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SENIORS PRESENT ESSAYS AT COMMENCEMENT

Commencement Exercises Were Presented



RUTH GROOVER



THOMAS ROBERTS



IRENE POTA

Commencement exercises were held last night at eight P. M. The theme of the program was "Opportunity and Responsibility."

The program was opened by a selection from the band. Rev. Anderson pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, delivered the invocation.

The seniors who were selected to give talks were Ruth Groover, Irene Pota, Thomas Roberts and Joseph Klaptosky. Ruth Groover was the first to give her essay on "The Challenge of the Common Man." Irene Pota then talked on "The American Heritage". Thomas Roberts followed with "The Challenge of Our Times." Joseph Klaptosky was called to the service before he had time to prepare his talk.

(Note: These essays and photographs of the speakers are printed elsewhere on this page.)

The main speaker for the evening was Dr. Charles H. Boehm, Superintendent of the Bucks County Schools of Doylestown, Pa.

After several selections by the band, featuring Thomas Roberts as the soloist, Dr. W. W. Eshelman presented the class to Elam Ackerman,

A Challenge To The Common Man

It was only a short time ago—less than a quarter of a century—that the allied nations gained an out-

The Challenge of Our Times

Seldom did so many owe so much to so few as on March 13, 1945, when the American doughboys, by storm-

Lester Yerger President Of Student Council

Members of the Student Council for the 1945-48 school term have been elected. They are as follows:

The American Heritage

In the year 1620 there landed in our country a colony of people, tired of religious persecution, who were seeking a better way of life in this new world. Afterward others came,

my speech

imperial Germany.

But the peace that should have followed that war failed primarily because no joint objective upon which it could be based had been arrived at in the minds of the people, and therefore no world peace was possible.

Our own history furnishes a clue to our failure.

When the freedom-loving people march, when opportunity is open to everyone, then the world moves straight ahead. The march of freedom of the past 150 years has been a long-drawn-out people's revolution. In the Great Revolution of the people, they were the American Revolution of 1775, the French Revolution of 1792, the Latin American Revolution of the Bolivarian era, the German Revolution of 1848, and the Russian Revolution of 1917, each spoke for the common man in terms of blood on the battlefield. Some went to excess. But the significant thing is that the people groped their way to the light.

The people's revolution aims at peace and not at violence, but if the rights of the common man are attacked, it unleashes the ferocity of a she-bear who has lost a cub.

The people are on the march toward even fuller freedom than the most fortunate peoples of the earth have hitherto enjoyed. No Nazi counter-revolution will stop it. The common man will smoke the Hitler stooges out into the open in the United States, in Latin America, and in India. He will destroy their influences. No Lavals, no Mussolinis will be tolerated in a free world.

The century which will come out of this war, must be the century of the common man, when it will mean a better standard of living for everyone. Perhaps it will be America's opportunity to suggest the Freedoms

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River, thereby saving many lives and nobly portraying the courage of the American soldier. The taking of the Ludendorf Bridge will probably go down in the annals of history as one of the bravest acts of World War II, for this important bridge was taken in only ten minutes. When the Yanks saw the opportunity to take the bridge, they didn't stop to draw plans or hold conferences; they acted immediately and their actions were effective to the extent of taking the bridge and establishing a bridgehead on the eastern side of the Rhine River.

The task that faces the United States and her Allies is equally as important as the taking of the Ludendorf Bridge was, in fact, it is much more important. Our task is to make effective the peace for which the Allies have been fighting. We must work as fast and efficiently as possible in order to maintain world peace, and we must try to be good neighbors with all the countries of the world so that we may prevent another devastating catastrophe.

First of all, we must be certain that we Americans understand the democratic way of life, and then we can spread our freedom to the countries that have been under the severe rule

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Boyer and Yerger Are Co-Editors of Yearbook

The Yearbook Staff for 1946 was selected by the Junior Class. The editors are Velva Boyer and Lester Yerger who will begin planning the yearbook during the summer vacation. Harold Davidheiser is the circulation manager with Harold Yonas as his assistant. John Bracaglia and Louis Murgia are the business managers. The remainder of the staff will be selected from the senior class at the beginning of the term.

eleventh grade, Barbara Fisher, Gene Ackerman, Alice Price; tenth grade, Ralph Basile, Gloria May Francis, Mary Gich; ninth grade, Peggy Strickland, Joseph Ciori; eighth grade, Cora Dengler, and Thomas Strickland. Those on the Council from the seventh grade will be chosen at the beginning of the next school term.

Officers of the Council are:

President Lester Yerger
1st Vice Pres. Dorothy Boone
2nd Vice Pres. Gene Ackerman
Secretary Gloria Mae Francis
Installation of the new members will take place at the final assembly program.

Legion Awards

The George A. Amole Post of the American Legion awarded a medal and a certificate to the boy and girl of the eighth grade who best represents the following qualities of character and ability:

to the boy who has honor, courage, scholarship, leadership, and service.

to the girl who has honor, courage, scholarship, companionship, and service.

These awards were given to Joseph Ciori and Peggy Strickland.

P. T. A. ELECTS OFFICERS

The members of the Parent Teachers Association have elected their officers for next year's meetings. Mrs. Stanley Axsmith is the new president and Mrs. Polinski is vice president. Secretary is Mrs. Atkinson and treasurer is Mrs. Bedding.

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omic opportunity. Here was the beginning of the building of our nation. That little colony of people was to pave the way for the progress of one of the greatest democracies in the world.

After engaging in the Revolutionary War our independence was established, and then this great democracy of ours was begun. Today we still have the priceless heritage for which our forefathers fought, bled, and died—being assured to us by that great American document—the Constitution.

Written in 1787 for the welfare of all the people, the American Constitution still is today the great guardian of our democracy. So sound, so stable is it, that Congress cannot pass a law, or the President cannot issue a decree not meeting its basic principles and requirements.

Established in the Constitution is what we know as "a system of checks and balances." There are three departments in our government; the Executive, the Legislative, and the Judicial. Each has its particular duties toward the functioning of the government; each has its duties toward the people; each the responsibility of checking on the others. You can see, therefore, how the government is a tool made for the people, rather than as in totalitarianism, the people being used as tools of the government. Of course, our democracy is not perfect. There are de-

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Rotary Club Awards

The Rotary Club of Pottstown presented an award last night to the senior boy and girl for outstanding contribution to the school during their term. The Rotary award was presented to Thomas Roberts and Ruth Groover.

graduates.

Thomas Roberts, as president of the senior class gave a response in behavior of the class.

Rotary and American Legion awards were given to those pupils who were chosen for the honor.

Rev. John A. Cillmenhaga, pastor of the Brethren in Christ Church, closed the program with Benediction.

Baccalaureate Services Held in Auditorium

Baccalaureate services for the class of 1945 of W. P. High School were held Sunday, in the school auditorium.

Father Suchanek of the Saint Gabriel Church opened the program with an invocation. Rev. Cillmenhaga, Pastor of the Brethren in Christ Church, read the scripture. Rev. Anderson, Pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran Church led in the prayer. The sermon was delivered by Rev. Bartholomew, Pastor of the St. Paul Reformed Church. The program was closed by Father Suchanek.

Lester Yerger Is Editor of Falcon

The entire school voted for the Falcon Staff for next term. Lester Yerger is the new Editor-in-chief. Associate editors are Velva Boyer, Barbara Fisher, and Gene Ackerman. John Bracaglia is the business manager with Louis Murgia as his assistant. The circulation managers are Rita De Mario and Ruth Mest. The other members of the staff will be selected at the beginning of the next term. Miss Lebegood will continue to sponsor the paper.

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AVIATION

Coast to Coast Record: 6 hours, 3 minutes, 50 seconds

It is 11:38 o'clock in Seattle on the morning of January 9, 1945. A new Boeing giant of the skies, the C-97 Army transport, lifts its nose into the air and heads east.

One hour—up to 30,000 feet and smooth sailing. Two hours and up above base of stratosphere, (above 35,000 feet or more than 7 miles from the earth.) It is 45 degrees below zero outside, but it is warm and comfortable inside. Pressurized cabins maintain a condition equal to low-level flight of 5,000 feet. Three hours—high above storms over the Dakotas. Four hours—the mighty Mississippi far below. Five hours—over Ohio. Six hours, 3 minutes, 50 seconds—and the big ship arrives at

Did You Know That—

The new United States rapid-fire sub-machine gun has only 3 moving parts and can be dismantled for cleaning in 1 1/4 minutes?

The wars of Napoleon reduced the height of the average Frenchman an inch and a half because Napoleon selected the tallest and best physical specimens of France for his armies, leaving the propagation of future generations to the shorter men?

The Black Widow Spider is so named because it usually kills its mate after fertilization and its color is black?

That Linda Fry's address is 23 Grosstown Road, Stowe, Pennsylvania?

It is easier to fly the Atlantic from America to Europe, then from Europe to America because wind conditions favor flights across the ocean from West to East?

A modern United States battleship of the North Carolina Class has steel plates at the water line 20 inches thick and a torpedo cannot penetrate the armor at this point?

The sirens of the "Queen Mary" can be heard at a distance of ten miles and does not disturb the passengers on the ship because they are attuned so finely to lower Base "A" which does not disturb the eardrums?

The tiny U.S. P T-10 recently darted in amongst a fleet of Jap warships sinking one and damaging another, escaping unscathed; their main weapon being the torpedo?

The barrel alone of one 16-inch gun on a modern battleship requires over 500 tons of steel?

The new hand-grenade used by

THIS and THAT

Dirty Story

Big puddle
Muddy road
I slipped
Story told.

By Edward Polinski

Miss Raysor: "Do you think we will ever have a woman president?"
R. Mariani: "Of course not, a president has to be over 35 years of age."

Cy: "I'll give you a quarter if you can give me a question I cannot answer."

Larry: "O. K. Where does music go after it is played?"

Miss Lebengood: "The library is a sad place."

Mrs. Grubb: "Why, because of the deadly silence?"

Miss Lebengood: "No, because the windows have panes, and the books are in tiers."

Dink: "I'm as famous as Napoleon."

Tom: "Why so?"

Dink: "I went down in history."

Cop: "What kind of a driver is never arrested?"

Cleta: "A screw driver."

Man in restaurant: "Do you serve crabs here?"

Walter: (Edward Polinski) "We serve anyone sir; what will you have?"

Miss Raysor: "Michael, what is a circle?"

Michael DeGerolamo: "A circle is

Louie Likes Army Life

"Louie" Eczko is now a private in Uncle Sam's army. He is very humorous but never contributed his talent to our newspaper. After several weeks of army life, Louie wrote a most interesting letter to one of his friends. Naturally, this isn't true but, below is Louie's version of army life.

"I will now try to tell you what a day's work is like.

"We get up a little after 10 o'clock in the morning and then the Sgt. passes out the dinner menus, then comes the hour of work; 12:00 noon when the food is carried in to us. After dinner we have one hour's rest. At 2:00 we are free to go where we want to; some of the fellows go to the swimming pool, while others take their girl friends for a walk along the creek. At about 5 o'clock we go to a nice restaurant for our last meal. After supper we are usually invited to the General's home for a party. This goes on day in and day out."

AH... Those Seniors!

When the seniors leave this year, we will notice the difference. We will miss:

- Thomas Robert's nice smile . . .
- Dorothy Becker's corny laugh . . .
- Melrose Antrim's kindness . . .
- Walter Strzelecki's devilish tricks . . .
- Eleanor Colatosti's constant hustle . . .
- Cleta Harpel's ideas and artistic ability . . .
- Ruth Groover's determination . . .
- Thomas Eczko's humor . . .
- Dick Mariani's arguments . . .
- Eddie Grubb's singing voice . . .
- Eva Zissa's constant giggle . . .
- Melvin Egolf's shyness . . .
- Bernie Yon-

air travel. For the C-97 transport is the military forerunner of the great post-war airliner—the "Boeing Stratocruiser." With the advent of this new supertransport, the promises of tomorrow's aviation become realities. You'll lunch in the East, and dine in the West Coast. A high double deck for engine airplane is capable of carrying up to 100 persons. The "Boeing Stratocruiser" will have operating ranges up to 3500 miles with ample fuel reserve. You will travel in luxurious comfort, flying over all weather climates.

—Edward Polinski

WOES OF A SENIOR

The main cry of the students of West Pottsgrove, or, I guess, at any other school at this time of the year, is "Give me a namecard!"

As I enter the classroom these shouts crowd my ear-drums, "Give me a namecard!" Then as I look around, I notice that our homeroom is filled with kids—not only seniors but from all the other grades in the building. A person comes up to me and gives his familiar cry. I reach into my little box, pull out a namecard and give it to the little boy. Then I gasp in amazement and for a few minutes everything is dark and noisey. After the storm is over, I take a look into my little box and I see that there are fifty less namecards.

Namecards isn't the only thing. "Will you autograph my yearbook?" shouts one. So, I autograph his yearbook and by the time I am done writing my name, my autograph is on about ten books.

It's really a thrill to give my autograph to people. It's probably the only time I ever will; but when I look at my hands and my clothes all spotted up with that blue stuff, I shudder a little. I don't really mind if a guy has a pen that leaks, but for Pete's sake why does it have to leak on me? Then I decided to carry my own pen, which is just as bad, 'cause now I'm minus a pen.

Anyway, I'm happy about the whole thing. I'm only a senior once. Besides, I like everybody and everybody likes me, I think. ...Guess I'll go out and order some more namecards. Some of them smart kids took about six of mine and I don't have any more.

FREDERICK BROS.

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structed with a trigger that can be held until necessary?

A new United States miracle gun can fire 12,000 shots a minute with no flash—no report and using no powder because it is operated by compressed air which is supplied by a tank contained within the gun?

Pilots are always trained to fly many other types of planes before they ever fly the Lockheed P-38 because of its terrific speed?

The U.S.S. Salt Lake City, a heavy cruiser, has fought in more actions than any other surface vessel in the history of the United States?

It takes only 40 seconds for a bomb to drop 50,000 feet?

An army plane can travel over 600 miles per hour in a power dive?

The man who originated the hand grenade, the parachute, the flying machine and poison gas was Leonardo Da Vinci, better known as a painter?

The specific gravity of mercury is greater than that of iron?

The United States Assay Office quotes the price of gold as \$35.00 per ounce?

It takes between 5 and 8 hours for a ship to pass through the Panama Canal?

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Miss Werner: "John, name two pronouns."

John Schneider: (caught napping) "Who? Me?"

Miss Werner: "That's correct, John."

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Michael Ferenz: "Didn't you say once that there was something about me that you liked?"

Mary Zimmerman: "Yes, but you spent it all."

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Mrs. Eshelman: "How did you happen to oversleep this morning, Richard?"

Richard: "Well, there were eight of us in the house and the alarm was only set for seven."

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Miss Rosenberry: "What are foreign entanglements?"

Richard Cloe: "Spaghettl."

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We will also miss all the good that was not brought out of the Seniors.

MARTIN BROTHERS PUT ON PROGRAM

The Martin brothers presented to our students a marvelous program in a recent assembly. Wip drew pictures while Lowl sang. Their selections were "The Old Rugged Cross" and "The Eye Watches Over the Sparrow". Miss Ruth Hauseman accompanied Lowl by playing the piano.

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Students To Receive Letters

At the finale assembly program this year letters will be given to those students who are outstanding in an extra school activity. The following people will receive letters on Friday:

- Seniors—Class of '45**
 Melrose Antrim, Falcon
 Edward Chayson, Band
 Eleanor Colatosti, Falcon, Basketball
 Cyrus Ecker, Band, Football
 Melvin Egolf, Manager of Football
 Paul Gofus, Football
 Joseph Klaptosky, Football, Basketball
 Richard Mariani, Football, Basketball
 Hazel Mest, Band
 Irene Pota, Falcon
 Thomas Roberts, Band, Football, Student Council
 Bernard Yonas, Football
- Juniors—Class of '46**
 John Bracaglia, Band
 Gloria Baro, Band
 Richard Cloa, Football
 Patrick Colatosti, Football
 Harold Davidheiser, Football
 Rita DeMarlo, Basketball
 Gilbert Dunning, Football
 Linda Frye, Basketball
 Raymond Gofus, Football, Basketball
 Vernon Levengood, Band, Falcon
 Ruth Mest, Band, Basketball
 Louis Murgia, Band, Basketball
 Lester Yerger, Basketball, Falcon
 Helen Wentzel, Basketball
- Sophomores—Class of '47**
 Gene Ackerman, Football, Basketball
 Lawrence Baro, Band, Football
 Gene Bauer, Manager of Basketball



JOE KLAPTOSKY

COMMON MAN

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and duties by which the common man must live. Everywhere the common man must learn to build his own industries with his own hands in a practical fashion. Everywhere the common man must learn to increase his productivity so that he and his children can eventually pay to the world community all that they have received.

Yes, and when the time of peace comes the citizens will again have a duty, the supreme duty of sacrificing the lesser interest for the greater interests of the general welfare. Those who write the peace must think of the whole world. There can be no privileged peoples. We ourselves in the United States are no more a master race than the

operation with a United Nations investment corporation to develop flood-control works, irrigation projects, soil reclamation, rural electrification, and the like, it will make possible an expansion in half of the area of the world reminiscent of that which was stirring in our own land during its rapid growth from 1870 to 1910.

If the individual is to take and enjoy an active part in society, he must be prepared to extend to everyone, whether they are rich or poor, whether they agree with us or not, no matter what their race or color of their skin, our common language, religion, folklore, traditions, literature, art, music, beliefs, habits, modes of expression, hates, fears, ideals, and tribal loyalties. The individual must express himself in patriotism which is itself built from the fundamentals of love of family, love of country, pride in racial accomplishments and their homes. They fight for their flag.

Man is a combative animal. He loves contest. He hates easily. His beliefs in superiority are quickly transformed into arrogance. And that is one of the stimulants of aggression. We cannot with good conscience, expect to enjoy peace within our own boundaries if we hold race, color, or creed against one another.

Many intellectuals deny that it is within the capacity of ordinary busy men and women to have sound political judgment. Yet, essential wisdom is possible without elaborate learning. Lincoln did not need to have a college education in order to be wise. The evils which have come upon us are not due to lack of knowledge in the sense that we lack the knowledge to cure cancer, or com-

the joy that can come from the give-and-take of human contacts and fruitful daily living. Out of it, if we all do our part, there will be new opportunity and new security for the common man—that blend of Liberty and Unity which is the bright goal of millions.

Mothers and Daughters Enjoy Banquet

The Mothers and Daughters banquet proved to be a delightful occasion. The food was made by the Home Economic girls under the direction of Mrs. Atkinson.

After the meal the girls put on a program to entertain their mothers. Miss Ruth Groover acted as Mistress of Ceremonies. Then everyone took part in the humorous games that were played. In this game Mrs. Augustine took first prize and Mrs. Reigel took second prize.

Mrs. Kercher was the speaker of the occasion and delivered a beautiful address on the young girl as she steps out into life, to noble womanhood.

Those that were present are as follows: Mrs. Alexander Augustine and daughter Isabelle; Mrs. Roy Becker and daughters, Betty and Dorothy; Mrs. Sebastian Colatosti and daughter Eleanor; Mrs. August Di Nicco and daughter Teresa; Mrs. Howard Groover and daughter Ruth; Mrs. William Harpel and daughter Cleta; Mrs. Wilson Mest and daughter Hazel; Mrs. Bruce Reigel and daughter Jean; Mrs. Kercher and Miss Raysor.

Fun at Classnight

Class night was a hilarious affair as the seniors put on their fun-

awarded a little token to remember class night.

The main event of the evening was the patrol awards which were given to a boy and girl who was an outstanding leader throughout the year. Mr. Beacraft presented the awards to Linda Fry and Louis Murgia.

Did You Notice . . .

June Coccie in Home Economics, sewing without thread . . . Richard Lavinia's new name, "Tabby" . . . Cy Ecker and his piano . . . the shrubbery around the school . . . Peg Strickland as an oldtime teacher . . . how nice "Saxie" looks in his uniform . . . Lester's huge vocabulary . . . Melrose Antrim making paper toys . . . Miss Raysor's after-school class . . . the devoted couple — Jeanne Pickar and a certain junior . . . the popularity of horses among the boys . . . how the seniors are rushed for name cards and autographs . . . that "Packy" was one minute late one day . . . the band's beautiful version of "Stormy Weather" . . . the braids that the girls are wearing . . . that there are no posters in the hall anymore . . . the terrific yearbook that the seniors put out.

Yearbook Arrives

The Yearbook arrived a week ahead of time this year and is a grand book. The seniors are putting on a campaign to sell the books. Irene Pota, her staff of editors, and the entire class have worked hard and with great effort to get the book finished in good time.

The blue cover shows up magnificently with "Pottsgroviaan" printed in gold.

John Dori, Football
 Mary Jane Emore, Basketball
 Barbara Fisher, Student Council
 Dorothy Kautz, Band, Basketball
 Alice Price, Basketball
 Paul Satko, Band
 Robert Spacht, Band, Basketball
 Thomas Weikel, Band
 John Yarmush, Football

Ninth—Class of '48
 Dolores Bedding, Band
 Edith Dunning, Band, Basketball
 Michael Ferenz, Band
 Gloria Mae Francis, Band
 Edward Polinski, Band
 John Schneider, Football
 Francis Smith, Band

Eighth—Class of '49
 Joseph Ciori, Student Council
 Albert Stauffer, Band
 Peggy Strickland, Band, Student Council

Seventh—Class of '50
 Thomas Strickland, Band

Prom Held at El Chico

The annual Jr. Prom was held at the El Chico on May 11, 1945. Many evening gowns and tuxedos were seen at this colorful high light of the year.

The Prom is the annual affair at which the Junior Class entertain the Seniors before Commencement.

The small group that attended enjoyed Lee Decrolf's orchestra very much.

PRAYERS FOR V-E DAY

V-E Day was celebrated in our school by a special program of prayers. The program was indeed very lovely as all the children led by the ministers of the community offered their thanks to God; and asked Him to end this war very soon.

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ing to be created—the new order" which the Nazis talk about and which would abolish the new form of slavery they would impose but a new order of Democracy where security, stability, efficiency and widely distributed abundance would prevail. Men must be free to choose their callings, bargain for their own services, save and provide for their families and old age. They must engage in enterprise so long as each does not injure his fellow man.

The war must bring forth a new type of industrialist who will give much promise for the future. This type of business leader must be willing to cooperate with the people's government in carrying out socially desirable programs. He must conduct these programs on the basis of private enterprise, and for private profit, while putting into effect the people's standards as to wages and working conditions. We shall need the best efforts of such men as we tackle the economic problems of the world.

This problem is well recognized by the average man on the street, who sums it up in a nutshell like this: If everybody can be given a job in war work now, why can't everybody have a job in peace time production later on? He will demand an answer, and the returning soldier and sailor will demand an answer. This will be the test of statesmanship on the home front, just as ability to cooperate with other nations for peace and improved living standards will be the test of statesmanship on the international front.

There are practical people in the United States who believe that we have the "know how" to help many of the poverty-stricken peoples to set their feet on the path of education, manual dexterity, and economic literacy. If American missionaries of a new type, equipped with this "know how" can work in co-

operation with the guidance or public policy.

The notion that John Q. Citizen is the helpless puppet of the influentials is an untruth. His opinion is the final court of appeal in politics. The kind of leaders we get depends on him, since none can lead if he does not follow. It was he who defeated Wilson in America and helped in Britain to destroy the last peace—meaning well all the time. The influentials have often been as blind to their interests as John Citizen to his. The "educated" go just as wrong as the "uneducated", and John's common sense can often be a better guide than the expert's learning. To grasp the full meaning of the obvious is a better basis of sound judgment than confused knowledge of the obscure.

The people, the great masses have been an easy prey because they were so easily divided—divided by their nationalism.

We need no longer be divided because the national interest upon which we must unite will have been made evident to us. We shall no longer exhort mankind to build castles in the air while we build our own defenses on sand.

And now we of this generation, trusting in Providence to guide our steps, go forward to meet the challenge of the new democracy. In the new democracy, there will be a place for everyone—the worker, the farmer, the business man, the housewife, the doctor, the salesman, the teacher, the student, the store clerk, the taxi driver, the preacher, the engineer—all the millions who make up our modern world. This new democracy will give us freedom such as we have never known, but only if as individuals we perform our duties with willing hearts. It will be an adventure in sharing—sharing of duties and responsibilities, and sharing of

the West Pottsgrove schools.

The program was made up of the class history, class will and prophecy. The class prophecy was enacted by the seniors and was very humorous. Finally every senior was

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of fanatics of the Hitler type. Much of this will depend on whether or not we have an army of occupation in Europe and the Far East, and if we do, our men should be there to help those people rebuild their countries, not merely to watch over them as sentries in a prison camp. We cannot act to the conquered as conquerors forever, for remember, a free people can be led a greater distance and to greater heights than a slave can be driven.

We saw Germany surrender unconditionally a few weeks ago. What good did we get out of this war now that it is over in Europe? In the field of science we have made gigantic gains, but compare those gains with our losses. All of the money in the world will not pay for our sons and brothers that were killed in this war. Yes, we have beaten Germany in a military sense, but what about their Nazi ideas? Have we beaten them enough to make them forget Nazism? After being trampled upon by the Allies, the Germans may develop a hatred toward us, causing them to turn into a barbaric race of warriors instead of a peace-seeking civilization. No lasting peace can be founded with the Germans until the German people and their allies have learned that their gospel of force, hate, domination and destruction will not be tolerated by the free peoples of the world. It is imperative that the German people learn the futility of the gospel of force and domination. The peace with Germany must not be written in hate or disagreement. It must be a peace of a spirit of intelligent, mutual helpfulness and good will, for a military victory will not save the democratic system. Germany must be kept totally disarm-

their country will be converted into a prosperous nation in years to come.

As a leading nation of the world, we must learn to be friendly with our distant neighbors just as we are with Canada and the South American countries. We have never had a better opportunity than during this war to see that we must spread the "Good Neighbor Policy" throughout the entire world in order to maintain world peace. So let us in our community, along with the rest of the world, remember that the love of our neighbors will bring us lasting peace.

I feel that we must revitalize our democratic way of life to the end that it may stand out as a model to the entire world. Truly, American democracy may well be the leavening influence in world civilization.

Today America has the opportunity, the responsibility, yes, the challenge to so live the democratic ideal that other nations may find us worthy of emulation, and thus build for an enduring democratic world civilization.

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facts and flaws which must be eliminated. This is due to the fact that democracy is not completed. It is an ideal for which we are striving. We are progressing toward that ideal.

In a democracy such as ours, education is highly essential. In our schools the youth are taught the democratic way of life. They are allowed to think; they are taught to think. They are not prohibited to know and read about the current everyday happenings which concern their welfare. They are informed about the ways of living in foreign countries. Democracy must have free, intelligent, thinking people. Democracy to continue to prosper and function, as in the words of Thaddeus Stevens, "depends on an enlightened citizenry."

How different from that of the totalitarian state, which relies on ignorance. There, thinking and public opinion are forbidden. The youth are not even aware of the advantages of freedom in a democratic form of government.

You can readily see the abundance of opportunity in this liberty-loving land of ours. Opportunity was abundant in 1620 when the colonists first came; today it is even more abundant. People have come from all different countries of the world to enjoy our American ideals and privileges. They have brought with them their cultures and blended

people of other countries, the people here in America continue to rule themselves.

Today we are still fighting for our priceless heritage in this World War II. Those who are fighting and giving their lives are doing so not merely because they have a love for democracy, but they believe it can and will win. They have a firm faith in it. What is the picture here

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building an army for conquest, we can be certain of another war in a few decades. The German people must sweat and sacrifice for a few generations until they have learned that their government should be a government for the people and not the people for the government. Above all, the German people must make proper retribution for the atrocities of this war.

Japan, one of our allies in the last war and a bitter enemy in this war, is another country to whom we must teach the "Good Neighbor Policy". After seeing Germany fall in two world wars, Japan still has not learned that democracy seems to be the dominating force of the world. Perhaps after this war, with many of her soldiers being well educated, Japan can be reconverted into a peace loving nation.

Besides imposing rules and regulations on the Axis powers, we must see that none of the neutral countries or even our own allies become too imperialistic and cause another war. Remember, Japan and Italy, our Allies in the last war, have caused the death of many American lads in this war. Some of our allies, especially China, will need our help in reconversion. China was of great assistance to us in this war. Without the hand-made air fields of the Chinese, we would have had a difficult time in bombing the islands of the Japanese Empire. Knowing that the Chinese are a hard-working, peace-loving people, we can see that

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