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EDITORIAL

"I BELIEVE THAT OUR STUDENT BODY LACKS SCHOOL PRIDE!"; was a statement made by one of West's students in a discussion recently. Is this true? Frankly speaking, the evidence for the validity of such an accusation is every where to be seen. Surely, respect for one's school can not easily be cultivated in an atmosphere of pessimism, indifference and indolence! Naturally, there are faults to be found with teachers, clubs, lunches, activities, student government and many other phases of school life. But, just what do you intend to do about it? You do have a voice to speak out on any or all of your dissatisfactions with your school. That voice is your Student Council representative. You elected him, now use him! With the support and interest of the student body our student government can become a vital mechanism in the policy-making machinery of the school. Is this what you want? If so, then say so! Progress is based on new and better ideas--ideas that can come from you!

AMBITION AND HARDWORK=SUCCESS

BY: Bobby Dickens

Vacation is over and once again our classrooms beckon us to the tasks that school days bring.

School brings a great responsibility and a big opportunity to each of us. Benjamin Franklin said, "Today is yesterday's pupil". From that we can say that tomorrow is today's pupil. When that tomorrow comes, we must be ready to assume positions of leadership in tomorrow's world. What we will be tomorrow is what we make of ourselves today. Remember, our chances aren't given to us, we make them. Success is not the product of idle dreams. Success is brought about by ambition, hard work, and most important by having a goal in life. Yes, a goal, something to work toward, not too easily reached.

So, everyone, work hard this year; make the most of your opportunity; strive toward a goal. And maybe each one of us can better the world, not in a big way, not yet, but maybe we can improve our own, "little corner of the world."

"Make the most of yourself, for that is all there is to you."

--Emerson

STUDENTS' SECOND VOICE

During the coming year the "Smoke Signal" shall strive to become the voice of the students. This can be made easily possible through interest shown by you. "Letters to the Editor" will be more than welcome and will be published in all advisable cases. Your expressed viewpoints on matters of interest or concern to the school will create a healthy atmosphere for further improvement in many areas of school life.

SCHOOL CALENDAR (1963-1964)

First Day of 180 School Days-Aug.29,1963  
 Thanksgiving Holidays-Nov. 28-29, 1963  
 Christmas Holidays-Dec.21,1963--Jan. 2,  
     1964  
 Easter Holidays-March 27-30, 1964  
 High School Baccalaureate Sermon-May 24,  
     1964  
 High School Commencement--May 26, 1964