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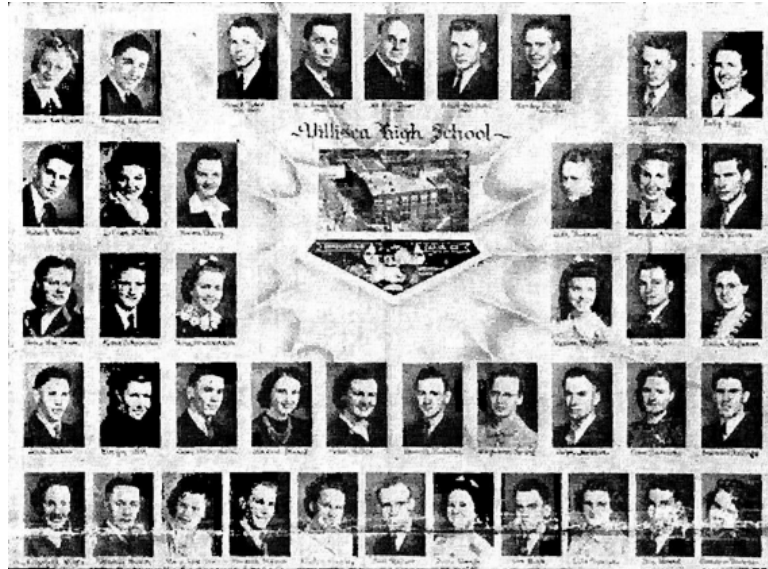
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## 'SIXTH KEY' PROVIDES THRILLS AND CHILLS



### Rusk and Teuscher Play Dramatic Roles with Excellent Cast Support

#### SCOOP! SCOOP!

##### HILL AND BOWDEN LEAD CLASS OF 1941

Tonight, Friday, May 23, the fifty-eighth annual commencement exercises of the Villisca High School will be held at the Rialto Theatre.

The seniors in caps and gowns will be presented by Mr. Dow for diplomas, which will be distributed by Dr. F. S. Williams, President of the school board.

The Reverend Robert A. Edgar, formerly of Red Oak, now of the Congregational Church, Glenview, Ill., will address the class on the subject "A Double Dare."

Superintendent H. E. Dow will announce the scholarship honor students and present medals to the six students with the highest averages. They are Evelyn Hill, valedictorian, 96.06; Marjorie Bowden, salutatorian, 95.83; Tom Rusk, 95.87; Helen Miller, 95.05; Ralph Jackson, 93.94; and Donald Tyler, 93.75.

The class motto is "In Uplifting, Get Underneath," the class flower is the lily of the valley, and the colors selected by the class of '41 are blue and gold.

**The Commencement Program**  
Processional—Miss Florence Phillips.

Invocation—Rev. E. M. Buehler.  
Music—Boys Glee Club—"Night Shadows Falling," by Fleming.

Commencement Address—"A Double Dare," Rev. Robert A. Edgar.

Music—High School Mixed Chorus—"Oh, Blest Are They," —Tchaikowsky.

Presentation of Class—Supt. H. E. Dow.

Presentation of Diplomas—Dr. P. S. Williams.

Benediction—Rev. W. S. Bowden.

##### Class Roll

Antisdell, Robert A.  
Baker, John L.  
Bowden, Marjorie M.  
Bulleri, Lillian  
Copelin, Lila Margaret  
Doan, Netha Mae  
Findley, Evelyn M.  
Focht, Stanley D.  
Forsythe, Kenneth R.  
Friedrick, Elsie L.  
Fryer, Frank  
Hendrickson, Verna Marie  
Hill, Evelyn  
Holdren, Kenneth H.  
Hutchinson, Maxine  
Jackson, Ralph A.  
Means, Donald E.  
Miller, Helen M.  
Nelson, Wendel R.

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#### Antisdell Proves To Be Villain As Don Means Wins the Girl

"The Sixth Key" was a thriller from the word "go." Tom Rusk, in the dual character roles of Mark and John Hodge did an excellent job. We didn't blame his five heirs for being frightened when they gathered at the ghost-inhabited mansion on Lake Michigan for the reading of Hodge's will, only to be greeted by the old man himself. When the lights suddenly went out and came on again to reveal the old man lying on the floor with a knife in his heart, the joke ceased to be funny. When, in a second blackout, the old man's body disappeared into thin air, we stated stacking up clues. Those excellent comedy maids, Betty Waage and Marjorie Stroud, were justified in being scared to death, we thought. Wendel Nelson as the Chinaman and Evelyn Hill as the old housekeeper seemed a bit too obviously suspicious to be the guilty people. We figured we had read too many detective stories to be fooled that easily; but we have to admit we were as surprised as you were in the end and that trail of detective stories didn't insure the unraveling of the mystery in the "Sixth Key" until it was worked out for us.

Geny Teuscher, Ruth Thorson, Norma Query, Marjorie Bowden, Bob Antisdell, and Don Tyler, veteran actors before the V. H. S. footlights, turned in final performances worthy of their records. Maxine Hutchison and Don Means, in spite of their lesser experience, held their own with the veterans.

We take off our hats to a class who can furnish a back stage committee of the caliber of Lillian Bulleri, Verna Hendrickson and Evelyn Findley, all with acting experience themselves. No wonder the sound effects were so realistic. They were assisted in their stage work by John Baker. After these honors we should not forget Miss Larson, the coach. Orchids to her for a superb production.

##### Cast of Characters

Minnie, maid at Twin Gables—Marjorie Stroud.  
Trotter, housekeeper at Twin Gables—Evelyn Hill.

Marcelle Burgess, one of the heirs—Genevieve Teuscher.

Ella Hodge, one of the heirs—Marjorie Bowden.

Allen Dale, a young man—Bob Antisdell.

Mark Hodge, a brother of owner of Twin Gables—Tom Rusk.

Donna Lee, Hollywood playwright (Continued on Page Two)

## Junior-Senior Banquet Guests Set Sail on Good Ship Success

### REVEREND BOWDEN ASKS "FOR WHAT DO I LIVE?"

Forty seniors of V. H. S. in caps and gowns followed by the high school faculty took their places for the baccalaureate sermon at the First Methodist Church Sunday, May 18, at eight o'clock. The seniors were escorted to their places by juniors who acted as ushers.

The Rev. W. S. Bowden delivered the sermon "For What Do I Live?" His challenge to each senior was to take the question as a personal one and to analyze his purpose in life.

##### The Service

Organ Processional—Miss Florence Phillips.

Congregational Singing—Audience Standing.

Scripture Reading—Rev. E. M. Buehler.

Music—"When Children Pray"—Sextette.

Prayer—Rev. L. B. Carpenter.

Announcements—Rev. E. M. Buehler.

Music—"Savior of the World"—Girl's Glee Club.

Sermon—"For What Do I Live?"—Rev. W. S. Bowden.

Benediction—Rev. Arthur Mortenson.

Recessional—Miss Florence Phillips.

### Armory Becomes Deep Ocean Setting For Dance

#### JOSTEN AWARDS GO TO TYLER AND BULLERI

Senior Farewell chapel was held Tuesday, May 13. At this time the class of 1941 received the Josten Awards. Don Tyler and Lillian Bulleri were chosen to receive the medals. Students are selected by the faculty on the basis of their Physical, mental, Social and Moral attitudes. The outline given by the Josten Jewelers is Physical—letters, leadership, correction of defects, knowledge of health rules; Mental—honor roll, extra-curriculum, language; Social—organization, attendance, cooperation, class officers; Moral—self-control, self-reliance, good habits, conduct.

The Reverend L. B. Carpenter gave his twelfth consecutive address to the graduates. His topic was "Why Am I An American?" Reverend Carpenter's inspiring talk at the farewell chapel is looked forward to each year by all. This year his address gave each one a

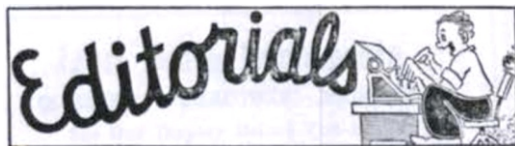
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Monday, May 19, was the date for a gala occasion—the annual formal dinner-dance given by the juniors for the seniors. Invitations issued to the school board members, the faculty, and the seniors by the jolly juniors were passports with hand drawn sketches of each passenger.

The combination patriotic and ship theme was carried out in the decorations, the predominant colors being red, white and blue, accented by vivid greens, yellows and purples. The walls represented the sea with vari-colored fish swimming about. Blue crepe fringe and huge red, white and blue balls hung from the ceiling of the armory. Lifesavers were hung at intervals for the safety of the passengers. The nut cups were red, white and blue ships, while larger ships were the centerpiece. Favors for each guest were anchors and bells.

The dinner was served by the Methodist Women's Society. Six freshmen girls, Martha Dodson, Peggy Broderick, Florence Means, Patty Dunn, Lois McIntosh, and Joanna Overman were waitresses; and six sophomore boys, Fred Eno, Tom English, Kenny Underwood,

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#### AFTER GRADUATION WHAT?

Until the boy or girl has completed the senior year the nature and tenor of the mode of living has been largely prescribed. To pass from grade to grade in successive years has been a matter of routine. Society expects it to be a natural process of living. However, where his high school course is finished he must decide, "WHAT Next?" True, some have planned ahead and have decided what they would like to do, but to a great many they discover for the first time that they face a new type of life and that individual responsibilities confront them for the first time.

Education has been variously defined at different times and upon different occasions ranging from "Education is the preparation for complete living" to "Education is living." The present tendency is to encourage the boy or girl to realize that he is now a part of a group interested in the well being of society of which he is a part. Accordingly, certain responsibilities are thrust upon him which develop beneficial and wholesome conditions about him.

Clubs, activities and expressional groups play a considerable part in actually living. Nevertheless, coupled with these is the other side of development for a well prepared life for undertakings yet to come. In your school life certain attitudes, character and courage have been a result. The attitude to tackle a job and finish it, an attitude to seek the better things, an attitude towards other should be, if properly cherished, your capital in stock to go out into the world and render service to the world. Other forms of capital in stock will be a good character abounding in courage, and an honest determination to give back to society in part some of its large investment in you. May the class of 1941 go forth rendering to society the best service of which you are capable.

Mr. Dow, Superintendent.

#### WHAT DO WE LEAVE?

Here we are, graduates. It hardly seems possible. Why, only a week or two ago, or so it seems, we were timid freshmen, wondering what would happen next. But that was four years ago. Four years of working, crabbing about assignments, and secretly devising ways to plague teachers, and yet four years of thoroughly enjoying ourselves. For most of us, under the veneer of pretending to dislike everything, we have had the time of our lives. Those four years have passed away swiftly and silently, and it is with somewhat of a jolt that we come face to face with the cap and gown and the diploma. Yes, we'll miss Villisca High School, but we sometimes wonder, "Will the school miss us?"

Tom Rusk, Feature Editor.

#### AT LAST, SENIORS!

After four long years of high school we are seniors at last. We have heard many say they are glad that the drudgeries of school are over, no doubt they will be ready to come back tomorrow. The best hours of our lives have been spent while going to good old V. H. S.

All good things must end sometime though, so as we leave we want to give the underclassmen a few words of advice: Work hard, have a good time, but work hard.

Goodbye V. H. S. That includes all the students whom we have known. We know you'll take our places and do a swell job at it. Then to the teachers, who have been indirectly responsible for our reaching our goal as seniors, we say thanks. Maybe we haven't been all we should be, but we'll try to put in to practice at least some of the principle's thought.

As alumni we'll do all we can to support good old V. H. S.

Bob Antisdel, President of the senior class.

#### OUR APPRECIATION

As the end of the school year and the Senior Edition of the Volcano come along, we wish to take this opportunity of thanking the members of the writing staff, business staff, the commercial department, Miss Ochs, and Miss Steeves for the fine help and cooperation which we have had in publishing the Volcano. It is the help and cooperation of these people that make our high school paper successful.

Our sincere thanks go also to our business friends who have helped so much by their advertising in this edition.

It is indeed fine to feel the support of such grand staffs, sponsors, and business friends. To these, the student body, and the faculty—we say, "Thanks a Million," and may our paper always be worthy of your support.

Barbara Overman, Editor.

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### JOSTEN AWARDS

great deal to think about and made each student realize more than ever that he is a proud American.

Proclamation—Miss Florence Phillips.

Invocation—Reverend W. S. Bowden.

"The Arrow and the Song"—Sextet.

Address—Reverend L. B. Carpenter—"Why Am I An American?"

America—Assembly Standing.

Announcement of Josten Awards—Mr. Dow.

Announcement of Letter Awards.

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Iowa High School Agricultural Congress—Mr. Smith.

Benediction—Reverend Buehler.

Recession—Miss Phillips.

### JR.-SR. BANQUET

Calvin Anderson, John Davie, and Rex Titsworth were waiters. The menu was:

Fruit Cocktail  
Baked Ham Potato Chips  
Whole Kernel Corn  
with

Green Peppers  
Red Apple Salad  
Hard Rolls—Jam  
White Cake with Fresh  
Strawberry Cream

Coffee Nuts

Following the dinner was the toast program, in keeping with the Ship theme:

"Good Ship Success."  
A hoy—Barbara Overman,  
Captain.

Not-so-long-ago—Bob Antisdel,  
First Mate.

Cruising—Jim Boggess, Gob.  
Music—Sailor Sextet.

Harbor Lights—Claude Richey,  
Pilot.

Oars—Evelyn Hill, Stewardess.  
Music—Miss Steeves.

Reefs—Mr. Dow, An Old Salt.  
Music—Sailorettes.

So-long, Juniors—Ruth Thorson,  
Second Mate.

A dance ended the evening's  
festivities.

### CLASS ROLL

Query, Norma Joan

Robinson, Donald E.

Rusk, Tom G.

Schroeder, Alden J.

Shipley, Darwin D.

Spring, Margaleen Viola

Stallings, Brainard L.

Stroud, Marjorie J.

Teuscher, Genevieve M.

Thorson, Ruth E.

Tyler, Donald E.

Underwood, Gene

Viner, Elizabeth J.

Waage, Bette Joan

Wagaman, Evelyn Maxine

Wallace, Russell E.

Wheeler, Robert M.

White, Mary Jane

Wigg, Betty Lois

Winter, Orville Clemens

Wright, Maxine F.

### SIXTH KEY CAST

—Norma Query.

Danny O'Brien, motion picture

camera-man—Don Tyler.

Rosalie, a colored Maid—Betty

Waage.

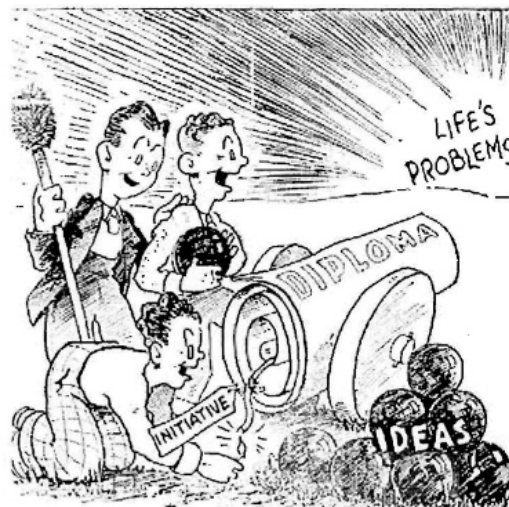
Delight March, a motion picture

actress—Maxine Hutchinson.

Vivian Darling, one of the

heirs—Ruth Thorson.

John Hodge, owner of Twin



## Senior Class Program Is End of School Days

Gables—Tom Rusk.

So Hang, a Chinese  
servant—Wendel Nelson.

Malcolm Marvin, a man of  
mystery—Donald Means.

#### Synopsis of Scenes

The entire action of the play took place in the living room of Mr. Hodge's mansion, one hundred and fifty miles from Chicago, on the shores of Lake Michigan.

Act I—An evening in spring.

Act II—Later the same night.

Act III—Immediately following

Act II.

The action of the play is

continuous.

Prompter—Evelyn Findley.

Stage Committee—Lillian Bulleri,

Verna Hendrickson, John Baker.



Blue and silver castle silhouettes, glowers, and streamers were beautifully arranged in the music room for the annual eighth grade class party. The group gathered in the school gym on the evening of May 9.

The junior high teachers, Miss Mercedes Hemsted and Miss Jane Hayes were the sponsors of the party. The entertainment committee was Bob Brandt, Duane Focht, Dorothy Waage, and Beatrice Holt.

After games in the gym the class went to the music room for the crowning of their king, Jimmie Still, and their queen, Betty Hedstrom.

They were crowned by Barbara Wolfe and Royce Harris. Their attendants were Bobbie Harris, Marvin Kern, Kenneth Tyler, Jean Graham, Kathryn Hyde, and Beatrice Holt.

They sang their class song "Fight On For Junior High" arranged by Mary Lou Focht and Kenneth Tyler.

They gave their yell:

"We are the eighth grade

We are the best.

When we get in high school

Pity, Pity the rest."

The yell was composed by

Dorothy Pettingill, Bobby Harris,

and Carl Gray.

The Class History was written by Bubbles Coy, Jimmie Still and Bill Garey.

The Class Prophecy Was written

by Lois Joyce Bundy and Barbara

Wolfe.

The Class Will was composed by

Kathryn Hyde, Betty Hedstrom and

Don Focht.

"Can You Imagine" was imagin-

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A fitting close for the seniors' last day of school was their chapel held immediately after the all-school picnic Friday.

Bob Antisdel, president of the senior class acted as master of ceremonies and announced the program.

#### The Program

Class History—Norma Query.

Senior Boy's Trio—Gene Underwood, Stanley Focht, Donald Tyler.

Class Prophecy—Genevieve Teuscher.

Harmonica Solo—Bill Wallace.

Class Will—Stanley Focht.

School Day—Entire Class.

God Bless America—Assembly.



#### GRADE SCHOOL INTERESTS

Presenting the glamorous, glorious, super colossal history of the class of "41."

Thirteen long years ago the class of "41" first made its debut. A group of straight haired girls and freckled-faced boys struggled into the classroom of kindergarten. Miss Hanks was our teacher, small but with a lot of vim and vigor. In kindergarten we had a record breaking band with Netha Mae Doane as our star drum player. Among them were Donald Tyler, Maxine Wright, Norma Query, John Smith, Ellen Pace, and Bob Hurst.

During the course of the year we made grape jelly. It was a great event when it was finally made. We had a party and invited Miss Howard, Lincoln Building principal, to eat jelly on crackers.

Miss Anson was our first grade teacher. Nothing very much out of the ordinary happened. Miss Myers herded us through the second grade where we had a big valentine party. Brainard and Darwin joined us this year. In third grade Miss Enarson was our teacher and Netha Mae left us. During fourth grade we had a lot of additions to our class. They were: Gene Underwood, Lillian Bulleri, Betty Waage and Netha. Fifth grade brought us Miss Howard. Miss Odell and Miss Fengel. During the year we studied about Indians, there was a fire in the school building and, we were caught writing notes.

#### SIXTH GRADE IN JR. HIGH

Sixth grade, we were proud! We

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## CLASS HISTORY

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got to come to Jr. High. Miss Williams, Miss Enarson and Miss Peterson were our teachers. Betty Waage came back in seventh grade. Stanley Focht and Marge Bowden entered this year. We made puppets in Miss Peterson's literature class. In eighth grade Jeslyn Richardson, Tom Rusk, Mary Jane White, Don Robinson and Evelyn Wagaman joined us. Bob Hurst left. The big event of the year was our eighth grade class party at Donald Tyler's home. Our class officers were: President, Stanley Focht; Vice President, Marjorie Bowden; and Secretary and Treasurer, Gene Underwood. Miss Oman, our music teacher from first to eighth grade, left to go to another school. Gene and Donald Tyler went to state with the high school boys' glee club.

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morning and he wept bitterly when ready to enter high school. Robert Antisdell, John Baker, Frank Fryer, Ralph Jackson, Donald Means, Wendel Nelson, Alden Schroeder, Robert Wheeler, Orville Winter, Lila Copelin, Evelyn Findley, Verna Hendrickson, Elsie Frederick, Evelyn Hill, Maxine Hutchinson, Helen Miller, Margaleen Spring, Marjorie Stroud, Genevieve Teuscher, and Betty Wigg joined our ranks this year. We had our freshman class picnic at Tyler's cabin. In the course of the day we found a dead snake and hung it over the cabin door to scare Miss Gardner.

### SOPHOMORES PICNIC AT RIFLE RANGE

Ellen Pace left us to go to Shenandoah during the sophomore year. Bill Wallace and Ruth Thorson entered. We had our picnic at the rifle range, punctuated by rain every so often.

**TYLER HEADS JUNIORS**  
Juniors—No longer green freshmen or slightly silly sophomores, but now we were juniors. Our class officers were: President, Donald Tyler; Vice President, Marjorie Bowden; Secretary and Treasurer, Evelyn Hill.

Our picnic was at Clarinda and Porter's Lake, our class party, our class play "Tangled Yarn," and most of all the Junior-Senior banquet were the events of the year.

### SENIORS PLAY IN "THE SIXTH KEY"

Now we have progressed one step further, the last step in our high school days. Seniors at last. The

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SENIORS OF 1941

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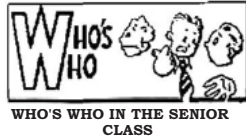
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high lights of the year are as follows: Our class pictures—(everyone liked everybody's but his own). Senior skip day which was perfection in itself. Our senior party, where we all dressed in hillbilly outfits. The senior class play "The Sixth Key" and our Junior-Senior banquet where we will be the guests this year. Our happy school days were shadowed by the death of a classmate—John Smith. Parties, picnics, plays, studies, tragedy, they have all gone into the making of school days from beginning to end. We hope that our record as it becomes HISTORY will serve as a stepping stone in the advancement of V. H. S.



This is to whom it may concern. We, the class of forty-one, Have always believed and hereby say That we are best in many a day. Robert Antisdell heads our class, And lest an opportune time should pass, I want to say that of all the rest, As president, he's just the best. Our vice-president is Donald Tyler, (He's conference top as a quarter-miler) His work is always done right well. That he's just o.k. is easy to tell. Stanley Focht does our clerical work. As secretary, he does not shirk. He generally does the best he can, Which is good enough, if you know Stan.

Tom Rusk  
(Under pressure, he says).

Last January William Schneekloth, Tipton, slipped on some ice and fell while on his way to work. Last week he discovered through an X-ray, that the discomfort he has suffered since then was due to a broken shoulder. Now he's writing and eating left handed.

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The time is 1965, and the place is the Villisca World's Fair, held, of course, in Villisca, now the leading city in the Middle West. As I was wandering aimlessly along the midway, my attention was attracted by a fortune teller's booth. Now I have always been known to go to fortune tellers, and this time was no exception. I went in, and to my utter astonishment, I found, half hidden by a huge red turban, sitting behind a crystal ball, none other than one of my classmates back in my high school days. Her name was Evelyn Findley. Upon my inquiry, I found that she had learned the art of fortune telling from her husband. I asked her how she met him, and she replied that they both were caught once in a revolving door and started going around together.

Our turbaned and ear-ringed friend further stated that because I was a classmate of hers, she would not only tell my fortune, but also tell me what all the other seniors of the class of '41 were doing now. So saying, she settled down behind her crystal ball, peered intently into it, and began in a deep and sonorous voice.

### KNOWS ALL—TELLS ALL

John Baker and Frank Fryer are now flying cadets. They just finished testing a new plane which did better than 700 miles an hour.

Stanley Focht is busily engaged in the shoe repair business, assisted by his blond, and incidentally, freckled-faced helpers.

Kenny Forsythe is now manager of the Save Store, but his wife, the former Maxine Hutchinson, will not allow him to bring home certain ingredients, namely bacon.

Don Means is now foreman of the stone quarry. That kind of makes him a stone king don't you think?

Wendell Nelson and Betty Waage have started housekeeping with the roll of fence that Betty won back in "41" at the cooking school. Wendell is a traveling salesman for the Swedish Cheese Factory, and Betty has her desire—living in a trailer house.

Don Robinson is a famous comedian and is noted for his spontaneous smile.

Tom Rusk finally cracked under the severe strain of thinking up puns, but he is happy as he can be, for he is being cared for by a dietician, Marge Bowden.

SHROEDER HEADS PAPER  
Alden Shroeder is now head of the Villisca Times with a daily

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Darwin Shipley, by eating Phillips Power Pills, became so tall that he is now the famous tall man of Ringling Brothers circus and is still growing.

Ralph Jackson broke DuPonts monopoly on nylon by his invention of bylon.

Brainard Stallings, because of his work in the slaughter house at Tenville, is still known as Stabber.

Don Tyler became one of the most famous surgeons in the world after he saved the life of the great opera singer, Madame la le Doane, a former Villisca student of the class of '41.

Gene Underwood is now admiral of the U. S. Navy. He acquired that position after his bravery. One night when the ship, on which he was but a common sailor, was caught in a storm, and the foghorn broke. Gene very easily took its place.

Bill Wallace, the leader of Wallace's "Humming Harmonics Hums," is heard daily over station V. H. S. at 9:30 every evening. Tune in folks.

Bob Wheeler is still stuck in Hackelbarney, but he was recently promoted to mayor of the capital of that country—Tenville.

### CAN'T FIND 'FARMER'

Farmer, the fortune teller, seems to see only a blank. She says she will try for him later.

Lillian Bulleri is owner and entertainer of Lil's Spaghetti Café, where the best food in town is served.

Lila Copelin just completed the picture that made her famous, "Memories of School Days."

Elsie Fredrick is teacher of public schools in Guss.

Verna Hendrickson is teaching her three sets of twins how to do arithmetic—a subject which Verna has always detested.

Helen Miller is Superintendent for rural schools in Montgomery county.

Margaleen Spring has opened a new ice cream parlor in Villisca.

### BACHELORS CHANGE PLANS

Marge Stroud was planning on establishing an old maids' society which moved in next door, Marge's mind was changed.

Genevieve Teuscher is the wife of the wealthy Ted Shanks who is President of the Ford Motor company.

Ruth Thorson also followed her nick-name and now spends her time teaching Boston bulldog puppies to say "woof, woof."

In recent years, ladies football has become popular. Elizabeth Viner is captain of the noted team in California.

Evelyn Wagaman is now a great raiser of flowers. Incidentally, she specializes in "Sweet Williams."

Bob Antisdell is running the stockyards at Nodaway and on the side he grows tulips with two colors on one stem.

Mary J. White, due to a broken romance, has gone on a strike and refuses to talk.

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### CONGRATULATIONS

to the

SENIORS

Dr. Kelsay, Dentist



## SENIOR CLASS WILL OF 1941

We, the senior class of 1941, do hereby will in our last will and testament, the following to the future seniors of V. H. S. It is our hope that they will treasure these valuables we have attained or wished for, as we have, and in leaving our Alma Mater pass them on to those who are worthy. —Dated—Commencement time, 1941, under the seal of our sponsor—Mr. Armstrong.

Frank Fryer has decided to will his good humor to Max Means in order to make Max "super colossal," while Stanley Focht wills his freckles to Barbara Burton, and Robert Andrews gets Kenny Forsythe's curly hair.

Evelyn Wagaman wills her neatness in notebooks to John McCreedy. Betty Waage gives one of her double chins to Alyene Hill, and Elizabeth Viner wills her domestic ability to Elvera Anderson.

After some hours of deep thinking John Baker finally decided to will Doreen to Dean DeVoss and Wendell Nelson wanted to will Betty Waage to V. H. S. but she had different ideas.

Bob Antisdell wills his megaphone to Melvin Royer. Geny Teuscher wills her dramatic ability to Rex Titsworth and "Pee Wee" Baker is presented with Helen Miller's good English.

Lila Copelin wills her exquisite needlework to Shirley Froyd, Netha Mae Doan wills her music ability to Bill Miller, and Branard Stallings gives his place on the football squad to Kenny Underwood.

Lillian Bulleri's power of collecting money and selling Volcanoes goes to Henrietta Hutchinson, Donald Robinson, alias "Cruise," wills his goats to Jack Keller, and Ruth Thorson wills her recitation in history to Lowell Oxye.

Ralph Jackson decided to give his quiet disposition to Galen Hailey and Elsie Frederick leaves hers to Jim Boggess. Alden Schroeder bequeaths his blond hair to Martha Lewis.

Verna Hendrickson wills her ability to get along with children to Olin Lovig. Robert Wheeler wills his "garters" to Lois McIntosh. Don Tyler wills his interest in the freshmen to Dale Hanson.

Clell Adkins is to be the proud possessor of Tom Rusk's dictionary and also those "corny" but "cute" puns, while Norma Query's startling ideas go to Don Cerven.

Margaleen Spring wills her neatness to Frieda Huntington, Maxine Hutchinson wills her pep to junior class, and Marge Stroud wills her pigeon toes to Jeannie Moore.

Darwin Shiply wills his height to Sam McMahon, Don Means wills his trips to Red Oak to Jim Tyler and Gene Underwood his art of chewing gum to Mary Moore.

Evelyn Findley wills her place on the Girl Reserve cabinet to Lesta Arubuckle and Frieda Huntington. Betty Wigg gives her smile to Stanley Neil and Orville Winter wills his "Little Abner features" to Wyman Peters. Maxine Wright wills her black locks to "Goldie." Mary Jane White gives her "nose for news" to Dorothy Williams.

Bill Wallace wills his harmonica to Richard Rothrock and Evelyn Hill has kindly consented to give her false tooth to Peck Henry in case he loses his again.

Signed—THE SENIOR 1941

## Chorus Misses Regional Contest By One Rating At State

## SENIOR PLAY SIDE-LIGHTS

Getting a class play in a presentable condition is work with a capital "W." It gives dramatic instructors headaches and the cast members nightmares, in which the boogey man comes along and says, "Not so fast. Take it again and put more feeling in it." It leaves the stage committee exhausted and is also hard on the play books, although they don't complain much. In other words, a class play is a mess until the night it is given and sometimes it is then. Even so, there are little episodes which keep the work from completely getting the better of one.

For example, take the line where Geny Teuscher says "My head—it hurts," and so saying, sinks on the settee. When Geny read it she said, "My head—it hurts. I've got sinks in the settee." And wondered why people laughed.

And then there was the time when Tom Rusk found a dead snake coiled in the seat of his pick-up and an old shovel tied on behind. (Behind the pick-up, not the snake.) He never was quite sure where they came from, but he has his ideas, Maxine and Betty.

Of course we musn't forget the time that Maxine Hutchison was perched on the ledge outside the big window above the south door. She would never say whether she was out there for a breath of fresh air or a better view of the Save Store.

One night the boys found a box of tacks in the assembly desk drawer and promptly proceeded to distribute them. Miss Larson sat on one of them. The boys wish to apologize, Miss Larson, and say that it was most emphatically not intentional.

Just one more thing. When a fellow gets "killed" in a play, it is most refreshing to lie there and let the others practice not walking on him when the lights are out.

## SENIOR SKIP TO OMAHA

It was the day of April 25 and the seniors were glad to see the sun had risen with a smile, for it was the senior skip day. There rolled into the midst of the "high and mighty personages" a yellow truck which some would say was "very easy riding." (Just ask anyone who rode in it).

The journey began about 8:15 a. m. The first stop was at Mr. Armstrong's, for the sponsor almost forgot his dinner. After about two and a half hours' riding and fun, the group arrived at the metropolis, Omaha. Many seniors expected to see street cars that were enormous and big buildings that reached the sky. After traversing the city, all progressed to Boy's Town. The guide, who made good use of the English language, showed all points of interest. It is rumored that some of the girls almost stayed because of the handsome mayor.

Dinner was eaten in the bus on the way back to Omaha stringing sacks, papers and banana peels along the highway. Stopping at North 13 and Capital, most of the class went to the airport. Some stayed in the business district. About ten brave courageous seniors went aloft in those noise contraptions. Returning to the appointed stopping place, everyone was turned loose to seek his own pleasures. Some went to shows, some to stores, mainly ten cent stores, others just wandered about.

At nine o'clock everyone returned to the bus, which upon the arrival of a tired, but satisfied class, proceeded to Villisca.

### Shirlee Froyd Places Second With Solo

The Villisca High School music groups came back with high honors from the State Music Contest held in Creston, Iowa on May 1, 2, and 3. The mixed chorus and mezzo-soprano solo were rated II, and the criticisms proved that with one more I rating, the chorus would have been eligible to go on to the Regional Contest at St. Paul, Minn. Any group receiving two I's is eligible, and the Villisca group received one. V. H. S. is proud of these students for placing so high among sixteen other schools in Class B.

Shirlee Froyd sang the mezzo-soprano solo with eighteen other schools as competition. These two events are the only ones from Villisca that have ever placed at a State Music Contest.

The Girls' Glee Club and Sextette were given ratings of III. Kay Focht substituted for Barbara Burton because of illness. There were twenty-nine other sextettes entered and sixteen glee clubs. V. H. S. appreciates what they have done for Villisca High School and wishes them luck in the coming year.

## DASHING DITTIES

By Helen Miller

I thought perhaps I would start out with a side-splitter this time, but it's simply awful the way my ideas keep disappearing—And speaking of that I'll tell you about the man who told his valet, "It's awful the way my cigars are disappearing. Do you know anything about it, Charles?" He replied, "It is not my fault, sir; I assure you that I still have three boxes left from my last place." My! My! —Norma Query: "You've got a pug nose. Do they run in your family?" Robert Antisdell—"Only in cold weather!" —Bulletin: Why didn't those girls want the bus lights turned on when they were coming from Creston? —Someone heard Aunt Marge quoting—a fool can ask more questions than a wise man can answer." Sophomore boy: "No wonder I flunked." Oh!!! —Oh. I'll have to tell you about the lecture and perseverance we graduates heard the other day. The teacher was saying, "He drove straight to his goal looking neither to right or left. No one could turn him from his course and all who crossed his path did so at their own risk. Now what would you call such a man?" Tom Rusk: "A truck driver." —Fred Eno: "Darling, how can I ever leave you?" Father: (shouting downstairs) "Bus, train or walk." Oh! Oh! Bulletin: There sure is a lot of fancy spring clothes around—Junior: "What is a rare volume?" Dad: "It's a book that comes back after you've loaned it!" Dear Me! —Say, do you know the quickest way to the library? —I'll bet I know a better one! —"Run!!!" —Closing now.

## TIRES

## BATTERIES

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Villisca, Iowa



When asking what the seniors ambitions were here are some of the answers we got—

Jane White—To be six feet tall. Brainard Stallings—To be a millionaire.

Tom Rusk—I am going to invent a machine to do away with work.

Don Tyler—Just do something worth while.

Frank Fryer—I want to fly, you know, be an aviator.

Gene Underwood—Be able to keep my girl friend over two or three days and be a swing orchestra leader.

Johnny Baker—I am going to fly too.

Marge Bowden—Be a dietician so I will eat my own cooking.

Nora Query—Be a farmer.

Verna Hendrickson—To be a fan dancer.

Lillian Bulleri—Be the tallest person in the world: even taller than Barbara Wheeler.

Maxine Hutchison—Be a navy nurse.

Marge Stroud—Be an old maid school teacher.

Evelyn Hill—I am not old enough to have an ambition.

Geny Teuscher—Be a swell teacher.

Stan Focht—I am not the kind of person to have an ambition.

Farmer Winter—Get an old age pension as soon as possible.

Bob Wheeler—Go to Japan and play in the band.

Betty Waage—Be a traveling salesman's wife and live in a trailer house.

Wendell Nelson—Be a business man so I can sit with my feet on the desk and be lazy.

Lila Copelin—Find a job.

Evelyn Findley—A traveler.

Helen Miller—Sing over the radio.

Netha Doan—Rural school teacher.

Kenny Holdren—Finish school this year.

Elsie Frederick—Be a school teacher.

Darwin Shipley—Be a mathematician.

Ralph Jackson—I don't think I have any.

Betty Wigg—Be a good teacher.

Margaleen Spring—Go to college.

Evelyn Wagaman—Take N. T. Post Graduate.

Ruth Thorson—Oh, anything.

Elizabeth Viner—Be a good teacher.

Alden Schroeder—I didn't know I had such.

Don Robinson—What are ambitions?

Bill Wallace—An orchestra leader.

## EIGHTH GRADE PARTY

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ed by Marvin Kernen and Jean Graham.

Jokes were appropriated by Cecil Newberg, Bill Combs and Junior Newberg.

The decorating was in charge of Marjorie Rains, Phails Ferne Stevenson, Ted Higgins and Jimmie Pierce.

Refreshments of decorated cakes and ice cream were served by the committee: Ruth McCoy, Jean Retland, Alberta Reynolds, Royce Harris, Iva Lee Newberg, Warren Bates.

The eighth grade colors are blue and white. The flower is the violet. Their motto is "2 B Y's is 2 be."

## CLASS PROPHECY

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Betty Wigg also followed her name and manufactures toupees in a large wig factory.

## F. D. R. STILL PRESIDENT

Maxine Wright is secretary to the President of the United States—and guess what. He is still Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Norma Query was one who refused to tell what was doing, but I think we can guess.

The fortune teller was silent for a while and she seemed to be trying to figure something out, then she broke into a laugh. I asked her what was wrong and after she got over her hysterics she finally found "Farmer" not recognized by the name is now called, and guess what he was? He is now a Holly Roller Preacher.

Her globe became aglow once more—guess—The teachers we once had were having a reunion and when I listened to a bit of their conversation I decided perhaps it was a good thing we graduated in 1941.

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