

Be sure to tune in KSD tomorrow afternoon at one o'clock. At that time the Southwest Spelling Team meets Ursuline Academy. Both will be trying for a second victory in the 1941 tournament.

Students who have some knowledge of dance steps may do their part toward making the noon hour dancing periods successful. How? By offering their services to the Student Council as teachers.

Picture post cards, aerial views of Southwest, the first and only ones printed, are soon to be offered for sale by Student Council members. The price will be five cents.

Southwest's musical organizations, consisting of the A Cappella Choir, Boys Glee Club, Mixed Chorus, Band and Orchestra, will enjoy a picnic May 3 at Pevley Farm.

Miss Meyer and Mr. Monachesi will be there as well as several other teachers who have been invited.

Stamps! Match boxes! Yes, these and many more. Every known hobby will be represented in the "Hobby Show" to be held at Stix, Baer and Fuller on April 29 and 30 and May 1.

Admission to this show, to be sponsored by the P.-T. A. Counsel of St. Louis, will be ten cents.

Remember about Monday of the fourteenth week? That's right—report cards. And next Monday's the day.

## Two Win Honorable Mention for Posters

Ruth Topping and Bill McCourt have won honorable mention in the 1941 Clean Up Week Poster Contest, which was open to all metropolitan high school students.

"I was surprised and thrilled," Ruth told a *Pioneer* reporter. Her poster pictures a house, surrounded by flowers, with a curtain gently flapping in the window. Across the top are the words, "Inside and Out"; below the house, "Clean Up"; and at the bottom, "April 24-May 3." The color scheme is green and yellow.

Bill McCourt, art editor of *The Roundup*, said, "I was really pleased to receive honorable mention." In his poster, figures of the statues in the Aloe Plaza form the center of interest.

The words, "Clean Up," appear at the top; and the date, at the bottom. Three shades of blue, ranging from powder blue to blue green, make up the color scheme.

Posters entered in the contest from Southwest were made by the following students: Bob Allen, Doris Bachman, Betty Lou Bermele, George Blinzeg, Ruth Bunch, John Collins, Helen Evanoff, Charles Gualdoni, Verna Hagedorn, Arthur Hampton, Jean Holt, Jack Hoss, Bill McCourt, Jack Mort, August Mazzoni, Joyce Reiffers, Ruth Topping and Virginia Von Brunn.

## Preview of General Motors Exposition at Aud Tuesday

A double aud session will be held next Tuesday to enable every teacher and pupil to see and hear a preview of General Motors amazing "Parade of Progress Exposition," which will come to St. Louis some time during May.

The exposition will afford opportunity to see in actual operation what happens to ordinary materials under "black light," the remarkable lamp blaze, which, although only the size of a peanut, has one-fifth the light of the sun. A host of other "unbelievables" will also be demonstrated.

Admission to this "Circus of Science" is free. Its purpose is to demonstrate to the public how industries work through research to develop new products and processes that will result in a higher standard of living for the whole people. Here America's future industrial development with the resultant new jobs and better living standards is prophesied.

A caravan of streamlined, silver "future-liners" have been carrying this fascinating, thrill-packed, educational show from the Chicago World's Fair to the New York World's Fair, from one town to another for the last five years.

Millions have seen it—after the preview next Tuesday you will want to see it too!

## Opportunity Still Knocks! See 'What a Life' Tonight

Southwest seniors proved themselves real troupers last night when they gave the first performance of their refreshingly modern comedy, *What a Life*.

Clifford Goldsmith's three acts of fun-full dialogue were accepted enthusiastically by a packed house.

Credit for a really convincing performance is due the director, Miss Meenach, and every member of the cast. Wayne Wacher plays the famous but frustrated Henry exceptionally well, with Gloria Kensinger as Barbara Pearson, his "current crush."

Romantic interest is ably supplied by Norma Jean Nelson and Eugene Bean as Miss Shea and Mr. Nelson.

Carl Hein gives a realistic performance as George Bigelow, Henry's chief rival.

If you missed last night's show, you still have a chance to see this most enjoyable play. Come tonight for the time of your life at "What a Life!"

## Two More Groups Subscribe 100 Per Cent to 'Pioneer'

Two more groups are now subscribing 100 per cent to the *Pioneer* and two others have made the "90 per cent or above" list.

**100 Per Cent**  
Group Adviser Salesman  
8 Miss de Liniere Milton Canis  
39 Miss Meenach Alvin Acton

**90 Per Cent or Above**  
38 Miss Oestereich Herbert Ernst  
43 Mr. Baker Audrey Dietrich

## Southwest Holds Open House Next Thursday Evening at 8

"I think that parents will enjoy meeting teachers, not only to know how their sons and daughters are doing, but to promote good feeling between teachers and parents," commented Mr. Sackett, concerning Open House, which is scheduled for Thursday, May 1, from 8 to 9:30 o'clock.

"This evening was chosen for two reasons. First, it follows almost immediately the second issuance of report cards and grades are fresh in everybody's mind; then, too, this is the evening most faculty members can be present," said Mr. Sackett.

Students are not expected to attend, unless they wish to assist their parents to find teachers and to introduce them.

Teachers will be found, as far as possible, in their home rooms. Student Council and Special Service members will be stationed about the halls to help direct parents.

No entertainment will be offered during the evening. All the time will be used for conversation between parents and teachers.

This type of Open House has been held at Southwest once each semester since the fall of 1939. The first took place on November 20, 1939; the second, on April 18, 1940; the third, on November 14, 1940.

More than 700 accepted the invitation to the first Open House. Attendance at other sessions has not been quite so large but enthusiasm on the part of those present has never been lacking.

Both parents and teachers feel that these meetings have been of particular value in strengthening parent-teacher relations.

## SW Sends 23 Tomorrow To State Music Meet

Southwest will send 23 contestants to the annual state music meet to be held tomorrow at Missouri University in Columbia.

Solos are to be sung by Harold Conley, Nell Funke, Annabelle Garner, Arthur Hampton, Dorothy Hutchings and Dick Watkins. Barbara Lancot, Jean Harpster, Shirley Aydelott, Kermit Fales and Dayton Lierley, along with the soloists listed above, will sing in groups.

Instrumental solos will be played by Gene Frazier, Gloria Gilbert, Audrey Kuenmerle, Richard Lambur, Vincent Rapini and Bob Robertson. Also entered are a French horn quartet—Vincent Rapini, Douglass Davidson, Robert Tripodi and Allen Meyers, and a clarinet quartet—Bob Babbitt, Fred Martin, Steve Ivazes and Bob Robertson.

Transportation to Columbia will be furnished by special bus.

Last year in the state contest Southwest received seven first ratings out of eight events entered. In the national contest at Kansas City, Southwest received two "first" ratings: for the girls' trio of Alvera Nickel, Dorothy Hutchings and Betty Funke; and for Purdue Gould's flute solo.

## AUDREY GAINES AND HARRY KUHN NAME DANCE, 'LONGHORN LIMP'



That's it, students! *Longhorn Limp* is the name given the school dance to be held on May 10. Audrey Gaines and Harry Kuhn will receive a free ticket to the dance as a reward for this prize-winning suggestion submitted by them jointly.

Audrey, who is a seventh semester student in Miss Hartnagel's advisory group, was very happy on learning of their success. She said smiling, "It's the first time this ever happened to me—I finally get my name in the paper, but the free ticket is best of all."

Harry, a sixth semester student in Mr. Polster's group said, "I'm awfully glad it happened and I hope the dance will be a big success." When asked how they had thought of the name, they explained that Harry thought of *Longhorn* and Audrey added *Limp*, making the lucky combination.

The *Longhorn Limp*, sponsored by Southwest Patrons Association, will be held May 10, at 8:00 p. m. in Alhambra Grotto, to the music of Harry Lange's *Commanders*. Admission is 75 cents a couple.

Boys, get in your swaggiest mood and take your best girl to the *Longhorn Limp*!

## Ten Essays Submitted In 'Civitan' Contest

From 345 essays submitted by the students of Southwest in the St. Louis Civitan Club's "Good Citizenship" essay contest, a committee, composed of Miss Mesloh, Miss O'Brien and Miss Quinn, chosen ten to be submitted for final judging.

The following students are Southwest's entrants: Barbara Lancot, Catherine Spanos, June Huber, Frances Ruf, Corinne Thomas, Dora Rascher, Edward Fesler, Fred Lundberg, Jean Harpster and Milton Lauenstein.

All ten of the students will receive recognition for their essays. For the three essays judged best, the first award will be a gold medal; the second, a sterling silver medal; and the third, a bronze medal. The remaining seven students will receive certificates.

The winner of the gold medal will then automatically become one of the contestants for the entire metropolitan district first award.

## Cheer Leaders in Demand

Notice to any boy who has had a yen to be a cheer-leader! There are several vacancies on next year's squad.

Prospective megaphone wielders should see Roger Moeller or Mr. Gottlieb.

## Virginia Phillips' Song Used at Police Circus

*I Want to Marry a Policeman*, a song composed by Virginia Phillips, Southwest senior, well known for her musical compositions, is being heard these days at the Police Circus. April 30 is the last day of the circus.

"I was thrilled when I was told my song would be used," Virginia said. *I Knew* is another of her many popular compositions. She has also written an opera and several classics.

## Seniors at Desk in Hall Collect Ticket Money

Have you been wondering why several students sit behind that desk in the main corridor every day during the lunch periods? No, classes have not been moved into the halls. Seniors behind the desk are collecting the money that Student Council representatives have received for tickets to *What a Life*.

Fourth period, Norman Reichert, assisted by Gertrude Adrignola, is in charge. Fifth period, Roger Moeller, assisted by Eloise Mallrich, takes in the money. Isabelle Balk and Ruth Cerf officiate sixth period. George Hoffman is general chairman of the committee in charge of the sale of tickets.

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**Students Begin to Think**

At last it has happened! Yes, finally students have begun to think about citizenship. Several factors may have brought about this suddenly stimulated interest, but many have said the *Good Citizenship Essay Contest* was the true cause of it all.

"Once the wheel is started it's easy to keep going" is an old saying which fits this case. As soon as students thought about citizenship, they wanted to express their opinions and did so in many excellent essays.

Excerpts from several of the ten essays chosen as best of the 345 submitted prove that students are really thinking about citizenship in a democracy.

"Important in our citizen is tolerance, racial, political and religious. His Japanese laundryman, the Negro shoe-shine boy, his Italian grocer, the Socialist next door, the Presbyterian down the street, all present varying ideals and beliefs; and yet, because he accepts the principles of free thought, he gains what he is able to from their differences."

"To be able to buy three pounds of butter without punching a pink ticket; to be playing games in gym suits instead of drilling in uniforms; to have our dear ones safe nearby—so much, we owe America."

"What is to come is unknown, it can only be intimated. But whatever the future holds, all true Americans may rest assured that in no other part of the world is there a people more fortified and better prepared to meet it."

**Lullaby in Bloom**

Sounds of vernal showers  
 Are like a heavenly tune;  
 April's first-born flowers  
 Are a lullaby in bloom.

By Fred Lundberg

**Listen—Four Bells!**

"Four Bells — east stairway — front exit." This notice adorns the blackboard of room 315 and similar notices are posted on boards of every room throughout the school. Take precautions for your own safety. Regard these fire-drill signs seriously.

Mr. Sackett suggests that fire-drill speed should be about as fast as progress to lunch. (Short of actual running, what could be faster?) Since Southwest is a modern building, as nearly fire-proof as a building can be made, real danger hardly exists—but precaution is the best policy.

"If you want to stay young—live with young people; if you want to die young, try to keep up with them."

—The Christian Advocate

**How's Your Diet?**

Here's what a normal adult should have to eat and drink every day according to a check list recently published by the United States Bureau of Home Economics.

Milk—one pint or more.

Leafy green or yellow vegetables — one or more servings.

Tomatoes, oranges, grapefruit or any other vitamin C—rich raw fruit or vegetable—one or more servings.

Potatoes, other vegetables or fruit — two or more servings.

Eggs—one.

Lean meat, poultry, fish—one or more servings.

Cereals and bread—at least two servings of whole-grain products.

Fats and sweets—as needed to satisfy the appetite.

Water—six glasses or more.

The Tuberculosis and Health Society

**THE LAUGH HERD**  
**ROUND THE RANGE**



**April Showers**

This is a fine month for ducks and people that like to wade in puddles. But for the girls! Never!! They're busy sneaking around corners hunting inconspicuous spots to tuck up their straggling curls with bobby pins, combs and bandanas. Cheer up—they won't be looking like dish mops long. Just until the very wet rain of April discontinues.

**Why?**

*Little Jack Ward*  
 Got his report card  
 Early in the morning.  
 Leave him alone  
 And he will come home,  
 Hiding the bad news behind him.

NAME SUBMITTED FOR SW DANCE: "WATER PROOF PROM" — (NOT A "DRIP" IN THE JOINT).

**Right Off the Cob—**

A girl to S. C. representative on duty in Library: "I'm looking for drama."

Came the bright reply: "Drama! That must be with dram-pa."

**Hi diddle diddle**

*The cat and the fiddle;*  
*The cow jumped over the moon—*  
 —Whoops! Milk shakes.

**Modern Fairy Tale**

Once upon a time there was a boy who didn't want a crew-cut and his girl friend wanted him to get one.

**TRUANT OFFICER TO GHOST: WHERE'S YOUR SCHOOL-SPIRIT?**

**Poor Pa—**  
*Mama's gone a-hunting*  
*To buy a great big sable skin,*  
*To wrap her darling daughter in*  
 —Poor Pa.

**Murray D.:** I'm going out to lunch today.

**Joan E.:** You are!

**Murray D.:** Yeah—out to the lunchroom.

**A Baby Dumping!**

*Little Miss Muffet sat on a tuffet*  
*Eating a Dagwood deluxe.*  
 Along came a spider and sat down beside her  
 And got catsup all over his tux.

**Problem**

Punctuate the following sentence: *A five dollar bill blew around the corner.*

Answer:  
*Make a dash after the bill!*

**FAMOUS FAMILIES**  
*Meyers*

Meet Southwest's biggest little all-girl family — Doris, Mildred and Pat Meyer.

They are not triplets or twins and an extra one, but a glance tells immediately that they are sisters.

The oldest and youngest, 18-year-old Doris and Pat, who is 15, will graduate this June. Both are petite, blue-eyed, brownette and record collectors.

Doris "Dorrie" likes art particularly and plans to attend art school after graduation.

Pat, who belongs to the Girls Glee Club, is especially musical. For a sport she favors tennis.

Also interested in art is sixth semester "Millie", the "one in the middle." Dark brown hair and eyes set 17-year-old Mildred apart from her lighter sisters. Ice skating ranks high on her sports list.

If you look hard, you may see these girls cheerfully motoring home in the afternoon with Doris at the wheel.

*Yesterday is a memory;*  
*Tomorrow, a mystery;*  
*Today is the day—*  
 Let's Go!

**Exchange Corral**

Next Tuesday and Wednesday Roosevelt High School presents its first operetta, *Waltz Dream*, by Oscar Strauss.

The national hobby of Japan is collecting China.  
*Rough Rider*

Young man of five: "Daddy, look at that funny man across the street."

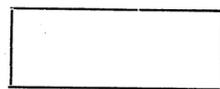
Dad: "What's he doing?"  
 Youngster: "Sitting on the sidewalk talking to a banana peeling."

*Nampa High Growl*

Certain students of Little Rock, Arkansas, High School want musicians to play in the cafeteria while they eat.

**Sensational Scoop**

Shown below is a candid shot taken recently of Yehudi and the little man that wasn't there, reading through their rimless glasses between the lines of the unwritten law while they complacently sip evaporated milk and eat the holes in doughnuts.



LRHS Tiger

**Let's Get Acquainted**

The senior play, "What a Life," offers an unusual attraction—a double feature! Two romances, two heroes, two heroines—and all for the price of one measly romance.

Now meet the stars who appeared in these romantic parts last night and will appear again tonight.

**Wayne Wachter**

Wayne plays the part of Henry Aldrich, the red-blooded school-boy who is always in hot water.

"It's a swell part 'cause I'm just like him, always in trouble," Wayne confessed.

Many of us know Wayne from his great performance as Kid Connor in "The Red Mill" last fall.

**Gloria Kensingler**

Barbara Pearson, Henry's hard-won girl friend, is known around school as Gloria Kensingler. "We have a swell time at rehearsals and it's an awfully good play," Gloria said.

Remember "Sis Hopkins" of the Band Show last semester? Well, Gloria's the same girl.

**Eugene Bean**

Eugene is a second Mr. Dee, namely assistant principal, Mr. Nelson, in "What a Life." Of the play Eugene said, "In all it's a good story, a swell cast and a swell director. There is no reason why it should not be a huge success as it is backed 100 per cent by all the seniors and members of the faculty, who are working hard at it."

**Norma Jean Nelson**

This blond bundle of personality has the part of Miss Shea, Mr. Nelson's secretary and sweetheart.

Norma Jean says, "Great play! It's fun galore being frivolous purposely."

**Do You Know That—**

1. The library at SW contains 3,024 volumes of information?
2. Approximately 350 pupils use the library daily?
3. 112 students can be accommodated each period?
4. Periods least used are the first, second, and the three lunch periods?

**THIS TIME - - - TWO YEARS AGO**

Seventy-three students topped the honor roll at the end of the first ten weeks of the second semester of the '38-'39 school year.

On April 20, 1939, the six Southwest pupils selected to play in the All-City High School Orchestra were awarded medals.

On Friday, April 21, Southwest Longhorns gained another baseball victory by defeating Soldan, 10-3.

Twenty-five students were appointed to the *Roundup* staff. These members were selected on the basis of their work toward the actual production of the book.

Three students, Wilma Gideon, Mildred Schults and Josie Baudo, won honors for their poems submitted to the contest sponsored by the College Club.

Life is not so short but that there is always time enough for courtesy.  
 Emerson

## P. H. L. Classes Entertain P.-T. A Officers at Tea

Home Living 1-1 and 1-6 Classes had charge of a reception given in Southwest luncheon room for the newly elected officers of the Parent-Teachers Association on Tuesday afternoon, April 15.

The table was most attractive with its lace cloth, candles, bowl of punch at each end, beautiful centerpiece of spring flowers and plate of green and yellow iced cakes.

Mrs. Bermel, the retiring president, Mrs. E. C. Wachter, the new president, Mrs. H. E. Scott, the treasurer; Arlene Frances and Georgia Ruth Flamme, the presidents of the Home Living Classes, comprised the receiving line.

Members of both Home Living Classes worked together in getting and serving the guests. Each member had a certain prearranged duty.

The new officers of the P.-T. A. who were cordially greeted by everyone were:

President, Mrs. E. C. Wachter; First Vice-President, Mrs. R. O. Davis; Second Vice-President, Mrs. J. C. Crozier; Recording Secretary, Mrs. R. Cohen; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. R. B. Keyes; Treasurer, Mrs. H. E. Scott; and Historian, Mrs. A. W. Rhees.

The newly elected president, Mrs. Wachter, is the mother of Wayne Wachter, who plays the leading role as "Henry" in the senior play.

Refreshments consisted of fruit punch, cakes and mints.

## SW Singers Take Part In KSD Broadcast

Southwesterners who tuned in Station KSD at 2:30 p. m. last Sunday found that Southwest's part of the program designed to introduce Clean Up Week had been somewhat altered from that announced in the last issue of the *Pioneer*. Changes in vocal numbers were necessitated by the BMI-ASCAP controversy.

However, as announced, the 1940 Clean Up! Paint Up! Campaign got off to a rousing start with a broadcast from the KSD studio. Included on the program were several songs by representatives of music groups at Southwest. Instrumental music was furnished by Soldan.

A small selected group from SW A Cappella Choir sang two numbers: *Lo a Voice to Heaven Sounding* by Bortniansky and *As Torrents in Summer* by Elgar.

Also, SW Girls Trio, composed of Dorothy Hutchings, Annabelle Garner and Barbara Lanctot, sang *Three Little Maids* by Marjorie Elliot.

For the past decade, St. Louis has annually won the national award for the most effective Clean Up Campaign. This year's campaign extends from April 21 to May 3.

## Biologists Hear Dr. Andrews

Dr. Andrews of Washington University talked to the Southwest Biology Club on the subject of "Fossils" on April 10. He exhibited several types of fossils.

## Three Senioritas Participate In SW Pan-American Day

By DOROTHY STAPP

Las senioritas Enid Davilla, Iturbina Figuera and Adelina Gall of Webster College were guests of the Southwest Spanish classes in their celebration of Pan-American Day, April 14.

Two of the girls, Iturbina Figuera and Enid Davilla hail from Puerto Rico. Adelina Gall comes from Cuba. They are dark, lovely girls with friendly, ready smiles; and though they have been in the United States only since September, they have mastered enough of the English language to carry on an interesting conversation.

Enid talked on Puerto Rico; Iturbina gave a short talk on Puerto Rican customs; and Adelina recited a poem. When asked what they thought of Southwest, Iturbina replied, "Everybody around here is very nice and they have treated me very well." Adelina was very glad to be here and

Enid thought that all the students and members of the faculty were very nice.

Other features of the program were accordion selections, including *Valencia* and *Lady of Spain*, by Bob Davis; the songs, *Amapola* and *Estrellita*, sung by Annabelle Garner; and talks on men and countries of Latin America by Ruth Donadon, Martin Brummond, Elise Hoffman, Bill Heath, Wanda Zismer, Gloria Kiechle, Richard White and Eunice Agne.

Bob Morris acted as announcer of the program.

*America*, sung in Spanish, was the fitting finale for this event.

## Tell Me Not

(Humblest Apologies to Longfellow)

Tell me not in mournful numbers Women's hats are just a scream Tho' you think her head is cumbersome With a nightmare, not a dream.

Fashion's real, fashion's earnest; The Lily Daches are our pals. Frump thou art, to frump returneth Was not spoken of us gals.

Let us go then gayly tripping With a hat for every fete; On eyebow have them tipping, Wear them any way but straight.

Let us leave all qualms behind us; Let us all become resigned; For Easter bonnets now remind us— Hats get dizzier all the time.

By Earline Haywood

## Marylyne Webb Leads Parade at Police Circus

Marylyne Webb, SW High School's own drum majorette, is leading the Grand March at every performance of the St. Louis Police Circus at the Arena, April 17 to April 30.

A picture of Marylyne sitting

## Students See Stage Stars Plant Tree

A group of students and teachers from Southwest joined other Shakespeare enthusiasts in watching an unusual ceremony in Tower Grove Park last Tuesday afternoon. They saw Helen Hayes and Maurice Evans, stage stars who are in St. Louis this week to play *Twelfth Night*, plant a tree at the base of the Shakespeare monument in commemoration of the birthday of the great playwright.

The custom of having such a ceremony was started in 1880 by the beautiful and gifted Shakespearean actress, Miss Adelaide Neilson, and has since been revived by the students of Webster College.

The original ceremony was attended by many distinguished citizens, including the acting mayor of the city at that time.

This commemoration in St. Louis, last Tuesday, was perhaps one of the most notable observances of Shakespeare's birthday in the world, because of the presence of two famous interpreters of Shakespearean roles.

on the trunk of an elephant appeared in both the *Post-Dispatch* and the *Star-Times* last week.

## FASHION FLIGHTS

BY FRANCES BLACKBURN

**Charming Harmony:** Dorothy Hutchings, up to the minute in a beige suit with brown accessories. Theodora Alefantis in tune with spring in her light green jacket with a darker green skirt. A touch of white for spring—Marjorie Watkins wearing a tri-colored dress with a white organdy collar; Audrey Gaines dressed in a navy blue dress with frilly collar and cuffs, navy shoes to match. Investment in charm is Antoinette George's pink dress with tucks at the neck and waist. Let spring come—Ruth Greene has a lovely light blue print dress, cleverly designed.

**Leading the Military Parade:** Lorraine Nagel wearing a navy-blue suit with a gold emblem. Also on the military side, Frances

Haley in a becoming white blouse with an emblem on the sleeve.

**The Sporting Thing:** Doris Bachman, mannish in a tailored suit of blue-gray with a jacket of torso-length. Betty Jane Sum's personalized blue sport blouse bearing the initials "B. J. S." on the sleeve.

**New and Different Ideas:** Here's your chance to make a wish: find Maybeth Muskopf with her red wish-bone tied with a red bow. Many girls wearing Sava bean necklaces of the South American multi-colors. If you need some water, look up Norma Jean Nelson with her gold pump and bucket. Doris Christison, with her leather sailor boy pin, "Her-

## Don't Be Frightened— Just a Student Driver

If you happen to be passing by Boardman street and see a light-colored sedan weaving from side to side the length of the block and then turning around, and doing it all over again, or stopping suddenly before two wooden standards and backing up the length of the street, don't get excited. It's not a drunken driver. Nor is it Yehudi at the wheel. It's a student from one of Mr. Ingerson's driving classes learning what to do and when with 3200 pounds of car.

In response to the many "experienced" drivers who scoff at such novel operations, Mr. Ingerson has this to say, "I want to see them try it—just once."

## SW Students Attend Lecture at Wash. U.

Several SW history students attended a lecture at Washington University on April 10, in which Dr. Usher discussed the European situation.

Hitler's plan of conquering the Mediterranean and taking possession of British sea power, thus interfering with United States commerce, was stressed.

Dr. Usher's closing remark to an interesting talk was: "We shall see, what we see, when we see it!"

## Bird Club Conducts Tour in Forest Park

Southwest Bird Club is becoming an authority on species of birds native to this area. When the Science Club of East St. Louis High School wanted to take a bird tour, Mr. J. W. Galbreath, their sponsor, asked Southwest Bird Club to conduct the trip.

A bus load of members of the Science Club and Biology 2 classes of the East St. Louis High School arrived at Forest Park Saturday, April 12. On the tour conducted in the vicinity of the St. Louis Art Museum and Zoo, 42 specimens were identified, one of these being a Crested Flycatcher, which had flown north two weeks earlier.

The trip, which began at 7 a. m. ended at 10 with a picnic lunch in the pavilion.

On their walk last Sunday, April 20, the Southwest Bird Club joined the group led by Mr. Wayne Short, president of the St. Louis Bird Club.

## Seniors Don't Recommend Reading 'Hamlet' in Office

Never try to read *Hamlet* in a high school office. When the bell rings, students dash in and out. In the halls the "hustle and bustle" mixes with the "call of the wild."

"Hey, Betsy, d'ja see Gertie with her father last night?"

"That's not her father. That's her new fella. C'n ya 'imagine!"

Meanwhile—give up reading *Hamlet* (and try "We Are Not Alone").

All this goes on in the senior play, *What a Life*.

## CLUB DOINGS

Members of the Archery Club spent their first spring meeting aiming for the bull's eye on a Forest Park range. These modern Robin Hoods (masculine and feminine) are sponsored by Mr. Williams.

Ribbons of the Mexican colors, red, white and green, seen about the halls lately, adorn members of the Spanish Club.

Upon request, club members can oblige with *Amapola*, *Rancho Grande* and similar songs in Spanish.

Production on a picture by the Movie Club started last Friday. Some movie-minded boy or girl is destined to become the star and maybe the idol of Southwest.

Come to Room 210 after school if you covet that honor.

Southwest Rangers have been busy of late selling many baseball tickets and trying to round up a cheering section to help the good old team to victory.

SW F. F. F. (that's the German Club, remember?), sponsored by Miss Lenzen, is planning a picnic at Meramec River on May 22 for members only.

It is hoped that Mr. Marchard, St. Louis' champion chess player, will make his presence known at a meeting of the Chess Club in the near future by playing a few fancy games and giving a talk on the fine points of the game.

Chess, say the sponsors, Miss Oestereich and Mr. Gottlieb, is such a fascinating game that not even the magnetic allure of the lively spring days can pry the players away from their boards. New members are flocking in by the dozens and will be taught how to play at the slightest provocation. There is always room for more.

## Mr. Monachesi Sings Over Station KMOX

Libero Monachesi, Southwest's musical maestro, sang on April 6 at 10 p. m. over KMOX in a program designed to call attention to the operas being presented this week by the St. Louis Grand Opera Association.

This preview, given by the St. Louis Grand Opera Chorus under the direction of Laszlo Halasz, included two solos by Mr. Monachesi: Brindisi, drinking song from the beginning of the opera *La Traviata*; and incidental tenor solos from the opera *I Paggiacci*.

Charlotta Peterson, soprano alumna of Southwest, is a member of the Grand Opera Chorus.

## Home Living Classes to Attend Supper as Guests of Gas Co.

Approximately 60 pupils from the Problems of Home Living Classes will attend a six o'clock buffet supper as guests of the Laclede Gas Light Company at the main office on May 1.

Mr. Edward Howard, a young man thoroughly versed in the art of simple cookery, will give a demonstration on the various perspectives of meal preparation.

## SW WINS

### Juniors and Seniors Run Wild; McKinley Midgets Victorious

The Longhorns have done it again. Yes, Southwest's Track Team won its third consecutive meet of the season Thursday, April 16, by defeating the McKinley thinculds, 140½ to 120½. SW captured the senior event, 71 to 33; the junior team, 56 to 44, but met defeat at the hands of the Goldbugs, 45½ to 13½, in the midget class.

#### Outstanding Seniors Were:

*Dyer*—tied for first in 120-yard high hurdles, first in broad jump, second in 200-yard low hurdles.

*Huning*—first in 200-yard low hurdles, second in broad jump.

*Downing*—first in 220-yard dash, first in 100-yard dash.

*Berron*—second in high jump, third in broad jump.

#### Juniors

*Perotta*—first in 100-yard dash, first in 50-yard dash, first in broad jump.

*Schultz*—third in 120-yard hurdles, first in 440-yard dash.

*Middleton*—tied for first in high jump, second in shot put.

*Overturf*—second in 440-yard dash, second in 880-yard run.

*Novak*—second in 220-yard dash, third, broad jump.

#### Midgets

*Easley*—second in 75-yard low hurdles, third, broad jump. Southwest had several ties for first.

*Dyer* and *Fairchild* tied in senior high hurdles; *Collins*, *Stone* and *Warne* tied in senior pole vault.

*Witsell* and *Middleton* tied in junior high jump.

*Ziervogel* (S.) tied *Bremer* (M.) in midget high jump.

### Cage Letters Awarded For 1940-41 Season

Members of the 1940-41 basketball team who have been awarded letters by Coach Polster are: Bob Allen, Ted Dieringer, Kermit Fales, Truman Hill, Bill Jennings, Bob Marshall, Bill Marlo, Bill Treptow and Jimmy Moore.

Managers' letters were received by Alphonse Torretti and Charley Hall.

Bob Marshall was elected honorary captain for the past season by the members of the team. Five of these nine lettermen, Allen, Fales, Hill, Jennings and Marlo, return next year.

### Life-Saving Instructions Offered to Girls on Thursdays

Instructions in life-saving, which began at the downtown YWCA, Thursday, April 17, will continue every Thursday until the school closes in June.

Girls 16 years old and younger are juniors; those 17 and over are seniors.

Fifty cents membership dues and payment of 15 cents admission each time will enable students to learn how to save lives while they are having a good time. See Miss Sullivan if you are interested.

## THIRD TRACK MEET

### Gym Team to Enter Meet Tonight; Gymnastics Now Interscholastic Sport

Southwest Gym Team will participate in a high school gym meet at Roosevelt this evening at 7:30. The meet will be to the gym team as field day is to the track team in the fact that all St. Louis public high schools will participate.

Each boy who enters must perform one stipulated exercise on each of the following apparatus: parallel bars, horizontal bar, side horse, long horse and one prescribed routine in tumbling. In addition, he must perform one exercise of his own choice on the parallel bars, horizontal bar and side horse.

Southwest Gym Team, organized last October under the guidance of Mr. Gerber, had an initial turnout of about 25 boys. Members meet daily at 7:30 and twice a week in the afternoon for workouts on the apparatus and for tumbling practice.

The work of the gym club de-

velops balance, self-confidence and muscular coordination.

Members at present are Arthur Hampton, Fred Marschel, August Mazzoni, Roger Trueblood, Norman Reichert, Richard Michniok, Arthur Haley, Norman Dreyer and Vernon Gemmer.

When the club was first organized, members had no opportunity to win any sort of public honors; however, this year gymnastics has been made an interscholastic competitive sport, offering school letters to outstanding gymnasts. So, fellas! If you have some ability along these lines, here may be another chance to win a letter for yourself.

### Girls Volley Ball Club Organizes Ten Squads

Thursday, April 3, at 2:30, groups of enthusiastic girls crowded the gym to form the Girls' Volley Ball Club. The girls quickly arranged themselves and under Miss Williams' guidance formed nine squads, electing the following girls as captains:

- Team 1—Pearl Sorrentino
- Team 2—Marian Murray
- Team 3—Laverne Myers
- Team 4—Isabelle Craig
- Team 5—Jacqueline Hunt
- Team 6—Frances Vollmer
- Team 7—Ann Speros
- Team 8—Martha Pellegrini
- Team 9—Ruth Schemkes

The teams played for two 15-minute periods and the scores were taken. Later tournaments between the teams will be arranged.

### Audrey Dietrich Sets Bowling Record of 164

Audrey Dietrich has made a record in the Southwest girls' bowling world. On the last day she piled up 164 points.

Others who bowled an average above 100 for the season are:

Virginia Ballak, Betty Lou Bermeil, Betty Boswell, Helen Clapper, Audrey Dietrich, Doris Goethe, Marcella Guelker, Helen Herr, June Huber, Marion Hughes, Eileen Johnston, Margaret Mackley, Mary Louise Ortmeier, Doris Robinson, Jerry Ryan, Gloria Schaller, Alice Schmidt, Gerry Schorsch, Jane Schwartz, Jeanne Schwarz, Margaret Wasser.

### SW Band Plays at Opening Cardinal Game in St. Louis

Southwest's Band had the honor of playing at the Cardinals' first game of the season in St. Louis at Sportsman's Park, Friday, April 18, when the Cardinals played the Chicago Cubs.

At the park the band marched around the field playing the old baseball song, *Take Me Out to the Ball Game*, and ended at the flagpole where they played *The Star-Spangled Banner*.

### Edward Mohr Writes From Camp Robinson

Edward Mohr, former member of Miss McNamara's advisory group, is a private in the infantry of the thirty-fifth division at Camp Robinson, Arkansas.

Writing to Mr. Sackett, Edward reports that his day's activities are similar to those of Eugene Oxnam, whose letter appeared in an issue of the *Pioneer* early this semester but because he is in the infantry, he does more work.

Apropos of the rigors of army life he writes, "A 15 mile hike in four or five hours seems nothing to us now." After spending two weeks on the rifle range firing the army's newest rifle, the M-1, Edward has qualified as an expert rifleman. When his army year is completed, he intends to go to C. B. C.

In closing he writes, "I appreciate all that you and Southwest have done for me. Give my regards to Mr. Dee and tell him to keep the public address system going."

Edward intends to return for a visit some time during May.

### Rough Riders Trample Longhorn Nine, 10-8, In First League Game

Roosevelt High School baseball team gained an unearned victory, 10 to 8, over Southwest on Thursday, April 10, in the first league game of 1941. Southwest's muddled playing, added to the Rough Riders' 15 hits, took its toll.

The line-up was as follows:

Ben Therina—short stop  
John Davis—pitch and right field  
George Kehm—catch  
Bob Danner—left field and pitch  
John Galimberti—third base  
Ed Winkler—second base  
Dan Mirrelli—right field and left field  
Collier Loving—center field  
Sam Tomlinson—first base

George Kehm led the hitting attack with four hits out of five times at bat.

Today the Longhorns pit their strength against the McKinley Goldbugs in their third league game. Come on, gang, let's really get behind the team and PUSH!

### Mary Lou Bosche Chosen Drum Majorette

"This is just about my greatest thrill," exclaimed Mary Lou Bosche, when she, along with Gloria Sicking, Marilyn Webb and Marion Murray, was chosen drum majorette for Southwest Band's performance at the Cardinal game last Friday.

Mary Lou, semester four student, worked hard every morning with the band to gain this "thrill." Besides baton twirling, which takes most of her spare time, she taps and toe dances and plays the violin in the orchestra.

Mary Lou is a member of the SW Spelling Team and of the Math Club; yet she manages to make "e" and "g" grades.

### Mr. Gerber's Bowling Article In 'The Physical Educator'

William Gerber, instructor in physical education at Southwest and sponsor of the Boys Bowling League, has an article about the league in a recent issue of "The Physical Educator," a magazine for those interested in physical education.

He told about the organization of the league in 1937 and of its successful continuance.

## JACK HOSS' LONGHORN LORE

Football and basketball stars are taking a back seat until next fall to make way for those new heroes of Southwest.

Who are they? The members of the 1941 track squad, of course. Yes, track is the topic of conversation around school these days and the cinder men are stepping into the public eye.

But maybe you are one of those strong silent men, who doesn't go in for such publicized activities and would rather play parlor games—Whoops! I mean maybe you would rather participate in minor sports such as gnip-gnop (ping-pong played on the floor, to you), badminton, horseshoes, tennis, aerial darts, shuffle board and, oh yes, ping-pong.

#### Fun Without Expense

Well, if all this appeals to you, what are you waiting for? Hurry and enter the *Individual Sports League*. The purpose of the league, sponsored by Mr. Williams, is to

provide a chance for students to have a lot of fun without much expense. So, if you like fun, hurry. Who knows — you may walk off with a medal or with the cup to be awarded the champ of all the sports.

#### Champs and Duds Welcome

You don't have to be a star to have fun—far from it, beginners will find real enjoyment in the competition and at the same time get some real experience.

So whether you are a champ or a dud, you are invited to come out to test your skill and have a lot of fun.

## Senior Survey

Greetings, seniors,

*New and old—*

*The latest news*

*Is about to be told!*

Bows and arrows are flying. — Joe Emmerich has taken over the role of Dan Cupid. In senior play rehearsals he invariably misses his cue, interrupting the love scene.

If something whizz-z-z's by you, it's only Joe Granich rushing to class again.

Have you noticed that Earline Haywood and Larry (Dutch) Held are getting gray. Gettin' old early, eh?

#### Dance Dope

Dancing stopped temporarily to watch Norma Jean Nelson and Mr. Gerber perform some intricate steps.

Tom Standley is waiting again. This time for the end of senior play practice. Wonder why?

Did anyone see Everett Heseltun with a little, little, little girl?

Now it's known that when you see Ollie Fiebig walking to school as though he hadn't a care in the world, there really is something wrong with his jalopy. He's worried as to what part to take out or put in this time.

La Vona Whitener: Gee, imagine, I came to school every day this week!

#### News Bulletin

Mary Snow invaded advisory late again. She missed the bugle call and overslept . . . Janet Bauer blitzkrieging around the corners . . . Johnny Davis, Walter Hook and Marilyn Sappington are recommended as ace spys . . . Marian Pfundt always "at the front lines" when hamburgers are served . . . Your self defense is weakened when Wayne Wachter serves out his personality over the air waves in the Senior Play . . . Eileen Schneider, Gloria Schaeffer, Betty Kauffmann and Phyllis Crow holding a secret conference to discuss their latest maneuvers.

Your correspondents,

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### THE QUESTION—OF THE MOMENT

*If you were called to the colors, which line of service would you prefer?*

**Arthur Bauer**, sixth semester: "I would choose the navy air force because I think it is the first line of defense."

**George Janssen**, sixth semester: "The navy is my choice because it would be the navy that would have to stop an attack from abroad."

**Dick Watkins**, fourth semester: "If I had my choice, I'd take the army air force. It has an advantage over the fellows on the ground."

**George Novak**, fifth semester: "A position on a destroyer in the navy gives you the most action and a better chance to do your part."

**Larry (Dutch) Held**, seventh semester: "I'm planning to join the navy when I finish High School because I think you can advance more rapidly and also be a greater aid to the country."