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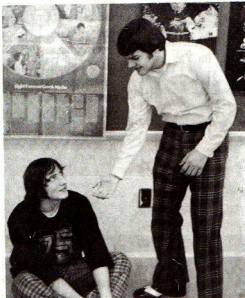
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Lanphier Students Advance To Sectional Speech Contest, March 15

On Saturday, March 1, the Lanphier Speech Team competed at the District Contest in Lincoln. Winning first places were Ralph Young in Dramatic Interpretation, Rob Levine in Humorous Interpretation, and Ralph Young and Steve Courtney in Dramatic Duet Acting. Diane Herron placed second in Verse Reading. All will compete in the Sectional Contest at Wood River on March 15.

Competing in the contest, but not going to Sectional were Jerry Teubner in Radio Speaking and Steve Courtney in Original Comedy.

As a team Lanphier tied for second with Williamsville and Chatham Glenwood. Lincoln took first place. This is the best Lanphier has ever done in the District Contest. The State Contest will be held early in April at Bradley University in Peoria.



Here are Ralph Young and Steve Courtney in a performance "Of Mice And Men" which won first place at the District Speech Contest in Dramatic Duet Acting.

OFFICE GETS FACE JOB

Recently the Lanphier office underwent repairs. A new office was added, a room for "Announcements" was built, the copy machine was moved, and some walls were painted orange. But, where did the money come from? As explained by Mr. Schmidt, and others, the money was budgeted at the beginning of the fiscal year for this specific purpose under the Maintenance Fund. Since this money came under "maintenance" it could not be transferred to any other fund. However, other money, such as Education Fund money can be transferred into the maintenance fund.

The construction itself was "badly" needed. Mr. Distlehorst has a new office. His old one was not big enough or private enough for his needs. Mr.

Vickhas also gained some privacy by having the intercom system placed in a separate room. Before this move, Mr. Vick would have to "drop everything" to permit the making of the announcements during 4th and 7th hours. The "noisy" copy machine was moved into Mr. Distlehorst's old office to allow quiet in the office. (?)

My complaint is this - was it the wisest thing to do? Especially now, with the approach of the tax proposal, how would the public view this move? Many tax payers will complain that the money could have served a better purpose. Even though the money was in a different fund, and the repairs were necessary, the timing of such a project couldn't have been worse. With

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Juniors Plan For Prom

by Randy Ginder

The Junior Class will present "Saturday In The Park" as the theme for this year's Prom to be held May 10, 1975. The back up theme will be "Color My World." The place and time have yet to be decided upon.

The band that will perform will be Headeast. The cost of having them is \$800.00. The Junior Class has also had a candle sale and the faculty basketball game which earned them \$425.00.

Choir To Sing Office In Old Gym Cont.

Cast Announced For School Play

The Concert and ACappella Choirs will be performing Sunday, March 16 at 2:30 in the old gymnasium here at Lanphier.

The music will consist of mainly religious songs. Some of the more outstanding songs are: Alleluia, Lift Up Your Heads, Kum Ba Yah, and O Divine Redeemer.

ACappella Choir will be accompanied by a bass guitar and drums. The choirs will be under the direction of Miss Helen Spiegel.



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rumors of carpet in the office, many students feel that this would make matters even worse. There is nothing wrong with carpet in the office, or anywhere else for that matter, but it seems that the schools are laughing in the faces of the voters, even if they are only rumors.

One change should definitely be made — the School Board should devise a method whereby money from the Maintenance Fund can be transferred to the Educational Fund. I would rather have a sound education, it seems more necessary than some of the "repairs" that have been done.

Apathy At LHS

Here at Lanphier there is a lack of real school spirit. One possible reason is the split shift with the juniors and seniors coming early in the morning and the freshmen and sophomores in the afternoon. At the pep assemblies few or none know the cheers. Some don't even know the full school song. Whatever the reason, something should be done. But then no one cares enough to do anything about the school's apathy.

With the tryouts for "Let Me That You Love Me, Junie Moon" long over, the duties were divided thusly: Alison Grove earned the part of Junie Moon, Ralph Young the part of Arthur, Rob Levine, Warren; Ellen Schleyhahn, Minnie; Leonard Ferguson, Dr. Kirkland; Amy Aho, Miss Holt; Jeannette Landis, Miss Oxford; Bruce Bennett, John Goren; Marilyn Stephens, Marilyn; Pam Hood, Lil Wyner; Laurie Bilyeu, Gregogy; and Steve Courtney, Mario. Karen Kunz was given charge of the publicity proceedings.

Under the direction of Mrs. Peters, the cast has been practicing as often as four evenings per week.

With opening night April 18, just around the corner Director Peters commented, "At this point the play is progressing pretty smoothly. I am happy with the cast and the production staff. We are all, both excited and optimistic about the final result."



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CAN YOU FIND
THESE NAMES?

- March Thirtieth
- March Seventeenth
- Easter Rabbit
- Candy
- Lillies
- Palm Sunday
- Re surrection
- Leprechaun
- Green
- St. Patrick
- Baby Chicks
- Shamrocks

Ralph Young Sez.... The Decision Is Yours

This column was supposed to be entitled "We Can Do Something," but it seems the Springfield School Board has done something for us or to us depending on your outlook. They have already and definitely cut \$1,047,000 from the public school system's budget for the 1975-76 fiscal year. They have also approved an additional cut of \$2,095,004 in staff and non-staff reductions. The reductions totaling two million dollars might be cut at the beginning of the new fiscal year. The reductions totaling one million dollars will be cut at the same time regardless of the outcome of the tax referendum on Tuesday, March 18.

Some of the cuts and how much money that they expectedly will save from by eliminating them are as follows:

186 teachers (61 have been eliminated already) \$1,765,400, seven high school counselors \$72,100, seven nurses (there are 14 now) \$68,415, 16 librarians (there are 24 now) \$155,200.

If the tax referendum fails what will these and other cuts mean? It means there will be no sports, no extra-curricular activities, no clubs, no yearbook, and no newspaper.

It means the career courses offered at Lanphier will be abolished. It means band, vocal music, and art classes in the high schools will be eliminated.

It means the student-teacher ratio in Springfield will increase from 1:23 to 1:29, the counselor-student ratio in high schools from 1:312 to 1:480, the nurse-student ratio from 1:1460 to 1:2920, and the librarian-student ratio from 1:852 to 1:2555.

It means that for the price of a pack of cigarettes, a package of cookies, a quart of ice cream, etc. per week the people of Springfield will be denying their children, grandchildren, and neighbors a chance at bettering themselves.

Here are a few more general opinions and observations I would like to express about what has happened over the past year.

I'm sick and tired of people giving the excuse "I'd like to vote yes, but I just can't afford it." Saving \$.50 or a dollar a week is the easiest thing to do if you really want to.

I think the same people who voted down the other referendums because they said the school board was only bluffing are the same people yelling the loudest about no sports etc. Is the board bluffing now?

It appears to me that some people, including teachers and administrators, are obsessed with the idea that the schools remain open no matter what the conditions are. I'm sure these same people would report to work and accept decisions that would take away all their fringe benefits. I'm sure they wouldn't say anything if they were suddenly forced to work in overcrowded and under adverse conditions.

There are also some people obsessed with the idea of spending money which the district could use elsewhere for necessities. Once such incident is the insane spending of money used in remodeling Lanphier's main office. Don't get me wrong it looks nice and it was an improvement, but I'm sure nobody else would spend money for luxuries when they can't even afford essentials. I think we should protest every unnecessary spending of money until the district is able to support itself.

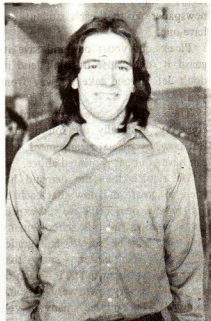
If you're waiting for the State to do "something" in the foreseeable future forget it. If and when they bring us up to the funding of other school districts we might be in a rut that will take years to climb out of.

Remember the tax referendum is only to keep the schools running the way they presently are. If the referendum passes we will still have a long way to go to bring education in Springfield up to what is adequate.

The people in Springfield are going to be asked to make a sacrifice on March 18. They can sacrifice some freedoms, spare time, or maybe a few pleasures, or they can sacrifice their children's education.

Dan Favero Wins Award

Dan Favero, a senior at Lanphier, won the Betty Crocker Search for Leadership in Family Living Award. He won the award by competing against students in home economics classes. The test was given in class to all home economics students, and any



one else wishing to take the exam. Here are some of the questions that won him the award:

Which of the following cause the most drug poisoning? (a) cough syrup, (b) tranquilizers, (c) aspirin, or (d) antihistamines.

Chris's friend, a woman in her seventies, has just been told that she will never recover from a current illness. When Chris visits her she should....(a) act cheerful, (b) act normally, (c) talk about people who have died peacefully, (d) remind her that doctors could make a mistaken diagnosis.

How would you answer these questions?



"Put not your trust in money, but put your money in trust."

Oliver Wendall Holmes

Tokens Are Here

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by Dawn Wilkins
and Dianne Wilkins

At long last we have them, and in sufficient quantity so that we could include one in each copy of this newspaper so that each student can have one.

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Seniors Advance To State

Two Lanphier seniors are set to compete for college scholarships, as the Illinois State Bowling Association holds its annual State Tournament on May 3rd in Countryside, Illinois.

Senior Dave Chestnut and January graduate Debbie Sockel will both compete in the open division, after qualifying for the State Tournament by winning the area tournament at Town & Country Lanes on February 22nd.

Chestnut won the Boys' Open Division by rolling a 1205 total, as Sockel won the Girls' Open by shooting a 1035 for the six game round.

Should either of these bowlers win the State meet, they will continue in the National Finals in Texas, to whom Lanphier High School is not unknown, as 1974 graduate Guy Hoover finished second in the nation last year, and received a \$1,250 scholarship for his efforts.

Would You Believe?

- (1) Can you believe Wednesday night, February 26, Edison was defeated by the one and only! L.H.S. "Right On"
- (2) Can you believe H.M. Bellamy is afraid of little white mice? "Now ain't that cute?"
- (3) Can you believe 11th grader Debbie Westcott spends her spare time coloring in a Wizard of Oz coloring book with her favorite Crayola Crayons? "Well what ever turns you on."
- (4) Would you believe Sandy Madison height 4'11" last year and still 4'11" this year? "Small world, huh."
- (5) Would you believe David Chestnut claims his real name is Bilber Gaggins? What some people'll say just to get their names in the newspaper. "oops"
- (6) Can you believe, we have no teachers at Lanphier High, because all of them were supposed to be fired? Well, you know what that means people. "We can go home!" Now can I get an "amei" for the fired teachers?

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