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Welcome to this collection of the Blue and Gray Echo, the Philippi High School newspaper, from October 1943 through April 1945.

My name is Gerald Fogg. I serve as the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Barbour County, West Virginia. I discovered this collection in a courthouse closet along with a program for the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion of the Class of '45.

I have a feeling that others, perhaps even today's high school students, may be interested in reading the school newspapers from those years. The papers are full of school activities such as sports, music, drama and clubs as well as stories, poetry, humor and lots of gossip – all written and edited by students. Maybe school newspapers were the 'social media' of that time.

These students were the youngest members of The Greatest Generation who lived through the Depression and fought World War II. Not to romanticize the past, but this group of high school kids seemed to genuinely enjoy each other's company while pursuing what appears to have been the surprisingly good, well-rounded education available to them in a small hill town in Appalachia. Former students such as Laura (Calhoun) Ebberts-Stubbs, Peggy (Chesser) Sjoberg and Pat (Marsh) True concur. All have fond memories of work and play from their Philippi High School days. I invite you to share your own memories or impressions by posting to Comments at the bottom of the screen menu.

These newspapers are photo-copies of the originals. I would love to scan and post original issues. If you know, please tell me where I might find them.

I hope you enjoy browsing these student newspapers as much as I did.

Gerald Fogg  
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