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Pvt. Becker Writes Again

Company B, 12th Br., 4th Regiment, BIRTIC
Fort McClellan, Alabama

Dear Dr. Bryan,

I was pleased to have your letter of January 12. Believe me, it's a help to know the folks up there still think about me. That sounds as if I've been gone a long time; well, it seems like a long time.

Since last Friday I've been waiting to hear how the debaters came out in the second tournament. I certainly hope they made through again. I was glad to hear that plans for the Honors Assembly are under way.

The last I heard about our basketball team was from Tom Grippen Scott while at Carter he said the team was doing well I'll bet, Mrs. Britton and that choir are right in the midst of another good operafest. Given a chance for another good show and lots of encouragement, I'm sure it's doing it.

There isn't much news, as far as I am concerned. I'm started on my fifth week of basic training and finally I'm rid myself of the cold I've had for seven weeks. I've shot three kinds of rifles (and cleaned them), learned something about bayoneting and digging. I've tried to dig myself into a slit-trench but without much success.

Of course, I don't know where I'll be from here. I'm hoping for a certain assignment which will take me farther north (I got too cold down here), but I'll let you know when and if I arrive there...

I'm certainly shocked and sorry to hear about Miss Zanes. It's a real loss to State High, and I hope the students who were fortunate enough to be present will keep alive many of the things for which she stood.

As ever,

Albert Becker

Debaters Will Enter State Eliminations

State High's debaters, by winning three out of four debates in the second Western Michigan Debate League tournament, held on Friday, January 15, are now eligible to enter the State Elimination Series.

The topic for debate was "Resolved: that a federal World Government should be established." The affirmative side of the question was upheld by Bob Fuller and Bob Maloney.

The nine schools entered in the tournament were: Allegan, Battle Creek, Benton Harbor, Coldwater, Comstock, Niles, Otsego, State High and Sturgis.

Of these, State High, winning seven out of eight debates in the two tournaments, was the highest. From now on our debaters will debate the champions of other districts throughout the state. One loss disqualifies you.

By this method, the two best teams in the state are chosen to debate in the Hill Auditorium at the University of Michigan.

Ward Sangren Writes of His Navy Enlistment

Dear Mother, Dad and Hidur.

At long last things are finally settled. Friday along with thirty-seven other boys I was sworn in at 8:30, I sat until three o'clock, and was offered the opportunity to join the revolutionists who are plotting to dynamite the water works of the bewhiskered Don Jose talking of the opellos, and be sent to Radar School at Har...
Invest in Victory

To each of the larger high school newspapers in the country, the War Savings Staff of the Treasury Department has mailed a collection of facts and figures comprising the "Factual Release." This release contains information about War Savings Stamp and Bond drives and is of especial interest to high school students at the present time. Permission for publication of the material has been granted.

This war will be costly—costlier than any we have ever engaged in. Compare with other wars in our history.

- The Revolution cost $104,000,000.
- The Civil War cost $3,300,000,000.
- The World War I cost $25,000,000,000.

It has been estimated that this war will cost the United States at least $50 billions. This figure represents a per capita cost of $3,000 for every person in the United States. It will amount to nearly six times the cost of all the wars in our history put together.

The problem of paying for this war is a most difficult one, but it will be greatly relieved by the sale of War Bonds and Stamps. The government issues War Stamps (in five denominations from ten cents to five dollars) because some people may not be able to buy an $18.75 bond but are able to save up from their income slowly for such a bond. These bonds which mature in ten years and constitute a wise way of providing money in the future.

Stamps, though not yielding interest, are becoming ever more popular as a step toward the bond. During June, 1942, considerably less than $3,000,000,000 in stamps were sold; during June, 1942, the figure rose to nearly $40,000,000. Uncle Sam is now printing as many stamps as $70,000,000 a day to fill the present demand.

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I was very much shocked and saddened to hear of Miss Zane's death. She was a marvelous instructor and probably as well liked as any teacher in the entire school.

Mr. Quiring and the boys certainly did some extra fine work this past gridiron season. Winning the "Big Six" football crown is a difficult task to accomplish, but a nice one to cherish.

Our Coast Guard unit is now doing advanced training work. The reason for the change in curriculum being that most of the men taking training have been here about fourteen weeks. Boot training is over at the end of six weeks; however, the training has been increased to ten weeks and they are here over ten weeks, we teach them advanced seamanship and advanced gunnery and communications.

Our staff feels that after a boy spends six to eight weeks on boot training, he is ready to go aboard ship. In other words, his advanced training could be more practical if it were taught along with these lessons. Thus we have advanced training aboard ship. The work is interesting but not nearly as enjoyable as it was giving the boys their preliminary boot training.

Six to present time, I'm teaching a mathematics refresher course, supposedly helpful in their learning how to plot the course of a ship.

With best wishes and warm personal regards.

Sincerely,

Dave Arnold

Winter Sports Occupy Many State Hi Groups

"Hang onto my feet, grab my waist, your feet are in my face," all were familiar cries recently when members of the Sophomore, Junior, and Senior classes turned up sliding at State High, has a seniors especially in baseball.

"Big Six"

The team lost a valuable player when Bob Maloney after fourteen quarters, had to stop because of injury. Ben Lewis, a spark plug on the team, played thirteen quarters.

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Mr. Leonard Gernant Joins State Faculty

Mr. Leonard Gernant will become the newest member of the State High School Faculty at the beginning of the second semester. He is a native of Kalamazoo and was graduated from Western Michigan in 1934 with an A. B. degree. He was also given the State College Scholarship for Honors. He then enrolled in the Graduate Studies at the University of Michigan, from which he received the A. M. degree in 1935.

Mr. Gernant taught for a year and a half at Central High School before he accepted a position as teacher of social science in an East Lansing school of Kalamazoo and Ballroom of Walwood Hall. The music was presented in 1934 with a half at Central High School.

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White Christmas Theme

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The cheerleaders were Senator and Mrs. Carl DeLano, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hanesman, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Read, Dr. and Mrs. Ray Bryan, Miss Hazel Padan, and Miss Sally Roberts. Mr. Read was general chairman of the event.

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