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Sing America And Burn All German Books

While the entire student body of the Davenport high school gathered on the school campus yesterday afternoon and sang America, 500 German books were tossed into a large bonfire and burned. As the flames consumed the German literature and books containing pictures of the kaiser, the students not only sang patriotic airs but gave their class yells and cheers. Each student placed his or her German books on the pile and they were then fed to the flames.

The celebration yesterday was the result of the action taken by the board of education Monday afternoon in deciding to drop the study of German from all of the Davenport schools at once. The announcement was greeted with cheers yesterday morning and celebration yesterday afternoon was the result. The celebration, according to the students, was indorsed by the faculty.

Exercises appropriate to the occasion were held at many other schools in the city after school yesterday. The German books were gathered together and burned at bonfires, while the pupils sang patriotic songs.

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