

Senior Class History

October 1941! The mighty ship "Senior Class of '44" began its hard and seemingly insurmountable journey to secure from the Northwest School an education, that they might face the world with more intelligence and a more fearless aspect on life.

Under the capable handling of their two skippers, Admiral Peterson and Rear Admiral Hamlett (Mrs. B. M. Bakkegard) the freshmen braved the tempest of their first song contest. Laboring under the handicap of inexperience, they placed third in a hard-fought battle.

October 1942! The good ship resumed its journey, this time with a smaller, but nevertheless determined crew of slightly over one-hundred juniors. This year they sailed with a war flag waving amast. On the horizon the tempestuous cloud of the Junior-Senior Banquet and Prom arose. Having weathered the storm like their predecessors, they landed on the beautiful shores of Old Mexico. There they met with the crews of their sister ships, '43 and '42, and entertained them in a gay and colorful fiesta.

That year, with the experience of their former journeys, they rose to second place in the annual song contest. They gave attentive support to their sister ship, "The Grand Ship '43", in the formation of their annual AGGIE. But the tide of battle again arose. This time, through the coordination and determined efforts of the individual crew members, the hard fought battle for the trophy of the field meet was won.

October 1943! Our ship sails on. Our Admiral, W. F. Peterson, feeling that his energies would be of more use to the war effort, gave encouraging orders to our Rear Admiral, Mrs. Bakkegard, and to the entire crew to carry on with flying colors, while he himself followed a different field of endeavor. Mrs. Bakkegard was raised to the rank of Admiral, and a member new to the ranks, Captain Lois Galle, became our Rear Admiral. Again the ship set out with a large crew of 120 and its officers, which included Captain Kenneth Price, Commander Florence Urbaniak, Lt. Commander Louise Nelson, Ensign Irene Pulkrabek, and Chief Warrant Officer Garnet Dexter.

The first skirmish of the year took place in a yet unrevealed point between Hill and Owen. In this versatile skirmish, the Outdoor Festival, the seniors tied with the "Ship '45" for first place. In December, through the able piloting of their Admiral and the constant drilling of Lt. Marion Sargent, the senior class won their first victory in the song contest.

Their voyage, however, is not yet over. Their goal is not yet reached. For before they reach the temporary quietude of Kiehle Harbor, in which they will traditionally observe the glory of their Commencement Day, they will endeavor to leave in the form of this AGGIE a record of people, events, and remembrances that will linger as a pleasant memory with the reader through all the voyages of his career.

CLASS COLORS

Scarlet and White

CLASS MOTTO

"Give your best to the world, and the best will come to you."

CLASS FLOWER

White Rose