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## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER SELECTED

### N. L. Chorus To Present Musical Comedy

"Check Your Worries", the musical comedy hit especially written for high school production, will be staged in the auditorium of North Liberty High School on Friday, May 17, at 8:00 p.m.

The production will be directed by Mrs. David Spellman, and will feature members of the High School Chorus on the stage in the dramatic and singing roles. Milton Porter will direct the band.

With songs by Al Davis and Al Polhamus, and the book and lyrics by Mel Weiser, "Check Your Worries" is a fresh, lively, and enormously pleasing musical that has been a hit from coast to coast.

"Check Your Worries" concerns the efforts of two New York reporters to create a feature story for their magazine. To their surprise and pleasure, they arrive in a small town at a time when the local residents are squabbling over a proposal to abolish the traditional "Founder's Day" picnic. The "Do Away With Founder's Day" movement is the brainchild of the high school newspaper editor who took the advice of the town's leading publisher to "find things to criticize where no one else looks." The advice boomerangs, however, for the publisher's ancestor is the honored symbol of the Founder's Day celebration. As more and more adults support the students, the battle lines become clearly drawn. All ends happily, of course, but not before a host of humorous situations have been developed to the delight of everyone.

Members of the cast are:  
Frank Gillette-Stanley Buss  
Chuck Thompson-John Wenger  
Two pretty girls-Barbara Cone and Sherry Garrison  
Chester-Raymond Dillon  
Paula Pentworth-Ellen Sokola  
Maxine Hart-Anne Houser  
Myron Phillips-Paul Humphries  
Arthur Peterson-Bruce Vernon  
Benson Hart-Wayne Goodling  
Evelyn Hart-Gloria Dalke  
Susan Hart-Penny Summers  
George Peterson-Terry Fraser  
Giselle-Susy Alward  
Townsperson-Dale Holderbaum,  
Craig Howell, Nancy Mangus,  
Bill Lappin James Fisher, Rusty Luke, Murray Moon, Shirley Dove, Sally Michaels, Janis Clark, Linda Whitaker, Susan Dittmar, Betsy Hevel, Larry Hostetter, Kay Markle, Lee Snyder, Margaret Mangus, Richard Norris and Monica Kite.

Staff of the Hartsville High School Bugle-Joyce McCormick, Janet McEndarfer, Theresa Whitaker, Linda Wolfram, Max Feitz, James Fisher, Andy Hazelbaker, Wayne Rowe.

Ladies of the P.C.C.F.D.-Barbara Beckwith, Sheryl Beron, Carole Batsleer, Pat Cone, Connie Davis, Phyllis Gorby, Charlene Lushbough, Susy Overmeyer, Dixie Unley.

Art work is under the direction of Steven Smith.

Tickets are 75c for adults and 35c for students, and may be purchased from any chorus member or at the door.

#### THE RUB-DOWN

Maintain a budget—it's an easy way to prove to yourself ends won't meet.

### Dr. John J. Hardy Honored At Dinner



Dr. John J. Hardy, a North Liberty doctor for 45 years and one who has practiced medicine for 54 years, was honored by his friends at a testimonial dinner Saturday night. A crowd of approximately 335 persons attended the affair held at the North Liberty Elementary School gym.

Dale Trobaugh, master of ceremonies for the event, told some of Dr. Hardy's life, pointing out that his entire life had been spent close to North Liberty. He was born on New Road about eight miles from his present home and he graduated from Lakeville high school. He continued his education after high school with the Chicago College of Medicine, now Loyola University, being the final schooling in medicine in 1909.

Dr. Hardy practiced at LaPaz from this time until 1913 and then at Plymouth until he served in the United States Navy in 1917. After the service, he came to North Liberty and has spent the

past 45 years with the people of this area. His long practice has been helpful and appreciated by countless numbers of people.

At the dinner, Paul R. DeVos, chairman of the committee who organized this testimonial dinner, presented Dr. Hardy with a plaque and certificate from the people of the North Liberty area "For Many Years Of Duty To Your Patients." He also received a plaque from the St. Joseph County Medical Society, with Dr. Sherman L. Egan, president of the County Medical Society. Along with the awards mentioned above, Dr. Hardy received a "shovel full of cigars."

Dr. Louis How, director of the County Health Department, was the principal speaker of the evening and cited Dr. Hardy as an example of both the old time physician with the old time patient relationship, and the modern, scientific physician. He classified him as a specialist in everything.

During the evening, the master of ceremonies read several letters from friends and former patients of Dr. Hardy's who were unable to attend the dinner, usually because of the miles concerned. The good doctor said the idea of the Testimonial Dinner came as a surprise for him and stated that North Liberty was a good town and that he appreciated everything that had been done for him. The response of the group displayed the appreciation the people have for Dr. Hardy.

#### Engaged



Mr. and Mrs. Lester H. Higgins, 18151 Quinn Road, Bremen, announce the engagement of their daughter, Gerry Rae, to Rex Masterman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Masterman, 1103 Tyler St., Walkerton. Miss Higgins is a graduate of Lakeville High School and Mr. Masterman was graduated from Walkerton High School. No date has been set for the wedding.

### N. L. PTA To See Dress Revue At May Meeting

"Pupil Accomplishments" will be the theme of the May PTA meeting with the annual dress review as the main part of the program. This will be under the direction of Mrs. Andrea, Home Economics instructor. Eugene Hess, treasurer of the St. Joseph County Council, will be in charge of installation of officers for the coming year.

Look before you leap, but don't spend all your time looking.

### Walkerton To Hear "The Hoosier Philosopher"

Ralph D. Spencer, Public Relations Director and a member of the Board of Directors of the Harrison National Life Insurance Company, will deliver the commencement address to the graduating class of Walkerton High School on Tuesday, May 28. Mr. Spencer is a famous speaker and was chosen by the members of the class as the man they wanted to hear after hearing him at an earlier date.



Spencer is well known in Indiana as the "Hoosier Philosopher" because of his congenial, homely, down-to-earth messages. He combines inspiration with an inimitable humor and philosophy that has endeared him to Hoosiers for nearly two decades. He has always been an active community leader. He includes in his current affiliations membership in the Chamber of Commerce, Woodmen of the World Lodge, Lions, Christian Church and National Baseball Umpires Association. He is a resident of Speedway, Indiana.

Mr. Spencer was educated in Oklahoma and at Anderson College, also special courses at Purdue and Southern Methodist Universities. He has enriched his background with years of practical experience. He was at one time a delegate to a United Nations Seminar on Church and World Order.

#### LEGION MEETING CHANGED

The Walkerton American Legion Post 189 has moved their final May meeting forward from Wednesday, May 30, to May 22. This is a regular meeting and all members are urged to attend.

#### Engaged



Mr. and Mrs. Ivo Peddycord of North Liberty, announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, June, to John C. Everman. He is the son of Mrs. Dick Zalas of South Bend and Chester Everman of Niles, Michigan. Miss Peddycord is a graduate of North Liberty High School. Her fiancé attended Washington high school. The couple plan to be married in North Liberty June 22.

### Public Invited To Opening Of After Prom Party Friday Night

The annual After-Prom Party, an all night affair for the Walkerton Juniors, Seniors and their guests, will again take place this week as the big day for the high school upper classmen is Friday evening and night. The banquet and prom is the school's project but after the dance, Walkerton people will take over again.

With most of the organizations chipping in through financial assistance and work, the all night party will begin at midnight as the party will begin at the Rialto Theatre where the entire group will be introduced to the public, have their pictures taken and be escorted inside to open the party.

A show will be featured after the opening ceremonies.

The start of the party out in front of the Rialto Theater is open to all. The public has been turning out well in the last few years to see the fun and introductions. This is the only part of the party they are invited to as the rest is for the kids themselves.

After the show, the entire group will move to the Walkerton Youth Building for the second session and remain there until breakfast is served Saturday morning at the American Legion Hall at 6:00 a.m. This concludes the program as the tired but happy group goes their own way around 7:00 a.m.