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Mechanical Toy

By Ed Bradshaw

Ouch! Quick somebody, hold me up. I'm starting to fall. Gee, thanks. I don't see why everybody picks on me. I'm forever getting taken apart. My troubles spread all over the school, but in Mr. Hyde's class, wow. If you don't believe me ask Elizabeth Eckval. She sat on me, and boy, did I fall for her!

Most noted people say that humans are run by nuts and bolts plus a lot of machinery. I'm inclined to believe that since they surely know how to take my nuts and bolts apart.

I'm here to make you comfortable and what do you (pardon the expression) humans do? You come to class and pretend that you are studious when all the while your little screw-driver is busy taking me apart. If the teacher looks up you act like an angel! (HA!) When it's time for the next class to start in comes a poor unsuspecting girl. She puts her books down on me then sits (and I do mean sits, right on the floor.) I just fell through.

Now for the last time, please leave me alone.

Yours—in one piece I hope, Your desk.

Watch Your Manners

Do you have a resource of correct manners? Or, do your manners need to undergo a complete "overhaul"? In case some of you are unaware of the fact, you're certainly not the only person to be affected by your manners, no matter how good or how poor they might be. Here are a few courtesies that should be included in your "mannerism dictionary." Are they?

Even though the teacher sometimes wrongly accuses you of throwing chalk or an eraser, be courteous to an instructor at all time. Talking back might relieve your feelings, but it won't help the situation. There are two sides to every question and you will get the chance to state yours if you go about it with sufficient tact and courtesy.

Don't talk when a teacher is talking or someone is reciting. Avoid laughing at other's mistakes—yours may be worse.

Never touch or read anything on a teacher's desk without first asking permission of that teach-

er. Privacy should always be respected.

When a woman teacher drops anything, pick it up. When she's carrying many books or packages, help her. If you wish to speak to her and she is busy, wait for a better opportunity. Courtesies such as these are simply thoughtful acts you would do for anyone. Don't yell, "teacher," or worse still, "teach!" when you want something. Address your teacher always as "Miss Brown" or "Mr. Reeves."

Keep in line and follow in your turn. It is courteous to insist that teachers and guests go ahead of you. Don't hold up the entire line while deciding whether to take a chance on the hash or stick to the sauerkraut and wieners. Try to make your choice quickly and don't keep people waiting.

In the lunch room watch your table manners! There is another important courtesy that many students neglect to follow.

Vacation Brings Leisure For Some

With spring vacation popping up soon, several West Linn students will be trekking to the mountains and beaches, some catching up on unfinished work and others just sleeping.

Although many students have no definite plans for the 9-day holiday, everyone is looking forward to the big break from school. Listed below are some of the people with more definite plans.

Sherry Andreson take in Portland's night life.

Don Atchison and boys paint Rockaway red.

Dick Baker repair my hot rod. Shirley Calder visit Salt Lake City, Utah.

Beth Church poison my sister. Jack Elle sharpen up on pool playing.

Mrs. Elliott motor to Maupin.

Dianne Van Horn visit the Salem dog show.

Shirley Helms take ski lessons. Larry Lee look for a new girl friend.

Lynwood May travel to Long Beach with Explorer scouts.

Mrs. Oppenlander paint the kitchen.

Delores Rogers keep Sherry out of trouble.

Bruce Scholer play golf. Pat Watt entertain Jim.

Bill Webster learn to dance.

Can YOU Help?

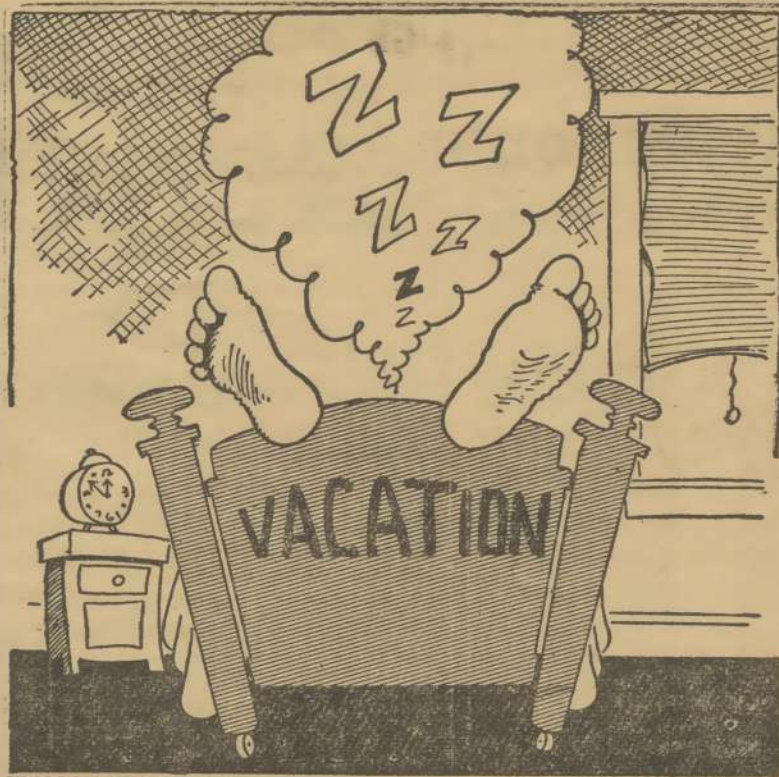
Did you know that West Linn High School has only one copy of the "Amplifier" dated before September of 1948? This battered and yellowed copy of the "Amplifier" carries the dateline March 15, 1935.

For journalistic and historic purposes the "Amp" staff wants to begin a file of the older "Amplifiers." It is believed that the first West Linn paper was printed in 1920. Is this belief a fact? What do you know about the paper's history? Any contributions to the record would be greatly appreciated.

Seniors Busied

There's just a few weeks left! That is for the graduating seniors and they've been mighty busy lately, ordering their cards and announcements and getting sized up for caps and gowns. At a recent senior class meeting, representatives from the seven state-supported colleges were present to give any information a senior might want concerning the college of his choice.

During the weekend of April 14-16, any senior will be able to attend the "Junior Weekend" at any of the seven aforementioned colleges.



Combined Clubs Visit Penitentiary

Tuesday, March 21, the West Linn and Oregon City Hi-Y boys, accompanied by Mr. Nixon, Fred Reaksecker, county sheriff, and Mr. Gardner, O. C. vice-principal, visited the state penitentiary at Salem. Guided by a hardened and experienced prison official, the boys toured the entire layout and ended the trip with the unanimous decision that it is one place they wouldn't care to go to for a permanent visit.

First the boys saw the ancient, weatherbeaten cell block which is being torn down, and new wall and cell blocks which are being erected. The new wall is 25 feet high and extends down 16 feet below the ground. Next they saw the vast cafeteria which seats the 1435 prisoners three times a day.

The inmates are kept under very strict rule during the 45 minutes allotted them for meals. Spoons are the only thing they have to eat with as knives and forks could be very dangerous weapons. Two men armed with a rifle and a shotgun, stand guard on catwalks around the upper wall of the cafeteria while three guards patrol each of the aisles between the rows of tables. There is no talking, laughing or whispering at all in this lunch room. A penalty of from 48 hours to 12 days in solitary confinement is slapped on anyone breaking the rule.

Solitary consists of a dark cell, furnished with a single cot and straw mattress and a diet of bread and water, with one meal every few days (state law). The prisoner has nothing to do but lie in the darkness and think of the foolish move he made to be committed to this place. The bars of the outside of the "dungeon" windows are made of carbon steel with a chromium center and cost \$700 per set.

The boys also saw the gas chamber and the cell in which the prisoner spends his last few hours.

A few of the rules of the prison are: One pack of cigarettes is issued per week; 1 cup of coffee a day at breakfast; 1 letter a week written on 1 page, 1 side; all prisoners who are able must work; no one is paid except the flax laborers who receive 50c per day; and three days, prisoners may have visitors for 15 minutes, during which an armed guard is always present.

All in all, the Hi-Y lads had a wonderful and interesting half day and considered the trip well worth while.

NEW MEMBERS TO ENTER NFL

West Linn's National Forensic League will hold a joint installation with Salem and Dallas in April. New members to be installed are: John Danehy, Bill Hazen, Jerry Little, David Lenz and Roy Shearer.

Receiving the highest possible degree of distinction will be Virginia Lubeck and Diana Murphy who will be awarded 200 point degrees. Two other members, John Roehr and Jim Robnett, will reach their 100-point degrees.

Any speech student must have 20 points to enable him or her to join National Forensics. Fifty points is a degree of honor; 100 points is a degree of excellence; and 200 points is a degree of distinction.

Eight points are awarded for a first place in a contest, but only 50 contest points may be counted during any one year. One point is received for every public appearance.

Five Students Top All Grades

Out of 54 West Linn Honor Roll students, only five made straight ones for the fourth six-weeks period.

These were Joan Lundy and Virginia Rabick, seniors; Dorothea Church and Lawrence Schwartz, juniors; and Janet Bauer, a freshman.

Other members on the honor roll were: Doris Corderman, Marcia Hale, Margaret Illingworth, Otte Jean Jaeger, Virginia Lubeck, Jann McCormick, Margie Neisen, Roy Shearer, Norma Stauffer, Betty Weibel and Louis Worthington, Ken Palmer, all seniors.

From the junior class were: Elsie Baker, Carol Busch, Shirley Calder, Diana Murphy, Jane Culver, Carol Anne Elle, Joan Hopp, James Pinardi, Regis Rajol, Joyce Schaber and Suzanne Wright.

Sophomores included Ray Abrahamson, Joyce Cumberland, Florine Eisile, Richard Enghouse, Alvin Hinkle, Priscilla Horning, Nancy Mabee, Shirley Moser, John Ray, Lloyd Tiedeman, and Jean Hardesty.

Katherine Applegate, Opal Bradshaw, Ronny Brown, John Earlenbaugh, Kay Granquist, Peggy Griffith, Lynn Haldeman, Grace McCart, Maureen McIlrath, Patricia Milliken, Gloria Miska, Marilyn Monroe, Connie Newton, Janet Sharp, and Shirley Williams from the freshman class were all named on the roll.

Bernie Herrmann's Clothesline

With spring already in the air many students appear to have acute cases of good old "Springus Feverus." The first dance of this spring time is planned for Friday, March 31, when the gals will escort their favorite fellows to the Pep club turn-a-bout dance. Some of the couples to be seen at the dance will be Judy Brear with Bob Scholer, Peggy Lander and Larry Taylor, June Stone and Jim O'Donnell, and the old standbys, Janet Sherman and Aubrey Sharp.

LaVonne Misterek is to be congratulated on her ability to hold her man for over a year and a half. She has now been going steady with Bill Galbreath, a sophomore at Willamette University, for over a year.

After a year of steady life Jim McIntosh and Beatrice Bokoskie have called it quits.

Joan Michels has made a change in her senior boys. Is it serious, Joan?

For a boy who has been out of circulation for nearly three years, Billy Webster did pretty well for himself last week when he had three dates with three separate girls on three different nights.

These Oregon City lads seem to hold a certain fascination for the West Linn girls. How about that, Virginia?

Danny McMahon has been haunting the halls of Oregon City lately at least once a day and sometimes even twice a day.

We have heard that John O'Connor met West Linn's newest transfer. According to our secret service bureau, she is a lovely red-head who wears contact lenses and formerly attended Benson Tech in Portland.

John Trapp hasn't been speaking to anyone since Joan Hopp smiled at him. Really, John, what would Russ say?

Everyone has been wondering what class lice Roy Metcalf has. Can you tell us, Roy?

Any sixth period Sue Earlenbaugh can be seen viewing the scenery from the north side of the building. We understand Lowell is going out for track again this year.

Bob Greenwood should know his way around the Oregon City halls by this time. It seems that one of administrators asked Bob just which student body he is a member of. Well, Bob?

Pat Milliken was in a friendly mood yesterday. You never did learn the election results, did you, Pat?

Since the midnight hour is drawing nigh and your reporter needs his sleep, let's call it 'thirty' for now; however, Bernie Herrmann never sleeps when you want to buy one of those new Jantzens in any of the spring colors, so why not drop in to see them in the near future?

—Pd. Adv.

"Tomorrow" HEADS LIST OF FAVORITES

Everywhere we go we hear not only the local birds warbling their favorite songs of Spring but Spring has affected the W. L. students vocal cords, also!

Having just made a survey on our favorite leading songs we find heading the list are:

"There's No Tomorrow."

"Bamboo."

"Quick Silver."

"Music, Music, Music."

"I Can Dream, Can't I?"

"You're Breaking My Heart."

"Cry of the Wild Goose."

And last but not least, "Bip-pity, Boppity, Boo."

Incidentally looking deeper into our material we also find a new and different song among the other popular songs voted by the students as "Now Is the Hour to Take a Shower While the Bloom Is on the Sage."