

BULLETIN

Crisis in School Plans

Sometime ago it was felt by the citizens of Clay Township that we needed a new High School. Some legal avenues necessary to proceed with this venture were followed and the people who had worked to bring it about sat back and breathed a sigh of relief that the goal had been attained.

The sigh was short lived and grew into a moan for there had reared its ugly head, a remonstrance to prohibit carrying out the building of this much needed structure.

The hue and cry of this remonstrance was the high tax rate that it would create to build, maintain, and staff a school of this magnitude. Figures were flying and if the remonstrance were allowed to be successful so would go flying the proposed school. In short, needed education was measured in "What can I save on my tax rate."

Now, it is not the intent of this writer to condemn the people who are circulating the remonstrances but merely to clarify the situation to you students who will or will not benefit from adequate facilities. Further, the people opposing the progressive program of education, so badly needed in our community, acted within their legal rights. They were circulating these papers within the time specified in the statutes of our state.

But why did they wait until the last minute to make their displeasure known? Why did they not attend the public meetings advertised

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STUDENTS VOICE OPINIONS

What Is Your Opinion?

What are your views on the current question of building a new high school?

Barbara Landick—"We need a bigger and better school for educational purposes. This school is out of date with the advancing ages."

"Building elementary schools would not solve our problem. There would be more children going to school and when they would reach the high school age, where would they go to school?"

"Our township has a good chance of growing into a prosperous community but people won't move out here because of the schools."

"My opinion is put education before taxes and let's get a high school we can be proud of."

Pat Morse—"Educational needs increase in proportion to the increased population of an area. In view of the fact that the population of Clay Township is steadily increasing year by year, which can be proved by the fact that each year the increased flow of youngsters into grammar school is tre-

mendous, it is a natural assumption that new educational facilities must provide for this youth of the township. When more modern ideas are advanced into education, it is impossible to present this knowledge to the students with antiquated facilities."

"The opposition claims that the township needs more elementary schools to relieve the pressure on the present schools. Let us stop a moment and consider this. A grade school education is completed in 8 years by the average student; at the end of these 8 years, these students enter high school. Knowing that each year the number of students entering high school increases by about 3 to the 1 graduating. How can this present high school possibly provide the proper facilities to educate the future leaders of our United States?"

"Another argument is that taxes will be increased to preposterous heights. This is entirely untrue. The tax rate will be no higher. Even if it were possibly 2 or 3 cents higher per capita, what is 2 or 3 cents compared to uneducated and ignorant leaders of tomorrow?"

"These remonstrators propose to build 1 or 2 new grade schools. Do they say that they can build them any cheaper. No! If they say the taxes would be increased to build a new high school, so then would the taxes be increased to build 1 or 2 new grade schools."

"One more important consideration. If these remonstrators obstruct the building of the new high school, they will be faced with the problem of sending the high school students to the South Bend city schools. This will cost \$25.58 per student per month! This figure does not include transportation. This estimate of total cost is \$63,000 per year which would increase each year because of the increase each year in high school students. The total assessment to the township each year would be \$77,000, a stable sum to be paid in 20 years."

"Did the opposition ever investigate the matter of the city schools accepting these students? I don't think so. Would the city schools have that much room and would these students no longer with any identity obtain a better education,

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COLONIALS BUILD UP PRESSURE FOR NEXT TOURNEY FOE



Students hoist the boys who brought Washington-Clay its first sectional championship and the first one taken by a county team here in 27 years. In the foreground is Dick Harper; rear, left to right, Don Lynch, John Neher, Jerry Miller, Jim Webber, Jack Stone and Kenny Vandygriff. The three in the middle are Jay Guy, Don Schlundt and Don Hardy.

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Editorial

Do we need a new school?

Is new athletic equipment needed? Is new laboratory equipment needed? What about facilities for the band and chorus? These are only a few of the things to think about when we think of the new school which is being planned.

The most important factor in the need for this school is the over-crowded conditions of the present school building. As you all know, the condition that now exists gives us nothing to look forward to. As the Purdue check-up has shown, in a year or so we will have to send our high school students to South Bend to attend school. If this were to happen, we would completely lose our recognition as a school in all activities, and the taxpayers would have to pay this added expense.

There has been a remonstrance against this new school started that would be valid if ten people signed it. This means that ten uninformed, and most likely uninterested, people would be able to stop construction on the school for three years. This doesn't sound very fair, does it?

Let's stay behind this new school one hundred per cent! It will mean a lot to all of us to see it completed as soon as possible.

JUNIORS REACH GOAL IN MAGAZINE DRIVE

The Junior Class had their annual sale of magazines which ended February 13 with the total sales amounting to \$1,637.20. The leading salesman was Tom Swank who sold \$163.80 worth of subscriptions. The Company which sponsored the drive was the Curtis Circulation Company of Philadelphia. The Juniors did fine the first few days but eased up then. After getting up steam again they went ahead and passed their goal of \$1,600. The goal for each person was \$20. Congratulations to the Juniors for their fine work!

"A fool always finds one still more foolish to admire him." --Boileau.

JUNIOR PLAY

A meeting was held at noon Thursday, February 15, in room 2 of all the juniors interested in the play. Tryouts began February 16 and practice started February 19. The play will be held March 30 in the school gym. Mr. Olin is the director.

STUDENTS RECEIVE HEARING TEST

The students of the Washington Clay junior and senior High school were given a hearing test on Monday, February 12, and Tuesday, February 13, 1951.

"Culture is what your butcher would have if he were a surgeon." --Poole.

SPORTS

The Washington-Clay Colonials suffered their fourth loss of the season at the hands of Riley's Wildcats, 57-55 in a thrilling game. The game was close all the way with Clay leading most of the time. The score by quarters read 17-11 Riley, 31-29, and 46-45 Washington-Clay. Don Schlundt led all scoring with 25 points. Altic got 17 for Riley. The B-team lost 42-24.

On their third home appearance of the year the Clay cagers showed old form by running roughshod over Lakeville 57-32. The Colonials were in command throughout the entire game. The score by quarters read 12-4, 26-12, 41-18, and finally 57-32 in favor of Washington-Clay. Schlundt and Stone were high for Clay with 34 and 10 points respectively. Lightfoot got 15 for the losers. The B-team won 33-30.

Gym Jams

By Dorothy

The G.A.A. annual spring dance will be held April 6, 1951. The co-chairmen are Mary Ann Kush and Peggy Shoup. The committees are: Orchestra committee: Pat Morse—chairman, Dorothy Johnson, Donna Brown, Mary Lou Romine. Decoration committee: Nancy Teeter—chairman, Marilyn Marker, Nancy Mooney, Nancy Duncan, Magdalene Gaedtke and Pat Logan. February 14, 1951, there was a meeting for committee members to select a name for the dance.

We also have a few more basketball games left. We have a game scheduled with New Carlisle, but the date has not been set because of the Sectional.

HOOVER ON "THE FREEDOM FORUM"

In a recent assembly for the junior and senior classes, Mr. Hoover, representative of the John Hancock Insurance Company and member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, presented a Flannel-graph title "The Freedom Forum."

Mr. Hoover's Flannel-graph was based on four problems: To Identify Socialism and Communism; To Recognize the Superiority of the American Way of Life; and How to Preserve the American Way of Life. He expanded on each point thoroughly, presenting a clear picture of each of the problems.

The talk was presented very interestingly and was very well received by the students.

At the conclusion of Mr. Hoover's talk, the students joined in an open discussion on the "Freedom Forum" and Mr. Hoover answered their questions.

JUNIOR BOARD NEWS LETTER

Latest PRESS PROJECT news is that two of the ten papers sent to the State have been sent on to be entered in the National project. The Dec. 5th issue of the Washington-Clay COLONIAL with the article

Top 15 of Senior Class

97.43	Virginia Izdepski
96.57	John Neher
95.07	Don Lynch
94.55	Norma Stewart
93.43	Evelyn Voss
92.8	Phyllis Blair
92.5	Rosemary Lavis
92.34	William Godshalk
91.21	Vesta Petrie
89.63	Delores Vexel
89.57	Shirley Clobridge
89.43	Patsy Danielson
89.27	Phyllis Strunk
89.0	Gertrude Gallas
87.64	Reginald Towne

BENEFIT CARD PARTY

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Clay Township Volunteer Fire Department held their annual benefit Card Party Friday, February 23, in the Washington-Clay Gym from 8-11.

General Chairmen were Mrs. Fred Bruner and Mr. William Elmore; Chairman of Arrangements was Mrs. R. B. Koenig; and Co-Chairmen of the Refreshment Committee were Mrs. William Elmore and Mrs. Art Swanson.

The general admission was 75¢ and tickets were sold by Mrs. Fred Vaughn, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Seitz, and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Nemeth.

This was a dessert card party with table and door prizes.

The proceeds from this card party is to be used to buy equipment to protect our homes.

HEIDEMAN MAKES GIFT TO LIBRARY

Gordon Heideman gave John James Audubon's "The Birds of America" to the library, in memory of his father, who died recently.

Ben, as Mr. Heideman was affectionately known to everyone, loved the flowers and the birds.

As librarian, I wish to thank Gordon and Mrs. Heideman for the beautiful gift.

—Roy Rogers, Librarian.

selected by Virginia Jacobs, and the Greene Township BEACON with an article by Barbara Shearer, were the two fortunate papers. Of course, we do not know if these papers will receive certificates, but it is an honor that they were even submitted in the finals . . . so congratulations to Washington-Clay and to Greene! In fact, all of you merit credit for one of the best years we've had in the publicity field. Don't give up now, though. We still want your papers full of news of the Junior Board and the TB League—right up to the last issue!

(From the JUNIOR BOARD NEWS LETTER—February 1951 issue—St. Joseph County T.B. League.)

"An angry man opens his mouth and shuts his eyes." —Cato.

Tapped Wires

by molly and dolly

In the Spotlight:

We turn our most special beam on the Colonial Basketball team, who has given us so much to cheer about and on the six yell-leaders who have led us so successfully through so many yells. Thanks and Congratulations to a swell bunch of kids.

WCHS

On the Party Line:

Jerry Miller had a T. V. party after the Lakeville game! Some fun, huh kids?

Too bad the Minuteman hayride wasn't held soon enough to make news in this issue.

The Juniors had their class party Feb. 1. They must have behaved because there's nothing to write about it. Odd!

WCHS

Theme for You:

Duke Blackford: "I Wan'na Be a Friend of Yours."

Agnes DeMeyer to Joe Landgrath: "So This Is Love."

Shirley Nemeth to Dick Lattimer: "Nobody's Chasing Me."

Nancy Gollnick to Jim Haney: "We'll Build a Bungalow."

Nancy Teeter to Del Kizar: "Pen-ny a Kiss."

Sandra Nagy to Ernie Miller: "Be My Love."

Barbara Warren: "Love Somebody."

Susie Roden: "Guess I'll Have to Dream the Rest."

Kay DePriester to George Colip: "One Love."

Vera Struever to Tom Gorman (Cent.): "Lover Come Back."

Jackie Hans to Bob Todd: "You're Wonderful."

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Through the Halls:

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It seems that Doris Dahl had a crush on John Stinson, then along came Bob Gray and changed her mind again.

Janice Hartung has a crush on Jerry Casper and she thinks no one knows!

Sherry Kubsch can't seem to make up her mind. Who will it be?

Is it true that Jerry Walton still has a crush on Jo Anna Harter?

Kenny Vandygriff has a new girl friend named Gay Maison from Niles. On Valentine's Day they had gone steady one year.

Say, Vera Mae, how are Rover's lessons getting along?

Speaking of lessons Don Lynch may someday be a ballerina, only he has such a hard time keeping his legs straight.

Patsy Danielson and Susie Roden may start a vaudeville team soon, they've been practicing a lot lately.

Who is Bill Lindzy's latest love?

Wonder if there were any arguments when certain people revealed Valentines they had received!

WCHS

Club News:

Sub-Deb has taken in fourteen new members to replace the graduating seniors. Here's the list: Adeleine Harding, Donna Tooper, Carolyn Clouser, Lois Kubiak, Pat Kush, Phyllis Kugler, Norma DeMeyer, Cathy McNerney, Doris Hicks, Ida Belle Kollar, Yvonne Schreyer, Janet DePriester, Rose Plaio, and Janice Snyder.

The Minutemen of 1952 were chosen recently. They are the following: Dick Cecile, Tom Swank, Kermit Ferrell, George Colip, Don

PLATTER CHATTER

by susie

Greetings!

Top on the Hit Parade for this week is still "Tennessee Waltz." Here are some other record notes of the week: Denny Vaughn is getting a big build-up from Coral records recording "Autumn Leaves," "So Long Sally," and a few others. Alan Dale has recorded "Let's Do It Again" for Columbia. Another young singer who's causing a lot of talk is Jay Johnson, who is featured with Stan Kent on Stan's recent recording, "I'm So in the Mood."

Frank DeVol's arrangements do a lot for Gordon MacCrae's versions of two hit songs from Cole Por-

ald and Ronald Blackford, George Hickey, Bob Todd, Dennis Smith, Ernie Miller and three honorary members, Dick Ryan, Steve Styers, and John Stinson.

WCHS

Famous Words:

As we hear 'em sooner or later.)
Jack Stone: "I'll pay back every cent!"

Del Kizar: "No girl will ever hook me!"

Barbara Horvath: "I only talk to Bob Todd, that's all!"

Tom Beveridge: "But Mr. Rogers, I—"

Mr. Rogers: "Study Hall!"

Mr. Olin: "Alright class!"

WCHS

ter's "Out of This World" on his new Capitol release. The titles are: "Use Your Imagination" and "I Am Loved."

Jo Stafford has also recorded "Use Your Imagination" along with "Where or Where."

The Fontaine Sisters recorded a pretty song for people with broken hearts "Guess I'll Have to Dream the Rest."

Frankie Carle has "Powder Blue"—a purely instrumental number backed by "I'm Afraid to Love You."

A very good record selection for those who are more serious minded is "This Is the U.N.; It's Actual Voices." It is an absorbing record of history. It highlights the birth of the United Nations, with notes from such figures as Acheson, Einstein, Gromyko, with a narration by Franchot Tone. It makes a fascinating "I can hear it now" addition to your library.

As I close my column I will leave you with this thought "Most Love triangles usually are wrecktangles!"

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in the local papers? Why? Why?
Why?

To you students of Clay Township, if this remonstrance is allowed to reach a successful climax it might retard the growth of our school system for a long time to come and we might be forced to send a great number of you to the City schools which would hurt us no end at the present time, and eventually might make the township lose its identity entirely. Look at the case of Woodrow Wilson High School and you will see what I am referring to. Further, the cost of the new structure compared to the transferring of pupils to the city would be mighty close. For example, the cost of paying for a new school, seventy-seven thousand dollar (\$77,000) a year compared with a cost of three hundred students sent to city schools of sixty-three thousand dollars (\$63,000) a year. We are assured that the new school and the additional personnel and equipment and maintenance and supplies needed to have this structure would cost one dollar and twenty-two cents (\$1.22) added to the present tax rate or an overall tax figure of three dollars and ninety-two cents (\$3.92) to cover anything in the tax budget. At the outside, the officials of the township have promised to keep the tax rate under four dollars.

Now, here is where you as students, enter into the picture. You, above all people, know of the crowded conditions of the present school. You know the facts of the inadequacies of the present building for a modern high school. You are familiar with what is needed to round out your education as compared with other schools. You, and you alone, can give the true need for this new school.

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**What's Your Opinion?**

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I think not; they would again be faced with overcrowded conditions. Sending us to city schools is no solution to this problem.

"The building of a new high school would vacate a building which would provide the elementary school needed to relieve the pressure on the grade schools. This is the most plausible solution.

"The opposition is using a most subtle way of swaying the uninformed portion of the public to oppose the building of the new high school. By making small discrepancies in their stories they are able to make untrue pictures of the actual facts. With these methods, they are able to obtain a very small group to sign their remonstrances.

"There is one tremendous point to our advantage; more than the majority of the residents of Clay township are completely in accord with the plan to build a new high school.

"There will be a public hearing before the Indiana State Tax Board either in the school or at the Court House in South Bend. To

Why don't you do IT? Why don't you vow that you will appoint yourself as a committee of one to apprise your parents and your neighbors of your likes for a modern high school? Why don't you make the need so urgent that no one in the township can oppose this project?

A lot rests with you. WILL YOU MEET THE CHALLENGE?

--Ted Neher.

show that I am completely and wholeheartedly behind the building of the new high school I will be there and I hope to see the appointed place jammed with people that support this program."

John Neher: "There has been much talk around the township about the need for a new high school and the conditions that prevail in the present structure; and I, as a student enrolled in the present high school, would like to give you my points of view on this and the way a student of this school feels.

"First, as you walk through the halls you see the crowded conditions with as many as three students in each locker. Sometimes it is even hard to move to and from classes because the students are waiting to get into their lockers. Also, I see a long line waiting for a drink of water due to the fact that there are only two drinking fountains downstairs to serve half the student body.

"As I step inside my classroom I see in the back a row of lockers which were put there to further facilitate the students who are overcrowded in their present lockers. During this class some student has to get some books and disturbs you during a test. As I walk to the blackboard and try to write I find that the boards are built for Junior High students and upon inquiring around find the school was originally built for Junior High.

"After my first class I go to the rest room and find that the rest room facilities are also inadequate. This school was built for just half

the student population it is now holding.

"At noon I proceed to the cafeteria which is doing fairly well for having to serve 700 students out of a room that was designed for janitor use. This room is also improper for a cafeteria because of the want for more space and the need for fans and proper cafeteria equipment. It is a great wonder that they can cook enough food in here to feed the student body.

"After lunch we have an assembly. There is a great rush for the gym to get a seat, because the gym doesn't have the seating capacity to accommodate all the students. To make up for this the assemblies are divided so that everyone can see them. The only kick back on this angle is that some class is always without a teacher who is conducting the assembly."

"Well I leave school thinking that another day is done but at the supper table I remember we have a basketball game that night. I like basketball and so does the majority of the students but they dread coming to see that sign at the ticket office, "Sold Out." If you are a lucky one and get in you don't enjoy the game anyway because someone has his legs directly in the middle of your back.

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