

Walteria Graduates Feted At Party Following Ceremonies

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This time of year the biggest stories are about those graduation events. This year there were 85 graduates from the eighth grade here in Walteria. The graduation week was a busy one for these young people. On Monday, June 11, the local PTA sponsored the annual tea held for the students graduating and their parents. Gathering round tables cleverly decorated in paper and ivory the guests enjoyed dainty sandwiches, cookies, and coffee. Entertainment was given by members of the graduating class who sang several songs for the occasion. Parents were introduced by the proud offspring to wind up a very successful affair.

The next event on the graduation week program was the annual party for graduates sponsored by the Business Men's Club. This year the party was held at Ed Nickel's Ranch on Newton St. Dancing and swimming along with hotdogs, potato chips, cake and coke were enjoyed by the 85 young people that attended. The evening was one pleasant for both old and young as the students proved they are becoming responsible citizens by behaving so that the chaperoning was almost unnecessary. The aforementioned chaperones, by the way, were Bob Wagner, Virgil Hancock, Don Matthews, and Frank Fisher of the Business Men's Club; Mmes. R. Schrauben, Charles Jackson, C. Ruskack, and Mr. Henry Pink, Jr., of the PTA. Teachers attending the entire evening included Mr. A. Nociolo, Mr. Frank Taylor, and Vice Principal Mulaney. Principal A. Artuso stopped by for part of the fun but was unable to attend the whole meeting.

Of course, the most important event of the week was the graduation itself. The commencement exercises were held at 8:30 p.m. on June 14. The program was inspirational to students and parents alike, with the processional "Pomp and Circumstance" played by the school band beginning the proceedings. The Flag Salute was led by Joe Fish, spring president of the Walteria Student Advisory Council. Invocation was given by a graduate, Miss Charlotte Ball. The eighth grade chorus sang selections during the program including "Battle Hymn of the Republic," "April Showers," "H." Introductions were made by Robert Whitley who introduced the other graduates making speeches. Miss Carla Cramer gave her thoughts on "The Role of Home and Parent." Marion Daniels spoke on "The Community," and Richard Spurgeon chose as his title "Desire and Thanks." Mr. Sheets, an eighth grade teacher, presented the class to the principal, while diplomas were presented by Mr. Charlton Newborn, president of the Board of Education, and Mr. D. Mulaney, vice principal. May we extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the graduating class.

Friends in need are friends indeed was aptly illustrated on Tuesday evening, June 12, when a group of friends and neighbors gathered to clean Mrs. Eva Kelley's yard on Park St. Mrs. Kelley has been ill and unable to do the necessary yard work, so Charley Anderson brought along his mower to cut the grass while Henry and Helen Conze, Harve Dahl, Muriel Dahl, Dick and Louella Lassen and Ricky Lassen, Clarence and Margaret Swanson, and Joe and Lenora Gemosta cleaned and trimmed. The group willingly labored until the yard was in apple-pie order, earning Mrs. Kelley's heartfelt thanks. Speaking of Mrs. Kelley, she entered the Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles for eye surgery on Monday afternoon. May we extend her heartiest get-well wishes.

The Little League had a lot of fun for all the family recently when they held a family picnic day. Pot-luck dishes added to the zest of the hotdogs, ice cream, and cold drinks furnished by the Little

League for one and all. Dinner was eaten in the outfield, and then the moms turned in to umpires while the dads played a game just to show the boys there's life in the old bones, too. All in all the afternoon was a huge success. By the way, a lot of you folks have been wanting information on the different teams here in the local Little League. There are 10 teams in our league including four major teams and six minor teams. The majors include the Angels, managed by Bruce Richardson and coached by Ray McLaughlin; the Padres, managed by Fred Paul, coached by Carl Vedborg; Seals managed by Mike Ramirez, coached by George Halland; and the Stars managed by Bill Brooks and coached by Dorrall Dumeshausen. In the Minor league there are the Angels managed by William Pettepiece, coached by T. Lotina and William Miller; Padres managed by William Dodds and Claude Englehardt as coach; Seals managed by Jack Rices, coached by Van Sommer; Stars managed by George McBurney and Ed Kline coaching; Solons with Bill Stout as manager and Jo Carroll as coach; and the Oaks with William Creighton managing and Don Dutweiler coaching. Needless to say, all the activities are carried on at Kissel Field, situated between Newton St. and Highway 101, just west of the Post Office. Any of you who want entertainment would surely enjoy watching these young citizens compete.

The Walteria Business Women had a wonderful time at their meeting last Thursday evening when they met at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Lavit for a spaghetti dinner and all the trimmings prepared by George Brandt. After the dinner the business meeting was held at which it was decided to hold no meeting in the month of July, and to have their August meeting in the form of the annual "children's" evening. The entire group then enjoyed the showing of films taken of various national parks by the Lavits.

A most welcome and surprise visit was paid Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wagner last week when Mrs. Herman Miller, Mrs. Wagner's grandmother, and cousin, Clifford Miller, Jr., arrived from Kaneohe, Oahu, Hawaii. The Millers are at present staying with another granddaughter, Mrs. Ernest Rogers of Anaheim, following which visit they will go to San Pedro Sula in Honduras, Central America, for two and one-half months. After their stay in Honduras they will return to Walteria where they will stay with the Wagners for a couple of weeks. Needless to say, Lea is very excited over the prospects of the visit since she wants to catch up on all the events of her homeland.

A very sincere welcome back goes to the Irv Radtkes who have returned to their home on Dalemead St. after a year's absence. They brought back with them the four-month-old addition to their family, little Susan Carol. Their many friends were glad to see them back in town again.

The Don Matthews spent part of last week on a trip to Arizona when they took their children to visit relatives.

Mrs. Mollie Dowd, Neece Ave., entertained overnight company last week-end when Mrs. Marguerite Murray of Los Angeles spent Saturday evening with her. The two ladies journeyed to Alhambra the following day where they visited with Mrs. Dowd's father, Mr. William D. Stark.

Another victim has fallen to that neumonia bug which seems to be going the rounds. She is Hilary Gall, daughter of Jack and Claire Gall, Danaha St. Glad to know she is getting well rapidly and is up and around again, though still confined to the house.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Rampley of Winlock Dr. and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Femble joined in a pleasant trip over the week end when they went to the mountains on Big Bear Lake

resort. Mrs. Peggy Gehres of Ocean Ave. missed the last sermon preached by Rev. Gene Gehres at the local Methodist Church when she had to rush their young son Randy to Harbor General Hospital on Sunday morning. Seems Randy had to have his stomach pumped after swallowing insect poison. Fortunately he made a quick recovery and was able to join the Gehre family in enjoying a luscious bar-b-que steak dinner served them that evening at the W. A. Stevens residence on Newton St.

By the way, this reporter failed to give the names of the newly elected officers of the Business Men's Club when the election and installation was held, so here goes. Serving the club in capacity of president for the coming year is Robert Wagner. He will be ably assisted by Mr. Don Matthews, vice president; Bob Sleeth, secretary; and Dale Whann, treasurer. Various

other members will serve the club in the capacity of board members and committee chairmen. The Club will hold their annual chicken dinner and on the evening of July 7 at the Nickel's Ranch on Newton St.

The Girl Scouts have been busy this last week. Troop 390 of Intermediate Girl Scouts went on an exciting trip last Tuesday, June 12, when they took in the sights at Disneyland. Though the day turned out to be terrifically hot, the whole group was able to have a good time. Adults accompanying the 24 girls who went on the jaunt were Mr. and Mrs. Dick DeMott, Mrs. Chas. Jackson, Mrs. John Chaudano, Mrs. Charles Hobbs, the group leader, and Mrs. Ivan Lewis.

Welcome guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Parsons of Dalemead last week were Mrs. George Branson of Winfield, Kas.; Mr. and Mrs. Russell Parsons, Sr., of Ponca City, Okla.; and Russell Parsons, Jr.

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