

## This Is Just The Beginning

To the 1967 Graduates of John and North Liberty High schools and all graduates of the year, we direct this column. During the course of closing activities, you will receive this message here and that message, all giving information useful to you or reminiscing of past years you have spent in school. Much of this is heard and forgotten and of it isn't even heard as a mind shuts out things.

This isn't intended to be a very message, although each of you should be congratulated on your graduation from High School as you have completed more than is required of you.

You are not leaving school entering into a rose colored, covered world. You are entering high school and entering hard-nosed, rough and ready world in which people aren't going to give you anything. You are to the point where you have to work and even fight for any of the things you now have and have been given by your parents.

You are put on a par with everyone else and your accomplishments will come only through your choosing and doing.

Many of you students will go to college or to a school of further learning in some special field. This will bring to you new experiences, a new way of life for many who have never been away from home and family, more years of harder work in studying than you have known to date.

Life on the campus can be what you make it. Many of you will go to college just for the "fun" or "party" aspect of the thing, actually not with intentions of completing their education with a college degree. This is wrong in many instances. First of all, who is putting this person in college, the person themselves? Very seldom. This usually is another person into the pocket of mom and dad who have sacrificed for many times more than you realize. Is it fair to them to you to take this approach? The present is another condition that can interest one in college, that being a draft deferment. This also isn't fair to any people.

For those who attend college the full reason of gaining a college education, to help them find the way as they face life as an adult, more power to you especially to those who have earned scholarships of one kind or another or those who are helping to pay their way through school. We are not condemning anyone whose way of life is paid without hardship, this is a small percentage of college costs what they are.

Others of you will be going in the service of our Country. This is usually not entirely by choice, but a decision made to the almost guaranteed military obligations out of the before settling down to an occupation for life. This is not desired follow-up for anyone leaving out of school, particularly when our country is involved in a situation such as the Vietnam War. Already, several of our area have lost their lives

or have been seriously injured in a war that often seems to have no sense to us at home. To you of those who face this obligation, God Bless You.

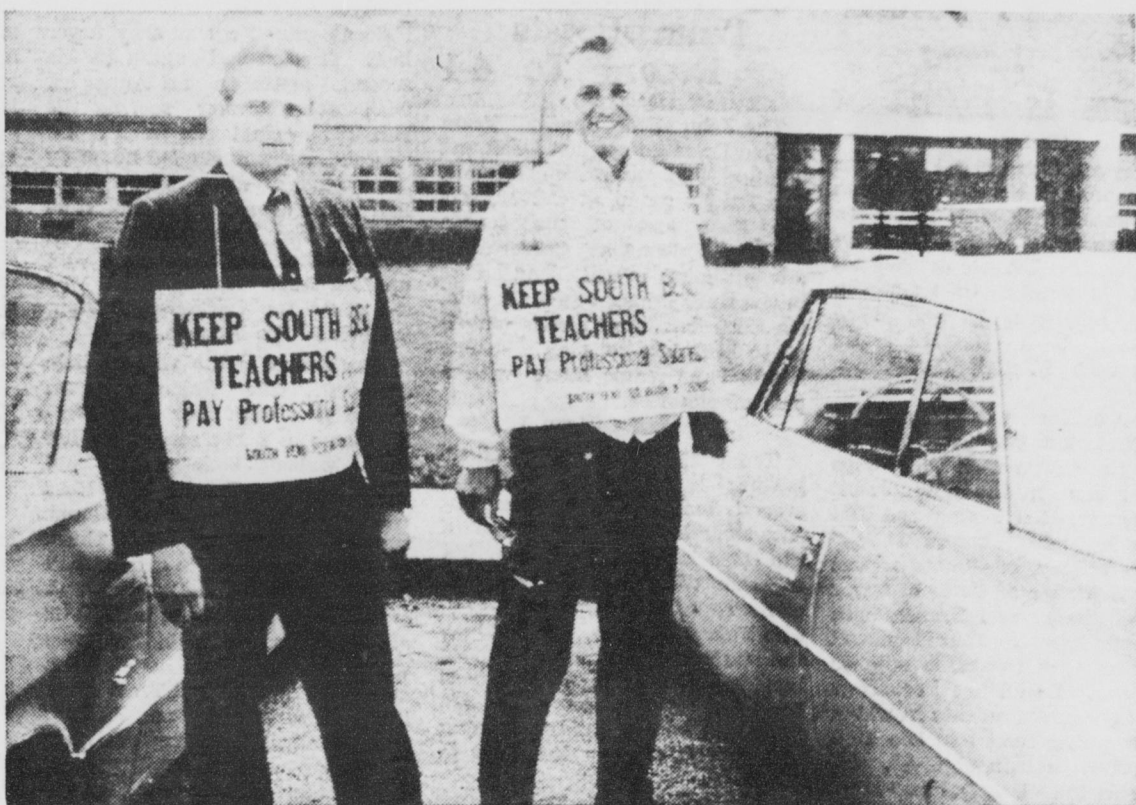
Many graduates will seek that first full time job and begin a life of working for a living the same as parents and parents before them for as long as we know have had to do. Don't expect any special privileges. Being in school is quite pleasant after starting to work and then realizing that if you are a bread earner for a family, you have some forty-five years of this ahead of you. However, you can help yourself in this respect as you choose a job, to do this job to the best of your ability and remember to give that day's work for the day's pay. A person who slacks when possible and doesn't give full effort, is really only hurting himself in the long run.

Still another group of the graduating classes will move into the life of a married person in the near future. Here is the place for the rockiest future if conditions aren't almost perfect. Marriage is the greatest institution for all, but at the tender young age of 18, 19 or 20, much can happen. It is a known fact that a very high percentage of young marriages do not last. And to make matters worse, in most cases very young children are involved. Marriage forces upon one, the greatest change in life a person has to adjust to as marriage is the forming of a "full time" partnership that often many do not want to honor. A person changes a lot after graduation and to settle down at this very young age is a very hard task for even the most devoted.

Many of you people will remain at home. Some will be setting up housekeeping, while others will be away in service or college. Wherever you are the next couple of years, the final mold of your life will be filled and these very important years of the late teens and early twenties, can fortell the future you have the rest of your life. Spend your time and thoughts wisely during these important years and remember, at the age of 18, you are a long ways from knowing everything. Regardless of how you feel about entering the adult world, just remember there are many people already in this world for many years. Whenever you are too old to learn more, you have used up the useful part of your life.

School days are happy days. Despite the fact that you might have felt an extra heavy burden of homework, or a test was a little unjust, or that a defeat suffered in a sports event was a heavy burden on your life, you haven't seen anything yet! If the important part of your life was over you would have a "Ceasement" exercise to finish your school years. However, you have a "Commencement" exercise which explains that you are just commencing in the real test of life. From this point on, you must carry the ball for yourself. You, of course, will continue to have the loving help and encouragement of your parents and family, but you have reached the point in the road where you must depend upon yourself. Take advantage of this to the fullest extent, you will never regret it in later years.

## An Unprofessional Approach To An Honored Profession



The teacher strike, just completed was a disgusting mess and by self admission, those mainly responsible for this strike were ready to go to jail defying a court injunction to return to the classrooms. This strike, voted on by a total of 382 members of a 1557 school teacher population, is receiving support of well under half of the faculty members of the many schools in the corporation.

A very sour taste is left in the mouths of most with this strike. The teachers are violating their obligations of teaching the 1966-67 school year by staying out of classes. They have a valid contract for this period, but are ignoring this fact in their efforts to obtain more for next year. The actual difference has been very minor in accordance to the demands of both sides, but it still hasn't settled down to an agreement.

Following we have a few fictitious stories that just might have been heard before and during the strike from different people. They tell more truth than some care to admit. The fact that principles have been completely ignored in this strike is pointed out time and time again. It certainly is a very unprofessional approach to a very highly respected profession.

Overheard in class a few days prior to the strike talk —

Teacher: Class, do you know what a contract is?

Student: A contract is a written agreement between two parties.

Teacher: Can you give me an example?

Student: In many forms of business, contracts are signed between workers or unions and their employers to guarantee wages and various working conditions. When it is signed, both sides know the terms of the contract and are responsible to full fill their commitments.

Teacher: Very good.

Over in class Wednesday —  
Teacher: Class, when was the War in 1812 fought?

Pondering Student: I can't answer that teacher, I wasn't in school when we studied that part of American History.

Teacher: Now I know you have been missing a lot of school and rumor has it that you haven't been sick all that time. Don't you know that your attendance in school is important. This is the only way you can get your education and keep up with the rest of the class. It is important that you attend every day.

Pondering Student: Yes Teacher.

Teacher: For your lesson tomorrow, just review what we have studied so far. There will be no new assignment as I am going out on strike.

Overheard approaching school Thursday morning —

First Teacher: Well, I wonder how many will be on strike today?

Second Teacher: I don't imagine very many, but it sure is a beautiful day to be out of school.

First Teacher: Yes it is. I wouldn't mind getting in about 18 holes of golf on a day like today.

Second Teacher: That's not a bad idea. Look, there are a couple of pickets on duty now.

First Teacher: Boy, I wouldn't want to cause any trouble crossing their picket line. Let's see if we can't get a couple more and take advantage of this day to get out on the golf course.

Second Teacher: Swell, even if we can't get two, we could play or at least get a third.

First Teacher: If we can't find two more, I got a friend that loves to play but maybe he can't because he's probably working today.

Second Teacher: (as they leave the scene) Let's play for a buck a hole today, payday is tomorrow you know and that will make the game a little more interesting.

Overheard entering school on Thursday morning —

First Student: Boy, this will be a breeze today. Two of our teachers are out on strike and we probably won't have much of a lesson today.

Second Student: That's okay with me. I didn't get my homework completed last night anyway.

Third Student: Why don't we leave? If the teachers don't have to go to school why should we have too?

Second Student: You can, but I'm gonna stay. My dad would kill me if he found out I skipped.

First Student: Yeah, so would mine, and we won't have to work hard anyway.

Overheard on the picket lines about 10:30 a.m. —

First Teacher: Boy, I'm get-

ting kind of tired walking around with this crazy sign around my neck.

Second Teacher: Me too, but I got a couple of folding lawn chairs in my car, let's get those out.

First Teacher: That's a little better. You planning on going to the meeting tonight to see what happens?

Second Teacher: No, it will all be on TV and they will get hold of us anyway if this is still on tomorrow.

First Teacher: I hope they hold out until they get everything they ask for. Beings it doesn't effect us this year, maybe we can ask for a little more next year. We gotta teach them whose the boss around here, they can't fire us all.

Second Teacher: Say, what are you going to do this summer? You got a job lined up?

First Teacher: No, I think I'll take the wife and kids on about a month's camping trip. We just bought a new camper and want to give it a real trial. Then before coming home, we'll stop off at the in-laws for a week or two. Maybe they can get their two weeks vacation while we're there and they will be able to show us the sights out east.

Overheard between two teachers Thursday afternoon —

First Teacher: What's this I hear about insubordination about us not honoring our contracts for this school year?

Second Teacher: I heard something like that, but I don't think they can do a thing. These contracts are for our protection, guaranteeing us a job this year not the board.

First Teacher: I guess that's right, but I certainly wouldn't want to get in any trouble after seven years of teaching and getting my masters degree and all.

Second Teacher: You worry too much, everything will be okay when it's all over.

### SELF-HELP

The really good resolutions lead to reform—and reform soon becomes a habit.

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DATES AND EVENTS FROM YESTERYEARS

Evacuation of British troops from Dunkirk began, May 26, 1940. Tokyo was bombed by 500 superfortresses, May 26, 1945.

The Bismarck was sunk by British naval forces, May 27, 1941. The U.S. Supreme Court declared NRA unconstitutional, May 27, 1935.

The Canadian Dionne quintuplets were born, May 28, 1934. Mexico declared war on the Axis, May 28, 1942.

Patrick Henry, author of the "Caesar-Brutus" speech, was born May 29, 1736.

May 30 is Memorial Day. Walt Whitman, "The Poet of Free Verse", was born May 31, 1819.

U.S. patent 90, 646 was granted to Thomas Edison for the first vote recorder, June 1, 1869.

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