

# The Amplifier

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### Where Is Your School Spirit?

Due to the fact that the Oregon City gym was overly crowded last Tuesday the members of the West Linn high were scattered throughout making it almost impossible to organize the students for the yells. If this condition existed because it was planned so, I wouldn't say for sure, but if it did, I am sure it could be corrected at the next W. L.-O. C. game by getting the majority of the West Linn student body there early and in a position where the yells could be concentrated.

The support of the basketball team has fallen off to such an extent that even some of our home games the yell squad from the opposing school equalled and sometimes exceeded that of West Linn. Many of the students can put up some fancy excuses, but if they were really interested they would get there some way, somehow.

### What Do You Suggest?

The Amplifier welcomes constructive criticism, but too often in the past West Linn have voiced their opinions far from the ears of Journalism students, who are only too anxious to make your paper a mirror of school activities and school thoughts.

Why not help us do a good job? If you have any ideas for improving our paper, PLEASE make them known to any Amplifier scribe.

### The Happy Medium

It's second semester now, and time for your second wind. This is that fresh start you've been waiting for. This is your chance to redeem yourself, so make the most of it.

Why not make yourself study? It will be quite painless. An hour of concentration every evening can do untold wonders on your report card. Surely an hour of your time given to "just fooling around" could be turned into more fruitful efforts.

Of course, on the other hand, there are a few conscientious students—to them studies come first. You may think that their activities are not as amusing as yours, but you must admit, they get results. We don't advocate going to extremes, but we do think that every one should try to strike "the happy medium."

### Courtesy Pays

An older visitor to West Linn recently, was surprised at the lack of order in the halls, especially at noon. The noise which some of the students make, must be the voice and energy not exercised during classes. If a fellow sees an old friend from whom he has been separated for at least ten minutes, he zooms past at fifty miles per hour, no matter who is in the way. At noon, especially, there is a delicate clique who delight in pulling stray bandannas in six or seven directions. If there are no play things to satisfy their fancies, they beat each other's brains out, trying to make up for it. Surely high school students can act more civilized than the lame-brains they seem to be.

## OBSERVATION TOWER

Mr. J. P. Brown looks charming wearing his new bangle bracelet.

A group of girls looked mighty peculiar last week in those dark clothes, hair up, and no lipstick. They must have been pledges.

Speaking in general the students have a new outlook on life as far as their studies are concerned. Maybe the last term grades had something to do with it.

The swimming team is really going strong in order to turn out some excellent swimmers. Willa Worthington, their manager, plans to have a swimming meet for Friday, March 1, among the students of West Linn.

Little spats are soon forgotten. Joan and Johnny proved this more than once.

Donna Little did a swell job of substituting for Dodie Sherman last Friday when she helped lead yells.

Selling popcorn at the games is an excellent idea. Please won't someone try it.

Davey Jones has a new interest. A redhead, too.

Sunlamps are becoming quite popular nowadays. Look at Ann Moyes with that radiant glow.

Bowling has become one of the favorite sports this year. More and more are bowling that have never tried this enjoyable sport before.

## Ex Libris... By William Sharp

### A MONUMENT TO THE CHINESE COOLIE.\*



PRIMITIVE TOOLS, BARE HANDS DAUNTLESS COURAGE—WITH THESE HE BUILT THE BURMA ROAD.



717 MILES THROUGH TORTUOUS TERRAIN—320 MILES AS THE CROW FLIES.



THEN TO HOLD BACK THE JAPS, HE DESTROYED A VITAL SECTOR UNDER ENEMY GUNFIRE! \* THE BUILDING OF THE BURMA ROAD by TAN PEI-YING WHO SUPERVISED ITS CONSTRUCTION.

## Senior Interview

One of West Linn's most outstanding seniors is seventeen-year-old John Selnes.

Johnny was born in Portland and has lived in Sunset all his life. Johnny attended Sunset grade school where he actually experienced every boy's dream. The school burned down. He was then transferred to West Linn.

When Johnny was a sophomore someone discovered that he could sing. Soon after this he started taking voice lessons. He is now a member of the Boys' Quartette and has appeared on numerous programs.

John Selnes is an active participant in sports at West Linn high. He played tail back on the football team this year and for the past two years has been first baseman on the baseball team. Johnny is an excellent swimmer and participated in our last swim meet with Oregon City.

Johnny's hobby seems to be puttering with his car which he keeps in tip-top shape.

After graduation Johnny plans to join the navy instead of waiting to be drafted.

If you're wondering who keeps the student body financial system running so smoothly, it's Elizabeth Ann Wilken, who is our very reliable student body treasurer.

Born on November 6, 1928 in Stafford, Betty went to the only "little red school house" in Clackamas county which was at Advance. But before the end of



her grade school days the school was consolidated and so Betty graduated from Stafford grade school.

One of her best friends is Blanche Richter, whom she has gone to school with for more than 15½ years. They are both taking commercial course and will graduate this June.

Two of Betty's favorite personalities are Mrs. Hattie Meiritz and Cornel Wilde, movie actor. Her favorite dish is any kind of ice cream sundae.

Betty has a fluff of light brown hair, bright brown eyes and is about five foot seven. She states she would enjoy working as a secretary or being employed anywhere she could do office work for about two years. And then you know what?

Here are two of her pet peeves: Conceited girls and students who are rude in assemblies.

Don't take it for granted that she is in circulation, because she has been going steady with Will Bruck for almost two years.

And that sums up the girl in the limelight this week.

### S and N Men's Store

Reseated and Receipted!  
 Customer: "I've bought these trousers to be reseated — you know I sit a lot."  
 Tailor: "Yes, and I hope you've brought the bill to be receipted — you know I've stood a lot."

### Red Dot Cafe

What's This?  
 Anna: "I'm so glad you like it, dear. Mother says chicken salad and strawberry tarts are the only things I make correctly."  
 Alfred: "Which is this, darling?"

### Huntley-Draper Drug Co.

Q. "What is heredity?"  
 A. "Heredity is something you believe in until you're children start proving it."

### HOME WORK

Junior (at supper table): "That problem you helped me with last night was all wrong, Dad."

Father: "It was? Well, I'm sorry."

Junior: "None of the other dads got it, either, so you don't have to be sorry, Dad."

## Fashionable Fads

If you've seen a dream walking down the hall take another look; it's pretty and petite Betty Jean Olson in her cardigan suit worn with her luscious red cashmere. Then maybe you've seen dark haired Barbara Schnoerr in her bright green suede shoes. Another lovely lass who is making a big hit in her gray chalk striped dress, is Lois Petit. Some of the smart girls who have not been able to get real cashmere sweaters are buying cashmere blended with virgin wool. Arlene Stone has one in a dark evening red and Janet Sturges has one of beige brown.

Angora sweaters are also very popular as proved by Joan Renner's blue one, Ardis Mullin's pink one, and Dorothy Rothe's yellow jerkin sweater.

So long now, but next time we are going to tell what we are packing in our trunk to carry to Oregon Older Girls Conference to be held in Corvallis.

## The Underrated Frosh

Seniors, gather 'round me, and listen to me talk, about the way you complain why and where we walk.

If we take our shoes off and walk across the gym that way,

Do you realize that we'd have to have two pairs of socks a day?

From my History class above I see you seniors in the gym;

You all have your street shoes on, all that you are playing in.

It might be polite and maybe right for us to bow down low

To all you seniors where we are, no matter where we go.

I'm sorry, all you senior girls, if freshies get your beaux,

But maybe you should stay with him and go where he goes!

I'll have to leave you seniors now and let you guess the rest;

That's all for now from a little freshie pest.

### NATURE'S TRANSFORMATION

One day the rain beat down upon the earth.

The land was clothed in fog, cold and gray.

The trees hung humbled heads before the wind

That had taken all their lovely leaves away.

The grasses, brown and bent, stood

Like ashes in an unused fireplace,

Reminders of another day and scene,

That had brought a happy smile to some sad face.

The next day the bright sun shone down

On land where the first fog had laid.

The green grasses were forerunners of

Good things to come; like a circus parade.

### BIOLOGY CLASS WORKS

"This afternoon we will take Mr. Frog apart and see what makes him croak," said the professor to his Biology class. I have a frog in my pocket to be used as a specimen."

He reached into his pocket and drew out a paper bag which he emptied on the table. Out rolled a badly smashed ham sandwich. The professor mopped his brow. "My goodness," he stammered. "I distinctly remember eating my lunch!"

### Pantorium Cleaners

Plumber: "I've come to fix that old tub in the kitchen."  
 Pa: "Ma, here's the 'doc' to see you."