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New Machine Course Beneficial, says Calder, of Schick's

SCHICK'S PREFERS GIRLS

Mr. Otto Calder, personnel manager of Schick Shavers, Inc., when questioned recently in regard to post-graduation employment by that concern of high school students, seemed a bit concerned, due to their draft status. However, he felt a bit more optimistic about the girls' chances of employment because of two things: their availability, and their adaptability.

In view of the fact that there was no immediate danger of girls' being called to military service, and too, the fact that they were able to adjust themselves to the working conditions at this factory as amazingly short time, they have the advantage over the boys. The work for girls is general, and little training is actually needed. Mr. Calder felt that trade school held no advantages in particular over high school when it came down to the actual amount of training that would be required. In fact, he felt that girls from high school could learn easier, and could be trained easier. As proof of the usefulness of female employees around the place, almost exactly fifty per cent of the employees in Schick's are women. Their duties include assembly work, inspection, packing and a few other types of plant work.

GRADUATES IMMATURE

Graduates are still immature whether they realize it or not, so their work would not be such as to require much experience, and would most likely include office work, shipping and receiving work, and handling of materials. It has been found that boys make good in jobs like these, while older and more experienced men do better on machines. In regards to Trade school again, Mr. Calder stated that high school students were even more efficient at such jobs as listed above than students of trade school for the following reason: boys from high school have not been trained in machine work, while those in trade school have, to some extent; and so boys who have to work as shipping and receiving clerks, and in offices find it hard to adapt themselves if they have been trained for labor on machines.

FAVORS NEW COURSE

Although Mr. Calder felt that trade school was not as good for students who anticipate working in Schick's or similar places, he did feel that the experience gained from attending the new trade school course during the summer would be in countless ways useful to future workers. (See issue of March 17, 1944.) As girls are eligible for registration in the course, they should take advantage of the opportunities it offers. Mr. Calder puts forth the reason that girls, and men too, when first viewing a machine in action have a natural fear of it, by means of this course, the fear would have been both experienced and dispensed with before they began employment with Schick's. Since girls work on drill presses, grinding machines, cutting machines, and lathes, previous training becomes more advantageous than might at first be suspected.

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S.H.S. ARTISTS WIN AWARDS

Stamford High School carried off honors at the annual arts exhibit conducted at Sage-Hill in Hartford, from March 13th to the 23rd. The purpose of this regional exhibition is to select finalists for the National High School Art Exhibition to be presented in the Fine Arts Galleries, Carnegie Institute, Pittsburgh, Pa., by Scholastic Magazine.

For the first time in the history of the art department students submitted work in textiles, and not only did the contestants receive honorable mentions, but walked off with first, second and third prizes. Marilyn Risley took the first prize of twenty-five dollars, Virginia Cramer second for fifteen dollars, and Marion Jean Gordon third. The textile entries included needle-work and weaving.

Not only did the art students of S.H.S. excel in textiles, but also took the first three prizes in costume designing. In party dress design Lenore Cooper demonstrated her talents by collecting first prize and twenty-five dollars; Antoinette Annette ran a close second by winning second prize and ten dollars; and Esther Sibille took third prize and five dollars. Also in costume designing (two piece suits) Sibyll Link took first prize, Lenore Cooper second prize, and Pauline Birkow, mention.

Others winning mention were as follows: Clifford Hawthorne, Joseph Devito, Phyllis Gallup, Arnold Naleson, Doris Stabell, Joan Palmer, Jennie Cappiello, and Judy Franz.

RANDALL RETURNS; LAUDS CHOIR

Mr. Raymond Randall, director of the A Cappella Choir, has just come back from Florida, after recovering from a stomach ailment. He returned to high school on March 14th, where he was welcomed back by the choir and students. As Mr. Randall walked into the small auditorium where the choir was rehearsing, he was given a rousing applause. Brown as a berry, from the Florida sun, he told the choir how much he appreciated the flowers, which they had sent to him.

While Mr. Randall was in Florida he had a chance to witness the Florida A Cappella Choir, who are champions of Florida. He stated that if they were champions of Florida, there is no reason why the Stamford A Cappella Choir could not be the champion group of Connecticut. In Mr. Randall's opinion the Florida choir was well organized, well directed, and sounded very good, but lacked the enthusiasm which our choir has.

SIREN TAKES FIRST AWARD; FIFTH IN FIVE YEARS

For another year the Siren has taken a first prize in its class at the twentieth annual convention of the Columbia Scholastic Press Association held at Columbia University on March 23, 24, and 25.

Twenty-three hundred boys and girls from twenty-three different states crowded the Columbia campus and classrooms to discuss matters of importance to high school journalism. Maryland mingled with New York and Connecticut with New Jersey. Swarms of brightly clad girls crowded up and down 116th Street to watch Naval Reserve junior officers being put through their paces on dress parade. Boys and girls from public, private, and military schools crowded McMillin Theater to hear speakers discuss subjects pertaining to high school newspapers and their connection with the war effort.

The first two days of the convention were taken up by general sessions at McMillin Theater and sectional meetings all over the university. Large and small classrooms were packed to overflowing with students sitting and standing in order to hear and talk to authorities on subjects of interest to members of the association. In one room, people had to be turned away in order to close the door so that the speaker could begin his topic. Most of the speakers at the sectional meetings were teachers of English or journalism in high schools. Speakers at McMillin Theater, named by the Treasury Department and G.P.A. representatives to editors and publishers of some of the country's leading newspapers.

On Saturday, March 25, the convention delegates witnessed movies and a fashion show at McMillin Theater. This was followed by an exodus from the university to the Hotel Astor.

At twelve thirty, all twenty-three hundred delegates filled through the doors and spacious lobby of the Hotel Astor and took seats at tables in the grand ball room. Cheers, songs, and toasts were heard above the undercurrent of voices and a very excellent meal was served. Following the dinner, speakers were heard who had some particular interest to the whole group. One of the speakers was Walter Chickering, a war correspondent, who spoke on his adventures in the South Pacific and his stories on Bougainville and Kwajalein attacks. Awards were given to different individuals for varied contests in the journalism field.

The dinner concluded the activities of the convention for this year and all the boys and girls prepared to leave. Much information was acquired by journalism students at the convention, and fun was a welcome by-product.

GALA JUNIOR SHOW IS GREAT SUCCESS

Recent Assembly Brings Many Plaudits

"In 1910 were the days of horses and carriages, bicycles built for two, and song lyrics consisting mainly of moon, spoon, and June. Motion pictures and radio programs were practically non-existent and the popular form of entertainment offered was the minstrel show." Thus was introduced the initial April assembly, one of the most enjoyable and hilarious ever.

Miss Higgins's drama, and Mr. Edwards's voice classes respectively, combined efforts and talents in producing a first class old time minstrel show for the students of S.H.S. The entire production was enacted as a radio program. The spectators represented the studio audience, and the announcer, Adele Parvel, spoke into a microphone, true to the form of a regular broadcast. The dances were originated and coached by George Wagner, and the colorful costumes supplied by Miss Higgins. Mr. Whiting was in charge of stage and radio equipment. Dave Tartell directed the show and supplied the music.

The assembly was acclaimed one of the best this year by both teachers and pupils. Audiences on all three days seemed to appreciate the brittle humor, and displayed their pleasure during the performances with frequent bursts of applause punctuating the continuous laughter.

The end-men showed themselves to be true showmen when they carried through so gallantly without the original "interlocutor" Anthony Russo. The minstrel company was composed of: Louis Gocetta, Dave Tartell, Tony DeVito, Anthony Russo, Richard Sloot, David Austin, Carmine Dellipoli, and John Savona. Who so ably took over the "interlocutor" role. The "ladies of the ensemble" were Bette Sheely, Eleanor Cava, Adele Parvel, Olympia Parina, Mildred Brock, Vivian Oden, Aileen Williams and Jane Burriecchi.

The entire company repeated the performance for the P.I.A. of the Belltown School on Wednesday, April 12, 1944, by invitation from Mr. Randall.

Italian Club Sets up War Prisoners Fund

The Italian Club is standing behind its ex-members in service by establishing the War Prisoner's Fund. Of the more than one thousand five hundred former members of the Italian Club in the armed forces, two are known to be German prisoners of war: Corporal Joseph D. LaRocco, former member of the board of directors, and ex-president Benny DeSalvo, pilot of a flying fortress.

A fund is being organized which will be called the War Prisoner's Fund of the Italian Club. A package containing cigarettes, chewing gum, pipe tobacco, etc., will be sent each month to every prisoner who was a member of the Italian Club, continue even during the summer vacation. It has also been suggested that each member of the club might voluntarily send a letter each month to the prisoners.

All Seats Sold; Performers Are At Their Best

On the evening of April 13, 1944, "Show Time", a musical extravaganza, sponsored by the class of '45, directed by Mr. Whiting assisted by George Wagner, was presented by 72 pupils of S.H.S. The musical received thunderous applause from the appreciative audience.

The first group dance was the victory waltz in which the girls wore gowns of pink and blue, while the boys wore tuxedos. Those taking part were Marie De Mott, Eunice Blanchard, Jean Ryder, Joan Rayer, Grace Castrell, Frank Cappiello, John Rickey, Sam Cappiello, Brian Jones and Jack Miller.

During the light tapping of the waltzers Valerie Burke and George Wagner presented an acrobatic swirl.

The Gay Nineties followed with nine couples. The apparel was typical of that era, the girls with bustles and the boys wearing black and white and colored checked suits.

A very effective number was the Dixieland Special, with girls in costumes of pink, green, blue, cream, and orange hooded skirts, poke bonnets and ruffled pants. The boys strutted in whitecaps, high hats, ties and jackets matching those of their partners.

The South American Fantasy was applauded with praise from the audience. Evidently they liked the costumes of the girls made with multi-colored ruffles on black. The boys were decked out in very bright shirts and sashes.

During the course of the evening Jack Miller exhibited his remarkable talent on the piano with his rendition of German's Rhapsody in Blue. As a part of this spectacular number, George Wagner appeared and performed an exotic tap dance.

A number that brought delighted peals of laughter from the audience was the Boss Polka. The boys were attired in broom stick skirts, white blossoms, and kerchiefs.

The Grand Finale began with George Wagner, attired in a uniform of the United States Army, tapping to the rhythm of "When Johnny Comes Marching Home." A girls chorus, smartly dressed in blue and white, appeared next. Following the boys drill came the aeroplane drill with girls in navy blue skirts and white blouses.

The cast was ably supported by Teddy Catian's orchestra, and congratulations are in order for the smooth work of the stage crew. Esther Sibille and Betty Archibald were in charge of the girls' wardrobe, and make-up was done by Phyllis Gallup and Louise Goetz, all under the supervision of Mrs. Burrow. Members of the A Cappella Choir and of the S.H.S. Band furthered the success of the production.

Seats were sold well in advance through the untiring efforts of Mrs. Bohs and Mr. Narseney and the cast played to a full house. Much praise is due to the juniors, who, aided by the sophomores and seniors, who produced such a gala extravaganza. Mrs. Burrow is to be complimented on the fine costumes provided by her department.

STORIES FROM THE FRONT

A sailor home on leave was giving his mother a hand in the kitchen. He suggested, "Here's a swell recipe. Now, take 50 bushels of potatoes, 200 lbs. of beef, 25 lbs. of onions....."

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Sergeant: "Then who marries my girl will certainly get a prize."
Private: "What is it?"

Two soldiers rode back to their post in style after cleaning up in a crap game. They took a cab. Questioned about the fare, the driver said it would be \$6. "That's too much," yelled the C.I.'s and set to haggling about the charge until the driver impatiently said: "Why the heck don't you buy yourselves a car?" The soldiers shelled out \$400 for the taxi and charred the driver \$6 for a ride back to town.

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Purpose and Success

The person who is successful will not be a dreamer. He will have but one dream and that will be to have a purpose in life. The person who has a purpose ahead says "no" to all minor opportunities. He does not abandon his high school or college education because an attractive position is offered him. The person with a purpose has his mind made up and in time will achieve his dream. Now that you are nearly through your high school education you have your purpose well in mind. If your plans are to go to college do not consider an attractive outside position. Go to college and try to achieve or reach your purpose. The person with a purpose takes the slow but sure way to success.

Write Your Boy

You can help win this war by writing letters to your relatives and friends in the service. The men and women are depending on you to send them the news of the things they love and had to leave behind. We can give them needed moral support by letting them know that at home we are right behind them.

It doesn't take much time to write a good letter. First, think of the person you are writing to; think of what he or she would like to hear about, and then write to him as if you were talking to him. Send jokes or funny stories you have recently heard; but don't tell of the family's problems, or your own; don't burden him with your worries. Make your letters cheerful. Send him information concerning his friends, either in the service or still at home. Write now, write often.

Girls; What now?

Graduation is near at hand and this year as in preceding years people will be asking the question, "What should I do after I graduate?" The boys will be taken up by the Army and Navy; as for the girls, they are not eligible for the service until they attain their majority. But if red, white and blue blood flows through your veins, and you desire to back up your boys at the front, enlist in the Cadet Nurses' Corps. This noble service will reward you with an education and a lifetime career. The requisites for this service are as follows: you must be eighteen or more, a high school graduate with the required subjects for nursing. All basic necessities will be provided by the United States Government upon entrance, and in addition, you will be paid a salary while you train.

CHATTER CHATTER

Joan O'Brien was quite chummy with Sonny Valenti lately.

Aside to Francis Yanselli: Is history that interesting?...Does Billy White think his yellow and black shirt will do the trick on April 20 is Greenway?

J. Hish, Red Mays and Richard Wamwere with Vickie Kryspln at the Star recently. Which one holds your heart, Vickie, and where on earth did you get three of them? Some girls are having a hard time finding just one!

Bunny Mortensen and Bob Ungamack have drifted apart and Beverly is coming into the picture. Dot McKee comes to the fourth period very down-heartedly every day. Why?

What has Rusty got that Carmella Grauso would like to have too, if he could get him to go with it?

Dot Stich is pondering on a way to get a boy, we think.... because she's been very quiet lately.

Bobby Munch has a favorite theme song—No Love No Nothing—and that is because of a certain, Bill.

Why does Ann Halama always get in trouble with the Don's? Especially Don Kelly.

If Werner Miller wants girls older than himself, why doesn't he go to the Old Ladies Home?

H.G., R.D., and D.J. are surprised at Ann DeLeo's driving Roland Sockol's car down in Shippan at about 70 m.p.h. Does Ruth know that Steve Kopek is in the Navy now, and how nice he looks?

Kay Vossler, why don't you give Bert Calabrese a break and go out with him the next time he asks you?

Why has Russ Wheeler been ignoring a blonde girl that he was nice to before? She's been wondering about this for a while.

Miss Vince Vozzo of Room 242 was given a formal birthday party at Rich's restaurant on March 4. Those who attended were: Robert Gillespie, Rodney Smith, Dorothy Goetz, Joseph Gaudin, Hans Leary, Sam Carlschick, Corrine Troncone, Robert Lassard, Virginia O'Brien, Doris Goggin, Martin Leary, Jean Hogan, Jerry Petrilli, Miss Theresa Vozzo, St. I. Henry Marchantelle, Mrs. Dolly Vozzo, Mrs. J. Troncone. A very enjoyable time was had by all.

Have you seen the dreamy, far-away look in Betty Leas' eyes lately? It might be the nice sailor's she's writing to.

Jean Holt's heart is in the Army with a grand fellow who has been wounded.

Something new has been added—George Wagner and Betty Pratt are cementing relations.

What happened to the romance between Ernie M. and Catherine H.? Don't give up so easily Ernie; she still likes you.

Who is that cute senior in 164, sixth period, that a certain girl across the hall is always watching?

Why does Pete Smith like his English and history class so much? Is it the work or that certain redhead? Henry L. seems to be interested in that certain redhead too. C'mon Bernice, give the boys a chance.

Vickie Aniello and Charlie Cahill—cute couple.

The disappearance of the romance of Mary W. and Harrison C. has been the topic of discussion among some groups.

Doris Mack is going with a fellow from Greenwich....Robby Palmer and Vet Sherwood.

The cutest trick of the year would be Elmer Siladi driving Vic Treubenko's Austin.

Andy Manzione didn't come to school the next day after receiving a beating from Harold Icker and his two little Samolians, Don and Paul.

Does Kay Tartaglia still like the Air Cadet?

Every one was roaring when Loie Gasetta was presented with a little toy rabbit in American history class one day.

Why is Charlotte Karp mooning about a certain fellow named Bob? Audrey Messinger also has her heart on her sleeve for him.

Virginia O'Brien has stopped going to Port Chester lately. Has the novelty worn off, Virginia, or don't you care any more?

Boss Leary is getting known for being so quiet....Anna Keyser for letterwriting....Jean Hogan, for nicknames....and Evelyn Borkoski, for talking.

Louise Matthews is getting up in the world now. She takes a taxi to school.

The best banana splits are made at the R.C.P. by Bill Hettling and Bernice Grandia; at least so they claim.

Why is it that Santo G. is always so shelled up? Is it because of a sophomore or a senior?

Nick Petrilli has a crush on a cute girl in 214.

Edith Rotante is all out for the Navy—or is it the Army? Ann Vagades has loads of beans from New Canaan, and Nadeline Tillot and Doris Tillot have beans in Darien.

Quite a few seniors are indignant about the way the Prom Committee handled the Prom arrangements...but then, there are those who are entirely satisfied.

Room 204 has adopted the plan of having every person who is late pay a 25 cent stamp. All the stamp agents has to do is collect the three or four dollars owed to him so far.

Sixth period history class in Room 121 is very lucky to have a Frank Sinatra in their class.

It's Dominick Somela, Miss Wheeler is wondering why the girls never have their homework done.

The girls are dying to hear him sing—but, "He Don't Wanna." P.S. We wonder why?

Phyllis Herisbottom, of 153, had a sweet-sixteen birthday party on March 14th. Those who attended from S.B.S. were: Jean Gillespie, Sallie Kronholtz, Ellen Klein, Marce Reilly, Don Delly, Ronald Kelly, John Tropas, Gil Karsons, Pete Farrell, Bob Nead and Dean Baker.

Doris Foster writes to Bo steadily, everyday. Gettise serious, Doris?

A motion has been put before the senior class to the effect that part of the class dues be set aside to purchase a book on "How to Bo" to be presented to James Hagan. His lack of knowledge concerning tones resulted in a broken thumb....he claims this is because of the hardness of Jack Kelley's head.

Reflection

(Looking back in two years) Great were my days as a senior Up at Stamford High;

I know I'll never forget them Though the years fly by me Remember English and French class

And good old American History? Now Washington crossed the Delaware To me it's still a mystery.

Dance caps were the fashion And they were the style this year;

Unless you were an angel, A dunce cap you did wear. And oh! those sophoms and juniors, We really wore them out;

Thus when graduation came They all did sing and shout, I'll always remember my senior year.

It's memory I'll adore Of all the things we used to do, 'N my class of '44

UNCLE SAM SAYS...

Stamp! Stamp! The Boys Are Marching

In the Limelight



Name: Frances Stere
Usually Seen: With her sister
Noted For: Being quiet
Nickname: Fran
Favorite Pastime: Swimming
Pet Aversion: Boy crazy girls
Ambition: Dress Maker



Name: Don Kelly...Soph.
Usually Seen: With women
Noted For: Nice personality
Nickname: Kel
Favorite Pastime: Sports
Pet Aversion: Eating
Ambition: Become a junior



Name: Clara Harmony...Soph.
Usually Seen: With Lorraine Bak
Noted For: Sewing
Nickname: Dimples
Favorite Pastime: Reading
Pet Aversion: Blondes
Ambition: Secretary



Name: Michael McManus
Usually Seen: In the halls
Noted For: Maintaining of St. Mary's
Nickname: Mac
Favorite Pastime: Sports
Pet Aversion: Potatoes
Ambition: Engineer



Name: Rosalie Hally...Jr.
Usually Seen: With Jukey Bobetti
Noted For: Blushing
Nickname: Moose
Favorite Pastime: Sleeping
Pet Aversion: Her Nickname
Ambition: To carry on....

INQUIRING REPORTER

QUESTION

What are you doing to aid the war effort?

ANSWERS

Andrew Hardison—Sr. "Since the war began I have tried to conserve gasoline and rubber, and to share my car."

Rebecca Gineley—Soph. "I do not work in a war plant, but diamonds are helping the war effort and my work requires handling them. I also buy war stamps and bonds."

Doris Jernan—Soph. "Heavenly I'm doing everything from A to Z; I just couldn't start naming them all."

Hugh Jones—Sr. "I am buying bonds regularly and have recently enlisted in the Navy."

Jerry Kennedy—Jr. I save gas by not driving my car. Why? Because I have none.



The most incredible things happen to Japs in New Guinea. When the little men in green had crossed the Stanley Mountains and were slipping down to within a few dozen miles of Port Moresby, they were stopped by an on-the-spot modification of the Havoc (A-20)—a bombardierless bomber with a slew of fifty caliber machine guns in its nose. But they still hadn't met the Lil' Fox.

Lil' Fox, of course, is one of the 75-M.H. cannon-toting B-25's, the very first to meet the enemy. Buzz bombing being the style in New Guinea, Lil' Fox came upon a Japanese transport in the act of landing. What followed was like shooting a rabbit with an anti-tank gun. Lil' Fox then pointed its big cannon at approximately fifteen Japs who were scurrying for cover. In the words of Jack Fox, North American representative in the southwest Pacific (Lil' Fox was christened in his honor): "Their worries ended right then and there."

The cannon Mitchell is based on the premise that many targets are more vulnerable to shell fire from the side than to bombing. A light tank, for instance, is turned almost inside out by a direct hit. The three-inch shell will blast the thread off any tank. A battleship would be vulnerable by a hit on the propeller, or on or near the central fire-control station.

A French war veteran said when he heard about a cannon Mitchell, "I never thought they would put wings of 'em and fly 'em through the air."



ALUMNI

A while ago S.H.S. had the pleasure of a visit from N. 2/c Carl Rosen. He had been on a battleship, and has had a fleet post office number for quite a while.

Armand Coppola, class of '43, visited high school a few times during his 10 day leave. He has been in the Coast Guard quite a few months and enjoys it very much.

We were also honored to have Bill Crabbe, in khaki come here. His purpose was to see one of his girl friends, but he was here, nevertheless. That handsome Jimmy Boyle of the class of '43, came back too. He is a private in the U.S. Army and was on furlough for 10 days from an M.P. training camp in Michigan.

Sic Bill Richards and Sic Bob Cogetta, both formerly from S.H.S., dropped in from Sampson. Amid handshaking and greetings by his former pupils and colleagues, Pfc. Louis Martinelli visited Stamford High School on Friday, March 31, during the sixth period, and for a short time, took over Miss Murray's Spanish class. "It made me feel as if I were home again," remarked the former instructor. Private Martinelli has completed a course in Specialist's Training School, and is now temporarily stationed at Camp Crowder, Missouri.

After eight months in the Air Corps, Pvt. Martinelli feels that the training has done him good, and that the food served him is both abundant and delicious. He has been placed on the mailing list of the SIREN.

Other visitors were: Pvt. William D. McIlwain from Camp McCain, Miss. George Jordan, Louisiana, and Al Churnside, Army; Joe de Vita A.M.M. 3/c from Norfolk, Va. Navy; Pvt. Bud Huker from Quantico, Va. and Cpl. Frank Loggins from Cherry Point, North Carolina. Both of U.S.M.C.; and Al Wagstaff U.S.N. from Long Island.

CALDER APPROVES

Continued

veterans and their opportunities for post-service employment. Mr. Calder stated that the company had an obligation to those fellows and they would have first call on any job they had left to serve their country. Therefore, those persons now engaged in jobs left open by service men would be the first to be dismissed or placed elsewhere when the battle-weary soldier returned.

In regards to interviewing a prospective employee, Mr. Calder felt that although his findings would be limited, he would be alert for general appearance. If a person was sloppy in dress and self-care, he would likely be sloppy in his work. With a girl, Mr. Calder will inspect the fingernails and see whether they indicate a desire to work. Long, tapering fingernails, well manicured and painted, would indicate a woman whose desire to work would be less than those of a girl whose fingernails are short, yet neat. A person's character and background, in regard to education would be another aid to determining whether that person is fit for employment. If a person has no high school diploma, he would be questioned as to the reasons, and his answers would influence Mr. Calder's final decision. The final factor would be the way in which a person answers questions put forth to him, not so much the text of the answers, themselves, but rather the manner in which they are presented. If a person mumbles his answers, his intelligence is likely poor, while quick, intelligent and clear answers usually indicate a wide-awake, intelligent person.

Once there were two rabbits. Now look at them all.

Fash 'n Fanfare

The Easter Bunny was very good this year to many of us. A majority of the Stamford high students were present at the parading which took place all day long on Easter Sunday.

Suits again, with shortened jackets and abbreviated boleros, have captured a great number of women's hearts. The usual navy and blacks were given a set-back by new pastels, and grey was a favorite.

As for accessories, patent leather baby toe three-inch-heel shoes assembled with huge patent envelope bags were very much the rage. Suede and kid gave place to gabardine and plastic footwear.

Hats of 1944 were even smaller than those of the previous years; many were velvet bands, two inches wide, with flowers to set over each ear. Sassy straw miniature derbies were also the thing. Many of the girls had hats of materials matching shift or blouse, in the general color of ditch or skull caps.

Blouses or dummies tended to pull away from that uniform look with designs that were utterly feminine.

Use the subject of velvet bands, have you seen the darling row of little artificial daisies that Margie is sporting on that black ribbon? Take this hint from Lucille, who has created a new fad by sewing several dresses and making purses to match. One drawing bag in particular has caught our eye, since it is made of black wool lined with checked taffeta; the same checked material trims the sleeves and hem of the dress, and a huge bow decorates the bodice.

The SIREN has done it again! For the third consecutive year, the high school publication has been awarded first honor by the Lithographer's National Association for excellence in preparation.

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Cavanaugh's Spotlight

Prior to this, your reporter has been able to get plenty of information to jumble together and put into this space since football and basketball were holding their own in the way of athletic interests, but now comes the lull between seasons.....

Well let's go into baseball first although there really isn't much to gab about in the line of school ball, since at this writing Stamford High has not yet started practicing, but by the time the next issue rolls off the press we should know pretty well just what kind of ball club S.H.S. has. All of last year's size with the exception of Bobotti have gone, and so the battles for first-string jobs is on. The Orange and Black really have a goal this season, said goal being the Fairfield County Conference Title. Stamford was initiated into the Conference last fall, but baseball will be their first active competitive sport in it.....

Although we have called this the lull season, actually it sees four major sports going on. Although the basketball season came to a close on February 25, a majority of the S.H.S. players didn't hang up their shoes until the end of March. Some of the boys took part in the City Invitational Tourney which eventually saw the Green Wave of St. Mary's knock off St. John's in the finals. Along with this, football practice and track drills have been going on daily, and now baseball has come into the spotlight.....well pardon us.....

If you recently heard bursts of roars from the vicinity of the gym it was the senior boys yelling their approval of some

hectic boxing bouts during Commodo period, and there really were some bouts. A few of the affairs reached the boiling point and the pugilists were actually out for blood.....

Track coach Ray Booker has something in the way of a "find" in sophomore Donald Kelly, a sprinter who can virtually fly. Kelly, also a member of the football and basketball squads, outran all competitors at the March gym assembly and is counted on to go places on the cinders this season.....

The SIREN's sports of the fairer, Margery Beck, recently distinguished herself in Connecticut Badminton circles, capturing the women's class 8 singles title of the state tourney at New Haven.....

Picking the pennant winners of the various Major Leagues is by far no picnic anymore, not with the war on. The team you pick to win out may start off the campaign with nine good men and by the time October comes around those same nine men might be over in Italy or in the South Pacific battling to win something highly more important than a pennant. Well, anyway, here we go with our selections for the two league races.

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Brooklyn	Detroit
Chicago	Washington
Cincinnati	Chicago
New York	Boston
Philadelphia	St. Louis
Boston	Philadelphia

No hard feelings you Brooklyn fans. Wait 'till next year. Aside to Mr. Beck.....it's hopeless.

Track Possibilities Bright For '44

After practicing in the gym for a month, Coach Ray Booker was finally able to take his tracksters outdoors on April 4th for the first of a series of outdoor drill. Only a few holdovers from last year's squad are back leaving quite a few vacancies to fill with the several promising prospects drilling.

At present five meets are scheduled for the Orange and Black including the Fairfield County Meet to be held here on May 20 and the State Meet carded for New Haven one week later. Greenwich High's crack tracksters will meet Stamford twice; at the Millionaire City on April 20, and here on May 11. Norwalk comes to the S.H.S. stadium on the 16th of May and there is also the possibility of a tussle

with Central's cinder-men.

Looking at what Coach Booker has to offer, David Austin stands out as top man for the 100 and 220 if his knee holds out, while the sophomore twins, Donald and Ronald Kelly also look to be certainities in the dashes. John Grant, also a soph, looks as a possibility in the 440 following in his brother Arthur's shoes as a runner, while Macari looks to be a good bet in the half-mile. S.H.S. has been gifted with distance runners in the past, Gus Lampros, Harold Buchanan, Fred Kelsey, Dick Michelson, and Julius Murphy all starring in the long runs in past campaigns. This season the mile spot lies open to all comers with Rojack apparently the nominee at the present.

Baseballers

Start Season

After two weeks of practice, and with the Fairfield County Conference title to shoot at, the Stamford High baseball team is set to begin the 1944 diamond campaign, the locals opening against Central in a regular F.C.C. contest next Friday. Only a handful of last season's squad is back and of those returning, only one, Julius Bobotti played regularly in '43. Bobotti having held down the third base spot.

Last year's schedule was curtailed due to the early graduation of seniors and this season will also be an abbreviated one since the upper-classes are due to pack up and get out by May 31. Seven Conference games are carded for the Orange and Black beginning with Central. League games with Norwalk, Greenwich (2), Bassick and Fairfield, with the finale at Greenwich on May 26. Eight of last year's regulars have graduated or entered the service striking a hard blow to Stamford's diamond hopes, but a good nucleus of subs are back.

Looking at what S.H.S. has to offer, McCabe, who understudied Andy Robustelli in '43 now rates as top man behind the plate while on the mound Joe Eggert, Dixon Deranek and Joe Guiliardi, all soph last year are back with a year of school ball behind them. Fred Guiliardi who did some effective mounthwing for three years has graduated and it'll be up to the trio mentioned to share the brunt of the hurling. Hard-hitting Carl Swanson has gone into the Army leaving first base vacated, with senior Bill Mecca who has been on the squad for two years in the role of a spare, the lone first stringer returning. Bobby Clark has left school for the Navy opening up the battle for second base among the Carmine, Tosches and Biontino, while Bobotti is a fixture at third. Rango Ed Lewicki who saw plenty of action when captain Vito DeVito was ill part of last season, is top-man at short. Things aren't as rosy in the outfield, all three regulars of '43, Eddie Yaeger, Rich Stevenson and Andy Pernicaro having graduated.

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SPRING GRID DRILLS HELD

Although the season still lies five months beyond, the majority of sporting interest has been centered around football during the past month with the gridgers holding their annual spring training drills under the direction of Head coach Kuzco and assistants Booker and Lockery. The trio of coaches have had a group of about fifty hopefuls working out in the gym going through callisthenics and drilling on plays in preparation for the coming campaign. A group of junior high schoolers who will enter S.H.S. in September were among the candidates attending the sessions.

A handful of last season's squad will be back next fall to lend a veteran touch to the team and from these vets a goodly eleven should materialize. Lanky Bucky McCabe will be the lone regular lineman returning, the other regulars either graduating this May or going into service. Varsity ends Lewicki and Calderone will be gone; tackles Wilson and Northrup will have made farewell; guards Klipp and Mazza will have left. Center John Robertson has already hooked up with the Navy. However, the second line of last season will return and they should form a solid front both defensively and offensively. A tentative lineup could have big Mike Bitkowski and McCabe at ends, Bill Shea and John Tropas, another pair of huskies at tackles, Nick Cognetta at one guard post and possibly Whitey Passaro at the other if the latter returns to school.

The loss of men like Candido, Collins, Clark, Tartell, Collins, DeSalvo, and Nish will hurt the backfield, but a nucleus of backs will be on hand. Carmine Tosches who alternated at quarterback and left half last season stands out as number one man at quarter with diminutive Freddie Rovegno backing him up. Pete Rosa who came along brilliantly toward the end of the past season rates the nod at fullback while "Jukie" Bobotti who can and has played all four backfield positions will most likely beat left half. Right half, vacated by Natale Candido who graduates in May stands open at present, but it is believed that Vito Cascia, who was converted from end to halfback late in '43 and impressed with his play will step into Candido's shifting shoes.

TEACHERS LOSE

Reversing the usual supremacy, on Friday, March 31, the student bowlers of Stamford High School defeated the teacher bowlers in five out of six games. Mr. Deane's team composed of Mrs. Kingston, Mrs. Kropp, Mr. Lockery, and Mr. Deane dropped two out of three games to Cal Baleri's team composed of Macrides, Frattoroli, Morgan, and Ratter. The scores were: Teachers 407-402-367, the Students 400-305-393. On the other hand Mr. Booker's team including Miss Ryan, Miss Ballard, Mr. Kuzco and Mr. Booker was still less fortunate. They dropped three out of three to Stanley Serafin's team composed of Tandet, Treubensko, Swazy, and Serafin.

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