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RAMBLINGS . . . . .  
At Avon

ADVANCED ENROLLMENT  
UNDERWAY

GET YOUR ANNUAL ORDER IN  
TODAY!!

The Misses Lydia Masten and Louise Gibbs accompanied John Gibbs and J. D. McGuire to Belleville skating rink March 16.

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The attendance percentage has been good this year. So far we have been fortunate to avoid epidemic illnesses.

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Several from the Avon Community attended the Vincennes regional. Chet Francis, 1937, is mentor at Vincennes High and his team lost to a strong Jasper quintet in the final play-off.

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The Junior fish fry attracted many alumni. Among them Mary Manly, Paul Manly, Ruth Weisbach, Mr. and Mrs. Don Hamblen, Lydia Masten, Paul Gerth, and Jim Flanagan.

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Four boys from the class of '41 were pall bearers at Myron Roberts's funeral. They were Don Hamblen, Lawrence Hurat, Kenneth Trent, and Ernest Ward.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ewan McClain brought their daughter, Madeline, home from the hospital March 16. She celebrated her first birthday Saturday.

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Louise Gibbs sang at an installment at Cartersburg Chapter of Eastern Star when her mother, Mrs. Gail Gibbs, was installed as worthy matron. Mrs. Ralph Hawkins, Mrs. Joseph Hamblen, and Mrs. Elmer Gerth attended from Avon.

Guidance and counselling are very important items to high school students. This year a program was instigated in our school whereby each student received an advanced enrollment card for next school year and two mimeographed instruction sheets, one carrying the state requirements for graduation from a four year high school and the other carrying the subjects to be offered both required and optional. They were distributed to each home and the student and parent were asked to confer and decide which curriculum should be followed in each individual case---(Commercial, vocational, academic, etc.). The freshmen and sophomore years are considered exploratory years and the Junior and senior years are considered years in which to specialize in the chosen curriculum.

The principal and faculty are very helpful as each high school student is scheduled to receive counsel regarding his or her proposed course. A testing program is also being inaugurated whereby aptitudes, talents, personalities, etc. may be determined and each student advised along the lines in which he is most apt to succeed.

Advanced enrollment cards are to be turned into the office not later than April 30, 1948. Each student from grade 8 to 11 are required to file a proposed program.

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The Seniors will take orders for your annual just any time. Hurry! Get your order in now!! Don't wait until the last minute. You might get left out. They will sell for \$1.00 each. They will be loose-leaf, leather back, filled with snap shots of you, perhaps, class pictures, and other things of interest. Everyone will want an annual because it will be a cherished record of your "School Daze".

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RED CROSS ASK FOR YOUR  
DONATIONS

Mrs. Mary Roseboom is the Washington Township Red Cross chairman and Mrs. Edna Hamblen has charge of the solicitations from the faculty and students.

The Hendricks County quota, \$5,000, has been set. Forty-five per cent of the funds raised in the county are kept for local Red Cross use.

The Red Cross helps in time of floods, tornadoes, and disasters of war. Hendricks County people have been fortunate not to have suffered a major disaster in their community.

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## APRIL EVENTS

Junior Class Party-March 31	
April Fools' Day---April 1	
E.S.A. Card Party-- " 3	
Community Club	
pitch-in-supper " 10	
Grade Operetta----- " 16	
P. T. A. Meeting----- " 20	
Junior-Senior Reception	
April 27-29	

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## EDITORIALS

## EASTER MEANS MUCH

Easter is a holy festival observed in many lands by the church commemorating Christ's resurrection. Easter is the closing day of the forty day fast of Lent. There are many customs which the American people follow, but the real reason for Easter is that Christ was crucified and arose on the third day that we, through Him, might have eternal life.

Easter means more to us than wearing new clothes or the exchange of Easter gifts. We feel the spirit of Easter and bow heads in thanks to God for his blessings which he has bestowed upon us.

By Philip Huffman

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## KEEPING A REPUTATION

One must have clean thoughts and a pleasing personality to have a good reputation. A smile, neat

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appearance and a combination of faith and trust is always welcomed by anyone. Everyone having a good reputation wants to keep this marvelous asset.

You must show interest in other people before they will become interested in you. Those who have reputations worth something won't keep it thinking and talking only about themselves; therefore we must be considerate of people at all times. The individual who is not interested in his fellow men is the one who has the most trouble throughout life and provides the worst injury to others.

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## ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Be gory, as I looked at the calendar today I found it's the day for wearin' the green. 'Tis but a tradition, this wearin' of the green, to honor Saint Patrick for whom this day was named. What day, do ye be sayin? Why, 'tis Saint Patrick Day, of course.

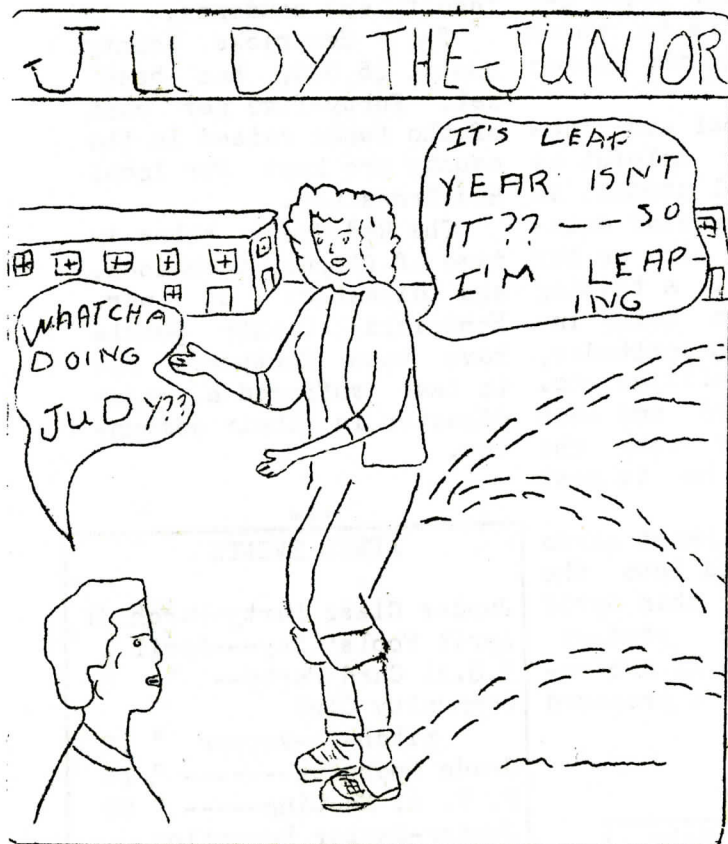
Now, my friend, I'll be tellin' ye about Saint Patrick himself. A kinder man was not to be found on the soil of auld Ireland. Patrick was just sixteen when the Irish captured him. 'Twas six years later he made his escape to his native English shore.

During his study for priesthood he could not forget his life on the shores of Ireland. In a dream he saw the Irish people calling him sayin', "We pray thee, holy youth, to come and again walk amongst us as before."

He was fitted for missionary work to the Irish by knowing the Irish language. In Ireland he spent the rest of his life stamping out ignorance, fear, and superstition by means of education and Christian faith.

Be gory 'tis a fine man we be honorin' when wearin' the green on Saint Patrick's Day.

By Audree Meisel



## RAMBLINGS.....In Avon

Ann Hawkins sang a special number, "Evening Prayer" at the Friends Church March 7th.

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The students listened with rapt attention when President Truman made his speech on March 17 and asked for Universal Military Training for all American youth.

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Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Gerth entertained the basketball boys with a turkey dinner, a la Gerth, Sunday, March 14. All the first 10, the student manager, Mr. and Mrs. Walls, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gibbs. Mr. Gerth took them to the theater at Danville.

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On Monday night of the 8th the Canterbury alumni played the Hendricks County coaches at Canterbury. Our own coach, Mr. Hanson, made 18 points for the coaches team. He was high point man on the coaches team.

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The Junior Class wish to express their sincere thanks to all who helped make their fish fry a success. We appreciate very much those who donated. The faculty were very nice about cooperating to put it over. We appreciate very much what you have done for us.

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The high winds of March 19 did considerable damage. The roof was torn loose and the rain poured in the building. A brick was blown loose and struck the top of Mr. Wall's new 1947 dodge.

THE PRICE TRADITION  
CONTINUES

June and Jim Price are following the family tradition of attending Avon High School. They are members of the Sophomore Class of 1948. June and Jim are the last two of twelve children to attend Avon.

Bob, their oldest brother, is now principal of Clermont Grade School. He is married and has one son. Bob graduated in 1930.

John, the second of the large family, graduated in 1934. He was in service 6 years and during that time he met his wife, La Rene Todd Price in Nashville, Tennessee. John has recently bought a farm on Avon Avenue.

Frank is partner in a trucking company. He met his wife, Eileen, before he went to service, where he spent 3 years. They have two boys. He graduated from Avon in 1936.

Mary chose to be a housewife. She married Adrian Parsons. They have two little girls. She graduated in the year 1939. William (Bill) is a teacher at Huntingburg, Indiana. He received his diploma in 1940.

Margaret, better known as Marjorie, is also a housewife. She married George Coy and is living in the City. Marjorie has two little girls also. She graduated in 1941.

Irma married Aubury Wall and lives in Plainfield. They have one son. Irma graduated with the class of 1942.

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JUNIORS PLAN FOR TRIP  
TO SOUTH-LAND

Plans are nearly completed for the junior-senior reception which will take the form of a trip to St. Louis, Missouri. The date set to leave is Tuesday, April 27 and they plan to return on Thursday April 29.

All the seniors are invited to be the guests of the juniors. The Southeastern Trailways Co. of Indianapolis have been engaged for the tour.

Four faculty members will chaperon the group of 29 students.

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COOKIES!! COOKIES!!

That's the sound that falls on my ears. Time again has come for the Girl Scouts to sell their cookies. The cookies are of two flavors designed to suit the whole family. They also have a creamy filling that melts in your mouth. The Scouts are selling them now. The profit will go into the treasury to help Troop I with their camping plan in the summer.

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Glenn drives a truck for his older brother. He served in the United States Army a year and a half. This year in which he graduated was 1943.

Paul, 1946 graduate, served in the Navy two years. He is now farming at home.

Jesse graduated in the recent year of '47. He is also helping with the farming at home.

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## THE DAY CHANGES THINGS

As I was roaming through the hall during the latter part of my lunch period I was stopped by a student who remarked, "Have you heard?" "Yes, about all members of the basketball squad not being able to attend the Leap Year Dance Saturday night?" answered the student. "No, I hadn't heard about that," I said. Curiously I asked, "Is this on the level?" The student snapped back, "Sure, everyone is talking about it." "Am I Mad?" Being on the team myself, and having already planned a date, I hardly knew what to think. While I was leaning against the wall half dazed, the bell sounded. Hurrying to class, I noticed several unhappy faces. I overheard remarks such as, "I wonder what Jane is saying?"-----  
 --"And to think Delores worked half of the night on her formal.-----"Will they go ahead with the dance or postpone it?"

While the afternoon passed by the centralized thought was based upon this event, Leap Year Dance. The sectional tournament was to be held a week later; therefore each boy playing on the team would be unable to attend because they must stay in every night.

As I was leaving school to head for home, I heard, "The dance has been postponed to some later date." Looking around, I found it was the girl that had invited me to the dance. Hesitating, I said, "I guess our date also has to be postponed." Ruefully, she agreed, "I guess".

## HONOR ROLL

Seniors: Philip Huffman  
 Jim Cooper, Avis Smith.  
 Juniors: Ann Hawkins, Joyce Venable, James Winings.  
 Sophomores: Marian Bremer, Edward Muncy, Jack Seipel, Natalie Wood.  
 Freshmen: Phyllis Flanagan, Jo Ann Jones, (straight A), Mary Ann Parsons, Robert Richards, Marcile Vanlandingham.  
 8th: Louise Gibbs, Peggy Jordan, Janet Selch, Robert Wells.  
 7th: Harlan Gray, Nevada Robinson, Harold Allen Shew Howard Vanover.

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GIRL SCOUT'S  
CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY

The Avon Girl Scout troop under the leadership of Miss Virginia Parsons participated in the world celebration of the 36th birthday of Girl Scouts. The local troop held a pitch-in supper at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Rayle Sunday, March 14, then attended a meeting at the church. The families of the girls, the boy scouts, and members of the Mother's Club were special guests. Mrs. Brockman, chairman of the Established Camp Committee of the Marion County Council, was the speaker.

The girls and Miss Parsons were in uniform the week of March 8, in recognition of National Scout Week.

## INTERVIEWING THE STUDENT

As I wander through the halls of old Avon High I overhear some of the students talking about what they want to be, or what they intend to do when they graduate.

James Winings stated that he would like to be a mechanic, Carla Dean Joyce is going to be a dress designer, Charles Manly would like to be a Latin teacher, and Bill Sanders a farmer. Joe Lux would like to take Mr. Hanson's place as coach when he graduates from college. Ellen Smith is planning a fine career as a teacher so I've been told; Beth hopes to be a housewife of an artist, maybe both. Jim Conger is planning on being a bachelor but I doubt if he gets very far. Charles Smith is going to be an officer in the Navy. Robert Goodnight will probably end up a shop teacher.

Well, all I can say is good luck.

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SIXTH GRADE  
SPONSOR CONTEST

A lively contest has been underway for the sixth grade, conducted by the librarian. Each member of the class read an outside reading book and wrote a book report. An award was given to the two best papers submitted by the students. The first prize was won by Harry Bradley and second honors went to Betty Jean Holmes.

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NOTE--Change of date in Grade Operetta--April 17.



## FIRST GRADE

The first grade children have an attractive display of food pictures in their room. These are depicting nutritious foods. They did this when they read the "Too Thin Johnny" story.

The firemen's unit has caused much interest. Several of the children visited fire stations and play fire trucks have been brought in by Dale Childress. Jerry Johnson, Melvin Jennings, Laura Lee Robinson, Jay Edwin McDonald, Carlotta Dede, and Ronald Kepler. We have excellent drawings of fire trucks. We hope to visit a fire station soon.

We are now on a zoo unit and are having fun trying to draw the various animals that live in the zoo.

We won the PTA banner for having the greatest per cent of parents present at the March PTA meeting.

We want to thank our PTA room representative, Mrs. Kirkpatrick, for the help she has given this year.

Mary Jayne McGuire brought a beautiful bouquet of pussy willows. They make us feel that spring is here.

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## SECOND GRADE

Miss Horton was ill for over a week. The children hope she is feeling much better since she has returned. Mrs. Cromer taught in her place.

Twenty-four pupils of the second grade made a hundred in spelling.

## THIRD GRADE

The third grade pupils are studying about transportation. They have a nice display on the table that the children have made.

We have learned several new things and are planning a program for the parents in our room Friday, March 29.

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## FOURTH GRADE

We have a new girl in our room, Phyllis Schrier, from Clermont. Richard Cummins moved Friday to Hazelwood.

Birthdays this month are: Barbara Robinson, March 15th, Kenneth Phillips, 7th, Donald Muston, 9th. We are studying about the United States and are making books.

We have had several visitors, Mrs. Englehart, Mrs. Birch, Mrs. Pock, Mrs. Selch.

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## FIFTH GRADE

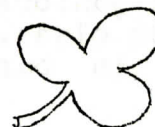
New pupils in our room are: Virgil Burdine from Stanley Creek and Dora Bowles from Castleton.

We have new Geography notebooks. The weather man added to the fifth grade fun. In art, we are making a Dutch poster.

The fifth grade defeated the fourth grade March 10 in basketball. David Huffman had a birthday March 10 and Philip Jordan has one March 25.

Mrs. Barlow and Betty, Mrs. McDonald, and Mrs. Parsley have visited our room.

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## JUNIORS STRIDE A MERRY PACE

The Junior Class will probably be found any number of places during the morning activity period. Some juniors who work on the staff can be found in the staff room (pulling hair). Then again there will naturally be part of the junior girls at a Sunshine Society meeting. In the study hall will be some very studious students preparing their daily assignment for those dreaded classes--history, English, shorthand and possibly a foreign language, along with many others. As fast as this period goes, it should be just about time for the bell. RRR R Riinnngggg! I was pretty close, wasn't I?

Now comes that--that beloved class of history. To watch the juniors walk through this door, you would think it is quite a struggle. As the students take their seats, the bell that begins class buzzes strong and loud. No wonder, Mr. History Teacher almost pushed his thumb through a solid layer of plaster. The instructor starts the ball rolling by requesting (with a nice thick yardstick waving to and fro) that we absorb each important fact printed on the next forty pages. After trying to gain an interest in what happened way way back in 1793, the class is interrupted by the question, "Why are you late this morning, Jack?" The student's reply to this is, "Oh, I squeezed too much tooth paste out of the tube and had more doggone trouble getting it back in." While the class is still hee-hawing, the instructor directs the late student to the office. Discussion of the assignment then gets under way with questions and "hard-to-believe" answers. This usually lasts approximately thirty minutes, and by this time the long-awaited bell has sounded.

All juniors then walk sadly to English class. When we are situated in our desk chairs, Mr.

English Teacher informs us that he has prepared a nice little surprise just for us. A big fat test! (You can imagine how appreciative the juniors are.) This confusing test is merely a reminder that it pays to study lessons assigned. It seems that hours have been spent in English class, but now that it's over, most juniors feel sick with the thought of the score they made on the surprise test.

The third period is now in session and the dear juniors are supposed to be in study hall. Though the study hall should be a period of time well spent, (try convincing the dear ones of that), you are likely to find more than half with an excuse to be elsewhere. Since this is the period before lunch, it too is believed a long drawn-out period.

Finally, the morning classes come to a close. Not only juniors, but all fellow schoolmates, speed to their desired lunchroom. After finishing their lunch, the boys try to sneak in a little relaxation, while the girls catch up on all the latest.

Once again the juniors continue to their classes. This period the girls can be found almost anywhere, but the poor boys have to sit out safety class, or else "run their daylights out" in physical education.....You should visit safety class sometime. It's really quite amusing. (If the editor lets this through accidentally, and it's published, Mr. Safety Teacher will no doubt ask me what's so amusing about his safety class. Oh well, my grades haven't been up to par in that class anyway.) At least one student learns one important thing there almost every day. That is--Keep quiet!

We are dismissed at the close of this period to hurry upstairs and carry on with our great ability to type. (Not more than ten words per minute.) Mrs. Typing

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Teacher has often said she enjoys teaching this class more than any other. (With baseball bats!) With the pecking of typewriter keys you are hardly able to think about the time; therefore typing isn't a period in which you become too restless.

Again it is time for the bell, and, I might add, the bell is much weaker at this time of day than early in the morning. (Mr. History Teacher's thumb surely gets tired.) The final period of the day has arrived. The girls this period have shorthand. I tried to get a little information as to what this class was like, but failed to have any luck. (These junior girls are backward, you know.) As for the boys well, they call this a period of leisure. Yep, you're right! Another study hall. And so ends this merry pace.



CAN U IMAGINE !!

Mr. McClain chewing bubble gum?  
Mrs. Abbott teaching Physical Ed?  
Charlie two-timing Natalie?  
Bob Brown being 6 feet tall?  
Mr. Hughes in the kitchen?  
Mr. Brekken teaching music?  
Johnny Selch not playing ping-pong?  
Gareth Mears with red hair?  
Mrs. Kirk teaching Biology?

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March	1	Anna K. Wiesbach	11
	.5	Ralph Urick	7
	6	Louise Gibbs	8
	10	Mary Lou Cook	8
	18	Geraldine Mitchell	8
	19	Howard Robertson	10
	23	Clyde Sanders	7
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#### SCENES AND HERDS

HERD--The eighth grade girls have a new style. I believe it has something to do with nail polish, other than on the nails. By the way, what shade was that, Margaret?

SCENE--Mrs. Coleman's chorus class loading in cars to make the trip to Brownsburg for a rehearsal of the All-County Musical. There was someone over there who had a bad habit of flying and couldn't get rid of it. Wasn't there, June?

HERD--We've heard of all different kinds of horses but the junior girls have a new one called "Nellis". She will even let you bite her. Isn't that right, Carla?

SCENE--Charles Smith and Carla Dean making faces or making eyes, one of the two. It's hard to distinguish which ever it might be, but if we watched closely during Mr. Davis' 11th grade history we might learn.

HERD--Barbara Stanley received a going-away present all done up in black and white. I heard it just fits too. How about this Don?

# SCHOOL PROGRESSES UNDER THE CONGER PLAN

The regular school routine has been changed to follow the wish of the pupils as they have listed on their petition to Jim Conger, their spokesman.

When the pupils feel like coming to school, they can just walk right into class no matter what time it might be. Mr. Walls has decided that there will be no school on Mondays since it seems to suit the spokesman himself.

A rule has been passed that all pupils have the privilege of quitting whatever they may be doing the third period, to go and eat their lunch, just as the Junior girls have been.

Some of the boys and girls seem to get weary just after they have eaten lunch. They try to settle down to study, but somehow they just can't seem to make it work, so in order to get more work from them they will rest fifteen minutes and then proceed with their discussion of whatever they wish to talk about.

If there happens to be something that he thinks is more important than school studying, the pupil may go and attend to it before that final bell rings.

By Ruth Long

APRIL FOOL!!!

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## BASKETBALL BOYS HIT PARADE

Charlie Christy-"Four Leaf Clover"  
Chub Gibbs-----"Always"  
Johnny Selch-"Old Time Religion"  
Bill Sanders--"Four Leaf Clover"  
Tom Gerth---"Bye, Bye Blackbird"  
Jack Seipel-----"Civilization"  
Jim Conger-----"Because"  
Charles Smith-"Down on the Farm"  
Earl Coons-"I Still Get Jealous"  
Jim Price-----"Beg Your Pardon"  
Dave Selch-"Serenade o the Bells"

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## GOSSIPING ANN

By Ann Hawkins

Well, here I is! I have been visiting Coon's Resturant and who should walk in but none other than Bill Sanders, "Hey Mary, three hot-dogs and a 'coke," he yells. After he places his order, he starts talking to Wendell Gibbs and Jim Price about basketball, and how well Lafayette played to win the state title. It looks as though this conversation will last forever so I'd better drop over to the old school building and see who's winning at the ping pong table. Bob Brown and Phil Huffman are playing Johnny Selch and Jack Seipel. The crowd around the table seems to be excited about something. Raymond Andrews is jumping up and down like a jumping jack. Well, I hope everything worked out alright.

Well, Well, look who's in the gym. None other than Charlie Smith and Robert Goodnight trying to sell pop corn and candy. I'd hate to be the one to sort out the money, because Bob keeps putting the candy money with the pop corn. Oh, poor Jim Winings.

Before the bell rings I think I'll stop in and see what the men teachers are gossiping about. They are talking about basketball, baseball, and, last but not least, kids like you and me. Well, there goes the bell so I'd better get my books and get to class. See you next time.

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Heard: DALE MERRITT really fell hard for MAXINE GILLEY at the Great Ball GAME Tuesday Night.

THE UNTITLED STORY--  
BUT WORTH YOUR TIME

I am a building, thirty-three years old. Not very many things have happened during my life that were important enough to remember. But in this year of 1948 on April 1st, things happened which made me glad I was a building.

It all started around 3:00 o'clock in the morning. Tom Gerth rolled his bus up to the school house door, unloaded, and then returned home just as quick as he could. You see he had to hurry Elmer up with the milking so as to get him here in time for the latter part of 11th grade history. Yes, Elmer had finally made it to the 11th year of school.

Everyone is running! They seem to be trying to get away from something. Oh, I see, here comes Chub Gibbs with his hack. He tries his best not to be the last bus in. He succeeded this morning, because Gareth Mears with his patrol boy Henry, are just turning the corner of Avon Ave.

Who is this running down the stairs? I see now, Claude Hughes and Claude Walls. They do this every morning in order to get the first game of table tennis going. As they slide around the corner and on down the stairs the principal, Mr. James Conger, walks out of his office just in time to see them take the last turn. He lets them go as he enjoys the sport very much himself (both table tennis and sliding around corners).

There's a rumbling noise on the stair, let's see what it is. Oh, out of the way, here comes, or rather there goes Bennie Mae McCalmont and Glendora Kirk with Miss Avis Smith running just as fast as she can trying to catch them. You see the two girls never seem to get their paper assignments in until the day the paper comes out. Miss Smith always gives them a little help.

First period classes take up and in the history room we find Ewan McClain and Arthur Davis just full of fur. During the study period they try their best to take Judy Coleman's attention away from her book, with no success. But the teacher, Mr. Charles Manly, (whose eyes never miss a thing) sends the boys up the stairs and across the hall to Mr. Conger.

They get out just in time to make it a half minute late to English. Miss Peggy Dunn gives them a look which means "Don't ever let this happen again." We roll up our sleeves, sharpen our pencils, and dig into clauses, adverbs, nouns and compound things. Elmer Gerth, and Frank Hanson just can't seem to get all this straight, so Miss Dunn is kind enough to let them stay after class while she tries to straighten them out.

Noon time rolls around and as we stroll past the kitchen we smell pop corn. Where is it coming from? Now I know, the junior class always pop it around noon. The reason for this is to keep the boys from getting too hungry before lunch time. Proof of this is when we see Arthur Davis and Ewan McClain, the two best workers in the class, popping corn and eating it with just about the same speed it pops.

Lunch time passes much too quickly and the janitor, Jim Price, is about ready to ring the bell. Edna Hamblen, Betty Kirk, and Judy Coleman are trying to tell him it's a whole minute.

The bell rings and out of habit everyone hurries to their bus. Claude Hughes and Claude Walls have decided to race to their bus this evening. As they slide around the corner the principal catches a glimpse of them. Well, maybe it is time the boys learned.

By Joyce Venalbe

APRIL FOOL!!

## HATS OFF. . . . .

By Ruth Ann Long

Every day the fourth period a certain teacher walks into her assembly and what does she see? Erasers flying through the air with pieces of chalk following, paper wads finding their mark, and tacks lying around just waiting for their victim to sit down.

This teacher is young and pretty and should never have to deal with these thoughtless individuals. Although some, at a first glance might say "I give up" or "It's too impossible to tame such a lively bunch", I don't believe she has ever felt that way.

This teacher is none other than Mrs. Abbott. Now her fourth period assembly is an orderly, well behaved group of boys and girls. You would never guess that she has gone through with such an ordeal as now she sits smiling to the class from her desk in the front of the room.

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## DOPPY DEFINITIONS

BOOKWORMS--Dick Harvey, Mary Lou Coons.

TEACHERS-----Human alarm clocks before unwilling disciples of learning.

ST. PATRICKS DAY----A good excuse for wearing something green.

SPRING FEVER-----A time of the year when you want to drop everything. We're just about there.

EASTER BUNNY---The layer of cute Easter eggs. Earl Coons can hardly wait!

COUNTY MUSICAL-A gathering of screaming students and many well developed voices.

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## ADDITIONAL RAMELINGS . . . . . In Avon

The Junior girls played the Sophomore girls in a game of basketball March 22. Ruth Long was Captain of the junior team and Joyce Venable coach and June Price, captain of the sophomore girls with Jo Ann Jones coach. They had one big ball game with a double overtime. The final score was 22 to 21 in favor of the sophomores.

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Mrs. Parsons, Miss Horton and Miss Parsons went to Indianapolis to the World War Memorial March 17 to hear Mr. Dolch give a lecture on reading.

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John Robert Gregg, author of the Gregg Shorthand system, which is used by more than 90% of the stenographers, passed away at his home in New York February 23.

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Mrs. Martha Manly is seriously ill at her home.

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On February 26, the Avon yell leaders gave a whopping big chicken dinner for the basketball team. After filling their stomachs with the delicious food, several of the boys burned their extra calories by playing basketball. The remainder gained ounces by playing cards.

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Patty Venable won the airplane ride at the Junior Class fish fry. She took a friend, Annetta Meunier, and her sister, Joyce, with her. Piloting the plane was Paul Manly, Class of '42. They flew in a new "Stinson" flying station wagon. The air was rough but enjoyed by all.

The Junior Class is planning a class party on Wednesday night, March 31.

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Mr. Davis, a Senior at Canterbury, has been teaching part of Mr. Davis's classes at Avon.

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About 200 were present at the Junior Class fish fry. The evening was enjoyed by all.

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The shop classes are making lamps for their homes.

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The first six grades are to be given achievement tests this week. There has been a chart made for each child's achievement. We would be glad to discuss it with any of the parents.

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We are happy to have Charles Muston back with us again. He has been ill since November.

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The All County Musical was held in Canterbury gym March 19. The girls wore black skirts, white blouses, and black bow ties and the boys wore suits.

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Tuesday night, March 23, the Juniors sponsored a basketball game at which time they raffled off a basketball. Jim Price held the lucky ticket.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hamilton, of North Salem, are the parents of twin girls born March 25. Mrs. Hamilton taught music at Avon in 1938-1939.

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Mrs. Helen Egbert of Avon won the radio given by the junior class.

## QUAKERS HIT THE DECK

In the annual IHSAA Sectionals, Avon drew Plainfield in the first round games, and played on Friday afternoon. Plainfield had difficulty in working the ball around and were baffled by the Orioles' zone defense. Practically all baskets made by Stockton's charges were shot from behind the foul circle area. Meanwhile, the Quakers' defense showed early signs of cracking, and, as the gun sounded, the Hansonmen were on top. Score: Avon 46 Plainfield 35. Box score:

AVON (46)	FG	FT	PF
Gerth.....	5	5	0
Smith.....	1	0	0
Gibbs.....	2	0	2
Seipel.....	2	1	3
Christy.....	6	0	2
Sanders.....	2	0	1
Selch.....	2	0	1
Coons.....	0	0	1
PLAINFIELD (35)	FG	FT	PF
Carr.....	5	2	4
Mitchell.....	3	0	3
Peacock.....	1	1	0
Ward.....	4	0	1
Butler.....	1	1	0
Woods.....	1	1	2
Johnson.....	0	0	1

## CHARLTON BARBERS GIVE

## ORIOLES A CLOSE SHAVE

Friday night Coach Frank Hanson's charges met the quintet from the Indiana Boys' School, who eliminated Stilesville in the Friday morning session. The Orioles found Charlton all that they could handle, and trailed until the final three minutes, when they sighted the basket and put the game on ice. Final score: Avon 45 Charlton 41. Box score:

AVON (45)	FG	FT	PF
Gerth.....	4	5	2
Gibbs.....	4	1	3
Seipel.....	0	1	0
Christy.....	4	2	1
Sanders.....	4	1	2
Selch.....	1	1	1
CHARLTON (41)	FG	FT	PF
Gillies.....	4	2	3
Anderson.....	2	0	1
McKinley.....	5	0	0
Rogonovich.....	4	2	4
Love.....	0	2	0
Ingram.....	2	1	3

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## WARRIORS SCALPED BY AVON

Saturday afternoon the Avon Orioles leaped their last hurdle to go into the finals against Speedway. The Gold and Black proved to be too much for Danville who kept the Orioles on even terms in the first quarter but weakened in the second quarter and trailed Avon at halftime 27-16. Warrior Miles was the only pain in the Orioles' neck, canning 13 points for Danville. Final score: Avon 43 Danville 35.

AVON (43)	FG	FT	PF
Gerth.....	4	5	2
Gibbs.....	2	1	1
Smith.....	0	0	1
Christy.....	6	5	2
Seipel.....	1	0	2
Sanders.....	0	1	5
Price.....	0	0	1
Selch.....	2	1	2
DANVILLE (35)	FG	FT	PF
Good.....	2	0	2
Barnhart.....	1	1	3
Perkins.....	1	0	1
Miles.....	6	1	5
Finchum.....	1	1	0
Fields.....	1	0	0
Harvey.....	1	3	5
Hedge.....	0	3	0

## AVON FAILS TO CLEAN SPARK PLUGS

Saturday night the final contest took place between Speedway and Avon. It was a battle in the first quarter, but the Orioles, who had played the second game in the afternoon, were put quickly and fell under the balanced attack spearheaded by Konnie King. Avon was cold and Speedway used this to an advantage. This was the Spark Plugs first sectional crown. They were put out by Washington of Indianapolis in the Regionals, 60-44.

AVON (26)	FG	FT	PF
Gerth.....	2	3	2
Gibbs.....	1	0	3
Seipel.....	0	2	3
Christy.....	6	3	1
Sanders.....	0	0	4
Selch.....	0	0	1
SPEEDWAY (41)	FG	FT	PF
Crumley.....	3	1	0
Brumley.....	1	3	3
Wiechers.....	3	1	4
Chambers.....	1	0	1
King.....	3	4	1
Mayhugh.....	3	4	3
Roberts.....	0	0	1

## BRONCHOS THROW CENTRAL FOR STATE TITLE

The Golden bears of Evansville Central, coached by Walter Riggs, were upset in the championship game of the Indiana State Basketball Tourney by Jefferson of Lafayette, 54-42. The Bears, although trailing practically all the way, were very much in the game until the last four minutes, when the Bronchos put in four quick baskets to split the game wide open. Lafayette, coached by Marion Crawley, had not won a state title since 1916. This was Crawley's third championship team, winning with the famous Washington Hatchets in 1941 and 1942. Lafayette Jeff is also the alma mater of our own coach, Frank L. Hanson.

EVANSVILLE CENTRAL (42)	FG	FT	PF
Southwood.....	8	1	2
Vanover.....	2	1	3
Hamilton.....	1	1	1
Burdette.....	5	0	2
Schwitz.....	1	1	1
Clark.....	1	1	3
McDowell.....	0	1	3
	18	6	15
LAFAYETTE (54)	FG	FT	PF
Vaughan.....	3	1	4
Heninger.....	2	0	0
Kiser.....	2	0	1
Mottram.....	4	4	1
Hall.....	4	3	3
Masters.....	4	2	3
Robinson.....	2	2	1
	21	12	13

## \*\*ALL-SECTIONALS BY FORREST

## First Team

Crumley.....	Speedway
Christy.....	Avon
Wiechers.....	Speedway
Rogonovich.....	Charlton
King.....	Speedway

## Second Team

McCammack.....	Amo
Gerth.....	Avon
Miles.....	Danville
Rumley.....	Amo
Mayhugh.....	Speedway

## Third Team

Ward.....	Clayton
Gibbs.....	Avon
Applegate.....	Amo
Settles.....	Clayton
Selch.....	Avon

## SENIORS GET RAW DEAL IN TRIPLE BILL

The Junior Class of Avon sponsored a three-star basketball program at the Avon Gym on Tuesday night, March 23.

In the first game, which was between the fifth and sixth grades, the fifth graders proved to be no match, losing by a 24-6.

In the second game, which also proved to be pretty boresome, the eighth grade outclassed the seventh grade, 11-5.

The feature attraction was to be between the Faculty of Avon High School and the Seniors. The Seniors had many obstacles to overcome--and failed to overcome either one. The Faculty had three former college players to outclass the inexperienced Senior substitutes. Also, the officials seemed to be very one-sided in their whistle-tooting, as the Seniors could do nothing without being called for either traveling, fouling, or a held ball. It was, to the spectators, a regular carnival, but to the Seniors it had a psychological effect on them, and they didn't care whether they won or not. The clock took 'fits' of running when it was not supposed to, also, which didn't help the 12th Grade cause. The final gun found the Faculty hanging on at a 39-31 mark.

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## FROM AVON TO LAFAYETTE

Avon 46 Plainfield 35
Avon 45 Charlton 41
Avon 43 Danville 35
Speedway 41 Avon 26
Washington (Indpls) 60 Speedway 44
Anderson 45 Washington 41
Anderson 39 Madison 38
Anderson 45 Lawrenceburg 44
Lafayette 60 Anderson 48
Lafayette 54 Evansville Central 42

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## A. H. S. ATHLETES START BASEBALL TRAINING

Now that basketball is again in the books for another year, it is time for the young men's fancy to turn to thoughts of baseball. There are about 25 candidates for the Avon diamond squad, which starts its season at home against North Salem today, Thursday, April 1, 2:00. The County Track Meet is April 28. Student Managers for this season are Dave Solch and Bob Brown.

## RAMBLINGS . . . . .After the Storm, March 26.

The dent left in Mr. Walls's car by a falling brick during our windstorm on Friday, March 19, is hardly noticeable now. A tree during the tornado did a more thorough job of mashing and marring the red Dodge.

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Mr. Davisson and his family returned to Danville from an after-school trip to Lebanon on Friday afternoon to find their home severely damaged by the storm. Mr. Davisson took his family to Laporte on Saturday while he cleans up the debris and directs repairs.

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Sam Kirk, Mrs. Kirk's brother-in-law, took a ride on the tornado. A door, which he was attempting to hold closed at his garage, broke loose and sailed into the ravine, with Sam in tow. The business place was destroyed.

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Probably the only person who slept through Danville's tornado was Mrs. McCormick. By doctor's orders, she had gone to bed as soon as she got home from school and was aroused by her mother calling her. By the time she got downstairs, the really big blow had passed. A tree from across the street had missed the McCormick's car by a few feet. The new house on Maple Row, into which Mrs. McCormick's parents were to move on Tuesday, is almost a total loss. Mr. Shields was in the house at the time of the tornado, but he couldn't hold the roof on.

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Nancy Mann, daughter of our fourth grade teacher, has helped in the Red Cross Canteen, where meals have been served to the workmen who are helping to clear the wreckage.

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Jesse Price was among those who answered the call for help in Coatesville on Friday night.

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Mr. Hansen tried to ride out the tornado in his trusty Chevelot, but when trees began falling all around him, he took to his heels in the vicinity of the Crawley Garage building and just listened to the houses going by.

James Winings's pride and joy, the new green tractor, did its bit in Danville on Saturday by clearing streets and hauling wreckage.

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Howard Gibbs, one of our bus drivers, was among the volunteer traffic officers directing hundreds of automobiles through Danville during the week-end.

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The McKee family suffered heavy loss when their two-story frame house was leveled. Mrs. McKee was cut on the arms. The family is staying with the Heltons.

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Jo Ann Jones will always have vivid memories of the past week-end. The storm passed within a mile of their farm home and left homes in that vicinity without power. The Jones' home was a haven for many of their Danville friends and Jo Ann found the kerosene stove, which they used for cooking and heating water, very slow. Crin Jones helped the McKee family search for possession among the rubble and they found Mrs. McKee's Eastern Star pin.

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Fred Maners, well-known in Washington Township, had just moved into his new home last Thursday. Today it is a complete loss and they have only the clothing they wore when the storm struck. Their loss was not covered by insurance. Louis Maners lost his home and both families are living in the back of Maner's Cycle Shop.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Jenkins of Avon. Mrs. Jenkins' father died of a heart attack when he learned that his grandson was killed. Roscoe's brother, Kenneth, and family are hospitalized.

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Mr. and Mrs. Cub Bear (Gail Webb, AHS '40) had a narrow escape at their home on Cross St. When they heard the storm coming they took the two children and went to the basement garage and stood in front of the car. Brick and debris flattened the car roof causing it to touch the seat but they miraculously escaped with only minor cuts and bruises.