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High School Students Planning For Huge Anti-War Meeting on April Twenty-Second

PRIZE SPEAKING CONTESTS TO BE PRESENTED IN APRIL ASSEMBLY

Five Seniors, Five Juniors, and Six Sophomores to Contend for Honors on April 7, 8, and 9

On April 7, 8, and 9 the 1936 Prize Speaking Contest will reach its final stage. As in previous years, various students who showed ability in public speaking were entered in the preliminaries held earlier in the year. From this group ten were chosen for the second elimination contest. At the semi-finals held in February this year, five pupils were chosen from each class to present their selections at their respective assemblies.

Last year, due to the condition of the building, the prize speaking contest was held in the small auditorium, but this April, as of yore, it will be conducted in the large auditorium as one of the outstanding assembly programs of the year. Prize speaking has always been a prime favorite in Stamford High and has inevitably proved to be of great interest and enjoyment to the students in the audience and those on the stage.

Judges from outside will be secured by Miss Higgins, dramatic sage of S. H. S. A first prize will be offered. In previous years, a book has generally been this reward.

All those taking part have, of course, won in two other preliminary contests. This is to be the third and final struggle for super-

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G. O. FLOOD RELIEF CAMPAIGN SUCCESSFUL

The vast amount of water inundating miles of land in so many of the Atlantic seaboard states has caused millions of dollars of property damage, has stricken many destitute, and has taken many lives. The National Red Cross has asked for \$3,000,000 to provide for flood victims. This huge amount is needed not only for the present condition but for the future. All the rivers in Pennsylvania will mostly use the Ohio River as an outlet, and that run into the Mississippi district, which is very susceptible to floods.

Stamford's relief quota is set at \$2,125. John Tucker and James

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SPECIAL DISPATCH FROM FLOOD AREA; S. H. S. ALUMNUS EYEWITNESS SPECIAL TO THE "SIREN"

The following is an eyewitness report as told by D. Kibbe, Stamford High graduate.

The disheartening news trickles through to us as we attempt to maintain order in the flooded streets. Another dam, an important barrier across the turbulent Connecticut river has burst. The steadily rising waters confirm the reports and bring promise of another night of terror for refugees and rescuers alike. At the end of the submerged street houses and sheds mingle with

National Student Anti-War Day to be Held Throughout U. S. In Colleges and Schools

HELP OUR FELLOW CITIZENS IN DISTRESS

Tragedy stalks in our very back yards. Thousands of people are in acute need. Help is necessary—certainly—no one will deny that. The Red Cross states that \$3,000,000 is necessary to prevent famine and disease from spreading among the unfortunate thousands.

We offer a very constructive suggestion. The government has recently passed the highest war time budget in history. Suppose our government should build only one battleship less—imagine only one! There will be enough money saved from that source to take care of more than ten times the number of people who are so bad-

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War is no longer something vague to be talked about. Just read the headlines of our daily papers and it will be found to be a stark reality. The dark clouds of war are ready to burst at any moment and engulf the world in an orgy of mass murder such as the world has never seen.

However, the youths who must lay down their lives are beginning to realize that they too shall have something to say about their own lives. We don't want war; and in order to voice our opinion in an emphatic manner, mass meetings are to be held in colleges and high schools throughout the land to demonstrate our protest against war and show those who make war that we will have nothing to do with it.

Last year over 120,000 students held mass meetings supported by many college leaders and teachers. This year on April 22nd at 11 A. M. an even greater number of students and teachers will participate in the Student Anti-War Day. By showing the world a vigorous student opinion on the question of war much can be done to prevent war.

Under the auspices of the Stamford High School Peace Club a meeting is being planned in which the entire student body will take part. Plans are being made for several prominent speakers to address the students. It is hoped that everyone will show an active interest in this vital question. If there are any

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EDWIN R. DEARNALEY

June 24, 1917—
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The Junior class takes this opportunity to pay a tribute to their loyal friend and beloved classmate—Roger Dearnaley.

A place is vacant in our ranks but the influence of his life and beautiful character lives on and will abide with us.

DOWN WITH CENSORSHIP

The recent C. S. P. A. Convention held at Columbia University which the SIREN staff attended proved to be a stimulating experience. One of the chief topics discussed was the question of freedom of the press.

Numerous speakers emphasized the importance of being allowed to write freely about all matters. Censorship which is raising its ugly head in many periodicals is one of the danger signs of approaching fascism. We must fight all such reactionary trends. Teachers and students should be allowed to express their beliefs freely.

The editors were urged to fight all forms of censorship even if it meant fighting teachers and headmasters. The dearest thing we own is liberty or expression and we do not expect to allow it to be taken from us.

ANTI-WAR MEETING

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who wish to take a leading part in arranging a suitable program, please communicate with the SIREN

All true lovers of peace, all who realize the imminence of war, all who wish to save civilization from utter destruction must raise their voices in protest before it is too late. If you sincerely wish to prevent war then it is your duty to be in the ranks of the hundreds of thousands of students who on April 22nd will raise mighty voices in condemnation of war and its makers.

G. O. FLOOD RELIEF CAMPAIGN SUCCESSFUL

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Hayes, of the "Siren" staff, went to Mr. Smith to present a plan whereby Stamford High could raise money to give to the local Red Cross Chapter. The plan was presented to the General Organization, under the leadership of Andrew Littlejohn, and it immediately adopted the plan and went to work organizing the campaign. The students responded heartily, and the Red Cross extend their thanks for the speedy cooperation.

The Reporter should have:

A nose for news
An ear for rumors
Another ear for a pencil.

HELP OUR FELLOW CITIZENS IN DISTRESS

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ly in need of help this very day.

What objections can there be to such a plan—are not the suffering people entitled to help or do you think it is better to allow an instrument for destruction to be built when thousands of people are clamoring for help.

PRIZE SPEAKING CONTESTS TO BE PRESENTED IN APRIL

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ority. The following students are to participate: Seniors: Leah Anderson, Seymour Feldman, Emma Korosi, Leona London, Martin Wittlin; Juniors: Virginia Johnson, John Lowell, Christine Pagliaro, Estelle Sagritta, Earl Smith; Sophomores: Shirley Davis, Rosemary Lockwood, Dorothy Malkin, James Downey, Ralph Bocuzzi, Thomas Nealy.

"I'M ON A SEE-SAW"

The following is an excuse given by one of Mr. Hughes's more promising pupils in place of a quiz answer, and Mr. Hughes's answer.

Pupil: Mr. Hughes, as I am not acquainted with the material of the assignment (probably due to the fact that I did not open the book) I will endeavor to show my worth (?) otherwise.

Now when you were a boy, you in all likelihood did not complete every little assignment in English did you? No! of course not!

But let us not look at the pessimistic side of life; let's be cheerful. After all, life is just a bowl of cherries.

But enough of this superfluous chatter. A man of your keen insight can readily see that we are both right. Another thing I neglected to mention is that your teaching has proved an unestimable value to me and other students.

Mr. Hughes: No, you're wrong. Life is a see-saw. Now you're up, now you're down. At this precise moment, you're down.

HOW ABOUT A LOUDSPEAKER

Mr. Merle Griffeth, a former foreign representative for the General Motors Company who is at present retired and residing in Stamford has presented many interesting travel pictures for assembly programs. He has raised \$30 towards a fund to purchase a loud speaker for our stage. As he is soon sailing for England he left the money with Mr. Smith and asked that this fund be kept until S. H. S. pupils and friends can raise enough money to purchase the loud speaker. Many worthwhile programs can be secured when we own a loud speaker. We must keep up to date! Can't some of our most active clubs sponsor affairs which would be an asset to the fund?

SEEN'S BELIEVIN'

The Wearin' of the Green—St. Patrick's Day is the time for all good Irishmen to come to the support of their national color, green. And do they respond! For instance—Jack Downey sporting green shoes with yellow laces and Jim Hayes wearing a green hair-ribbon (whoops). For a bit of variety Winthrop Ballard wore a black shirt with an orange necktie and orange pocket handkerchief pecking out of his lapel pocket. (Ducky! No—Yes).

Lost and Found—a little dog wandered into the office the other day looking for a master. Being a friendly, but hungry looking dog, Miss Hunt attempted to appease his appetite. The pup showed his appreciation by performing tricks for those in the office. Mrs. Wharton Ford, Mr. Humphries' daughter, finally took him home to keep until called for by the rightful owner.

Tea Time—Mrs. Halliwell's Monday afternoon terpsichorians are serving Tea now!! The Seniors started serving two weeks ago and last Monday the Juniors did the honors. It's an old English custom, eh what? No, you cawn't dunk donuts in your tiffin.

CHATTER

With spring and sunshine in the air,

We come to you without a care. And with the spring there is good dirt

So let's be off with no one hurt.

The above is a sample of what spring can do to you, so fogive us folksies, and don't blame it on our youth,—blame it on spring, beautiful spring. And while on the subject of nature's magnificence, maybe the weather accounts for a bunch of fellows bursting into songs and serenades down in cafe recently—or maybe it's because these boys all happened to be pledging a fraternity. Oh well, all we can do is suppose. . . . And another bug from biology springs up in our midst again. This time a teacher asked Campbell, a mite of a sophomore, "What's occupying your mind this morning?" Campbell, being an honest little lad, replied, "Nothing." . . . ain't he the frank one, though?? . . . And it seems that Albert Scher had a hard time convincing the school that he had Irish blood in him and had a right to wear green on the 17th. Please believe him, keeds, for although he doesn't come from Erin, he's acquainted with herin', and as long as they sound alike. . . . And what's this we hear about Virginia Johnson trying to sneak into the movies? Don't you know that you have to have a ticket to get in? These

under-graduates will never learn.

. . . And Edwin Markowitz seems to think that an anonymous writer is an unanimous one, but maybe he'll learn—miracles DO happen. . . . And we hear that George Uliss very seriously asked the librarian for a book that would give him a good definition of a girl. We'd suggest consulting Oscar Sweet, the last authority on the weaker sex. . . . And things are happening when teachers begin to play with sling-shots—how about it, Mr. J. Morris? . . . And Lester Danks of Miss Wilbur's fourth period class wants to know if a "glottis" is the offspring of the Epiglottis. We would think this was a lot funnier if we knew what the thing was, ourselves. . . . And how come all of a sudden like, Boyachi got two B's in his last chemistry tests??? He sure aire gettin' to be a right smart feller. . . . And speaking of blondes, we notice that Tommy Nealy is doing O. K. for himself in a great big way. . . . Murial Obshatkin sits in the direct line of the spitball path between Ferrante and Kenealy and thus claims her freckles are due to impacts of those little round objects. . . . No one can say that S. H. S. hasn't some spirit! We noticed that on Saint Patrick's day the green slips made their first public appearance. . . . And now it's time for us to make our disappearance, so until the next . . .

CLUB IN HOME-ROOM 242 IS WRITING A COMPOSITE BOOK

The third period English Class in 242 has organized a club called "Club Bits". The officers for March are as follows:

President—Virginia Roche
Vice Pres.—Leona Cadin
Secretary—Alex Toczko

The club has also chosen an original moto which is "Every Bit Counts a Bit"; the colors are Blue and Silver. There is a secret password.

The main purpose of the club is to write a composite book. After much deliberation over various plots which were submitted, one contributed by Roy Osborne and entitled "The Woman Hunter's Son" has been chosen.

FORMER S. H. S. STUDENTS DOING WELL AT COLLEGE

Each year many pupils that have left the portals of S. H. S. enter colleges throughout the country. Favorable reports are constantly coming in about these people. Recently Mr. Smith received notice that two former S. H. S. students who are freshmen in Yale have made the dean's list being high above their class average.

Miriam Woods at Beaver College, is also reported doing well.

An interesting article was recently seen in the "Boston Post." It told about the youngest senior at Boston University and the

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MUSICAL OPPORTUNITIES

Few people in Stamford, except perhaps parents of children, know what unusual musical advantages are being given to students of Stamford High. If a pupil has the slightest interest in music a place is found for him, where he can enjoy and express himself in good music.

The orchestra under the leadership of Mr. Randall gives opportunity to those students who are interested in instrumental work to study the finest types of music. It would be difficult to estimate the number of pupils who once played in the S. H. S. orchestra and have since made music their profession.

The band offers a different type of musical training to the student interested in this particular phase. This important work is directed by Mr. O'Shaughnessy. He also gives individual instrumental lessons, and inside of a few months his pupils are playing in the band or the orchestra.

Those whose ability lies along vocal lines find their expression in the Glee Clubs. In Miss Pheiffer's Sophomore Glee Clubs pupils begin their early training for the Senior Clubs which are directed by Mr. Randall.

With Mr. Edward's individual singing lessons one may strengthen and improve one's voice for later training.

On February fifth the Music Clubs of the school gave their annual programs in which a concertized "Faust" was the leading feature. There were about a hundred and fifty pupils who had something to do with the program, either directly or indirectly.

To the large audience at this program it was clear that S. H. S. gives many opportunities to its pupils in the way of music. We hope that many Stamford citizens will soon know more about our music—and other—activities.

youngest freshman Robert Borg of Springdale, Conn. He entered college last fall from S. H. S. at fifteen, the youngest student ever accepted at the University.

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A. A. AND ALL ABOUT IT

Your "Siren" representative has been asked many questions concerning the Athletic Association and its activities.

The duties of the Athletic Association are to handle the income and expenditures of the Association, issue and stamp A. A. cards, publicise games, and supervise things concerning Athletics.

The chief source of income is the five cents that is supposed to be paid every month by members of the school who agreed to do so in return for a forty per cent discount in admission to the games. This promise has been filled by approximately eighty-five per cent of the students who agreed to the proposal at its initiation last year. The other fifteen per cent are the slackers. They are the people who are too lazy or slovenly to live up to their promise; it is certainly not because they haven't the money. This fifteen per cent makes a lot of difference to the A. A. At present the financial status of the Association just balances, and does not leave any surplus for emergencies or extra equipment; consequently many of the teams are lacking in equipment that could be safely purchased with the money that is now lacking.

The next important source of income is the admission fee charged at the games. This amount is very irregular and cannot be depended upon.

Comparatively few students attend these games because they have to pay admission, and at least 5% manage to get in without paying admission.

The orchestra and Glee Clubs are next in line as supporters of the A. A. The money that they make is turned over to the Association. Movies, dances and other entertainments fill the balance.

The expenditures of the Association include transportation for teams, equipment, letters, prizes, upkeep, and many other miscellaneous items.

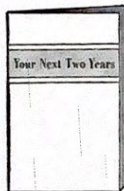
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Tennis:—It looks right now as if there may not be any baseball this spring, therefore tennis will be the major sport. As in previous years tennis will be under the direction of Mr. M. A. Boyle. Lacking only one man, Arguimbau No. 1 player, from last year's team, which lost only to Rye and beat Mamaroneck, Westchester County Champs, the Orange and Black racqueteers will open their season by trading volleys with Brunswick School on April 17, at Greenwich. At this writing other teams on the roster include: La Salle Military, Stony Brook School, both of Long Island; Roosevelt High of New York, New Canaan, and Darien. Also home and home matches with: Fordham Prep., Rye, Harding, Central, and Greenwich High. On the tennis squad this year are: Captain Fine, Donlinger, Nanos, Humphries, Bissell, Wallman, Feldman, Harris, Papp, Hayes, and Manager Tucker.

LACROSSE—The Indians of S. H. S. will continue this game,

as originated by the Indians of generations ago. This sport started only a few years ago in High School and already has made considerable headway in the eyes of sport-fans. Speaking for the majority of High students who don't know how the game is played, I think a demonstration of the game would be appreciated.

The returning lettermen are: J. Doyle, K. Doyle, Romano, Viola, Fuda, Poltrack, Downey, Hammond, Obzud, Ryan, Sabatini, and Millett.

Through the cooperation of Manager Benedetti I have secured the following schedule:

April	Wed. 4—Alumni	Here
	Sat. 11—N. Y. M. A.	Away
	Sun. 12—Bear Mt. Lodge	Away
	Sat. 18—Yale Frosh	Away
	Sat. 25—White Plains	Here
May	Sat. 2—Manhasset	Here
	Sat. 16—Garden City	Away
	Wed. 20—Army Plebes	Away
	Sat. 23—Peekskill M. A.	Away
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DELEGATE OF WOMEN VOTERS WITNESS SESSION OF SENATE AT S. H. S. POLITICAL SCIENCE CLUB

On Thursday, March 19 the Political Science meeting was transformed into a session of the United States Senate.

Honored by a delegation from the League of Women Voters, students took the roles of various senators and carried out a program similar to those held in the Senate at Washington.

GREETINGS TO STAMFORD, ENGLAND

Through the courtesy of Mr. Merle R. Griffith a copy of the current issue of the SIREN will be taken to Stamford, England. In behalf of the student body of Stamford High School the editors of the SIREN wish to extend greetings to the school children of our namesake city.

Mr. Griffith is also taking a history of our school, prepared by Helen Karp, and a school banner.

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