The Prom will be held in the High School gym, May 14th.

The chairmen for the stage decorations are Martha Smith and Charles Harper, while the decorations on the floor will be done by Charlotte Roden and David Pence. Phyllis Schwinkendorf is chairman for refreshments and napkins. Wilma Ebersole will take care of the invitations and favors. The ticket chairman is Eldonna Porter, while Janet Haussman is the band chairman.

YEARBOOK DRIVE

The subscription drive terminated with a total of 396 students ordering 1955 yearbooks. This is about 60 books under last year's total. Considering that we have about 80 more students in the building, this represents less support from the student body than last year. However, it should be said that last year's subscription of 450 out of a student body of about 500 is very exceptional, and this year's total is still very good.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL . . .

IT'S SPRING!

Trees and grass are green again
Birds are on the wing again
It's Spring!

Reindeers are passe' again
Rabbits are the thing again
It's Spring!

Warm clothing laid aside again
Fancy duds in vogue again
It's Spring!

Romance is in the air again
Love, sweet love, is new again
It's Spring!

School days are long again
Fields and woods call again
It's Spring!

Feel like stepping on the gas again
Wash-Clay students, watch that foot again
It's Spring!

If your grades are "D" again
Raise them up to "B" again
It's Spring!

If your funds are low again
Air, sun and sky are free again
It's Spring!

If life has you down again
Cheer up — it's a new world again
It's spring, Spring, SPRING!

VIVA LA, PURPLE & GOLD!

Yes, everybody was singing "Viva La, Purple and Gold" all day on the 22nd of February. The person who brought this on was Mr. George Campbell who is a song-leader and also pretty good at cracking jokes. He really kept the kids going by singing "Over the Mountain, The Happy Wanderer, America, Old McDonald, Tell Me Why" and many, many other old and new favorites. Mr. Campbell was accompanied by Pam Parker who did a marvelous job on the piano. We were asked to meet the person behind us and we had a wonderful time, but of course, it had to end. I think we should have more of this, don't you?"

WHOOZ IN THE NOOZ

Well here we are again with more nooz which we hope you enjoy! To start out this week we would like to let you know that Beverly McDaniel is going steady with Don Willes from St. Joe! Good Luck to both of you!

The girls are beginning to wonder if Doc Lang is really bashful or if it's just him! Better let them in on the secret Lang!

Jim Parnley a boy in the sophomore class is known as the one and only Romeo! Wonder what the reason is for that?

Mr. Perison seems to think his 6th hour History class is the loudest he has. The only reason for that is because there aren't any Juniors in it!

Bobbie Otterson! We're hearing things about you and John from Purdue? Tell us the rest please Bobbie!

Carol Vargo has her mind on a certain Jim. Not here at Clay though is he Carol?

Barbara Orth is taking her interest in Larry Bates. Just thought we would tell you Larry if you didn't know!

We sort of wonder what Doris G. would do if she would spill paint like she does perfume. It might break her of it if she would drop — Oh! Maybe a gallon!

JoAnn Bogner and Paul R Emmell are going steady, isn't that right Kathleen Klute?

Orelyn Moody received some kind of note in her locker the other day! Seems to have been from someone from Walkerton!

Brother! It really is getting to be a job in keeping up with some of these freshmen and all their new love lifes!

Sue Haney! Was it some illness that turned you hair blue? Just wondering!

Seems like there's been something added to the talk of the freshmen and sophomores, what in the world is the Truth Book??

Judy Bates and Sharon Humphrey must have had a little misunderstanding between one another! Did you get it all cleared up girls?

Judy H. and Becky S. seem to be sharing the same boyfriend from Central! Oh well, they always say, "Share and share alike!"

Judy White has interest in Jerry Degler from New Carlisle! Good Luck Judy!

Diana Nemeth and Sharon Grounds seem to get quite an effect when Bremen is mentioned. What's the reason for all that girls?

There's a few girls in 2nd hour study hall who get a big charge out of writing things for the column. Keep up the good work kids!

George Summers and Chuck Wilder really get around now! Especially in Niles. They must have an interest there!

Sharon Crynes is going with John Riley from Adams! Must be nice, Sharon!

Maxine Brown must enjoy waiting for Butch! She hasn't stopped yet!

Sharon Garrett has turned away from Wash.-Clay to find a real nice guy on the New Carlisle team, namely, Dan Tolmen. Sounds real nice, Sharon.

Janet Wileman has her eye on Mishawaka — could it be because of Jim Martin! There is no other solution!

Charles Worthen has a habit of parking in the wrong places! How

about that?

Marilyn Hall is another one who is going with a boy from John Adams — Lloyd Coan!

Georgia Chaney is keeping a couple boys from New Carlisle in the wondering position. Must be nice to be able to get away with it!

Armeda Carlton and Tom Claffey are a new steady couple seen together lately in the halls. (That was surprising).

Arlene Perry is really sold on Niles! Sparky really sets a spark for her!

Janice Wernitz, why are you so anxious to go into the Air Force? Could it be to get away from it all? Ha! Ha!

Barbara Hickey, Janet Haussman and Bette Redfern seem to have a big joke going on between themselves in 1st hour typing. What is it I wonder?

What's this about Joyce Bonjourno and Jerry Cruff having been seen together lately? Of love lifes are spring up all the time around here.

Martha Long is receiving telephone calls from a certain senior from Adams! What's the latest, Martha?

Sharon Miller was telling us today that she isn't going steady "as of yet" with this boy from New Carlisle. She sounds pretty determined!

Jim Kritz has been seen lately with Ginger Lucas. Never can tell about these Kids!

Have you ever noticed all the junior and senior boys who are going with freshmen and sophomore girls? I guess it's just a fad that takes place here every year. Like the following:

Judy Bates and Paul Tennyson
Dorothy Lehner and Bob Romine
Dal Neely and Barbara Umbaugh

I suppose you remember last year when he had something similar to this in the paper. Well this is all in fun and that is all we mean by it. Please fill out the blank sometime today or tomorrow and put it in the Gossip Box. Last year this seemed to prove very interesting. Please cooperate! I'm sure it will this time also!

YOU NAME 'EM!

GIRLS BOYS

Prettiest Eyes

Prettiest Hair

Prettiest Nose

Prettiest Hands

Prettiest Feet

Prettiest Legs

Prettiest Lips

Prettiest Walk

Prettiest Voice

Prettiest Ears

Prettiest Fingers

Prettiest Toe Nails

Prettiest Ear Lobes

Prettiest Neck

Well, have fun Kids and we'll see you next time! Same time — Same place. But in our next paper!!

FASHIONS

Here are some suggestions for solving some of your good-grooming problems.

If your hair is straight and thin, and it loses its curl by the end of day, soft permanents are one very obvious solution. But if you don't like the fuzz that sometimes comes with permanents, you'll have to be content with frequent shampooing and definitely a daily hair brushing and scalp massage. To give your hair a thicker appearance, wear it fairly short.

Maybe you're the one who does not like to go to sleep at night with a lot of curlers jabbing your head. This is the case of various people who wear their hair long and perhaps in a page-boy style. Use rag curlers and still get soft results without punctured dreams.

To keep hair reasonably arranged, don't be afraid to try hair dressings in liquid, cream or stick form and sprays.

If you're one of the lucky ones who has naturally curly hair, but you think you have too much of it, too fuzzy, and too thick, take heed. Visit a hairdresser and she can control fuzzy curls by cutting each curl at the crest instead of in the middle. Avoid wetting hair between shampoos, since water returns hair to its natural form. If your hair is long enough, use curlers — loosely. They will induce hair to a gentler wave.

We're rushing the season a little, but if you have trouble keeping your lipstick on while swimming here is a little advice you might find helpful: 1. Remove all old lipstick. 2. Apply new lipstick and wait a full two minutes before blotting to give lipstick a full time to set. 3. Then blot and blot until no more color comes off. 4. Dust on some face powder, then re-apply lipstick. Again wait, blot, powder. Moisten lips slightly with your tongue, and you're all set.

Now a bit of information for all you nail biters, or for those of you whose nails aren't as strong as you'd like them to be. You just might need a protein supplement, and a very effective way to take care of that problem and increase nail growth is to add unflavored gelatin to your daily diet. The gelatin, which comes in small envelopes, should be taken at the rate of one envelope each day, dissolved in fruit juice, tea, or just plain water. Continue taking the gelatin for ninety days, since that is the length of time it takes for one complete nail to grow.

Let's hope you have stronger fingernails, curlier hair, or straighter hair, and bright, red lips after your swim. You might have to wait a while for the last.

SECTIONAL TICKETS

Washington-Clay played Mishawaka in the semi-finals Saturday afternoon, February 26. We got about 300 tickets for our 577 students. The varsity, B-team, and cheerleaders got their tickets first. Then came the Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores, and Freshmen in the usual order. However, this time everyone got tickets so no one should be complaining. I think everyone was pretty well satisfied

RASMUSSEN MEN'S SHOP

Main & Washington Sts.

RECORD ROAD

by Sharon and Connie

Hi Kids.

Here we are back again with your favorite column "Record Road." Since this last week has been so busy with basketball, etc., we haven't had a chance to get an article together so we are using Joe Kelly's Dish-Cussion from the South Bend Tribune.

Looks like rhythm and blues lines is moving over into the popular field of recorded music. Or is it the other way around? Have you noticed the trend lately? Songs like "Shake, Rattle and Roll", "Oop Shoop", "Hearts of Stone", and "Sincerely" are garnering big play these days.

Perhaps the pop field has been drained dry by some of the excuses for songs that have been forced upon the record-buying public. Anyway, the biggest news in the record world seems to be the new rocker called "Kokomo."

All or most all of the major firms have figured their top artists to cut it, among them Nat Cole, Perry Como and the Crew Cuts. Even Hutton has ended her retirement, again to etch the song with her sister Marion.

So sure is Mercury of the success of this tune that they have it all ready for distribution a half-million platters by the Crew Cuts.

This is a rarity in the business. Usually the tune is cut and sent out to a few markets like Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, and New York.

If the response is good, ala a movie sneak preview, then the machinery goes into action and the discs start flying out of the pressing machines. With 500,000 copies of "Kokomo" on hand, Mercury had better be right in their thinking, else they have to purchase a new warehouse to store the unsold platters.

However, from all indication the tune is going to hit big. Perry Como has a terrific side out for Victor, as has Nat Cole. It is interesting to watch the trends in music these days. One day it's the vocal groups, the next time you find the single vocalist cashing in and occasionally the "sweet" tune clicks, for example "Melody of Love." If you don't care for pop artists doing the blues, blame the Crew Cuts. They started the whole thing with "Sh-Boom."

Well that's about it for this week, kids. See you in the next issue. Bye.

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